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For a list of redemption centers in Alameda County check out [www.calrecycle.ca.gov/BevContainer/Recyclers/Directory/Default.aspx?lang=en-US](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/BevContainer/Recyclers/Directory/Default.aspx?lang=en-US).



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## Town Hall Meeting: Sobering Message About Local Crime

By Linda Sandmark

CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

The Alameda County Sheriff's Office gave a special Town Hall presentation on public safety at the Castro Valley Library Monday night.

Supervisor Nate Miley hosted the meeting as a response to the unusual up-tick in violent crime – three homicides during the holiday season, which have put residents on edge.

About 50 people attended the session which was held in concert with the Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council.

"Any form of violence is repugnant," said Miley, who asked citizens to support first responders and work collectively. "It's important that we all stand vigilant."

Sheriff's Capt. Colby Staysa, a 20-year veteran from the Eden Township Substation, was the evening's principal speaker. He said that the increase in violence is not just a local trend, but a statewide and national one.

He cited the desensitization of youth to violence, through news, video games and other media, and also state initiatives that have decriminalized many crimes. Previously-mandated probation monitoring and substance abuse



Sheriff's Captain Colby Staysa was principal speaker at Monday's Town Hall meeting.

treatment programs are now gone, he said.

Despite that sobering message, Staysa said the three recent homicides in Castro Valley are not related to each other. A suspect is already in custody for a Dec. 5 shooting on Denning Court. Both the shooter and victim were from out of town, but happened to be in Castro Valley when they got into an altercation.

The other two deaths remain unsolved. Citing confidentiality, Staysa said he couldn't elaborate on a fatal shooting Nov. 28 on Wilson Ave., other than to say the

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## Using Castro Valley's Recycling Center Barely Pays Off

By Michael Singer  
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

Got empty bottles and cans to recycle? You may be hard pressed to find a suitable place in Castro Valley to cash in on the redemption fees you paid upfront when you purchased that soda or beer.

Castro Valley has only one site where residents can return recyclables for cash vouchers. But as local resident Jack Mason recently found out, it's not always easy or convenient to return those cans and bottles for cash.

"As a good citizen I have been trying my best to recycle my bottles and cans and take them to the local center behind Lucky Super-

market in Castro Valley," Mason wrote to the Forum. "But over the past month there has been nobody there and when I call the company to find out why, I can never get a straight answer."

Mason told the Forum that his repeated calls to the recycling company resulted in a circle of finger pointing and frustration over his wasted time.

The site outside of Lucky Supermarket is run by rePlanet, the largest recycling operation in California. The company was not able to respond to the Forum's request for a statement or information by press time.

In February, rePlanet announced layoffs and 191 site clo-

sures. Some 350 rePlanet sites still operate in the state.

Typically, recycling centers take plastic, aluminum, and glass. Once cans and bottles are counted or weighed, the attendant issues a voucher good for groceries or cash.

Most people put bottles and cans in their recycling bins because they have no patience with driving to a center then waiting in line (if the recycler is open) and getting a few cents in return for their trouble.

Residents are entitled to cash in on their returns, however. The current California Refund Value (CRV) rules ensure consumers get paid 5 cents for each eligible see RECYCLING on page 3





EDEN TOWNSHIP HEALTHCARE DISTRICT

# Report Calls ETHD Operation 'Adequate' But Could Do Better

By Amy Sylvestri  
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

Despite criticism from local politicians, the Eden Township Healthcare District (ETHD) in Castro Valley got a bit of boost from a new draft report declaring that the district is being operated adequately.

After nearly 70 years in operation, ETHD had come under fire by some county government officials and others who claim the district is redundant and its function could be better handled by the county.

It took another hit over the summer when a County Grand Jury report said the district had "failed in its mission" and lacked a plan for its future.

The district countered that the county simply wants control of its money and that if its functions were to be absorbed by the county

health structure, no one would be looking out specifically for the vital needs of the Eden Area.

At public meetings in Castro Valley and San Leandro this fall, dozens of speakers supported keeping the ETHD as it is. One, Elke Sommer, called the county's move "a thinly-veiled cash-grab" by partisan groups.

After that input, a county-commissioned study by the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) recently reported: "Dissolution of the district without continuing its services is unwarranted. The district provides a service of value including significant expenditure of funds for community health care."

But, it also said, the district "could improve the efficiency and effectiveness of its operations." And it did not completely rule out the notion of dissolving the district.

If that were to happen, it said the services ETHD provides could continue via a successor agency, which would help streamline certain elements and save money.

