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San Leandro Swim Team 14-18 year-old boys swim against Mission Valley in the freestyle on Saturday.

SL Swim Team Stays Unbeaten

By Andrew Joseph
San Leandro Times

The San Leandro Drowning Darryls swim team beat the Mission Valley Swim Club at home in an East Bay Swim League (EBSL) meet on Saturday by a close score of 554-526.

"We knew we were going to have a

tough meet against Mission Valley today, they've been our arch-rival for a long time," said San Leandro head coach Fred Scheberies. "The goal is always to improve our times every season and win."

The scoring breakdown was the San Leandro boys winning 285-255, while the girls fell just short of Mission Valley,

269-271.

"I was a little bit nervous about today because Mission Valley is really good," said 15-18 boys swimmer Quinn Sitchon. "I just focused on swimming fast today and bringing my times down to help us win."

San Leandro has been undefeated for the
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Zapata Lands Job In Anaheim

City Council names Jeff Kay city manager in special meeting

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

A month after being cleared of charges of sexual harassment and two weeks after separating from the city of San Leandro, Chris Zapata has a new job as city manager of Anaheim.

The Anaheim City Council voted on Tuesday to hire Zapata as city manager with an annual salary of \$291,000.

"Chris has the experience and community dedication we are looking for in a city manager," said Anaheim Mayor Tom Tait in a written statement. "He embraces what it means to be a city of kindness. We welcome him to Anaheim and look forward to working together."

Meanwhile, the San Leandro City Council voted, 7-0, to appoint Jeff Kay as the new city manager in a special closed session meeting last Thursday. Usually, personnel matters are handled in closed session right before the regular City Council meeting, which would have been Monday, July 16.

The special meeting to hire Kay was held because of City Council "calendar conflicts and travel schedules coupled with a desire to move forward," according to deputy city manager Eric Engelbart.

The City Council has demanded that all city commissioners and board members sign

an agreement not to say anything negative about Zapata while acting in their official capacity or else possibly be removed from their commissions.

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Speakers Rally for Evicted Tenant

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

Over a dozen speakers demanded that the San Leandro City Council do something to protect low-income mobile home residents at Monday night's meeting. Though there's not much the City Council can do.

Many speakers came in support of John Busch, 81, who is facing having to live in his car after rent on his mobile home was hiked by over 60 percent when a new company purchased the property.

Harmony Communities bought the Estudillo Trailer Park on Grand Avenue, changed the
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Tobacco Stores Hit with \$500 Annual Fee

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

Stores that sell tobacco products will be required to pay \$500 annually for a special tobacco retailer's license beginning on Jan. 1, 2019.

And starting Aug. 15, those stores will no longer be allowed to sell any flavored tobacco products.

On Monday night, the City Council voted 6-0 (with Councilman Benny Lee abstaining) to require each of the 86 stores in town that sell tobacco to pay for

the special licenses.

Lee said that he supported keeping tobacco away from kids, but he'd like to see what the ban accomplishes before making a decision on the licenses.

The city says the \$500 license will go towards paying for police to make sure stores are in compliance with the flavor ban.

The City Council first approved the flavor ban last fall, and at that time, dozens of shop owners said it would hurt their businesses.

This week, shop owner Paul

“We are already paying two different associations to investigate us.”

— Store owner Paul Sekhon, question need for an additional \$500 fee.

Sekhon said that he didn't believe the \$500 license was fair that that the city should prove people are out of compliance before instituting a costly means of keeping them in compliance.

"There is no data proving we are bad retailers," said Sekhon. "We are good people, actually, I think that's something that gets lost in this. We are already paying two different associations to come and investigate us. We are losing an estimated 30 percent of our sales (to the flavor ban)."

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Pets of the Week



Sylvester

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are Sylvester the cat and Dudley the dog.

Sylvester is an easygoing and social 2-year-old boy. He's quite the charmer in his black and white tuxedo. He seeks attention from his favorite people.

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Dudley

loves to play. He'd be okay in a home with teens and other dogs.

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

'Lighten Up' Comedy Show

Brian Copeland presents a night of comedy, Lighten Up for Summer, on Saturday, July 28, at 7 p.m. at the San Leandro Performing Arts Center, 2250 Bancroft Ave. The lineup includes Bruce Baum, Mark Pitta,

Chicago Steve Barkley, Carrie Snow, Chip Franklin, Stephen B., Nicole Tran, Daymon Ferguson and more. Tickets are \$42, and \$15 for students age 14 to 18. Purchase tickets at BrownPaperTickets.com.

Rotary Club Social Mixer at the Vine

The Rotary Club San Leandro invites everyone to an evening social mixer at the Vine Wine & Tapas Restaurant, 135 Parrott St. in downtown San Leandro,

on Thursday, July 26, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Meet local leaders and business owners. \$15 per guest. Tapas and appetizers included. RSVP kimrotary12@gmail.com.

Tenant: Rents soar as investors now aim for mobile home parks

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name to Bayshore Commons, and raised that rent earlier this year.

"Why would they change their name to Harmony when they are causing more disharmony than I've ever seen?" Busch said when he addressed the council. "If you know that in order to make a profit you are going to disrupt 40 people's lives, maybe you should find another business."

Busch isn't the only one to be forced out of his home. Other residents of Bayshore Commons are feeling the strain, as are residents of Trailer Haven, who saw their rents increase when a new property owner bought that park in 2016.

"We have a crisis going on, as you well know – we have residents being gouged out of their homes" said speaker Jeromey Shafer. "This has happened before, this is happening now, it will happen again. The question is what are we doing about it?"

Tom Liao, San Leandro's Community Development Director, said that the city has little recourse other than acting as an arbitrator when dealing with the decisions made by private companies. But several members of the City Council said maybe that should change.

"I'm just furious about this whole situation," said Councilman Lee Thomas. "Now is the time to send a message. We just

can't allow this to happen in this city."

Thomas suggested that the council form an ad hoc committee or create a task force of mobile home residents. He said that the

"We just can't allow this to happen in this city."

— City Councilman
Lee Thomas

city should look into imposing restrictions on developers when they buy a property so they have to give a year's notice before raising rents or displacing residents.

The council directed Liao and staff to look into what other cities are doing to protect mobile home residents, noting that San Leandro could become a haven for unscrupulous developers if it doesn't have the same ordinances in place as other cities.

"Where is the protection we are offering our most vulnerable?" asked speaker Rob Rich. "That is not lost on speculators who come here and see someone like John Busch as someone to be evicted."

Currently there are nine mobile home parks with 855 spaces in San Leandro. Councilman Ed Hernandez said the city should see if those other parks will be changing hands soon.

"We need to do whatever we can do to be proactive," said Hernandez, who wants mobile home parks to be eligible for tenant relocation assistance. That's the ordinance that the city created last year that requires landlords to pay the equivalent of three months rent to tenants forced out of their homes by rent increases of 12 percent or more in a year, with the amount not to exceed \$7,000.

Councilwoman Corina Lopez said that, while San Leandro has touted attracting tech businesses and economic growth, the council must make sure the city's most vulnerable residents are cared for.

"We are going through a transformation here in San Leandro that could inadvertently have consequences," said Lopez. "I don't want San Leandro to go through gentrification and leave certain people from the success story."

