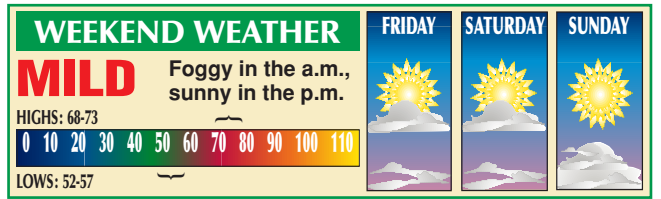


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Parcel Taxes On Ballot for School Districts

Both San Leandro and San Lorenzo are asking voters to approve new tax measures

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

Both the San Leandro and San Lorenzo school districts have placed parcel taxes on the Nov. 6 ballot for voters to consider.

San Leandro Measure I

In San Leandro, it's Measure I, a \$39 per parcel annual tax which would bring in around \$745,000 to the district annually if approved by a two-thirds majority of voters.

The district says Measure I is effectively a continuation of a similar \$39 school parcel tax that ended in June. However, the new parcel tax would be permanent with no end date.

The potential revenue from the tax will go to the district's general fund and as with the previous parcel tax, a senior exemption would be available to residents 65 and older.

The district failed to pass a \$78 annual parcel tax last August during a special mail-in election. That tax received 64 percent "yes" votes, but needed 66.7 percent to pass.

Though that 2017 parcel tax failed, San Leandro voters have been supportive of school revenue measures. In 2016, voters passed Measure J1, a \$104 million general obligation bond that has property owners pay \$36 per \$100,000 of their assessed

property value.

The ballot argument in favor of Measure I says that, if passed by voters, the Measure I money will be used to "attract and retain qualified teachers," as well as for academic and skilled trade programs, and to maintain lower class sizes.

The argument in favor of Measure I was signed by school board members Monique Tate and Evelyn Gonzalez, Christian Rodriguez (who will be joining the board in January having run unopposed for the Area 1 seat), San Leandro Teachers' Association president Jon Sherr, and parent and retired teacher Wingsheung Mok.

No ballot argument opposed to Measure I was submitted.

San Lorenzo Measure J

San Lorenzo School District voters will consider Measure J, a \$99-per year parcel tax that would generate \$2 million annually for the next eight years and requires two-thirds voter approval to pass. A senior exemption would be available for residents over the age of 65.

Last school year, the San Lorenzo School District formed a "budget reduction task force" that was forced to identify \$5.2

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PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Officials from the Oro Loma and Castro Valley sanitation districts broke ground on a \$19 million state-of-the-art treatment plant in San Lorenzo last Tuesday.

Oro Loma Breaks New Ground

Another level of treatment means water entering the bay will be cleaner than ever before thanks to \$19 million project

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

Good news for San Francisco Bay: the sewer water from around here that flows into the bay will be even cleaner in the near future.

They're taking the Oro Loma treatment plant to another level. A \$19 million upgrade will remove more nitrogen and phosphorus,

improving water quality and the health of the bay.

To mark the occasion, officials from the Oro Loma and Castro Valley sanitary districts picked up shovels for a groundbreaking ceremony last Tuesday at the treatment plant at the end of Grant Avenue in San Lorenzo.

"I think the bay will ultimately thank

this team for making this project happen," said Jason Warner, general manager of the Oro Loma Sanitary District.

The way Warner sees it, this is one of the milestones in Oro Loma history. In 1910, they built a pipe to take sewage to the bay. In 1948, they started disinfecting the flow. In 1968, the plant was brought up to meet the

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Three Vie for District 1 Council Seat

Incumbent Cox Faces Pon, Arce for a Spot at City Hall

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

There are three candidates for District 1 City Council in this November's general election, so ranked choice voting may play a part in determining a winner.

Incumbent Deborah Cox wants four more years to finish what she started, CPA Ken Pon promises fiscal responsibility, and slate candidate Eva Arce says she will bring new energy to the office if elected.

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Eva Arce



Ken Pon



Deborah Cox

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The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are Marmaduke the cat and Billy the cat.

Marmaduke is a sweet and affectionate 7 years young boy who loves being with you and being the center of attention. Neutered and ready to go to a

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

Apply for a \$1,000 Soroptomist Scholarship

Soroptimist of the East Bay announce the Live Your Dream scholarship opportunity for women of the East Bay.

This \$1,000 scholarship is given annually to a woman pursuing education or training to better the life of their families

and themselves. Applications are being accepted until Nov. 15.

Apply online at bit.ly/LY-DA-apply or contact Donna Whitehouse at rambosmom@comcast.net or 999-2911 for more information.



Walk with the Monarchs

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 migration 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 comfortable shoes that can get dirty. Bring binoculars, or some will be available to borrow.

For more information, call 577-6085 or email monarchs@sanleandro.org. Weekday school programs are available on a limited basis. Email for details. The overwintering site is not open to the public.

Register in advance. Programs occur rain or shine, no refunds

for inclement weather.

Go to apm.activecommunities.com and use keyword "Monarch" to register. Resident registration fee: \$15 adults, \$8 children.

Monarch Viewing Days
Saturday, Oct. 27, noon to 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 3, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 18, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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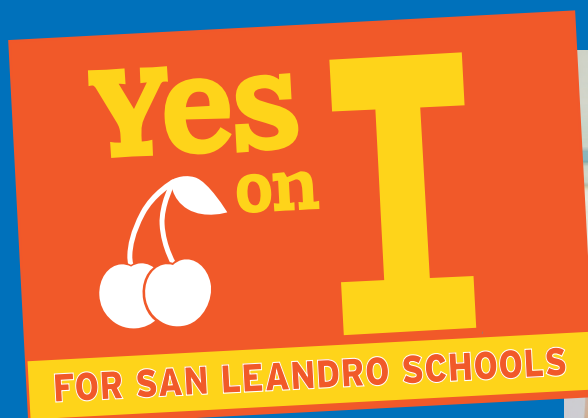
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—Maira Gomez, Denise Williams-West & Cindy Ann, SLUSD teachers



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Every penny from **Measure I stays in San Leandro** for our local schools. No funds will go to administrator salaries.



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Early Morning Fire Guts Liquor Store in Ashland

Alameda County firefighters responded to a report of a fire at Lucas Liquors at Foothill Boulevard and Carolyn Street in Ashland at around 2:30 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 18. Station 24 units arrived on the 16200 block of Foothill Boulevard within minutes and encountered heavy smoke conditions with an established fire. Located in a strip mall, the one-alarm fire was confined to one business and brought under control within 15 minutes of crews arriving at the scene. There were no reports of injuries. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Two Arrested in Shooting Death of SL Man Killed in Car in CV

Two men have been arrested for the murder of a San Leandro man who was shot and killed while sitting in a parked car on 2300 block of John Court in Castro Valley in August.

Alameda County Sheriff's deputies received calls of shots being fired near the intersection of I-580 and Highway 238 at around 5:30 p.m. on Aug. 9.

When they arrived on the scene, they found Joseph Gormley, 24, suffering from multiple gun shot wounds. Despite the efforts of emergency responders, Gormley was pronounced dead

at the scene a short time later, according to Sgt. Ray Kelly of the sheriff's office.

This week David Harrison Jr., 21, and Marcus Smith, 22, were arrested and are currently being held without bail at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin.

Gormley was known to have been a couch-surfer who lived at various residences in Castro Valley, San Leandro, and Hayward, Kelly said.

Kelly said that witness statements indicate that the suspect approached Gormley in his car, fired several shots, and then fled

a short distance on foot before getting into a waiting getaway car and leaving the area.

Kelly said that the killing was targeted and not a random act, though no motive for the crime has been released by authorities.

"All indicators are that this is not a random crime and the victim appears to have been the intended target," said Kelly. "This type of brazen daylight attack is not something we are used to in Castro Valley."

