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Ed Hernandez and his supporters celebrated his election to the City Council on Tuesday night at Harry's Hofbrau.

Hernandez Wins City Council Seat

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

In San Leandro's only contested City Council race, Ed Hernandez has won the District 2 seat over Bryan Azevedo.

Hernandez took 54 percent of the vote

(8,207 votes) to Azevedo's 45 percent (6,857 votes).

On election night, Hernandez said he was grateful to be able to connect to the voters in San Leandro.

"The voters were able to hear my

message and support me," said Hernandez. "I've worked really hard as a candidate and I'll continue to work hard. It's a privilege."

Hernandez was backed by developers including Westlake Urban, the developers see ELECTION, page 14

School Bond, Other Tax Measures Pass

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

San Leandrans should expect to see a boost in their property tax bill soon, as all of the school, county, and district tax measures on the Nov. 8 ballot have passed.

Measure J1, the \$104 million San Leandro school bond passed with 73 percent of the vote (11,126 votes) and it needed 55 percent to pass. The total debt including principal and interest is \$225 million.

Measure J1 will assess \$36 per \$100,000 for property value annually until 2024.

J1 is the third bond the district passed in the past decade, joining \$109 million Measure B in 2006 and \$50 million Measure M in 2010.

Hayward Area Recreation District (HARD) Measure F1 passed with 78 percent of the vote, it needed a two-thirds majority. The \$250 million bond will be used to repair and modernize parks in the HARD area.

Measure F1 will be assessed at \$30 per \$100,000 of property value annually through 2028. The total cost including principal and interest will be \$488 million.

Measure RR, BART's \$3.5 billion bond, passed with 70 percent of the vote in Alameda, Contra Costa, and San Francisco counties.

Voters in Contra Costa County weren't as keen on RR, with only 59 percent approving it. San Francisco county approved it with 81 percent and Alameda County with 70 percent, which

averaged out with enough to pass the two-thirds threshold.

BART says the money will be used to replace 90 miles of tracks and repair damage done see TAXES, page 14

San Leandro Woman Murdered

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

A San Leandro woman who had hopes of becoming a police officer was murdered by an acquaintance in an Oakland park last week.

Karla Ramirez-Segoviano, 21, was found in the creek at the Arroyo Viejo Recreation Center in Oakland on Thursday afternoon, less than a day after having been reported missing, according to Oakland police. She had been stabbed multiple times, suffered blunt force trauma, and her body was set on fire.

Oakland police have arrested two suspects in the crime, Laura Rodgers and Curtys Entoine Taylor. Both are 23-year-old Oakland residents who are currently being see MURDER, page 6

Trailer Haven Residents, Renters Take their Plea to City Hall

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

Trailer Haven residents took their plea to City Hall on Monday night, asking for some relief from the rent hikes they got when the new owners took over.

After a rally on the City Hall steps, the group attended the City Council meeting inside.

The daughter of one of the rally organizers stepped up to the podium and spoke through tears of how her family couldn't afford to live in Berkeley and found a little place at Trailer Haven where she grew up, and now their mobile home is in jeopardy.

"This is ridiculous," said Ingrid Pollyak, who works at a farmer's market. "I grew up here. I don't know how anybody can take advantage of people. There has to be something you can do."

The evening began with a rally outside that included trailer park residents and many other see TRAILER HAVEN, page 6



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Residents concerned about rising rent held a rally in front of City Hall on Monday night. People who live in the Trailer Haven mobile home park have been hit with rent hikes of 25 to 30 percent after the park was sold to new owners.

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Pets of the Week



Becky



Bessy

The Pets of the Week from the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are Becky the cat Bessy the dog.

Becky is a friendly, talkative 8-year-old gal who loves being petted. She wants to be an indoor-only kitty, and to be pampered and loved forever.

Bessy is a joy to be around. She's sweet and gentle to all she meets. She loves walks, squeaky toys, cuddles, and belly rubs. OK with kids 5 years old and over.

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

Tickets Go on Sale For Annual Concert With Lenny Williams

Keep Music Rockin' Foundation will host the annual "Holidays with Lenny Williams" on Thursday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. at the San Leandro High School Arts Education Theater, 2250 Bancroft Ave. to benefit the San Leandro public school's music programs.

This year the program will

feature a tribute to Rick Richards, founder of Keep Music Rockin' Foundation, who died last year.

Tickets are \$15 general admission, or \$30 for VIP tickets that includes the reception at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at www.brownpaper-tickets.com.

TriNet, Bigge Donate Backpacks To Kids at San Leandro Schools

San Leandro-based companies, TriNet and Bigge Crane and Rigging Co., partnered with the San Leandro Education Foundation (SLED) to donate four hundred backpacks, with an estimated value of \$10,000, to San Leandro elementary students in need.

The backpacks were presented to the students in a small ceremony at several schools at the beginning of the school year.

Employees from the TriNet Cares team worked for several days stuffing 300 new backpacks with school supplies and even took the time to include a handwritten note of encouragement for each student.

SLED staff delivered 100 of the backpacks to McKinley Elementary. Principal Grozelia Ward said the students most in need would receive the backpacks.

Long-time San Leandro-based company Bigge Crane and Rigging Co. had its Green Team bring 100 backpacks to Washington Elementary School. Green Team members addressed an auditorium of students and



PHOTO COURTESY OF SLED

Volunteers sort out school supplies to add to backpacks donated to San Leandro kids.

talked about the importance of environmental awareness explaining that a portion of the backpacks were paid for by proceeds from the company's recycling efforts.

The San Leandro Education Foundation is an independent, community based nonprofit that supports to all 12 schools in the San Leandro Unified School District.

Motorcycle Club to Deliver Toys to Children's Hospital

The 9th Annual Toy Run by the Wanderlust Motorcycle Club will be on Sunday, Nov. 13, from noon to 4 p.m. at Nipper's Marina Lounge, 13880

Catalina St. in San Leandro, with a barbecue and live music by Axis.

Bring a new unwrapped toy and \$25 (no stuffed toys). The

toys will be delivered to UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital in Oakland.

For more information, call Eddie at 925-980-9405.

FINALLY - Straight talk About Sciatica

Are you suffering from back pain or sciatica? Then it's likely your biggest problem is pain. But there's another major problem: bad information.

To end sciatica misery, you must have the right information. Pay close attention because I'm going to destroy sciatica myths and give you the facts.

MYTH: Sciatica will just "go away" with some rest.

FACT: If you are dealing with back pain, buttock pain or leg pain, then you must seek help from a sciatica specialist immediately. Left untreated, sciatica can lead to permanent nerve damage - and lifelong pain.

MYTH: Pain is the only problem associated with sciatica.

FACT: In severe cases, sciatica can be associated with inability to control your bowels or bladder - leading to embarrassing situations.

MYTH: You must take pain medications to deal with sciatica.

FACT: Drugs like muscle relaxants, pain killers, narcotics, antidepressants, and anti-seizure medications have serious potential side-effects and do not cure the root cause of sciatica.

MYTH: "I must have done something wrong to get sciatica."

FACT: Physical work or simply sitting at a desk for long periods can lead to sciatica. Accidents and trauma can also be the culprits. Pregnancy can cause sciatica. Sciatica can affect anyone - including

super-fit celebrities like Tiger Woods, Sylvester Stallone, and British Olympic medalist Ian Wynne.

MYTH: Stop exercising and get several weeks of bed rest to overcome sciatica.

FACT: Staying active can help to relieve sciatic pain and prevent the pain getting worse. Staying inactive in bed could be the worst advice - based on a recent study in the Netherlands.

MYTH: Sciatica requires surgery.

FACT: NO! There's been a huge breakthrough in the treatment of sciatica and lower back pain. It's a procedure called Non-Surgical Re-Constructive Spinal Care. The excellent results from this treatment have been published in major medical journals. Success rates are up to 90%.

MYTH: "There's nothing anyone can really do. I'm just stuck with this for the rest of my life."

FACT: With the correct treatment from a healthcare professional who specializes in sciatica, you can find relief from the core cause - and the symptoms.

MYTH: Getting sciatica properly diagnosed is expensive.

FACT: Not true. Intero Chiropractic in Pleasanton is currently offering an initial consultation for **Just \$20.**

Dr. Jerry Hsieh and his team of fully-trained spinal care specialists have helped numerous patients find relief from agonizing back pain and sciatica.

He's one of the first professionals in the U.S. to use Non-Surgical Re-Constructive Spinal Care.

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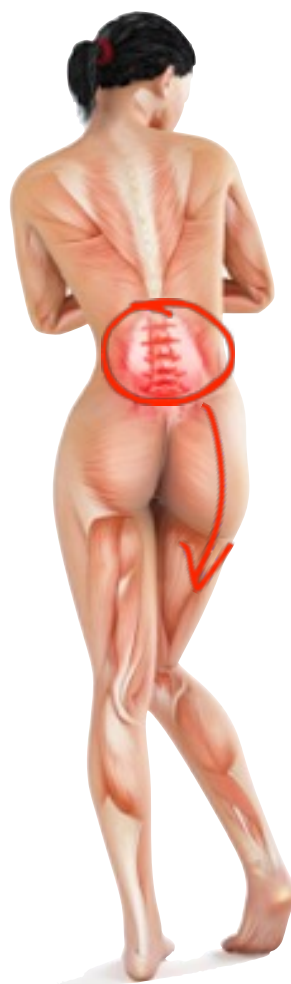
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A dump truck lost control and fell down an embankment into a home in the unincorporated area Monday, causing damage to the yard, but no serious injuries.