The group Our Revolution San Leandro has started a Go Fund Me page for Busch's legal representation in his fight against homelessness. So far, over \$2,600 of the \$10,000 goal has been raised (www.gofundme.com/81-year-resident-faces-eviction).



By Rob Rosas

IF YOU suffer from lower back pain and sciatica, you are among four out of five Americans who will suffer with

this crippling spinal condition.

Shooting, stabbing and burning pains from the lower back region, often teamed with pain through the buttocks and down the legs are all classic symptoms of Sciatica or "pinched nerves".

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Man Arrested with Gun and Pot

A man was found with a loaded gun and some pot after San Leandro police stopped him in the parking lot of a fast food restaurant last week.

On July 10, officers patrolling near the In-n-Out Burger on the 15500 block of Hesperian Boulevard at around 7 p.m. saw the driver of a 2017 GMC Yukon

make several traffic violations and stopped the vehicle, according to Lt. Robert McManus of the San Leandro police.

The officer who pulled the car over said he smelled the odor of pot coming from the SUV.

Officers searched the SUV and found a loaded 9mm Sig Sauer pistol with 15 rounds of ammunition in it near the driver's seat.

Inside a storage compartment, police found a Glock magazine, a magazine for a different gun with more than 30 rounds, and some pot.

It was discovered that the Sig Sauer had been reported stolen to police in another state. The driver, Quentin Guyton, 31, of Oakland was also found to be a convicted felon.

Guyton was arrested and has been charged with multiple gun offenses including being a felon in possession of a firearm. He's out on \$45,000 bail with a court date scheduled for this week.

Firefighter Mauled by Pit Bull, 20 Dogs Found in House Fire

An Alameda County fireman was injured by a dog he helped rescue from a fire at a home in Ashland last week.

Fire crews responded to a call at around 9:30 a.m. on July 14 at a home on the 16000 block of Maubert Avenue. Once the fire was extinguished, authorities discovered as many as 20 dogs in the home.

Battalion Chief John Whiting

was talking to a 15-year-old girl who lived in the home and who was holding the leash of one of the dogs, when the dog broke free and mauled him without provocation.

Whiting was bitten on the left side of his face and taken to Eden Hospital and later to Stanford Hospital for reconstructive surgery.

Two dogs died in the fire and the rest were taken by animal control. The pit bull who attacked Whiting is under quarantine during the investigation. The Alameda County Sheriff's office has launched an animal neglect and cruelty investigation into the dogs' owners.



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The Sheriff's office is investigating an animal cruelty case after 20 dogs were found in an Ashland home that caught fire.

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Women Killed in Crash Near Reservoir

Two women were killed and a teen boy was injured in a one vehicle crash on Redwood Road on Saturday night.

The crash was reported shortly after 10:30 p.m. on a northern stretch of the road in unincorporated Alameda County near Anthony Chabot Regional Park and the Upper San Leandro Reservoir.

The car, a red Mazda,



overturned. Two women were pronounced dead at the scene.

One has been identified by the coroner's bureau as Kelsie Hansen, 27, of Virginia. The other

woman's identity has not yet been released.

The California Highway Patrol are investigating the cause of the crash.



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The San Leandro Players present Agatha Christie’s *The Mousetrap* July 21 through Aug. 19 at the San Leandro Museum/Auditorium, 320 West Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro.

plus Fridays at 8 p.m. on Aug. 10 and Aug. 17.

Tickets are \$20 for general admission, \$15 for seniors, TBA members, children under 12, and students. For more information or reservations call 895-2573, or online at www.slplayers.org.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

❖ **Douglas Morrisson Theatre** The Morrisson Theatre Chorus, under the musical direction of César Cancino, will present its Summer Concert: Six Continents of Music on Friday and Saturday, July 20 and July 21, at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, July 22, at 2 p.m. The summer concert will feature lively, tropical, and romantic rhythms from around the world. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for adult H.A.R.D. residents, \$15 for under 30/over 60 and \$12 for youth/student. Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 N. Third St. in Hayward. For information or tickets, call 881-6777 or visit www.dmtonline.org.

❖ **Woodminster Amphitheater** The Producers Associates continues the 52nd season of the Woodminster Summer Musicals with *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. This Biblical saga put to music comes to life August 3 (opening), 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, and 12, all at 8 p.m. at Woodminster Amphitheater, 3540 Sanborn Dr. in Oakland’s Joaquin Miller Park, located on Joaquin Miller Road at upper Sanborn Drive. Told entirely through song, the musical follows Joseph, favorite son of Jacob, as he overcomes many challenges through his honesty and good character. Tickets for the musical range from \$32 to \$69. Tickets are available by phone at 531-9597, online at www.woodminster.com or in person at Woodminster Amphitheater on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and weekends from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or at the box office 2 hours before any performance.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) With new facts to work with, you should feel more confident in moving ahead. But continue to do so at an unhurried pace so you can spot details you might otherwise miss.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Taking on that new workplace project could be one of your smarter career moves. Expect a surprising show of support from someone who had always been a critic.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might feel you’re too busy to undertake a new responsibility. But check it out before making any decisions. What you learn could persuade you to change your mind.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You feel quite content enjoying all the comforts of home right now. But the urge to travel grows stronger, and by week’s end, you could begin packing your bags.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A hectic period begins to ease up, but that doesn’t mean the Fine Feline can do much catnapping these days. You need to finish those old tasks and prepare for new ones.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Expect to get some good news about your financial situation by week’s end. But it could still be too early to rush out with a long shopping list of things to buy.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your management skills make an impression on some workplace VIPs who might be looking for someone like you to take on an upcoming project. Good luck.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Meeting a former adversary might be unsettling at first. But time has softened hard feelings, and you could be on the brink of starting a new relationship.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A troubling situation close to home might cause you to change your travel plans. But getting all the facts before you act might cause you to reconsider.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You might be quite alone right now in deciding to support a major workplace shift. But others will join you as new information supports your bold move.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A former co-worker returns with news that could persuade you to reassess recently made plans. Be sure to consult with a trusted colleague before you act.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your motives behind a recent decision could be called into question by a rival. But once you present the facts, all doubts will be resolved. Enjoy an arts-rich weekend.

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❖ **Meek Mansion Paranormal Investigation** Meek Mansion, 17365 Boston Road in Hayward, will conduct a paranormal investigation on Saturday, July 21, at 7 p.m. During this investigation, experienced investigators will lead attendees through the property and explore the paranormal. Data previously collected includes electronic voice phenomena (EVP), cold spots, touches, apparitions, and much more. Investigations for ages 18 and older. Tickets are \$75 for general admission and must be purchased in advance at haywardareahistory.org/explore-the-paranormal.

❖ **Alta Mira Club Luncheon** The Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave. in San Leandro, is having a salad bar luncheon on Monday, July 23, at noon. Tickets are \$20. Members are invited to decorate their table with a picnic theme for a prize. Proceeds go to the building fund. For reservations, call Carol Libbrecht at 305-5393.

❖ **E.T. Playing at the San Leandro Museum** The San Leandro Museum, 320 W. Estudillo Ave., will show the movie *E.T.* on Wednesday, July 25, at 1:30 p.m. Follow the earthly journey of lovable E.T. When a group of aliens visit Earth, E.T. is accidentally left behind. He is discovered by 10-year-old Elliott and the two become friends. (1982, PG, 2 hours) Free admission. Bring your favorite movie snacks.

