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A modular unit is hoisted by a Bigge crane at the construction site on W. Juana Avenue where an 85-unit affordable senior apartment building is under construction.

Heavy Lifting on West Juana

It looked like big double-wides were floating in the air last week on W. Juana Avenue and Carpentier Street.

This is the new modular construction process, as construction began on a project called San Leandro Senior Apartments, an 85-unit affordable senior housing development.

The construction involves stacking 138 modular units like Legos. The senior apartments are going up as the second phase of the Marea Alta apartments on San Leandro Boulevard across from the San Leandro BART Station, which is about the only place where zoning laws and homeowners don't block apartment construction.

The senior apartments will offer one- and two-bedroom apartments to households earning between 30 and 50 percent of the area median income, according to the developer Bridge Housing.

Applications for apartments are not yet available. More information can be found at bridgehousing.com.

Hostile Crowd Tells Developer To Go Away

North Area homeowners protest expanded apartment plan

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

Residents of the north area are once again riled up about a proposed apartment building on the corner of Estudillo and Bancroft avenues – because the developer is planning an even larger apartment complex than the one he planned before.

Those opposing the project say they have no issues with apartments or renters, they just *see APARTMENTS, page 9*

Developer Tom Silva purchased the partially-occupied medical building at 1388 Bancroft Avenue and proposed a five-story, 51-unit apartment building last year.

Under pressure from the Estudillo Estates neighborhood group, the city ultimately decided not to make the zoning changes which would have allowed Silva to build the five-story apartment but did allow a three-story apartment building.

But next week, Silva will present the city's Planning Commission with another rezoning proposal for a 73-unit, 47-foot tall apartment building with double-decker car stackers.

The neighbors quickly organized and have put out flyers and email blasts condemning the project. Over 100 residents gathered at the Main Library Tuesday night to discuss the project and what they can do to stop it.

"It's too big and too dense," said Evan Adams, who lives on Estudillo Avenue. "To me, it's mind-boggling, I just don't un-

Army Vet Found His Niche in The Military

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

One of the most highly decorated colonels in the United States Army is a Castro Valley native who is retiring next month after nearly 30 years in the service.

Colonel Jordan Chroman was born and raised in the East Bay and his mom, dad, and sister still live in Castro Valley and he visits frequently from his home near Monterey.

In his long career, Chroman has served as professor of military science at Santa Clara University, as the chief of a United Nations Field Office in Bosnia, has worked at the Pentagon, and *see CHROMAN, page 5*

Fire Displaces Residents on Carpentier

A kitchen fire displaced 15 people and killed two pets at an apartment complex on the 1700 block of Carpentier Street on Sunday night, Nov. 5.

The two-alarm fire broke out just after 10 p.m. on the second story of the two-floor apartment complex, according to Aisha Knowles, spokeswoman for the Alameda County Fire Department.

Firefighters had the blaze under control within 20 minutes and contained it to the unit where it started.

There were no injuries to residents or emergency responders. A cat and a snake were killed in the fire and two more cats remain unaccounted for.

Fire investigators traced the source of the fire to the kitchen of one of the apartments, but the cause of the blaze is undetermined at this time.

Residents of all six units were displaced as a result of the fire and the Red Cross offered assistance, but they all decided to stay with nearby friends and family members, Knowles said.

Fire in San Lorenzo

A separate fire broke out in an apartment in San Lorenzo just before 4 p.m. on Tuesday afternoon.

The two-alarm fire was contained to one unit on the second floor of a three-story unit at 16215 Via Arriba and was prevented from reaching the top floor, officials said.



PHOTO COURTESY ACFD

A fire that started in a kitchen gutted a two-story apartment building on Carpentier Street.

No residents or firefighters were injured, but a cat and two parrots died in the fire.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

The Red Cross helped two adults and one child who were displaced by the fire.

– Amy Sylvestri

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CITY COUNCIL

Council meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in City Council Chambers, City Hall, 835 E. 14th St., San Leandro. For more information, call the City Clerk at 577-3367.

SAN LEANDRO SCHOOL BOARD

Board meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 835 E. 14th St., San Leandro. For more information, call Michelle Mayfield at 667-3522.



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Volunteer Drivers Provide Priceless Gift To Cancer Patients

Drivers For Survivors has expanded its service area to Central Alameda County and is sending forth a call for volunteer drivers.

Drivers For Survivors is approaching five years of service to the Tri-City area (Fremont, Newark, and Union City), providing free transportation service and supportive companionship for ambulatory cancer patients.

Now the service is expanding into Hayward, San Leandro, San Lorenzo, Ashland, Cherryland, and Castro Valley.

The program is funded by the Alameda County Transportation Commission, through Measure B and Measure BB tax dollars; Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310, charitable individuals, organizations, and businesses within the communities.

The program relies on volunteers to drive clients to and from oncology-related appointments,

while providing supportive and caring companionship at a most challenging time.

Volunteer drivers are only required to meet a minimum of providing one ride every three months of their choosing. Of course more is welcome.

Drivers For Survivors volunteers understand the need to support those going through cancer treatment quite often based from personal experience or that of a loved one. Many volunteers realize the gift in helping in this way is priceless.

Survivor drivers offer yet another level of hope. The result is showing love and compassion to others and in return being appreciated and looked at as someone's personal hero.

To become a volunteer driver/companion in your area, call 579-0535 or email volunteer@driversforsurvivors.org. The Drivers for Survivors website is: <http://driversforsurvivors.org/>.

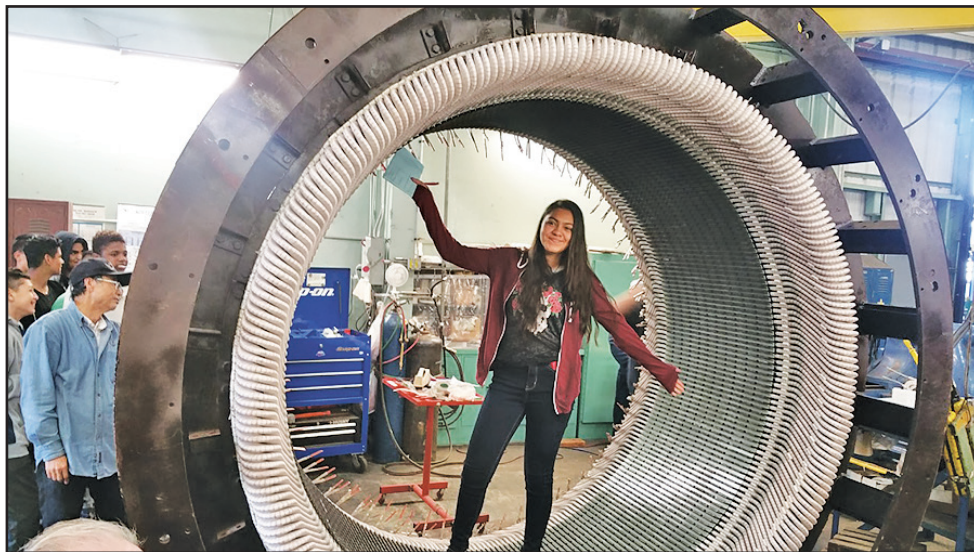


PHOTO COURTESY SAN LEANDRO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Students visited manufacturers last week, including a stop at Koffler Electric in San Leandro where students got an inside look at very large electric motor.

Manufacturing Students Tour Local Businesses

Nearly 350 advanced manufacturing students from San Leandro, San Lorenzo, Castro Valley and Hayward, plus Castro Valley Adult School, toured manufacturing businesses last Friday.

The group visited businesses from Hayward to San Leandro

and later had lunch at Chabot College. They heard a presentation about the importance of manufacturing in the United States and how the sector provides over 17 million jobs.

Chabot offers an in-depth 2-year degree in Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering with

eight different concentrations to choose from.

The San Leandro businesses that participated are Coca-Cola, Scandic Springs, Simmons, Koffler Electric, Energy Recovery, Mr. Plastics, and Urban Bloc, plus the Oro Loma Sanitary District of San Lorenzo.

Council to Hold Meeting On Short-Term Rentals

The San Leandro City Council will hold a Work Session on Monday, Nov. 13, at 7 p.m. to discuss possible regulations for short term rentals in the city, and include an opportunity for public comment.

Short term rental services such as Airbnb and VRBO have become increasingly common in the Bay Area as services based on the "sharing economy" have proliferated. Although no formal decisions will be made at this meeting, the City Council will

provide direction to staff on future policies and regulations related to this industry.

Potential regulations range from an outright prohibition on short term rentals to limits on the number of nights or duration of stays. The work session will also include a discussion of the impact of short term rentals on housing supply and affordability.

The Work Session will be held in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 835 East 14th St.

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Pets of the Week



Blondie



Noggin

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter are Blondie the dog and Noggin the dog.

Blondie is a friendly, 10-year-old who loves warming laps while enjoying a petting session with her human. Okay with kids 7 and older.

Noggin is an active boy who loves to play fetch. He will do well with some positive training and an active family who will take him for walks. Okay with kids 8 and older.

For more information on Blondie or Noggin, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at 293-7200.



Alameda County firefighters inspect the damage from a house fire on Heather Drive last week which left one man hospitalized for smoke inhalation.

Man Rescued from House Fire

A one-alarm fire broke out at a home on the 900 block of Heather Lane in San Leandro last week and an unconscious man was rescued from the blaze.