Dump Truck Falls into Yard, Damages Home

A dump truck rolled over into a backyard at Saratoga Street and Strang Avenue in unincorporated San Leandro on Monday morning around 9:30 a.m.

A large palm tree was uproot-

ed and the truck did some damage to the home.

The driver of the truck was extracted from the vehicle by firefighters and was treated for non-life threatening injuries. No

one in the home was injured.

The cause of the accident is under investigation.

Drivers Warned to Watch Out For Wet Weather on The Road

The weather is getting colder and the San Leandro police are warning drivers to be prepared for changing conditions on the road.

Safety starts before you even leave home – drivers need to make sure their windshields are clear of any condensation or frost. If you don't, it's not only a traffic violation, it could cause an accident, according to Lt. Robert McManus of the SLPD.

McManus also cautions against leaving your car running while unattended in order to defrost your windows. That creates an opportunity for a thief.

Check your windshield wipers and replace any worn blades. Remember, even if it is daytime, you must use your headlights if it is raining.

District Attorney Settles Case With As-Seen-on-TV Advertiser

Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley announced last week that her office resolved a consumer protection action against "My Pillow," a manufacturer and seller of pillow and bedding products.

The Alameda County district attorney's office worked with other jurisdictions around the state in the case against My Pillow, saying the company made false claims about the product.

The complaint alleges that My Pillow made representations about the health effects of its products that were not supported by scientific evidence, including claims that its pillow products could reduce the effects of medical conditions such as fibromyalgia, insomnia, and migraines.

The complaint also states that My Pillow advertised itself as the "Official Bed Pillow" of the National Sleep Foundation (NSF), allegedly without disclosing that a material financial connection

existed between My Pillow and NSF.

The judgment prohibits My Pillow from, among other things, making any false or misleading claims about the health effects of its products or the endorsements its products received.

Under the terms of the stipulated judgment, My Pillow agreed to pay \$995,000 in civil penal-

ties and to make an additional \$100,000 in direct contributions to non-profit organizations around the state that provide sleeping accommodations to the homeless or those who are victims of domestic violence.

My Pillow and its counsel worked cooperatively to implement changes to its advertising without admitting liability.

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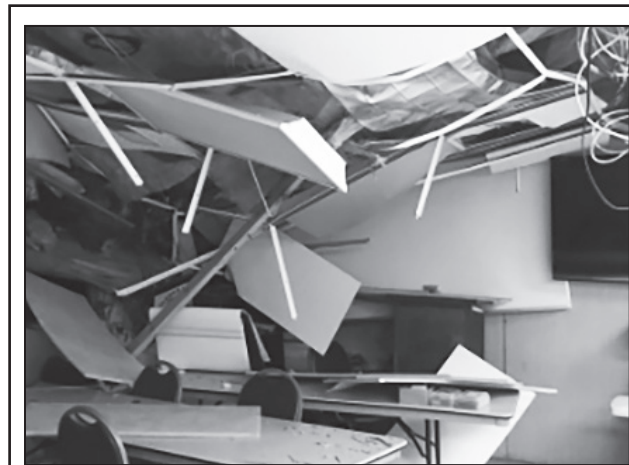


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Tree Tips onto Tower

On Nov. 1, a large eucalyptus tree from the San Leandro Creek fell on the Alameda County Training Tower classroom on Lola Street and did some damage, but fortunately no one was injured.

Check Out Those Smoke Detectors

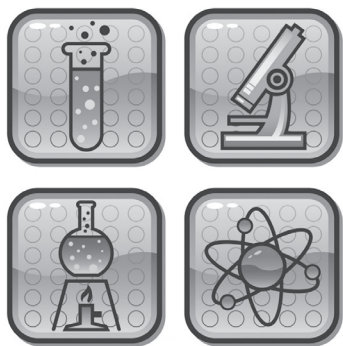
Daylight Saving Time ended last weekend, and the Alameda County Fire Department reminds everyone that when the time changes, it's a good opportunity to check the batteries in your smoke detectors.

According to the Red Cross, working smoke detectors cut the risk of dying in a house fire in half.

Smoke alarm batteries should be changed every six months.

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SCIENCE TEACHER for Proctor Elementary School

Proctor Elementary School in Castro Valley is looking for a Science Teacher for its K-3 Science Program.

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NEIGHBORS



A Happy 106 Bithday for Gladys Peshout

Long time resident of Carlton Senior Living San Leandro, Gladys Peshout, second from the left, celebrated her 106th birthday on Thursday, Nov. 2, with an afternoon party with her friends, family and staff at Carlton.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

❖ Chanticleers Theatre

A *Christmas Carol*, a classic holiday favorite will be presented at the Chanticleers Theatre, 3683 Quail Ave. in Castro Valley from Nov. 19 to Dec. 11. The whole family will enjoy this Christmas classic told in a unique way, along with music of the season. Friday and Saturday shows begin at 8 p.m., Sundays shows begin at 2 p.m. General admission tickets

are \$25, \$20 for seniors and students, and \$10 for children 12 and under. To purchase tickets or for more information, call 733-5483.

❖ San Leandro Museum Auditorium

The San Leandro Players present *Trouble Bubbles at the Hot Springs*, by Gary McCarver and directed by Catherine Heck, on Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays

at 2 p.m. through Nov. 20 at the San Leandro Museum/Auditorium, 320 West Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro. Professor Thaddeus Snively Mack returns to do dastardly deeds with a colorful cast in this rollicking musical. Tickets are \$20, \$15 for seniors, TBA members, and students. Information and tickets available online at www.slplayers.org.

❖ Douglas Morrisson Theatre

It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play will be presented by the Douglas Morrisson Theatre at 8 p.m. on Dec. 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, and at 2 p.m. on Dec. 3, 4, and 11, at the DMT Theatre, 22311 North 3rd Street in Hayward. An Opening Reception will be held on Thursday, Dec. 1. For tickets (\$27-\$29), visit www.dmtonline.org or call 881-6777. Enjoy the holiday classic that puts the "heart" in heartwarming.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

❖ Alta Mira Club Community Boutique

The Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave. in San Leandro, is having its 59th Annual Community Boutique on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 11 and 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch both days is available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., plus an opportunity drawing and gift table.

❖ Thanksgiving Dinner Fundraiser

All are welcome to attend the annual Thanksgiving Dinner fundraiser on Saturday, Nov. 12, hosted by the Hayward American Legion Family at the Veterans Building, 22737 Main St. in Hayward. Doors open at 6 p.m. Donation cost is \$10 or 2 for \$18. Live Music. For more information, call Ed Castillo at 384-7771.

❖ Hearing Loss Association Meeting

The Hearing Loss Association will meet on Saturday, Nov. 12, at the Oakland Kaiser Permanente Hospital, Fabiola Bldg., 3801 Howe St., Lower Level, Room G26. Refreshments served at 9:30 a.m. and the program starts at 10 a.m. The speaker will be professor Susan Graham, a member of the presidential commission to recommend changes to the care of individuals with hearing loss. Discussion will center around the importance of reducing hearing aid costs.

❖ Family Board Game Night at SL Library

The San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., will have a free family board game program on Saturday, Nov. 12, from 2 to 4 p.m. Have fun playing life-sized versions of Jenga and Sorry. You can also try out dozens of other board games, from classics like Monopoly to Clue and more. Games for ages 3 and up, plus refreshments. For more information, call the children's desk at 577-3960.

❖ Saturday Explorers: Block Party

Join the explores on Saturday, Nov. 12, at 10:30 a.m. at the Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd., to create your dream home in Manor Branch Library's Lego neighborhood during our family fun build. This activity is for children ages 5 and older. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration opens on Oct. 30, for more information, call 577-7971.

❖ Friends of San Leandro Creek

The Friends of San Leandro Creek will host an environmental forum on Saturday, Nov. 12, with speakers at 11 a.m. followed by lunch at 1 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. East Bay Regional Park District director Doug Siden, who is retiring, will be celebrated for his 24 years as director of Ward 4 and his many achievements.

❖ Christmas Toy Collection & Barbecue

The 9th Annual Toy Run by the Wanderlust Motorcycle Club will be on Sunday, Nov. 13, from noon to 4 p.m. at Nipper's Marina Lounge, 13880 Catalina St. in San Leandro, with a barbecue and live music by Axis. Bring a new unwrapped toy and \$25 (no stuffed toys). The toys will be delivered to UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital in Oakland. For more information, call Eddie at 925-980-9405.

❖ Eagles Thanksgiving Bingo Luncheon

The Fraternal Order of Eagles Auxiliary 1139 will serve its traditional Thanksgiving Bingo luncheon on Monday, Nov. 14, at noon at 21406 Foothill Blvd in Hayward. The luncheon will include turkey and all the trimmings, dessert, coffee and tea. For a donation of \$8 you will also receive one bingo card. The proceeds will benefit a local charity.