❖ **San Leandro Democratic Club** The San Leandro Democratic Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, July 26, at 6:30 p.m. in the Trustee Room of the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave.

❖ **Mission Bay Flea Market** The annual Mission Bay Flea Market will be on Saturday, July 28, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Mission Bay Clubhouse, 15333 Wicks Blvd. in San Leandro. Those who have purchased a table space will receive instructions and a table number. Enjoy the day and share your treasures. There will be free coffee, and snacks available for purchase.

❖ **Elders Take the Mic** Elders will take the mic and share their personal and poignant life stories on Saturday, July 28, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Hayward Senior Center, 22325 North Third St. in Hayward. No charge for admission. Hear stories about childhood mischief, moments of hardship and triumph, or reflections on the retired life. Get inspired to join the class and write your own story. RSVP is appreciated by calling the Hayward Area Senior Center at 881-6766.

❖ **Coyote Hills Community Bike Ride** Join the Cherry City Cyclists and Bike Walk San Leandro for a community bike ride on Sunday, July 29. 18 miles with +/- options.

Meet at the Union City BART station (west side) at 9:30 a.m. We’ll stop at Sno-Crave for an ice cream treat. For more information, see Facebook for details: <https://www.facebook.com/events/204289922705189/>

❖ **Block Party at Drake’s Brewing Co.** Drake’s Brewing Co., 1933 Davis Street (behind the Walmart), will host a block party on Friday, Aug. 3, from 4 to 9 p.m. to support the San Leandro Education Foundation (SLED). Proceeds from beer sales and all donations at the door will go to support teachers and students in San Leandro public schools. A \$5 per person donation (or more) grants you access to this evening of live music, local food trucks and fresh beer. To drink, you must have a Drake’s Brewing Co. glass, which can be purchased at the event or brought from home if you already have one. An entry package of one glass and three beer tokens is available for \$18, with individual beer tokens available for \$4 each. Feel free to bring your own lawn chairs to make yourself comfortable, tailgater style.

❖ **SL Rotary Club “Slow Good BBQ”** The Rotary Club of San Leandro will host “Slow Good BBQ,” on Saturday, Aug. 4, from 3 to 6 p.m., at the historic Little Brown Church, 384 W Estudillo Ave., next to Casa Peralta. The fundraiser supports the 4th Annual New Shoes School Drive led by council member Lee Thomas in partnership with the San Leandro Education Foundation. Guests are encouraged to donate a new pair of shoes and enter a salsa recipe competition. RSVP by July 27. Cost is \$20 per person. Contact council member Lee Thomas at 577-0603 or email ltomas@sanleandro.org.

❖ **National Night Out** Come to Praises of Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 1395 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro, for National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 7, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Backpacks with school supplies will be distributed to children in grades K-12 accompanied by an adult, while supplies last. Hot dogs, popcorn, jumpers, games and other activities. For more information, call 483-1811.

❖ **4th Sunday Breakfast for Veterans** American Legion Post 117 will host breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. every 4th Sunday of the month, except on holiday weekends, at the San Leandro Veterans Memorial Bldg., 1105 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro. The menu will be eggs-to-order, bacon/sausage, hash browns, toast and coffee. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$5 for veterans, and all others.

❖ **Sam Pelican Memorial Golf Tournament** Entries are now being accepted for the Sam Pelican Memorial Golf tournament on Thursday, Aug. 2, at the Metropolitan Golf Links, 10051, Doolittle Dr. in Oakland. LAEF is a nonprofit 501(C)(3) organization that provides academic scholarships and grants to eligible students in pursuit of higher education. This year, the foundation gave more than \$85,000.00 to deserving students. For registration and more information, call Fraternal Secretary Ms. Gisele at (925) 828-3883.

❖ **San Leandro Marina Cleanup** Marina neighbors will have a community cleanup of the area around the San Leandro Marina on Saturday, Aug. 11, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Meet at the Seagull Picnic Area at Marina Park. For more information, call Bryan Azevedo at 706-3125.

Calendar items should be submitted at least one week prior to the desired edition of the Times, which is published Thursdays. Space limitations require we print items of the most general interest.

AUTOMOTIVE

Ford Debuts Mini Crossover in US

By Steve Schaefer
San Leandro Times

As sport utility vehicles (SUVs) become the dominant configuration in the American auto industry, they are also proliferating into smaller sizes. Ford, which jump-started the segment with the 1990 Explorer and offers five other models in a range of sizes, now debuts the pint-sized EcoSport in its lineup.

Ford is not content to let GM market the Chevrolet Trax and Buick Encore, Honda the HR-V, and Mazda the CX-3 without competition. The EcoSport jumps in, significantly smaller than its Escape sibling. It's new to the U.S. market, but was originally targeted at developing countries and is built in India.

Compared to the Escape, the EcoSport is nearly 17 inches shorter nose-to-tail on a 6.7-inch shorter wheelbase. It's about 3 inches narrower and 450 pounds lighter and carries a maximum of 50 cubic feet of cargo with the rear seats folded,

versus 68 for the Escape. However, rear legroom is just 0.6 inches less—credit smart packaging.

I recruited a Lightning Blue EcoSport for a special task—to drive a 600-mile round trip to the week-long Humboldt Chamber Music Workshop. My ride had to be able to carry a bass and a suitcase and miscellaneous other stuff. And, it had to be comfortable and quiet enough for the five-to-six-hour trip.

When I went to load up, I was momentarily perplexed when I couldn't figure out how to open the rear hatch. Turns out it's a sideways opening door, not a tailgate or a liftback. With a quick flip down of the rear seats, I had a level floor with easy loading from the back or side.

The EcoSport turned out to be well up to the task. The leather-wrapped bucket seats in my Titanium model were comfortable and supportive for the extended ride, and although there was a bit of tire noise on rough pavement, the little SUV that

could performed just fine. One drawback of having a 2.0-liter engine with 166 horsepower and 149 lb.-ft. of torque pulling 3,300 pounds was on long uphill grades, where the six-speed automatic downshifted, and ran at 3,000-4,000 rpm until it crested the hill. The 2.0-liter engine comes with all-wheel drive standard, surely helpful when the road gets slippery. The EcoSport isn't intended for any serious off-roading, however.

My car featured the optional 2.0-liter EcoBoost four-cylinder engine, but the base powerplant is a 1.0-liter turbocharged three-cylinder, which has seen duty in other small Ford models, such as the Fiesta. I didn't sample that engine in the EcoSport, but it does boast better fuel economy (27 City, 29 Highway, 28 Combined). However, the Green numbers are worse for Smog (just a 3) and only slightly better for Greenhouse Gas (6). In addition, I can't help but wonder if with just 123 horsepower and 125 lb.-ft. of torque on tap it would be up to climbing those hills on California Highway 101 north of San Francisco.

After more than 601.3 miles of all freeway driving, my little EcoSport achieved 26.3 miles per gallon, which is close to the 25 Combined score from the EPA (23 City, 29 Highway). The EPA Green scores are 5 for both Smog and Greenhouse Gas—dead average. Fuel economy is helped with auto start-stop, which shuts the engine off to conserve fuel when you're stopped at a light.



