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On the Rocks: Cleaning Up the Shore

Volunteers came down to Marina Park on Saturday for the annual Shoreline Cleanup Day, in conjunction with California Coastal Cleanup Day, and picked up lots of plastic lids, Styrofoam and other junk along the shore. Shown here are volunteers Kring Ebido, Ellen Tampos, Gabries Ebido, Kirk Demlinger, Danielle Ta, Cener Balosbalos and Melchor Tampos.

SL Man Creating Video Game You Can Sink Your Teeth Into

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

Eric Joyner's art is cool, but there's one more thing about it. It's just perfect for a video game.

If you google "Robots and Donuts" Joyner's art will pop up. That's his specialty. All of his paintings include robots or donuts, or both.

When native San Leandran Bob Heubel looked at the paintings, he saw video game all over it. Heubel, a high tech guy, has teamed up with Joyner to develop a mobile video game that people will get on their phones.

If their plan works, you'll be able to go to Apple's app store and download the premium game, later on Android.

Heubel thinks that teaming

up with Joyner will make this game happen.

"He knows people in the art world and I know people in the tech world," Heubel said.

Joyner's art is owned by some famous people, including George Lucas, and has appeared on the set of "The Big Bang Theory."

"The art is colorful and works well for games," said Heubel.

Joyner's paintings also have a nostalgic quality. The spaceships, for example, have a 1950s look and it's no wonder. He collects tin robots and tin toys made in the '50s.

"He likes to make people think," Heubel said, pointing to the example—a painting of robots around an operating table, bring-



PHOTO COURTESY OF BOB HEUBEL

Bob Heubel of San Leandro and artist Eric Joyner's are combining their skills to create a new video game.

ing a Frankenstein human to life.

They put out bids for a developer and decided on a company in Berlin, Germany, who will develop the app at a cost of \$150,000.

To make this work, Heubel and Joyner are trying to raise the \$150,000 through a Kickstarter campaign. It's on kickstarter.com see **DONUTS**, page 16

Dillman Would Raise Taxes, Annex Ashland

\$111 or \$333... both good numbers, says San Leandro's most entertaining candidate

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

After an unsuccessful bid for mayor four years ago, Dan Dillman vowed to come back and run again with new, bold ideas.

This year, he's doing just that with a plan to wipe out the city's pension debts and build a quarter-billion dollar nest egg in the process.

Dillman, 46, says that once he's in office, he'll propose either a bond to be assessed at \$111 annually per San Leandro resident or a \$333 annual property tax. He chose those figures after studying the Golden Mean.

"I like those numbers," said Dillman, who added that they'll yield over \$400 million in the next four decades.

"Most people, including myself, hear 'tax' and say 'heck no,' but compounding debt needs to stop and this way, we can wipe it out," said Dillman. "The way they do it now is to nickel and dime with bonds and taxes. How about we step up and tell the truth with a big ask?"

Dillman says he understands his ideas are a little out there, but says it's time for a new approach, otherwise things will always stay the same.

"Not to take away anything from those who have served but it's time for someone with

imagination and creativity," said Dillman. "It's time to consider solutions politicians might not consider."

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Monroe Named Top Healthy School

San Leandro's James Monroe Elementary School has been named to the 2018 list of "America's Healthiest Schools."

The list, published this week by the Alliance for a Healthier Generation, identified 461 of the nation's healthiest schools based on the school's ability to meet a rigorous set of criteria.

The schools serve healthier meals and snacks, get students moving more, offer high-quality health and physical education, and empower school leaders to become healthy role models.

Monroe achieved the National Healthy Schools Bronze Award by meeting several goals.

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CEI to Host Fall Prevention Program

The Center for Elders' Independence (CEI) will host a Fall Prevention Forum on Tuesday, Sept. 25, from 3 to 6 p.m. at its San Leandro PACE Center, 1850 Fairway Drive in San Leandro.

The Forum is free and open to the public, with light refreshments and free parking provided.

The Forum celebrates National Fall Awareness Prevention Week and will feature information about the importance of fall prevention, live demonstrations of fall prevention techniques, and offers opportunities to ask doctors, physical therapists and occupational therapists questions about preventing falls.

Experience exciting virtual reality displays, receive safety tips on how to reduce falls at home, learn ways to recognize warning signs that may be precursors to a fall, and discover the best questions to ask doctors about fall prevention.

Staying active helps prevent falls and makes it easier to recover more quickly from a fall,

said Sadiya Kazi, the center's rehabilitation manager.

Tours of the recently opened state-of-the-art San Leandro PACE Center will be conducted throughout the event.

Now in its 36th year, CEI helps at-risk seniors live at home, rather than in nursing homes, through its national senior health plan known as PACE (the Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly). Although every senior enrolled in PACE meets the requirements for nursing home care, 96 percent of CEI's participants continue to live and thrive in their communities.

Several community organizations will be available to answer questions.

"One of the major reasons people stop moving when they get older is the fear of falling. But for most people, there's a point when it's time to start moving again and incorporating exercises and activities that safely build an older person's strength and confidence," Kazi said.



SL Art Association Members Show Their Work at the Main Library

By Ginny Milo
Special to the Times

Member Artists of the San Leandro Art Association invite the community to their 2018 Fall Library Show at the San Leandro Main Library running through Sept. 27.

Currently on exhibit and hanging at the main gallery are 29 art pieces. You can also see 31 mini art in glass cases. This display of fine art encompasses various mediums such as acrylic, acrylic and string, ceramic, graphite, mixable oil, oil, pastel, photography, photo on canvas, and watercolor.

Featured artist Philip Ng was at the Alameda Shoreline on a Saturday where he and his family walked after breakfast. His niece's daughter was visiting from Hong Kong and saw Canadian Geese for the first time. She got very excited and Philip took a picture to capture her joy.

Philip took six months to finish his "Hello, Geese" and is excited to show it to his grand niece next time she visits California.

SLAA is a non-profit organization founded in 1957. It provides a variety of art-based activities involving artists in our local community, as well as students in the San Leandro



PHOTOS BY GINNY MILO

Featured artist Philip Ng's painting is on display at the gallery in the Main Library through Sept. 27.

School District and anyone interested in art.

SLAA member artists attend a meeting on the second Tuesday of each month and invite the public to attend art demonstrations by prominent

artists in the Bay Area.

Follow SLAA on Facebook: San Leandro Art Association. For more information, email info@slartassociation.org

Anyone interested in art is welcome to join the SLAA.

Bolivian Dancers to Perform

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with an evening of Bolivian dance on Thursday, Sept. 20, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave.

Admission is free.

The company educates audiences through innovative high-quality, professional performances, often re-creating Bolivian dances by taking on new approaches to ancient and rare dance forms.

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Vice Turns Film Noir on Its Ear: SF Solo Series Starts

Jill Vice's *A Fatal Step* to kick off Brian Copeland's lineup of award-winning solo shows this weekend

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

Jill Vice is intrigued with film noir. She even wrote a film noir solo play that she will appear in this weekend at the Main Library's theater.

But Vice turns the tables on film noir. She presents it through the point of view of the femme fatale in her solo show, *A Fatal Step*.

"I've always been a huge fan of film noir," Vice said this week. "I studied physical theater and improv where the audience suggests a genre, and film noir would often come up."

The seductive femme fatale in noir films always remains mysterious. It's not clear what she wants, why she's there. As far as Vice knows, her show is the first to offer a glimpse into the femme fatale's heart.

"What's going on behind those cold eyes?" Vice asks. "I don't think there's a noir film out there from that point of view."

Vice's show this weekend is

the first in a series of eight shows, one per month, in the upcoming season of Brian Copeland's series of solo shows, "Best of San Francisco Solo Series."

Copeland's idea is to find headliners that you would see in San Francisco — where it would cost a lot more — and bring the show here to Copeland's hometown of San Leandro.

Vice has been touring the United States and Canada with *A Fatal Step*, called by the *San Francisco Chronicle*, "Astonishing!...A loving send-up of a favorite genre."

