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## MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY 2018



PHOTO BY FRED ZEHNDER

A crowd of about 200 gathered at Hayward City Hall Plaza for a rally and march on Monday morning to celebrate Civil Rights Leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Others spent the day in community service projects cleaning up and restoring waterways around the Bay Area.

## PAUL KEIM'S BIG IDEA:

# Smalltown Society: Popular Hang-Out for Artists, Musicians, Community Advocates

By Linda Sandmark  
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

If you've wondered what's in the little storefront to the left of Trader Joe's grocery, the Smalltown Society invites you to drop by and take a look.

The space welcomes anyone in the community who wants to make our area a better place — especially artists, musicians, and advocacy groups.

"It started with my band called Smalltown Society, where we were writing songs about the various social issues we saw in the community," says lead curator Paul Keim. "After the band recorded an album, I turned to my wife and said, 'I don't think we're done here.'"

First Presbyterian Church provided the space next to Trader Joe's for this new type of community outreach, which now includes daytime and evening activities.

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PHOTOS BY LINDA SANDMARK

This space next to Trader Joe's in Castro Valley houses the Smalltown Society Space, a popular spot for local artists and advocates to hold their meet-ups.

# Yet Another Hazard for Pedestrians

By Jim Knowles  
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

You're about to step off the sidewalk and cross the street.

You remember the old adage: make eye contact with the driver, so you know that they see you before you step in front of a car.

But how do you do that when so many cars have tinted windows?

A lot of cars these days have their driver's side windows darkened. All you see is a blackened window. Do you step in front of a 4,000-pound motor vehicle when the driver could be looking the other way, or at their phone?

To not be able to see the driver puts a person walking in jeopardy, and that's why there is a law against tinting the front windows (the driver's side and passenger's side windows).

It's okay to darken the backseat windows, but not the front ones.

But it turns out that law doesn't do much because more and more cars have tinted windows that hide the driver. Safety organizations and law enforcement don't exactly have window tinting as a top priority.

It is against the vehicle code to have the front driver side or passenger side windows tinted, said Chris Cochran, spokesman for the California Office of Traffic Safety.

"I agree it would be hard to catch the eye of someone behind a front driver side tinted window," Cochran said.

Cochran said that's about as far as his knowledge on the subject goes. He added that enforcement is up to each law enforcement agency.

The National Safety Council said they aren't familiar with any studies on window tinting.

see *HAZARD* on page 15

## NEXT TUESDAY

# Miley to Deliver Virtual 'State of District' Speech

Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley, whose District 4 extends from East Oakland through Castro Valley and into Pleasanton, will deliver a virtual "State of the District" address on his priorities for 2018 online at 6:30 p.m. next Tuesday, Jan. 23. The live-streaming speech will be available at [www.facebook.com/pg/SupervisorMiley](http://www.facebook.com/pg/SupervisorMiley).



## Castro Valley Weather Jan. 17 - 21, 2018



Wednesday  
Partly Cloudy  
High 65° Low 43°



Thursday  
Cloudy, Rain  
High 61° Low 49°



Friday  
Chance of Rain  
High 61° Low 48°



Saturday  
Partly Cloudy  
High 58° Low 45°



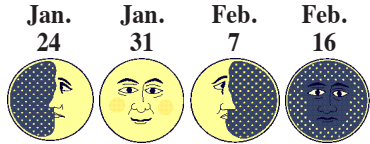
Sunday  
Partly Cloudy  
High 57° Low 43°

### Almanac



Past Week's Rain: 00.00  
Season To Date: 06.48  
Normal To Date: 10.17  
Season Average: 21.22

### Moon Phases



Sun sets at 5:17 p.m. today, rises at 7:22 a.m. Thursday.

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## New Year, New You With CV Adult School

By Linette Escobar  
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

According to an article in Forbes magazine, about half of Americans make a New Year's resolution but only 8% succeed.

Many articles talk about setting realistic goals, sharing your goals with others and putting it on your schedule.

A great support would be to take one of the many classes offered at Castro Valley Adult & Career Education. You instantly get a supportive group and a weekly commitment to help keep you accountable.

#### Want a New Job?

Whether you need to finish your high school diploma or want to learn a trade such as medical assisting or wastewater treatment plant operations, the Adult School has a program for you. The instructors

are experienced in working with people from all walks of life and will give you the knowledge and life skills needed to be successful.

There are also many computer classes, online certificate courses and short-term courses like notary public to add new skills to your resume. All students also have access to a transition specialist who can help you think about next steps, apply for college or refer you to special job search programs in partnership with the Eden Area ROP.

#### Explore a New Hobby

A community interest class is a great way to meet people and have fun exploring a creative outlet. New classes include "Fun with Digital Photography" and "Mixed Media Art: Encaustic Painting" taught by local artists.

There are plenty of other classes, like bonsai and woodworking,

to explore. Native-speaking Italian and Spanish teachers create a fun group atmosphere.

#### Get Healthier

You can sign up for a one-session class, "5 Things You Should Know About Weight Loss, but Don't" taught by a personal trainer.

No matter your fitness level there is also a class to support your exercise routine such as pilates, zumba or yoga. For those with limited mobility Castro Valley Adult & Career Education offers both a "Nice and Easy Movement" class and chair yoga.

And don't forget the body mind connection. "Meditation for Busy People" helps you start the new year with calm and is only \$45 for 4 sessions.

Linette Escobar is Marketing Chair for Castro Valley Adult & Career Education.

## SPORTS HALL OF FAME

# Anderson's Basketball Skills Now On Display in Mexico

*Eighth in a series profiling the 16 new members of the Castro Valley Sports Hall of Fame. The induction banquet will take place April 21, 2018, at Redwood Canyon Event Center. For tickets, contact Ted Riche at 510-537-2048.*

By Lowell Hickey  
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

Juan Anderson was one of the most highly recruited prep basketball players in recent East Bay history.

His decision as a senior at Castro Valley High in 2011: Go to a big-time college and probably play less, or accept a mid-major offer and get a chance to star.

He took the high road, accepting an offer from Marquette University in Milwaukee.

As he prepared for a key game recently in Mexico's top professional league (the LNBP), Anderson -- known as Juan Toscano on the Monterrey Fuerza Regia (Great Force) team -- had only momentary second thoughts on his life-changing choice.

"In hindsight ..." he said with some hesitation. "If I'd have played mid-major, the ball would have been in my hands more. I might be in the NBA today. Who knows?"

"But at Marquette, I got to experience some things nobody else will ever experience. I got a degree, a Sweet 16 (NCAA Tournament) ring, a Big East (Conference) championship.

"Playing in Madison Square Garden (in New York) and winning the Big East championship off a buzzer-beater. These are ex-



Juan Anderson

periences you can't buy."

Anderson, a driving force in Castro Valley's only North Coast Section boys basketball championship in 2011, is one of 16 athletes and coaches selected to the 2018 class of the Castro Valley Sports Hall of Fame.

Great basketball experiences started early for Anderson, who admitted his family's first love in sports was soccer.

But he branched off to play AAU basketball for the Oakland Stars, and later the Oakland Rebels, and landed in a talented crop of freshmen at Castro Valley High that included Roderick Bobbitt, another 2018 Hall of Fame inductee, and Chris Read.

"After that (freshman) year, we kinda knew we had a core group," Anderson recalled. "Going into junior year, we knew it would be our time."

The time was never better than when the Trojans beat De La Salle by 18 points in the 2011 NCS finals.

But then the clock struck midnight shortly after Castro Valley enjoyed a big lead over the same Spartans at the Northern California finals, minutes away from a shot at a state title.

"I think we were the most talented trio in California at the time," Anderson said. "We knew we had already beat them. We knew that nobody could play with us. We felt like we were going to win even before the game started."

Anderson narrowed his choice of college to Marquette, Cal, Arizona State, Oregon and Texas, and chose the Warriors in part because of ESPN.

"The Big East was the best league in the country," he gushed. "On ESPN every night. Playing against (future) NBA players every night. I wanted to play against the best."

The 6-foot-6 Anderson played 121 games at Marquette in four seasons, starting 77 of them. His senior season was his best: 8.3 points and 5.7 rebounds per game, shooting 49 percent from the field and 35 percent on 3-pointers.

The highlight of his college career was also a lowlight: One win from the treasured 2013 Final Four, Marquette was beaten by Syracuse in the Elite 8 in Washington, D.C., with President Obama in attendance.

Like with De La Salle in high school, Marquette had beaten Syracuse in a previous matchup.

Upon graduation, Anderson see FAME on page 10



## KICK OFF EVENT

Sunday, January 21 2 pm to 3 pm  
Castro Valley Library

3600 Norbridge Avenue 510/667-7900

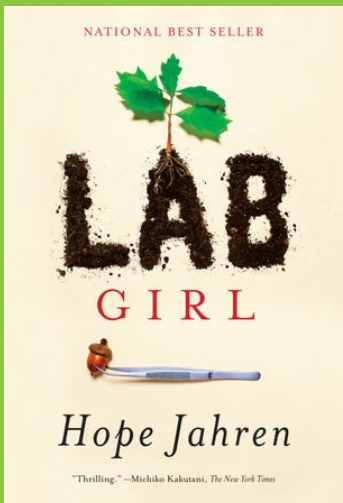
What if all of Castro Valley read the same book?

