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San Leandro High No. 3 singles player Laila Thompson returns a shot against Zo Pancoast of Berkeley on the Pirates home courts on Tuesday.

## Pirates Battle Berkeley on the Court

By Jim Knowles  
San Leandro Times

The San Leandro High tennis team's match against Berkeley went down to the wire Tuesday afternoon on the Pirates home courts, as the Yellowjackets held on for a 4-3 win.

It could have gone either way. Just one

match would have reversed the score.

"Darn, so close," said San Leandro tennis coach Lisa Maral.

Maral was hoping the Pirates No. 1 singles player Jenna Dizon could have pulled out her match. Dizon made it close in a 6-3, 7-5 loss to Berkeley player Solia Valentine, whose height and long reach allow her to

get to the ball hit just about anywhere on the court.

Dizon was ahead, 5-4, in the final set but Valentine came back to win. But Dizon wasn't down, knowing she gave it her best shot against a very tough player.

By the way, Dizon is San Leandro's No. 1. *see TENNIS, page 5*

## Marina Work To Begin Next Summer

By Amy Sylvestri  
San Leandro Times

The city of San Leandro says that construction will begin on the marina revitalization project next summer, beginning with a year of demolition work and land grading.

The hope is that people will be strolling along the promenade, visiting restaurants, and moving into new apartments at the shoreline some time this decade, but plans to revitalize the marina have been in the works for more than a decade and have encountered numerous delays along the way.

Southern California developer Cal Coast was selected as the master planner for the marina back in 2008. Since then, nearly 80 public meetings have been held to discuss the fate of the marina, with plans straying away from a focus on boats.

Currently the 462-berth harbor is only at 22 percent capacity and six boats have people living aboard them. As the marina is remodeled, those residents will have to leave.

At yet another meeting at City Hall on Monday night, City Manager Chris Zapata called the marina "a tremendous asset to our community, currently in state of transition, some would say decay." But he promised that will be changing soon.

"Each time we come (to a public meeting), we are one step closer," said Cynthia Battenberg, the city's community development director, who has been

working on the marina project since the turn of the century when plans began to hatch.

In 2012, Cal Coast CEO Ed Miller estimated that construction could begin in 2014. But *see MARINA, page 14*

## Pot Permit Delayed by Zoning Board

By Amy Sylvestri  
San Leandro Times

The permit necessary for the Davis Street Wellness Center to open for business selling medical marijuana has not been granted by the city's Board of Zoning Adjustments (BZA).

But the BZA said they'd be willing to grant Davis Street a permit at their Nov. 2 meeting if some conditions are met, chiefly the repayment of a loan that Davis Street was given by the city several years ago.

Even if the BZA does grant Davis Street Wellness the conditional use permit, the clinic will still face obstacles, as Mayor Pauline Cutter has said she objects to the location of the clinic and may file an appeal.

Prior to the BZA meeting last Thursday, the city's planning *see POT, page 16*

## Hear the Plans for Bay Fair Development

The City of San Leandro will host a community workshop to present the plans for Bay Fair transit-oriented development on Wednesday, Oct. 18, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St.

The city is seeking public comment on the plan and the related environmental impact report (EIR) released at the end of September.

The Draft Plan provides a sustainable mixed-use vision for the half-mile area in and around the Bay Fair BART Station within the city limits. Contents of the

Draft Plan include development standards, design guidelines, proposed zoning changes, transportation/infrastructure improvements, financing and funding strategies, and implementation programs.

The City of San Leandro received a \$440,000 planning grant from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to prepare a TOD specific plan for the Bay Fair area. The City Council also appointed a 21-member Community Advisory Committee (CAC) in early 2016.

The CAC is scheduled to

review the Draft Plan/EIR on Monday, Oct. 23, at 6 p.m. in the Senior Community Center, which the public is welcome to attend.

This is the second community workshop related to the Bay Fair TOD Plan. A first community workshop occurred in September 2016 at the onset of the public planning process. The Draft Plan and EIR are available for public viewing on the City website ([www.sanleandro.org](http://www.sanleandro.org)) and as well as in the Main Library and the Community Development Department in City Hall.

For more information, or

if translation services and accommodations for persons with disabilities should be needed at the Oct. 18 workshop, contact Tom Liao, Deputy Community Development Director, at 577-6003 or [tliao@sanleandro.org](mailto:tliao@sanleandro.org). It is appreciated if accommodation requests are submitted at least 72 hours prior to the event.

"I'm eager to hear from the public on the Draft Bay Fair TOD Plan. My hope is that constructive community feedback further refines the plan into a stronger future blueprint for the area," said Mayor Pauline Cutter.

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### CITY COUNCIL

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

### SAN LEANDRO SCHOOL BOARD

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



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# SLHS Students Run to Raise Funds To Fight Asthma

By Jim Knowles  
San Leandro Times

A group of high school students are organizing a walk/run to benefit people with asthma, set for Saturday, Oct. 28, at Marina Park.

The students have invited all their classmates along with everyone in town to sign up. You can register online in advance or at the day of the run.

The event will run from 9 to 11 a.m. on the par course, right on the shore of the bay, 14001 Monarch Bay Drive. Registration is \$20 for students and \$25 for adults. Proceeds go to the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America.

"The cross country team has signed up, too," said Celia Xie,

treasurer of the Jefferson Service Club at San Leandro High.

Xie and Jefferson events coordinator Julia Truong have been promoting the event around town. You can run or walk the course, and get a T-shirt for being a part of it, they said.

San Francisco Giants memorabilia will be auctioned at the run to help raise funds for the asthma foundation, and the Giants have said one of their players will be on hand, Xie said.

You can register for the run/walk online at [tinyurl.com/AttachAsthma](http://tinyurl.com/AttachAsthma) or register at the day of the run at 8:30 a.m.

Questions can be sent to [sljeffersonservice@gmail.com](mailto:sljeffersonservice@gmail.com).



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San Leandro High students and members of the Jefferson Service Club, Julia Truong and Celia Xie, are organizing a run at Marina Park to support the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America.

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Register at <https://runsignup.com/runtothedam>

### What/When/Where:

5K Walk/Run and 10K Trail Run  
Sunday, October 29, 2017  
7:30 am Packet Pickup & Race Day Registration  
8:30 am 5K Run/Walk & 10K Run Start Time  
Chabot Staging Area  
Redwood Road & Miller Road  
(just past Redwood Canyon Golf Course by the Castro Valley Tree Farm)

### Packet Pick-up:

Bibs and Shirts will be available for pick up on race day at the event location. Shirts are only guaranteed to pre-registered participants. You must register by October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to be guaranteed a shirt. Race day t-shirts will be "first-come, first-served" basis.

### Awards:

Placement medals to overall top three Male & Female Winners (5K & 10K)  
Awards Ceremony will be held at 10 am.

### Registration:

#### Early Bird Discount:

\$35 for 5K Walk/Run; \$45 for 10K Run, Online/Mail by Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>  
\$40 for 5K Walk/Run; \$50 for 10K Run, Online/Mail by Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>

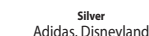
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This fundraiser provides funds to the San Lorenzo Library

for community programs.