The Eden Township Healthcare District, now just called the Eden Health District, owns and rents out three medical office buildings and also distributes healthcare-related grant money.

All but 12% of its budget goes to its real estate, staff and legal fees, leaving about \$500,000 annually to distribute to various causes.

LAFCo plans to hold another special meeting on Jan. 31 at 6 p.m. at the Castro Valley Library to hear more from the public about the district.

Send a comment online to: [www.acgov.org/lafco/contact.htm](http://www.acgov.org/lafco/contact.htm) or by mail to 1221 Oak St., Room 555, Oakland 94612. Comments received by Feb. 3 will be considered for the final draft of the study.

## Castro Valley Weather Jan. 11 - 15, 2017



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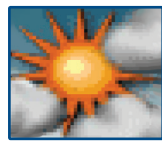
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High 61° Low 57°



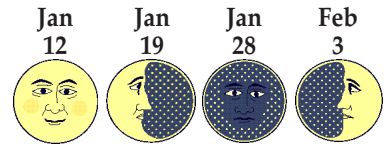
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Mostly Sunny  
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## Almanac



Past Week's Rain: 04.50  
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## Preview New Middle School English Materials

The Castro Valley School District is in the process of adopting new English Language materials for Canyon and Creekside middle schools to meet rigorous new state standards.

Administrators and teachers have been working together to select and evaluate these new materials for over a year, according to

Mary Boyle, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services.

The District is inviting members of the community to preview the new grades 6-8 English/Language Arts and English Language Development instructional materials that are being proposed for adoption. All pilot materials are available for public preview through Jan. 27.

Information regarding online access can be found at: [tinyurl.com/CVUSDELA](http://tinyurl.com/CVUSDELA). Materials are also available at the District Office at 4400 Alma Avenue. Those interested should contact Meighen Eberly ([meberly@cv.k12.ca.us](mailto:meberly@cv.k12.ca.us)) for an appointment between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday through Jan. 27.

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## Hall: Speakers Question Safety of Public

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shooting was not a random act since it appears the victim and assailant knew each other.

He did not comment on a disturbing house fire Dec. 13 on Grove Way, which appears to have been set to hide the homicide of the homeowner.

Staysa did say that tremendous resources have been poured into both investigations, much progress has been made, and he is confident both will be solved. He added that this is "a good community... there is not a serial killer" in our midst.

In the Q&A that followed, one woman asked what can be done for the town's homeless population, mentioning a woman who died on the streets on Dec. 9. Though well-known to law enforcement, she repeatedly refused help.

Staysa said that in most cases people cannot be forced to accept assistance, but that residents



**Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley hosted Monday night's Town Hall meeting on public safety.**

should call law enforcement regarding anyone "camping" in public places. Supervisor Miley also asked concerned citizens to

call his office (510-670-5717) to see what other services might be available.

Residents were also disturbed about motorists shooting at each other on the Redwood Road off-ramp from Highway 580 on Jan. 4. Despite an officer responding within 20 seconds, no victim or shooter were found — just a shell casing.

Some speakers noted that a criminal element may be drawn here if marijuana dispensaries are permitted in Castro Valley.

"It's going to hurt kids, no matter what deterrents we put out there," said Staysa.

Miley has been a long-time supporter of medical cannabis. But former MAC Chair Cheryl Miraglia said it's not a matter of agreeing or disagreeing on the topic.

"We need you to stand up for us if we don't want it here," Miraglia told Miley.

## Recycling: 'Bottle Bill' Up for Discussion

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## SHERIFF'S REPORTS

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### Drinking and Driving

Sunday, January 8: at 11:31 p.m., Sheriff's deputies pulled over and arrested a 24-year-old man from Castro Valley on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol. The man was traveling on Lake Chabot Road near Eden Medical Center when deputies stopped him for driving erratically. The man was also wanted for his arrest. Deputies took the man to Santa Rita Jail pending \$5,000 in bail.

### Can't Stay Away

Saturday, January 7: at 3:24 p.m., a 36-year-old woman from CV was arrested on suspicion of violating a court-issued restraining order. The woman also had an outstanding warrant for her arrest. Deputies responded to a suspicious person call at a home on Lake Chabot Road near Meg Court and found the suspect fitting the description. The woman was taken to Santa Rita Jail pending \$20,000 in bail.

### Difficult Customer

Friday, January 6: at 7:48 a.m., deputies arrested a 30-year-old man from CV on suspicion of failing to leave a business after repeated requests from the manager. The man was hanging out at a Starbucks in the Castro Village Shopping Center on the Boulevard before the store manager asked the man to leave for an unspecified reason. Deputies arrived and took the man into custody.