Harrison and Smith are next scheduled to appear in court on Nov. 29.

Drug Take-Back This Saturday

Saturday, Oct. 27 is National Drug Take Back Day and the Alameda County District Attorney's Office will have four drop-off sites open for free, confidential and safe disposal.

National Drug Take Back Day provides a convenient and safe way to rid your home of expired, unused, and unwanted prescription and over-the-counter drugs. All collection sites also accept unused pet medication.

Safe disposal of over-the-counter and prescription medication is essential to prevent the misuse of these substances, and to end the harmful environmental impacts of disposing of them in landfills or the water system.

"Prescription drug abuse is a significant issue facing our communities," said District Attorney Nancy O'Malley. "A major step in prevention is to empty medicine cabinets of old, unused, and expired medication."

The DA's office has participated in the National Drug Take-Back events since 2012 and has collected over 2,000 pounds of unused medications.

The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

The event runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the following locations throughout the county:

Alameda County Family Justice Center, 470 27th Street, Oakland. Fremont Hall of Justice,

39439 Paseo Padre Parkway, Fremont. East County Hall of Justice, 5151 Gleason Drive, Dublin. George E. McDonald Hall of Justice/Courthouse 2233 Shoreline Drive, Alameda.

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BY ROBERT ROSAS

IF YOU suffer from low back pain, according to National Institutes of Health, you are among

four out of five Americans who will suffer from disabling back pain during their lifetimes.

Shooting, stabbing and burning pains from the low back, sometimes with additional pain through the buttocks and down the legs are all symptoms of a pinched nerves often called "sciatica".

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Mention this article (CODE: BOS37SCID5) and Dr. Jerry Hsieh, D.C. will happily reduce his usual consultation fee of \$100 to just \$20. But hurry, due to obvious reasons – this is a time limited offer – with only 100 reader consultations available at this exclusively discounted rate.

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SL Girls Softball Team Takes 1st Place

San Leandro Girls Softball's 10-and-under Nitro took first place at the Black Widow Tournament in Fremont on the weekend of Oct. 13 and 14. The girls dominated the field, outscoring their opponents in the semi-finals and championship game 21-1. Home runs helped the team coast through the weekend. Amazing pitching and defense kept the opponents off the bases. NITRO heads to Reno for their next tournament on Oct. 27 and 28.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

❖ San Leandro Museum Auditorium

The San Leandro Players present old-time melodrama *Chaos at the Cannery* through Nov. 18, at the San Leandro Museum/Auditorium, 320 West Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro. Tickets are

\$20 for general, \$15 for seniors, TBA members, under 12, students. Show times are Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Also Fridays at 8 p.m. on Nov. 9 and Nov. 16. For information and reservations, call 895-2573 or online at www.slplayers.org.

Professor Mack is back. Welcome to 1881 San Leandro. This old-time melodrama mixes mayhem, murder, mystery, scalawags, and scoundrels, toe tappin' old time music, and shenanigans.

❖ SL High School Theater

The San Leandro High School Theater department will produce the award winning play *She Kills Monsters*, the first two weekends in November at the San Leandro Performing Arts Center, 2250 Bancroft Ave. Performances are on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 2 and 3, at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 4, at 2 p.m. Show times are the same on the following weekend, Nov. 9 through Nov. 11. The SLHS theater department promises this will be an edgy play, not the standard high school production, with thought-provoking themes to help the community connect with larger issues we face today. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$5 for students.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You enjoy the attention early in the week, but it might be a good idea to opt for some privacy by week's end so that you can have more time to consider an upcoming decision.



TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You unearth some surprising facts. Now you need to consider how to use them to your advantage. Meanwhile, it might be best to keep what you've learned secret for now.



GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A comment by a colleague piques your curiosity to know more. Best advice: You'll find people more likely to offer information if you're discreet when making your inquiries.



CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your energy levels begin to rise by midweek. This allows you to catch up with your heavy workload and still have plenty of get-up-and-go to go out on the town this weekend.



LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're probably roaring your head off about a perceived slight from a longtime critic. Ignore it. That person might just be trying to goad you into doing something you might later regret.



VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The early part of the week is open to spontaneity. Then it's time to settle into your usual routine to get all your tasks done. A personal situation could require more attention from you.



LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A meeting of the minds on a workplace project might well develop into something more personal for Librans looking for romance. Aspects also are favorable for platonic relationships.



SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A more-positive mood might be difficult to assume in light of a recent problem involving the health of someone special. But by week's end, your emotional barometer should start to rise.



SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Look for a changed attitude from a former adversary once he or she realizes you have your colleagues' full support. Now you can refocus your energies on that workplace project.



CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) This time, a difference of opinion might not be resolved in your favor. But be patient. It could all ultimately work out to your advantage, as new information begins to develop.



AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A tug of war develops between the artistic Aquarian's creative aspect and his or her practical side. Best advice: Prioritize your schedule so you can give appropriate time to both.



PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You could be entering a career phase awash with job-related demands. But avoid being swamped by the overflow and, instead, keep treading water as you deal with demands one by one.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

❖ SOS Meals on Wheels Boutique

Join SOS Meals on Wheels for the 5th Annual Boutique Fundraiser on Saturday Oct. 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hill and Valley Women's Club, 1808 "B" St. in Hayward. There will be great handmade items and an exciting "Pick Your Prize" raffle, you need not be present to win. Come for the shopping and stay for the food. Help Meals on Wheels serve the average 1,200 meals per day that are served to seniors in Castro Valley, San Leandro, San Lorenzo, Hayward and Oakland. For more information, call Gerry at 483-8156 or if you would just like to donate send your donations to SOS Meals on Wheels, 2235 Polvorosa #260, San Leandro 94577.

❖ Friends of SL Creek Plant Removal

Friends of San Leandro Creek will host a non-native plant removal on two Saturdays – Oct. 27 and Nov. 3 from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Chabot Park, below the playground, at the end of Estudillo Ave. Scout troops, clubs and groups are welcome, as well as individuals. The group will be removing invasive plants on Oct. 27, and covering the area with burlap sacks and mulch on Nov. 3. Volunteers don't need to work both work days, one is fine. Wear long pants and sleeves, sturdy shoes, and mosquito repellent. Bring gloves and tools (clippers, shovels) if you have them. FSLC will provide tools, snacks and drinks. All are required to fill out a waiver form which will be available on the event days. Children under 14 years of age are welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult. Sign up for one or both dates here: fslc.org. For more information, call Susan Levenson with Friends of San Leandro Creek at 577-6069.

❖ Hayward Museum of History

Loyal Americans: Japanese American Imprisonment During World War II will be on view through October 28 at the Hayward Area Historical Society Museum of History & Culture, 22380 Foothill Blvd in Hayward. This is an exhibition of artifacts and stories of people whose civil rights were violated. Conversely, they also show the courage and bravery of ordinary Americans in extraordinary circumstances. This exhibition is supported by the Eden Township Japanese American Citizens League. Admission is free.

❖ Trunk or Treat Event

The San Leandro Church of Christ, 601 MacArthur Blvd. is hosting a free "Trunk or Treat" event Halloween night Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in the back parking lot off of Lewis Avenue. There will be a bounce house, a petting zoo, weather permitting, Halloween-themed music, and treats distributed from church members' decorated car trunks. Come one, come all.

❖ San Leandro Parkinson's Support Group

The San Leandro Parkinson's Support Group will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, Nov. 1, at 10:30 a.m. at the San Lorenzo Community Church at 945 Paseo Grande. The speaker will be Ysela Junenez from Alameda Healthcare. For more information, call Lona White at 276-3119.