Upcoming Shows

And next month, Dan Hoyle will perform *Border People*, his newest piece of "journalistic theater," based on conversations from the Southwest Bronx to the Southwest border and Mexico, and a funny look at borders we all negotiate in our everyday lives. Hoyle is "a first-rate reporter and actor," said the *New York Times*.

In November, Don Reed will return with an all-new show, *Semi-Famous*, delightful stories from panic attacks while auditioning for Spike Lee to almost being shot by the Secret Service on the "Tonight Show." All true.

The other upcoming shows through April are equally as entertaining. Diana Barnes in *My Stroke of Luck*, Brian Copeland



Jill Vice takes the film noir genre and tells the story through the eyes of the femme fatale in her solo show.

in *Grandma and Me*, Maureen Langan in *Daughter of a Garbage Man*, and in April, Jeff Greenwald in *Strange Travel Suggestions*. And as a bonus show in December, Brian Copeland will perform his heartwarming Christmas show, *The Jewelry Box*.

The Magic of Live Theater

Vice, who has studied acting her whole life, said her training

ing to audition and do someone else's script.

With mime, you don't need a set. She's found she can put a hand up as if on a steering wheel and an arm propped up on the window, and the audience sees a car.

"That's the beauty of live theater," Vice said. "With the right movement you can involve the audience's imagination."

Vice hopes to catch the audience's imagination this weekend as she flips the script by showing the femme fatale's point of view — the motivations behind the mysterious women of film noir, and make everybody have a fun time.

"Story telling is the foundation of each and every form of entertainment," Vice said. "And solo is an interesting format. So people should come and check it out."

All shows will be at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Shows are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m.

For more information, visit

"That's the beauty of live theater. With the right movement you can involve the audience's imagination."

— Jill Vice on the physical acting and mime she uses in her show

bestofsfsolo.com.

Tickets are only sold for the entire series, not for individual shows. Tickets run \$235 for seniors or \$265 for adults, which is \$30 to \$33 per show.

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Happy Wedding Anniversary

Maria and Ramon Montoya, who've lived in San Leandro for the past 18 years, recently celebrated their 50th anniversary, shared with their three adult children, grandchildren, and close friends and family. Maria and Ramon (front) are shown here with daughter Lorena Montoya, her husband Antonio Marquez and their son Tonito Marquez.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

❖ Douglas Morrisson Theatre

The Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 N. Third St. in Hayward, opens the season with *Once Upon a Mattress*, running through Sept. 30 on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. This light-hearted romp is a comic retelling of the classic

Hans Christian Andersen story, *The Princess and the Pea*. Tickets are \$29 with discounts for students, groups of 10 or more, and for over 60 or under 30. Tickets are \$10 for the preview on Thursday, Sept. 13. For tickets or information, call the box office at 881-6777.

❖ Bill Owens Photo Exhibit

PhotoCentral, 1099 E St. in Hayward, presents *Altamont to America: Bill Owens and the Legacy of Suburbia*, running through Oct. 20. The exhibit celebrates the work of Bill Owens, spanning six decades, for his 80th birthday. The exhibition coincides with the book release of the same title. Gallery hours: Upstairs gallery – Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Downstairs gallery – Monday 5 to 10 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and by appointment. For more information, call PhotoCentral at 881-6721 or email info@photo-central.org.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might need to get more facts to help you work out those problems with your new project. As always, a friendly approach shows the charming Arian at his or her persuasive best.



TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Information is what energizes ambition, and this is a good time for the ambitious Bovine to expand his or her range of knowledge and to be ready for the challenges that lie ahead.



GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) This is a good time to consider making some long-overdue decorating changes at home or in your workplace. A splash of color can help raise spirits, even on the grayest day.



CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Learn more. Earn more. That's the formula for Moon Children looking to expand their career horizons. Investigate the best places to get those training courses you'll need.



LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your creative side helps gain attention for many of your ideas. But don't neglect the practical aspects involved in implementing their move from paper to production. Good luck.



VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A health problem should not be ignored. The sooner you check it out, the sooner you can deal with it and then move on. Some job advice comes from an unlikely source.



LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A relationship takes an unexpected shift that could leave you puzzled and hurt. Asking for an explanation could help uncover the reason for this sudden turn of events.



SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your busy schedule has drawn down much of your energy levels. Restore them by spending a well-earned time out enjoying the arts -- perhaps with that special someone.



SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Make that presentation with confidence. Remember: When you show you believe in yourself, it helps persuade others that you truly know what you're doing.



CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Although you usually prefer doing things on your own, a group effort might be advisable at this time. Try to keep an open mind about suggestions from colleagues.



AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) This could be a good time to reassess some of your recent decisions and see if any adjustments should be made based on facts that you might have just uncovered.



PISCES (February 19 to March 20) An emotionally charged situation creates uncertainty about the future of your relationship. Best advice: Talk things out while there's still time to reach a new understanding.

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❖ New Life Band at Faith Lutheran

Come catch the New Life Band on their California tour on Friday, Sept. 21, at 7 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church of Castro Valley, 20080 Redwood Road in Castro Valley. This lively band from Tanzania, East Africa ministers to youth and students through their songs of hope. All are welcome. No charge for admission. For more information, call 582-0818.

❖ 26th Annual Cop Shop Barbecue

The Alameda County Sheriff's Cop Shop will host its 26th Annual Cop Shop Barbecue on Friday, Sept. 21, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at 2490 Grove Way in Castro Valley with tri-tip, chicken, hot links, salad, beverages and dessert. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$14 at the door, and \$6 for children 12 and under.

❖ Carnival at Principled Academy

Agape Villages Foster Family Agency invites everyone to its carnival on Saturday, Sept. 22, from noon to 4:30 p.m. at the Principled Academy at 2305 Washington Ave. in San Leandro. Come for the fun, games and rides and stay for the food and so much more. Admission is free.

❖ Praises of Zion Health Fair

Praises of Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 1395 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro, will host a health fair on Saturday, Sept. 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free disposal of expired prescription drugs, free toothbrushes and toothpaste, haircuts and cell phones if you are receiving social services. Exercise classes and emergency preparedness information. Health drinks, sherbet, popcorn and water, and games and face painting for children. For more information, call 483-1811.

❖ Cookbook Sale at SL Main Library

The Friends of the San Leandro Library will host a two-day Cookbook Sale on Saturday, Sept. 22 from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday, Sept. 23 from noon to 3 p.m. in the lobby of the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Hundreds of beautiful books featuring cuisines from around the world will be featured. From the basic how-to to elegant dining recipes, these books originally sold for as much as \$40 will be sale priced at \$4 or less.

❖ Talk on Advancing Pay Equity

Come learn about Rizo vs. Yovino, a landmark case that raises the issue whether prior salary perpetuates the gender pay gap on Saturday, Sept. 22, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Richard C. Trudeau Conference Center, 11500 Skyline Blvd. in Oakland. Aileen Rizo will speak about her case. Admission is free but reserve your seat through Eventbrite at: <http://bit.ly/Advancing-PayEquity9222018>

❖ SL High School Class of 1978 Reunion

The San Leandro High School Class of 1978 will hold its 40-year reunion on Sept. 22 from 6 to 10 p.m. at Campos Family Vineyards in Byron. Details and online registration at www.slhsreunion.com or call Ernie at 858-232-5419.

❖ Soroptimist Fundraiser Garage Sale

Soroptimist International of the East Bay presents its fundraiser garage sale on Saturday, Sept. 22, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 3841 Somerset Ave. in Castro Valley. This will support scholarships and programs that support women and their families. Donations welcome. Call to arrange a pickup or drop-off. For more information, call 593-377.

❖ Weldonians Reunion

The Weldonians, a youth band and majorette corps founded in 1937 in Oakland and moved to Hayward in 1966, are having a reunion on Sept. 22, at 12:30 p.m. at the Marriott Hotel in Fremont. Tickets are \$25. For tickets and information, contact Marlynne Leonardson at mleonardson@yahoo.com.