### Public Intoxication

Friday, January 6: at 8:40 p.m., a 26-year-old man from Castro Valley was arrested on suspicion of public intoxication. Deputies caught up with the man as he was traveling on Wisteria Street and Cortez Court. The man failed his field-sobriety test and was taken into custody.

### He Fought the Law

Thursday, January 5: at 5:00 p.m., deputies arrested a 20-year-old man from Castro Valley on suspicion of resisting arrest by use of force. The man was hanging around a mobile home park on Castro Valley Boulevard near Marshall Street when deputies approached him for questioning. The man refused to comply and became belligerent. Deputies handcuffed the man and took him into custody.

### Bad Hospital Patient

Friday, January 6: at 3:10 a.m., a 25-year-old woman with no permanent address was arrested on suspicion of refusing to leave a business after repeated requests by the manager. Deputies were called to Eden Medical Center on Lake Chabot Road after hospital security asked for backup with a confrontational patient. The woman had refused to leave after she was instructed to for an unspecified reason. Deputies took the woman into custody.

### Driving Drugged and Drunk

Monday, January 2: at 10:30 p.m., deputies arrested a 31-year-old man with no permanent address on driving under the influence of multiple drugs and alcohol as well as violating the terms of his parole. Deputies stopped the man on Marshall Street near David Street after observing him swerving in traffic. The man failed his field-sobriety test and was taken to Santa Rita Jail pending \$145,000 in bail.


### Wanted Thief Arrested

Monday, January 2: at 1:43 p.m., a 32-year-old man with no permanent address was arrested on suspicion of petty theft, violating parole, and possession of illegal narcotics and drug paraphernalia. Deputies pulled the man over for a traffic infringement outside the 580 Market Place on the Boulevard. Deputies then searched the car and found his stash. The man was taken to Santa Rita Jail pending \$72,500 in bail.

### Family Fight at Hospital

Monday, January 2: at 4:52 p.m., deputies arrested a 21-year-old man from Hayward on suspicion of assault on a family member. Deputies were called to Eden Medical Center to assist after hospital staff broke up an altercation between the suspect and a family member. The man was handcuffed and taken into custody. The victim was treated at the hospital.

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## The Week Ahead

### ● Thursday, January 12: CV School Board Meeting

The Castro Valley Board of Education will hold a regular open meeting beginning at 7 p.m. tomorrow in the Boardroom of the CV School District, 4400 Alma Ave. Agenda at: [bit.ly/CVUSDBBoardMeetings](http://bit.ly/CVUSDBBoardMeetings)

### ● Friday, January 13: Lose Weight at TOPS in 2017

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS), a nonprofit, noncommercial, weight-loss support group, meets weekly to learn about nutrition, portion control, food planning and exercise. Weigh-ins, group feedback, and support help members achieve their goals. Meet in Room 5 at United Methodist Church, 19806 Wisteria, on Fridays at 9:30 a.m. (weigh-ins at 9). For more information, call Doris Ginn at 510-538-1397 or visit [www.TOPS.org](http://www.TOPS.org) for information on more chapter meetings.

### ● 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 Saturday, 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).

### ● 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 from 9 a.m. to noon this Saturday, 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 including books, jewelry, toys and clothing at the Hill & Valley Women's Club Annual Flea Market from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. this Saturday in the clubhouse, 1808 B St. in Hayward. Lunch 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: 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.

### ● Sunday, January 15: Play Bingo at the Moose Lodge

The Hayward-Castro Valley Moose Lodge at 20835 Rutledge Road in Castro Valley (behind Burger King) holds bingo games, open to the public, every Sunday. Doors open at 11 a.m. and calling starts at 12:30 p.m. Please come join us.

### ● 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. this Sunday, 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)

### ● Monday, January 16: Martin Luther King Jr. Day Schedules

Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday (Jan. 15, 1929) is observed on the third Monday in January and is a federal, state, county and city holiday. Except for emergency services, all government offices will be closed, as will stock exchanges, banks and other financial institutions. Most other business offices, stores and restaurants will operate on a normal schedule. BART will operate on a Saturday schedule. AC Transit will operate on a Sunday schedule. Garbage pickup service will be normal, but CV Sanitary District offices will be closed. Call 510-506-5821 for sewer emergencies.

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

The Castro Valley/Eden Area Chamber of Commerce invites everyone to the 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.