❖ Calling All Former Garfield Gators

Garfield Elementary School, 13050 Aurora Drive, is celebrating its 70 year anniversary. If you graduated from or worked at Garfield before the year 2000, they would like to record your favorite memories for a virtual yearbook at the school on one of the following dates: Thursday, Nov. 1, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.; and Thursday,

Nov. 8, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Call 618-4300 for an appointment or drop by the school. Bring any pictures you have from your time at Garfield. For more information, call Principal Lynda Hornada at the number above.

❖ City of SL Community Speaker Series

The City of San Leandro invites residents to attend the next community speaker series event with Betty Reid Soskin on Thursday, Nov. 1, at 7 p.m. at the Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Soskin is an author, composer and singer, social and political activist, entrepreneur, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, historian, blogger, public speaker, and National Park Service Ranger who was born into a Cajun / Creole African-American family in 1921. She's been involved in the civil rights and Black Power movements, and the movement to end the Vietnam War. In 1995, Ms. Soskin was named "Woman of the Year" by the California State Legislature, among various other awards.

❖ Marine Corps Birthday Breakfast

A Marine Corps birthday breakfast sponsored by the Lt. Frank Reasoner Det 919 will be on Saturday, Nov. 3, at 0800 hours at the San Leandro Veterans Hall, 1103 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro. Pre-paid cost is \$17.50, at the door is \$20. Send check to: Ron Saunders, 566 Mildred Place, Hayward, Ca 94544.

❖ Días de los Muertos Performance

Aztec dancers and singers will perform at a Dia de los Muertos event on Saturday, Nov. 3, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Bancroft Middle School, 1150 Bancroft Ave. There will be arts, crafts, food vendors and activities for children. Everyone is invited to participate by bringing pictures and offerings such as flowers and candles. Danza Azteca will perform from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

❖ Student Art Exhibit at SL Library

Studio 820, the San Lorenzo Adult School Watercolor Class, will exhibit students' watercolor paintings at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave, from Nov. 3 to Nov. 29. There will be a reception on Saturday, Nov. 10, from 1 to 3 p.m. to meet the artists of all ages who are students of Monica Satterthwaite.

❖ Hill and Valley Women's Club Bazaar

The Hill and Valley Women's Club will hold its annual scholarship bazaar on Saturday Nov. 3, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hill and Valley Clubhouse, 1808 B St. in Hayward. Featured items include jewelry, homemade jams, jellies, candy, and baked goods, gift baskets, hand-crafted items, holiday decorations, collectibles, plants, books, and more. Box lunches available for \$5. To reserve your box lunch, call 785-2053 by Oct. 26. Event funds scholarships for graduating seniors from local high schools.

❖ Buon Tempo Club Family Dinner

The Buon Tempo Italian American Club is having a family dinner on Tuesday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m. at Mt. Tabor Hall, Transfiguration Church, 4000 E. Castro Valley Blvd. in Castro Valley (located across from the 580 Marketplace). Chef Joseph Sotello and his crew will be serving a five course family style dinner of holiday ham. Red and white wine and soda are also included. Happy hour is at 6 p.m. Dinner is \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members. Make reservations by Friday, Nov. 2, by calling the Buon Tempo dinner line at 483-6929. For more information about events or membership, see our updated website at www.buontempo.org.

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District 1: Cox wants four more years, Pon promises financial stability

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Eva Arce

Arce has never run for elected office before and says that type of fresh blood is just what San Leandro needs in the District 1 City Council race.

Arce said she decided to run after a bit of self-reflection that came about after being laid off from a "crazy corporate" job in San Francisco earlier this year.

"I'd gotten laid off and I was taking some time for myself," said Arce. "My conundrum in working a corporate job was always, 'What am I doing to make the world a better place? How can I give back?' So I really started considering running for office and everyone said 'You should do it.'"

Arce says she began reaching out to politically active people in San Leandro and that's how she hooked up with the other "fresh, clean slate" candidates – mayoral candidate Jeromey Shafer, District 3 candidate Victor Aguilar, and District 5 candidate Maxine Oliver-Benson.

"As I was reaching out to folks in the community who had interest in local politics, I spoke with Victor and met Jeromey through him and things just came together," said Arce. "I'm so grateful for their moral support through this process."

For Arce and all of the state candidates, rent control is a major platform issue. Arce said that if elected, if she could help just one person stay in their home, she'd consider it a successful four years in office.

"How often do we get to do some good in someone's life on that scale?" asked Arce.

Arce grew up in New York in rent controlled apartments and said they were a necessity. She added that she's had friends leave the Bay Area because they could no longer afford to live here.

"How do we create a community where everyone is welcome?" asked Arce. "I want San Leandro to keep its soul and rent control is a big part of that."

Arce said another reason

she decided to run was the City Manager sexual harassment scandal. Arce says she's never met with Chris Zapata or his accuser Rose Johnson, but it became clear to her that the City Council could have handled the case better. Zapata was cleared of wrong-doing after an independent investigation, but Arce said the subsequent gag order issued by the city made her angry.

"The gag order really, really bothers me and makes me so uncomfortable," said Arce. "It was one of the motivations to make me run. It was handled so unethically in my opinion."

Arce, who has worked in information technology for nearly 20 years, now works for Alameda County. She's a public employee though not part of the CalPERS system, and she says that San Leandro's pension problems need to be addressed.

"CalPERS is one of the last things that exist for working people to have a decent retirement," said Arce. "We need to take a look at San Leandro's infrastructure and retail sector and attract people to spend their money here. Sales tax revenue could help. Let's take a good look at Bayfair and bring business here."

Arce's job doesn't leave her with much spare time and she also sings in the chorus of the Oakland Symphony. She a busy young professional – which she says makes her the perfect candidate.

"I've lived here for six years and at first it was like 'Oh, moving to the suburbs,' but I found a real community here," said Arce. "I have a different perspective than my opponents. I'm not married, I don't have kids, I work a lot. But I represent our neighbors – that first-time homeowner who came here for an opportunity."

Deborah Cox

Cox says she needs four more years as the City Council representative so she can finish what she has started.

"Obviously, it's been an honor to serve the last four years,"

said Cox. "I feel we've accomplished a lot and there is a lot we need to see through to the finish. I want to finish what I started to do."

Cox said her focus if elected will be "the huge social issues" San Leandro is facing, primarily the lack of affordable housing and homelessness. On a lighter note, Cox said she'd like to be on the council when the much-delayed Marina project opens.

As for the housing crisis, Cox says there needs to be a significant increase in housing stock in order for any kind of affordable housing to be found in San Leandro.

"It's supply and demand, and

we need more units," said Cox. "Rent control isn't the answer—San Leandro already has among the lowest rents in the East Bay and if rent control is enacted, I'd be scared that would change."

The city is facing 10 years of projected debt and pension costs are rising, but Cox says the city is financially better off than it was when she joined the council.

"The more money we can put away, the better," said Cox. "We created the PULL (pension savings account) which we didn't have four years ago."

Regarding the Zapata case, Cox said the situation is a learning opportunity. Like fellow Council members Lee Thomas

and Corina Lopez, Cox says the incident should prompt more strict regulations on how city officials communicate with those lobbying them for money.

"The whole thing was just sad in my opinion in every way for the people involved, the city, everyone," said Cox. "We've been able to move on. As far as lobbying rules, we don't want to make it onerous, so that it's impossible to communicate, but the meetings should be at City Hall where it's all recorded in people's calendars."

Cox, 65, lives in the Estudillo Estates neighborhood and is a field representative for Assemblyman Bill Quirk. Cox said her

day job gives her some insight into how she performs her own political duties.

"A lot of what I do is one-on-one with my constituents," said Cox. "I've always looked for positions where I can do something for the community."

Cox says that while on the City Council, she spearheaded the Community Care Initiative to deal with code enforcement and property maintenance.

"I'm really proud of that," said Cox. "That's the type of thing that comes from really listening to people."