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As the entry point to Ford's crossover lineup, the EcoSport starts at a very affordable \$20,990 for the base S model, including shipping. Then, you can step up to the SE, Titanium, and sporty SES. My Titanium model base priced at \$24,775, but with the upgrade to the 2.0-liter engine (\$1,450), came to \$25,485. My test car listed the optional (and desirable) Preferred Equipment Group 400A, which includes upgraded B&O PLAY premium audio by HARMAN, a voice-activated touchscreen navigation, leather seats, and fancier 17-inch alloy wheels, but apparently included this package at no charge as an incentive. Consult www.ford.com for the latest deals. It looks like the base car, with \$2,000 down, can be leased for a mere \$135 a month.

I tested the EcoSport because it offers a competitor in a

growing market segment and is an economical and practical car. It also was replacing my personal electric vehicle, which didn't have enough range to make it from one end to the other without a stop for a charge (and the map showed little opportunity to do that). I made two gasoline stops, where I found Ford's

handy capless fuel system (pop open the door and insert the filler).

The EcoSport fits its role in Ford's family in the U.S. but will have plenty of new competitors soon. There are cars that have greater fuel economy, but they are mostly hybrids, and many don't offer the same utility.



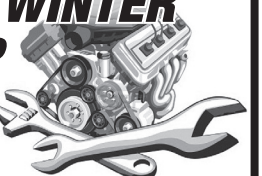
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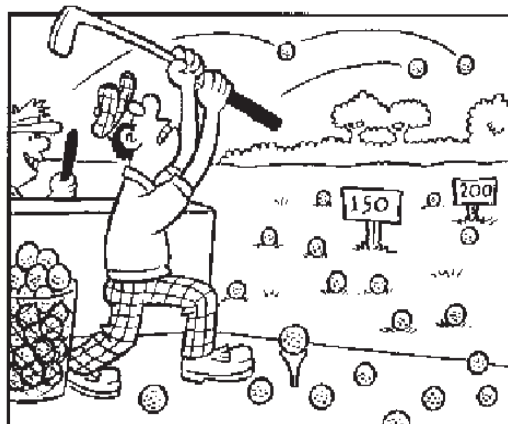
BY
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Jacket is missing. 2. Dog's ear is different. 3. Cap is reversed. 4. Cuffs are missing. 5. Cloud is different. 6. Radio is missing.



HORACE MACDIVOT had better learn to keep his head down or he's going to be here all day. How many golf balls can you find in the above picture?

Answer: We found 41

FIDGETY DIGITY! The Professor wants you to find a three-digit number that, when multiplied by four, will give you five. You have one minute!

Answer: 1.25 x 4 = 5



by Charles Barry Townsend

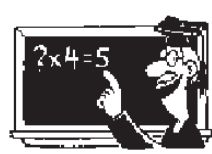
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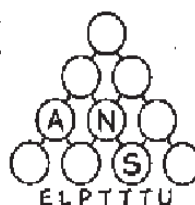
I know that this quiz is for the birds, but try it anyway. Using the following hints, can you tell us:

WHAT BIRD ...

1. loves to sing?
2. is very religious?
3. eats the most?
4. is the best ocean hunter?
5. could work in an office?
6. would make a good tailor?
7. can carry a tune?
8. can lift heavy weights?
9. likes a good time?
10. shrinks from danger?



CHAIN REACTION! Take the seven letters printed below our diagram and place them in the circles so that eight four-letter words can be read, top to bottom, along the connecting lines. All the words will begin with the letter in the top circle.



Answers: Top to bottom, left to right: Peal, peal, peal, peal, punt, punt, puts, putt.

Answers: 1. The warbler. 2. The cardinal. 3. A (turkey) gobbler. 4. The kingfisher. 5. A secretary bird. 6. The weaverbird. 7. A hummingbird. 8. A crane. 9. The lark. 10. The quail.

LIFESTYLE



A Passion for Peaches

With their irresistible aroma, tempting colors and sweet flavor, there's nothing like juicy, tender peaches for the best homemade summer desserts.

Of course, peaches are great to eat out of hand if you don't mind

the juice dribbling down your chin and arms. But in desserts, peaches are spectacular.

FRESH PEACH PIE

1 cup sugar
1/4 cup flour

4 cups peeled and sliced peaches
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1/4 teaspoon mace or grated nutmeg
3 tablespoons butter
Pie dough for double-crust 8- or 9-inch pie

Mix sugar and flour in a large bowl. Add peaches, lemon juice and mace, then toss well to combine.

Roll out 1/2 chilled pie dough into circle about 12 inches in diameter, then roll the dough loosely around the rolling pin and unroll it over the pan, letting about 1-1/2 inches of dough hang over the outer edge.

Pile peach filling onto dough. Put bits of butter over fruit, roll out remaining dough and drape over pie, trimming away excess dough, but leaving enough to tuck under the top of the pan edge. Crimp edges with your fingers and cut several vents in the top.

Bake 10 minutes at 425°F, then reduce heat to 350°F and bake until juices bubble and crust is lightly browned. Serves 6 to 8.

FRESH PEACH COBBLER

2 pounds of peaches, sliced
2/3 cup brown sugar
1 tablespoon flour
4 tablespoons minced candied ginger
1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon sugar
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
4 tablespoons butter
3/4 cup buttermilk

Preheat oven to 375°F.

Mix peaches, brown sugar, 1 tablespoon of the flour and the ginger in a large frying pan. Heat,

stirring until juices start to thicken, about 3 to 5 minutes. Pour into a 9-inch square glass casserole 2 inches deep. Set aside.

Mix flour, sugar baking powder and baking soda together. Add butter and mix with a pastry knife until a granular texture about the size of small peas is formed. Add buttermilk and mix only long enough to incorporate the liquid. Overmixing will toughen the pastry. Turn onto a flour board and gently press out to the shape of your casserole or baking pan. Lift carefully onto the sliced peaches and bake for 20-25 minutes until a golden brown color on top.

NAPA VALLEY PEACH CAKE

2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1-1/2 cups sugar
1/2 cup shortening
1 cup buttermilk
1 egg
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups peaches, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch cubes
Nut Topping:
1/4 cup sugar
1/2 cup chopped walnuts
1 teaspoon cinnamon

Sift together flour, baking soda and salt; set aside.

In mixer, beat together sugar and shortening until creamy. Blend in buttermilk, egg and vanilla. Combine wet and dry ingredients,



mixing until just combined. Gently stir in peaches.

Pour batter into greased 11-by-7-inch baking dish.

In small bowl, combine nut topping ingredients and sprinkle over cake.

Bake in preheated 350°F oven for 40 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool, cut and serve.

PEACH MOUSSE

4 ripe peaches, pitted and sliced
1-1/4 cups sugar
1-1/2 tablespoons unflavored gelatin
1/2 cup orange juice
1/2 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon almond extract
2 teaspoons grated orange zest
1-1/2 cup sour cream
2 cups heavy cream
Fresh peach slices for garnish

Purée peaches in a food processor or blender until smooth. Combine the purée, sugar and gelatin in a medium saucepan. Let stand 5 minutes. Heat over medium heat, stirring constantly, until gelatin dissolves, about 10 minutes. Remove from heat and allow to cool 20 minutes.

Add orange juice, almond extract, nutmeg and orange zest to the peach mixture; stir well. Whisk in sour cream.

Beat cream in a large bowl until soft peaks form. Fold peach mixture into cream. Spoon into dessert glasses or 2-quart souffle dish. Refrigerate several hours. Serve garnished with fresh peach slices. Serves 8 to 10.