❖ Artist Demonstration

Donald Neff, award winner and well known oil and acrylic painter, will demonstrate how to paint a seascape at the next meeting of the San Leandro Art Association meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 7 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Admission is free. The meetings are usually held on the second Tuesday of the month, but will be on the third Tuesday in November due to the election.

❖ St. Felicitas November Luncheon

St. Felicitas Parish, 1662 Manor Blvd. in San Leandro, hosts its monthly Young at Heart Luncheon on Wednesday, Nov. 16, with salad, chicken enchilada with red sauce, Spanish rice/refried beans, tortillas, dessert, coffee or apple cider. Doors open at 11 a.m. and lunch is served at noon. Tickets are \$6. Entertainment and door prizes at each luncheon. Tickets on sale as of Oct. 3 and must be purchased no later than the Monday before the luncheon. Tickets available at the parish office Monday through Thursday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

❖ Washington Manor Baseball Sign-ups

The Washington Manor Junior League baseball program will hold sign-ups for the upcoming season on Wednesday, Nov. 16, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd. in San Leandro. Early-bird sign-ups get \$10 off on registration.

❖ Asia FantAsia Show at SL Library

The San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., will have a fantastic night of storytelling with Robert Kikuchi-Yngojo on Wednesday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m. Asia FantAsia is a fun-filled show bringing alive the cultures of Asia through the re-telling of myths and folk tales, plus plenty of music, call and response games, and audience participation. All ages are welcome. Refreshments served after the show. For more information, call the children's desk at 577-3960.

❖ Artful Steps Holiday Art Auction

Artful Steps will hold an art auction presenting the works of over 50 local artists with disabilities, on Friday, Nov. 18, from 6 to 8 p.m. at 21st Amendment Brewery, 2010 Williams St. in San Leandro. Hors d'oeuvres will be served and craft beers will be available on tap. Art by adults with developmental disabilities, including ceramic mosaics, multi-media collages, drawings, paintings, and prints, will be on display and available for purchase at this holiday auction.

❖ San Leandro Democratic Club

The San Leandro Democratic Club will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 22, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Trustees Room of the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. The club will have a Christmas party on Thursday, Dec. 15, from 6 to 8 p.m., also at the Main Library.

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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): A work-related situation that started last month takes on increasing importance this week. The choice is still yours as to how it will evolve. Be careful not to make quick judgments.



TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): "Careful" is the watchword for the prudent Bovine this week. Don't let your emotions overwhelm your logic. Try for balance as you maneuver through a touchy situation.



GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Your energy levels rise to meet the challenges that will mark much of this month. New opportunities beckon. Look them over, but proceed cautiously before making any kind of decision.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Your private life can be a problem this week, as a partner becomes more difficult. Resist a reaction you might regret. Instead of walking away, try to talk things out.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): You should be your usual sunny self these days, as you bask in the admiration you adore. Enjoy it as you move into a new arena to confront an exciting upcoming challenge.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): Your perseverance reserves will be tapped frequently this week as you deal with the problems involved in making a new situation work for you. But it'll all be worth it.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): You'll find fewer roadblocks turning up as you continue to move ahead with your plans. Expect some important news to come your way by mid-November.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): Good news — you finally get to the bottom of that pesky mystery you've been trying to solve for weeks by using some gentle persuasion to get someone to break his or her silence.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): The best time to take on that important task is now. Move forward one step at a time so you can assess your progress and, if need be, change direction.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): The new opportunities you hoped to find this month are beginning to open up. Study them carefully to be sure you make the choice that's best for you.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Turn a disappointment into a learning experience. Check out possible weaknesses in your approach and strengthen them. A loyal colleague offers good advice.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Your new situation offers opportunities to help you get the skills you'll need in order to stop swimming in circles and finally move straight toward your goals. Go for it.

AUTOMOTIVE

Jetta Offers German Engineering on a Budget

By Steve Schaefer
San Leandro Times

The compact Jetta has been a big seller for VW in the U.S. because it delivers some of what you get in a Mercedes-Benz or a BMW at a bargain price.

The 2016 Jetta offers a wide range of choices, all of them four-door sedans. Now in its sixth generation, this version debuted as a 2011 model and received an upgrade for 2015. So, the design is a little old in this constantly evolving market.

The technology, however, is today's. For example, you can get three phone connection apps in the VW — Apple CarPlay, Android Auto and Mirrorlink. The new MIB2 touch screen uses a capacitive touch sensor, so, like on your phone, you can use gestures and pinch-zooming.

A big change for 2016 is the new 1.4-liter turbo four-cylinder engine, which replaces the 2.0-liter non-turbo in the lower level models. This gives the car 15 percent better highway fuel economy while still providing plenty of pep with 150 horsepower and 184 lb.-ft. of torque.

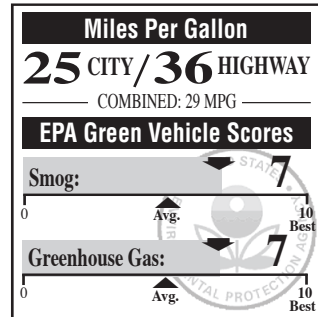
The engine in most Jettas, though, is the 1.8-liter turbo four, with 170 horsepower and 184 lb.-ft. of torque. That's what my midrange SEL Premium test car had. My tester also had the six-speed DSG automatic, at no extra charge. Alternately, you can get a 5-speed manual, but five speeds is a bit retro, admittedly.

The 1.8 with automatic gets EPA numbers of 25 City, 36 Highway, 29 Combined. I averaged 25.7 mpg. The 1.4 improves to 28/40/33 with the manual, putting it in the "40 mpg club." It may have a smaller displacement engine, but it also weighs 2,939 pounds — 229 pounds less than my tester's 3,177.

EPA Green scores are double 7s for Smog and Greenhouse Gas — better than many other vehicles. The 1.4-liter engine with manual earns a 6 and an 8 respectively — like the 1.8, good for EPA SmartWay status.

Inside, the Jetta has the hard plastic door panels and console feel budget, but the dash is padded and the metallic trim is nice. The

upgraded touch screen is fun to use as it reacts to your touch, and displays entire song titles on SiriusXM. Your stored favorites display in a strip that you select from by sliding your finger across —



like on your phone. There's a CD drive, too — a rarity nowadays. A thick, leather-wrapped steering wheel conveys some sportiness.

When you hear "Fender" you may think of guitars and amplifiers, but the VW offers the Fender Premium Audio system, with 400 watts, nine speakers and a trunk-mounted subwoofer. This system gives you everything you need during the commute grind or long trips across the country.

For more sportiness and performance, you can opt for the GLI model, which boasts a 2.0-liter engine with 210 horsepower and 207 lb.-ft. of torque.

And, there's the Hybrid. This gas-saver uses the smaller 1.4-liter turbo mated to an electric motor that puts out an additional 27 horsepower. Mixing those together, you get 42 City, 48 Highway, and 44 Combined, and an amazing 524-mile range between fill-ups. As you'd expect, the Green scores are excellent — twin 9s.

Driving a Jetta is always pleasant. There's plenty of room, with a tall roofline and generous legroom for rear-seat passengers. The trunk holds 15.7 cubic feet, which swallowed up all my musical gear and kept it out of sight.

My test car had the new Lighting Package (\$995), which gives you ambient lighting inside the car and bright Bi-Xenon headlamps and cool-looking LED daytime running lights outside. It includes cornering lamps and an updated instrument panel display. The car also had the Driver Assistance Package, which brought along the accident prevention and blind-spot viewing technologies that are becoming common today.

There's a Jetta for every

budget. Start with the base 1.4T with manual transmission at just \$18,500. The top level is the Hybrid SEL Premium, at \$31,940. My SEL Premium, likely the most popular version, split the difference at a base price of \$26,200, and with the extras, came to \$28,145. That used to seem like a big number, but with today's levels of equipment and available options, a car under \$30,000 seems like a steal.

The Jetta is a perennial, and despite being a bit long in the tooth styling wise, it offers a lot of features for the money, is pleas-

ant and even fun to drive, offers a manual transmission in many models, and in Hybrid form, is one of the cleanest rides you can get short of a full-electric car. It's an international car, designed in Germany, assembled in Puebla, Mexico, and with a Japanese transmission. While VW recovers from its Diesel scandal woes, all the qualities that make VWs compelling daily drivers remain, and there are great deals to be had.

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The visual band formed by the radiator grille and headlight clusters, as well as the large lower air intake, give the Jetta a substantial appearance.

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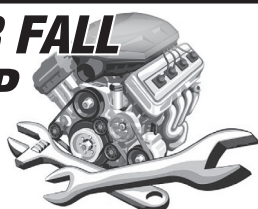


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Trailer Haven: Plea to City Hall

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renters and supporters. A lot of people are worried about becoming homeless with the way rent keeps rising.

"Our rents have gone up by 20 to 40 percent," said one speaker. "I don't know any working people who've gotten a raise of 20 to 40 percent. The demand should be, 'Freeze the rent.'"