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A woman remains hospitalized in a San Francisco burn center after a house fire last week and two other people had to be treated for smoke inhalation.

## Woman Burned on Over Half of Her Body in House Fire, Two Others Hurt

A woman remains hospitalized after suffering burns to approximately 50 percent of her body in a house fire at 455 Violet Avenue last week.

The home sustained heavy damage after the one-alarm fire broke out at just before 4 p.m. on Oct. 4. When firefighters arrived, they found heavy smoke

and flames billowing out of the windows of the home.

The fire was extinguished within 15 minutes and the neighboring home at 457 Violet Street sustained minor exterior damage.

The woman who was injured was able to get out of the home before firefighters arrived, but sustained serious burns and has been transferred to a burn center in San Francisco.

Another adult woman and a 9-year-old boy from the neighboring house were transported to the hospital for smoke inhalation which was not considered life-threatening.

As the firefighters began to put out the blaze, downed power lines arched directly in front of the home, which made the emergency response hazardous, though no firefighters were injured.

PG&E cut power to the area until the lines were fixed.

An Alameda County fire investigator determined the area of origin of the fire as the converted garage and the cause of the fire remains under investigation.

## Woman Injured, Children and Dogs OK in Euclid Avenue Fire

A one-alarm fire caused heavy damage to a home at 22 Euclid Avenue last Friday, which displaced a family and caused one woman to be hospitalized.

The fire broke out just before 5 p.m. on Oct. 6, causing heavy damage to the kitchen and front room and smoke damage throughout the house, according to the Alameda County Fire Department.

A woman was transported to the hospital for smoke inhalation and four children and one dog were able to escape the blaze before firefighters arrived. Later, firefighters reunited a second dog with the family.

The Red Cross found temporary shelter for the family.

The cause of the fire has been found to be a cooking-related accident.



A firefighter reunited this dog with the rest of its family after a fire in the north area last week.

## A Cold Case

On Saturday, Sept. 29, 1990 at 9:30 a.m. the body of Richard Fosnight, 47, was found in his home on Nina Street in Hayward. He had last been seen at the Turf Club in downtown Hayward.

Anyone with information about the case is asked to call the sheriff's cold case unit at 677-3661 or the anonymous tip line at 667-3622.

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## Men Arrested for Series of East Bay Armed Robberies

Two men have been arrested by San Leandro police for a series of robberies which took place throughout the East Bay from July through the end of September – though one was later released without charges.

The series of 19 armed robberies of gas stations, liquor stores, dry cleaners, and fast food shops occurred in San Leandro, Oakland, Dublin, and the unincorporated area, according to Lt. Isaac Benabou of the San Leandro police.

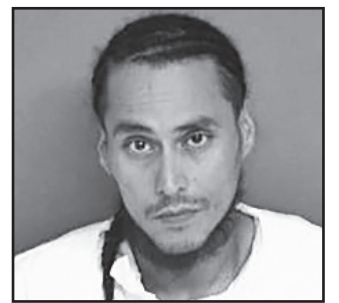
Using surveillance footage,

San Leandro police and other agencies investigated the case, leading to the arrest of a 34-year-old Rahin Wahab of Turlock on Sept. 26, Benabou said.

Wahab was arrested by Oakland police during the commission of a robbery.

That arrest led to a second suspect, a 34-year-old man arrested at his home in Lodi on Sept. 28.

Wahab has been charged by the District Attorney for his involvement in the robberies and is currently being held at



Rahin Wahab

Santa Rita jail in Dublin in lieu of \$2.6 million. The Lodi man has been released with no charges at this time.

## High School Students Can Now Apply For District Attorney's Legal Program

Applications for the 2018 District Attorney's Justice Academy are now available.

The District Attorney's Justice Academy (DAJA) is a six month learning and working experience for high school students, ages 16 and up, who are interested in pursuing the study of law, justice, social justice, and the courts.

This academy teaches teens about the many facets of the justice system while encouraging critical thought and civic engagement.

The justice academy is open to juniors and seniors who are residents of and attend public high school in Alameda County.

Complete and submit your DAJA application before or by the Nov. 9 due date.

Spots are limited, so we urge you to get your application in as soon as possible.

This academy teaches teens about the many facets of the justice system while encouraging critical thought and civic engagement.

During the spring semester, DAJA students meet twice monthly to participate in highly engaging and thought-provoking seminars led by experts in the

field. These meetings encourage students to think critically and analytically, research, ask questions, and problem-solve.

Students are placed in a paid internship with a local government agency, non-profit organization, office of an elected official, or private law office over the

summer.

At the conclusion of the program, the students present a persuasive oral argument to an audience on a topic they encountered in the seminar series.

To get a DAJA application, go to [alcoda.org](http://alcoda.org) and click on the application for Eden Area residents.

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## San Leandro Recreation and Human Services Department's Pumpkin Splash

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2017 • 6:00 - 8:30 P.M.

Boys and Girls Club, 401 Marina Blvd., San Leandro

Looking for a fun alternative to the average pumpkin patch picking? Join the Youth Advisory Commission and the City of San Leandro Recreation and Human Services Department for our first Pumpkin Splash as we transform the San Leandro Boys and Girls Club pool into a floating pumpkin patch.

Youth ages 5 to 17 will swim between 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Children under the age of 6 must be within an arm's reach of an adult at all times. During swim time, each participant will choose a pumpkin to later decorate then take home to display.

Fee for swimmers is \$12. Pre-registration is required. Register with the San Leandro Recreation and Human Services Department online at [www.sanleandorec.org](http://www.sanleandorec.org), or walk in to the San Leandro Senior Community Center or Marina Community Center. Proceeds from this event will be used for the Youth Advisory Commission's Mini-Grant Program and will be granted to youth serving organizations in the San Leandro Community.

This is a City of San Leandro sponsored activity.

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# NEIGHBORS



**Addams Family, from left, Riley Hyde, Sarah Simmerman, Chloe Angst, Rhonda Joy Taylor, Roger Caetano, C. Conrad Cady, and Darien Cabreana get in the spirit at the San Lorenzo Pioneer Cemetery.**

## Addams Family Comes to Chanticleers

The Addams Family, a New Musical Comedy runs through Nov. 5. at the Chanticleers Theatre, 3683 Quail Avenue in Castro Valley. Curtain time for Friday and Saturday evening shows is 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees start at 2 p.m.

General admission is \$25; admission for Seniors (60+), students, military is \$20. The

Chanticleers Theatre FlexPass (gives you four tickets to use anytime during the season) is \$85 general and \$68 seniors/students/military. Chanticleers Theatre is located in the Castro Valley Community Park at 3683 Quail Avenue, Castro Valley.

For tickets, call 733-5483 or go to chanticleers.org.

## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

### ❖ Ragtime Music Concert at San Leandro Library

Enjoy an afternoon of great ragtime music with concert pianist Frederick Hodges at the San Leandro Main Library,

300 Estudillo Ave., on Saturday, Oct. 21, from 2 to 3 p.m. Admission is free. Hailed by the press as one of the best concert pianists in the world, Hodges is sought after by today's

foremost orchestras, festivals, conductors and many collaborative musicians. For more information, call 577-3971.