Cox says it's her leadership on quality of life issues as well

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AUTOMOTIVE

Hyundai's Ioniq Completes Trifecta

By Steve Schaefer
San Leandro Times

With the arrival of the plug-in hybrid for 2018, Hyundai's Ioniq now offers three green models—hybrid, plug-in hybrid (PHEV), and all-electric. This provides complete flexibility for your lifestyle and travel needs.

Plug-in hybrid vehicles eliminate any real or perceived limitations of electric-only cars while providing the advantages of local all-electric motoring. With an 8.9 kWh lithium-ion polymer battery tucked under the rear seat driving a 45 kw (60 hp) motor, the Ioniq PHEV provides 29 miles of pure electric motoring—enough for most commutes and errand-running. However, if you need to drive farther, the 1.6-liter, 104-horsepower Atkinson-cycle four-cylinder engine kicks in, giving the Ioniq PHEV a range of more than 650 miles. Combined system horsepower is 139.

The EPA fuel economy num-

bers are 119 MPGe with electricity and gasoline, and 52 mpg when driven as a hybrid alone. The Green scores are laudable 7 for Smog and a perfect 10 for Greenhouse Gas.

My Ceramic White test vehicle proved perfect for the way I drive and live. With an 18-mile commute each way, I charged at home and at work, so I used essentially no gasoline during the work week. Over 328.9 miles, I averaged a spectacular 130 miles per gallon, accounting for the few times when I drove farther than my commute distance.

When the battery is depleted, the engine kicks in, but it's not very obtrusive. And, because the Ioniq features a six-speed dual-clutch transmission instead of the continuously-variable one found in most other hybrids, it's more engaging to drive and natural sounding. I heard the engine come on a few times when the battery still had some juice in it, although I was hoping for all-electric driving as much as possible.

EV charging is generally slow, but in a PHEV, the battery is much smaller than a pure EV. Official charging times are 2 hours and 18 minutes for Level 2 (240-volt) chargers and under 9 hours for Level 1 household current. I filled the battery by 11 a.m. at work on Level 2 and at home overnight on Level 1.

You can choose Sport or Eco with the touch of a button. Sport holds the gears longer for quicker acceleration, but I avoided it in my goal of attempting to achieve the best possible fuel economy score for the week.

It's natural to compare the Ioniq to the long-established Toyota Prius. It's about the same size and configuration, but while the Prius offers the original hybrid model plus a plug-in Prime model, there is no all-electric version. In addition, the most recent Prius's styling is extreme and polarizing, while the Ioniq is a much more normal-looking vehicle.

The Ioniq's clean exterior earns a stellar 0.24 cd, meaning it moves through the air more cleanly than most other cars on the road. Some aluminum is used in areas such as the hood for weight reduction. Other parts of the car are carefully "lightweightened" for efficiency's sake as well.

The interior is pleasant to be in. The door panels and dash look more traditional than the Prius and feel substantial. The 7-inch center screen is especially easy and intuitive to use. My Apple CarPlay loaded immediately, and the audio system delivered high-quality sound and effortless selection and favorite storage.

The instrument panel pro-



Ioniq Hybrid and Plug-in Hybrid feature a sophisticated multi-link rear suspension system with dual lower control arms for agile ride and handling.

vides traditional gauge information and also the usual EV feedback—Charge, Eco, and Power—to help you manage your driving. You can watch the energy flow in the larger center screen or as a small image right behind the steering wheel.

For an ecological touch, the interior door panels combine powdered wood and volcanic stone with the plastic, and the headliner and carpet contain some materials derived from the sugar cane plant. These may be more significant for their marketing value, but it's still something. The exterior paint uses some soybean oil to complete the picture.

Choose from two models of the Korea-built Ioniq—base and Limited. The latter includes strategically placed leather on the inside and blind-spot detection with rear cross-traffic alert for extra safety. The Limited weighs

100 pounds more than the base car at 3,417 pounds. It also offers the Ultimate Package, with a long list of safety and convenience features (\$3,750). My tester had it, and it was packed with things like a sunroof, smart cruise control, and headlamps with the "Dynamic Bending Light Function."

The base Ioniq PHEV starts

at \$25,835, and the Limited's price is \$29,135; both include shipping. My tester, with the option package and floor mats, came to \$33,080.

One of the biggest actions you can take to help the climate is driving an electric car. Hyundai's Ioniq line gives you three options for whatever level of commitment you choose to make.



Interior materials were chosen with an ecological focus and are used to create a simple and clean look throughout the car.

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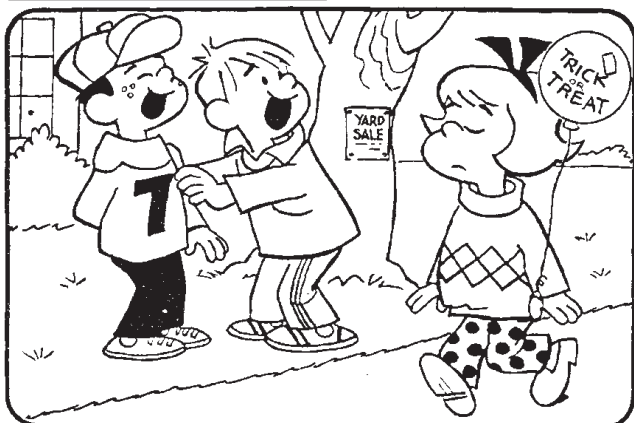
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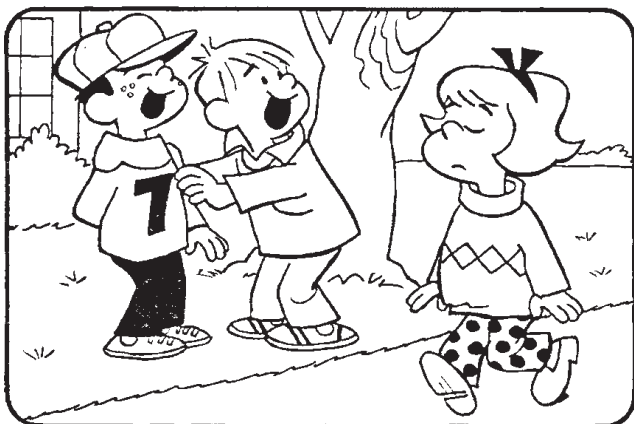
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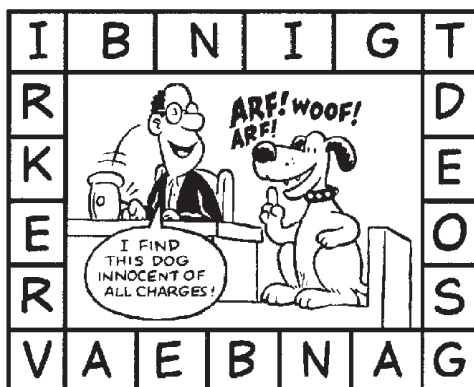
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BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Cap is different. 2. Sign is missing. 3. Sign is missing. 4. Bow is smaller. 5. Balloon is missing. 6. Sweater design is different.



JUDGMENT FOR THE DEFENDANT! Hidden in the above frame is a famous old saying. You can find it by reading every other letter as you go around it clockwise. The trick is finding the right first letter

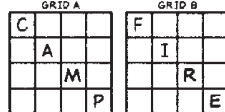
Answer: Starting with the "A" in the bottom right corner, "A barking dog never bites."

A SUPERHERO PROBLEM! Replace the letters in the spotlight with the digits 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, so that you have a correct addition problem. The same letters get the same digits. You have 3 minutes.

Our Answer: B=7, A=2, T=3, M=9, N=5, H=1, E=6, R=4, O=8, 723+925=1648

THIS PUZZLE SHOULD WARM YOU UP! Below are two puzzle grids for you to fill in. Hints are given for each word. The words in Grid B contain the same letters as the corresponding words in Grid A.