City Council members Jim Prola and Ursula Reed came outside to listen to the speakers at the rally. Reed said that as a renter, too, she understands what

"My rent goes up every six months or a year, but wages don't go up," Hanko said. "What will happen? People will have to live in their car."

Though San Leandro has no rent control, salt-of-the-earth people pleaded for rent relief in the plush City Council chambers before a council perched high, behind a massive podium in grand, high-backed chairs suited for monarchs. The very design of the council's chambers presents a picture of a public speaker as a mere mortal facing The Great and Powerful Oz.

Trailer park residents own their mobile homes but they rent the pad, the space where the trailer sits.

Trailer Haven resident Maxina Ventura said that when they got the notice of the rent hike, she appealed to the City Council but they didn't respond. Ventura told the council that trailer parks need to be protected, because they're one of the last places that offer affordable housing and now real estate investors are buying them up and jacking up the rent. Or, in some cases, buying up trailer parks to get the property for more expensive houses.

A spokesman for the new owners of Trailer Haven say they plan to keep the mobile home park the way it is. He also told the council that the rent increase was a one-time thing.

"We will never have a rent increase of this level again," said Brock Kaveny, spokesman for Trailer Haven's management company. "We're still the most affordable rent in San Leandro."

The next speaker, Richard Mellor, said the owners sent their middleman because "the owners are afraid to face their victims

themselves.

A representative of a mobile homes association spoke about how mobile home residents have put all their money into an affordable mobile home that they planned to live in for the rest of their lives. But they have the value decline when the property owners raise the rent on the space where the home sits.

"If you don't want hundreds of people and families living on your streets, then don't take their homes away from them," said Karilee Shames with the Golden

"My rent goes up every six months or a year, but wages don't go up."

— Susie Hanko

people are saying.

At 7 o'clock the group went inside and spoke to the City Council during the public comments period. Mayor Pauline Cutter moved up the period for comments to accommodate all the people who wanted to speak on the rent crisis.

One person after another spoke of being hit with big rent increases. People talked of having to get second jobs, of their life becoming a struggle just to keep a roof over their head.

Susie Hanko said people are being evicted from her apartment building by the owners so they can raise the rent a lot higher.

"We're still the most affordable rent in San Leandro."

— Brock Kaveny

State Manufactured-Home Owners League.

Trailer Haven management company spokesman Brock Kaveny said the owners are offering to discount rent by \$70 per month for hardship cases who qualify. A third-party would process the applications, he said. Kaveny also proposed taking advantage of a PG&E program that offers reduced rates for low-income households, and asking the city to reduce its sewer fees.

Kaveny said he will be meeting with Trailer Haven residents on Thursday to talk about these ideas.

"We don't want to change the dynamics of the community," Kaveny said. "We want to be responsible operators."



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Ingrid Pollyak joined the rally for renters' rights on the steps of City Hall and later spoke at the City Council meeting.

Murder: 'A complete shock to us'

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held without bail at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin.

Police say Rodgers knew the victim from previously having worked with her at a Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant in Oakland, but no motive has been given for the killing.

Ramirez-Segoviano was last seen alive on Nov. 2 at around 10 p.m. when she dropped a friend off on 136th Avenue in San Leandro.

Alameda County Sheriff's deputies located her car just after midnight on Nov. 3 at the intersection of Happyland Avenue and West A Street in Hayward, near I-880.

Ramirez-Segoviano had been a part of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office Explorer pro-

gram, which is for young people who are interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement. She had aged out of the program after turning 21, but continued to mentor younger students.

"Karla's death comes as a complete shock to us and it has deeply saddened our staff," said Sgt. Ray Kelly in a written statement. "We ask that you keep Karla and her family in your prayers."

Rodgers and Taylor were arraigned earlier this week, both charged with murder.

Anyone with information about the case is asked to call the Oakland police's homicide division at 238-3821 or the tip line at 238-7950.

A fundraising site has been established to help Ramirez-Sego-



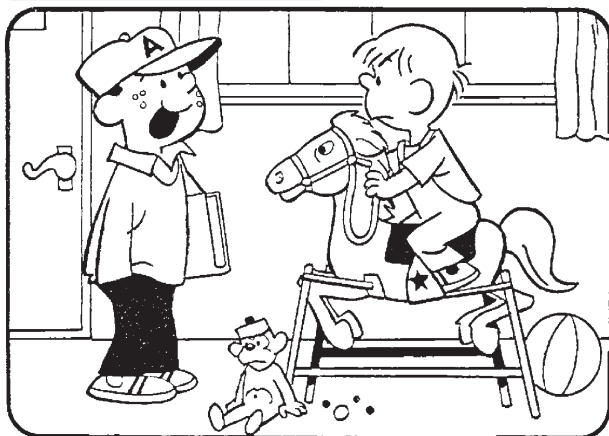
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Karla Ramirez-Segoviano was in the Alameda County Sheriff's Office Explorer program.

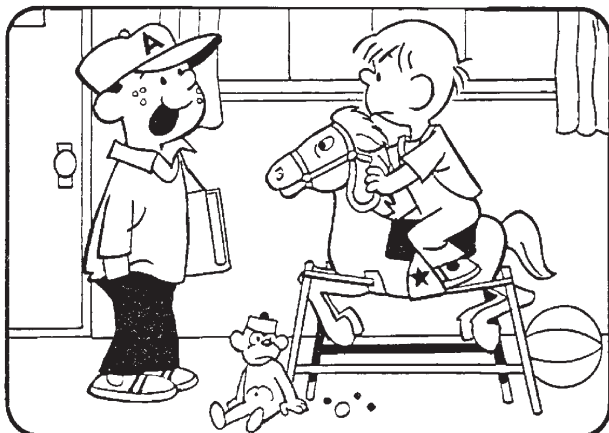
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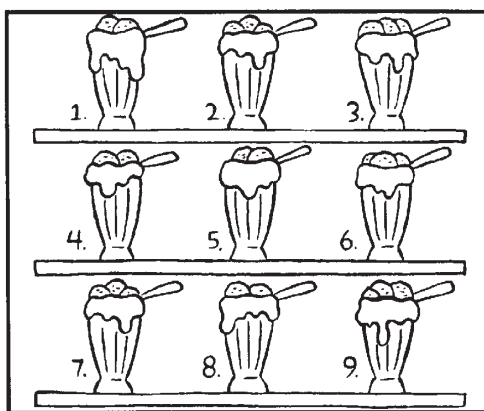
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Handle is different. 2. Sleeve is shorter. 3. Monkey's head is turned. 4. Flein is shorter. 5. Tail is smaller. 6. Ball is turned.



CAN YOU "SCOOP" the other players and pick out the two sundaes that look exactly alike?

Answers: Sundaes 2 and 7.

SEE IF YOU CAN make this math expression correct by adding seven plus signs and one multiplication sign between the numbers 1 through 9.

9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 = 100

Answer: 9 x 8 + 7 + 6 + 5 + 4 + 3 + 2 + 1 = 100

DON'T BLOW YOUR TOP ON THIS ONE! At the right is a Word Square grid. Can you find the four five-letter words that match the definitions below? All words used must read the same both across and down.

1. Found on hats.
2. A type of number.
3. A mental picture.
4. Molten volcanic rock (given).
5. To move in a stealthy manner.

1	2	3	4	5
2			A	
3			G	
4	M	A	G	M
5			A	

Illustrated by David Coulson

Answers: 1. Brims. 2. Roman. 3. Image. 4. Magma. 5. Sneak.



THE PYRAMID OF WORD POWER!

You have three minutes to unlock the secrets of Word Power! Starting with the given word SANDPIPER, at the bottom of our pyramid, try dropping one letter at a time as you work your way up, so that the remaining letters at each level spell out a new word. The following helpful hints are in ascending order.

1. A wading bird (given).
2. Smarter or more chic.
3. To give notice to; inform.
4. Hot beverage drinker.
5. Found in Scotland.
6. A great place to fish.
7. Anger; wrath.
8. In reference to.
9. Kind of vitamin.

Answers: 1. Sandpiper. 2. Snapper. 3. Apprise. 4. Sipper. 5. Piper. 6. Pier. 7. Ire. 8. Re. 9. E.

LIFESTYLE



All Eyes on the Pies

There are those of us who view the Thanksgiving turkey, the stuffing and cranberry sauce merely as traditions to be tolerated before the desserts are brought on. And the desserts, of course, must be pies.

Pumpkin is the mandatory offering. And although there are several tasty ways to prepare it, the "standard" is from Libby's, which has been the most popular single Thanksgiving recipe in nearly 100 years.

LIBBY'S FAMOUS PUMPKIN PIE

3/4 cup granulated sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
2 large eggs
1 (15-ounce) can Libby's Pumpkin
1 (12-fluid ounce) can evaporated milk
1 unbaked 9-inch pie crust
Whipped cream (optional)

Preheat oven to 425°F.

Mix sugar, salt, cinnamon, ginger and cloves in small bowl. Beat eggs in large bowl. Stir in pumpkin and sugar-spice mixture. Gradually stir in evaporated milk.

Pour into pie shell and bake for

15 minutes. Reduce temperature to 350°F.; bake for 40 to 50 minutes or until knife inserted near center comes out clean. Cool on wire rack for 2 hours. Serve immediately or refrigerate. Top with whipped cream before serving.