### ❖ San Leandro Players *The Broken Badge*

The San Leandro Players present *The Broken Badge*, on Saturdays, Oct. 21 through Nov. 19, at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. at the San Leandro Museum/Auditorium, 320 West Estudillo Ave. Tickets are \$20 general, \$15 seniors, TBA members (with ID), under 12, students. The play melds old-time radio and melodrama in a turn-of-the-century San Leandro story of lost love, a rehabilitated villain, a jilted woman, and a famed sheriff. For information or reservations, call 895-2573, or online at [www.slplayers.org](http://www.slplayers.org).

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**ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** Although you love being the focus of attention, it's a good idea to take a few steps back right now to just watch the action. What you see can help with an upcoming decision.



**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** "Caution" continues to be your watchword this week, as a former colleague tries to reconnect old links. There are still some dark places that need to be illuminated.



**GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** Making a good first impression is important. Revealing your often hidden sense of humor can help you get through some of the more awkward situations.



**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** Taking that Cancer Crab image too seriously? Lighten up. Instead of complaining about your problems, start resolving them. A friend would be happy to help.



**LEO (July 23 - August 22):** A widening distance between you and that special person needs to be handled with honesty and sensitivity. Don't let jealousy create an even greater gap between you two.



**VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22):** Congratulations. Your handling of a delicate family matter rates kudos. But no resting on your laurels just yet. You still have to resolve that on-the-job problem.



**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22):** You might surprise everyone by being unusually impulsive this week. But even level-headed Libras need to do the unexpected now and then.



**SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21):** A period of turmoil gives way to a calmer, more settled environment. Use this quieter time to patch up neglected personal and/or professional relationships.



**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** A new relationship could create resentment among family and friends who feel left out of your life. Show them you care by making more time for them.



**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** Concentrate on completing all your unfinished tasks before deadline. You'll then be able to use this freed-up time to research new career opportunities.



**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** You're right to try to help colleagues resolve their heated differences. But keep your objectivity and avoid showing any favoritism 'twixt the two sides.



**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** Your personal life continues to show positive changes. Enjoy this happy turn of events, by all means. But be careful not to neglect your workplace obligations.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### ❖ Asian Art Exhibit

The Asian Community Cultural Association of San Leandro will host an art exhibit on Friday, Oct. 13, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., featuring a display of artwork from a group of artists from China. Three artists will demonstrate the art of Chinese calligraphy and will be giving away the calligraphy to guests who stop by. This event is free and is open to the public.

### ❖ San Lorenzo Library Book Sale

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### ❖ Rainbow for Girls Yard Sale

The Unity Assembly #65, of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls will hold a yard sale on Saturday, Oct. 14, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 912 Bancroft Avenue in San Leandro.

### ❖ Tarot's Mysterious History Slide Show

Join Amber Jayanti, founder of the International School for Tarot & Qabalah, for a fascinating and educational slide show and narrated journey through the tarot's mysterious history on Saturday, Oct. 14 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at the Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd. in San Leandro. Through a slide show for adults and teens, visit places such as ancient Egypt, Palestine, Rome and Greece, Renaissance Italy, pre-and post-World War II Europe and the United States. Refreshments served. For more information, call 577-7971.

### ❖ Pancake Breakfast at Alta Mira Club

Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave. in San Leandro, will host a pancake breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 14, from 8 a.m. to noon. Tickets are \$6 for adults, and \$3 for children. For tickets, call Isabel Polvarosa at 483-2073 or buy tickets at the door.

### ❖ Ashland-Cherryland FamFest

The 3rd Annual Ashland-Cherryland FamFest and 5K Fun Run will be on Saturday, Oct. 14, at the REACH Ashland Youth Center in Ashland. The morning will kick off with the 5K Run from 9 to 10 a.m., followed from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. by entertainment, sports activities, health screenings, activities for children, and food vendor booths. For more information about the FamFest, visit [www.acfamfest.org](http://www.acfamfest.org) or call 686-3653.

### ❖ San Leandro Garden Club

The San Leandro Garden Club will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 17, at the Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave. in San Leandro. A plant sale starts at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting starts at 10 a.m. The speaker this month will be from the California Native Plant Society. Come see some beautiful examples of plants native to our area. All are welcome.

### ❖ East Bay Rose Society

The East Bay Rose Society will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue in

Oakland. The speaker will be the Society's Vice President, Barbara Wilson. Her photo presentation will feature the roses, gardens, and history of David Austin roses. Come and see his gardens in Shropshire, England that are truly beautiful. Come and enjoy snacks, meet people who talk roses, and enjoy the show. [www.eastbayroses.org](http://www.eastbayroses.org).

### ❖ St. Felicitas Oktoberfest Luncheon

Tickets are now on sale for St. Felicitas Parish, 1662 Manor Blvd. in San Leandro, for the Young at Heart luncheon on Wednesday, Oct. 18, serving bratwurst sausage and all the fixings plus dessert and a beverage. Doors open at 11:45 a.m. and lunch is served at noon. Tickets are \$7. Entertainment and door prizes at each luncheon. Tickets must be purchased no later than Oct. 12 before the luncheon. Tickets available at the parish office Monday through Thursday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

### ❖ I.D.E.S. of Saint John Celebration

I.D.E.S. of Saint John, 1670 Orchard Ave. in San Leandro, will have Our Lady of Fatima Celebration from Oct. 18 to Oct. 21. Novenas will be held on Oct. 18, 19, and 20, at 7 p.m. On Saturday, Oct. 21, there will be a steak & shrimp dinner at 6 p.m., a candlelight procession at 7:30 p.m., with a dance to follow with Erminio Lemos. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased by calling Willie Calvo at 635-6326, or Frances Leite at 886-1568.

### ❖ Castro Valley Women's Club

The community is invited to the Castro Valley Women's Club Clubhouse, on Wednesday, Oct. 18, at 1 p.m. at 18330 Redwood Road in Castro Valley. The guest speaker will be from SOS Wheels on Meals who will talk about the current local programs and issues. Join us for a great opportunity to hear how the organization helps homebound seniors right here in our own community. For more information, call 461-7692.

### ❖ Eden Area League of Women Voters

The Eden Area League of Women Voters will host a forum with a panel of local educators to discuss challenges facing Eden Area schools and how the community can participate in improving our educational system on Thursday, Oct. 19, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the San Leandro Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St. in San Leandro. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit [lwvea.org](http://lwvea.org) or call 826-6674.

### ❖ Consul General of Portugal Reception

The Portuguese Fraternal Society of America (PFSA) invites everyone to a reception for the new Consul General of Portugal in San Francisco, Maria Joao Lopes Cardoso, on Saturday, Oct. 21, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the PFSA's J.A. Freitas Library, 1120 East 14th St. in San Leandro. For more information, email [mypfsa@mypfsa.org](mailto:mypfsa@mypfsa.org) or call 483-7676.