❖ Eden Garden Club Meeting

The next meeting of the Eden Garden Club will be Monday, Sept. 24, at 9:30 a.m. at the Moose Lodge, 20835 Rutledge Road in Castro Valley. The speaker will be Kristen Eagen, a club member, demonstrating tips on propagating plants. She will share her knowledge and enthusiasm for gardening. Meetings are free and guests are welcome. For more information, call 397-1268.

❖ Fall Prevention Forum for Seniors

Center for Elders' Independence (CEI) will host a Fall Prevention forum on Tuesday, Sept. 25, from 3 to 6 p.m. at 1850 Fairway Drive in San Leandro. Experience live demos of fall prevention techniques, home safety tips, exciting virtual reality displays, and Q&A with doctors and physical therapists. The Forum is free and open to the public. Light refreshments provided. For more information, call Dianna Garrett, 433-1150 or visit cei.elders.org/events-directory.

❖ Teen Driver Program

The California Highway Patrol will host the Start Smart: Teen Driver Program at the Castro Valley Library, 3600 Norbridge Avenue, on Tuesday, Sept. 25, at 6 p.m. CHP officers will discuss traffic collision avoidance techniques, collision causing factors, driver/parent responsibilities, seatbelt usage. Officers and family members who have lost loved ones will provide testimonies about fatal collisions involving teens. For more info or to register, call the library at 667-7900 or visit www.aclibrary.org

❖ Anwuli Cultural Exposition

Anwuli 2018 Cultural Exposition will be on Saturday, Sept. 29, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Seagull Picnic Area of Marina Park, 14001 Monarch Bay Drive in San Leandro. Activities include cultural dance, food and crafts, face painting, live performance by Soulbeatz drum circle and raffle. The event is free to the public.

❖ Buon Tempo Club Dinner

The Buon Tempo Italian American Club is having a family dinner on Tuesday, Oct. 2, at 7 p.m. at Mt. Tabor Hall, Transfiguration Church, 4000 E. Castro Valley Blvd. in Castro Valley (located across from the 580 Marketplace). Everyone is welcome to attend. Chef Paul Grazzini and crew will be serving a five course family style dinner of Chicken Cacciatore. Red and White wine and soda are also included. Happy hour is at 6:30. The dinner is \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members. Make reservations by Friday, September 28, by calling the Buon Tempo dinner line at 483-6929. For more information about events/membership see our updated website at www.buontempo.org.

❖ Kiwanis Club of San Leandro

Join the Kiwanis Club of San Leandro for weekly lunch meetings on Tuesday, from 12:10 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Englander Sports Pub and Restaurant, 101 Parrot Street, San Leandro.

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Man Shot at Walmart on Sunday

A man was shot by someone in a passing car in the parking lot at the Walmart store on Hesperian Boulevard in San Leandro at about 12:30 on Sunday afternoon.

The victim was shot in the neck. He was taken to Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley for treatment. His injuries were not life-threatening, and he has since been treated and released from the hospital, according to a San Leandro police press release.

At about 6 p.m. Sunday night, San Leandro police detectives arrested 29 year-old Israel Jaquez in San Jose. Police say Jaquez' vehicle is the one seen in a video obtained from Walmart. A search of Jaquez' vehicle revealed a stolen handgun which police believe is the weapon used to shoot the victim.

Jaquez was booked for attempted homicide and several weapon charges.

Police say they later learned through the investigation that the suspect and the victim knew each other. But the motive for the shooting is still under investigation.

"This was a violent and deliberate crime that occurred in the middle of the day, in one of the busiest shopping locations in town," said San Leandro Police Lieutenant Isaac Benabou.

Israel Jaquez remains in custody at Alameda County's Santa Rita Jail in Dublin. His case was presented to the Alameda County District Attorney on Tuesday.

Dillman: RV parks, digital billboards, corporate sponsorships

continued from front page

The first thing he'd do is set aside money to pay for the city's unfunded pensions, then he'd use the rest of the tax money for a variety of projects including free wifi city-wide, immediately repaving the entirety of East 14th Street, and a parcel of land for homeless people who live in their cars and RVs to park with showers and other necessities.

"People shouldn't be looked at as throw-aways," said Dillman. "They shouldn't feel they have to hide or that they aren't worthy so there should be a safe place for them."

Dillman is also keen on corporate sponsorships of the city to bring in extra cash – digital billboards, advertising on the sides of buildings, and perhaps even bringing in a big company to put their name on San Leandro's amenities. How does the 'Oracle Marina' sound? Dillman asks.

Another big idea: annexing San Lorenzo and unincorporated San Leandro (Ashland).

"I know it will take a lot of negotiating with the county, but



Candidate for mayor Dan Dillman has some new ideas for San Leandro.

ultimately it will benefit San Lorenzo and us," said Dillman. "That's 20,000 people paying property tax into San Leandro and we could also incorporate into one school district. It's an opportunity. It's outside of the box thinking that will benefit us."

Big ideas are fun, but Dillman did say he would try to remain grounded as mayor even if some of his plans seem farfetched. For

see DILLMAN, page 16

Shots Fired On I-580

A hit-and-run car accident turned into a shooting on Monday morning on I-580 in Castro Valley.

At around 4 a.m. a black Camaro and white sedan were both traveling southbound on I-238 and collided at some point near the I-580 interchange, according to the California Highway Patrol and the Alameda County Sheriff's Office.

The driver of the white sedan did not stop so the driver of the Camaro pursued the sedan and at least one shot was fired from the sedan toward the Camaro. The sedan driver never stopped and fled the scene.

The suspect vehicle is described as possibly a late 1990s or early 2000 Ford Taurus. No one was injured. The freeway was shut down for about an hour during the investigation, which caused a major back-up to the commute.



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Fire Put Down on Marina

The Alameda County Fire Department put out a 1-alarm fire last Friday morning in an abandoned building on the 600 block of Marina Boulevard in San Leandro. Marina Boulevard was temporarily shutdown between Alvarado Street and San Leandro Boulevard. There were no injuries. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

SL Library Expands E-Book Collection

The San Leandro Public Library announced a new electronic book and audiobook collection expansion with cloudLibrary.

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variety of options for digitally accessing best-selling titles and buzzworthy works. Accessing the library's digital collection has never been easier. Learn more about cloudLibrary and download the app at: <https://ebook.yourcloudlibrary.com/library/SLPL/Featured>. The cloudLibrary app is free at the App Store and Chrome Web Store and it is compatible with Apple, Android, and Windows products, as well as Fire and Nook devices.

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The City of San Leandro is again offering its nationally recognized and award-winning Home Earthquake Strengthening Course to homeowners. This is a "do-it-yourself" course geared towards owners of older, raised-floor homes. Homeowners will be shown how to identify and strengthen structural weaknesses in their homes. Upon completion of this four-day course, each homeowner will have a customized blueprint for their seismic project.

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AUTOMOTIVE

Kona Crossover Welcomes Adventure

By Steve Schaefer
San Leandro Times

The beautiful Kona coast of the Big Island of Hawaii is a favorite spot for rugged adventures. Excitement is implied in Hyundai's new compact crossover, even if you only drive it to the grocery store.

There's certainly excitement in the body styling and colors. As the Kona jumps into the fray with the hot-selling Chevrolet Trax, Honda HR-V, Mazda CX-3, and others, it needs to show it's got what it takes. Check out that "armor" cladding that starts on the wheelwells and muscles its way around each corner. The face is strong and alert—Hyundai's latest design statement. And the Lime Twist paint dazzles the eye.

The Kona is all macho on the outside, but in the spacious-feeling cabin, it's more softly contoured. That roominess comes from careful siting of the mechanical bits (all-wheel drive, suspension, engine cooling, etc.)

and also from thoughtful interior design.

The rear seats fold flat, providing 45.8 cubic feet of cargo space. Even with the second row up you get 19.2 cubic feet. The car's other dimensions place it right in the heart of the cute ute world, which is where the sales growth is.

There are four trim levels: SE, SEL, Limited, and Ultimate. You can step into the SE at the entry level and upgrade that to an SEL. Then, the Limited and Ultimate are levels 3 and 4.