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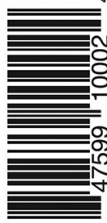
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SENIORS

Buying Home With Parent to Provide Care

By Gene L. Osofsky, Esq.
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Q My 88 year old father still lives in his own home, alone. We worry about him falling and injuring himself. My husband and I have suggested that we sell both of our homes, and together purchase a larger home for all of us. He is on Medi-Cal and we wonder whether he could retain his Medi-Cal once he sold his own home. Any other considerations?

A Your plan is both commendable and "doable", but needs to be thought through carefully.

Here are some of the considerations:

- Once he sells his home he will have significant cash proceeds, which would normally

make him ineligible for Medi-Cal by reason of the \$2,000 resource cap for a single individual.

However, Medi-Cal allows a six-month grace period between the sale of one home and the purchase of another before the proceeds are counted. The proceeds should be clearly segregated for this purpose.

Also, your father must receive an ownership interest in the new home equal to the value of his contribution, and this must reflect on the deed.

- Medi-Cal Estate Recovery: To avoid Medi-Cal "pay-back" upon his death for benefits received during life, his interest in the home would need to pass to his designated beneficiaries without probate, e.g. via a Living Trust or other non-probate transfer. Make

sure that he creates an estate plan which does this.

- Plan for Disposition of his Interest Upon his Demise: If you and your husband are his only estate beneficiaries, then the job is easier. But if he has other children whom he would wish to share in his estate, then the matter becomes tricky.

You should have a plan to value and purchase back his interest in your joint home when he dies, so that his other beneficiaries may thereby receive their fair shares of his estate. Also, there may be property tax implications to you, depending upon how this plan is arranged.

- Co-Tenancy Agreement: It would be wise to create an agreement, setting forth your respective responsibilities for home repairs, mortgage payments, utilities, insurance and use of the common premises.

- Anticipate Sale or Borrowing: Anticipate future events, such as your desire to sell the home one day, or to borrow against it for major repairs, college expenses for your children, or other needs. If he is then unable to sign transaction documents, you could be in a pickle.

So, make sure that he creates a Durable Power of Attorney ("DPOA") with comprehen-

sive powers and that both this DPOA and Trust are in sync and allow for such events.

- Plan for His Future Care Needs: What if your father later needs to move to an Assisted Living Facility ("ALF") or Nursing Home for care that you cannot provide at home? How will that care be financed?

Remember: Medi-Cal generally does not cover the cost of care in an ALF. Will you commit to then buying back his interest in your home in order to create funds for his care?

These are just some of the considerations that would be in play. Essentially, you will need to think through this joint venture and anticipate change as you go along.

To facilitate your good intentions, your father will need a solid estate plan which anticipates his possible incapacity, his need for higher levels of care in the future, and which fairly divides his estate upon his demise.

To assist in this effort, it would be wise to engage an attorney with special skill in working with elders.

Gene L. Osofsky is an elder law and estate planning attorney in Hayward. Visit his website at www.LawyerForSeniors.com



WORKSHOP: CARING FOR AGING PARENTS

Sometimes called "the Sandwich Generation" are those adult children who often find themselves between caring for both their own younger families and their aging parents.

These added responsibilities may become a challenge when decisions regarding elder care and the need for independence arise.

At those times, finding information and resources can sometimes feel like you are walking in the dark.

Eden Health District is offering a free two-part program to shed some light on the issue on Tuesday, July 31, at the San Leandro Main Library.

From 5 to 6 p.m. the district will hold a "Let's Get Connected" resource fair where community agencies that serve Alameda County will provide information about their services for seniors and answer any questions. The resource fair is open to all. Registration is not required.

From 6 to 7:30 p.m. a panel will discuss keeping parents independent and safe, adult day programs, community resources, and more. Seating is limited. Call 510-538-2035 to register. Both sessions will be held in the Karp Room at the San Leandro Library, 300 Estudillo Avenue.

To learn more about the Eden Health District, visit www.ethd.org

Elders Take the Mic

Whether it's childhood mischief, moments of hardship and triumph, or reflections on the retired life, hear stories that are a touching and nuanced exploration of the human experience from 3 to 5 p.m. on July 28 at the Hayward Area Senior Center, 22325 North 3rd Street.

If you've been thinking of writing your story, this is the perfect sampler event. Come hear some student-writers' stories and get inspired to join the class and write your own story!

It's free, but please RSVP to the Hayward Area Senior Center (510) 881-6766 or www.haywardrec.org

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PHOTO COURTESY OF THE JAGUAR SPEED TRACK TEAM

The Jaguar Speed Track Team, with coach Denise Williams-West at left, is going to the Junior Olympics in Des Moines, Iowa.

Local Track Team Heads To the Junior Olympics

The Jaguar Speed Track Team qualified 11 runners to represent San Leandro at the AAU Junior Olympics in Des Moines, Iowa, July 30 to Aug. 4.

The Olympians are from eight to eleven years of old, and they attend San Leandro schools—Thomas Jefferson Elementary and Garfield Elementary School. They practice at Bancroft Middle School and San Leandro High School, coached by Denise Wil-

liams-West, a Jefferson Elementary second grade teacher and assistant track coach at SLHS.

Jaguar Speed is a free track program for beginning to advanced runners that this year had over 110 participants.

The team is asking for donations to help pay for their travel, housing and registration costs. You can reach the coach directly at 557-0577 or by email info@jaguarspeedinc.com.

Dodgers Baseball: 1-1 for the Week

The San Leandro Dodgers youth baseball team split its two games last week.

On Tuesday, the Dodgers beat the All Sport Dawgs, 8-1. James Rogge pitched the first three innings and gave up only two hits and 1 run. Cam Weatherford also pitched 3 innings and retired all nine batters that he faced.

Adrian Enriquez had a single and a double, scored 3 runs and stole two bases. Fidel Sanchez singled, got hit by a pitch, scored 2 runs and stole two bases. Victor Hernandez singled, drove in 3 runs, and stole a base. And Josh Valenzuela singled, walked, had an RBI and scored a run.

This past Sunday the Dodgers lost to Alameda, 10-5. Noah Amaral had a single, a double and scored 3 runs. Devin Castro doubled, walked, and drove in 2 runs. James Cardera had a single and a double. Daniel Pasillas walked, hit a single and stole two bases while David Greene contributed a single.

The San Leandro Dodgers record this season now stands at 24-8.

The Dodgers will play All Pro



James Rogge pitched the first three innings in an 8-1 win over the Dawgs, allowing two hits and one run.

tonight (Thursday) at 6 p.m. Saturday evening is a doubleheader against All Sport Dawgs with the first game starting at 5 p.m., followed by the nightcap at around 7:30 p.m. A Sunday doubleheader verses The California Warriors from Marin County starts at 10 a.m. with the second game around 12:30 p.m.

Zapata: Council picks new city manager

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The commissioners had until July 13 to sign the demand letter, which also said they could potentially face a lawsuit if any defamation occurs.

The document dictates that neither party – Zapata and the city (including the City Council, all employees, and appointed commissioners) – say anything negative about the other.

Would Gag Order Stifle Candidates' Speech? City Hall Says No

One commissioner who did not want to be named is considering a run for City Council this year said he was worried that signing the agreement would impede on his ability to speak critically of the current administration during his campaign.