### ❖ Group Bike Ride

Join Cherry City Cyclists and Bike Walk San Leandro on Sunday, Oct. 22, meet at Bay Fair BART at 9:30 a.m. to carpool or meet in San Mateo at 10:30 a.m. where the ride will start. Enjoy a relaxed-paced no-drop community bike ride on Cañada Road closed to cars on Sundays. Round trip will be 15-20 miles. For more information, visit [www.cherrycitycyclists.org](http://www.cherrycitycyclists.org). RSVP to [bikewalksanleandro@gmail.com](mailto:bikewalksanleandro@gmail.com).

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# San Leandro Rolls Past Castro Valley, 48-3

By Andrew Joseph  
San Leandro Times

The San Leandro Pirates rolled past the Castro Valley Trojans on Friday night, 48-3.

On the first play from scrimmage, Alvonte Thornton scored a touchdown for the Pirates to take a 7-0 lead early.

"The first thing I thought of was to just go," said Thornton when asked about that play, "because I saw the hole." Thornton ran nearly the length of the field to give San Leandro the momentum from the beginning.

The convincing victory for San Leandro gives them confidence heading into the second half of the season, as they have now hit the .500 mark and are 3-3 overall on the season.

Before halftime Jermaine Jackson ran back a punt return for a touchdown to make it 21-3. But Jackson said he had no business returning that punt.

"It was a bad punt and I saw nobody near the ball so I just took the chance," said Jackson. "I scooped it up and there was

just too much green. Nobody had to block, it was just green – wide open."

San Leandro head coach Brad Bowers said he's glad to see Jackson take the ball.

"He's electric," said Brad Bowers. "We want to get the ball in his hands because he's electric when he has the ball."

The Pirates added 27 more points in the second half to Castro Valley's near goose egg game. San Leandro is 1-0 in league play this season and looks to make another run for the playoffs. Their senior quarterback Qiam Ismail may have his quarterback rating go up from its current location at 124.2.

"We've been pushing on our guys this year to stay focused and remain on task on what we need to do," said Bowers. "I want our defense to stay off the field as much as possible and I want our offense to march with the ball."

"We got a lot more to do,"



PHOTO BY ANDREW JOSEPH

**Jermaine Jackson runs back a punt for a San Leandro touchdown in the first half against Castro Valley on Friday night.**

added Bowers. "We have to prepare for next week and get it with Tennyson. Every week every team we play presents another challenge."

conference game at Tennyson in Hayward this Friday at 7 p.m.

## Enjoy History Over Dinner: 'San Leandro, Then & Now'

Have fun with history while having dinner at the Then & Now Gala on Thursday, Oct. 26, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the San Leandro Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St.

Tickets must be purchased by Oct. 18. For more information or tickets, visit [www.sanleandrohistory.org](http://www.sanleandrohistory.org).

Enjoy a catered dinner of beef tri-tip, baked salmon, or eggplant parmesan while watching a presentation of historical photos of San Leandro.

Photos of San Leandro historical sites will be shown and the audience will try to guess where those places are. And then the site will be shown as it is today.

The speaker will be retired librarian Cindy Simons, first cu-

rator of the San Leandro History Museum, and author of the Arcadia Publishing "San Leandro" history book.

One example from Simons is the site that's a Sizzler restaurant today in the Downtown Plaza.

Did you know that long before the Sizzler Restaurant opened at the north end of San Leandro Plaza, there was an elegant hotel and restaurant that was one of San Leandro's first buildings? Simons asks.

Two men who were sons-in-laws of the Estudillos, who owned the land where San Leandro began, decided in the early 1850s to kickstart a new town by building a fancy resort to attract visitors, said Simons. They called it the Estudillo House, and

it opened in 1855. It helped spur the development of San Leandro, and it would anchor the north end of the Plaza until it was torn down almost three quarters of a century later.

The Estudillo House was more than fancy furnishings and fine dining. It served as a stop for the stage coach between Oakland and San Jose, so passengers could take a break from the long journey. A plank road from the hotel to the wharf meant the stage coach could leave packages that could then be transported to the wharf and shipped by ferry.

The Estudillo House was torn down in 1929. But for almost 75 years, it provided food, rest, and entertainment to the people of San Leandro.

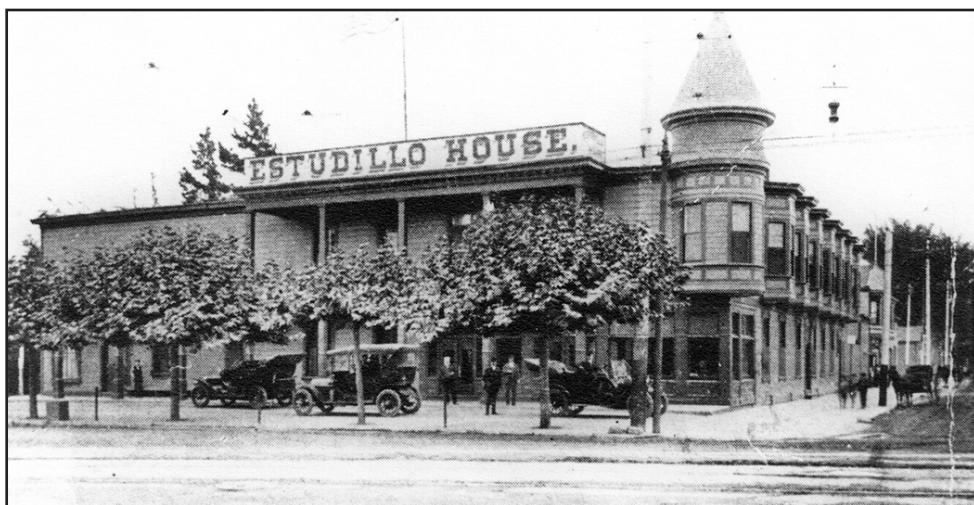


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**The Estudillo House was a stop for the stagecoach between Oakland and San Jose, and became known as a place for fine dining.**

## Tennis: Pirates prevail in doubles matches

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No. 1 singles player and her twin brother, John, is the Pirates No. 1 golfer.

In No. 3 singles, Laila Thompson of San Leandro beat Zo Pancoast of Berkeley, 6-3, 6-3.

Thompson said in her last match against O'Dowd, she had a lot of long rallies, a little too long, she thought. So this time, she decided, when the time was right, to go for the winner – the cross-court shot that would be out of her opponent's reach.

Berkeley won the other two singles matches: In No. 2 singles, Sarah Bruno of Berkeley beat Sophie David of San Leandro 6-1, 6-4. And in No. 4 singles, Malika Hari of Berkeley beat Hannah Ly of San Leandro 6-1, 6-2.



**San Leandro No. 1 singles player Jenna Dizon hits a return against Berkeley.**

San Leandro won two of three doubles matches. In No. 1 doubles, Leah Wildmann and Tiyese Tate of Berkeley beat Angela Pratt and Jeb Francisco

of San Leandro 6-3, 6-3.

In No. 2 doubles, Natalie Tsubamoto and Jasmine Le of San Leandro beat Isobel Anderson and Carly Wright of Berkeley

6-4, 6-1.