Let's find out together. Join us to launch **Castro Valley Reads!** The 2018 selection is **Lab Girl**, a witty and moving memoir by acclaimed scientist Hope Jahren.

#### At the Kick Off you'll:

- Learn more about the book and the CV Reads program
- Hear dramatic readings from CVHS students
- Sign up for a discussion and get a free copy of **Lab Girl**
- Learn how you can meet author Hope Jahren

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**ARTISTS AT WORK:** Volunteers from the community helped fill in colors on Saturday. Sudhish Mohindroo, kneeling, led the painting project. Main Street Property Services has been working on upgrading the building for almost a year now.

## Mural for CV Marketplace

By Linda Sandmark  
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

Community volunteers joined a professional designer on Saturday morning to help fill in color on a mural at the front and sides of the former Daughtrey's building downtown. Dozens of children and adults came to lend a hand despite the chilly weather.

"Volunteers from the community just showed up," says designer Sudhish Mohindroo, principal at SZFM Design Studio, who helped direct the volunteers. "People have been dropping by all day to help."

Developer Craig Semmelmeier of Main Street Property Services added, "This is not an ordinary

project, and we didn't want to put an ordinary leasing sign. It's an inspiration.

"It tells the story about how this isn't just an empty building, it's a building with a plan and a future. We're creating a community space, and it's very rewarding to see the public participate and take pride in it."

Although parking to the rear of the building has been running behind schedule, the parking lots behind Knudsen's Ice Creamery and the old Daughtrey's building (now called the Castro Valley Marketplace) may be accessed to the right of the Marketplace and also from Wilbeam Avenue, behind Sal's Foreign Car Service.



Katherine Stross of Main Street Property Services works on exterior mural.

## SHERIFF'S REPORTS

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### Burglar Tools and Stolen Property

Thursday, January 11: at 1:20 a.m., Sheriff's deputies arrested two men on suspicion of possession of burglar tools and stolen property. The men were driving on Redwood Road when deputies pulled them over on Modesto Street on a traffic violation. The driver, a 39-year-old man from Hayward, was charged with suspicion of driving with an invalid driver's license, possession of burglar tools, and possession of stolen property. The passenger, a 22-year-old man from Los Altos (Santa Clara County), was charged with possession of illegal drug paraphernalia. The men were handcuffed and taken into custody.

### Violation of Court-Issued Restraining Order

Monday, January 8: at 8:35 p.m., a 31-year-old man from Castro Valley was arrested on suspicion of violating a court-issued restraining order. The man was spotted outside an apartment complex on Center Street near Grove Way. Deputies were called to investigate a suspicious person report. The suspect fit the description. The man was taken into custody.

### Back to Jail for Violation Of Active Parole

Tuesday, January 9: at 11:21 p.m., deputies arrested a 29-year-old man from Stockton (San Joaquin County) on suspicion of violating an active parole issued out of Santa Clara County Sheriff's department. The man was parked outside a motel on Foothill Boulevard near Miramar Avenue when Alameda

County deputies stopped him for questioning. The man was arrested on suspicion of driving with an invalid driver's license and previous breaking and entering charges. Deputies took the man to Santa Rita Jail pending \$90,000 in bail.

### Stolen Property and Supplying False ID

Wednesday, January 10: at 8:05 p.m., a 38-year-old woman with no permanent address was arrested on suspicion of possession of stolen property, receiving stolen

property, failing to leave a business after being asked repeatedly by management, supplying deputies with a false identification, and resisting arrest. Deputies stopped the woman for questioning after a complaint filed by a store owner on Foothill Boulevard and Carolyn Street. The woman was also wanted as part of a warrant issued for her capture. Deputies handcuffed the woman after she became aggressive during questioning. The woman was taken to Santa Rita Jail pending \$28,500 in bail.

## State Hosts Small Business Tax Seminar Next Week in Oakland

Business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs are invited to attend a free Small Business Tax Seminar in Oakland next Tuesday, Jan. 23.

Topics include avoiding common sales- and use-tax problems, employee versus independent contractor, better business through better records, and forms of ownership.

State tax and employment offi-

cials and representatives from the IRS will conduct presentations and answer questions.

The seminar will be held from 9 a.m. until noon at the Elihu Harris Building Auditorium, 1515 Clay St., Oakland. Street parking is limited.

Call 888-847-9652 or go online to [www.cdtfa.ca.gov/seminar/seminar.aspx?flag=696](http://www.cdtfa.ca.gov/seminar/seminar.aspx?flag=696) to register.

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## The Week Ahead

### ● Wednesday, January 17: Senior Driver Safety Seminar

Stay safe...and save money! Senior drivers are invited to a traffic safety seminar conducted by the California Highway Patrol from 2 to 4 p.m. today at the Castro Valley Library. This seminar will include: Compensating for Age-Related Changes, Tune-Up Your Driving Skills, Rules of the Road, Safe Driving Tips; and more. 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 Information Desk at 510-667-7900.

### ● Wednesday, January 17: Bike & Pedestrian Open House

The Alameda County Public Works Agency will hold a Community Open House from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. today, with a presentation at 7 p.m. at the Castro Valley Library. The public is invited to provide feedback on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan for Unincorporated Areas. For more information, visit [www.acpwa.org](http://www.acpwa.org) or contact Paul Keener at 510-670-6452.

### ● Wednesday, January 17: East Bay Rose Society

Learn about synthetic and organic fertilizers and how to keep your roses well fed when Master Rosarian Joe Truskot, who has grown over 500 varieties of roses in his Salinas garden, speaks at the next meeting of the East Bay Rose Society at 7:30 p.m. this evening at the Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue, Oakland. Come enjoy snacks and meet people who talk roses. For more info visit [www.eastbayroses.org](http://www.eastbayroses.org)

### ● Wednesday, January 17: Castro Valley Women's Club

Jim Knudsen, past president of the 100 Club of Alameda County, will present a close-up look at what this worldwide organization is all about and how it provides immediate support for spouses of police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty, and scholarships for their children, at the Women's Club's next meeting at 1 p.m. today at the Clubhouse, 18330 Redwood Road in Castro Valley.

### ● Saturday, January 20: Eden Area Village Monthly Coffee

Join Eden Area Village for coffee at the Cannery Cafe in the Hayward Area Historical Society, 22380 Foothill Blvd., at 9 a.m. on Jan. 20 and learn how to help seniors remain in their homes, active and engaged in our community. For more information, visit [edenareavillage.org](http://edenareavillage.org) or email: [info@edenareavillage.org](mailto:info@edenareavillage.org)

### ● Monday, January 22: Eden Garden Club Meeting

Master Gardener Colette Castellino will discuss the benefits and enjoyment of edible landscaping at the next meeting of the Eden Garden Club at 9:30 a.m. on Monday at the Moose Lodge, 20835 Rutledge Road, Castro Valley. Meetings are free and guests are always welcome. Please call 510 397-1268 for further information.

### ● Tuesday, January 23: State Budget's Impact on Education

Castro Valley Rotary Club member and CV School Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi will speak on new legislation and how the governor's budget will impact education in the Castro Valley School District, in Alameda County, and in the state, at next Tuesday's Rotary meeting from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Redwood Canyon Golf Course. The buffet lunch costs \$20 and reservations must be made by 9 a.m. on Monday by contacting Jim Negri at 650-996-9173 or [ciaojim\\_cvrotary.org](mailto:ciaojim_cvrotary.org). More information is available at [castrovalleyrotary.org](http://castrovalleyrotary.org)

### ● Monday, January 29: 'Man of Memory' Public Address

Chester Santos, "The International Man of Memory," will give a presentation on "Memory Fun 101" during a Hayward Rotary Club luncheon (open to the public) at noon on Jan. 29 at the Masonic Lodge, 1074 B St., Hayward. Tickets are \$20. Info at [www.haywardrotary.org/](http://www.haywardrotary.org/)

### ● Sunday, February 4: Screening of 'Viva La Causa'

The Castro Valley Community Alliance, in partnership with the Castro Valley Library, will host a screening of "Viva La Causa," a film that portrays how thousands of people from across the nation joined in a struggle for justice for the workers who put food on our tables. The film screening, from 2 to 4 p.m., will be followed by a panel discussion. For info, visit: [sites.google.com/cv.k12.ca.us/cvcommunityalliance/home](http://sites.google.com/cv.k12.ca.us/cvcommunityalliance/home)

## Arts & Entertainment

### CASTRO VALLEY CENTER FOR THE ARTS

*Tickets for Center for the Arts events listed below are available online at [www.cvcfa.com](http://www.cvcfa.com); or at the Center Box Office, 19501 Redwood Road, Thursdays and Fridays 3-5 p.m. (phone 889-8961), or at the Castro Valley Adult School, 4430 Alma Avenue.*

● **'Super Diamond,'** delivering a glittering show performing Neil Diamond's power ballads and up-tempo hits of the last 30 years, will be presented at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 27, 2018. Randy Cordero (aka Surreal Neil) describes the band as "Neil Diamond on steroids." Not just a cover band, Super Diamond creates its own version of Diamond's songs, incorporating contemporary riffs by Guns N' Roses, Kiss and AC/DC. Break out your vintage sequins, bell bottoms, platform shoes and party on! For tickets (\$34/\$40), see above.