### ● Wednesday, January 18: Learn to Make Japanese Ramen

Join Instructor Kaori Becker to learn how to create a delicious bowl of authentic Japanese ramen from scratch, from 6 to 8 p.m. on Jan. 18 at the Aitken Senior & Community Center, 17800 Redwood Road in Castro Valley. Includes preparing broths and toppings and making dumplings. The cost is \$50 plus a \$15 material fee due to the instructor. Contact: 510-881-6742

### ● 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 Saturday, 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.

### ● Wednesday, January 25: Seminar on Scams, ID Theft

The Aitken Senior and Community Center at 17800 Redwood Road in Castro Valley will be hosting a Financial Scams and Identity Theft Seminar from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Jan. 25 where those attending will learn about common financial scams, how to look out for them and how to protect yourself. Find out what you can do and what rights you have if you have been a victim. Call 510-881-6738 to reserve your spot for this free seminar.

### ● Thursday, January 26: HARD Senior Softball Meeting

Seniors age 50 and over who are interested in playing softball in the 2017 HARD Leagues should attend an informational meeting at 1 p.m. on Thursday, January 26 at the Kenneth C. Aitken Senior & Community Center, 17800 Redwood Road in Castro Valley. The Senior softball program will start its 27th year in March with games played at 9:30 a.m. at the Oliver Fields in Hayward on Tuesdays (60 and over), Wednesdays (70 and over) and Thursdays (50 and over). Practice for new players will be on Feb. 7, 14, and 21 at the Castro Valley Community Center on Lake Chabot Road starting at 9 a.m. More information can be found at [hardseniorsoftball.com](http://hardseniorsoftball.com)

## 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.

● "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.

### THEATRICAL & MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

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

### 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).

● Celebrating Community: Black Families of Fairview and Kelly Hill, depicting the diverse experiences of past and present residents of these two areas of unincorporated Hayward, will be on display in the Hayward Area Historical Society Community Gallery at 22380 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward from Jan. 14 through March 5. The exhibit was guest-curated by Karen McHenry-Smith. For more information call 510-581-0223 or visit [www.haywardareahistory.org](http://www.haywardareahistory.org)

● "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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## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

### Sydney Kralj

This week's Athlete of the Week is Sydney Kralj, a Junior at California Baptist University and Castro Valley resident. Kralj had a remarkable volleyball season for the CBU Lancers.

Kralj transferred from Cal State Los Angeles to California Baptist University and, as a Lancer, became one of the biggest transfers in all of Division II volleyball, in 2016. She finished the season ranked 22 in the division in assists per set (11.02) and 62 in total assists (1,113). Kralj had 10 double-doubles this season, with 246 digs (2.44 a set), 50 kills on a .359 percentage, 42 blocks and 19 aces.

She was named Pac West Setter of the Year with second-team honors. Kralj helped CBU get to the playoffs as the Sixth-seed.

She was one of four Lancers to receive All Pac West honors, one of three All-West Region players that represented California Baptist University in the 2016 NCAA Division II West Regionals, and Kralj also received All-American Honorable Mention.



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## Trojans Win in Overtime

By Andrew Joseph  
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

THE CASTRO VALLEY HIGH School Trojans defeated the San Leandro Pirates 71-69, in an overtime thriller on Friday night in Castro Valley.

Daniel Bessolo, the 6-foot-4 senior forward for the Trojans, recorded a game high 19 points and nine rebounds along with six blocks. Bessolo's 4 points from the charity stripe, at the end of overtime, turned out to be the game winners.

The Trojans seemed to have the game under control with a 35-17 halftime lead, but the Pirates didn't go down without a fight, clawing their way back in the second half.

San Leandro outscored CV 41-23 to tie the game at 58 at the end of regulation and push the game into bonus minutes. The entire

crowd stood for the closing minutes of the game, shocked that San Leandro was able to rally back.

San Leandro tried attacking the paint, but Castro Valley responded with multiple stops, steals, and blocks to seal the win in overtime. Thomas Faustka, the senior center for the Trojans, recorded nine critical rebounds along with his 12 points.

Trojans' head coach Christopher Fortenberry says "that's a great team we just played," when asked about how he feels about the overtime thriller.

"You gotta play all four quarters. We were fortunate to survive, but our guys played with a whole lot of heart and grit. Bessolo hit four key free-throws down the stretch to give us this win, and to win our first league game is a huge confidence builder," Fortenberry said.

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## Health and Wealth All at Once

By Nathaniel Sillin  
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In a perennial period of self-reflection, I enjoy partaking in setting a few New Year's resolutions. Unfortunately, I've (more than once) enthusiastically started a year with shiny optimism only to find myself falling short a few weeks later.

I know I'm not alone, and I'm encouraged by people who challenge themselves time and time again.