Any trim level can be front-wheel-drive or all-wheel-drive. The SEL model offers a contrasting roof color option. The higher you go, the more high-tech features and creature comforts you get. But the biggest differentiator is the engine/transmission setup, and there are two.

The SE and SEL employ a 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine running through a six-speed automatic. It puts out 147 horsepower and 132 lb.-ft. of torque. That compares closely to the HR-V,

with 141 and 127, and the Trax with 138 and 148 respectively.

The Limited and Ultimate get a 1.6-liter turbo four with 175 horsepower and 195 lb.-ft. of torque, running through a sophisticated 7-speed dual-clutch automatic. That surely makes a difference moving the 3,256-pound Kona.

The base drivetrain gets mileage of 27 City, 33 Highway, and 30 Combined; the turbo drops a touch to 26, 29, and 27. I averaged 25.8 mpg in the turbo. The Green scores are 5 for Smog for all models. The front-wheel-drive models get a 7 for greenhouse gas, earning SmartWay designation, but the all-wheel-drive models drop to a 6, losing that distinction.

My Lime Twist tester was the very top of the line—an Ultimate AWD with the optional Lime interior accents, which include the transmission base, vents around the cabin, and stitching on the seats. This helps relieve the black of the rest of it. Some items, like door levers, which normally would be chrome or nickel-finish, were a satin black, like the hardware on my Ibanez bass guitar.

There's the now-common "floating" iPad-like screen in mid-dash. I plugged in my phone and enjoyed Apple CarPlay. Hyundai understands user experience better than some other brands, so you don't have to ponder how to use features such as radio presets or Bluetooth syncing. Everything just works right away.

The seats are high and comfortable, and leather-wrapped in the Ultimate. The door panels wear hard plastic on the tops, but



Kona's front view incorporates the cascading grille, featuring a sporty mesh pattern flanked by flared, wing-like fenders and a separated-headlight design.

as Hyundai has shown over the years, they know how to design interesting, good-looking surfaces and details.

Although my overall fuel mileage hit the mid 20's, my first trip to work rang up an impressive 31.2 mpg. I think that highway cruising may be the car's strong suit. I didn't take it off-road—most owners likely won't either—but the taut SUV felt like it would be up to it. While low-slung sports cars were the fun cars for past generations, today's enjoyment is higher riding and higher tech.

Like other cars with electronic driver interfaces, you can use Drive Mode Select to choose Normal or Sport settings. I found the Normal setting was fine for me, but then I'm not an outdoor-adventure-seeking millennial, either.

The firmness of the ride and

the non-luxury origins of this new platform meant a good bit of road noise on cement freeways, but that was the only annoyance. The Kona's capacious rear area served nicely with musical instrument hauling.

Prices for this junior SUV start at just \$20,450 for the front-wheel-drive SE with no extras. My top-level all-wheel-drive U-

imate, with \$125 for floor mats, came to \$29,775. That's the going rate for loaded little crossovers these days.

Hyundai has a real competitor with the Kona. I'm eagerly awaiting the upcoming all-electric model, with its remarkable 258-mile range. As a crossover competing with hatchbacks, it should make a big splash when it arrives.



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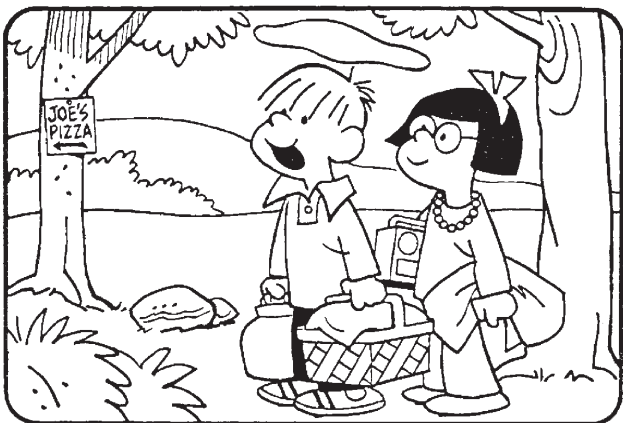


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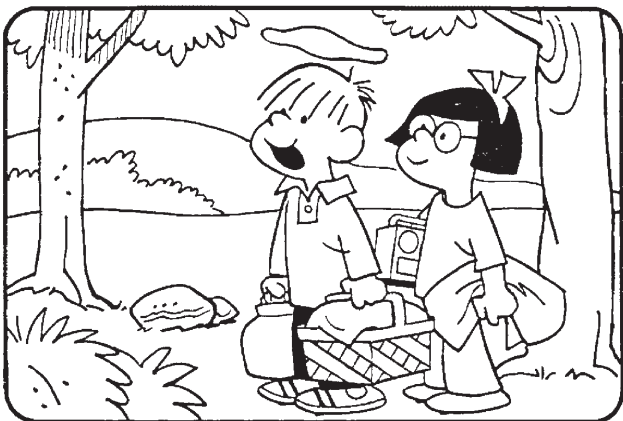


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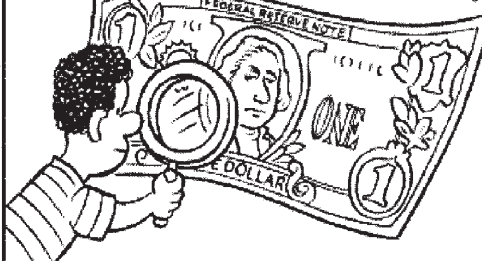


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ODD WORD OUT!

To the right is a list of five words. Can you figure out which word doesn't belong on the list?

Answer: Cagey. In all of the other words the letters read, left to right, in alphabetical order, "A" to "Z."

FIND THE SEVEN WORDS PUZZLE! In the word square at the right, we've removed six of the letters to spell out the word "DENIAL." See if you can replace these letters in the squares so that you will have four three-letter words across and three four-letter words down. Time limit: 60 seconds.

Answers: (Across): Ice, cod, old, may, (Down): Icon, cola, eddy.

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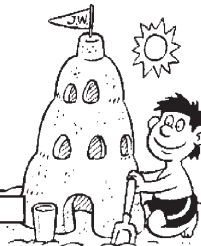
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Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

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7.	S	A	N	D			
8.	S	A	N	D			
9.	S	A	N	D			



In the grid on the left there is room for nine words that all begin with "SAND." The following hints should help you to dig up the correct words.

1. A large container.
2. What the carpenter did.
3. They're great for a hot beach.
4. This is also great at noontime.
5. This guy really "digs" his work.
6. To cheat or steal in a tricky manner (slang).
7. Found close to shore.
8. A way to decorate glass.
9. A cheap playground.

There is a dark frame around one of the columns in our grid. If you correctly solve the puzzle, the letters in the frame, top to bottom, will name something that you'll need at the beach.

Answers: 1. Sandbox. 2. Sanded. 3. Sandbar. 4. Sandblast. 5. Sandhog. 6. Sandbag. 7. Sandbar. 8. Sandblast. 9. Sandlot. The dark frame column spells "Beach ball."

SENIORS

Q&A: Have You Ever Heard of the Term 'Springing' Power of Attorney?

Q I recently heard the term "Springing" Power of Attorney, but I am not sure what that is. Can you shed any light on this?

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

A Sure. Broadly speaking, there are two general categories of financial Powers of Attorney:

(1) those that are immediately effective upon signing by the principal, and

(2) those that are only effective upon the happening of a future event, typically the incapacity of the principal. Attorneys generally call the latter a "Springing" Power Of Attorney, because they do not become effective, or "spring into life," until the happening of that future event.

Which form a client might choose will depend upon the client's circumstances.

Typically, a client who is healthy and younger would usually prefer a power of attorney that only springs into life in the future, when, and if, he or she is no longer able to manage his or her own financial affairs.

Until that event, the client — whom we often call the "princi-

pal" — calls his own shots and only he, himself, can enter into transactions that legally bind him.

By contrast, a principal who is up in years and/or sees illness or incapacity on the near horizon, may opt to sign a Power of Attorney ("POA") that is immediately effective, so as to dispense with the procedural requirement and corresponding delay necessary to establish the requisite incapacity that would make the POA effective, and thereby empower the designated Agent to act for the Principal.