● **"Wake the Dead,"** the world's only Celtic All-Star Grateful Dead Jam Band, will appear at the Castro Valley Center for the Arts at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 24. This hot Northern California group has been blending Celtic traditional music and the songs of the Grateful Dead since 2000, pleasing Deadheads and Celtoids alike! If you can't quite imagine how this works, come and find out.

### THEATRICAL & MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

● **"Dial M for Murder,"** will be presented by Chanticleers Theatre from Feb. 2 through Feb. 25. Best known as a film by Alfred Hitchcock, this timeless masterpiece of construction and plotting weaves a tangled web of clues and red herrings, back-stabbings and blackmail that will keep you hooked from start to finish. Performances are at 8 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and on Thursday, Feb. 22, and at 2 p.m. on Sundays at the theatre, 3683 Quail Ave., in the park just off Lake Chabot Road in Castro Valley. For info or tickets (\$20-\$25, and \$18 on Bargain Night Feb. 3), call 510-733-5483 or visit [chanticleers.org](http://chanticleers.org)

### AT THE GALLERIES

● **29th Annual Children's Book Illustrator Show**, a local favorite of young and old alike, opens this Friday, Jan. 19, at the Sun Gallery, 1015 E St. in Hayward, featuring a wide variety of artists and their books. On Saturday, Jan. 27, a special Artists Reception and meet-and-greet will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Gallery. A free art class for children will be held that morning at 11 a.m. at the Gallery. Admission is free. Normal gallery hours are Friday through Sunday from 11-5.

● **"Anything Goes, Almost,"** an exhibition by A.R.T. Inc. members, will open with a public artists' reception from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 27, at the Adobe Art Gallery, 20395 San Miguel Ave. in Castro Valley. See the Gallery's Artist-in-Residence, Philip Denst, at work during exhibit hours starting Feb. 1. For more information, call 510-881-6735.

● **Artist Open Studio Every Thursday:** Join this informal gathering of artists working together in a friendly and helpful atmosphere. Adobe Art Center hosts provides tables, chairs and easels. \$3. Thursdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Redwood Studio 1 at the Adobe Art Center, 20395 San Miguel Ave, Castro Valley

## Submissions to The Forum

*The Community Calendar is for publicizing the activities of non-profit organizations, local government agencies, charities and community groups. It is not intended to be used for the advertising of commercial events, whether admission is charged or free. Items for the Community Calendar as well as news submissions must be received by 6 p.m. Friday for inclusion in the following Wednesday's newspaper. Send information in an email to: [fredz@ebpublishing.com](mailto:fredz@ebpublishing.com). Do not send flyers or posters as we cannot use them.*

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**ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** You might be hurt by a colleague's harsh criticism. But don't let it shake your confidence in what you're trying to do. A more positive aspect starts to appear by week's end.



**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** You're torn between your sensible self and the part of you that enjoys acquiring lovely things. Best advice: Wait for an end-of-month sale, and then buy something wonderful.



**GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** Your artistic side has practical applications this week, such as redecorating your home or redesigning your personal stationery. Whatever you do, someone special will like it.



**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** You could be drawn into a problem 'twixt friends or family members. Best bet: Ask the questions that go to the heart of the matter, then get them all together for a group hug.



**LEO (July 23 - August 22):** As much as you love being the center of attention, your big Lion's heart impels you to share the spotlight with a colleague who helped you with that well-praised project.



**VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22):** Your eagerness to act on a challenge is wisely tempered early in the week by a lack of necessary information. Things begin to clear up during the weekend.



**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22):** A relationship you'd hoped would keep going seems to be going nowhere. Close it out and move on to a brighter romantic aspect just beginning to manifest itself.



**SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21):** Things don't go completely as planned this week. But enjoy the surprises, even if you have to adjust your schedule. Some of them could be quite delightful.



**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** Making choices is usually easy for straight-shooting Archers. But a new development could deflect your aim. Try to put off decisions until you know more.



**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** While part of you might prefer taking a more familiar path, let your more daring and — admit it — super-curious self see what the unexplored has to offer.



**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** Those nasty types have slithered back under the rocks and present no more problems. Now's the time to move ahead on that promising new relationship.



**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** A new offer could clear up that lingering money problem. Also, a more confident attitude on your part might well help get that personal situation back on track.

## ...and Beyond

### ● Saturday, January 27: Buon Tempo Men's Sports Night

The Buon Tempo Club will hold its 59th Annual Men's Sports Night All-You-Can-Eat Crab and Prawn Feed and raffle on Saturday, Jan. 27, at Mt. Tabor Hall at Transfiguration Church, 4000 E. Castro Valley Blvd. (across from the Panda Express), beginning with happy hour at 5 and dinner at 6. For information or tickets (\$45 – reservations and payment required in advance), contact Rick Martins at 510-483-6929 (press option 3) or visit [www.buontempclub.org](http://www.buontempclub.org)

### ● Saturday, January 27: 'Meet a Scientist' Series Begins

As part of the Castro Valley Library's Community Reads "Lab Girl" program, please join us for the first in our *Meet a Scientist* series, celebrating the accomplishments of a multitude of scientists, all from different disciplines. This month you're invited to learn about the life experiences of professor Katryn Wiese, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 27. Wiese, a professor of Geology and Oceanography at City College of San Francisco, has journeyed worldwide as a scientist and her extensive research that has taken her across four continents. Her experiences will fascinate and leave you mesmerized.

### ● Saturday, January 27: New SAT Practice Test

Teens are invited to partake in a free New SAT practice test administered by The Princeton Review at the Castro Valley Library from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Jan. 27. In preparation for what might be the most important test of your life, this 4.5-hour workshop will offer you the opportunity to practice and find out how you would score on the new test. Get realistic practice and try your hand at the types of questions you'll face on the actual exam. You will also receive a personalized score report pinpointing your strengths and weaknesses. Registration is requested. Sign up by phone 510-745-1401 or in person.

### REGULAR GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

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

• Castro Valley School Board usually meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 4400 Alma Ave.

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

• Alameda County Board of Supervisors meets every Tuesday at 10:45 a.m. in the Supervisors Chambers in Oakland.



## When a Loved One Dies...

*Q: This may seem like a strange question, but can you tell me what steps need to be taken after a loved one dies? My 80-year-old father has a terminal illness, and I would like to find out what I will need to do when he passes.*

**By Jim Miller**  
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

A: I'm sorry about your father's situation but this is an important question many families inquire about when a loved one's death becomes imminent.

Here's a run-down of some things you can do now, and after his death, that can help keep a sad event from becoming even more painful.

### Before Death Occurs

There are several tasks you can do now while your father is still living, that will make things a lot easier and less hectic for you after he dies.

For starters, find out where your dad keeps all his important papers like his will (also make sure it's updated), birth certificate, marriage

and divorce certificates, Social Security information, life-insurance policies, military discharge papers, financial documents, and keys to a safe deposit box or home safe.

Also, if your dad doesn't have an advanced directive, help him make one (see CaringInfo.org for free state-specific forms and instructions).

An advanced directive includes a living will that specifies his end-of-life medical treatments, and appoints a health-care proxy to make medical decisions if he becomes incapacitated.

In addition, you may also want to get a do-not-resuscitate (DNR) order, which will tell health care professionals not to perform CPR when your dad's heart or his breathing stops. Your dad's doctor can help you with this.

You should also pre-arrange his funeral and burial or cremation.

### Immediately After Death

Once your father dies, you'll need to get a legal pronouncement of death. If no doctor is present, you'll need to contact someone to do this. So, if your dad dies at

home under hospice care, call the hospice nurse, who can declare his death and help facilitate the transport of the body.

If he dies at home without hospice care, call 911, and have in hand his DNR document. Without one, paramedics will generally start emergency procedures and, except where permitted to pronounce death, take the person to an emergency room for a doctor to make the declaration.

If no autopsy is needed, you will need to call the funeral home, mortuary or crematorium to pick up the body. If your dad is an organ or tissue donor, contact the funeral home or the county coroner immediately.

### Within a Few Days

If funeral plans were not pre-arranged, you'll need to make arrangements and prepare an obituary. If your dad was in the military or belonged to a fraternal or religious group, you should contact those organizations too, because they may have burial benefits or conduct funeral services.

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## GARDENING WORKSHOP



### LEARN ABOUT EDIBLES & COMPOSTING

On **Monday, February 5th** from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at CVSan offices at 21040 Marshall Street, learn how to compost and start an edible garden at home. You must have a ticket to attend this event and registration is only available at <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3133206>.