Note: 1-3/4 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice may be substituted for the cinnamon, ginger and cloves; however, the taste will be slightly different.

CRANBERRY-APPLE COBBLER

3 pounds tart apples (such as Granny Smith), peeled, cored and cut into wedges
1 (12-ounce) bag fresh cranberries, rinsed, drained and picked over
1 cup light brown sugar, packed
2 tablespoons flour
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
2 tablespoons butter
Pie dough for one-crust pie
Milk and granulated sugar for finishing crust

Combine apple wedges and cranberries in large mixing bowl. Mix brown sugar, flour and cinnamon and toss with fruit in bowl. Spoon filling into 1- to 1-1/2-quart baking dish. Dot top

of filling with butter.

Roll pie dough on floured surface to approximate size of baking dish and place on filling, making sure dough touches sides of dish all around.

Brush top with milk and sprinkle with sugar. Cut several vent holes in crust.

Bake at 375°F until crust is well colored and filling is gently bubbling, about 40 minutes. Cool slightly. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Makes 8 to 10 servings.

BUTTERY PIE CRUST

1-1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup butter, chilled and diced
1/4 cup ice water

In a large bowl, combine flour and salt. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in water, a tablespoon at a time, until mixture forms a ball. Wrap in plastic and refrigerate for 4 hours or overnight.

Roll dough out to fit a 9-inch pie plate. Place crust in pie plate and press evenly into the bottom and sides of the pie plate or use as a cobbler top crust. Makes 1 single crust.

PILLSBURY'S EASY MINCEMEAT PIE

1 (20.5 oz.) jar ready-to-use mincemeat (2 cups)
1-1/2 cups chopped pecans
1 Gala apple, peeled, chopped (1-1/2 cups)
1/2 cup chopped dried Calimyrna figs
1/3 cup packed brown sugar
1/3 cup brandy

2 teaspoons grated lemon peel
Pastry for double crust pie

In medium bowl, stir together mincemeat, pecans, apple, figs, brown sugar, brandy and lemon peel. Cover; refrigerate at least 8 hours.

Let pie filling stand at room temperature 30 minutes. Meanwhile, heat oven to 425°F. Stir filling well; pour into crust-lined plate. Top with second crust and flute; cut slits in several places.

Bake on lowest oven rack 40 to 45 minutes or until pastry is golden brown.

Cool completely on cooling rack, about 5 hours.

APPLE BUTTER SPICE CAKE

1 cup packed brown sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1/2 cup chopped pecans
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup butter, softened
1 cup white sugar
3/4 cup apple butter
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 cup whole bran cereal
1 cup sour cream
2 eggs, beaten

Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray or grease one 9-by-13-inch pan.

Prepare the topping by mixing together the brown sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg and chopped pecans.

Sift together the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt.

Blend together butter and sugar; add eggs and beat well. Add apple butter, vanilla, wheat

germ or bran cereal. Add sifted dry ingredients alternately with sour cream; mix well after each addition.

Pour 1/2 batter into pan, sprinkle 1/2 the topping over top. Pour remaining batter and top with remaining topping.

Bake for 40 minutes.

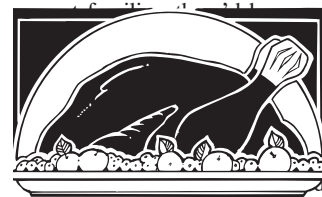
CHOCOLATE-BOURBON PECAN PIE

1 9-inch pie shell
1 cup sugar
1 cup light corn syrup
1/2 cup butter
4 eggs, beaten
1/4 cup bourbon
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/4 teaspoon salt
6 ounces semisweet chocolate chips
1 cup chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 325°F.

In a small saucepan combine sugar, corn syrup, and butter or margarine. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until butter or margarine melts and sugar dissolves. Cool slightly.

In a large bowl combine eggs, bourbon, vanilla, and salt. Mix well. Slowly pour sugar mixture into egg mixture, whisking constantly. Stir in chocolate chips



COUNTDOWN TO THANKSGIVING

Next Week: The Turkey

and pecans. Pour mixture into pie shell.

Bake in preheated oven for 50 to 55 minutes, or until set and golden. Serve warm or chilled.

SPICED WHIPPED CREAM

1 cup cold whipping cream
2 tablespoons brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
Dash ground nutmeg

Pour chilled cream into medium-sized bowl. Beat cream 3 to 4 minutes until soft peaks begin to form.

Gradually add brown sugar, being careful not to overbeat. Fold in vanilla, cinnamon and nutmeg.

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O'Dowd Shuts Out Pirates, but SL Still Makes Playoffs

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

The San Leandro High football team made the playoffs but ran into a road block in the last game of the regular season, a 26-0 shutout at the hands of Bishop O'Dowd.

The Pirates will play at Her-

itage High in Brentwood on Saturday night at 7 o'clock in the first round of the North Coast Section playoffs.

San Leandro finished the season at 6-4 overall after last Friday night's game at Burrell Field against O'Dowd where they just ran into some big ole boys.

The Dragons line looks about the size or the average Southeast Conference team. Their center, Avery Bilensky, weighs 295 pounds, so does their tackle Miles Owens, and guard Lonnie Turner tips the scales at 360.

It's not easy to move the

North Coast Section Division 1 Playoffs

Who: San Leandro at Heritage

Where: Brentwood

When: 7 p.m. Saturday

ball when everybody on the opposite side of the line is a hundred pounds bigger. The Bishop O'Dowd team ought to be checked by the United States Department of Agriculture. Or at least find out what they're putting in the holy water these days.

O'Dowd led at halftime, 16-0, after the Dragons lined up at the Pirates 5-yard line and tight end Cooper Hagmaier pulled down a pass in the back of the end zone just nine seconds before



PHOTOS BY JIM KNOWLES

Bishop O'Dowd receiver Quinn Brinnon hauls in a pass as he's surrounded by San Leandro linebacker Omari Land and two other Pirates.



Dragons tight end Cooper Hagmaier hauls in a touchdown pass just beyond the reach of San Leandro cornerback Dejon Goodall.

intermission.

The Dragons had gotten on the board in the first quarter on another pass play, this one a 20-yard reception by receiver Jevon Holland.

O'Dowd also got a first-half

safety on a sack of San Leandro quarterback Mutasem Qutob in the end zone as he was attempting to pass.

The second half went the same, as O'Dowd kicked a field goal and scored another touch-

down when running back Austin Jones took the ball in from the 1-yard line.

San Leandro should have better luck this Saturday night at Heritage in Brentwood against the 7-3 Patriots.

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HEALTH & FITNESS

What You Need to Know About Preterm Birth

Not long after the joy of discovering you're pregnant, the worries set in. You may think you know all the threats and take appropriate steps to minimize them. But what do you know about one of the most common pregnancy complications — preterm birth?

About one out of every 10 babies born in the U.S. are preterm — before the 37th week of pregnancy, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Globally, preterm birth rates are on the rise and the U.S. ranks sixth among the 10 countries with the highest numbers of preterm births, according to the World Health Organization (WHO). It is the only developed country among the top 10.

● Effects of preterm birth

Around the world, complications from preterm birth are the leading cause of death among children younger than 5. While in the U.S., more preterm babies survive, they're still at a higher risk of lifelong health effects, including problems breathing and eating, developmental delays, behavioral problems, vision and hearing impairment, and cerebral palsy.

In addition to the health-related effects preterm birth has on babies and children, the emotional and financial toll on parents and families must be considered.

Reaching full term is best for babies and their families.

The March of Dimes estimates that preterm births cost employers more than \$12 billion annually in healthcare costs. The high cost is attributed to prenatal services, delivery and postpartum care for the mom, as well as the high cost of the hospital NICU and outpatient medical care for the premature babies through their first year of life.

Specifically, babies born prematurely spent an average of 15 days in the hospital and averaged about 20 outpatient medical visits, compared to full term babies, who spent approximately two days in the hospital and had 14 outpatient medical visits.

● Identifying risks

No one knows exactly why preterm births occur, but some factors seem to indicate a mother might be at a higher risk, including:

- Having already had one preterm delivery.

- Age — being very young or older.