How is incapacity determined? Many Springing POA's recite that incapacity is determined when two (2) physicians who have examined the principal write a letter reciting that the principal is incapable of managing his or her own financial affairs, usually due to cognitive decline, dementia or similar maladies.

Note: Notwithstanding that common requirement, I prefer to recite in POA's that I prepare that only one (1) physician need so opine, and here's why: Very often the need to establish incapacity in this context arises when the princi-



pal is residing in a nursing home.

Typically, in the nursing home setting, only one physician makes the rounds to check on each patient. To secure an evaluation and letter by a second physician in those circumstances can be difficult.

Another option for some clients is to begin with a Springing POA, but as the years pass and they decide they no longer wish to manage their own financial affairs, to sign a simple form reciting that the POA is now immediately effective. That signed form would then be kept together with the POA and handled as a single document, so that it is apparent to all who review it that the principal has opted to make the POA immediately effective.

The other alternative, of course, is to rewrite the POA entirely so as to render it immediately effective going forward.

Know that — whichever form you choose initially — you are not forever bound by that decision. So long as you are competent, you can always revoke and revise your POA to make it fit your changing life circumstances.

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Which Flu Shot is Right for You?

By Jim Miller
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

It wasn't that long ago that if you wanted to get protected from the flu, you simply got a flu shot. But now days, there are so many flu vaccine options you might feel like you are ordering off a menu.

To help you decide which flu shot is right for you, you need to consider your health, age and personal preferences. Here's what you should know.

Flu Shot Options

Just as they do every year, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends a seasonal flu shot to everyone 6 months of age and older, but it's especially important for seniors who are at higher risk of developing serious flu-related complications.

The flu puts more than 200,000 people in the hospital each year and kills an average of 24,000 – 80 to 90 percent of whom are seniors.

Here's the rundown of the different vaccine options (you only need to get one of these):

Standard flu vaccines: If you want to keep things basic, you can't go wrong with a "standard (trivalent) flu shot," which has been around for more than 40 years and protects against three different strains of flu viruses. This year's version protects against two A strains (H1N1 and H3N2), and one influenza B virus.

Or, for additional protection,

you should consider the "quadrivalent flu vaccine" that protects against four types of influenza — the same three strains as the standard trivalent flu shot, plus an additional B-strain virus.

Senior specific vaccines: If you're age 65 or older and want some extra protection, you should consider the "Fluzone High-Dose" or "FLUAD."

The Fluzone High-Dose has four times the amount of antigen as a regular flu shot does, while the FLUAD contains an added ingredient called adjuvant MF59. Both vaccines provide a stronger immune response for better protection.

Egg allergy vaccines: If you're allergic to eggs, your flu shot options are "Flucelvax" or "Flu-Blok." Neither of these vaccines uses chicken eggs in their manufacturing process.

Fear of needle vaccines: If you

don't like needles, and you're between the ages of 18 and 64, your options are the "Fluzone Intradermal" or "AFLURIA" vaccine.

The Fluzone intradermal flu shot uses a tiny 1/16-inch long micro-needle to inject the vaccine just under the skin, rather than deeper in the muscle like a standard flu shot. The AFLURIA vaccine is administered by a jet injector, which is a medical device that uses a high-pressure, narrow stream of fluid to penetrate the skin instead of a needle.

You should also know that if you're a Medicare beneficiary, Part B covers all flu vaccinations, but if you have private health insurance, you'll need to check with your plan to see which vaccines they do or don't cover.

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

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Pneumonia Vaccines

Two other important vaccinations the CDC recommends to seniors, especially this time of year, are the pneumococcal vaccines for pneumonia. Around 1 million Americans are hospitalized with pneumonia each year, and about 50,000 people die from it.

The CDC recommends that all seniors, 65 or older, get two vaccinations — Prevnar 13 and Pneumovax 23. Both vaccines, which are administered just once at different times, work in different ways to provide maximum protection.

If you haven't yet received any pneumococcal vaccine you should get the Prevnar 13 first, followed by Pneumovax 23 six to 12 months later. Medicare Part B covers both shots, if they are taken at least one year apart.

To locate a vaccination site that offers both flu and pneumonia shots, visit Vaccines.gov and type in your ZIP code.

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GUEST COMMENTARY



Website Provides Home Options

The homebuying process in a megaregion such as the San Francisco Bay Area can be complicated. The larger the region, the greater the number of potential variables, including commutes, school scores, community amenities, median prices, types of housing available, rapid transit options and more.

A scenario we commonly encounter involves a couple, one working in San Francisco with the other employed in Silicon Valley. Their first question is

always, "Where is the best place for us to live?" While access to BART from almost anywhere in the East Bay or Tri-Valley works for the person working in San Francisco, the other person faces horrible commutes on either I-880 or I-680. When you start factoring in school scores, affordability and quality-of-life issues, the choices fluctuate significantly.

Enter HomeArea.com, a website designed to provide extensive information for those looking to find that ideal city and neighborhood. The site provides a number of ways to crunch data, including state & city rankings, population density, median home values per neighborhood, income levels by city and more.

Using data from a number of sources including the US Census Bureau, the site provides a dazzling array of data, allowing you to deep dive into local cities and neighborhoods using a wide range of criteria. You can search by cheapest housing, newest housing, lowest un-

employment, most diverse, and highest home ownership, to name a few.

A fascinating search is highest household income. If you search in California, the winner is San Ramon, with a median household income of \$161,870, followed by Palo Alto at \$153,802 and Pleasanton at \$152,123. The highest ranked East Bay cities include #8 Fremont - \$122,419, #11 Union City - \$98,367 and #16 Castro Valley - \$90,075. San Francisco ranks #15 at \$103,801. Nationally, Bethesda, MD ranks #1 at \$166,380 with San Ramon at #2.

The data also reveals which cities have moved up or down in relationship to each other. As an example, Castro Valley was previously ranked #33, indicating a significant growth in the area's median income.

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725 Midway Avenue	94577: \$670,000	2 BD - 1,470 SF - 1942
2032 Thomas Avenue	94577: \$565,000	3 BD - 1,388 SF - 1944
14578 Tiburon Road	94577: \$700,000	3 BD - 1,196 SF - 1963
575 Warwick Avenue	94577: \$792,600	3 BD - 1,109 SF - 1927
1890 Washington Avenue	94577: \$3,190,909	2 BD - 1,113 SF - 1930
13710 Bancroft Avenue	94578: \$440,000	2 BD - 811 SF - 1948
16129 Carolyn Street	94578: \$745,000	3 BD - 1,718 SF - 1949
16162 Carolyn Street	94578: \$610,000	3 BD - 1,431 SF - 1947
3689 Figueroa Drive	94578: \$635,000	3 BD - 1,108 SF - 1954
1593 Fir Avenue	94578: \$665,000	2 BD - 1,120 SF - 1948
1140 Grace Street	94578: \$615,000	3 BD - 1,340 SF - 1948
1709 Halsey Avenue	94578: \$655,000	2 BD - 1,280 SF - 1945
16525 Page Street	94578: \$439,000	4 BD - 2,300 SF - 1974
16405 Saratoga Street	94578: \$360,000	2 BD - 1,022 SF - 1981
1269 Terra Avenue	94578: \$698,000	4 BD - 1,505 SF - 1953
1273 Breckenridge Street	94579: \$645,000	3 BD - 1,207 SF - 1958
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TOTAL SALES: 27		
LOWEST AMOUNT:	\$360,500	MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$645,000
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Fall Isn't Too Late for Roofing Repair

By **Samantha Mazzotta**
Special to the Times

Most roofing repair advice you read says that summer is the best time to make repairs. But it's not unusual to hear the non-stop hammering of roofers finishing up repairs and replacements this time of year before the rain starts.

For shingle repairs, a few days of sunny weather will ensure that the patching material cures properly. Go onto the roof to figure out how many shingles are damaged and need replac-

ing, and buy replacements and supplies a few days ahead of the planned repair. Keep an eye on the weather, and when a clear patch is predicted, go ahead.