1. A coffee house.
2. Part of a fence.
3. Type of ice.
4. A type of year.



Answers: 1. Cafe-face. 2. Fence-face. 3. Rime-year. 4. Leap-year.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

SHAKE, RATTLE AND SOLVE!



In this type of puzzle you are given a word that must be changed into another word in a series of moves. During each move, you must change one letter in the previous word so as to form a new word. In our example, we changed ROCK to BAND in four moves. See if you can change the following five words in four moves.

1. PUTT to SINK
2. BANK to ROLL
3. MILK to WEED
4. MAKE to WORK
5. CHAT to ROOM

1. What the guilty try to save.
2. A stranger to the truth.
3. To sink in mud.
4. Weak lighting.

Answers:
1. PUTT, PUNT, PUNK, SUNK, SINK.
2. BANK, BALK, BALL, BOLL, ROLL.
3. MILK, MILD, WEED, WEED.
4. MAKE, MARE, WARE, WORE, WORK.
5. CHAT, COAT, COOT, ROOT, ROOM.

HEALTH & FITNESS

Two Breast Cancer Support Classes Offered This Week in Castro Valley

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, an annual observance to increase awareness while offering help and hope.

Eden Medical Center is offering the following support classes to the community on the following dates:

Saturday, Oct. 27:

Breast Cancer Screening

Routine mammograms save lives because they help doctors find breast cancer early; when it's easier to treat and easier to beat.

Despite the fact that a yearly mammogram is recommended for all women over the age of 40, many women do not have insurance (or are under-insured) or may not have a primary care physician to refer them for their mammogram.

Eden Medical Center is hosting a Breast Health Event on Saturday, Oct. 27 for those

women who need assistance in obtaining their screening mammogram.

Mammogram appointments will be available from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 20103 Lake Chabot Road in Castro Valley. You may be eligible for a low-cost or no-cost mammogram but you *must* call in advance to schedule at 510-727-8499.

Thursday, Nov. 1:

Autumn Sounds of Nature To Alleviate Stress

Revive and connect with the healing sounds of nature. Certified Sound Healer and Acupressure Practitioner, R. Consuelo Inez will lead a sound healing session using Tibetan bowls and Native drums.

Sound healing is a tool that can be used during treatment and recovery from any health condition to reduce anxiety and stress.

Eden Medical Center is hosting this event on Nov. 1 for all

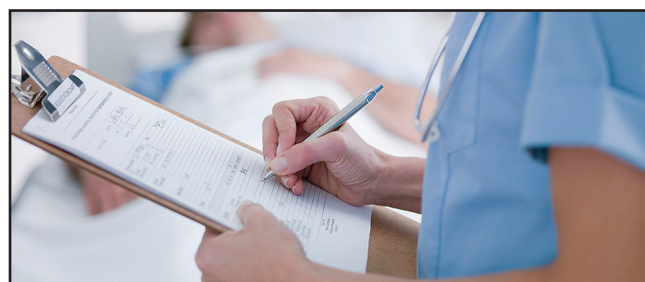
patients and caregivers regardless of diagnosis, at 20101 Lake Chabot Road in Castro Valley in the 2nd Floor Conference Center. Workshop will run from 6 to 8 p.m. Call 925-933-0107 to register.

Every Month:

Cancer Support Groups

Most people face some degree of depression, anxiety, fear or distress when cancer becomes part of their lives. A support group offers a safe and supportive environment for people to ask questions and get emotional support to help them with their cancer journey.

Eden Medical Center hosts a cancer support group every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 6-8 p.m. at 20101 Lake Chabot Road in Castro Valley in the 2nd Floor Conference Center. No registration required but those with questions are welcome to call 925-933-0107.



How to Shop for Medicare Health and Drug Plans

By Greg Dill
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

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

Probably not. You 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 can shop for a Medicare health or drug plan.

Medicare's open enrollment period began Oct. 15 and runs through Dec. 7.

If you have Original Medicare, 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, 2019.

How do you shop for a new plan?

One way is the "Medicare & You" handbook, mailed each fall

to every Medicare household in the country. This booklet lists all the Medicare health and drug plans available where you live, along with basic information such as premiums, deductibles, and contacts.

There's also the Medicare Plan Finder, at www.Medicare.gov.

Look for a green button that says, "Find health & drug plans." Click on that, plug in your zip code, and you'll see all of the Medicare Advantage and Part D plans available in your area.

You can compare them based on benefits, premiums, co-pays, and estimated out-of-pocket costs. Contact information for the plans is listed.

The Medicare.gov website also can help you decide whether Original Medicare or Medicare Advantage is better for you, and can help estimate your out-of-pocket costs with either type of coverage.

Each Medicare health and drug plan has been assigned a star rating of from one to five stars, with five stars being the best in terms of quality.

If you don't have access to a computer, call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). Our customer service representatives can help you with questions about Medicare health and drug plans. The call is free.

Another terrific resource is the State Health Insurance and Counseling Program.

SHIP is an independent, non-profit organization that provides free, personalized counseling to people with Medicare. You can make an appointment to speak with a SHIP counselor in-person or over the phone.

SHIP counselors are well-trained volunteers who often are enrolled in Medicare themselves, so they know the issues. They can help you sort through different health and drug plans and find one that's right for you. They're not salespeople and they won't try to sell you a specific plan.

To contact your local SHIP office, go to www.shiptacenter.org.

If you're enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan as of Jan. 1, 2019 but you're not satisfied with it, you have a 3-month window to dis-enroll.

Between Jan. 1 and March 31, 2019, you can drop your plan and return to Original Medicare (and join a standalone Medicare prescription drug plan).

Having trouble paying for your Part D plan? You may be eligible for the Extra Help program, which helps cover your premiums, deductibles, and co-pays. Medicare beneficiaries typically save about \$4,000 annually with Extra Help.

For more information about Extra help, go to www.SSA.gov/prescriptionhelp.

Greg Dill is Medicare's regional administrator for California and other western states. You can always get answers to your Medicare questions by calling 1-800-633-4227.



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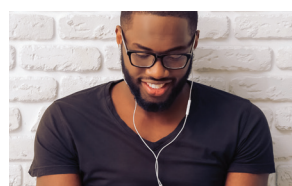
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GUEST COMMENTARY



The Most Bizarre Rule in the Universe

Talking to a homeowner wannabe the other day, I asked, "With prices down, why are you not jumping in?" He responded, "I have my eye on a few," and then clarified, "I'm waiting for their prices to drop before I do anything."

"How's that working out for you?" I queried. "Funny you should ask," he responded, "Just when it looks like I might have a shot, they disappear. It happens *all* the time."

Funny indeed. I call it "The Most Bizarre Rule in

the Universe," and I've seen it happen so frequently I believe it is a universal constant.

Buyers will follow homes that have been sitting on the market long enough for the agents on the signs to grow beards. They follow them a while, visit a time or two and then, one day, call to have me write an offer. And here is where it gets weird: the listing agent – more times than I can remember – says, "Funny you should call – we just accepted an offer 3 hours ago!"

Consequently, the principle I have learned over the years is this: If you become serious about any property on the face of the earth, you can count on someone else being interested as well.

Interested enough to write an offer just when you do. Regardless of how long the property has been out there. Don't ask me how it happens, but it does. So frequently, in fact, that I now warn my clients that this may in fact happen to them. And they stand there with mouths wide open when it actually does. And

say things like, "If *only* we'd written an offer *last* week..." Well ... you didn't.

So ... my recommendation.

If you like a property, write on it immediately. While there are many homes out there right now, chances are there are not many you *love*. Do not fool around trying to lowball the seller or double-guess the market. Write a decent offer quickly before someone else beats you to it.

With sellers currently hungry for offers, it is a great time to negotiate and solidify a deal before someone else beats you to the home you love.

Once someone else has beaten you to the draw, that opportunity is gone and you've missed out. The next time you see a home you really like, avoid having fate hit you upside the head a second time.