When firefighters arrived on the scene just after 11 p.m. on Nov. 1 they found heavy smoke coming from both floors of a two-story home.

While preparing their equipment, they heard what sounded

like a person coughing from inside the house.

Firefighters found an unresponsive 60-year-old man on the first floor of the home, just a few feet away from the front door, according to Aisha Knowles, spokeswoman for the Alameda County Fire Department.

Emergency responders treated the man on the front lawn and paramedics transported him to

the hospital where he was treated for smoke inhalation and was declared to be in stable condition.

The fire was located in the kitchen and extended up a wall to the second story hallway right above the kitchen.

Firefighters were able to contain the fire to the residence where it started and extinguished it within 20 minutes of arriving at the scene.

DA Helps Pass Rape Kit Law

Last month, Governor Jerry Brown signed a piece legislation into law that was sponsored by Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley which requires law enforcement agencies to annually report data on the collection and testing of sexual assault evidence kits to the California Department of Justice.

This new law, AB 41, provides greater transparency for survivors and policy makers.

"The neglect of sexual assault kits with no explanation of why they were not analyzed simply adds to the trauma endured by survivors seeking justice," said O'Malley in a written statement. "With a few extra keystrokes, law enforcement has the ability to improve prosecution and provide victims of sexual assault who reported a crime with information

about their case that they deserve to know."

The mismanagement of sexual assault evidence kits, often referred to as the rape kit backlog, is a problem that plagues cities throughout the state and the nation.

Many jurisdictions, including Alameda County, have worked to successfully decrease or eliminate their backlogs. However, there is currently no comprehensive data available in California about the number of sexual assault evidence kits that local law enforcement agencies collect annually, how many of those kits are analyzed, or reasons some sexual assault evidence kits are not analyzed.

A 2014 report by the California State Auditor revealed that each year kits go unanalyzed for a

variety of reasons. AB 41 directly addresses this problem by directing law enforcement agencies to track and report each sexual assault kit with the Department of Justice.

"To get at the heart of the backlog problem we need to know how many kits are collected each year, and if they're not analyzed, we need to know why," O'Malley. "This data will help shed some light on improvements that law enforcement needs to make."

Pair Arrested for Series of Armed Rolex Robberies

Two men were arrested last month for armed robberies that took place over the summer, and the Alameda County District Attorney's office has charged them with multiple felonies.

The robbery investigation began on July 24, when a man was robbed at gun point of his Rolex watch while walking on Vistagrand Drive in Bay-o-Vista.

During the robbery, a suspect fired his gun but no one was injured, police say.

The second robbery took place on Sept. 12 when another man was robbed of his Rolex on Heather Glenn Drive in the

southern part of San Leandro.

Police say those two robberies were part of a spate of Rolex robberies throughout the East Bay during the summer.

On Oct. 31, SLPD Detective Tim Perry delivered a three-month robbery investigation to the Alameda County District Attorney's Office, identifying two men – Larry Ward, 22 of Oakland and Henry Johnson, 23, of Antioch – as suspects.

Ward and Johnson have been charged with multiple counts of robbery, assault with a deadly weapon, discharging a firearm and child endangerment, as

children were present in the area in both incidents.

"This is a case of exemplary police work by our detectives," said San Leandro Police Lieutenant Isaac Benabou. "These violent crimes committed in our community, in the presence of children, are unacceptable to our quality of life. Our investigative staff persistently worked on these cases until the suspects were identified and brought to justice."

Both Ward and Johnson remain in custody in lieu of \$400,000 bail each at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin awaiting their next court proceeding on Nov. 16.

Cops Looking for Hit and Run Driver

San Leandro police are asking the public for help in finding a hit and run driver who allegedly struck and seriously injured a man last week.

A 26-year-old man was walking southbound on the 13400 block of Bancroft Avenue just before 5:30 a.m. on Nov. 1 when he was hit by a vehicle, according to Lt. Isaac Benabou of the San Leandro police.

The man sustained serious injuries but they are not considered life-threatening and he was taken to the hospital where he remains in critical condition, police said.

The driver of the vehicle that struck that man fled the scene without stopping.

Police think the car is a Hyundai Elantra with damage to

the front end.

If you know someone who usually drives a car like this and it has new damage, call the San

Leandro police at 577-2740.

Anonymous web tips also can be submitted to the police at www.sanleandro.org/depts/pd.

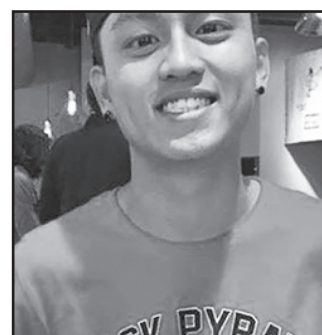
SLz Man Reported Missing

A San Lorenzo young man has been missing for over two weeks and his family is concerned about him, the Alameda County Sheriff's Office says.

Jann Lactawen was last seen on Sunday, Oct. 22 at his home in San Lorenzo at approximately 11 a.m.

Lactawen is Asian, 19-years-old, approximately 5-foot-7 tall and 110 pounds with brown eyes and black hair. He may be in San Francisco.

Anyone with information is



Jann Lactawen

asked to call the Alameda County Sheriff's Office at 667-7721.

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Nancy Angiola Celebrates Her 99th Birthday

Nancy Angiola turns 99 on Nov. 12. She's Italian and a native of Boston, and moved with her husband to California 65 years ago. She's been living in San Leandro ever since.

Nancy loves the San Francisco Giants and is a die-hard 49ers fan – she never misses watching the games. She loves to bake and distributes her goodies to all – the garbage man, the mailman, friends and neighbors.



Nancy Angiola loves to bake for her friends.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

❖ San Leandro Players *The Broken Badge*

The San Leandro Players present *The Broken Badge*, on Saturdays, through Nov. 19, at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. at the San Leandro Museum/Auditorium, 320 West Estudillo Ave. Tickets are \$20 general, \$15 seniors, TBA members (with ID), under 12, students. The play melds old-time radio and melodrama in a turn-of-the-century San Leandro story of lost love, a rehabilitated villain, a jilted woman, and a

famed sheriff. For information or reservations, call 895-2573, or online at www.slplayers.org.

❖ Chanticleers Theatre *Christmas in Oz*

The East Bay Children's Theatre and Chanticleers Theatre are pleased to announce *Christmas in Oz*, beginning November 17 through December 17 at Chanticleers Theatre, 3683 Quail Avenue in Castro Valley. Book, music and lyrics by Ron Lytle. It's Christmastime again and

somewhere in Kansas, Dorothy is lonely for her friends back in Oz. So with the help of kindly Mister Tinker, she builds a magical wish machine and returns to the Emerald City just in time for the big holiday celebration. But the holly is quickly stripped of its jolly when a sassy sorceress named Nefariosa crashes the party and kidnaps Santa Claus. Performances are on Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 7 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for general admission and \$20 for students and seniors over 60. For more information, call 733-5483.

❖ **PhotoCentral Gallery**
Made By Hand Photography, an exhibition of handmade photographs featuring the artwork of nationally recognized practitioners of unique contemporary and historic processes, will run through Nov. 27 at the PhotoCentral Gallery, Lower Level, HARD Offices, 1099 E St. in Hayward. Info at www.photo-central.org/



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

❖ Togeï Ceramic Artwork Exhibit

The Togeï pottery class will exhibit ceramic artwork and pottery pieces through Dec. 31 at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Avenue. There will also be a special reception and sale of pieces at the library on Saturday, Nov. 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come to enjoy the pottery and refreshments.

❖ Holiday Boutique

The Ashland Holy Ghost Hall, 16490 Kent Avenue in San Lorenzo, will have a Holiday Boutique on Friday, Nov. 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 11, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Some of the many handmade items include, jewelry, holiday decoration, baked goods, knit items, and jams and jelly's.

❖ Hearing Loss Association Meeting

The Hearing Loss Association will meet on Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Oakland Kaiser Permanente Hospital, Fabiola Bldg., 3801 Howe St., lower level, room G26. Refreshments are at 9:30 a.m. with the program starting at 10 a.m. Lauren Jacobs will speak about music. Jacobs is a UCSF research specialist who has researched the effects of musical rhythm on visual long-term memory. Parking is free in the old garage across from Howe Street. For more information, email athos.artist@att.net or call Kay at 886-4717.

❖ Veterans Day Flag Raising

The American Legion Post 117 and the City of San Leandro invite the public to the Veterans Day observance and flag raising on Saturday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m. at the San Leandro City Hall, 835 East 14th St. On this day that honors all American veterans, Post 117 plans to honor a veteran who passed on with a ceremony that includes the stacking of rifles, placement of an American Legion cap, and a flag raising ceremony.

❖ Blue Star Moms Fundraising Party

The Alameda, Piedmont, Oakland Blue Star Moms Group (CA36) is having a fundraising party on Saturday, Nov. 11, from 6 p.m. to midnight at The Washington Club, 1746 Washington Ave. in San Leandro. There will be food and drawings for prizes, including a top prize of four Chairman's Club tickets to the San Jose Sharks game vs. the Florida Panthers on Nov. 16. Winner will be notified by email. For more information, go to the Blue Star Moms website: bluestarmomsca36.com.