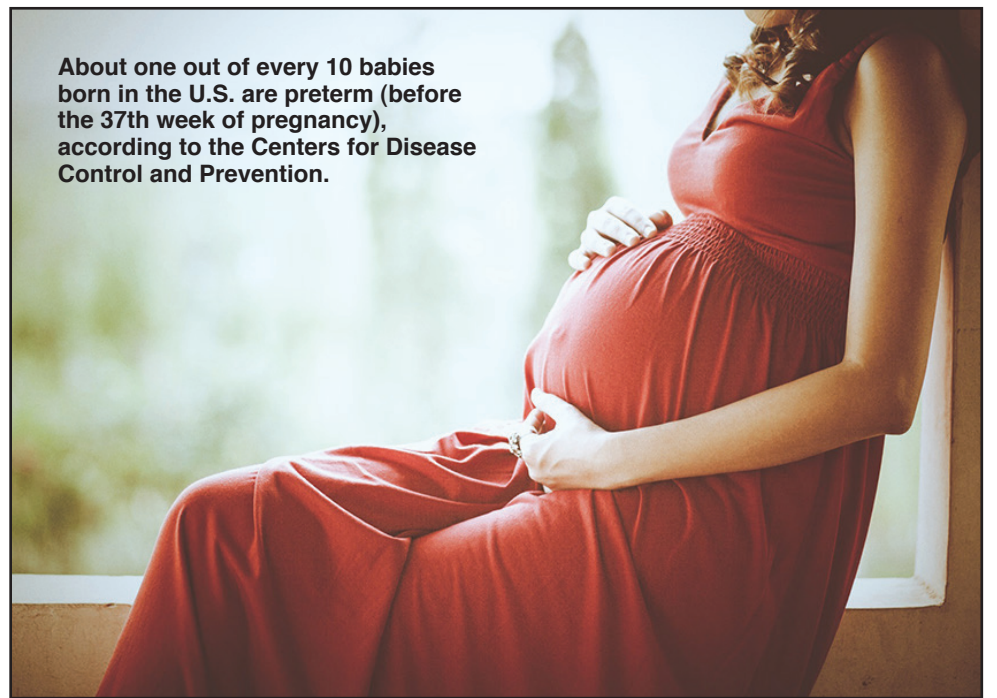
- Carrying multiples.
- High blood pressure or other chronic disease such as diabetes.
- Smoking.
- Alcohol use during pregnancy.

Many women have no symptoms, warning signs or obvious risk factors for having a preterm delivery. And, until now, there has not been a clinically validated, prenatal blood test, for asymptomatic women, to assess possible risks for preterm birth.

A new test, The PreTRM test, provides mothers with singleton pregnancies (carrying one child) with their individualized risk of having a preterm birth. This blood test is done early in pregnancy, during the 19th or 20th week. It measures and analyzes specific proteins in the blood that have been shown to be highly predictive of premature birth.

Knowing the risk of preterm birth can empower women and their partners to talk to their doctors about the chances of having a baby prematurely, and to learn what they can do to address that risk.

About one out of every 10 babies born in the U.S. are preterm (before the 37th week of pregnancy), according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



● What you can do

As with any health concern, the first step is talking to your doctor. Discuss any potential risk factors that you and your doctor may be aware of, and whether testing is right for you.

The CDC also recommends steps that could help reduce the

risk of preterm birth, including the following:

- If you smoke, quit.
- Avoid alcohol and illegal drugs.
- Get routine prenatal care.
- Know the signs of preterm labor — which can lead to preterm birth — and get medical help im-

mediately if you experience the symptoms.

A lot of important development takes place during the final weeks of pregnancy. Research and real-world experience show that for most babies, making it to full term will give them the best possible start in life.

Sutter Health Expands Breast Cancer Services

The Breast Health Center at Alta Bates Summit Medical Center in Oakland has received a \$4 million gift from an anonymous donor.

The donation will be used to improve early breast cancer detection, treatment and patient support services for women at all three Sutter Health hospitals in the East Bay, including Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley.

This includes placing a high priority on breast cancer screening and treatment of African-American women who are estimated to be 40 percent more likely to die of breast cancer than Caucasian women according to the most recent statistics.

"Women have a 1-in-8 chance of being diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime," said Julie Petrini, CEO of Sutter Health Bay Area hospitals. "By creating a regional breast cancer program, we are proud to bring the same exceptional mammography screening, treatment and compassionate support services provided at Carol Ann Read Breast Health Center to our three Sutter hospitals."

Research has shown that use of digital breast tomosynthesis, also known as 3D mammography, in combination with standard mammography, may improve breast cancer detection rates and reduce unnecessary follow-up services for some patients, according to Sutter Health.

Patient navigator programs have also proven to be highly effective in ensuring women get mammograms on a regular basis and in preventing breast cancer treatment delays or interruptions.

To further accelerate the impact of this donation and help even more women, Better Health East Bay, a Sutter Health regional philanthropic founda-

tion, has joined Susan G. Komen and Black Women's Health Imperative to launch the East Bay Breast Cancer Fund to raise additional money to advance the goal of improving breast health for all women in the region.

This collaboration aims to match the \$4 million gift through corporate partnerships and employee workplace giving programs in the East Bay.




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GUEST COMMENTARY



Fairytales Can Come True for the Young at Heart

As Chicago basks in the glory of the almost unbelievable World Series comeback and win by their beloved Cubs, I'm reminded of a few lines from a song made famous by Frank Sinatra:

"Fairy tales can come true, it can happen to you, If you're young at heart."

And if you should survive to 105, Look at all you'll derive out of being alive!

And here is the best part, you have a head start, If you are among the very young at heart."

Founded in 1870, the Cubs are one of the oldest teams in the game, yet they played this past season like they were truly "young

at heart." They needed to — it had been an astonishing 108 years since their last World Series championship in 1908.

All of which proves you can never count anyone out — given enough time and determination, everyone can have their day in the sun.

Like the Cubs, it's been a long, hard haul for many Bay Area homebuyer wannabes. In fact, many have thrown in the towel, concluding that they've been priced out of the market for good and will never celebrate a win they can call "home."

I want to suggest that with some determination, perseverance and a change in the market, their

day might actually come.

Good news. The market is changing. We are already beginning to see the Bay Area housing market shift away from a red hot seller's market to being a bit more in favor of buyers. Some neighborhoods have begun seeing declining prices and Days on the Market averages have risen significantly.

With this in mind, I'd encourage buyers to remember:

1. Don't give up. Those that keep at it eventually get a home. It may not be the exact style or location you ultimately want, but it's better to get into a home and move up later than sit in the dug-out forever.

2. This is the best time of the year to buy. There are fewer buyers out looking and home owners selling now are usually highly motivated.

3. Be young at heart. Don't take rejection personally. Sinatra croons, "You can laugh when your dreams fall apart at the seams." Translated: Shrug it off, go to the next home and write another offer. "And here is the best part, you have a head start, if you are among the very young at heart."

"Young At Heart", music by Johnny Richards and lyrics by Carolyn Leigh, 1953.
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Every new member of the Arbor Day Foundation receives 10 trees.

right time of year for planting. Membership levels vary and begin with a \$10 contribution.

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• The Foundation's Trees in Celebration program allows the

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• Returning for the seventh season in a row, Give-A-Tree cards from the Arbor Day Foundation offer a unique holiday giving opportunity with conservation benefits that will endure for generations. And again this year, Give-A-Tree cards can be purchased individually and with customized text. Cards can be purchased for \$5.95.

To purchase holiday gifts that give back to the planet, visit arbor-day.org.



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The Dirt Gardener

I've planted a portion of my tulip bulbs earlier. The rest are still in the refrigerator and they'll be planted later this month. Will the flowering season be extended by the staggered planting?

November is an excellent month to plant spring-flowering bulbs especially those going in containers. But, there is no advantage in staggering the plantings of tulips. Tulips are grouped into early, mid-season and late-flowering varieties; such as Darwin (mid-season), Parrot (late), Double (mid-season), Lily (late), Fosteriana (early) and others. It is the early-season varieties that emerge from the ground first, but it varies from year to year.

With a warm October and November, it's not unusual for bulbs to emerge early from the ground; however, that does not

seem to be the case this year.

Regardless, I would not be concerned about it. When winter arrives, the early sprouting tulips and bulbs, in general, will not be damaged by freezing temperatures. Thus, you extend the flowering period of tulips by planting some of all the different flowering types and group them together. It is a point frequently overlooked when purchasing tulips.

Besides the flowering time, another point overlooked is the stem length as it varies by type. Instead of a showy, uniform mass of color next spring, the tulips bloom randomly at different heights. The expectation from the effort is spoiled and it generates dissatisfaction.

Packaged bulbs are better at avoiding this then selecting a mix selection of varieties from open boxes. This is also a contributor to the decline in residential tulip bulbs being planted nationwide. There is a lot of effort with little return.



This is an excellent time to plant spring-flowering bulbs.

Unlike daffodils and other bulbs, tulips take several years to rejuvenate themselves whether they are left in the ground or dug up. Hence, you should plant new bulbs each year for the best color presentation year after year.

I have two Phalaenopsis Orchids that have finished flowering. The leaves are fine, but the stems are starting to turn yellow. Do I cut these stems off? How then do I continue to care for them?

It's natural for the old flower stems on Phalaenopsis Orchids to turn yellow and die back. I would not cut the old stems off at the soil. Instead, cut them back, leaving about four inches of the old stem. You should get a new flower spike developing from this point in about 8 to 12 weeks.

Next, I would start feeding them orchid food as they are now going into a growing cycle. Orchids are dormant when they are in bud and bloom. Gro More is one of several brands of orchid food available.

Overwatering is a big problem now, so watch the watering schedule. The growing medium is breaking down into smaller particles and holding more moisture. The days between watering need to be extended to prevent them from staying too wet. Replanting is the recommended method of avoiding this problem.

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WEEKEND GARDENER

Vegetables

For a bumper harvest of broccoli, pinch out the main shoot a month after planting. This will result in fewer — but larger — side shoots and the biggest overall yield. Cutting the main shoot after the head has already formed will result in more side shoots, but they will be smaller in size. Set out garlic, onions and shallots from sets, planting them where they can dry out for the month before harvest next June or July.