But Engelbart said that any commissioner campaigning would not be in their official capacity as a city commissioner and so could say whatever they want, as they would be speaking as an individual.

The potential candidate said he still had his misgivings and chose not to sign the document. He said he spoke to the city attorney who told him that failure to sign means that the City Council

is within its rights to remove him from his appointed position, but no action has yet been taken against him.

"I refused to sign this agreement due to the poor language

“He (Chris Zapata) embraces what it means to be a city of kindness.”

— Tom Tait, mayor of Anaheim, the home of Disneyland

written in the agreement and the infringement of my First Amendment right to free speech," said the commissioner. "Our fellow appointed and elected citizens should not be silenced. This is a matter of the city of San Leandro manipulating and trying to silence our community with this agreement."

Engelbart said the city would not comment on how many commissioners returned the requested signature because it's attorney/



The City Council named Jeff Kay as city manager in a special meeting last Thursday night.

client privileged information.

Why Was Zapata Given \$350,000?

Engelbart also said that the \$350,000 Zapata is being paid was not a severance package, but a "negotiated mutual separation agreement."

Engelbart said that the City Council and city attorney came up with that agreement in closed session so he could not comment on why the city would choose to give Zapata the \$350,000, despite there being no provision for a payment in his contract.

Mayor Pauline Cutter has said that Zapata has said he will donate that payment, minus lawyer's fees and taxes, to San Leandro charities.

City Hall Says Don't Call It a Gag Order

City Hall also objected to using the term "gag order" to describe the demand that the commissioners not speak ill about Zapata.

"The city respectfully requests that the *San Leandro Times* cease referring to this matter as a 'gag order,'" wrote Engelbart in an email. "That is a factually inaccurate description that is inconsistent with the legal definition of the term, and its continued usage further perpetuates inaccurate reporting on this topic."

A gag order can be a judge's order that a case may not be discussed in public, or a nonjudicial prohibition against public discussion of a sensitive matter.

Swim: Still undefeated

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the past seven years, looking to make it eight straight with a championship this season.

"I was excited going into the meet today to beat Mission Valley and stay undefeated," said 13-14 girls swimmer Kaira Willits. "The goal for this year is to make it to the championships and drop our times so we can do well."

The road this season to their eighth consecutive EBSL Championship had not been easy in 2018. Last week the boys struggled against Newark and lost 253-287, though the girls won

by a large margin 314-226, to give San Leandro the win in the overall score.

"It has taken a lot of hard work, practice, good technique and a lot of dedication to win seven championships in a row," added coach Scheberies. "We have even had a lot of kids move on to real high quality swimming in sectional meets and other meets outside of just summer."

The San Leandro Drowning Darryls will compete in the last meet of the EBSL regular season this Saturday, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., at home at the SLHS pool against the Highland Sharks.

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By Carl Medford, CRS
Special to the Times

GUEST COMMENTARY



Today's Families Look for Better Outdoor Features

With summer in full swing, the focus on outdoor living has increased. While buyers looking for homes in the winter months are looking for cozy properties, those looking during the summer are interested in any property's ability to provide a stimulating outdoor experience.

Savvy sellers can capitalize with well-prepared yards and exterior amenities.

While a significant feature has been a swimming pool, these are growing less attractive. A pool can take up most of a home's rear yard and is expensive to operate.

Families now are looking for outdoor features that make it possible to live outside for prolonged periods.

The patio and/or deck has always been the focal point of

outdoor living, and many homeowners are looking for additional features to enhance their experience. Here are the top 7 outdoor features buyers are looking for:

Lighting: With the recent advent of LED exterior lighting, lighting options have increased dramatically and have moved into the No. 1 spot for adding both beauty and safety.

Seating: If you have paid any attention to exterior furniture, you will have noticed a recent renaissance. Entire catalogues are now dedicated to exterior furniture as the push for outdoor living is increasing.

Think exterior family and dining rooms. Additionally, permanent seating is in vogue including built-in benches, ledges, wall seats and the like.

Conversation areas: Fire

has become the focal point in many back yards, with firepits, exterior fireplaces and accompanying seating.

Food Prep Areas: While the barbecue or grill has long been the staple of exterior food prep, it is now being joined with upscale amenities like sinks, refrigerators, counters, storage areas and more.

The humble grill has also seen a transformation into full-blown exterior cooking venues.

Entertainment systems: Bluetooth connectivity coupled with the internet has ushered in a new era of exterior entertainment options including stereo systems, projection screens and more.

Comfort: It is no secret that outdoor heaters have migrated into many yards – the big surprise here are cooling systems,



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fans and misting capabilities to provide an increased level of comfort.

Access: Many want the barrier between the interior and exterior removed, so we are seeing more large window walls than

can opened to blend interior and exterior areas by providing direct access.

The push for outdoor living has prompted the emergence of exterior space design companies and well-designed yards

can definitely increase a home's value.

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

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2326 Cherry Street	94577: \$660,000 4 BD - 1,760 SF - 1952
738 Chetland Road	94577: \$955,000 2 BD - 1,650 SF - 1921
681 Douglas Drive	94577: \$190,000 2 BD - 918 SF - 1942
826 Dowling Boulevard	94577: \$770,000 3 BD - 1,180 SF - 1925
14525 Flagship Street	94577: \$585,000 2 BD - 1,338 SF - 1984
2340 Marina Boulevard	94577: \$975,000 5 BD - 2,001 SF - 1948
1210 Sandelin Avenue	94577: \$800,000 2 BD - 1,283 SF - 1940
572 Warden Avenue	94577: \$615,000 2 BD - 985 SF - 1948
1387 147th Avenue	94578: \$760,000 4 BD - 1,796 SF - 1950
14850 Bancroft Avenue	94578: \$686,000 3 BD - 1,657 SF - 1948
1311 Lillian Avenue	94578: \$725,000 3 BD - 1,664 SF - 1947
14845 Midland Road	94578: \$590,000 3 BD - 895 SF - 1953
744 Portola Drive	94578: \$760,000 3 BD - 1,968 SF - 1956
2165 Strang Avenue	94578: \$585,000 2 BD - 1,050 SF - 1951
15015 Costela Street	94579: \$661,000 3 BD - 1,114 SF - 1951
1413 Dayton Avenue	94579: \$640,000 3 BD - 1,418 SF - 1951
1012 Marquette Way	94579: \$700,000 3 BD - 1,148 SF - 1956
15375 Ruggles Street	94579: \$560,000 4 BD - 1,337 SF - 1955
14742 Wiley Street	94579: \$762,000 3 BD - 1,901 SF - 1951

TOTAL SALES: 21
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$190,000 **MEDIAN AMOUNT:** \$686,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$1,001,000 **AVERAGE AMOUNT:** \$691,905

Redwood Suffers from Lack of Water

By Buzz Bertolero
Special to the Times

Why do the branches on our Redwood tree turn brown and appear as though they have been burned? It seems like this problem occurs every summer. I thought Redwood trees like a sunny location. What can we do to help them out?

Redwood trees thrive in a sunny location, but unlike pines, cedars, and cypresses, they're not drought tolerant.

The branches turn brown from

insufficient moisture or water stress, especially during hot weather. Young and medium-size trees with a southern, western or combination of both types of exposure along with those trees on drip irrigation suffer the most damage.