When replacing shingles, it's important to follow the offset layout of the undamaged shingles to provide the best protection against rain and weather.

Working carefully, slightly lift the edges of the undamaged shingles directly above the shingle you need to replace. Then work loose the damaged shingle and slide it out. Don't worry if

you leave behind pieces of the old shingle under the roofing nails; you'll pry those out next.

If the building paper underneath the shingle is torn, patch it with roofing cement.

Then, begin installing the replacement. If you're replacing more than one shingle, start with the lowest one first. Nail the shingles down using either 7/8-inch or 1-inch roofing nails, placing them at the tab slots.

The final shingle – or the only shingle, if that's the case – shouldn't be nailed

down immediately. Instead, apply a bead of roofing cement to the underside top of the shingle and slide it into place under the shingle above it.

Once it's correctly set, carefully lift the shingle above it so that you can nail the replacement shingle into place. Tack down the shingle above with a bit of roofing cement if necessary.

Home Tip: A torn shingle can be repaired temporarily by gluing the torn parts together with roofing cement.

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Grant Funds Available for Home Repairs

The Alameda County Healthy Homes Department is now accepting new applicants and providing grant funding for home repairs.

Minor Home Repair Grants are available for qualifying homeowners in the unincorporated areas of Castro Valley, Ashland, Cherryland, Hillcrest Knolls, Fairview, San Lorenzo, and Sunol for repairs such as plumbing, carpentry, electrical, railings, grab bars, toilets, water heaters, furnaces, doors and locks and more!

Lead Hazard Repair Grants up to \$10,000 per unit, plus a healthy-housing grant for properties that test positive for lead hazards, are available throughout Alameda County for owner-occupied and rental properties that are occupied by low-income families, to address lead hazards for homes built before 1978, (priority for pre-1960 properties).

Testing for lead risk is free.

Call 510-567-8280 to find out more about eligibility and requirements or visit www.achhd.org

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Everyone who joins the Arbor Day Foundation in September will receive 10 free trees as part of the Foundation's Trees for America program.

Through Trees for America, everyone is encouraged to plant trees, which benefit the environment and improve the quality of life. With nearly 1 million members and supporters, the Arbor Day Foundation is the nation's largest nonprofit organization dedicated to planting trees.

Everyone who joins this month will receive one of the following tree packages based on their location: 10 Arizona Cypress, 10 Live Oak or 10 Mix trees including eastern redbud, white pine, sugar maple, white flowering dogwood, pin oak, red maple, river birch, silver maple, northern red oak and Colorado blue spruce.

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To receive the 10 free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100



Branch of a white pine tree, one of the trees available free to those who join the Arbor Day Foundation

Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, 2018, or join online at arbor-ne68410.org, by September 30, day.org/september.

Mortgage Rates Rise for Third Straight Week

Mortgage rates jumped last week to a level not seen in over a month, due to the one-two punch of strong job and consumer credit growth.

"Mortgage rates are currently 0.82 percent higher than a year ago, which is the biggest year-over-year increase since May 2014," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's chief economist.

Thirty-year fixed-rate mort-

gages averaged 4.60 percent last week, up from 4.54 percent the previous week. A year ago at this time, the 30-year rate averaged 3.78 percent.

Fifteen-year fixed rates averaged 4.06 percent, up from 3.99 percent.

Five-year adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 3.93 percent (unchanged from the previous week).



Flowers

Plant all of the winter-flowering annuals including alyssums, baby's breath, bachelor's buttons, calendulas, campanulas, cyclamens, primroses, snapdragons, stock and others. Sprinkle wildflower seeds and California poppies. Bait for snails.

Vegetables

Vegetables that tolerate light frosts and temperatures in the upper 20s will extend the growing season and provide fresh produce when other vegetable plants are just sitting around in the cold. These include beets, Chinese and savoy-leaf cabbages, collards, kale, butterhead and romaine lettuces, flat-leaf parsley, radishes, turnips, savoy-leafed spinaches and Swiss chard. Sow or transplant two to three times the amount you would use for spring harvest because these over-wintering crops grow very slowly. You'll harvest only a small crop from each plant.

Mulching the Soil

Before planting vegetable or flower beds this fall, you might want to add compost or organic mulch to the soil. If the soil is a good clay loam, dig in a 2- to 3-inch layer. For heavier clay soil, add about twice that amount. A cubic yard (27 cubic feet) of mulch covers 108 square feet when applied at a depth of 3 inches. A 2-cubic-foot bag covers 8 square feet 3 inches deep.



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- Brenda Weaver

Source: www.americanmeadows.com



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Monroe: Physical activity the key

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Monroe students had at least 60 hours of physical education per week. The cafeteria offers different fruits every day of the week and serves foods that align with cultural practices of the student population.

Monroe offers staff members accessible, free or low-cost physical activity and fitness programs to help them stay healthy. Monroe merges classroom learning with movement, keeping kids' minds and bodies active and ready to learn.

"America's Healthiest Schools all recognize that when we prioritize children's health, we increase their chances of excelling in school and beyond," said Monica Hobbs Vinluan, Senior Program Officer at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, which has supported the Healthy Schools Program since its incep-

tion. "Every child—particularly those from low-income families or struggling communities—deserves to attend a school that is committed to both their overall health and academic success. That commitment will help all kids reach their full potential."

Healthier Generation's work with award-winning schools is supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, The JPB Foundation, Kaiser Permanente,

Target Enterprise, Inc., Saint Luke's Foundation of Cleveland, Ohio, Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation and the Missouri Foundation for Health.

The America's Healthiest Schools campaign, an annual celebration of the award-winning schools, is sponsored in part by Novo Nordisk.

To view the complete list of America's Healthiest Schools visit HealthiestSchools.org.

Tacos and Movie at the Library

¡Bienvenidos and Welcome! All are invited to a free Taco Tuesday in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month on Tuesday, Sept. 25, at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. in downtown San Leandro.

Tacos and an art craft will

be available to the public while quantities last from 6 to 7 p.m. Then adults 18 and over are invited to enjoy the 2018 romantic comedy "La Boda De Valentina" (Valentina's Wedding) starring Marimar Vega and Omar Chaparro at 7 p.m.

City Retrofit Program Offers Up to \$3,000

The City of San Leandro announced that for the fifth year in a row, San Leandro homeowners are eligible to receive up to \$3,000 to help strengthen their homes in the event of a major earthquake.

Qualified homeowners in the 94577, 94578 and 94579 zip codes are eligible to apply for the 2019 Earthquake Brace + Bolt program from Oct. 9 until Nov. 13. Register at www.earthquake-bracebolt.com.

Qualifying registered homeowners will be selected by a random drawing. If funds are not available to all eligible homeowners, others will be placed on a waiting list. In the last Brace and Bolt program, 185 San Leandro homeowners were awarded or

in the process of receiving up to \$3,000 to retrofit their homes in 2018.

The houses must meet certain criteria, including being built on a level or low-slope site and sit on a raised foundation with a four-foot (or less) cripple wall under the first floor. Qualifying dwellings

are typically pre-1979 houses that are not bolted to foundations, are built atop a crawl space, and have unbraced "cripple walls" surrounding the crawl space.

For more information about this program, call Community Development Department, Building Division at 577-3420.

Calling Vendors for Senior Resource Fair

The City of San Leandro is now accepting applications for vendors at the Senior Resource Fair on Friday, October 12, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St.

The fair is an opportunity to market services for seniors including health and wellness, transportation, financial planning, and leisure activities. Over 60 agencies will be on hand to

provide information and answer questions.

A limited number of vendor spaces are still available on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications are available at the Senior Community Center and Marina Community Center or online at: <https://tinyurl.com/2018-SRF-Application>.

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■ Patricia Brenzel-Vercelli, a long time resident of San Leandro, passed away on September 14, 2018. Visitation will take place Friday, September 21 at Santos-Robinson Mortuary, 160 Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro beginning at 9 a.m. with a celebration of her life following at 11 a.m. Burial will follow at Mt. View Cemetery, 5000 Piedmont Ave. in Oakland. Arrangements handled by Santos-Robinson Mortuary, 510-483-0123.