Resolutions related to finances and health, two important components of everyone's life, are especially common. Here are a few ways that you could tie physical activities to achieving your financial goals.

Hopefully being able to tackle both resolutions at once can keep you motivated for the entire year.

• Compete with yourself, or others. If you're up for a little friendly competition, consider creating or joining a challenge and putting money on the line.

There's an online app that you can use to place a wager on how often you'll work out. At the end of the week, you have to pay your preselected amount for each workout you miss. But if you complete your workouts for the week, you collect a portion of the amount paid out by everyone else.

Some people make an arrangement with a friend where you each agree to work out X times a week and to pay the other person \$5 or \$10 for each workout missed. Or, you could opt to make a donation to a charity of your friend's choice rather than pay each other.

The goal is to provide accountability, and the financial aspect can add a sense of urgency and be a great motivational tool.

• Connect an activity tracker to rewards programs. Several services give you points each time you work out and let you redeem the points for cash, gift cards or other prizes.

The real trick is to use multiple programs and maximize your rewards from every workout. Some employers also provide bonus points to employees that use these programs or have similar rewards programs of their own.

• Make working out your work. If you're looking to make a serious lifestyle change, and potentially some serious money, consider becoming a personal trainer or fitness instructor. While the certifica-

tion process can be expensive and time-consuming, afterward you'll be able to charge clients for classes or one-on-one training.

• Keep exercise-related expenses down. It can be tempting to buy new workout equipment or sign up for a gym when you're excited about a New Year's resolution. However, there are many ways to get fit without expensive equipment or a large gym.

• Raise money for a charity with every step. You may not have a strong desire to earn money but are still looking for a little extra motivation to work out.

You could also sign up for a charity walk, run or ride and know that when you cross the finish line you'll be helping a good cause.

Nathaniel Sillin directs Visa's financial education programs.

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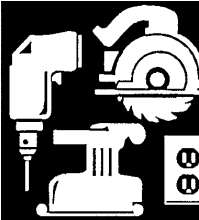
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Pete served in Korea and Vietnam before retiring from the U.S. Navy and also retired from the U.S. Postal Service in the East Bay. He also served as Past Governor and Treasurer of the Castro Valley Moose Lodge and Vice President of the Golden Poppy Council of Higher Degrees.

The Moose Lodge was proud to have Pete serve as District Officer and Legion Officer where he was a Legionnaire and earned his Fellowship Degree.

Services will be Monday, Jan. 16, at Jess C. Spencer Mortuary, 21228 Redwood Road, in Castro Valley at 2 p.m. Burial will follow at Lone Tree Cemetery, 24591 Fairview Ave., in Hayward in the Military section.

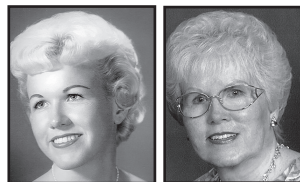
A Celebration of Life will follow at the Moose Lodge in Castro Valley.

## Carol Virginia Vargas

(nee Wilson) passed on December 15, 2016 at El Dorado Hills Senior Care Village in El Dorado Hills, California. She peacefully went home to be with her Lord at the age of 87 years old.

Carol was born to Francis and Phil Wilson in Oakland on April 27, 1929. She had one brother, Bruce, whom she was avidly devoted to. Carol studied at Heald College and went on to work as the personnel manager at Mother's Cookies. She also offered her administrative talents in other industries, including advertising. In 1952, Carol married Byng Forsberg. And, in the following year, the young couple celebrated the birth of their son, Dennis. Later, Dennis and his wife, Cindy, would give Carol the immeasurable joy of three beautiful and loving grandchildren, Dane, Kirsten and Kelsey. In 1975, Carol married Robert (Bob) Friery; but, sadly, after five short years of marriage, Bob suddenly passed away and Carol became a young widow. Happily, Carol's solitude would not be for long and, in 1982, she married Donald Vargas at Redwood Chapel in Castro Valley. Carol and Don were married for 34 years and Don's devotion to Carol, especially in the last two years, was greatly appreciated by all of her family and friends. Carol dearly loved her Redwood Chapel family and enjoyed Bible study, fellowship and sharing the gospel. About 10 years ago, Carol was given the opportunity and privilege of becoming a Stephen Minister and she jumped at the chance. Carol was never boastful. She was a giving person and believed that it was important to leave the cure to God. She thought prayer was the key to facing and overcoming all of life's hurdles.