❖ I.D.E.S. of Saint John November Lunch

I.D.E.S. of Saint John, 1670 Orchard Ave. in San Leandro, will have its Thanksgiving lunch and bingo on Saturday, Nov. 11, at noon. Lunch is \$15 and includes a turkey lunch and 4 bingo cards, additional cards are 25 cents each. For more information and tickets call, Helder Quadros at 357-5846, Willie Calvo at 635-6326, or Frances Leite at 886-1568.

❖ Alta Mira Club Annual Boutique

The Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Avenue in San Leandro, will have its annual community boutique on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 10 and 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunches will be sold from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Unique handmade items will be sold by a number of vendors and Alta Mira members.

❖ SL Art Association Artist Demonstration

San Leandro Art Association will hold its

monthly meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m. when a vote will be taken for the 2018 officers. At 7:30 p.m., fashion designer Mariya Milovidova will demonstrate her work. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Molly Dolly at 483-1208.

❖ St. Felicitas November Luncheon

Tickets are now on sale at St. Felicitas Parish, 1662 Manor Blvd. in San Leandro, for the Young at Heart luncheon on Wednesday, Nov. 15, serving lasagna rollup, salad and all the fixings plus dessert and beverage. Doors open at 11:45 a.m. and lunch is served at noon. Tickets are \$7. Entertainment and door prizes at each luncheon. Tickets must be purchased no later than Thursday, Nov. 9 before the luncheon. Tickets are available at the parish office Monday through Thursday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

❖ Science Night at Bancroft Middle School

The Bancroft Middle School science department invites everyone to its annual Science Night on Thursday, Nov. 16, from 6 to 8 p.m. See science demonstrations and interactive fun on energy, chemistry, engineering, experimentation, and invention. See the science magic show and enjoy liquid nitrogen ice cream. There will be food for sale on the Bancroft campus, 1150 Bancroft Ave., for your convenience. This event is co-sponsored by Xtreme Science Magic, The Lawrence Hall of Science, and The American Chemical Society.

❖ Leadership San Leandro to Host Speakers

Join Leadership San Leandro on Friday, Nov. 17, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Avenue. The afternoon will offer thought-provoking speakers who will discuss the future of finance, transportation, health, technology and psychology at the lecture hall, and include an interactive, virtual social networking event. For tickets visit bit.ly/2gC6rrX.

❖ Veterans Day Pancake Breakfast

New Life Church, 890 Fargo Avenue in San Leandro, will host a free Veterans Day Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, Nov. 11, from 8 to 10 a.m. RSVP at NewLifeChurchSL@gmail.com.

❖ Harry Potter Board Game Battle

Fans of the wildly popular JK Rowling Harry Potter Book Series are in for a gaming treat at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Avenue, on Saturday, Nov. 18, from 1 to 4 p.m. Defeat Voldemort in the Hogwarts Battle deck building game, play Harry Potter Clue, and have fun in the life-sized Harry Potter-themed Candy Land. Dozens of regular board games for ages 4 and up will entertain at this free event, and light refreshments will be served. Most games are drop-in, but you need to reserve a seat at the Hogwarts Battle table (ages 8 and up, space for 16 players) by calling the Children's Library at 577-3960. Find more information about the Nov. 18 Harry Potter Board Game Battle at sanleandrolibrary.org.

❖ Team Eden Pancake Breakfast

Team Eden will host a pancake breakfast fundraiser to help end AIDS on Saturday, Nov. 18, from 8 to 10 a.m. at Knudsen's Ice Creamery, 3323 Castro Valley Blvd. in Castro Valley. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Your honesty continues to impress everyone who needs reassurance about a project. But be careful you don't lose patience with those who are still not ready to act.



TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Pushing others too hard to do things your way could cause resentment and raise more doubts. Instead, take more time to explain why your methods will work.



GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Be more considerate of those close to you before making a decision that could have a serious effect on their lives. Explain your intentions and ask for their advice.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): You might have to defend a workplace decision you plan to make. Colleagues might back you up on this, but it's the facts that will ultimately win the day for you. Good luck.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): The Big Cat's co-workers might not be doing enough to help get that project finished. Your roars might stir things up, but gentle purrr-suasion will prove to be more effective.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): Someone you care for needs help with a problem. Give it lovingly and without judging the situation. Whatever you feel you should know will be revealed later.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): While you're to be admired for how you handled recent workplace problems, be careful not to react the same way to a new situation until all the facts are in.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): Rely on your keen instincts as well as the facts at hand when dealing with a troubling situation. Be patient. Take things one step at a time as you work through it.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Your curiosity leads you to ask questions. However, the answers might not be what you hoped to hear. Don't reject them without checking them out.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Be careful not to tackle a problem without sufficient facts. Even sure-footed Goats need to know where they'll land before leaping off a mountain path.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Appearances can be deceiving. You need to do more investigating before investing your time, let alone your money, in something that might have some hidden flaws.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Your recent stand on an issue could make you the focus of more attention than you would like. But you'll regain your privacy, as well as more time with loved ones by week's end.



PHOTO COURTESY OF JORDAN CHROMAN

Chroman (left) with British ambassador Sir Nigel Sheinwald when he was awarded the Order of the British Empire.

Chroman: Urges people to talk to veterans

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participated in Operations Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom.

As a teenager, Chroman said he knew he wanted to join the army, but he never really thought he'd make a career out of it.

"I come from an immigrant family – my mom's a Holocaust survivor – and growing up I felt a very strong love for the nation," said Chroman. "It was important for me to serve in some way. I thought I'd do just a few years, but I realized what an incredible calling it is and I love it."

One of Chroman's honors came in 2008 when he was awarded the Order of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth II for work he did improving the United Kingdom's military logistics capability – he and his team developed a system to rapidly get materials into a conflict zone.

Since Chroman is American and not a British citizen, you don't have to refer to him as "Sir Jordan," though.

"That was a really unexpected event and the process was

strange but really exciting," said Chroman. "All of a sudden I get a call late at night in D.C. where I was living at the time and they said 'We aren't saying we are going to do this (award) but if we were, would you accept it?' And then I didn't hear anything more for months and then I was told I received it and there was a ceremony. It's the kind of thing the British know how to do well – lots of pomp but not overdone."

Veterans Day is coming up on Nov. 11 and Chroman says the holiday is a good reminder to reach out to the members of our community who have been in the military.

"You see those old guys shuffling around wearing (military) hats, so talk to them," said Chroman. "I guarantee they'll have some stories for you. It doesn't have to be on Veterans Day, reach out to these men and women. Veterans Day to me is really about honoring a legacy – those brave men and women who were able to fight for the ideals that the country was founded on."

San Leandro to Host Recycling Day at Marina Community Center

In recognition of America Recycles Day, the City of San Leandro is hosting a special event on Tuesday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd.

This year's campaign theme "Be Recycled" is aimed at motivating residents to recycle 365 days per year and to reuse materials to give them a second, third or even a fourth life.

America Recycles Day is a national campaign aimed at encouraging reuse, recycling and buying recycled products. The event is open to San Leandro residents only.

"Be Recycled" encourages residents to recycle pharmaceuticals, household batteries and electronic media, such as floppy disks, DVDs, CD cases and toner cartridges.

Residents also may drop-off mercury-containing items including thermometers, thermostats and fluorescent lights.

America Recycles Day is the only nationally recognized day dedicated to promoting and celebrating recycling in the United States.

More than 2,000 events are held coast-to-coast, engaging more than 2 million estimated

participants nationwide.

For more information, visit www.RecycleSanLeandro.org, or call the City's Recycling Hotline at 577-6026.

Fashion Designer to Speak at Art Meeting

San Leandro Art Association will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m. when a vote will be taken for the 2018 officers. At 7:30 p.m., fashion designer Mariya Milovidova will demonstrate her work. Refreshments will be served.

Blue Star Moms Fundraiser Party

The Alameda, Piedmont, Oakland Blue Star Moms Group (CA36) is having a fundraising party on Saturday, Nov. 11, from 6 p.m. to midnight at The Washington Club, 1746 Washington Ave. in San Leandro.

There will be food and drawings for prizes, including a top prize of four Chairman's Club tickets to the San Jose Sharks game vs. the Florida Panthers on Nov. 16. Winner will be notified by email. For more information, go to the Blue Star Moms website: bluestarmomscs36.com.

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- ⊙ San Leandro residents only
- ⊙ Place batteries in sealed plastic bag separate from other products
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Manage your household products the right way:

- Do not buy more than you need
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AUTOMOTIVE

Soul Turbo Squeezes Out Extra Juice

By Steve Schaefer
San Leandro Times

Some cars are cool without being sleek. The original box on wheels, the Scion xB, is gone now, but it started a small trend of alternative quirkiness that is now best represented by the Kia Soul.

The Soul has been around for a while, and even though its second generation is aging, it still stands out on the road and it's fun to hop in and zip around in. It even offers a pure electric model, with its grille obscured (no longer necessary — they hide the charging socket there). You can also order it with a jaunty two-tone paint job.

But the Soul that's the focus of this little story is the Exclaim (!) Turbo model. With this fresh propulsion choice for the 2017 model year, each of the three levels of non-electric Soul has its own engine, and its own purpose in life, we can assume.