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## Volunteer Retirees

**By Jim Miller**  
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

**F**OR MANY RETIREES, finding a volunteer opportunity that satisfies your interests, utilizes your talents and matches your availability can be challenging.

To help you find an interesting and satisfying volunteer opportunity, here are some tips and online tools that can help you search.

### Getting Started

Volunteering is a great way for retirees to make a positive contribution to their community and stay actively engaged, not to mention it's good for your health too. But how can you find the right opportunity for you?

Start by asking yourself some basic questions like: What types of organizations or activities are you interested in? What kind of skills can you offer a volunteer organization? How much time are you willing to give? What do you want to gain from your experience (for example, meet new people, learn new skills, help those in need, exposure to a particular issue)?

Once you get a general idea of what you'd like to do, there are dozens of volunteer websites that can help you search for different opportunities in your area.

see **VOLUNTEER** on page 7

## Revoking Power of Attorney

*Q: My mother named my brother as her agent under her power of attorney to handle her financial affairs, but he seems to be abusing his authority and my mother wants to revoke it. Can she do so, and how would she go about it?*

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

A: The simple answer is, yes, she can revoke her power of attorney, providing that she is mentally competent to do so.

While the revocation can be handled either verbally, or in writing, the most effective way is as follows: she would prepare a formal Revocation of Power of Attorney, in writing, and arrange for its hand-delivery to your brother and to any other third parties who may have relied upon it, such as banks, brokerage houses, and the like.

The written revocation should make specific reference to the Power of Attorney ("POA") in issue, by referring to your mother as the principal, the date it was signed and its designation of agent.

It might also help if she can attach a photocopy of the original POA to her written Revocation, and reference that attachment in the text of the Revocation. Here is an example:

"I hereby revoke the Power of Attorney I signed, as Principal, on January 3, 2015, naming my son, John Brown, as my agent. A true copy of said, now revoked, Power of Attorney is attached."

If the Power of Attorney ("POA") has been used for any real property transactions, the original most likely will have been recorded and, in that event, the revocation should likewise be recorded in each county wherein the original was recorded.

If it is to be recorded, the Revocation must be notarized and should reference the Book, Page, Image and/or Instrument Number of the previously recorded POA.

Two cautions, however:

(1) The Revocation is not effective until your brother receives actual notice of that Revocation. So I would urge that it be hand-delivered by messenger, who then signs an affidavit as to the date and time of personal delivery.

(2) Third parties, such as banks, may continue to rely upon the validity of the POA until they receive notice of its Revocation, and they would usually be shielded from responsibility for continuing to honor it in good faith.

Therefore, it is important to immediately also deliver a copy of your mother's revocation to her banks and other financial institutions.

Your mother should also visit her banks to determine whether

see **OSOFSKY** on page 7

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# The Three Stages of Retirement

By Jack Teboda  
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

People often view retirement as just one more stage of life.

But that's not exactly the case. Retirement isn't just one stage; it's at least three – although all three do share something in common.

Every stage of retirement requires planning. Otherwise, you could end up running out of money, or your health might take a turn for the worse and negatively impact your retirement savings because you hadn't planned for it in those early years of retirement.

It's not easy to put exact ages on each of the three stages of retirement. That likely will vary from person to person, depending on their finances, health and family situation.

But here's what to look for in each stage:

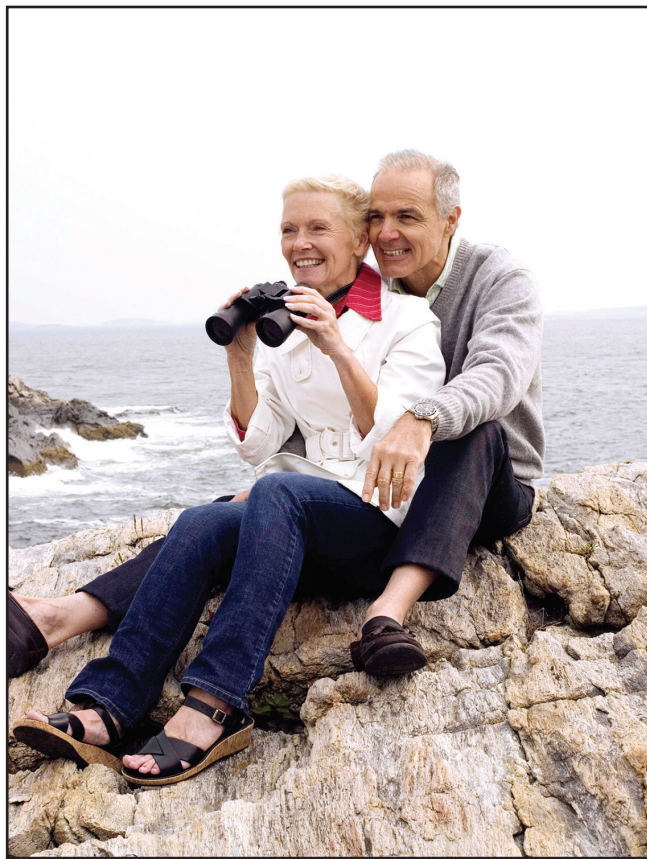
● **Stage 1** – adjusting to a new lifestyle.

Many new retirees brim with excitement when retirement begins. They can golf, visit museums, play with their grandchildren, travel or catch up on their reading.

Not everyone adjusts well, though. It's not easy to flip the switch overnight after you've spent several decades reporting to work every day.

Also, if your retirement income is largely dependent on your savings you'll want to be careful that you don't spend too much in those initial years. Your adviser should be able to help you come up with a plan that will give you income for life so you don't have to worry about running out of money.

● **Stage 2** – staying socially connected.



**NAVIGATING THE 3 STAGES: Every stage of retirement requires planning. Otherwise, you could end up running out of money, or your health might take a turn for the worse and negatively impact your retirement savings because you hadn't planned for it in those early years of retirement.**

As the years pass, many retirees move closer to their children or move into a retirement community because it makes them feel more socially connected.

Sometimes at this point, especially if they haven't planned well, people may start to have even more worries that they will outlive their money.

One way they address that is to cut back on expenses. Some people even decide to get a part-time job to bring in extra money, and working becomes another way to stay connected.

● **Stage 3** – realizing you may need assistance.

More than 70 percent of Americans older than 65 will need some form of long-term care at some

point in their lives, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. When people map out their retirement, they need to plan for that possibility because the cost of long-term care can be devastating to your finances.

People need to consider a number of factors – taxes, longevity and market risks, among others – to improve the odds of a joyful retirement.

In each stage of retirement, it's important to confer regularly with your adviser and to be ready to adjust your financial plans if necessary.

Jack Teboda is president of Teboda & Associates ([www.teboda.com](http://www.teboda.com)), a financial services firm.

## Volunteer: Opportunities in Retirement

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Most sites work like search engines that let you choose an area of interest and type in your ZIP code or city and state. The sites will then give you a list of opportunities that you can check into.

Depending on your interest and expertise, here are some top websites to help you get started.

• **General volunteer matching sites:** To find a wide variety of volunteer opportunities in your community, check out Volunteer-Match.org, IdeaList.org and All-ForGood.org – a Point of Light website (the world's leading volunteer service organization) that lets you search for local volunteer opportunities or start your own project and invite others to help you.

Also see HandsOnNetwork.org, another Point of Light enterprise that connects volunteers to opportunities through more than 250 volunteer centers throughout the U.S.

• **Retiree volunteer sites:** If you're interested in opportunities targeting older adults and retirees, some good options include AARP's CreateTheGood.org, along with SeniorCorps.gov, which matches retirees with community projects and organizations that need experienced volunteer help.

Senior Corps offers three different programs: RSVP, which has a variety of volunteer activities with flexible time commitments; the Senior Companion Program that brings together volunteers with homebound seniors who have difficulty with day-to-day living tasks; and the Foster Grandparent Program that matches volunteers with kids in the community that have exceptional needs.

• **Government-sponsored sites:** A number of government-sponsored websites can help you look for different volunteer opportunities. To locate dozens of general

options in your area visit Serve.gov.

To find natural and cultural volunteer opportunities in places like national and state parks, see Volunteer.gov.

If you're interested in emergency preparedness and disaster response volunteer services go to Ready.gov. Or, if you're interested in longer-term volunteer opportunities check out AmeriCorps.gov and PeaceCorps.gov/50plus, which offers a bevy of three-month to two-year programs in the U.S. and abroad.

• **Professional and executive**

sites: If you have expertise in areas like business planning and development, marketing, communications, finance, fund raising, web and graphic design, or writing and editing there are sites – like Catchafire.org, TaprootPlus.org and ESCUS.org – that can link you to volunteer opportunities with nonprofit organizations in need.

Or, you can help entrepreneurs and small business owners through the SCORE.org volunteer mentoring program.

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

## Dies: Duties of Executor

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**Up to 10 Days After Death**

To wind down your dad's financial affairs, you'll need to get multiple copies of his death certificate. These are typically provided by the funeral home.