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Older Leaking Faucets Can Be Repaired

By Samantha Mazzotta
Special to the Times

Older faucets, like those with a threaded spout where you can attach a hose, can be repaired if the leak is caused by a worn seal or washer.

You should be able to find an adequate replacement in a universal washer kit. This inexpensive item is available at hardware and home-improvement stores and has a variety of different washers and seals to solve problems exactly

like yours.

This type of faucet is called a hose bib. They are pretty reliable and long-lasting, but the washers can wear out just like any other faucet. You'll need to disassemble the handle to get to the assembly inside.

First, shut off water to the faucet at the nearest shutoff valve. This may be located under the sink, or further along the pipe-run since it's a utility sink.

Unscrew the small screw in the top of the faucet's handle. Then pull the handle up and off. Just below the stem is the packing nut – the large nut just underneath the handle. Use an adjustable wrench to unscrew the packing nut.

Next, carefully unscrew the spindle. It's important to not scratch the spindle shaft or strip the ridges at the end of it. You can use pliers (channel-type) to do this, but try wrapping a soft cloth around

the spindle to protect it. Remove the spindle from the faucet valve.

Now you're ready to replace the damaged washers. The assembly should have two: a packing washer, just under the packing nut; and a stem washer, near the bottom of the spindle. Remove the old washers, and locate same-size replacements from the universal kit.

Reassemble the spindle using the replacement washers, reinsert into the valve and screw the packing nut back into place. Slide the handle back on and attach with the small screw.

Test the faucet by turning the water back on and turning the faucet on and off.

Home Tip: Some professionals recommend coating new washers with a heatproof grease to prevent them from cracking, while others say it doesn't matter. Use your own judgment.

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When their tassels begin to turn brown, pull ears downward and twist to take the them off the stalk. Remove all husks, tassel silk and stalks, and place shucked cobs of corn in cold water until time to cook. Bring a large kettle of water to a rapid boil, adding 1 tablespoon of salt for each quart of water. Toss in all your corn cobs and boil them 3-5 minutes. Remove and drain, and serve hot with butter and salt.

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By Buzz Bertolero
The Dirt Gardener

Q How would I go about growing Rhubarb from seed?

A It's not that difficult, but this is not an ideal time to germinate Rhubarb seed. The days are getting shorter and the nights colder and the growing season is quickly coming to an end.

So, I'd wait until February to germinate the seed. The seed should be an open-pollinated variety as they retain the same characteristics as their parents.

With hybrid varieties, the characteristics change because of genetics. Also, rhubarb started from seed takes a year longer to produce than those planted from division or root clumps.

The seed can be sown in individual pots or a flat containing commercial potting soil. It's a good idea to moisten the soil before planting and, to speed up germination, soak the seed in water for a couple of hours before sowing. This helps break down the



large paper like shell that surround the seed.

Planting the seeds in peat pots rather than plastic is recommended so the root ball isn't disturbed when transplanting. Use two or three seeds per pot.

It's also recommended that you place the pots on a heating mat. The bottom heat increases the germination rate.

If you start your seedlings in a flat, the seedlings are transplanted into three or four-inch pots when they're one to two inches tall. Starting them in pots eliminates this step.

The seedlings are ready for the open ground in about twelve weeks. For the average family, three to four plants will be plenty.

Pick a location that gets a half a

day of sun — preferably morning sun — and space the plants three feet apart.

Allow the stalks to grow and do not harvest the first year after planting. I would pick only a small crop the second year.

The clumps should be divided every four years or when the diameter of the stalks starts to thin. Dividing rhubarb is done during the winter months.

Only the stems are edible as the leaves are poisonous if ingested.

Buzz Bertolero is an Advance California Certified Nursery Professional. The Dirt Gardener's website is www.dirtgardener.com and questions can be sent by email to buzz@dirtgardener.com or on Facebook at [Facebook.com/BuzzBertolero](https://www.facebook.com/BuzzBertolero).



WEEKEND GARDENER

■ Vegetables

Harvest winter squash and pumpkins when the vines are dry and the rinds are hard. Cut the stems rather than breaking or tearing them, and leave 2 inches of stem attached to the squash. Let them cure in a dry, well-ventilated area at room temperature for two weeks. Squash and pumpkins should keep for about six months.

Transplant artichokes, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, ornamental cabbage, rhubarb and established herbs such as comfrey, sage and thyme. All of these should mature before the first frost and will overwinter nicely.

■ Ground Cover

Now is the time to plant new ground covers from six-packs or flats. The root systems will become established over the fall and winter months allowing growth to accelerate in spring.

■ Flowers

Most perennials can be transplanted, or divided and replanted. To divide, use a spade or sharp knife to separate the large clumps. Discard the old, unproductive sections. Trim the foliage of young growth to 4 or 6 inches. Dig in compost, replant and water to settle the soil.

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Ghirardelli Chocolate Supports Boys and Girls Clubs with 16th Annual Golf Tournament

The Ghirardelli Chocolate Company recently presented a check for \$161,957 to the Boys & Girls Clubs of San Leandro, representing the net proceeds from the 16th Annual Ghirardelli Golf Classic held on Oct. 1 at Ruby Hill Golf Club in Pleasanton.

Boys & Girls Club executive director, Bob Glotch, said that since 2003 the Ghirardelli Golf Classic has raised over \$1,000,000 for the Boys & Girls Club and the event has become the biggest fundraising

event of the year for the club.

"The Ghirardelli Golf Classic is amazing and we could not be more proud and honored to partner with Ghirardelli Chocolate in putting on this event which directly supports the programs for our kids," Glotch said.

According to tournament chairman and Ghirardelli employee, Brad Jackman, 134 golfers participated in the tournament at Ruby Hill Club and were treated to a number of special attractions throughout

the course such as margarita tasting hosted by Color Ad Packaging, Meatball Sliders hosted by Miraglia Catering, Ghirardelli Chocolate ice cream sundaes, beer from 21st Amendment Brewing Company, wine and champagne tasting, barbecued sausages hosted by Saag's Products and a chance to win \$50,000 cash hosted by FH Dailey Chevrolet.

All in all, the tournament is an exceptionally good time benefitting an exceptionally good cause.

Sponsorships are always a key factor in the success of fundraisers. The impressive list of tournament sponsors included Ghirardelli Chocolate, State Roofing Systems, Pacific Southwest Container, Jerome & Horner Sheet Metal, Amer-

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The Boys & Girls Clubs



Bob Glotch (left), Executive Director of Boys & Girls Clubs of San Leandro accepts check from Joel Burrows, President and CEO of Ghirardelli Chocolate.

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professionally supervised after-school programs for over 1200 children per day at twelve (12) locations throughout the San Leandro and San Lorenzo School Districts. The date for 17th Annual Ghirardelli Golf Classic at Ruby Hill has already been set for Monday, September 30, 2019.

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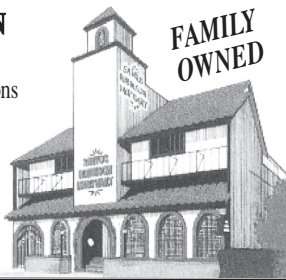
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BETTY JEAN IMWALLE

October 26, 1927 - September 29, 2018



Betty loved being a wife of 74 years to her husband Robert, who passed in January. We all feel that she felt that eight months without him was enough. She was a wonderful and loving mother to her daughters Norma and Janice. Her one greatest joy was her great-grandson Manny and she so missed him since he passed in April 2017. Now she can be together with both of them.

Betty is survived by her daughters Norma Imwalle and Janice Doolittle. She was predeceased by her parents Myrtle and Elmer Davidson, her grandparents Emil and Berthena Domer, her brothers Richard Cranston, Arnold Cranston, Eugene Davidson and her great-grandson Manny Doolittle. She is survived by many nephews and nieces. She is also survived by her son-in-law Ron Doolittle, brother-in-law John Jeans, 3 granddaughters, 4 great grandkids, and many friends.