The turbo makes a major impact. While the base car uses a naturally aspirated 1.6-liter four-cylinder engine with just 130 horsepower on tap (118 lb.-ft. of torque), and the Plus middle model does fine with a 2.0-liter four that hits 161 horsepower (150 lb.-ft.), the turbo boasts 201 horses and, especially important, 195 lb.-ft. of torque, too — a 45-lb.-ft. jump from the Plus. That's no small difference.

Each model offers its own transmission. The base model gives you a choice of a six-speed manual or automatic, the Plus gets only a conventional six-speed automatic, while the turbo, our featured ride, comes with a twin-clutch seven-speed automatic.

Why two clutches? While you only need one at a time, by dividing up the cogs, you can be using one clutch while the other one is setting itself up for the next gear, for faster and smoother shifting.

The Exclaim Turbo earns bet-

ter fuel economy than either of its fellow models, at 26 City, 31 Highway, and 28 Combined. It's a win-win situation. I averaged 26.8 mpg. Green vehicle ratings are 6 for both Greenhouse Gas and Smog.

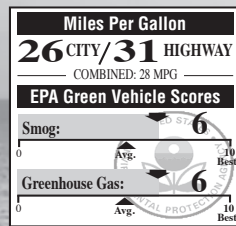
The boxy body gets a few small tweaks but is generally the same audacious little cube it started out as. That means you can get up to 61 cubic feet of space when you drop the rear seat. At 163 inches long, it fits urban parking spots with ease, but at 63.5 inches tall, it feels open and airy.

Keeping with the different strokes for different folks philosophy, each level gets its own size wheels, too, the base 16-inches through the Plus's 17s to the unique 18s on the Exclaim (!).

Kia provides plenty of amusement inside. Circles predominate, with cylindrical speaker towers at each dash corner (with upward-facing cones) and big circles on the doors. You'd almost expect to find a nice crank window handle there, but of course no-one offers (or wants) those anymore, at any price point. The leather-wrapped wheel is a sporty "D" shape, with a flat bottom.

Kia has done a marvelous job of making its interior surfaces look inviting and feel premium, from the K900 at the top to the little Rio at the bottom. That helps to erase memories of earlier models, where a cheap price was the most important feature.

Kia was rated the third most reliable brand, below Toyota and Lexus, by Consumer Reports in their December 2017 issue. The Soul was ranked the fourth most



Kia's iconic urban passenger vehicle offers a fun, funky and functional approach to everyday driving.

reliable compact car, below the Toyota Corolla, Hyundai Elantra and Mazda 3. The 2016 Soul was the highest ranked Multi-Purpose Vehicle in initial quality, two years in a row, by JD Power & Associates.

My Inferno Red tester upped the fun quotient with a panoramic sunroof (\$1,000), and the Technology Package (\$3,000). This collection of upgrades serves to elevate the experience for comfort and entertainment. Heated front seats (and the two outboard back seats too) is just the beginning. You get power adjustment for the front seats and mirrors.

Add in a navigation system and a 315-watt Harman Kardon eight-speaker audio system with the modern convenience of Apple CarPlay/Android Auto. The eight-inch center display is big enough to see stuff and easy to use.

Lighting gets enhanced with



Kia now makes its interior surfaces look more inviting and feel premium.

LED taillamps and fog lamps outside, and inside — speaker lights!

The Soul, despite being short and just 3,232 pounds, gets a five-star overall government safety rating.

Built in Gwangju, Korea, the Soul is a smokin' deal in base mode with manual transmission, starting at just \$16,985, including destination charges. The Exclaim

Turbo base-prices at \$23,650, but mine totaled \$27,620 with the abovementioned extras. And, remember, with all Kias you get that amazing 10-year/100,000-mile limited powertrain warranty, and five years or 60,000 of free roadside assistance.

If you're seeking fun, practicality and a touch of quirky, with great reliability, the Soul awaits you.

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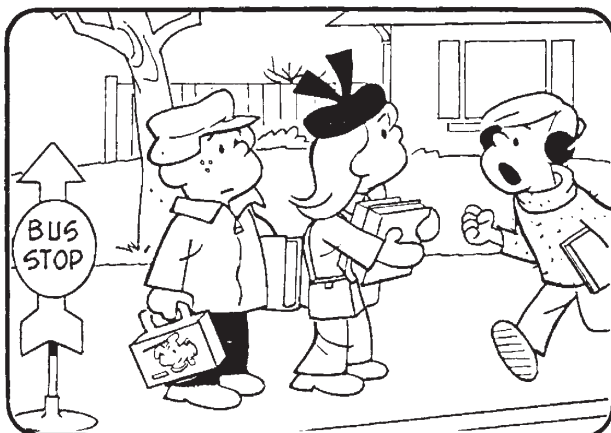
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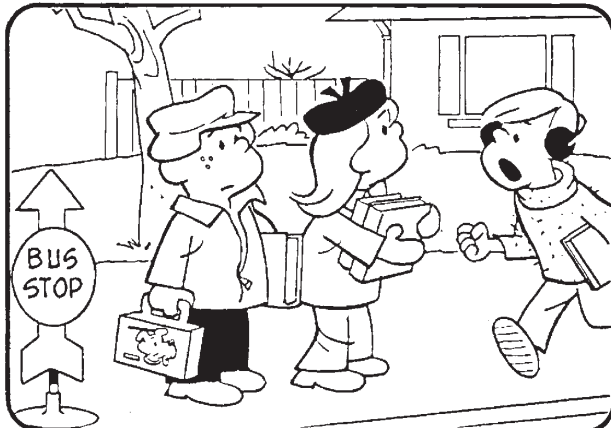
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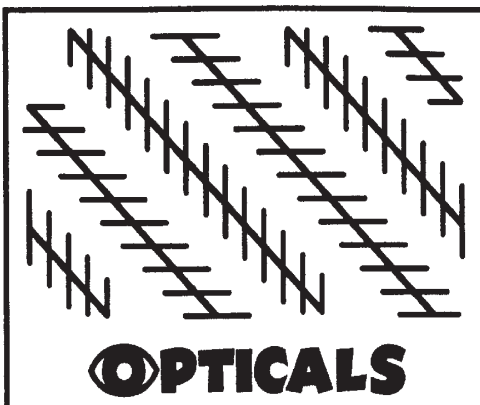


Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Sign is shorter. 2. Lunchbox is moved. 3. Jacket is opened. 4. Hat bow is smaller. 5. Purse is missing. 6. Arm is lower.

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ARE THE LONG diagonal lines shown above straight and parallel?

Answer: Yes. The short lines make them appear to be unaligned.

A CROOKED CALCULATION! A dishonest tradesman measured out 20 feet of rope for a customer. Using a yardstick that was 3 inches too short, how much rope "didn't" the customer get?

Answer: 18 inches. In measuring the first 18 feet, 3 inches were lost for each yard. There was no loss for the last 2 feet.

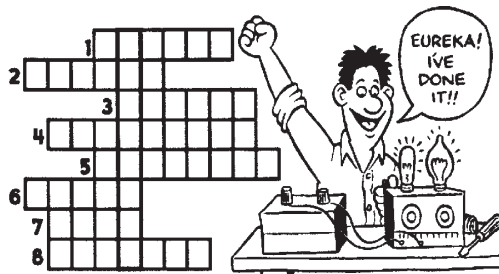
Illustrated by David Coulson

IT'S MAGIC! Use the numbers 4 through 13 to fill in our Magic Square. The numbers in each horizontal row and vertical column should total 47. We've filled in six of the squares. The rest is up to you.

Our answer: First row: 11, 14, 18, 4. Second row: 17, 5, 10, 15. Third row: 6, 20, 12, 9. Fourth row: 13, 8, 7, 19.



by Charles Barry Townsend



AMERICAN GENIUSES! In this puzzle grid there is room for the names of eight famous American inventors. Below are hints to get you started. There is a dark frame around one of the columns in the grid. If you

correctly name all of the inventors, the letters in the frame, top to bottom, will spell out the name of the man who made radio possible.

1. He had over 1,000 patents.
2. He perfected the sewing machine.
3. Made sailing in calm weather easy.
4. Made a wheat harvesting machine.
5. Invented bifocal eyeglasses.
6. Made a machine for sending messages.
7. Had his ups and downs.
8. Invented a machine to clean cotton.



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Answers: 1. (Thomas) Edison. 2. (Isaac) Singer. 3. (Robert) Fulton. 4. (Cyrus) McCormick. 5. (Ben) Franklin. 6. (Samuel) Morse. 7. (Elisha) Otis. 8. (Eli) Whitney. The famous radio inventor was (Lee) DeForest.

Board Gives Davis Street Permit to Operate Pot Clinic

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

The San Leandro Board of Zoning Adjustments (BZA) has granted the Davis Street Wellness Center a permit to operate next door to the Davis Street Family Resource Center on the condition that the Family Resource Center pay back a loan it owes the city by January 31.

In 2010, the city gave the Family Resource Center a "forgivable loan" to buy the property where the proposed dispensary will be located. But a condition of the loan was that the building not be used for any purpose that would conflict with federal laws.

Marijuana is illegal under federal law, so Davis Street needs to repay the remaining \$325,000 of the city's loan if they want to use the building for cannabis.

At last week's meeting, Davis Street said they would repay the loan, but asked for an extension on the repayment to May to allow them more time to try to raise funds.

But after a lengthy discussion, the BZA said no. They decided that to allow the clinic in the space – even if it wasn't open for business – would expose the city to possible repercussions including the loss of federal money.