Trees

Now that shade and ornamental trees have shed their leaves, their need for pruning to correct any problems is readily apparent by their fully exposed branches. Though pruning can be done any time in fall and winter, there are good reasons for doing it now to eliminate potential hazards of weak, broken or diseased limbs crashing down in the storms that will be coming in the next few weeks. Major problems with trees should be left to professional arborists.

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Election: Walters, Dias and Duncan win for Oro Loma board

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behind the tech campus; Cal Cost, the developers behind the marina project and Creekside Associates, the developers behind the Village shopping center and TriNet building.

Azevedo had the endorsement of most of the current City Council members and major union backing, but was criticized

“It was good to get out there, knock on doors and meet people.”

— Bryan Azevedo

for having only a shallow stance on various issues.

Azevedo said that even though he lost the council race, he'll continue to serve the city.

“The race was a good experience,” said Azevedo on election night. “It was good to get out there, knock on doors and meet

people and there are a lot of ways to do good things in San Leandro.”

In District 4 incumbent Ben-ny Lee ran unopposed and got 99 percent of the vote, with 138 people casting a write-in ballot for another candidate. Lee says increasing public safety is his top concern and he'll also focus on job creation and embracing diversity in San Leandro.

In District 6 former San Leandro policeman Pete Ballew also ran unopposed, getting 99 percent of the vote with 91 people casting write-in ballots. Ballew says housing, schools, and public safety are his priorities for the city.

Walters, Dias, Duncan Win for Oro Loma Board

In other local races, incumbents Dan Walters and Roland Dias won the two open seats for a 4-year on the Oro Loma Sanitary District board, and former City Councilwoman Diana Souza fell short.

Incumbent Rita Duncan defeated Chike Udemezue with 77 percent of the vote to win a 2-year term on the Oro Loma Board.

Former San Leandro mayor

and state senator Ellen Corbett won the Ward 4 seat on the East Bay Regional Park District board with 56 percent of the vote.

Stewart, Sinegal and Peck Win on San Lorenzo School Board

On the San Lorenzo school board, newcomers Marilyn Stewart and Kyla Sinegal came in first

“I've worked hard I'll continue to work hard. It's a privilege.”

— Ed Hernandez

and second and won seats on the board, defeating Helen Foster who had been on the school board for over a decade.

Incumbent Penny Peck took third place and won another term on the San Lorenzo school board as well.

The district got a lot of criti-



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District 2 City Council candidate Bryan Azevedo spent election night at Ricky's Sports bar with his family, including his 18-month-old daughter Chelsea.

Artful Steps to Present Work of 50 Local Artists

Artful Steps will hold an art auction presenting the works of over 50 local artists with disabilities, on Friday, Nov. 18, from 6 to 8 p.m. at 21st Amendment Brewery, 2010 Williams St. in San Leandro. Hors d'oeuvres will be served and craft beers will be available on tap.

Art by adults with developmental disabilities, including ceramic mosaics, multi-media collages, drawings, paintings, and prints, will be on display and available for purchase at this holiday auction.

The event will feature a va-

riety of crafts, including popular adult coloring books containing original art. All make great holiday gift items and support local artists.

Many of the artists will be in attendance.

“It's fun, there's food, we get to show off our art, and it makes me proud and happy to show people what I do,” said Lisa Lyons, a local artist with Artful Steps.

The majority of the proceeds goes directly to the artists, with the remainder supporting the program costs, art supplies, etc.

Taxes: Voters pass all three San Leandro tax measures on ballot

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in tunnels, among other projects. The amount assessed will vary from year to year up to \$17.50 per \$100,000 of assessed property value annually through 2036. Total debt over the life of the bond will be \$6.8 billion.

Measure A1, the county's \$580 million affordable housing bond passed with 72 percent of the vote and needed a two-thirds majority to pass. Measure A1 will levy a property tax of about \$14 per \$100,000 of assessed property value through 2022.

City of San Leandro tax measures NN, OO, and PP also passed. Those were the tax mea-

asures placed on the ballot by the city which will increase tax on marijuana sales, warehouse space, and hotel visitors.

The measures needed only a majority vote to pass. Measure NN passed with 74.4 percent (13,366 votes), Measure OO passed with 65.5 percent (11,475 votes), and Measure PP passed with 68 percent (12,004 votes).

Those measures come just two years after San Leandro voters passed Measure HH, a sales tax measure that will last 30 years and has put San Leandro sales tax at 10 percent, currently the highest in California.

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BYRNE, Ricky Dean
CLARK, Judith (Judy) Lynn
LEVIN, Margaret
SOMMER, Margaret Catherine

BYRNE, Ricky Dean (March 27, 1958 – November 3, 2016), a Celebration of Life will take place on Saturday, Nov. 19, at 2 p.m. at Peacemakers MC Clubhouse, 21628 Mission Blvd., in Hayward.

LEVIN, Margaret, passed away from Alzheimer's on October 27, 2016 at the age of 81. Remembrance may be made to the San Lorenzo District Scholarships Foundation, 15510 Usher St., San Lorenzo, CA 94580-1641.

Margaret Catherine Sommer

February 3, 1948 – October 23, 2016

On Sunday, October 10, Margaret passed away at her home in San Leandro after a three-year battle with Lou Gehrigs Disease (ALS).

She is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth Sommer-Reid; her son, Matthew Reid; and her husband of 28 years, Edwin Reid, Jr. Among her many career choices and passions (photography, gardening, geology, science and food), she has left the most lasting legacy of all in the many children she was able to educate and enrich with her love of science and math at San Lorenzo's Edendale Middle School. In her final days, she was surrounded by her loving colleagues of EMS (her sisters), neighbors and family.

A small celebration of her life will take place Saturday, Nov. 19th, at her home in San Leandro.

Judith (Judy) Lynn Clark

July 14, 1949 – October 28, 2016

Judy was born at Oakland Naval Hospital. She graduated from Castro Valley High School in 1967. She was a faithful and dedicated volunteer at St Vincent de Paul and St Leander Catholic Church and an active member of Bay-O-Vista Swim Club, where she had many friends.

She is survived by her husband, James Clark; her stepdaughters, Julie Clark and Rosemarie Routson; her granddaughters, Taryn Lausch and Alanna Lausch; her sisters, Janet Gruemmer, Jayme Gruemmer and Joyce Bunch; her niece Judie Nelson; and her nephew, James Hallen. She will be deeply missed by all her family and friends.

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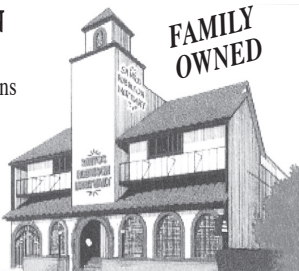
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Election 2016: "Welcome to The (Banana) Republic"

Editor:

The tycoon, a member of the economic oligarchy, a brash entertainer who flaunts an opulent lifestyle to dazzle his NASCAR dad supporters with his gilded properties and arm candy family, will be our next president despite losing the popular vote.

We should not be surprised! Republican tax policies to "starve the beast" have underfunded public services for years. Conservative education agendas and low teacher salaries in poor, rural America have given us mediocre teachers to produce an under educated underclass working multiple part-time jobs for minimum wages and thus too tired to pay attention to what is going on in the world.

Trump's tax program, including the elimination of the inheritance tax, will further skew income distributions toward the very wealthy. Ironically, this is precisely what white, working class, male voters rebelled against in their support of the President Elect.

Welcome to the (Banana) Republic of the United States!

—Jim Mehner
Oakland

Could Vote Have Been Hacked in Swing States?

Editor:

It is literally unbelievable that the presidential election results contradict what virtually all major polls have indicated for weeks.

Is it possible that a majority of voters willingly chose the fascistic rule of plutocracy?

Or could it be that the vote counting has been hacked in a half dozen swing states?

In spite of Hillary Clinton's concession, how can the possibility of vote-count manipulation be responsibly investigated?

—Bruce Joffe
Piedmont

Disrespectful Conduct Shown Toward San Lorenzo Veteran

Editor:

San Lorenzo Veterans Beware!

During a recent visit to the San Lorenzo Village Home Association to get an approval for front yard plans, I was wearing my Vietnam-Desert Storm veteran's hat. This is not unusual since I wear this hat almost everywhere I go.

After a brief run-around and being told to return in about 30 minutes, I did so. Upon returning I once again, explained the plans presented whereupon they were accepted.

At this point the comment was made that I was wearing my hat just to receive favorable consideration. Needless to say, I was a bit surprised and all I could say was that this was my third cap since I wear it everywhere. I wrote to the board's president explaining what had happened, but to date the silence just confirms that this disrespectful conduct towards the residents is accepted practice.

Let us be clear. All residents should be treated equally. This has been very

suspect in the past and equal treatment cannot be done until every housing unit is covered by the HOA. I am not looking for any favors when I am wearing my veteran's cap. My favor has been granted when after 25 years of active service I was returned home alive and in one piece.

I just want all San Lorenzo veterans to be proud of their accomplishments and not let those that are unaware of the many sacrifices made by you and your family make you believe any different.