Carol is survived by her husband, Donald Vargas; her son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Cindy Forsberg; and her grandchildren, Dane Forsberg and his wife, Erin, Kirsten Hart and her husband, Dustin, and Kelsey Forsberg. Carol also leaves behind her two step-children and four step-grandchildren. Carol's memorial will be held on Saturday, Jan. 21, at 1 p.m. at Redwood Chapel, 19300 Redwood Road, in Castro Valley. Please join us in celebrating the life of our beloved mother, grandmother and sister in Jesus.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### 'No One has the Right to Sedition, Everyone has the Right to Protest'

Editor:

I was concerned when I read Verne Teyler's letter concerning the protests at Castro Valley High School after the presidential election. I teach at CVHS and can tell you that many students were nervous and scared.

They were concerned about many issues, such as whether their families would be deported under the new administration, if LGBT students would lose rights, or if assaults against women would be normalized. Many students were frightened and it was palpable.

I have nothing but praise for the way CVHS and District administration, in addition to CVHS teachers, handled the situation. Students were going to protest and staff made sure they have a safe place to do so.

I was most concerned with Mr. Teyler's use of the word "sedition", which means inciting rebellion against the government. Sedition is a serious charge and very different than protest. While no one has a right to sedition, everyone has a right to protest.

In fact, protest is a hallmark of a vibrant democracy. In the landmark case Tinker v. Des Moines, the Supreme Court said, "It can hardly be argued that either students or teachers shed their constitutional rights to freedom of speech or expression at the schoolhouse gate." Students were simply exercising those rights.

Teachers have a responsibility to instill independent thinking in our students. We encourage our students to question things, to become critical thinkers, to make informed decisions on their own. That is what happened the day after the election.

Castro Valley teachers are proud of the independent critical thinkers they help to foster. That is not sedition. That is great teaching.

—Roger Kim, President  
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## Obituaries

### Constance Keenan Davis

December 23, 1919 – January 3, 2017

Connie was a loving and devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was born and grew up in San Francisco. She became a teacher and left to join the Marine Corps as one of the first Women Marines in World War II where she met her husband, Robert Davis. She went back to teaching after the war and ultimately settled in Castro Valley, where she was a teacher for many years, retiring at the age of 72. She loved being involved in the activities of all of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We will miss her warm and beautiful smile.



Friends and family are invited to attend the visitation on Wednesday, Jan. 11, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Jess C. Spencer Mortuary, 21228 Redwood Road, in Castro Valley with the rosary service at 7 p.m. Funeral Mass will be held Thursday, Jan. 12, at 10 a.m. at Transfiguration Catholic Church, 4000 East Castro Valley Blvd., in Castro Valley. The burial will follow at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery in Colma. Arrangements made by Jess C. Spencer Mortuary, Inc. & Crematory, 510-581-9133.

### Helen R. Gomes

was born in Oakland on April 21, 1925. She passed away at home in San Leandro on January 2, 2017.

A consummate mother and homemaker, Helen was an excellent cook and accomplished seamstress and enjoyed preparing meals for her family and friends, and making clothing and dolls. After her children were grown, she returned to school and obtained her Associate of Arts degree, working with special-needs children as a teacher's aide for 15 years.

Helen had an unwavering faith in God. She was a member of Transfiguration Catholic Church, where she became involved with the church and assisted with numerous events.

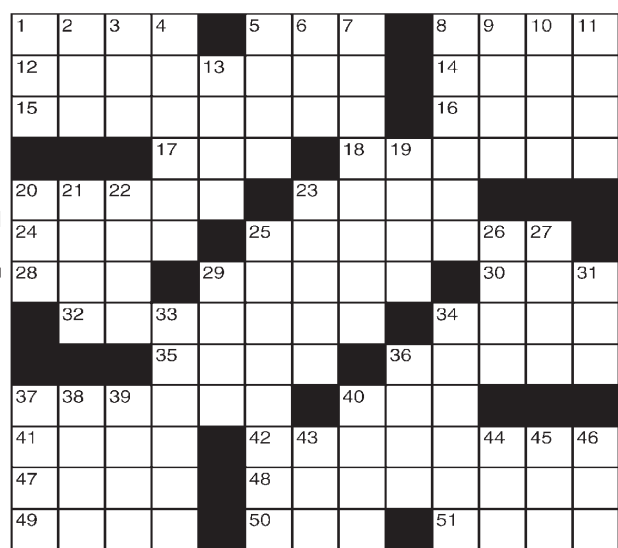
Helen was predeceased by her loving husband of 56 years, George Gomes; her daughter, Judith Gomes; and her two brothers, Joseph and Vernon Rodrigues. She is survived by her son, Jim Gomes; her daughter, Sharon Gomes; her 3 grandchildren, Eric Gomes, Monica Stoffer and Shannon Gomes; and 4 great grandchildren, Mika Gomes and Juliette, Jacob and Ade-lyn Stoffer.