Your trees were losing moisture faster than they could replace it; hence they burn. Redwoods are surface-rooted trees, so some type of mulch is needed to insulate the soil from the afternoon heat.

Redwoods' wide canopy provides shade along with the debris — the natural mulch — that falls from the tree. Unfortunately, this debris is rou-

tinely removed. Additional mulch is necessary if the lower branches are pruned high off the ground exposing the soil to the hot afternoon sun.

Without sufficient shade, the surface roots dry out quickly and water stress is a result. When watering redwoods, the moisture needs to be evenly applied to the area under the canopy. This is where most of the hair or fibrous roots are located, and it's these roots that transport water and nutrients upward into the tree.

The trees suffer when you water only at the base of the tree. The problem with a drip system is that the emitters aren't spaced sufficiently

around the root area.

As the tree grows, additional emitters need to be added to water the entire area under the canopy. It is very common to find that they haven't moved from the original installation location.

On average, a drip system should run for 45 minutes depending on the discharge rate. This is considerably longer than a conventional watering system. Three times a week is adequate and more often when the temperatures over ninety degrees. The best time of the day to water is in the morning between 4 and 11 a.m.



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Avoid These Common Painting Mistakes

By Samantha Mazzotta
Special to the Times

If you’ve started doing some painting around your house and find that it isn’t looking so great – paint too thick in some spots, old paint faintly visible in others, and brush marks everywhere – here’s some advice on how to improve your painting skills.

Experience will help improve many of these common problems, but there are some basic steps to take that will minimize the issues.

- Paint showing through the new coat: Put a coat of primer between the old paint and the new when the old paint is a darker color or if it is a different type of paint (oil-based vs. latex-based, for example).

- Thick-looking spots: These can be caused by painting a second coat before the first one is dry, or by painting over fresh spackling that isn’t completely dry. Thick spots on the old coat of paint also will show through the new one; try to sand those down beforehand.

- Brush marks: Always stir the paint when you open the can, even if the paint store pre-stirred it for you. Then, make sure not to overload your brush with paint: dip only about one-third of the brush. Finally, make your brush strokes smooth and long, and lift the brush away so the paint feathers out.



- Uneven roller strokes: Apply paint to the roller evenly by using a paint tray or screen. Dip one side of the roller into the paint reservoir and then roll it back and forth on the tray or screen so it spreads evenly. Also, don’t let the roller “slide” across the wall surface; it should roll freely. If it doesn’t, disassemble and clean it.

- Paint drips: Again, don’t overload your brush or roller. If paint drips down the wall, finish the brush stroke and then brush the drip in the same direction that you’re painting the rest of the wall, feathering

it out. If paint drips on the floor or baseboards, wipe it up immediately with a damp cloth.

- Paint splatters: This happens often when using rollers, so always start your roll by angling upward, and roll smoothly and evenly. Don’t hurry.

Home Tip: To prevent variation between cans of a custom-mixed color, consolidate or “box” all the custom color into a single large container, mix, and then refill the smaller cans with the mixed paint.

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Getting Ready for Fall

It’s time to start planning for your fall and winter vegetable garden. At the end of this month or next, sow broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower and kohlrabi. Keep the seed beds moist and shaded until the plants are up, then gradually allow them more sun.

For fall and winter flower beds, select seeds of sweet peas, pansies and cosmos. Plant cyclamen tubers for November- through-April bloom and plant chrysanthemums now for an abundance of color in the fall.

Potted Plants

Container plants, particularly those in clay pots, can be difficult to keep watered during hot summer days. This is especially true if the potting soil dries out at any time, or if the plant is rootbound, since water will run off of dry soil without being absorbed. When this happens, immerse the pot in a small tub of water and add a drop of liquid dish detergent to the water. Let it soak for a couple of hours.

Mortgage Rates Continue to Decline

Mortgage rates have declined in five of the past six weeks and maintained their recent slide over the past week, according to Freddie Mac’s nationwide survey.

Thirty-year fixed-rate mortgages averaged 4.52 percent, down from 4.55 percent a week earlier. A year ago at this time,

the 30-year fixed rate averaged 3.96 percent.

Fifteen-year loans averaged 3.99 percent last week, down from 4.04 percent.

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Tobacco: Flavored tobacco out

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Tobacco retailers already pay for a business license from the city and for a state Board of Equalization tobacco license.

Sekhon said that things are bad for small independently run shops because of these types of fees and from the city's mandated minimum wage increases.

"We want to work with you," said Sekhon. "We want to cooperate. We want a fair business relationship."

Compared to other cities with license requirements, San Leandro's \$500 tobacco retailer's fee is about average: Hayward charges \$400, El Cerrito charges \$439, San Jose charges \$533, Union City charges \$769, and Oakland charges a whopping \$1,500.

Currently, there is no ban on flavored product in the unincorporated area, so people would just have to take their businesses a few blocks away to buy flavored products, according to Lt. Robert McManus of the San Leandro police.

But the city said that making

tobacco harder to access is an effort to keep it away from kids.

"Our whole goal here is to keep people in compliance and to obey the laws here in San Leandro to keep people safe," said McManus.

Among the programs that would be funded from the license fee would be decoy operations where underage kids working for the police try to buy cigarettes. McManus said they would also do checks to make sure no forbidden products are on the shelf.

Those outlawed products will include flavored cigarettes, cigars, or vape juice, but menthol is still legal. All cigarettes must be sold in packs of 20 or more, all individual cigars must be sold in packs of five or more and cost at least \$7 but individual cigars can be sold if they cost more than \$5.

Several people, most from the Alameda County Tobacco Control Coalition, spoke about the dangers of tobacco and thanked the City Council for taking strict measures to make it difficult

to buy tobacco products in San Leandro.

"I am long-time champion of banning flavors because flavors target kids like my grandson," said Beatrice Cardenas-Duncan, a volunteer with the American Lung Association. "For the health and well-being of all San Leandro residents, I respectfully ask you to establish the tobacco licensing fee at \$500."

Brian Davis, a member of the Alameda County Tobacco Control Coalition said that convenience stores make "only 17 percent" of their money from tobacco sales and that they will still be able to sell non-flavored tobacco, so they will survive.

"The profit from those products will be much more than adequate to pay for the license," said Davis. "San Leandro has taken a positive stand by developing a strong tobacco retailer's license."

There will be an information session for retailers about the specifics of the flavor ban on July 25 at 5 p.m. at City Hall.

'Truth Thursday' Will Return Next Week at High Tech Campus

Downtown San Leandro's "Truth Thursdays" will return this summer at the San Leandro Tech Campus, 1600 Alvarado St., with the next event set for Thursday, June 28, from 5 to 9 p.m.

Every fourth Thursday of the month throughout the summer, the space around the 55-foot Truth Is Beauty statue will come alive with a community event featuring food trucks, beer and wine, recreational games, and live entertainment.

Food trucks and live music will rotate each month at the site just west of the San Leandro BART Station.

Friends and family will enjoy recreational games like corn hole and bocce ball on the grass in addition to the live music, food and drinks for the entire evening.

Remaining dates for the 2018 "Truth Thursdays" series are: Thursday, July 26; and Thurs-



The monthly 'Truth Thursday' gathering will return next week with music, food and games.

day, Aug. 23. "The San Leandro Improvement Association is bringing 'Truth Thursdays' back for a second year to provide a safe, fun place for the commu-

nity to gather with friends and family during the summer," said Gordon Galvan, president of the San Leandro Improvement Association.