Let me close by using a quote from a WWII veteran: "...so when you see a veteran give the man your hand for the medals on his chest were won in foreign lands, and when God asks the question "who are you my man," I will proudly answer, Sir, I am a veteran.

—John E. Samples, LT, SC, USN (Ret.)
San Lorenzo

Marijuana-User for 50 Years And He's "Extremely Well"

Editor:

This is a rebuttal to Alan Garrett ("Absurd to Consider Legalizing Marijuana for Recreational Use," Letters, Oct. 20).

You better do some research into the over 3,000 years of use of marijuana. I have been a user of marijuana for over 50 years, and I'm extremely well with a total of four bachelor degrees and two associate degrees, as well as 45 years in the electricians' union. I am a retired master electrician and have worked as a superintendent for the last 17 years.

Mr. Garrett, being a Nam vet and wounded twice with Seal Team 1, I think I can speak with a modicum of authority on medical and recreational marijuana. I use pot in an edible form every day and you would never know. If I was not medicated I think I would be dead or institutionalized in some VA hospital.

Twenty vets commit suicide every day, 80 more try. I belong to five veteran organizations trying to help younger vets with their issues. There was no one to help us. So we as veterans have to stick together, young and old.

—Michael Smith
San Leandro

OSIsoft's Truth in Beauty "Doesn't Belong Where It Is"

Editor:

Mary earlier wrote about "that statue." Mary, you are definitely *not* the only one who objects to the image of a naked lady right at San Leandro BART.

In that regard, let me ask you women about this statue. Does an image of a naked woman make you feel *more* safe, as the artist claims it should? Would it make you feel safe if I had a Truth Is Beauty statue on my workplace desk? Can I assume I can have other images of naked women in my office and you women won't be offended?

We men have been for years branded sexist and sent to re-education camps (call them "sensitivity training") for lesser offenses. I don't want to hear any feminists claiming we ogled shapely women and need this kind of "retraining" any more as we can now claim you women are "art objects," much like Truth

Is Beauty.

To be sure, God is the ultimate artist in creating women. I am thrilled with the shape. But there are limits to exhibition.

Let us be fair, this artist originated this piece of art for Burning Man, a place where *real* naked women are displayed throughout, and he violated Burning Man rules saying all art needs to be destroyed and not shared further after the "Burning Man" event. We know he simply wanted to sell it.

Despite how well it's made, it just does not belong where it is. Remember that the next time your local City Council member wants your vote.

And OSIsoft, any sexual harassment lawsuits yet??

—Corey Anderson
San Leandro

Nude Statue Called "Far from Controversial"

Editor:

Recently KQED's ART WIRE published an article about the OSI statue and I found much truth in the headline which reads: "Nude Statue in San Leandro is Eye-Catching, but Far From Controversial."

Contrary to what is generally being written and said about the OSI statue's San Leandro debut in the media thus far other than ART WIRE, I feel that the overall lack of controversy with the 55-foot-tall object has to do with deeply ingrained gender-bias in Western culture.

The visual representation of young women, either naked or scantily clothed, is understood as "no big deal" by most people. Meanwhile, the nakedness of other groups - men, unattractive women or women past their ability to sexually reproduce, and children, are not generally seen as acceptable subject matter for public display in photographic and other forms of visual representation.

For example, men's naked bodies are generally the butt of jokes, or they are depicted as symbols of super-human athletic prowess. Recall the 2016 Naked Trump rogue statues placed in several US cities earlier this year. In normative Western culture, men's naked bodies are rarely depicted other than to mock, overwhelm, or disgust the viewer - rarely ever to attract and entice the viewer. Perhaps this particular form of gender-bias is beginning to be disrupted with naked male celebrity selfies and intimate portraits posted and shared for public consumption on Tumblr and other social media platforms.

Love it or leave it, the OSI statue has inspired many in our community. I am no exception. I™ wrote the following haiku and poem in honor of this new large scaled public art and the overall lack of controversy surrounding it.

*Urban Objectification
Object of desire, What do you make of
all this, Standing naked here?*

*Women & Cheesecake
Say! I like women and cheesecake! I
do! I like them, Sam-I-take-and-take-and-
take!*

*And I would see them on the BART!
And I would see them on a cart... And I
will see them in the rain. And in the dark.
And from a plane. And in a car. And in a
tree. They are so good so good you see!*

*I do so like Women and cheese-
cake! Thank you! Thank you, Sam-I-take-
and-take-and-take*

—Leah Hall
San Leandro

"Double Standard" Charged in Indian Land Occupations

Editor:

I feel that there is a racial double standard concerning the situations in which (1) white militias occupying the Burns Paiute Indian sacred site at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in Oregon and (2) the Lakota People who are setting an encampment of a land in North Dakota to block a Dallas-based energy company (Energy Transfer Partners) from building a pipeline which will carry oil from North Dakota to Illinois.

While these armed right-wing militias were desecrating the Paiute site,

the Lakotas were peacefully trying to stop a pipeline which would desecrate their sacred sites as well peacefully trying to stop a pipeline which would desecrate their sacred sites as well as poisoning the Missouri River.

These militias who held the government for several months, were acquitted of their actions, while the Lakota People who were trying to keep Energy Transfer Partners from desecrating their site were arrested and sent to jail.

These racial double standard shows that there is justice for some but not for others and it needs to stop.

—Billy Trice, Jr.
Oakland

INQUIRING REPORTER

If you could be any age?

— Asked downtown

Twenty-nine – that's a nice young age when I could still have fun. But I was probably married and pregnant at 29. So make it 20.

Dolores Simmons
Oakland



Seventeen – just young and free and excited and wide-eyed about life. Seeing everything new. Ready to just grab the world by the horns.

Dana Anderson
Oakland



I would say 50, because you're young and strong and smart. The fifties are good. You're mature but still have a lot of kick in you.

Kathleen Campos
Los Gatos



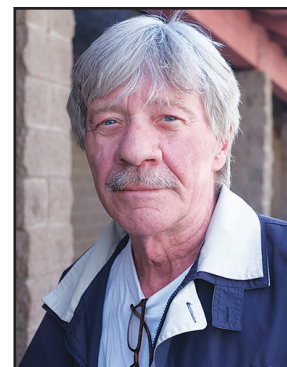
Eighteen again, I guess. You're just barely an adult. You have minimal responsibility, and a better outlook on life. It was more simple back then.

Douglas Bauer
San Leandro



Twenty – because I just got home from the army, I went to Vietnam. I got home and I got married.

Greg Shover
San Leandro



Famous Photos of Native American Showing at Library

In observation of Native American Month, the San Leandro Public Library will host an historic photo exhibit of California's Native Americans from Wednesday, Nov. 16, to Friday, Nov. 18 in the History Room of the Main Library at 300 Estudillo Ave.

The exhibit is based on the

works of renowned American photographer Edward S. Curtis, who traveled the American West from 1900 to 1930 and photo recorded Native Americans, their customs, traditions and vanishing way of life. He hired researchers and interpreters, purchased photographic and sound equipment, loaded a horse-drawn trail wag-

on and traveled by horseback throughout the American West on areas deemed "impassable."

The hours for the exhibit are: Wednesday, Nov. 16, from 1 to 5 p.m.; Thursday, Nov. 17, from 1 to 3 p.m.; and Friday, Nov. 18, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Curtis' photographs of Native Americans has been made available by the Library of Congress. The Library display will include replicas from the LOC's online collection and will be a small representation of the enormous body of work created by Curtis. A bound collection of his complete works will also be on display to view.

Sports Items Up For Bids at Annual Collectors Show

The Meridians of St. Leander's host their 32nd Annual Sports Collectors Show on Saturday, Nov. 26, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Ryan O'Connell Hall, 575 Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro. A variety of sports memorabilia from 1880 to the present will be for sale. Proceeds benefit St. Leander's parish and local charities. Admission is \$4, or \$2 for under 10 or over 65. For more information, call Mark at 538-6245.



PHOTO BY MARISA JORDAN

A utility box at Washington Avenue and Lewelling Boulevard is painted as part of a city art project, but a resident says it just looks like graffiti to her.

Utility Box: Art or Graffiti?

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

There are utility boxes all over town decorated with art, but Marisa Jordan has a different opinion about the one she drives by every day.

She thinks it's nothing more than glorified graffiti.

"Other ones are nice," Jordan said. "But this thing to me is just jarring. It doesn't fit into our neighborhood at all."

The other utility boxes around town are painted like

a work of art, but this one at the corner of Lewelling Boulevard and Washington Avenue is a whole different thing, she said.

"It just looks like graffiti," Jordan said. "Aren't we trying to get people to not do that kind of stuff in the city?"

The artist who painted the utility box is apparently going for a graffiti style in the work, but as Jordan sees it, the result might as well be graffiti.

The San Lorenzo resident

drives her kids to Washington Manor School in San Leandro each day, passing by the utility box. She said other people she's talked to share her opinion about the utility box.

Jordan works as a police dispatcher in another city, and says the box looks like something that she and her colleagues try to prevent, not encourage.

"We arrest people for doing graffiti," she said. "I don't understand the message here."

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