The family will receive friends on Friday, Jan. 13, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Holy Angels Funeral and Cremation Center, 1051 Harder Road, in Hayward. A funeral service celebrating her life will be held the following day on Saturday, Jan. 14, at 10 a.m. at Transfiguration Catholic Church, 4000 E. Castro Valley Blvd., in Castro Valley.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Arc Alameda County, 14700 Doolittle Dr., San Leandro (https://arc.alameda-county.org/).



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# REAL ESTATE GALLERY



## REAL ESTATE REALITY

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GUEST COMMENTARY



## New Chinese Rules May Affect Bay Area Market

It's been no secret that a contributing factor to the historical upturn in the Bay Area real estate market has been the influx of foreign investment money — especially from China.

It's also been understood that China has been working hard to keep investment funds inside its own borders. In a move effective January 1, 2017, China has announced new policies designed to make it harder for Chinese investors to buy real estate in the United States.

Currently, Chinese nationals are allowed an annual quota of \$50,000 to invest in foreign markets. Although penalties have been in place for a number of years in efforts to police the guidelines, Chinese investors wishing to buy abroad have come up with a number of schemes to circumvent the rules.

One common practice has been to have a large number of family and friends each wire \$50,000 to the U.S. If the price is high, this can result in serious delays in getting all the funds to escrow.

In an effort to quell such practices, Reuters reports that China's foreign exchange regulator has increased scrutiny and applicable punishments for offenders that get caught.

The announcement came from the State Administration of Foreign Exchange (SAFE) and demonstrates China's concern

over the continued dip of the Yen in relationship to the dollar. Many Chinese have been buying U.S. dollars to hedge against the losses — often the first step in preparing to buy overseas.

The U.S. housing market has always been viewed as a prime place to invest, cites Sam Van Horebeek of Inman, especially, California, New York, Texas, Washington and New Jersey.

What effect might these tightened regulations have on the Bay Area housing market? While it's hard to say definitively today, it is very possible that this issue, along with rising interest rates and record high prices, may all combine to slow the growth of the housing market in 2017.

While, according to Horebeek, 53 percent of Chinese investors

are more positive about the U.S. economy since the election of President Trump, it's impossible to say what the new President's policies towards China might be and what impact any new policies may have.

One effect that is certain: homes in escrow with offshore funding could take *much* longer to close than before. Sellers beware.

With Chinese investors becoming increasingly anxious about the softening Yen and their government's efforts to stem offshore investment, interesting days are ahead.

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### San Leandro

348 Accolade Drive	94577	\$665,000	4 BD - 1,768 SF - 2002
1400 Carpenter St #204	94577	\$360,000	2 BD - 977 SF - 1983
2217 Claridge Place	94577	\$533,500	2 BD - 1,723 SF - 1977
1349 East Juana Avenue	94577	\$660,000	2 BD - 1,986 SF - 1974
14578 Outrigger Drive	94577	\$512,000	3 BD - 1,596 SF - 1987
537 Superior Avenue	94577	\$820,000	3 BD - 2,107 SF - 1927
1772 Thornton Place	94577	\$565,000	3 BD - 1,332 SF - 1999
290 W Broadmoor Blvd	94577	\$490,000	2 BD - 1,040 SF - 1947
16901 Ehle Street	94578	\$450,000	1 BD - 620 SF - 1947
16011 Gramercy Drive	94578	\$400,000	2 BD - 969 SF - 1949
14555 Kings Court	94578	\$390,000	3 BD - 1,195 SF - 1974
710 Sterling Drive #206	94578	\$365,000	2 BD - 918 SF - 1987
15028 Endicott Street	94579	\$575,000	4 BD - 1,406 SF - 1949
15207 Farnsworth Street	94579	\$490,000	3 BD - 1,114 SF - 1950
722 Greer Avenue	94579	\$540,500	3 BD - 1,054 SF - 1952

TOTAL SALES: 15  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$360,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$820,000  
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$512,000  
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$521,067

### San Lorenzo

949 Hacienda Avenue	94580	\$485,000	3 BD - 1,068 SF - 1947
15582 Usher Street	94580	\$770,000	2 BD - 890 SF - 1947
655 Via Aires	94580	\$605,000	3 BD - 1,134 SF - 1947
17356 Via Alamos	94580	\$610,000	5 BD - 1,673 SF - 1950

TOTAL SALES: 4  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$485,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$770,000  
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$607,500  
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$617,500

## Rates Start the Year Lower

Average fixed mortgage rates moved lower last week for the first time in 10 weeks, according to Freddie Mac's nationwide survey.