In No. 3 doubles, Anna Fang and Michelle Tat of San Leandro beat Rabia Kabir and Christina Hodges of Berkeley 6-4, 6-1.

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# AUTOMOTIVE

## Kia Niro Makes Hybrids More Affordable

By Steve Schaefer  
San Leandro Times

**T**he Niro hybrid compact crossover offers the kind of go-anywhere utility buyers want without any of the oddball styling of some of the famous and top-selling hybrid hatchbacks on the market (you know who we're talking about).

One of the issues with any electrified car, whether it's a part-time hybrid like a Toyota Prius or a full-time battery electric vehicle like the Nissan Leaf or Chevy Bolt, is the price. It costs more to install a battery, or in the case of a hybrid, both gasoline and electric powertrain systems.

That's the reason the Niro FE model is so charming. My Silky Silver test car retailed at just \$23,785, versus the top-level Touring model I tested last May, which came to \$30,545. Of course, at that level, you get cloth seats and a key that flips out and must be inserted into an

ignition — a little old school.

Despite being the base model, you get to enjoy dual-zone, automatic climate control, and there are power windows, locks and outside mirrors. There's an AM/FM/MP3 audio system with Android Auto and Apple CarPlay displayed on a 7-inch screen that also shows views from the rear camera. Surprise, surprise — you get Sirius XM built in, with a free three-month subscription. There's even cruise control and privacy glass. Hardly a stripped-down price leader, the FE boasts 16-inch alloy wheels instead of 18s, but they're nice looking.

Every Niro, from the entry level FE through the LX, EX, and Touring, gets the same combination of a 1.6-liter gas engine, 43-horsepower electric motor, and 6-speed dual clutch automatic transmission. This system generates 139 horsepower and 195 lb.-ft. of torque to motivate the 3,106-pound Niro FE.

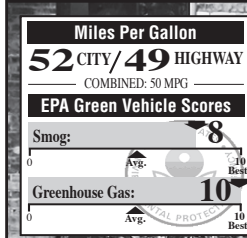
In a well-crafted poke at the Prius, this attractively styled Kia

flows nicely from end to end, wearing the corporate tiger nose grille up front, a lower half slice along the sides, and a clean, uncomplicated crossover roofline. It's restful on the eyes without being boring.

The FE is the most affordable version, but moving up the food chain, the LX adds roof rails, rear combination lamps, and push-button start with smart key. You'll get fog lights and LED daytime running lights, cloth/leather seat trim, and heated front seats and outside mirrors with the EX. At the top, the Touring brings in a power sunroof, leather seat trim, and a heated steering wheel and ventilated front seats. It flaunts 18-inch wheels, too. There are likely more differences, but you get the picture.

The Niro regenerates electricity when you brake and stores it in a 1.56 kW battery, tucked under the rear seat. It's small, compared to the battery on a full-electric vehicle, so it doesn't impact the interior space for passengers or cargo. This extra generation, combined with the efficient engine, gives the car its excellent fuel economy. Numbers wise, with carbon emissions of 177 grams per mile, the Niro has less than half the environmental impact of the average vehicle.

My test car was rated at 52 City, 49 Highway, and 50 mpg Combined. I got 48.2 mpg over my test week. The Touring model I tested earlier this year was rated at 46/40/43, and I got 43.8 mpg, so the FE model is not only



Wide and low proportions with a long wheelbase and short overhangs yield an athletic stance, while aggressively shaped headlights and a new interpretation of Kia's tiger nose grille define the front theme.

significantly less expensive — it's more fuel efficient, too.

The EPA green scores are 8 for Smog and 10 for Greenhouse Gas (the Touring model got 8/9).

Being a crossover, the Niro can carry 54.5 cubic feet of cargo and some pretty comfortable passengers, too.

Kia brags that this is a "fun" car to drive, and compared to a regular hybrid, they're not kidding. Although the new Prius features an all-new platform and has more responsiveness today, the Niro doesn't feel like driving a hybrid. The engine and motor provide decent power at a reasonable volume. The steering feels responsive, and the dual-clutch transmission shifts quickly.

This isn't a luxury car, particularly in FE trim, but it's remarkably quiet. Kia spent time and energy insulating the cabin, and with more than half of the frame in Advanced High



The instrument panel is uncluttered and clean, with colorful and informative gauges at the forefront.

Strength Steel, weight was kept down. Some visible and hidden aluminum components also reduce pounds.

The Niro is built in Hwaseong, Korea, but the styling comes from Kia's Irvine, California studios, which may explain why the Niro looks like it belongs on American roads.

The EcoDynamics sub brand encompasses Kia's green offer-

ings. Kia will be offering a plug-in hybrid version of the Niro, which should make it even more fuel miserly. As it is, the Niro Hybrid received a Guinness World Record last year for the lowest fuel consumption driving across the United States (hybrid car).

The Niro FE is a very affordable way to enjoy hybrid level fuel economy in a new, attractive, and usable shape.

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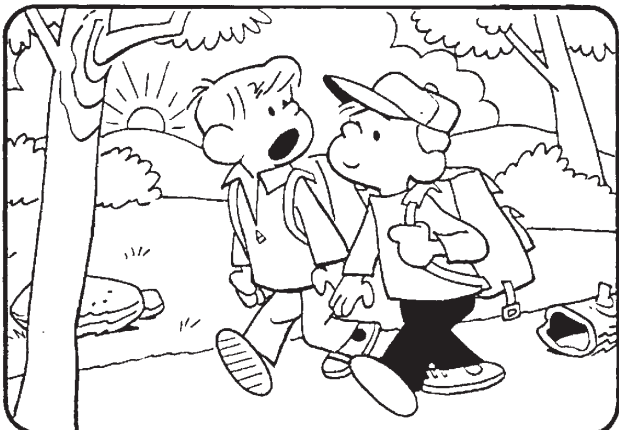
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### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY  
HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Sign is missing. 2. Cap is missing. 3. Jacket is opened. 4. Cuffs are missing. 5. Flashlight is missing. 6. Rabbit is missing.

### Riddle Card

1. What is the best butter in the world?
2. When is an elevator not an elevator?
3. Why are feet like olden tales?
4. What state is round at both ends and high in the middle?
5. What is the left side of an apple pie?

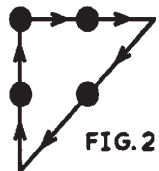


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Answers: 1. The goat. 2. When it is going down. 3. Because they are leg-ends (legends). 4. Ohio. 5. The part that is not eaten.

#### FIG. 1

**A NEAT WAGER!** Draw four dots on a sheet of paper (Fig. 1). Challenge your friends to connect them up by drawing three straight lines through them without lifting the pencil from the paper (See Fig. 2 for solution.)



**LINK-UPS!** Here's a list of 12 short words, divided into two columns. Turn them into six longer words by linking them together. To do this, draw a line from one word in the left column to one word in the right.