Betty and Bob lived the last 54 years of their 74 years of marriage in San Leandro. They enjoyed camping for months every summer in Oregon with their friends. Betty loved cats and dogs very much and in their early years together she and Bob owned and rode horses. For the last five years, she's been great-grandma to Manny's dog Sundae.

Her life was full and even though we miss her so much, she had a wonderful life and now is at true peace in Heaven. In lieu of flowers, family is requesting donations to UCSF Children's Hospital, San Francisco, or to Dusty Paws Animal Rescue, Castro Valley.

Funeral and entombment service took place on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at the Chapel of the Chimes, Hayward.

IMWALLE, Betty Jean
JUSTINO, Ada Aldena
STANSELL, Elaine

■ Elaine Stansell, a longtime San Leandro resident passed away on October 4, 2018. She is survived by her

two daughters Donna Fine of Missouri and Carol Roma (Tony) of San Leandro and 11 grandkids. Funeral services were held at St. Felicitas Church in San Leandro on October 12, followed by burial at Chapel of the Chimes in Hayward.

Ada Aldena Justino

June 1924 - October 2018

Born in Elwood, Indiana, her parents Lewis Pursley and Aulta moved to Mountain View, Missouri when she was five years old with her three sisters: Dorothy Wilson, Waneda Brooks, Melba Cotton and a brother Jr. Arthur Lewis.

She and her husband, Vern Campbell, ran Cardinal Acres on the Jack's Fork River for twenty years, having to give it up to the federal government when it began the making of the Ozark Scenic River ways. Widowed in 1975, fate would land her in San Leandro, California. There she met John Justino and they married in 1983. She inherited three wonderful daughters, Nikki, Lynne, and Jessica who have been a godsend to her, bringing much happiness. She enjoyed her two sons-in-law, Jack and Bill, and three beautiful grandchildren Carly, Tori, and Justine, whom she adored.

Her life in California was most rewarding in the remaining years of her life. God was most gracious to her all her years and many friends and relatives in both Missouri and California will miss her. May she rest in peace in the most high place.



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To Demonstrate a Commitment to The Community, Vote Yes on "I"

Editor:

As a concerned citizen that pays property taxes to SLUSD, I wanted to clear up misconceptions about Measure I.

Measure I is an inexpensive and flexible way to provide valuable academic opportunities for students in SLUSD. The argument that Measure I will enrich teachers is foolish. No teacher is getting rich in the U.S. California is currently facing a teacher shortage of epic proportions. We need to attract and retain dynamic and committed teachers by offering an academic environment that supports growth and innovation.

In an effort to provide clarity, it is important to define the difference between Bond Measures and Parcel Taxes. The previous Bond measures we have passed have been restricted to improving and renovating aging buildings and facilities. Measure I is a minimal parcel tax dedicated to supplementing the district's budget in an effort to maintain competitive academic and technical programs.

How can we as residents of San Leandro vote no on a \$39/year parcel tax? Neighboring cities like Castro Valley and Alameda pay so much more to fund their schools. Hayward recently passed an \$88/year parcel tax in May 2017, and San Lorenzo currently has a \$99/parcel tax on their ballot. The time is now that we must demonstrate a commitment to our community and the future of our children by passing this measure and voting Yes on Measure I.

—Lesley Feiker, San Leandro

Support Ken Pon for Council District 1

Editor:

As a 50-year resident of San Leandro, I have had much opportunity to watch our city grow with the help and determination of our leaders...leaders such as my Bay-O-Vista neighbor, Ken Pon. At my request, one day last week, he came to my home and sat down with me for almost two hours going over the ballot, including some very complex propositions, and also telling me what some of the other candidates had done for the city...thus giving credit where credit is due.

I also read with much interest "I Walk the Talk," the informative mailer which Ken put together, as well as your Sept. 10 article on the candidates who are running.

By reading these, I gained insight into Ken Pon as a leader with very definite goals for improving our city and, even more importantly, ways of achieving those goals which he described very vividly...with humor and candor.

It is my desire that all San Leandro citizens continue to benefit from Ken's vision and willingness to serve as District One's Council Member. Please join me in voting for Ken Pon on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

—Milli-Ann Iuso-Cox, San Leandro

Supports Corina Lopez's Re-election Bid

Editor:

I would like to recommend Corina Lopez for re-election to the San Leandro

City Council.

I was fortunate to serve with Corina on the San Leandro School Board, and since her election to the Council, she has continued to show her commitment to improving San Leandro and the life of its citizens.

She has worked for more affordable housing, supported new parks, served on the East Bay Clean Energy Council and represented the city at the regional, state and national levels. Corina has been a consistent neighborhood advocate, and she is always available to meet with constituents. Please join me in re-electing Corina Lopez to City Council.

—Diana Prola, San Leandro

"Elect the Same Group and Vote Your Way to the Poor House"

Editor:

The election is near, same names and faces. The council that as a fiduciary was given the responsibility to conduct San Leandro business, failed. Unfunded pensions, roadways full of potholes, and a group unable to spell the word constitution, much less understand it. These individuals have not acted as a reliable fiduciary.

Education also has a measure on the ballot. I can't recall an election when they didn't. So elect the same group and vote your way to the poor house. Do the math.

—Richard Parker, San Leandro

Sierra Club Supports Three Pro-Environment Incumbents

Editor:

San Leandro is lucky to have three pro-environment incumbents running for re-election. The Sierra Club, America's most influential and enduring environmental advocacy organization, urges you to vote for Mayor Pauline Cutter, Council Member Corina Lopez, and Council Member Lee Thomas for re-election.

Under Pauline Cutter's leadership, San Leandro has restored wetlands, welcomed new affordable housing near BART, and supported the construction of an improved AC Transit bus line serving Downtown. As Vice Chair of the Alameda County Transportation Commission, Mayor Cutter has supported progressive and effective transportation solutions.

On the Council, Corina Lopez has championed parks and open space, leading the city to complete its capital improvement plan as well as the renovation of Siempre Verde Park. She's been a leader for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and workforce housing opportunities.

As a member of the East Bay Community Energy Board, Council Member Lee Thomas has fought for the adoption of sustainable energy sources that will lower costs for residents. On the Council Lee Thomas helped San Leandro carefully plan for transit-oriented development around its BART stations.

In the last four years San Leandro has undertaken many initiatives aimed at reducing the City's carbon footprint, including improving building efficiency, reducing water consumption, and installing a solar power system for wastewater treatment.

While San Leandro, like the nation, faces great challenges, we are fortunate to have progressive and effective leadership making a real difference for the people and the environment of San Leandro. Join the Sierra Club in supporting the re-election of Mayor Pauline Cutter, Council Member Corina Lopez, and Council Member Lee Thomas.

—Igor Tregub, Chair
Sierra Club SF Bay Chapter

Wants All Democrats Kicked Out of Office

Editor:

When we go to the polls this Nov. 6, we must remember that the Democrats, in control in Sacramento for a decade, have given us, under the guise of "global warming," the higher price for gasoline in the country, the highest taxes on car purchases, the highest price for car registration, the highest price for electricity and requirements for unnecessary and expensive "smog tests."

The Democrats have not only flooded this state with illegals but, as His Excellency the President of the United States, Donald J. Trump has denounced, have used the DMV to register illegals and criminals to vote. This action shouldn't be a surprise to anybody since Ricardo Lara, Alex Padilla, Kevin De León, Javier Becerra and a long list of descendants of illegals had already allowed the illegals to vote for school boards in some cities.

The lawyers are having a bonanza in California, Javier Becerra has filed 44 challenges to federal laws and regulations. We the taxpayers are going to pay when the Supreme Court throws out the challenges and the federal government starts to impose the sanctions on California.