"Additional risk for the city makes me uncomfortable," said BZA member Tom Fitzsimons.

BZA member Rene Mendieta said he was concerned that Davis Street may not be able to come up with the money by Jan. 31, which would force the process back to the drawing board.

The loan is to the Davis Street Family Resource Center, but the

Resource Center and the Wellness Center are partner agencies.

Wellness Center CEO John Oram said that getting the loan repayment by the end of January will be difficult but they intend to do it.

"It would hinder us, it would harm us," said Oram about repaying the loan by Jan. 31. "We are not arguing on the need to repay that loan, we are just asking for time."

Some people – notably Mayor Pauline Cutter – objected to the location of the Wellness Center as it is directly next door to the Davis Street Family Resource Center at 3089 and 3081 Teagarden Street.

So the BZA's decision to grant the conditional use permit could be appealed – the deadline for an appeal is Nov. 17.



TIMES FILE PHOTO

Developer Tom Silva bought the office building at Bancroft and Estudillo avenues and wants to build an apartment building on the site.

Take a Walk to See the Monarchs At Their Wintertime Resting Site

Flying thousands of miles at speeds of up to 25 miles per hour and a mile high in the sky, Monarch butterflies return annually to the same trees at the San Leandro Marina and hunker down to spend the winter.

Learn about the life cycle and mysterious migrations of the Monarch butterfly from a butterfly expert. After a brief talk, take a short walk to see large clusters of butterflies on the Eucalyptus trees.

This is one of only two places in Alameda County to witness this natural phenomenon with a naturalist guide. Wear comfort-

able shoes that can get a bit dirty. Bring binoculars or some will be available to borrow.

For more information, call 577-6085 or email sanleandro-butterflies@earthlink.net.

Weekday school programs and other group trips are available on a limited basis. Call for details. The wintering site is not open to the public.

Only registered participants can enter the site. Programs occur rain or shine. For children and adults. \$14 per adults. \$8 or youth.

Classes are on the following dates:

Saturday, Nov. 4, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 19, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 6, noon to 1:30 p.m.

Bancroft Invites Public to See Science Magic

Event co-sponsored by Xtreme Science Magic, Lawrence Hall of Science and American Chemical Society

The Bancroft Middle School science department invites everyone to its annual Science Night on Thursday, Nov. 16, from 6 to 8 p.m.

See science demonstrations and interactive fun on energy, chemistry, engineering, experimentation, and invention.

See the science magic show

and enjoy liquid nitrogen ice cream.

There will be food for sale on the Bancroft campus, 1150 Bancroft Ave., for your convenience.

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Hayward Plunge to Host Turkey Swim

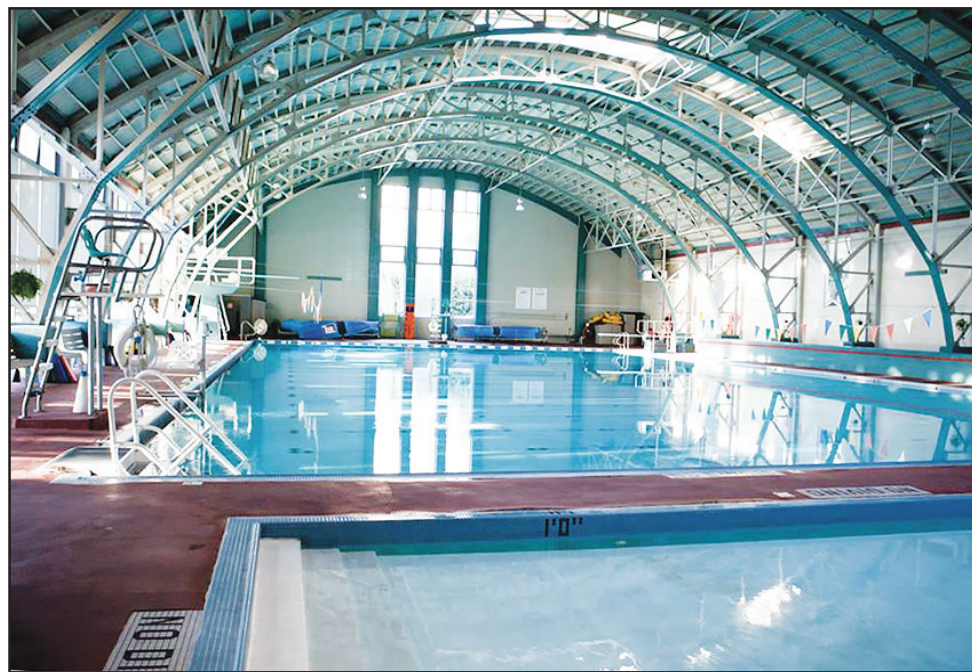
Fall is in the air, Thanksgiving is just around the corner, and it's time for the 16th Annual Karen M. Gordin Turkey Swim on Nov. 23.

Every Thanksgiving, the Hayward Plunge sets aside this day to raise money for the Karen M. Gordin Scholarship Fund and open the pool for a Thanksgiving morning swim.

Karen was a lifeguard for the district who was loved at the Plunge and who was tragically killed in a car crash in 2001. The Plunge carries on her name and the values and a scholarship is given to two individuals who are currently certified lifeguards and in school.

Between 9 and 9:30 a.m. on November 23, the scholarship committee will award two \$2,000 checks to the award recipients. One of the checks is donated by the Greater Hayward Area Recreation and Park District Foundation, and the other by the Scholarship Fund itself.

Throughout the remainder of



Take a dip on Thanksgiving morning and work up an appetite.

the morning, patrons can swim laps as well as receive assorted prizes and giveaways. Come burn calories in the morning from 8 to 11 a.m. to make room for all that turkey, while supporting a

good cause.

The Plunge asks for a minimum \$4 donation.

All donations are tax deductible. These scholarships are completely funded by donations.

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HEALTH & FITNESS

Medicare Opens Enrollment

By Greg Dill

Special to the Times

When you shop for a new car, you don't just buy the first one you see, do you?

Probably not. You usually shop around, looking for the best deal you can get on a vehicle that fits your driving needs as well as your pocketbook.

Well, it's the time of year when you should think about shopping around for a Medicare health or drug plan.

Medicare's open enrollment period runs through Dec. 7.

If you have Original Medi-

care, meaning that you can choose any doctor or hospital that accepts Medicare, you don't need to think about open enrollment.

But, if you have a Medicare Advantage (Part C) health plan or a Medicare (Part D) prescription drug plan, you may want to see whether there's another plan on the market that would be a better match for you, at a lower price.

If you're enrolled in a plan and you're happy with it, you don't need to do anything.

But, Medicare health and drug plans — run by private insurers approved by Medicare — can change from year to year. A

plan can raise its monthly premium or drop a medicine that you need.

So, it makes good sense to review your coverage each year. Make sure your plan still is a good fit for you in terms of cost, coverage and quality.

If it isn't, look for another plan.

During open enrollment, you can sign up for a Medicare Advantage health plan or Part D prescription drug plan, or switch from one plan to another. Your new coverage will take effect Jan. 1, 2018.

■ **How do you shop for a new plan?**



Now is a good time to review your health coverage plan and its providers to make sure that it is still a good fit for you in terms of cost, coverage and quality.

Why Should You Get a Flu Shot?

You hear about it on the news. You see the signs in the pharmacy windows. Even your friends and co-workers are talking about it. The flu shot is a highly discussed topic, and for good reason.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), on average, 5 to 20 percent of the U.S. population — or up to 64 million people — gets the flu, and tens of thousands of people are hospitalized every year because of it.

Further, the flu can strike anyone, and adults aged 18-64 are the most likely to get ill, accounting for 60 percent of flu-related hospitalizations. This number goes up in California and some states which tend to be hit harder by the flu than others.

"Flu-related illnesses are already trending twice as high in 2017 as they were in 2016, and we are seeing an uptick in flu-related visits across the country," said Dr. Jason Tibbels, family physician and director for quality programs at Teladoc, a large telehealth provider.

"This year, officials want at least 70 percent of Americans to get a flu shot; however, fewer than 50 percent were vaccinated against the flu last season."

How can you protect yourself and your loved ones from the annual flu outbreak? The first step is to understand the benefits and any potential risks of flu vaccination and then — if it's right for you — go get the flu shot.

Here's why the flu shot is so important this year.

1. It keeps you out of the emergency room. The flu shot

reduces the risk of hospitalization due to flu by approximately 50 to 60 percent.

2. It reduces sick days. Missed time at work due to flu-related illnesses causes an additional \$16.3 billion in lost earnings annually.

3. It promotes overall health. The flu vaccine is a helpful tool for people with chronic health conditions. Flu vaccination is associated with lower rates of some cardiac events among people with heart disease, and is also proven to have reduced hospitalizations among people with diabetes and chronic lung disease.

Further, vaccination helps protect women during and after pregnancy, reducing the risk of flu-associated acute respiratory infection by about 50 percent. And, getting vaccinated also protects the baby several months after birth.

4. If you do get sick, it may decrease the severity. The flu vaccination does not guarantee protection against the virus; people who get the shot are still at risk of getting sick. However, if you do get sick, the flu vaccination can make your illness milder.

If you start to experience symptoms — whether or not you've had the flu vaccine — it's important to see a doctor. Many people have 24-hour access to board-certified and licensed physicians seven days a week via telemedicine from home, work or on the road through a phone or tablet, making it easier than ever to get a diagnosis and start treatment.