"I never did give anybody hell. I just told the truth and they thought it was hell."

— Harry Truman

LOCAL DEATHS

Brian David O'Leary

July 10, 2018 ~ April 20, 1959



Brian David O'Leary, resident of San Leandro, went peacefully home to the Lord in the early morning hours of Tuesday, July 10, 2018. He was born on April 20, 1959, in Klamath Falls, OR, to John and Francine O'Leary (nee Phillips), the youngest of six children.

Brian grew up in Berkeley until his teens when the family moved to Fremont. He was graduated from Moreau High School in Hayward in 1977, and from UC Berkeley in 1983 with a degree in Economics. While in college, he began working part-time at Specialty Manufacturing/Outboard Jets eventually becoming part-owner of the company. He was employed by the company for 40 years.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Whittaker, whom he met in 1976 in high school, and married in 1996. He leaves his two adored children, Luke (19) and Anne (17), and his five siblings: Kathy (Pat) George, Patrick (Kit) O'Leary, Debbie (Jim) Walden, Johanna (Doug) Hall and Theresa (Larry) Halousek, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, grand nieces, grand nephews, and three aunts. He was predeceased by his loving parents.

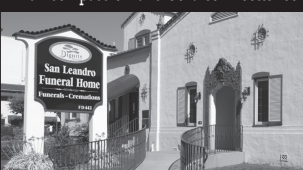
Brian will be remembered for his sense of humor, his generosity, his homemade salsa and love of cooking, and his golf game. For decades, he started his day with nine holes of golf before work with Uncle Denny, his cousin, Mike, and with assorted friends and business associates. "Always first out!" He has left his family with a lifetime of funny stories and memories.

Brian served on the Assumption School Board for six years, serving as president for one year. He was also a CYO basketball coach and Dads' Club member. A former parishioner of Church of the Assumption, he is a current member of our Lady of Grace in Castro Valley. He made Oakland Cursillo #311 in 2011 and the men of his bi-weekly prayer group will miss his hosting and cooking for their meetings.

A vigil will be held Thursday, July 19, 2018, at Sorenson's Chapel, 1140 B Street Hayward. Visitation begins at 4 PM, with a Rosary commencing at 7 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday, July 20th, at 11 AM at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 3433 Somerset Ave., Castro Valley. Burial will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward.

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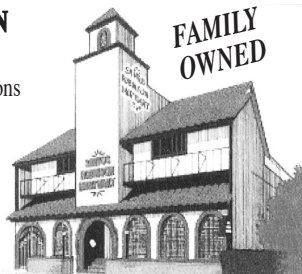
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Festa of Portuguese Immigrant on Alvarado

The annual festa of the Portuguese Immigrant will be held at the IDES Hall, 790 Antonio St. in San Leandro, starting on Sunday through the following Sunday.

Starting on Sunday, July 22, a rosary will be said every evening at 7 p.m.

On Saturday, July 28, at 11 a.m. will be the distribution of the "escolas," raising of the Portuguese and American flags and the playing of the respective national anthems. A rosary will be said at 4 p.m. Later a folkloric dance group will perform and a dinner of meat stew will

be served for \$15 a plate, and a bazaar will be in the outside courtyard.

On Sunday, July 29, at 2 p.m. a Mass will be said inside the hall, followed by a procession with music by the Filarmonica Artista Amadora. Sopas and dessert will be served after the parade.

The religious part of the festa will be overseen by Father Pedro Lima, a young priest ordained in the diocese of Angra and now studying for his doctorate in theology in Rome.

The whole community is invited to the festa.

New Co-Working Space Opens Downtown

San Leandro business woman opens Station SL

The new co-working space on Hays Street in downtown San Leandro, Station SL, recently celebrated its opening.

Shannon Leigh Associates (SLA) and Station SL held their official ribbon cutting with the San Leandro with the Chamber of Commerce for their new location that opened on May 23 on Hays Street in downtown San Leandro.

San Leandro resident Shannon Hackley, owner of Station SL, hopes to bring the cool to San Leandro with this space for the creative community of the East Bay.

Hackley also owns Shannon Leigh, a local, woman-owned, environmental graphic design firm founded in 2009 (shannonleigh.design). They specialize in signage design and wayfinding consulting for educational, healthcare, corporate, residential and civil facilities.

Station SL Open For Walk-In Tours

Station SL and is open to all for walk-in tours or inquiries. You can stop by and check out



PHOTO COURTESY OF STATION SL

Opening the new co-working space downtown – Station SL – are from left to right, Jack Leal, Jerry Garcia, Wes Palmquist, Shannon Hackley, Lee Thomas, Jeff Kay, Jan Woycheshin.

Station SL at 1455 Hays St. from Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Check out their website at stationsl.com.

Both companies are members of the San Leandro Chamber of Commerce, San Leandro Im-

provement Association (SLIA), Downtown Merchant Association and Station SL is member of ation.

SL Demos to Meet July 26

The San Leandro Democratic Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, July 26, at 6:30 p.m. in the Trustee Room of the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave.



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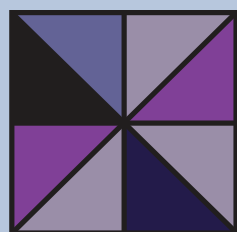
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Thursdays, August 2, 16, 30 • 6-8 p.m.
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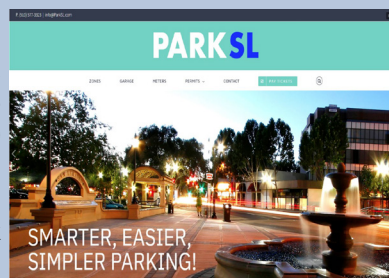
Hot August Thursdays are back! Join every other Thursday during the month of August for the *Music in the Park* series with Native Elements, The Latin Rhythm Boys, and 3day Weekend Band.

Food and beverages will be available for purchase with all beverage proceeds benefitting the San Leandro Scholarship Foundation.

AUGUST 2ND	AUGUST 16TH	August 30th
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New Website for Downtown Parking

A new ParkSL website with information about all-things related to downtown parking has gone live. The site highlights San Leandro's Downtown Parking Garage at 120 Estudillo Ave. and has information about downtown parking meters and new options for parking downtown, making it easier for customers to decide what parking options work best for one's needs. Check it out at: <http://parksl.com>.



Music Fun Fest with Swing Fever Band



Saturday, July 21 • 2-3 p.m.
San Leandro Library

Get your swing on and enjoy live music at the Main Library located at 300 Estudillo Avenue with Swing Fever! Since 1978, Swing Fever has been entertaining audiences in the San Francisco Bay Area and throughout Northern California. Critics describe the band as "toe-tapping and relentlessly swinging."

Free admission to the event. For more information, call the Main Library information desk at 577-3971.

City Council to Discuss Short Term Rentals

Monday, July 23 • 7 p.m.
City Council • 835 E. 14th Street

The City Council will discuss short-term rental policies, including consideration of an urgency ordinance to establish a temporary moratorium on non-hosted short term rentals. The Council will also discuss an ordinance to address unruly gatherings.

The Meeting is open to the public for comments. Livestream available at: <https://sanleandro.legistar.com>.

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