When Pete Stark was our representative in Washington, he held town hall meetings every month to inform and listen to our questions or comments. When was the last time you saw Barbara Lee have a town hall meeting in San Leandro? It was before the 2016 elections. Vote for Laura Wells. Let's also get rid of the inept Rob Bonta.

If Gavin Newsom becomes Governor, he'll do for California what he did for San Francisco—create a state of perpetual homelessness. Vote for John Cox. The time is now, let's kick all of the Democrats out of office.

—Leo T. West, San Leandro

Democrats' Votes Count As Never Before

Editor:

The Republicans in Congress are cutting Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security to finance the \$1.5 trillion deficit caused by their tax cuts for billionaires.

These programs are not "welfare entitlements," they are insurance plans we have paid into our entire lives. We need a Democratic majority in Congress to reverse this disaster.

Senate Republicans just shoved through another trillion dollar gift to the richest of the rich. We will have to pay for it with deep cuts to programs that protect our health, environment, schools, roads, and water. A few ordinary citizens get some crumbs off the table while Republican financiers take away the whole table. A Democratic majority can restore these necessary programs.

The Republican leader of the House Intelligence Committee, "Devil" Nunes, forced the committee to issue a dishonest, incomplete report that shields the President from legitimate investigation into his

collusion with Russia and his manipulating U.S. policies for personal profit. Nunes (R-Moscow) and his party can be defeated if we vote for Democrats, now.

Our votes count, as never before.

—Bruce Joffe, Piedmont

Watch the High School-Created Video of Mayoral Candidates

Editor:

As a teacher at San Leandro High School, I see a lot of high quality work that is not shared with the greater community. Recently, our Academy for Multimedia produced a video that I thought should be shared outside of our school. The San Leandro Academy for Multimedia (SLAM) is a three-year

digital media academy program at San Leandro High School. Tony Farley is the multimedia teacher and is known at our school for running a very effective and successful program.

The video consists of four sit-down interviews with the 2018 mayoral candidates. It gave me a better sense of who they are and informed my decision on who I believe could best lead our city at this time.

If you cannot attend a forum to hear the candidate's viewpoints in person, this could be a good way to get a better understanding of their different positions on the issues. You can search "SLHS SLAM" on YouTube to find it on their home page.

—Michael Raytis, San Leandro

INQUIRING REPORTER

What do you like about fall?

— Asked downtown

All the leaves tumbling down. The crisp air. I used to like chopping wood for the fireplace when I lived up in Humboldt County.

Fred Perazzo
San Leandro



The yellow and red, all the different hues. I'm from Modesto and in the valley there are lots of trees changing color, and in California in general.

Jeff Cunningham
Modesto,
working in San Leandro



I like the change in the weather, cooling down, so it's not so hot every day.

Shawn Jizzler
Modesto,
working in San Leandro



I love the fall. When it cools down it's like heaven again. I love the air, the smell from the trees.

Dora Anderson
San Leandro



I like the color change of the trees and the crisp, fresh air. But mostly the change of color.

Patty Sandoval
San Leandro



District 1: Gag order controversy sparked Arce to run for office

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as her experience as a volunteer — she co-founded the San Leandro Education Foundation and served as the city's Human Services Commission Chair, among other positions — that sets her apart from her opponents.

"I believe my strength is working with people and getting people to sit down and talk," said Cox. "I look at both sides of an issue and get things done. I'm a relationship builder and I really care."

Ken Pon

Pon's election slogan is "I Walk the Talk," but you're actually more likely to see him rolling around town.

Pon, 68, rides his electric scooter almost everywhere he goes, from his office downtown, to his Bay-O-Vista home and beyond. The scooter, decked out in campaign signs including a caricature of Pon, is more than a publicity stunt—Pon says riding it has informed his political platform.

Pon says that one thing that would be great for San Leandro

is if people could afford to live where they work, so that means more housing. He'd like to see high density housing near BART and the transit hub, though he also says new apartments will be necessary all over town. Pon wants to simplify the permit process so "in-law" units could be built in the backyard of existing homes and provide a housing solution as well as additional income for homeowners.

"Instead of some big housing project the city has to finance, let's spread them around," said Pon. "I really do want people to use smaller vehicles like the scooter. If we provide the housing so people can live where they work, that would really help."

In the District 1 race, Pon says what sets him apart from his rivals is a strong financial background. Pon is a CPA and also used to work as an auditor for the state, so he says he's very familiar with municipal finances.

Pon compared the city's budget to a giant algebra problem—there are the numbers we know and those we don't, (such as future pension costs) and he says

he can solve for "X."

"I want to look at the city's financials and see if there is room for change," said Pon.

Regarding pensions, Pon said the city should have started putting money away years ago. Because the city must pay for any gap between CalPERS investment earnings and what an employee is owed, Pon said the city should not have listened to CalPERS' rosy predictions and instead should have set aside money based on more conservative market predictions.

"In retrospect, I would have said 'Let's use a more realistic number,'" said Pon. "Moving forward, we need to make a stronger commitment to solving this problem."

Pon, who previously has served for eight years on the school board and made an attempt to win the District 1 seat during the 2014 elections, said he's the right person for the City Council because he has a combination of



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

District 1 candidate Ken Pon can be spotted riding his electric scooter around town.

leadership skills and a history of commitment to the community.

"I have the qualities we need," said Pon. "My passion is community service, which I've been doing for 35 years."

Parcel Tax: SLUSD wants perpetual measure

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million in cuts. A parcel tax may be on the ballot, but no San Lorenzo School Board candidates will be. Only one person filed to run for two open seats (incumbent Samuel Medina) so his win is automatic.

A second candidate will be appointed by a vote among the school board in early 2019. Additionally, San Lorenzo superintendent Fred Brill resigned from the district earlier this month.

In the ballot argument for Measure J, the district says the money would be used to "attract and retain highly qualified teachers," to upgrade technology, and for academic and arts programs.

The argument in favor of Measure J was signed by San Lorenzo School Board member Penny Peck, resident Angelica Huerta, and former San Leandro City Councilman Bob Glaze.

No ballot argument was submitted against Measure J.

Oro Loma: Too much algae is bad for the bay

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standards (a few years early) of the Clean Water Act of 1972.

And now, in 2018, construction begins on a treatment tank to eliminate nutrients, such as nitrogen and phosphorus.

Keeping the nutrients out of the bay is important now because the bay is getting clearer, allowing in more sunlight. Light, nutrients and water make the algae grow.

Though algae is fine, too much of it is bad for the bay, explained Ralph Johnson, board member of the Castro Valley Sanitation District, which owns 25 percent of the Oro Loma treatment plant.

Since the Gold Rush, the bay has contained a lot of sediment — it's been light inhibited for the past 100 years, Johnson said. Now that it's a little clearer, the ingredients that cause algae bloom need to be reduced.

The addition to the treatment tank is the latest thing, and this is the first district in the East Bay to have it, Warner said.

It works with something called "fine bubble aeration."

Panels at the bottom of the treatment tank emit super-fine bubbles that bring in oxygen, which helps the bugs work, the bacteria that cleans the sewage.

The bugs also convert ammonia to nitrate, which becomes nitrogen after another step in the process. Nitrogen is harmless, since it makes up 78 percent of the atmosphere.

Fine bubble aeration also uses far less energy than the older method, surface aerators, which whip up the surface of the water to bring in oxygen, Warner said.

Oro Loma is one of the 37 districts that discharges into San Francisco Bay. Installing the new treatment plants at all the districts is a total project of \$8 to \$10 billion, Warner said.

The districts also contribute to the San Francisco Estuary Institute's study of the bay. The results of that \$2.2 million study in another six years will tell whether there needs to be more or less nutrients flowing into the bay.

"So we're helping fund scientific study to improve the bay," Warner said.

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