5. It helps stop flu from spreading. The flu virus can be

spread to people within three feet of a sick patient when that patient coughs, sneezes or talks.

Getting vaccinated doesn't just help protect you from the flu; the flu shot is the responsible choice for protecting those around you. Vaccination is especially important for protecting more vulnerable populations, such as babies and young children, the elderly, and people with certain chronic health conditions, like cardiovascular disease and diabetes.

"When it comes to the flu, it's not wise to take a wait-and-see approach," said Dr. Tibbels. "Talk to a doctor!"

To learn more about the level of flu risk where you live, visit Teladoc which provided this story, at Teladoc.com/flu.

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Special to the Times

GUEST COMMENTARY



North Bay Fires Fuel Housing Crisis

The wine county fires may be cooling, but the devastation, including at least 8,400 homes and other buildings, will have long-lasting effects.

Santa Rosa alone lost 5 percent of its total housing and is facing a crisis of unfathomable proportions that has local officials struggling to know where to begin.

Quoted in the Los Angeles Times, Santa Rosa Mayor Chris Coursey stated "Nobody has been through this before. We had a housing problem three weeks ago; now we have a housing problem... minus 3,000 more houses."

The crisis has been felt close to home: our son and daughter-in-law live in a rental property in Santa Rosa and were looking to purchase as soon as possible.

"Every home we looked at in the past few months has been de-

stroyed," he informed. "The entire neighborhood where we were hoping to buy is completely gone. Our moving plans are totally on hold."

They are not alone.

Ramifications are being felt far beyond the immediately affected areas. A Fremont seller just cancelled his listing, explaining: "With fires consuming so many homes in the area that we had hoped to move to, our relocation plans are up in smoke. An already tight market has suddenly become next-to-impossible."

I'm sure this will be one of many cancellations, resulting in even tighter inventory in the Bay Area.

While the word on the streets in Santa Rosa is "Rebuild," those who suffered losses in the 1991 Oakland Hills fires affirm it will be a long, slow road. The affected areas will first need to be cleaned up, and some affected residents are already voicing concern about the lengthiness of the process. It will be months before most burned sites will be ready for rebuilding.

Once the ground is ready, count on the rebuilding process taking a very long time. To start, the building departments for the affected regions are currently not set up to handle the sheer number of applications that will soon be appearing.

Additionally, as mentioned in this column recently, we already

have a skilled labor crisis in the region, which will cause additional building delays.

An even larger issue is temporary housing for displaced residents, with some being forced to leave the area.

While many insist they will rebuild, these are still early days. As the process grinds on and on, some, especially elderly homeowners, may conclude the time has come to cash out and move on.

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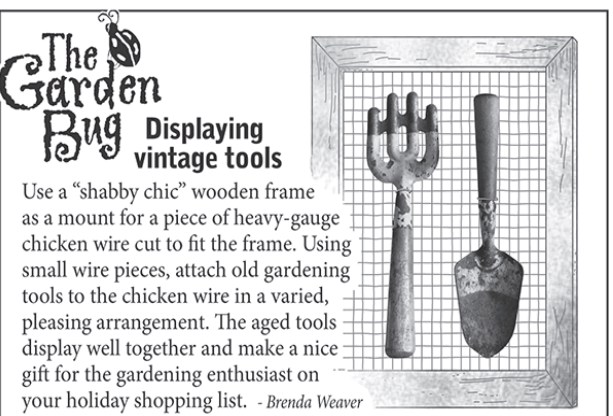
Vegetables

For a bumper harvest of broccoli, pinch out the main shoot a month after planting. This will result in fewer — but larger — side shoots and the biggest overall yield. Cutting the main shoot after the head has already formed will result in more side shoots, but they will be smaller in size.

Set out garlic, onions and shallots from sets, planting them where they can dry out for the month before harvest next June or July.

Roses

Stop watering and feeding roses. Prune lightly to remove long, bloomed-out canes, but hold off hard pruning until January when the bushes are fully dormant.



Use a "shabby chic" wooden frame as a mount for a piece of heavy-gauge chicken wire cut to fit the frame. Using small wire pieces, attach old gardening tools to the chicken wire in a varied, pleasing arrangement. The aged tools display well together and make a nice gift for the gardening enthusiast on your holiday shopping list. - Brenda Weaver

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Plant Easy Care Daffodils Now for Added Spring Beauty

Bulbs will grow and multiply with minimal care

By Melinda Myers
Special to the Times

Daffodils have a cheery presence in the spring garden and are a surefire way to chase away the winter blues. These fall-planted bulbs are also reliable perennials that require no maintenance and are not bothered by deer or other pests. The National Garden Bureau has declared 2017 the "Year of the Daffodil", and with the fall planting season upon us, now is the time to choose your favorites.

Yellow trumpet daffodils are classics, but there are many other flower styles and colors to choose from. Double-flowering types like white and yellow *Lingerie* and long-lasting *lemon-yellow Sherbourne* feature multiple rows of petals and some varieties look more like peonies than daffodils.

Multi-flowering varieties, like *Beautiful Eyes*, display several flowers on each stem. This variety's white and orange blossoms have a gardenia-like fra-

grance. Miniature daffodil *Baby Boomer* has 5 to 10 flowers per stem. After blooming, the grassy foliage quickly fades away, allowing nearby perennials to take center stage.

Split corona daffodils have an unexpected beauty and are lovely cut flowers. The cups on these daffodils are divided into segments that are pressed back against the petals. *Narcissus Cassata* has a ruffled yellow split cup and white petals. *Lemon Beauty's* shorter split cup is adorned with a yellow star.

These are just a few of the many choices that are available for gardens, containers and spring bouquets. Most daffodils are hardy in growing zones 3 to 8. In warmer zones, look for heat-tolerant varieties such as *Thalia* and *Silver Smiles*.

Mix daffodils into shady gardens filled with hostas, ferns and other shade-loving perennials. As the daffodil blooms fade, the perennials will grow, mask the foliage and provide beauty throughout the remainder of the season.

Plant daffodils on a hillside, woodland border, beside a pond or under trees and shrubs. Over time, the bulbs will grow and multiply with minimal care from you. Choose cultivars with different flower styles and bloom times, and plant in drifts to create an attractive display.

Can't decide? Consider one of the many pre-mixed packages such as *Longfield Garden's* *Fragrant, Double, Miniature or Multi-flowering* daffodil collections (www.longfield-gardens.com). Or, create your own long-lasting display by combining early-, mid- and late-blooming varieties.

Get your daffodils off to a great start with proper planting. Order the bulbs early for best selection, and plant them in mid to late fall, any time before the ground freezes. Dig a hole and position the bulbs 6 inches deep, with the pointy side up. Cover with soil, apply a low nitrogen slow-release fertilizer and water thoroughly. Once in the ground, the bulbs can remain in place for years to come.



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Unique daffodil varieties, like these *Lingerie* blooms, offer double flowering.

Reserve a few daffodil bulbs for your containers and window boxes. Pot them up in the fall and make sure they get at least 15 weeks of chilling at 40-45°F. In mild climates, the containers can be left outdoors. In zones 6 and colder, they should be stored in an unheated garage where they will be cold, but won't freeze.

Start now and enjoy a brighter beginning to next year's garden season. The daffodils you plant this fall will delight you year after year as their carefree blooms announce winter's end and spring's return.

Melinda Myers has written numerous books, including *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The*

Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine. Myers was commissioned by Longfield Gardens for her expertise to write this article. Visit her website at www.melindamyers.com.

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Bring Strategic Sorcery to the Harry Potter Board Game at the Library

Fans of the wildly popular JK Rowling Harry Potter Book Series are in for a gaming treat at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., on Saturday, Nov. 18, from 1 to 4 p.m. Defeat Voldemort in the Hogwarts Battle deck building game, play Harry Potter Clue, and have fun in the life-sized Harry Pot-

ter-themed Candy Land.

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games for ages 4 and up will entertain at this free event, and light refreshments will be served.

Most games are drop-in, but

you need to reserve a seat at the Hogwarts Battle table (ages 8 and up, space for 16 players) by calling the Children's Library at 577-3960.

Find more information about the November 18 Harry Potter Board Game Battle at the San Leandro Public Library website: sanleandrolibrary.org.

LOCAL DEATHS

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Stephen Williams Hatcher

Stephen Williams Hatcher, age 76, passed peacefully on October 12, 2017 with his sons at his side.

Born and raised in Oakland, Steve attended Castlemont High School, Class of '59, where he was on the swim team and president of his fraternity, Sigma Chi. Marrying his high school sweetheart, Diane Larimer Hatcher, he settled in San Lorenzo, raising his two sons, Rick Hatcher and Keith Hatcher.



He was a lifelong Teamster, working for Athens Bakery of Oakland for 30 years, never missing a day of work due to sickness. Always having fresh buns, Steve was the master at the BBQ. As a young father, Steve dedicated many long weekends to his sons' swim team, the Flying Fins. Making lifelong friendships through the 10 years of swim meets, he enjoyed travel via cruises and family trips that took him across the country and seas. Early retirement at the age of 56 allowed Steve to sit back and enjoy his later years. He spent much time along the Hayward Shoreline, taking pictures of all the wildlife and making sure the family saw his daily log of pictures. Steve liked to say that he was a good provider for his family and always did the best he could; well, dad, you couldn't have done better, we thank you.