If you're the executor of your dad's estate, take his will to the appropriate county or city office to have it accepted for probate. And open a bank account for your dad's estate to pay bills, including taxes, funeral costs, etc.

You also need to contact your dad's estate attorney if he has one; tax preparer to see if estate or final income taxes should be filed; financial advisor for information on

financial holdings; life insurance agent to get claim forms; his bank to locate and close accounts; and Social Security (800-772-1213) and other agencies that provided benefits to stop payments and, if applicable, ask about survivor benefits. You should also cancel his credit cards and, if relevant, stop household services like utilities, mail, etc.

For more information on the duties of an executor, a great resource is "The Executor's Guide: Settling A Loved One's Estate or Trust" available at Nolo.com for \$32.

Send senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit: [SavvySenior.org](http://SavvySenior.org).

## Osofsky: 'Revocation' Provision of Power of Attorney

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she has signed their "short form" Limited POA's authorizing access to her accounts and/or to her safety deposit boxes.

If so, she may wish to revoke them, as well, or revise them to name other persons whom she now trusts as her new agent(s).

A revocation can also be effective

if your mother were to sign a new Power of Attorney which expressly recites that all prior general POA's are revoked.

Again, if she chooses this manner of revocation, this new POA should be personally delivered to your brother and to her financial institutions, with an appropriate cover letter calling attention to the

"revocation" provision of the new POA.

Note: The Revocation provision in a new POA should exclude from revocation powers of attorney for health care, or any other limited powers, that your mom does not intend to revoke.

To make sure all of this is handled properly, it might be wise for

your mother to seek legal consultation and arrange for her attorney to prepare the appropriate documentation and handle its delivery in a timely manner to the proper persons.

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## More Parent Involvement in Classroom Could Help Boost Teacher Recruitment

Parental involvement in the classroom is a well-known strategy to boost student achievement, but according to a recent survey, 62 percent of K-12 teachers say fewer than a quarter of parents get involved in the classroom.

Teachers wish to have more parents involved, especially in elementary school. When asked what would attract more qualified educators to the field, 18 percent of K-12 teachers want more parent involvement in the classroom, with 21 percent teaching K-5 seeing the value.

To improve teacher retention, almost 30 percent said that programs encouraging parent participation in schools and classrooms was a potential solution.

The survey, conducted by the Harris Poll, highlights the unique opportunity that parents have to become more involved in their children's classrooms and to make an impact on their learning and classroom experience.

"Parents are the first teachers of their children, and they play an integral role in their education both inside and outside the classroom," says Pamela Roggeman, Ed.D., academic dean for University of Phoenix College of Education. "Communication between parents



**18% of K-12 teachers want more parent involvement**

and teachers is critical to student success. As a former high school teacher, I saw firsthand how a culture of collaboration improved student outcomes and teacher satisfaction."

### Ways To Get Involved

When asked about ways that teachers would like parents involved in the classroom, they responded:

- Don't wait until there's an issue to connect with the teacher (68 percent).
- Ask about areas for improvement for their child (65 percent).
- Communicate regularly with the teacher (65 percent).

"The most impactful thing parents can do to stay engaged in their child's learning is to have open dialogue and communication with

their child's teacher throughout the year," adds Roggeman. "This allows parents to have a better understanding of their child's progression and can help parents support the academic growth of their child through at-home activities to supplement what's being done in the classroom."

### Increasing Parent-Teacher Communication

Keeping up regular communication with a child's teacher can be challenging for parents, particularly when balancing work, personal and family responsibilities.

To help, Roggeman suggests four simple practices for parents to increase communication with their child's educators:

1. Identify the best method of communication. Today's teachers create numerous ways to stay engaged with parents outside the classroom, including e-mail, a social media group, classroom websites or handwritten notes. Find out the teacher's preferred method of communication for quicker responses and stay engaged.

2. Ask about classroom activities and feedback on your child's performance. Learn about current classroom lessons and activities. Ask for constructive feedback on

*see CLASS on back page*



## Prepare Your Child For School Success

One of the best things you can do for your children is to make sure they attend school every day. After all, we want our kids to have the best possible chance of doing well in school and achieving their dreams.

But getting a child to school isn't always easy. While some absences are understandable, it's important to understand the impact of each absence.

Although most parents understand the importance of getting their child to school every day, many believe that missing three or more days of school each month won't make a difference.

In reality, as early as elementary school, students who miss just two school days per month are more likely to fall behind in school, and less likely to graduate from high school. Even when the absences are excused or understandable, absences add up.

*see SCHOOL on page 9*

## The Sexual Orientation Discussion

As a young boy, James knew that meeting with his therapist should not be making his depression worse. His therapist used conversion therapy—a practice meant to change an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity.

These sessions only made him feel shameful and isolated. James had known he was gay since he was very young. But because he wanted to be accepted by his family and friends who were not supportive of a gay identity, he continued with conversion therapy. Unfortunately, denying a piece of his identity was harmful to his mental health.

Now, as an adult, James is a therapist who helps youths who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and/or questioning their sexual orientation or gender identity (LGBTQ youths) with their mental health and well-being.

LGBTQ youths are more likely to suffer from mistreatment and discrimination, compared to their heterosexual counterparts. At school, they are more often the target of bullying and harassment than other students.

They are at higher risk for anxiety, depression, suicidal ideation and attempt, and mental health problems.

These youths do not struggle with mental health issues because of their identities. They are put at risk for mental health issues because of how people—which may include family members and peers—are unaccepting of LGBTQ identities.

In an effort to improve LGBTQ youths' health, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, a federal government agency focused on mental health and well-being, has recommended against health professionals using conversion therapy.

Rather than providing the support that LGBTQ youths need, conversion therapy perpetuates outdated gender roles and negative stereotypes that being a sexual or gender minority or identifying as LGBTQ is an abnormal aspect of human development.

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# Preparing Parents, Kids for Social Media

With the recent discussion about bullying, social media safety has become a prevalent discussion topic for many parents. Safety is always a paramount concern and social media and the internet make it exceedingly difficult to protect children.

Mercury Insurance has compiled Essential Tips for parents when allowing their children on social media.

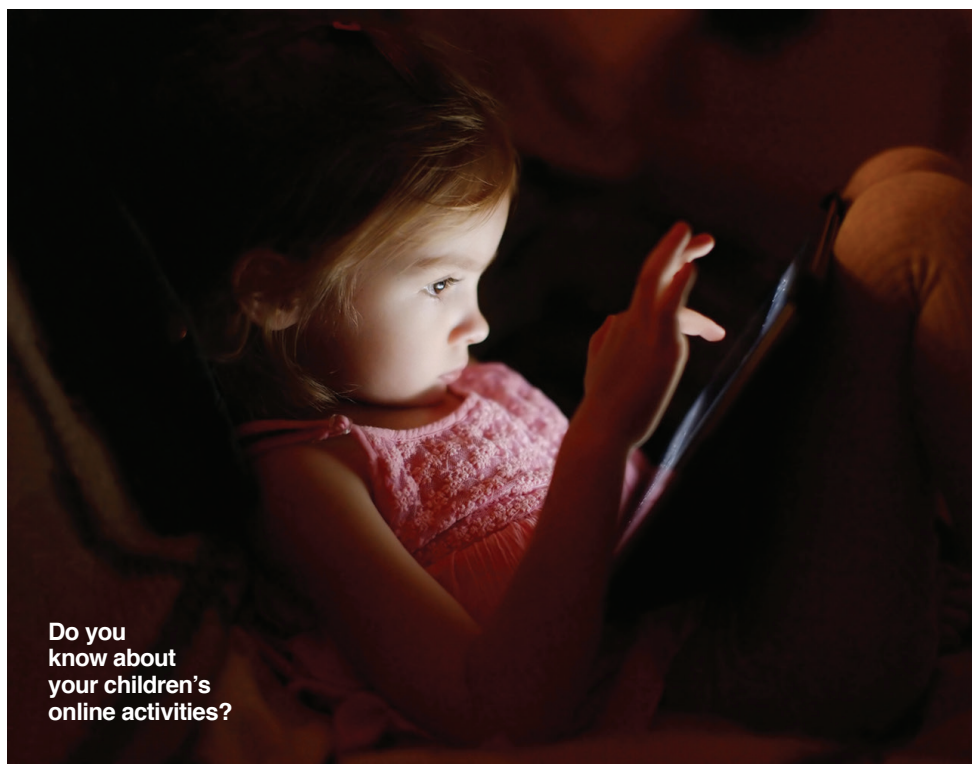
## 1. Set Parental Controls and Monitor Internet Usage

While parents need to walk a fine line between respecting their children's privacy and being too nosy, there are many social media monitoring apps available to help to them observe their children's online activities.

A few popular parental monitoring apps include: Net Nanny, My Mobile Watch Dog and Symantec Norton Family Premier. Parents can also use filters to limit internet use to certain sites, read chats and block messages.

Another way to keep tabs on internet usage is to keep the family computers and connected devices, like tablets, in the living room or a common space – this will make things more public. It also might be a good idea to set specific hours for internet usage in order to restrict how much time your kids are spending online.