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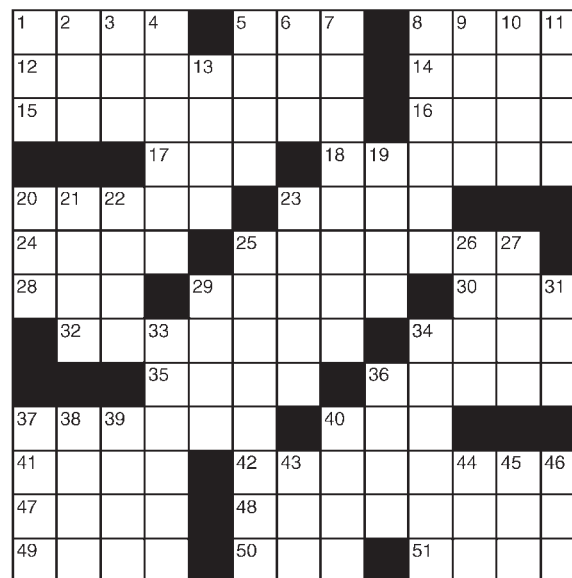
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Virginia Bettencourt Brown

November 24, 1925 ~ September 12, 2018

Virginia Bettencourt Brown entered peacefully into rest in Hayward on September 12, 2018. She was 92 years old.

The second of four children blessed to Antonio & Mary Bettencourt, Virginia was born in El Cerrito, California on November 24, 1925. She attended Harding Elementary School and graduated from El Cerrito High School in February 1944. She enjoyed a short but successful banking career at American Trust Bank in Richmond from 1944 to 1948, and Bank of Berkeley from 1950 to 1952.

Virginia met and fell in love with Leonard Brown, sharing 52 years of marriage prior to his passing in December 2001. Virginia enjoyed being a social butterfly, belonging to various clubs including Southland Seniors, Bayfair Seniors, Dublin Seniors, San Ramon Seniors, Senior Friends of San Leandro and Cactus Corners, and a country line dancing group. Virginia was devoted to her faith and was a longtime parishioner of St. Felicitas Catholic Church. She was a beloved mother, grandmother and friend who will be deeply missed.

Virginia is survived by her sons, J. Michael, Patrick and Maurice Brown; daughter in law, Susanne Brown; grandchildren, Maxwell, Zoe, Alexander, Shannon and Lindsey Brown; great-grandchildren, Aria and Myles Brown; and many cherished extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her siblings, Kathryn Kosich, Frank Bettencourt and Rosie Densmore.

Services have been held. Virginia was laid to rest at St. Josephs Cemetery in San Pablo.



Artists Invited to Apply for Grants Through City Program

The City of San Leandro and the San Leandro Arts Commission announced a new Arts & Culture Grants Program available for interested artists.

Applications are currently being accepted through the deadline of Oct. 29. Grants will be awarded to San Leandro-based arts organizations and individual artists.

A technical assistance work-

shop about the program is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 3, in the evening from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. at San Leandro City Hall, 835 East 14th St.

Arts commissioners, city staff, and the city's arts consultant will be available to answer questions and provide guidance about the application. It's not mandatory to attend the workshop in order

to be eligible to apply.

Grants for Art that Serves SL Residents

Individual artists residing in San Leandro are eligible for grants of up to \$2,000, while 501c3 nonprofit organizations are eligible for grants of up to \$4,000. Grant awards must support arts and culture activities that serve

the residents of San Leandro. Related projects or activities must take place within San Leandro city limits between December 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019.

Emerging from a progressive Strategic Plan for the Arts in San Leandro, the Arts Commission has developed the Arts & Culture Grants Program to support local arts organizations and artists in

their efforts to create a more vibrant cultural environment in the community. Complete program guidelines and an application are both available at https://www.sanleandro.org/about/arts_commission_grants_program.asp.

For more information, contact Deputy City Manager Eric Engelbart at eengelbart@sanleandro.org or 577-3391.

SIRs Meets Monthly at Metropolitan Golf Links

SIRs, an organization of retired men, meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the Wedgewood Center at the Metropolitan Golf Links, 10051 Doolittle Drive in Oakland. Happy hour starts at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at noon. Come and meet new friends. For more information, call Al at 895-9900.

OPINION

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Letters must include the writer's name, address and phone number, and *must be under 300 words*. We reserve the right to edit as necessary. E-mail letters to: letters@ebpublishing.com or fax to: 510-483-4209, or send by mail to: The Editor, San Leandro Times, 2060 Washington Ave., San Leandro, CA 94577.

Concerned that Building Codes Not Fairly Enforced in San Leandro

Editor:

I heard on a radio talk show that San Leandro is rated one of the worst 10 cities to live in Northern California.

I am not surprised after requesting the City of San Leandro to enforce their building codes and regulations. I moved to San Leandro believing the city manager and Building Department to have integrity and strived to enforce the city's codes and regulations. Instead, my neighbor deliberately built a cement driveway 3 to 4 inches above adjacent existing grade and the city does not care about this tripping hazard and intentional

water draining onto my property.

How ugly, damaging and unsafe would San Leandro be if every resident was allowed to build their driveway 3 to 4 inches above their neighbor's property. I am very concerned that building codes are not properly and fairly enforced in the City of San Leandro.

—William Rodenburg, San Leandro

Thanks to Community Members That Stood Against Hate

Editor:

Our nation, conceived in liberty, has from the outset had trouble reconciling the ideal that all people are created equal. From time-to-time we are confronted

with direct affronts to this notion. When, as we see now, the highest powers of the land oppose this principal, it is imperative that we resist any attempt to divide, intimidate or discriminate against any group of our community.

In light of the recent, despicable posting of anti-Semitic material at Temple Beth Shalom, I want to thank the community members that stood against hate and in support of our Jewish community. We all deserve to live, love, work and worship freely, and without fear.

In San Leandro, we celebrate our diversity and stand together against hate, because we know that "an injury to one is an injury to all." We will not let these times divide us.

To all our Jewish friends, I know you will not be daunted by this attempt to intimidate and wish for you a good and sweet year.

Shana Tova,

—Jeromey Shafer
Candidate for Mayor
San Leandro

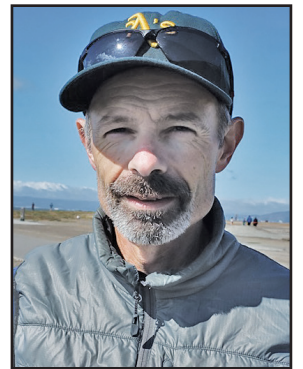
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How can we keep litter out of the bay?

— Asked at the Shoreline Cleanup at Marina Park

Make plastic out of biodegradable material like corn, so it decomposes and then we wouldn't have all this plastic here. I don't know what can be done about the cigarette butts, though.

Kirk Demlinger
Hayward

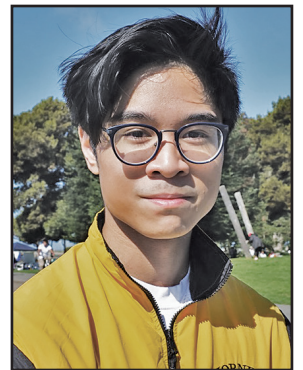


I think it's simple. Teach your kids that when you come to the shoreline to always bring a garbage bag with you.

Cener Balosbalos
San Leandro

People have learned to recycle, but need to do the other two things – reduce and reuse. For example, you can reuse plastic water bottles and paper bags.