Steve leaves his muscle car, a Dodge Charger. His car gets first billing since he was so proud of it. Along with his two sons and their wives, Piper McKnight and Leah Hatcher, he leaves his granddaughters, Sierra Brook, Naomi Summer and Kelah Forest; and his grandson, Asa Rain. A memorial was held on Oct. 14 at his house. There will be a small gathering for interment at the Chapel of the Chimes in Hayward at a later date. We would like to thank Suncrest Hospice for their dedication to helping families.

BETTIS, Wilma
BROWN, Gerald
HATCHER, Stephen
PENDLETON, Dorothy
PHILLIPS, Richard Earl
SILVA, Manuel A
VAN DEREN, Argart
WHITE, Michael

■ **Gerald Brown** (Nov. 17, 1926 - Oct. 29, 2017), a resident of San Leandro, passed away on Sunday, October 29, 2017 in Castro Valley surrounded by his loving family. There will be a celebration of life on Saturday, Nov. 18, at the First Presbyterian Church in San Leandro at 2 pm. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the First Presbyterian Church, 180 Estudillo Ave., in San Leandro or to the charity of your choice.

■ **Argart A. Van Deren**, a San Leandro resident since 2005 passed away on November 5, 2017. She was a retired high school teacher. Arrangements by Santos-Robinson Mortuary, San Leandro (510-483-0123, santos-robinson.com).

■ **Richard Earl Phillips** passed away on October 25, 2017. He was a veteran of the US Air Force. A Celebration of his life will be held at a later date. Ar-

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■ **Manuel A Silva** a longtime resident of San Leandro passed away on October 31, 2017. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at St. Felicitas Church in San Leandro. Burial was held at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward. Arrangements by Santos-Robinson Mortuary, 510 483-0123, santos-robinson.com

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Celebrating the life of Wilma Irene (Gipson) Bettis

Her smile and eyes said it all.

Wilma came into this world on November 8, 1932. She joined her husband of 53 years, Eugene H. Bettis, in eternal rest on November 1, 2017. Wilma was the youngest of 4 girls. She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Ella (Sutton) Gipson; and her 3 sisters, Pearl, Mamie and Cora.

She grew up in Sitka and Williford, Arkansas. Wilma attended the Bettis Town Schoolhouse until the 7th grade.

At the age of 16, she married Eugene H. Bettis on November 8 at Pleasant Ridge Church in Sharp County, Arkansas. They built a life together that included love, laughter and the greatest gift, their son, David.

Together they moved to Kansas City, Kansas in the early '50s, where Wilma worked at Nevil's Suitcase and Blinds Company. She was the first woman in that company to work on the line installing the suitcase lining, which was a position only held by men at that point in time. In 1957, they moved to California where they resided in Oakland. Then, in 1968, they moved to San Leandro where she lived the rest of her life. Over the early years in Oakland, Wilma worked at Mother's Cookies and Sunshine Biscuits. In 1960, she was hired by Kellogg Cereal Company, where she worked for the next 32 years. She retired in 1992 at the age of 60.

Wilma loved to listen to music, Elvis was her favorite. She was even lucky enough to see him at a show in Oakland! Making friends was an easy thing for Wilma, she enjoyed spending time with them at the Senior Center. Having a career kept her busy and she also enjoyed being a homemaker and spending time with her family. Gardening brought her much joy. Easter egg hunts with her grandchildren made her as happy as seeing them open their gifts on Christmas. She had a beautiful smile and her blue eyes smiled as well. Wilma was a driven woman who was every bit a Scorpio but loved with all of her heart.

She is survived by her son, David; grandsons, Jonathon (Maria and her children VJ and RJ), Joshua (Amber and her daughter Serenity) and Daniel; and great-grandson, Judah. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews, and their children and families; and many friends, neighbors and coworkers. She loved and cherished all of you and hoped you'd remember her with love and fondness.

Visitation and Services were held on Nov. 7 and Nov. 8 in the Reflections Chapel followed by burial in Sunrise Garden at Chapel of the Chimes in Hayward.



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Dorothy Pendleton

October 1, 1926-October 19, 2017

Dorothy, a longtime resident of San Leandro, passed away peacefully in her home on October 19, 2017. The beloved wife of L. Conway Pendleton of 69 years and mother of three, she is best remembered for her love of life, sense of humor and community service.

She was born in Tulare, California to Reed and Grace Shoemaker and graduated from Tulare Union High School, where she played the piano, organ and cello for the school orchestra and her church. She earned her degree in apparel merchandising from UCLA and remained lifelong friends with her Kappa Delta sorority sisters and their families.

Dorothy was a cornerstone of many community activities that included scouting, sailing, swimming and theater, and worked tirelessly with her husband in their family printing business.

Dorothy is survived by her husband, Conway; brother and sister-in-law, Virgil and Donna Shoemaker of Tulare; her 3 children, Reed (Cindy), Ann (Kevin) and Don; her beloved granddaughter, Rose; and her nephew, Woody Shoemaker, and niece, Claudia Borba, and their families.

A memorial service will be held at her home church of over 65 years on Saturday, Nov. 25, at 11 a.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church, 911 Dowling Blvd., in San Leandro.

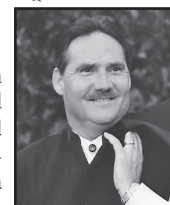


Michael Everett White

Michael Everett White, 62, was born in Oakland, the son of Dennis Patrick White and Ellender Elizabeth West White. He passed away October 7, 2017 peacefully surrounded by loving family and friends following a stroke at Eden Hospital. He is predeceased by his parents, two siblings and daughter, Amber Louise. Michael is survived by his wife of 18 years, Karleen; his twin brother, Mark; son, Markus; and several grandchildren.

In retirement, bowling became his passion and he bowled several leagues weekly including a traveling league.

A celebration of his life will be held Saturday, Nov. 19, in lieu of services, at the Matt Jimenez Community Center in Hayward from noon to 4 p.m.



Irma Lorraine Strand (Carlson)

passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 with her daughter, Linda, at her side. Irma was a 63-year resident of San Leandro.

She is preceded in death by her husband and "love of her life", T. Sig Strand (Oct. 7, 1981); and her grandson, Brian Casey. She cared for her parents until their passing (Albert and Ebba Carlson). Irma is survived by her daughter, Linda Casey (Rian); great-grandchildren, Tyler and Beth, and their mother, Heidi; daughter, Shirley Stapp (Chris); grandchildren, Joel Stapp (Nancy), Kevin Stapp (Chontelle) and Kirsten Corkery (Devon); great-grandchildren, Karin, Matthew, Sydney and Aaron Stapp; adoring cousins, Ralph and Carl Strand; and nephews, Doug and Leroy Humble, and Bob and Gary Gietzen.

Irma was a member of the Swedish Tegner Lodge of Oakland and her Swedish heritage was always important to her throughout the years. In her younger days, she was a member of the Rainbow Girls and an avid ice skater, and loved to dance for many years — well into her 80s. After Sig passed, Irma continued to make family her priority, loving each unconditionally.

Private services were held with the immediate family at Chapel of the Chimes in Hayward. Donations can be made to Vitas Hospice, 670 N McCarthy Blvd., Suite 220, Milpitas, CA 95035 (vitascommunityconnection.org). Arrangements made by Jess C. Spencer Mortuary, Inc. & Crematory (510-581-9133).

OPINION

LETTERS to the EDITOR

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Says It's Time for The City to Divest from Big Wall Street Banks

Editor:

For the past eight months a group of concerned citizens have been regularly attending the city's finance committee meetings to implore our elected officials to remove our city's money from financial institutions that bankroll fossil fuel projects.

This divestment strategy is now a part of many Bay Area cities who seek to curb climate change by reducing carbon emissions by defunding banks that finance fossil fuel extraction, processing, transport and export.

It turns out San Leandro has not reviewed its bank services for over 10 years. It also turns out San Leandro has paid more than \$80,000 in fees to Wells Fargo during that time

—Amy Chovnick
San Leandro

Head Head

Editor:

Why does it matter whether San Leandro banks with a Wall Street bank and what does this have to do with climate change?

Everything.

Climate change is here, it's accelerating, and rigorous scientific research demonstrates that greenhouse gases emitted by human activities are the primary driver, with CO2 released by burning fossil fuels as one of the biggest contributors. The more fossil fuels we burn, the more our climate warms, the more severe our weather becomes (Climate.Nasa.gov).

Ninety-seven percent or more of climate scientists agree, if we don't curb emissions, "the net damage costs of climate change are likely to be significant and to increase over time," according to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

This means dramatic sea level rise, increased occurrence of heat waves, droughts and wildfires, more intense rainfall and flooding, and more destructive hurricanes, among other threats (globalchange.gov).

In recent months, we've witnessed the devastating consequences of climate change, including the deadliest and most destructive wildfires in California history, predicted to cost taxpayers \$85 billion (MSN.com) and the most catastrophic hurricane season on record—over \$317 billion (ScienceMag.org).

The only scenario that guarantees your grandchildren a habitable planet keeps remaining fossil fuel reserves in the ground and employs renewable energy.

Defunding new pipeline development is a good way to achieve this. San Leandro currently banks with Wells Fargo, one of the fossil fuel industry's best financing partners. Rumor has it that on November 20th, San Leandro officials will consider replacing Wells Fargo with another Wall Street bank (!).