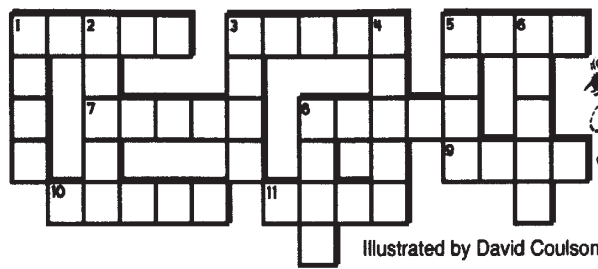
1 KEYS	LIST
2 OPT	TEN
3 PANE	STONE
4 LEG	BLEND
5 MAR	ION
6 NIB	ALLY

Answers: Keystone, option, panelist, legally, marten, nibbled

### Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

#### A "B WORDS" FILL-IN PUZZLE!



Illustrated by David Coulson

Below are the 15 "B" words you'll need to complete the puzzle grid above. Use the trial-and-error method, and keep a good eraser handy!

BABEL	BALM	BLOB
BABY	BEAST	BLOT
BACON	BEBOP	BLURB
BADE	BEET	BOOM
BADGE	BLAZE	BRAVO

Answers: (Across) 1. Babop. 3. Blurb. 5. Baby. 7. Badge. 8. Bravo. 9. Boom. 10. Blaze. 11. Biot. (Down) 1. Bade. 2. Babel. 3. Beet. 4. Beast. 5. Blob. 6. Bacon. 8. Balm.



# HEALTH & FITNESS

## Prevent Deadly Blood Clots

**W**hen you think of potentially deadly health issues, do you think of a blood clot? According to a recent U.S. survey, only 7 percent of people say they are concerned about blood clots, known by the medical term thrombosis.

However, what you may not know is one in four people worldwide die from conditions caused by thrombosis, making it a leading cause of death and disability.

So, what is thrombosis?

• Thrombosis is the formation of potentially deadly blood clots in the artery (arterial thrombosis)

or vein (venous thrombosis).

• When a blood clot forms in the deep veins of the leg, it is known as deep vein thrombosis (DVT).

• If a blood clot travels in the circulation and lodges in the lungs, it is known as a pulmonary embolism (PE).

• Together, DVT and PE are known as venous thromboembolism (VTE), a dangerous and potentially deadly medical condition.

“Thrombosis is a significant public health issue about which many people are unfortunately unaware,” says Dr. Gary Raskob,

Ph.D., chairman of the World Thrombosis Day Steering Committee. “Understanding the risk factors for thrombosis and if you are at risk, as well as the signs and symptoms, is knowledge that could save your life.”

Some signs and symptoms of DVT include pain or tenderness in the calf and/or thigh; swelling of the leg, foot and/or ankle; redness and/or noticeable discoloration; and warmth.

People with PE often experience shortness of breath, rapid breathing, chest pain (which may be worse during deep breath), rapid heart rate, lightheadedness and/or fainting.

The risk for VTE includes many factors: hospitalization, surgery, cancer, prolonged immobility, family history, estrogen-containing medications and pregnancy or recent birth.

Given that up to 60 percent of VTE cases occur during or after hospitalization, it's important to ask your doctor for a risk assessment anytime you are admitted to the hospital.



**When it comes to thrombosis, knowing the signs, symptoms and risk factors can help you keep life flowing.**

“Knowing the facts about thrombosis can save your life,” says Mike Albanese, a performer living with AFib, a common type of irregular heartbeat, or arrhythmia, which can lead to the formation of a deadly blood clot. “I try to use my shows as a platform to educate others about thrombosis,

which can be preventable when you know what to look for.”

VTE-related events cause more deaths each year in the U.S. and Europe than breast cancer, AIDS and motor vehicle crashes combined.

That's why the International Society on Thrombosis and Hae-

mostasis (ISTH) created a global movement called World Thrombosis Day this Friday, Oct. 13 to increase awareness of this often-overlooked condition.

For more information about thrombosis, visit [worldthrombosisday.org](http://worldthrombosisday.org).

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## Doctors Encourage Children to Read More

By Clayton Warren

Special to the Times

**W**hen Dr. Susan Adham was a little girl growing up in Sunnyvale, she fondly remembered going to the library and reading book after book with her father.

So, when she learned about a non-profit program called Reach Out and Read that incorporates books as part of pediatric care and encourages families to read to their children, she jumped at the chance to replicate the program in the East Bay.

Pediatricians with the Sutter East Bay Medical Foundation Care Center in Castro Valley will now provide books to children

ages six months to five years at the end of each office visit. All children will receive an age-appropriate book that they can choose from with their parents.

“Encouraging children to read at an early age promotes healthy brain development and provides a foundation for success,” says Dr. Adham. “Several studies have shown that exposing babies and young children to language, and reading books in the first few years of their lives, is vital in preparing them for kindergarten and beyond.”

Pediatricians are uniquely positioned to help bridge the literacy gap, says Adham, as they are heavily involved with the care of their

patients and their families.

“Literacy opens up so many doors in life and encouraging parents to create a daily reading ritual with their infants, toddlers and preschoolers is just as important as promoting good nutrition and other healthy habits,” she says.

The program was funded by a charitable gift from Better Health East Bay, a Sutter foundation.

The Castro Valley Care Center is located at 20101 Lake Chabot Road. The pediatric department can be reached at 510-886-3400.

To learn more about Reach Out and Read, visit [www.reachoutandread.org](http://www.reachoutandread.org)

Clayton Warren is Communications Manager at Sutter Health.

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# REAL ESTATE GALLERY



## Top Ten Moving Fails

By Carl Medford, CRS  
Special to the Times

While relocating can be exciting, the move can be a killer. Avoid our Top 10 Fails — they can turn the dream into a nightmare.

■ **Failure to Plan:** Moving requires extensive planning. Start at least 60 days prior to ensure everything is effectively organized, including finalizing your mover. Establish a day-by-day plan, dividing tasks into manageable chunks. Stick to your schedule.

Do not plan to move the day your escrow is supposed to close — delays ruin moving plans. Ask for rentback to provide flexibility.

■ **Failure to Shop:** Not all moving companies are the same. Check at least three different ones and call references.

Compare levels of service,

confirm who will be performing the actual move, and check out reviews. Confirm they are licensed, insured, BBB accredited, registered with the DOT and an American Moving and Storage Association member.

■ **Failure to Count Actual Costs:** The number-one moving company complaint is the difference between the estimate and final bill. Discuss this in detail to eliminate surprises. Solid oak furniture? Grand piano? Extra insurance? Do not settle for an online quote — have them come to your home and provide a firm estimate. Stairs on the other end? Fully disclose everything you know about the destination property.

DIY? Include fuel, truck rental, insurance, drop-off fee, and LOTS of extra miles and extra days when doing your calculations.

■ **Failure to Effectively Schedule:** Want to move at the end of the month? So does everyone else. Ask your mover for the best time to move — they may provide discounts for moving outside the peak times.

Avoid summer moves if possible. Not only is this peak moving time, highways are clogged with vacationers and road construction can add significant delays.

■ **Failure to Properly Insure:** Basic mover insurance is 60 cents a pound. Many of your items are worth significantly more, so discuss insurance with your mover to ensure you are fully covered. Ask about total loss coverage.