Knowing who your kids are talking to online and what sites



they frequent by checking the devices internet browsing history is similar to knowing who they are hanging out with at school.

## 2. Set SAGE Restrictions

Facebook doesn't allow children under the age of 13 to create a profile, and this is a steadfast rule for most other social media sites as well. However, children with unrestricted internet access can easily lie about birthdates and set up accounts.

Uphold age restrictions on social media channels by blocking access to these websites until your children are old enough and have a good understanding of what is and what is not appropriate behavior.

## 3. Beware of Catfish

Catfish is a term used for individuals who assume personas online that do not represent who they are in real life. These people could be posing as a real person or create a completely fictitious identity.

Predators often develop personas that make it seem like they are much younger than they actually are in order to connect with children, so tell them to avoid accepting friend requests from people who they don't know personally.

Make sure they understand the

dangers of online friendships – because you never know exactly who is on the other side of those conversations.

## 4. Address Cyberbullying

Cyberbullying occurs when children are bullied by their peers on the internet. Bullying can have a profound impact on young people, and it's important to actively discourage your kids from engaging in this type of behavior.

Let your kids know that they can confide in you if they're being bullied online. Make sure they're aware hateful comments and unwanted messages can be restricted and even blocked through settings on their social media profiles to limit this type of unwanted interaction with others online.

# Orientation: Mental Health Among Our LGBTQ Youths

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When LGBTQ youths are rejected by their family or peers, it negatively impacts their well-being. Therefore, rejected youths need adults who are supportive, including health care professionals. As a therapist for LGBTQ people, James can give his patients what he was not given as a young boy: an adult who accepts them, regardless of identity.

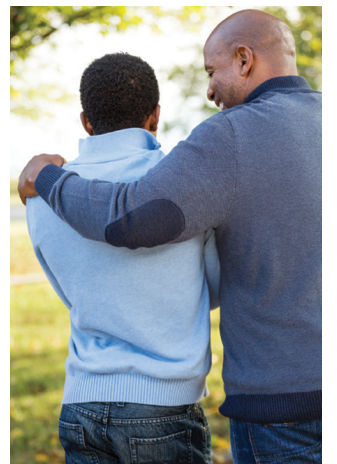
Researchers have discovered that "connectedness" can help promote healthy development in youths. "Connectedness" is just what it sounds like; feeling connected and supported by important adults and institutions, like schools, leads to well-being.

Here are some important ways that adults can help LGBTQ youths get the "connectedness" they need:

- Parents and family members can make sure to express affection for LGBTQ children or adolescents, showing them that they are accepted regardless of identity.

- Talk and listen respectfully, to understand a child's experiences.

- Stand up for a child or adolescent if he or she is hurt or mistreated or experiences discrimination. Knowing that a parent or caring adult is committed to ensuring that an LGBTQ youth is safe,



**Mental health experts say LGBTQ youths need support from adults**

and providing an open and accepting place, is a powerful support.

- Teachers and other educators can encourage all students and staff to stop any bullying or harassment and make schools a welcoming place for all students.

These simple actions can make a life-changing difference for LGBTQ youths. Learn more by reading SAMHSA's report, titled "Ending Conversion Therapy: Supporting and Affirming LGBTQ Youth," available free at [store.samhsa.gov/product/SMA15-4928](http://store.samhsa.gov/product/SMA15-4928).

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# School: 5 Tips to Ensure Child Attends Every Day

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Students who miss just two days of school each month end up missing 18 school days, or 10 percent of the school days in a year.

By following these five simple tips, you can help ensure your child attends school every day. Attending school every day puts your child on the path toward success in school and in life.

## • What to Do:

1. Keep track of how many days of school your child has missed.

2. Figure out why your child is absent from school. Is your child dealing with a chronic illness such as asthma? Is he being bullied or struggling at school? Is she staying home to help care for a family member?

3. Ask teachers and community leaders for advice and specific resources. Reach out to other parents, too, to ask for help and share tips.

4. Consider enrolling your child in a mentoring or an after-school program. When kids work with mentors, they learn about the importance of attending school every day.

With an additional support system in place, kids learn strategies to address their day-to-day challenges. Similarly, when kids get involved in afterschool programs, they are more likely to feel con-

nected to their school communities and are less likely to be absent.

5. Visit AbsencesAddUp.org for information on the impact of absences and resources to help prevent them in the future. On the website, you'll learn how to help children who are struggling in school, being bullied, managing chronic illness or dealing with mental health challenges.

## • Learn More

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## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



This week's Athletes of the Week are the members of the Castro Valley High School's Varsity Lady Wrestling Team.

The Lady Trojans traveled to American Canyon to compete at the Wolfpack Classic at American Canyon High School, on Saturday. This tournament was on the back end of a back-to-back for the team, but after a full day of hard competition, the team rallied together to take home the First Place team trophy.

The first meeting of the weekend started with the Lady Trojans competing in the second annual

Kusumoto Classic girls wrestling tournament in Saratoga last Friday.

The tournament, hosted by Prospect High School, had 35 schools, mainly from the Central Coast Section. Castro Valley was the only team representing the North Coast Section.

The Lady Trojans, with a little more than half their team members (10 wrestlers), scored a total of 108 team points, taking home the Second Place team trophy, behind Alisal High School, with more than 20 team members. Congratulations to the Lady Trojans!

## CASTRO VALLEY INDEPENDENT SPORTS LEAGUE

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## Fame: Anderson Now Playing for Mexico

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took his talents to Mexico, where he's been a league champ, a league Finals Most Valuable Player, a two-time All-Star Game MVP and, this year, the league's dunk champ, citing Vince Carter ("the greatest dunker ever") as his inspiration.

All while speaking mostly Spanish and splitting time with the Mexican National Team, which -- you guessed it -- lost to Argentina one win shy of qualifying for the London Olympics.

The Olympic flame still fuels Anderson, whose Mexican National Team will get its greatest spotlight ever when it faces the NBA G-League All-Stars on NBA All-Star Weekend in Los Angeles on Feb. 18.

It might be the most important basketball game of Anderson's life.

"Get in front of NBA personnel," the 24-year-old said of next month's opportunity. "This is a chance to showcase myself. I'd like to play in the (NBA) summer league this year."

"My best basketball days are ahead of me. I'm only getting better. I'm definitely going to keep pushing."



Castro Valley's Juan Anderson now plays for Fuerza Regia in Mexico's top professional basketball league.

## Smalltown: Hosts Variety of Local Events

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Smalltown Society hosts a variety of events, including speakers, films, forums, rehearsal and performance space, and artists' workspace.

"We want to foster and highlight more beauty and justice in the community. Volunteers are keeping the doors open every Wednesday through Friday."

Every Thursday night we have an open door session, which is like a community living room. We hope more people will come. And they can get snacks and drinks next door at Trader Joe's," says Keim with a smile.

When he first took on the role of lead curator/community organizer, Keim thought it best just to listen to the hopes and issues brought up by people in the community.

He discovered an impressive and diverse array of talented and knowledgeable locals, including a variety of artists and people doing advocacy work.

The space's calendar is now full of events, and may be viewed



INSIDE SMALLTOWN: Artists Bradley Heusdens and Sia Gould and lead curator Paul Keim hang out at the Smalltown Society space next to Trader Joe's.

online at [www.smalltownsociety.com](http://www.smalltownsociety.com). Of special interest may be "The Lab" (musician/poet workshop) next Tuesday, Jan. 23, and a writers' workshop with local author Mark Vaz on Feb. 9.

Hours for the Smalltown Soci-

ety space are 9 to 5, Wednesdays and Fridays, and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursdays. Additional events are also held outside those days.

Questions about the gathering space may be directed to [info@smalltownsociety.com](mailto:info@smalltownsociety.com)

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Fri., Jan. 19, 5:30 p.m. Freshman vs. O'Dowd at CVHS  
Fri., Jan. 19, 4:00 p.m. JV vs. O'Dowd away  
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GUEST COMMENTARY



### Congressman Swalwell Meets Local Realtors

Real estate professionals assess impact of new tax laws

In a move designed to understand how the new tax bill will affect Bay Area real estate, Rep. Eric Swalwell (CA-15) met with a panel of local Realtors Saturday in Castro Valley.

Interested in hearing East Bay real estate expert's views on the new, Republican-passed tax law, Rep. Swalwell was specifically concerned about how changes to the mortgage interest deduction and state and local tax deduction might affect current and prospective homeowners.

An advisory on the new tax regulations issued by the Congressman's office prior to the meeting stated, "This law punishes homeowners and discourages home ownership, particularly in high-cost regions like the Bay Area. The ability to deduct state and local property taxes from their federal tax bills is now capped at \$10,000, and interest on mortgages only up to \$750,000 is deductible under the new law, down from the previous \$1 million cap.

A CNN Poll conducted in the days leading up to Congress' final votes on the tax law found 55 percent of Americans opposed it, while only 33 percent said they favored it."