Replacing one bad actor with another is irrational. Now is the time for our city to move our financial services (and our tax dollars) to a bank that invests in our future, rather than one that is destroying it.

—Deborah Hirsh
San Leandro

Wants San Leandro 'to Stop Financing Climate Change'

Editor:

Since the turn of this century, Wells Fargo has racked up over \$11-billion in fines. They include \$5.6-billion for mortgage abuses, \$2.4-billion for banking violations, \$1.5-billion for toxic securities abuses, \$1.2-billion for the violation of the False Claims Act, \$150-million for securities issuance and trading violations, \$150-million for price-fixing or anti-competitive practices, \$110-million for anti laundering deficiencies, \$37-million for investor protection violations, \$34-million for consumer protection violations, and \$16-million for violating the American with Disabilities Act.

They are also a major financier of the Dakota Access Pipeline and the bank with which the city San Leandro does its banking.

The pipeline has been met with protests from the Standing Rock Sioux rightfully concerned that the project could likely jeopardize their access to clean drinking water.

Environmentalists from around the country, including people from San Leandro, have traveled to the area to help protect the local residents from the ill-conceived project which will also increase carbon emission with some of the dirtiest oil anywhere.

Local activists have attended city council finance committee meetings urging the elected officials on the committee and city staff to replace Wells Fargo with a more responsible lender because of their environmental investments as well as their \$11-billion rap sheet.

On November 20th the city council will be taking up the issue of their connection to Wells Fargo. Activists and other concerned citizens are encouraged to attend.

There are numerous local banks who are responsible lenders and would make more sense for our city.

We are proud that our mayor has joined the group of environmentally committed mayors who are moving toward reducing their carbon footprint. The mayor and council should pledge not to work with briefcase gangsters with billions in violations. Please call or write them about this important issue.

—Craig Williams
San Leandro

Calls for Moderation in 'Reflexive Opposition to All New Market-Based Housing'

Editor:

In reference to the Bay Area housing crisis, Enrico Moretti, a professor of economics at Cal,

recently wrote, "Some [zoning] restrictions make sense: Nobody wants skyscrapers poking up among Victorian houses, and nobody wants to tear down historical buildings. But many others don't: There are scores of empty parking lots in San Francisco and Oakland that can't be built on because of political opposition." Moretti concludes that Bay Area "progressives must moderate their reflexive opposition to all new market-based housing."

I agree. But what makes sense in San Francisco and Oakland doesn't necessarily apply to San Leandro.

Knee-jerk opposition to new housing is not a characteristic of today's highly diverse San Leandro. Just look at the newly-built, large scale affordable housing apartment complex (called the Marea Alta) across from the downtown San Leandro BART station. Our local tax dollars plus state funds paid for the construction.

Hundreds of new market rate apartment units (plus townhouses) are presently in the planning or construction stages in San Leandro, all fitting within our zoning code which was revised last year after nearly two years of meetings and community input as part of the city's general plan update.

The new zoning code substantially increases housing unit density for many projects and boosts the number of parcels in the San Leandro where housing can be built.

But what happens when a developer proposes an apartment complex that egregiously violates even new pro-housing provisions of the San Leandro zoning code? Is it fair for residents to be concerned about the project's impact on their neighborhood and the citywide precedent the development would set? Is it proper for residents to insist that local officials require that the developer abide by the rules?

My answer to these questions is a firm yes. Learn more at sites.google.com/view/1388bancroft

—Stephen Cassidy
San Leandro

Calls Wall Down the Middle of I-880 'Eyesore' and a 'Boondoggle'

Editor:

The Great Wall down the middle of Interstate-880, complete with street lighting, is an eyesore and I don't see the point.

We will be told the higher median divider is a vast improvement in safety. It is doubtful a cost benefit analysis would support that claim and justify the many millions it cost—money that would be far better spent repairing the washboard pavement and pot holes on the 60-year-old, never repaved I-580 from West Oakland through Dublin.

I guess there is one upside to this boondoggle, the rubberneckers won't be able to see the carnage of the morning and afternoon commutes on the other side as we tunnel our way toward our destination.

—Jim Mehner
Oakland

Asks 'When Are Driving Laws Going to Be Enforced?'

Editor:

The driving in California has passed the point at which any sane

society could accept.

Last Saturday driving back from Sacramento on Interstate-80, I was passed by several cars. In the lead was one car doing over 130 mph. The wind blast from this car threw my full sized car from one side of my lane to the other.

He had several friends with him trying to do the same thing. The Prius could only make 100 or so.

A mile down the road there was a CHP pulled off the road apparently helping someone that had run out of gas.

In the past three months I have seen more people running stop lights

at full speed — not just missing a yellow, but at full speed through red lights — than I have seen in 30 years of living in this town.

Exactly when are the driving laws going to be enforced? When is the city council going to order the police to enforce driving laws?

—Tom Kunich
San Leandro



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INQUIRING REPORTER

Rather be a cool person or a nerd?

— Asked around town

Cool. I've been cool for 60 years. I'll be cool until I die.

Richard Houston
San Leandro



I would rather be a nerd. I feel like people who are cool always want recognition. Nerds are in their own world. They're smart and people like them anyway, and people ask them for help.

Tina Stall
San Leandro

How's this? Being a cool nerd. Because a cool nerd knows everything.

David Jones
San Leandro



Nowadays I would be a nerd. They make more money.

Victor Martinez
El Salvador



I would be a nerd. I do my own thing and don't care whether people like me. I'm a non-conformist. Just be me.

Ryan Barba
Oakland



City to Host Senior Thanksgiving Dinner

The City of San Leandro hosts its 40th Annual Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon on Wednesday, Nov. 22 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The luncheon will be held concurrently at two sites: the Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St., and the Marina Community Center, 15301

Wicks Blvd.

Anyone 50 or older is invited to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday at this heartwarming annual San Leandro tradition.

Enjoy a turkey dinner, live entertainment and a free raffle. Tickets are \$7 per person for San Leandro residents, and \$9 each

for non-residents, with a limit of two non-refundable reservations per person.

Reservations can be made in person at the Senior Community Center or Marina Community Center, or online at www.sanleandrorec.org. For more information, call 577-3462.



A couple of servicemen enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner just after World War I in 1918.



Mural by Artist and Students About American Gun Culture

East Bay Artist Andrew Kong Knight and his art students from Hayward High will unveil a mural in tribute to Las Vegas shooting victims this weekend at the Sun Gallery, 1015 E St. in Hayward. A special viewing tribute open to the public will be held on Friday, Nov. 10, from 2 to 5 p.m. The Sun Gallery is open Friday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thanksgiving at Badarikashrama

Badarikashrama, 15602 Maubert Ave. in San Leandro, will host a Thanksgiving concert and international vegetarian dinner on Thursday, Nov. 23, at 3 p.m. with South Indian veena duet by Sri Srikanth Chary and Hrishikesh Chary with Mridangam. Free and open to all. Family friendly. Reservations recommended but no one will be turned away. Email badarik@pacbell.net.



FLOOD ZONE IS YOUR HOME IN THE FLOOD ZONE?



The City of San Leandro continues to participate in the FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) Flood Insurance Rating System and achieved a Class 8 designation that enables residents in FEMA-designated flood zones or Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) to receive discounts of up to 10 percent on flood insurance.

Properties in the flood zone that have federally backed loans are required to have flood insurance. If you are unsure whether your home is in the flood zone, we will gladly provide you with flood zone information. Please send your name, email address, phone number and the site address you are inquiring about by:

- Email to: jsmithjr@sanleandro.org -or-
- Phone: City's Flood Zone Information Hotline at 510-577-3413

Flood zone maps can be viewed at <https://msc.fema.gov/portal> or at the City's Division of Building & Safety Services located on the 1st Floor, City Hall at 835 E. 14th Street.

Ways to Reduce Flood Risks

There are approximately 3,000 homes that are in San Leandro's flood zone, the following are steps all residents can take to reduce flood risks.

- Residents are encouraged to assist in maintaining the flood control channels in their areas by removing or reporting obstructions (such as shopping carts, leaves, debris, trash, etc.). To report obstructions or illegal dumping, or for questions regarding flood control channels, please contact Alameda County Public Works Agency's Maintenance and Operations Department at (510) 670-5500.
- Keeping storm drains free of obstructions reduces flooding in the event of heavy rains. To report obstructions or illegal dumping, or for questions regarding the City's drainage system maintenance, please contact Public Works – Water Pollution Control Plant at (510) 577-3434.
- Do not drive or walk around road barriers where roads or pathways may be flooded or washed out.
- Stay away from downed power lines and electrical wires.
- In the event of home flooding, turn off electricity.
- Do not use appliances or motors that get wet unless they are taken apart, cleaned and dried.
- Elevate or relocate electrical panels, furnaces, water heaters, washers and dryers.

Building in the Flood Zone

Though all development within the city requires a permit, there are very specific requirements when building in the flood zone. Always check and fulfill permitting requirements with the Division of Building & Safety Services at (510) 577-3405 and/or the Engineering Division at (510) 577-3428 before you build on, alter, fill, or re-grade on any portion of your property and/or within any easement or right-of-way. To report any suspected permitting violations, please contact Division of Building & Safety at (510) 577-3405.