The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 4.20 percent last week, down from 4.32 percent the week before. A year ago at this time, the 30-year rate averaged 3.97 percent.

Five-year hybrid adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 3.33 percent last week, up from 3.30 percent. A year ago, the 5-year ARM averaged 3.09 percent.

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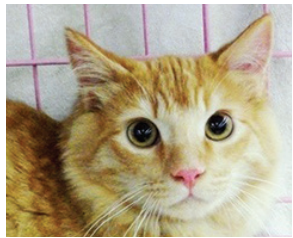
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## MLK Day 2017 Events

**A** NUMBER OF EVENTS are planned around the Bay for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Monday.

Large celebrations will be held in San Francisco, where this year's theme is "Justice in the Beloved Community." It includes the MLK Liberation Film Festival beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, a march and parade beginning at the Caltrain Station at 11 a.m., an MLK Health & Wellness Festival at the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts Forum and many other events.

The SFJAZZ Center features the Anniversary Celebration/MLK Day Free Open House where you can honor the legacy of Dr. King, listen to music and find out more about jazz at 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. at Miner Auditorium, 201

### CV Student on Honor Roll at Oregon State

Bryan A. Cmelak of Castro Valley has made the Honor Roll at Oregon State University in Corvallis.

Cmelak is a junior majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

To be on the Honor Roll, a student must carry at least 12 graded hours of course work and have a grade point average of 3.5 or better.

Franklin St. (phone 866-920-5299 or visit [sfjazz.org](http://sfjazz.org)).

Check the website ([sfmlkday.org](http://sfmlkday.org)) for times and details of all of the San Francisco events.

In the East Bay, Congressman Eric Swalwell will be among the speakers at a rally and march beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Hayward City Hall Plaza. Also in Hayward, a celebration will be held at 4:30 p.m. at the Chabot College Performing Arts Center.

The East Bay Regional Park District is inviting volunteers to assist staff for the MLK Day of Service with restoration work and invasive plant removal at the MLK Memorial Grove and Damon Marsh. For info and to register, visit [www.ebparks.org/about/get-involved/volunteer/mlk-day-of-service](http://www.ebparks.org/about/get-involved/volunteer/mlk-day-of-service). The Martin Luther King, Jr. Regional Shoreline is at Doolittle Drive and Swan Way, Oakland.

Next Wednesday, Jan. 18, San Leandro students will perform original and well-known essays, speeches and poems that honor Dr. King and celebrate his message of peace, tolerance and social justice, at the Senior Community Center, 13909 E. 14th St., San Leandro (phone 510-577-3473 or visit [sanleandro.org/depts/rec/special\\_events/default.asp](http://sanleandro.org/depts/rec/special_events/default.asp)).

## LETTERS to the Editor

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### Alarmed by Teyler 'Teacher Sedition' Letter

Editor:

Regarding Verne Teyler's follow-up letter on the topic of "sedition" published in last week's Forum, I am more alarmed about his call for "specific teacher sedition and student defiance policies" than high school students walking out of class and staging a peaceful protest after an extraordinary event, like the election of a misogynistic bully whose rhetoric inspired white nationalists, emboldened Russian authoritarianism, and struck genuine fear among Americans who believe in an inclusive and decent nation.

—Michael Kuslak, Castro Valley

### Hard to believe that MAC Keeps Daughtrey Bldg. Vacant

Editor:

According to the Castro Valley Forum article of Jan. 4, the Daughtrey's building has been largely vacant since 1991. I've lived here for 24 years and it's been vacant all that time except for a billiard hall and seasonal Halloween costume pop-ups.

I find it hard to believe that the Castro Valley MAC decided to continue to keep the Daughtrey's building vacant, with MAC Chair Marc Crawford calling the proposal for a children's entertainment center a "non-starter". God forbid, we would want to do something that would provide wholesome entertainment for our children and put to good use a vacant eyesore in our community.

—Bob Britton, Castro Valley

### Says Trump Action 'Smacks of Treason'

Editor:

Trump's dismissal of our own intelligence community, and acceptance of Julian Assange, the rapist-on-the-run head of Wikileaks, and Putin — the tyrant's denial of hacking into the DNC — smacks of treason.

My God, what have people done in the name of jobs? They have elected a paranoid narcissist who supports our enemies rather than his own country. We are in for a dangerous and insecure four years. I hope all you working class fools who voted for him are happy now.

—Robert Thomas, Castro Valley

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