During an interview after the panel, Rep. Swalwell stated, "To

### Mortgage Rates Bounce Back Up

Average mortgage rates rose across the board last week, according to Freddie Mac's nationwide survey.

The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 3.99 percent, up from the previous week when it averaged 3.95 percent. A year ago at this time, the 30-year FRM averaged 4.12 percent.

Fifteen-year home loan rates averaged 3.44 percent, up from 3.38 percent.

Five-year hybrid adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 3.46 percent this week, up from 3.45 percent.

day I convened local Realtors to talk about how this tax bill is going to affect them. What I heard is that there is a lot of uncertainty, but what they are certain about is that this is a high-cost area with a number of people trying to aspire to be homeowners.

"When you limit the deductions they can take on their state and local taxes and you reduce the mortgage interest deduction to \$750,000 it's going to make it a lot harder for first-time home buyers to realize that American dream of home ownership."

When questioned about who the tax changes will affect, Swalwell clarified, "We are a home ownership society. We want people to plan and work hard and be able

to buy a home and have roots in a community. This tax bill makes it a lot harder."

He further explained, "I heard a stunning statistic today that in California we have a 29-percent affordability (according to the California Association of Realtors), so it's already a small pool of people who are working very hard that can afford a home."

Concluding, Rep. Swalwell stated, "We want to have as many people as possible that work hard to be able to obtain that dream."

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Carl Medford is a licensed Realtor with Keller Williams Realty. This article is sponsored by the Central County Marketing Association.

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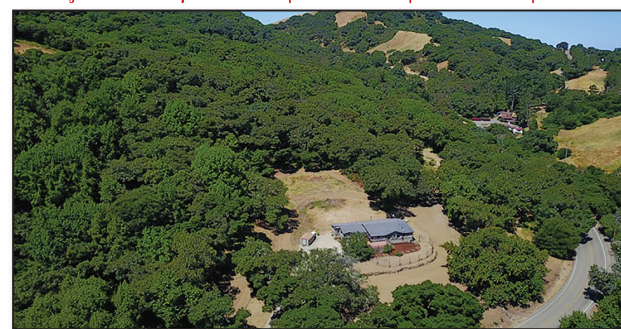
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## Laverne Henrietta Gamradt Blaha

December 22, 1916 ~ January 9, 2018



Laverne was born on December 22, 1916 in the small farming town of Sauk Centre, Minnesota where the family doctor who delivered her was the father of Sinclair Lewis who wrote "Main Street." Her parents Albert and Ella Gamradt had four children; Laverne was the second oldest. She and her older brother Elmer milked the cows twice daily and fed the chickens in addition to other farm chores.

Laverne left the farm and moved to Minneapolis where she went to the Minneapolis Business College and graduated shortly after her 18th birthday. Laverne was a hard worker and did work for others such as ironing and babysitting while waiting for a "real job" to open up. Babysitting then became her "real job". She started taking care of children and eventually got a job working for the actress Joan Fontaine in Beverly Hills California, after moving to Los Angeles with her brother Earl in 1940. Laverne enjoyed working for Ms. Fontaine and her husband Brian Aherne, an English movie star. It was during this time that Joan Fontaine won her Oscar for her role in the movie "Suspicion."

Laverne met her husband Art Blaha several weeks before Pearl Harbor, but her first date with him was on December 7, 1941 the day the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. "Art and I started that day early by going to Church. He knew that I went to Church every Sunday so I think he thought that would be a good way to start out the day. After Church, we drove out for dinner and while we are eating the news came that Pearl Harbor was bombed. It was very shocking news and everyone there was saddened by such horrible news."

Art and Laverne were married on May 23, 1942 which began their life together. After having their two sons, Jerome and Richard, they had settled in Alameda where Art worked as a journeyman electrician at the Naval Air Station. The confinement of their war-housing apartment in Alameda was becoming more challenging. Laverne wanted a home of their own, and she asked Art if he could build her a house. Laverne found a one third acre lot in Castro Valley large enough to build a house and grow some fruits, nuts, vegetables, eggs and poultry. As a GI, Art was able to buy a barracks at Camp Parks. Art and Laverne tore down the building and recycled the wood and windows and built their one and only home on Alma Avenue in Castro Valley. Laverne was thrifty and would purchase only what was needed. In addition to growing their own produce, they raised fryer chickens, rabbits, pigeons and laying hens. She would gather eggs and she even found a cow to use for milk, butter and homemade ice cream.

Those years were happy ones as the family built their house and raised their boys. Laverne was very active in helping out in the boys' school, church, Cub and Boy Scouts, 4H, musical instruments and even became foster parents to two young girls. Then Art died of cancer and Laverne's life became one of very hard work, little sleep and providing for her sons. Jerome and Richard were only 8 and 10 years old. Laverne held the family together by working two full time jobs working as a typist and billing clerk at Montgomery Wards in Oakland and then passed the civil service exam to work full time in the Post Office. She also drove her sons every morning to help with their extensive paper route.

She worried with her having to work such long, hard hours that her sons would be deprived and so she encouraged them to try anything and always be truthful even if they made a mistake. She allowed her teenage boys to start a printing company, build a 61 foot radio tower in the back yard for their short wave radios and open a coin shop on Castro Valley Blvd.

After her children were raised and had families of their own, Laverne helped care for her grandchildren while their parents were at work and supported their interests in music, dance and sports. Her grandson Jerome Jr. had this to say about his grandmother.

"She taught us to look for the good in adversity and to forgive others. She taught us not to gossip about other people or to be judgmental. She was reverent and wanted everyone to know Jesus and went to church every Sunday, without fail."

In addition to helping with her grandchildren, Laverne attended to neighbors who needed help and visited home-bound people. She spent many, many, hours helping people at her church, even bringing homeless people to stay in her home until they could get settled. Simultaneously, she began supporting her son Jerome at his law office part time as a billing clerk, updating law books, filing and serving papers to the court for him for almost forty years and up until her 100th year still coming into his office occasionally to help out.

Laverne was a devout member of Faith Lutheran Church of Castro Valley for over 68 years and served as an usher, and a member of the endowment committee and other responsibilities, but most of all she loved to sing hymns of Praise and read and study the Bible. One time she said "You know what my favorite Bible verse is? Roman's 5:1-5. I look forward to God's blessings of adversity which causes me to develop character and from character, strength and from strength, Hope."

A devoted sister, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Laverne shared her philosophy of living with four generations of her family. "My philosophy for longevity is simple - just keep going. Don't stop. When we are well and healthy, there just seems no end to the possibilities of our accomplishments and activities."

Laverne Henrietta Gamradt Blaha, was called to her heavenly home to rest and be with the Lord. She died peacefully on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at Kaiser Hospital in San Leandro of pneumonia, with her family at her bedside. She was 101.

Laverne is survived by her sister Alberta Otte, her sons Jerome (and Melanie) Blaha and Richard (and Judy) Blaha and grandchildren Barbara Angeline (and Andy Greenspan), David (and Linda) Blaha, Linda (and Kevin) Anderson, Lisa (and Russell) Scott, Jerome Blaha, Jr. (and Orapin Horst), Jennifer (and Morgan) Cheek and great grandchildren Reily and Emma Greenspan, Joshua, Jacob and Julia Blaha, Corey, Charlyn and Connor Anderson, Kylie, Katlin, and Nicholas Scott, and Austin and Olivia Cheek.

Her memorial service was held on January 14 at Faith Lutheran Church in Castro Valley. With family surrounding her, she was laid to rest on January 15 at the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward, next to her husband, Art. The family requests no flowers. Donations may be given to her two favorite charities, Faith Lutheran Church and FESCO (Family Emergency Services of Hayward).



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**REMEMBERING DR. KING:** A crowd of about 200 gathered at Hayward City Hall Plaza for a rally and march on Monday morning to celebrate Civil Rights Leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Others spent the day in community service projects cleaning up and restoring waterways around the Bay Area.

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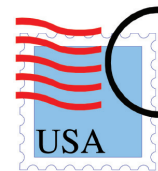
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### CV Resident Calls Incorporation 'A Nightmare Scenario'

Editor:

Castro Valley residents, the time has come to be heard, let's all make few phone calls to the right people in the right places, if any still exist, let's try anyway.

No one in decision making positions listens to us citizens, because of proper goals and getting their pocket books filled by special interests.

A nightmare scenario, if we place more corrupted, greedy individuals in charge by Castro Valley Incorporating. We all love Castro Valley the way it is. The greedy few that have other plans. They should go and incorporate another town, leave us alone.

I assure you that more and more projects will be given the go-ahead, even if we citizens would rejected them. They will continue to find a way around us, to make their project come true.

It is clear, we can all see what the plans are. Individuals that have a great deal to gain, together with corrupted politicians and contractors with lots of money to invest, would take over Castro Valley and turn it into another corrupted city, where only the very rich could afford to live. At the end of the day, Castro Valley would be fully controlled by rich and powerful, greedy individuals.

By the way, the MAC Board, should be dissolved, everyone should be voted out, better yet, everyone should resign.