Additionally, talk to your insurance company about a separate relocation insurance binder. Make sure you know who is responsible for what: a mover will not assume liability for items packed by you. The extra cost to have a moving company pack everything may be worth knowing they are on the hook for any breakages or damage.

See next week's article for the remaining 5 Fails.

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## Spruce Up That Old Linoleum Floor

By Samantha Mazzotta  
Special to the Times

Is there a way to clean and brighten up a yellowing linoleum floor rather than replacing it?

With a bit of effort, the answer is yes. While you might not be able to get rid of all the yellowing, some elbow grease and some common household ingredients can really improve its overall look.

Linoleum floors do hold up

over the years if cared for properly. Much of the yellowing happens in the wax or other type of finish sitting on top of the linoleum.

To clean linoleum, you'll need a mild cleaner (like dish detergent) and a soft sponge or cloth to start. Nylon scrubbing pads and scrubbing powder (like Spic 'n Span) are the next level, and are typically used to remove wax finish from linoleum. Ammonia, likewise, breaks down the wax, making it

easier to remove.

Test these in a small, out-of-the-way area to make sure they're effective and don't scratch or dull the linoleum.

Following these tests, scrub the entire floor. If using an ammonia-based cleaner or plain ammonia, work in small sections and keep the area well-ventilated. If your kitchen is large, consider renting a buffer. A scrubbing pad attachment will strip away the finish and any built-up dirt.

Next, clean the floor using a mild cleaner and cool water, then rinse well. Tackle any remaining yellowed spots with a scrubbing pad and more cleaner, and rinse.

Because scrubbing usually strips away the old finish, you'll need to refinish the linoleum, which can be done pretty easily.

Purchase a quality liquid floor wax (specifically for linoleum floors) at your home-improvement or flooring store. Apply evenly to a dry floor using a soft cloth or rag mop (one you won't use on anything else). Let dry completely, and then add a second coat.

If you rented a floor cleaner/buffer, buff the newly waxed linoleum once the second coat is dry. Wait at least a full day before washing the floor with cool water and mild soap.

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# Mix Varieties for Year Round Color

By Buzz Bertolero  
The Dirt Gardener

**Q** My perennials are looking shaggy with brown leaves and leggy branches. Do I have to wait until spring to cut them back or can it be done now? Also, what perennials can I plant for year-round color? I don't want to mess with annuals anymore because I'm tired of replanting them.

**A** Perennials are groomed now, or you could wait. I'd groom the spring-blooming ones now, so they are ready to take off as temperatures warm up in March.

Most of the Sages, Evening Primrose, Shasta Daisy and Penstemon can be pruned off to the ground as they produce basal shoots while others are trimmed back for shaping.

You're correct, perennials don't need to be replanted like annuals. However, they're blooming cycle is seasonal and I'm not aware of any herbaceous perennial that blooms year round.

Flowering ornamental plants such as Floral Carpet Roses or Euryops have a very long bloom season. Garden Mums, Cyclamen and English Primroses are the primary fall perennials. Mums have the shortest flowering season while Cyclamen and English Primroses bloom continuously through May.

Next spring and/or summer, you could add Iberis, Foxglove,

Coreopsis, Penstemon, Verbena, Phlox, Bacopa, Million Bells, Rudbeckia and Echinacea, to mention just a few.

Also, don't overlook the contribution from variegated foliage from landscape shrubs and grasses. Your favorite garden center now has a selection of small perennial plants in packs.

Planted now, these varieties will bloom next year. If you wait to plant in the spring, these plants won't bloom until the following year. You can avoid this with those plants growing in four-inch pots and larger sizes.

Your first step might be to step back and evaluate the blooming pattern of the existing perennials to see which season needs to be enhanced. Also, give some thought to the type or shape of flowers you prefer — daisy shape, columnar or just dainty type flowers. Do they need to be large, small or somewhere in between? There are lots of correct answers but what is the right one for you?

The areas do not need to go colorless as you would mix in a few annuals. I'm a believer in mixing annuals and perennials to bridge the color gap.

You could add Primulas, Primroses, Calendulas, Pansies and Violas for more color. Planted now, they will continue blooming until next April/May.

I'd plant them close to one another as they'll grow very little between now and next February, and add some nutrients with



Mixing annuals and perennials together will give your garden year-round color.

a starter fertilizer to prevent the leaves from turning yellow.

You now have year-round color with a minimal amount of replanting.

And, finally, as the leaves drop, be sure to gather up all the debris that accumulates at the base and around the plants. The foreign material will pack down around the crowns with the winter rains and can cause the plants to rot during the rainy season.

Repeat as needed during the fall and winter. I think it's about the only time a leaf blower makes any sense.

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# Marina: Long delayed project will bring housing, hotel, restaurants

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last spring Miller introduced a dramatically different plan for the marina that involves pushing all amenities away from the water and off the harbor in order to avoid stringent sea-rise regulations from the Bay Conservation and Development Commission.

## Says Delay was 'A Blessing in Disguise'

"That was a blessing in disguise," said Miller of the years of delays. "We've come a long way and we've had a lot of obstacles. The harder you have to work at a real estate deal, the harder you have to think and that makes a better project."

The current draft also elimi-

nates a once-planned office complex that Miller says would have difficulties attracting tenants.

At Monday's meeting, Miller showed plans for a five-story, 280-unit apartment building with a glass and steel facade and a 220 room hotel with all rooms having a view of the bay.

Miller also showed the eighth rendition of his plans for the golf course, with 147 detached homes and 53 townhouses of two and three-stories overlooking the course from an elevated plateau. Affordable housing will make up 15 percent of the residential project.

The actual design of the 9-hole course will be completed in the next few months after

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— Cal Coast CEO  
Ed Miller

consultation with golfers who use the current course," Miller said.

In other changes, the amount of room devoted to new restaurants has been reduced from 21,000-square-feet to about 12,500-square-feet in a combination of space inside and outside the hotel.

"We want to make this the most cutting-edge development in the country," said Zapata.

Architect Dave Gates showed drawings of the pedestrian and bike promenade that will wrap around the harbor, including a monarch butterfly interactive science display.

Battenberg mentioned that they may create another special tax district at the marina like the

current one that is downtown. All "stakeholders" including the city, the business owners, and the residents of the marina could vote to assess themselves an additional tax to pay for the maintenance of the open space.

## New Marina Library to Be Built in 2018

Also at Monday's workshop, city staff gave the City Council a look at \$15 million worth of infrastructure projects – the demolition of the current harbor and improvements in the area surrounding the marina, including the new Mulford library and upgrades to Doolittle Drive and Marina Boulevard

Library Director Theresa

Mallon said she's excited to see the old Mulford branch being replaced. Plans are to double the size of the 1,200-square-foot library, which opened in 1962 and currently only features 12 seats for the public and is open just 13-and-a-half hours a week. Construction on the new library is set for 2019, so it can be open for new residents of the marina.

Nick Thom, San Leandro senior engineer, added that \$4.2 million of street improvements are planned for Doolittle Drive from Davis Street to Fairway Drive – landscaping, lighting, and monuments announcing that you are nearing the marina– with construction set for 2021.