Zach Laplana
Alameda

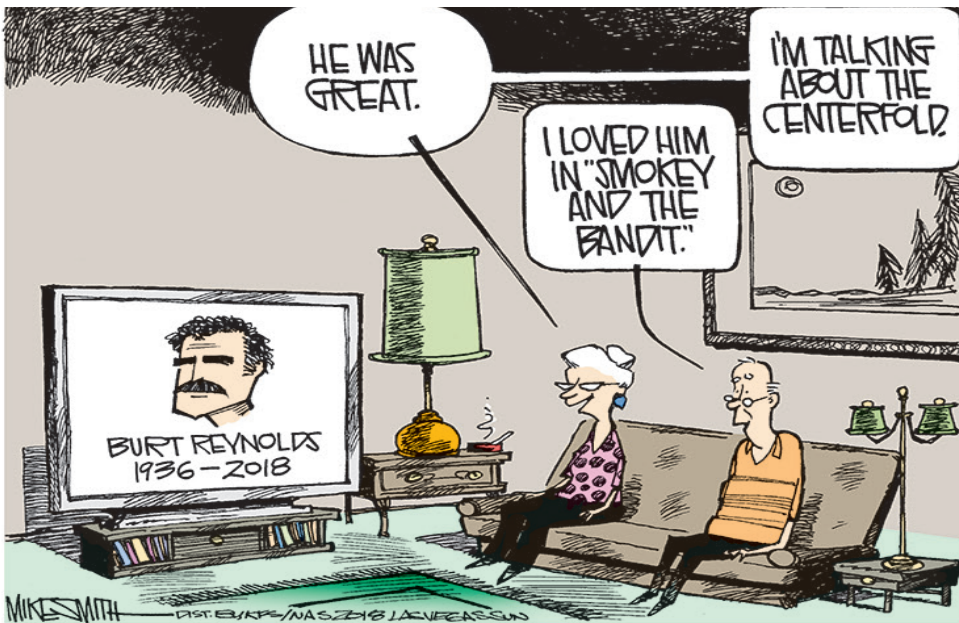


If you carry it with you, bring it out with you. Bring a bag to take it out.

Rachelle Acayan
San Leandro

People should put stuff in the recycling container and use reusable water bottles so there's less plastic.

Nathan Acayan
San Leandro



Donuts: Artists hope to kickstart video game

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under "Robots and Donuts." Donations can be \$5 and up with your name in the credits for \$25 and gifts at different levels of donations, shown on the kickstarter site.

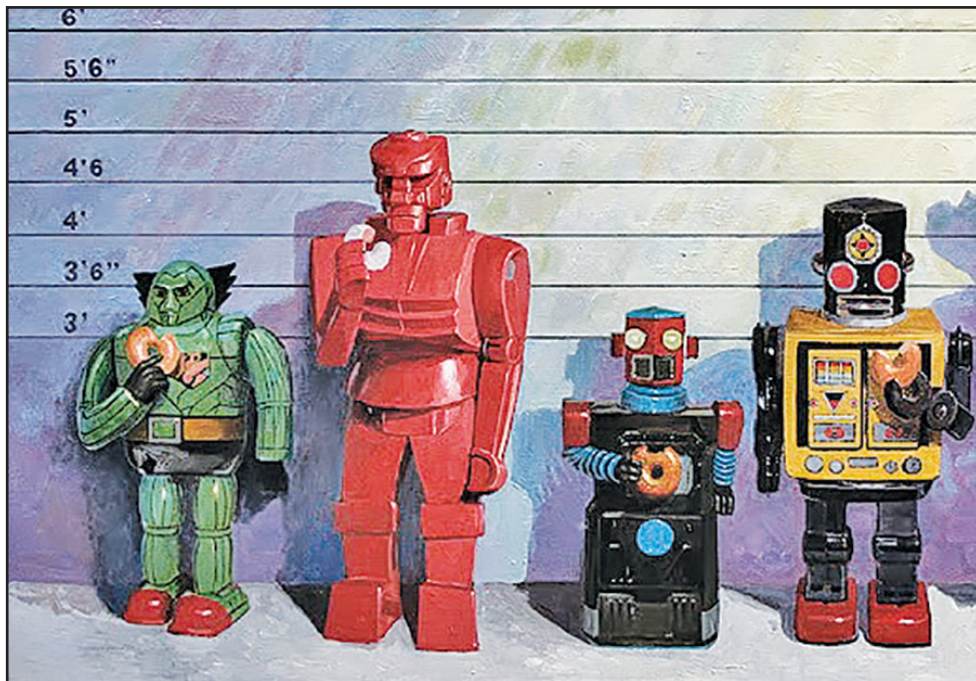
The German company, It Matters Games, wasn't the most expensive, or the cheapest. But they showed some creativity that Heubel and Joyner liked.

For instance, they came up with a theme that sounded better than the robots doing battle, or something like that, Heubel said. The idea is the robots will go out and find donuts for the donut shop. The setting will be in the Southwest, or an Alpine scene, or in outer space.

Scenes like this already appear in some of Joyner's paintings. So it seems natural to carry this over to the video game.

Heubel attended school here from McKinley Elementary School to San Leandro High. He's spent the past 20 years testing and reviewing games and calls himself a technology evangelist.

He got into the tech business when a friend he knew at Bancroft Middle School recommended he apply at a company that does haptic, which is the technology that



Eric Joyner creates an array of robots who all like donuts.

gives a device a sense of touch, making it feel more real life.

Heubel points out that video games made more in the

first half of 2018 than movie box office revenue in the United States.

"We're going to try to see

if his fine art can make the leap from the canvas to the broader realm of video games," Heubel said.

Dillman: 'I have the imagination and vision'

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example, even if his tax doesn't get on the ballot, he will make unfunded pension liabilities a priority.

Says Line Must Be Held on Pensions

"We have to hold the line on the pensions," said Dillman. "If that means a hiring freeze or transitioning employees to a 401(k) like any other business, that's what needs to be done," said Dillman. "If you're drowning in debt, something needs to be done."

Dillman is a gregarious and popular guy around town. He owns the Bal Theatre and regularly attends City Council meetings and other city events. He is a life-long Easy Bay resident who married his college sweetheart,

Gina, at 19 and raised three kids in San Leandro.

Dillman is also known for serving several weeks in county jail in 2014 for assaulting a police officer. He said he was just trying to protect an employee and the plainclothes cops never identified themselves.

Dillman says he might not be as conventional a candidate for mayor as incumbent Pauline Cutter, Councilman Benny Lee or even "fresh clean slate" candidate Jeromy Schaffer, but vows to do right by the people of San Leandro if elected.

"I feel like I'm in a way more centered and balanced place than I ever have been in my entire life and I'm committed to serve," said Dillman. "I have this imagination and this vision and a determination to serve San Leandro."

Group Offers Tour of Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve

Join the Friends of San Leandro Creek on an excursion to Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve, the birthplace of San Leandro Creek, on Saturday, Sept. 29, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The meeting point is the Sibley Park Main Staging Area,

off Skyline Boulevard in Oakland. Carpooling available from San Leandro City Hall. Contact Susan Levenson at 577-6069 or slevenson@sanleandro.org.

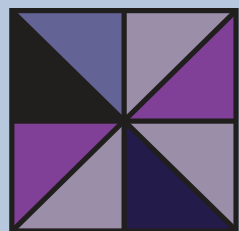
For more details and to RSVP (requested) click on the online event post at www.fslc.org.

New Life Band to Play in Castro Valley

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Short-Term Rentals Community Forum

Monday, September 24, 2018 • 6-8 pm

Main Library • 300 Estudillo Ave.

An in-depth discussion about short-term rentals is taking place in this community forum where residents may participate in creating a policy for San Leandro. Short-term rentals refer to any residential property rented for less than 30 days. Former Councilmember Surlene Grant will moderate. A related survey is available for residents who wish to provide public input; translated copies also in Spanish (español) and Chinese (中文). Find the survey at: www.sanleandro.org/oth. More information at: www.sanleandro.org/ShortTermRentals

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Luna Mexicana Oakland Ballet Performance

Thursday, October 18, 2018 • 6-8 pm
San Leandro High School Arts Education Center • 225 Bancroft Ave.

The City of San Leandro is bringing back the popular Luna Mexicana ballet performance! Together with the San Leandro Unified School District, the City is hosting the Oakland Ballet once again in celebration of Dia de Los Muertos. Residents are invited to this free event at San Leandro High School's Arts Education Center. **TICKETS ARE REQUIRED.** RSVP at <https://bit.ly/2MlertV>. Seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