The Sanitary District has no need for this new project. They should stay where they are, I suggest they turn for help to those companies and special interests that they work for. For sure is not us. It's your plans, your ideas, you pay for it.

Last but not least, these new homes that are planned to be built on Center Street, no one listened to the concerned citizens that spoke against it and rejected this project.

Did everyone forget that we are paying your salaries, that you work for us? must have slipped everyone's mind.

I am almost sure, it will cost over a million dollars to purchase one of these new homes, at times when we have homeless people on our streets, under our freeways and in cars, I feel that perhaps the money and the location could have been put into better use.

Let's keep and take care of our jewel.

—Josie Pastorino, Castro Valley

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# CVSan: Public Comment Sought On Planned Center Street Project

The Castro Valley Sanitary District continues to seek public comment on its plans to develop a former Caltrans yard at the corner of Castro Valley Blvd. and Center St. into the site of the district's Engineering and Collection System Maintenance departments in the next few years.

The two departments work together to maintain more than 150 miles of sewer pipes in Castro Valley.

Currently, the district – known as CVSan – is split between two offices located a mile apart because there is not enough space for all employees to be in one place, according to General Manager Roland Williams.

"One of these locations is a rental office in the Castro Village that costs CVSan \$70,000 annually," said Williams. "Additionally, our Marshall Street location does not have the necessary vehicle space that our Collection System Maintenance Department needs to work on our maintenance trucks."

Preliminary plans for a corporation yard and a two-story, 35-foot-high energy efficient building at the Center St. site were originally unveiled to CVSan's Community Advisory Committee last year.



CASTRO VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT

An architectural rendering of the proposed Center Street Project. The front of the building will be landscaped with a Bay-Friendly demonstration garden that will be an educational resource for Castro Valley.

The district also conducted a public tour of the property last May which, the district said, was met with overwhelmingly positive feedback from participating community members.

The plans were also presented at the Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Committee meeting last month.

The estimated \$6 million project has not yet been approved by

the Sanitary District's Board of Directors.

Funding options for the project, which may include pay-as-you-go financing, grants funding, or trimming costs 2-3% annually to finance a 30-year loan, will be considered at a future public meeting.

To submit your feedback and learn more about the project, please visit [www.CVSan.org/CenterStreet](http://www.CVSan.org/CenterStreet).

## Hazard: CV

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ting and pedestrian safety, and that accident reports don't track window tinting.

After asking their road safety experts, the consensus was that window tinting was not an issue that the National Safety Council has been involved with, said the NSC's spokesperson Tatyana Warrick.

Law enforcement uses their own discretion when enforcing the laws, Warrick said. With pedestrian fatalities, the NSC looks at speed, distraction and impairment, which are also the primary causes of motor vehicle fatalities, she said.

The National Safety Council has seen an influx of pedestrian and other "vulnerable road user" fatalities over the past two years, Warrick added. But it's not known if the increase is caused by tinted windows.

Police issue tickets for illegally tinted car windows, though it's difficult to determine just how often.

It would be hard to get the number of tickets written for tinted windows, said San Leandro police spokesman Isaac Benabou.

But it is a citable offense, he added.

"It's a violation of the vehicle code," Benabou said. "It's a citable offense. We do enforce it, but it would be up to the officer's discretion whether or not to issue a ticket."



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## Hearne Elected to Board Of International Charity

Al Hearne, Superintendent of Redwood Christian Schools, has been elected to the Board of Christian Charities USA, a diverse group of more than 75 national and international charities that work to relieve suffering and despair in every area of the country and the world. Members include Habitat for Humanity and World Impact.

## Historical Society Seeks Artifacts From WWII Japanese American Internment

The internment of Japanese Americans during World War II had a profound affect not only on individuals and families, but the entire Castro Valley and East Bay communities both during the war and in the years after.

The Hayward Area Historical Society is working on an exhibition – to open in March – on the forced removal and incarceration of Japanese Americans during the war.

The lessons learned from that traumatic era continue to impact all of us today.

To help illustrate the stories of this experience, the Historical Society is looking for artifacts to include in the exhibition.

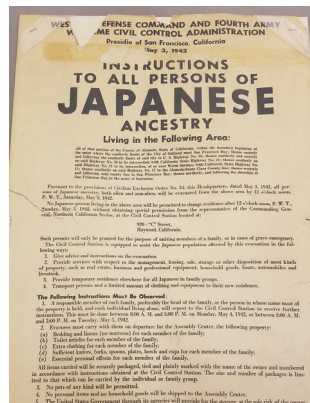
The artifacts could include suitcases, clothing, identification tags, and such items made or used in an internment camp as artwork, crafts, photographs and documents.

All items would be considered

loans to the exhibition and would be returned to the lender at the end of the exhibition.

If you are interested in participating, please contact the Curator at [info@haywardareahistory.org](mailto:info@haywardareahistory.org) or call 510-581-0223.

The Hayward Area Historical Society Museum of History and Culture is located at 22380 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward. For more info, please call 510-581-0223 or visit [www.haywardareahistory.org](http://www.haywardareahistory.org).



A notice for the relocation of Japanese Americans during World War II.

## THE FORUM CROSSWORD

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### ACROSS

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- 8 Error
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- 14 Docket entry
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- 17 Anger
- 18 Dine
- 19 Sternward
- 20 Dissuade
- 21 Firmament
- 22 Stop -- dime
- 23 Augment
- 26 Firm
- 30 Needy
- 31 Hockey milieu
- 32 Concept
- 33 Get
- 35 Pry
- 36 Singer Winehouse
- 37 Droop
- 38 Cut corners
- 41 Huge
- 42 Greek cross
- 45 Actress Gilpin
- 46 "... twilight's last ..."
- 48 Privy to
- 49 Boxer
- 50 Pedestal occupant
- 51 Chinatown gang
- 52 Witness
- 53 Say it ain't so

### DOWN

- 1 Test the waters
- 2 City of India
- 3 Fat
- 4 Pod denizen
- 5 Treat as a god
- 6 "... It Romantic?"
- 7 Gasoline stat
- 8 Very conspicuous
- 9 Cafe au ...
- 10 Capri, e.g.
- 11 Equal
- 16 Shark variety
- 20 Modern-day evidence
- 21 Like some video on the Web
- 22 Praise in verse
- 23 Spring mo.
- 24 Buck's mate
- 25 One of the Seven Dwarfs
- 26 High card
- 27 Commotion
- 28 Modern (Pref.)
- 29 Spigot
- 31 Wall climber
- 34 Mischievous one
- 35 Long story
- 37 Prolonged attack
- 38 Skewer
- 39 Gambling game
- 40 Press agent?
- 41 Sad
- 42 Ocean motion
- 43 In due time
- 44 Homely
- 46 Navig. aid
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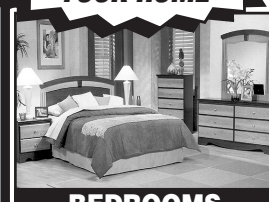
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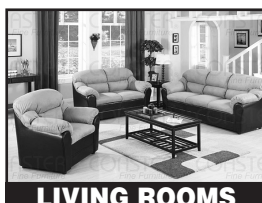
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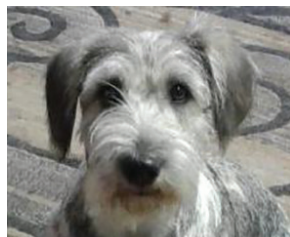
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## Class: More Involvement

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how a child is performing to better understand difficult subjects for your child and areas for improvement.

3. Don't be afraid to ask for homework help. It can sometimes be difficult to help children with their homework as curriculum evolves and parents might need to "brush up" on a subject. It's natural — and not unreasonable — to ask educators for homework help and important to ensure children understand the curriculum.

4. Don't forget to say "thanks." Teachers choose the profession to make a difference in students' lives. They may manage more than 100 students a day and act not just as educators but as role models, guardians and caretakers for the nation's students. Say thank you to your child's teachers for all their hard work.

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An illustration from Sunhee Park's book "Bent People" will be part of this year's Children's Book Illustrator Exhibit opening Friday at Sun Gallery in Hayward.

OPENING FRIDAY AT SUN GALLERY

## Children's Book Illustrator Exhibit

The Annual Children's Book Illustrator Show, a local favorite of young and old alike, opens its 29th exhibition this Friday, Jan. 19, at Sun Gallery in Hayward.

This year's show features a wide variety of artists and their books, including Andy Ha, Hilda Robinson, Nadia Reddy, David Hoobler and many others.

On Saturday, Jan. 27, a special

Artists Reception and meet-and-greet will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Gallery. Children and their families will be treated to face painting, appetizers and beverages.

A free art class for children will be held that morning at 11 a.m. at the Gallery's spacious art studio.

In a special twist, local high school student sculptures from

Geoff Landreau's art class at Mt. Eden High will be featured as part of the show, helping children imagine how book characters' actually start out as ideas.

Admission is free. Normal gallery hours are Friday through Sunday from 11-5. The Sun Gallery is located at 1015 E St. in Hayward and the website is [www.SunGallery.org](http://www.SunGallery.org).

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