## LOCAL DEATHS

### Nicole Danielle Polvorosa Maes

Nicole Danielle Polvorosa Maes, 51, of San Leandro passed away in her home after a four-year battle with cancer on October 3, 2017.

Nicole fought her illness with a remarkable and positive attitude. She was born on July 8, 1966 and graduated from Arroyo/Marina High in 1984. She married Leroy Maes on April 13, 1991. Nicole treasured her family, her cats, going to Disneyland, and rooting for her Phillies and Cowboys. She loved going to Tahoe with her best friend, Tenley Paxio, and cousin, Danny Polvorosa. For 18 years, she enjoyed the supportive working environment of Southern Wine and Spirits.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: [youcaring.com/nicolepolvorosamaes-972796#](http://youcaring.com/nicolepolvorosamaes-972796#).

Nicole will be missed by her husband, Leroy; her two daughters, Jilian and Lauren; her stepson, Anthony; her parents, Julian and Isabel Polvorosa; her sister, Dawn Polvorosa; and many cherished in-laws, cousins, aunts and uncles.



### Jerry Lee Hoffman

Jerry Lee Hoffman, a former resident of San Leandro, passed away October 1, 2017. He graduated from San Leandro High in 1958. He was a cabinetmaker and owned J & K Hoffman & Co. for many years before moving to Incline Village, Nevada. He was an avid hunter and had many friends in both Nevada and California.

He is survived by his wife, Karin, of 56 years; 2 daughters, Debora and Michelle; son-in-law, Ken; one grandson, Zachary; and a sister-in-law, 2 nephews and many other family members.



BRIGGS, John Oliver  
FERRIERA, Maguerite V.  
GUARAGLIA, Concetta  
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■ Concetta Guaraglia passed away peacefully on October 3, 2017 with her family beside her. Funeral services are at St. Felic-

tas Church in San Leandro today, Oct. 12, at 11 a.m.

■ Etta A. Hanna, 93, a longtime resident of San Leandro, passed away peacefully on October 1, 2017 after a short, sudden illness with her family by her side. No services were held at her request. Arrangements made by Neptune Society of Northern California in Castro Valley.

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### Frederick "Fred" Alfred Reicker

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Fred passed away on September 7, 2017 at the age of 83, after a short illness. His loving family was by his side.

Fred was born on April 22, 1934, in Brooklyn, New York, the eldest of five children. Growing up, the family moved several times, and Fred had many good memories of living in Arlington, Virginia, New Orleans, Louisiana and Mobile, Alabama. When Fred was 12, his family moved to California, first to Cape Esperance, and then settling in Millbrae. He attended St. Catherine Grammar School and Serra High School, where he played football and was named class valedictorian. He then attended the University of San Francisco, where he was a member of ROTC and graduated with a degree in political science. In 1957, he joined the Army and was commissioned second lieutenant. The Army assigned him to be the Assistant Post Public Information Officer, which marked the start of his career in public relations.

Fred was an enterprising youth; and, prior to his career in public relations, had a variety of jobs. Starting at the age of 12, he delivered newspapers, cut lawns, baby-sat, watered acres of flowers at a nursery, scooped ice cream and drove a delivery truck for an ice cream and candy company, and was an office manager trainee for a life insurance company.

Fred's private sector career in public relations began with Kaiser Steel in Fontana and Oakland. He also worked for Aerospace Corp. in San Bernardino, was Public Relations Director for the Port of Oakland, and Director of Corporate Communications at Fiberboard Corp. in San Francisco. Fred ended his career with The Clorox Company, where he was Manager of Corporate Communications and then Director of Corporate Communications. After 22 years, Fred retired from The Clorox Company in 1997, completing, as he would say, "a satisfying and rewarding career".

Fred's dedication to his profession was evidenced when he received the Rex Harlow Award for top public relations professional in Northern California (1997). He also served on the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Public Relations Roundtable; was founding director

of the Oakland-East Bay Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America; and was a member of the Arthur Paige Society based in New York City.

Outside of work, Fred looked forward to playing tennis every Saturday with his best friend, Stan, which they did for almost 40 years. He was a talented and adventuresome cook, and loved cooking with his grandson. He also loved to travel and was an avid reader, with a special interest in political history and warfare.

After retiring, Fred and his wife, Joyce, traveled to various states and several European countries. Retirement also gave him the opportunity to become active in his community. He joined Project Literacy at the San Leandro Library as a tutor for illiterate adults, which he enjoyed doing until his death. He served on the San Leandro General Plan Advisory Committee (1999-2001), and the Mayor's Budget Committee. Fred was appointed to the Library Historical Commission in 2003, and was elected chairman in 2007. He also served on the Board of Directors of the Bay-O-Vista Improvement Assn., and was principal reporter for the newsletter.

Fred is survived by his wife, Joyce, of 38 years; two daughters and a stepdaughter; three sisters and one brother; a sister- and brother-in-law; and a grandson. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents; father- and mother-in-law; and a nephew.

Fred was a loving husband, father, grandfather, sibling, and friend. We will miss his quirky sense of humor, and the incredible knowledge he shared with anyone who would listen. We called him our "teacher". Conversations at our dinner table will never be the same. We love him and will miss him dearly.

A private Celebration of Life will be held in the near future.



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### John Oliver Briggs

John was born February 3, 1985 in Castro Valley and passed away September 24, 2017 in San Leandro. He is deeply missed by family and friends.

He is a 2003 graduate of Arroyo High School where he played 4 years of varsity football and attended San Jose State University.

John's love for animals was evident early on — his adventure of choice as a child was a visit to the Oakland Zoo, later attending Zoo Camp, then volunteering as a docent. He achieved his dream job as an Elephant Keeper and Browse Keeper. Though he left the zoo professionally, his heart always remained with his beloved elephants.

Among John's favorite things were his love of bacon, music, movies, special photo poses, books, lemon jello cake, costume parties, friends, family, football, swimming, his vast menagerie of pets, and bacon.

John is survived by his father, Richard Briggs; mother, Michelle Baptista stepfather, Bill Baptista; sister, Laura Dougherty; brother-in-law, Pat Dougherty; niece, Skylar; stepsister, Kimberly Baptista; and stepbrother, Matt Baptista.

In lieu of flowers, please donate in John's memory to the Oakland Zoo. If donating online, put John's name in the phone number section.

A Celebration of Life will be held for John Oliver Briggs on Saturday, Oct. 14, at 11 a.m. at Grissom's Chapel and Mortuary in San Lorenzo.



### Marguerite V. Ferriera

June 21, 1931 – October 9, 2017

Marguerite V. Ferriera, a former longtime San Leandro resident, passed away in Austin, Texas.

Loving mother to Glenda Carnahan, Boyd and wife Pattie Ferriera, Gary Ferriera, and Brian and wife Debbie Ferriera. Grandmother to Mary and Jacob Ferriera.

Services to be held on Saturday, Oct. 21, at 11 a.m. at Santos-Robinson Mortuary, 160 Estudillo Ave., in San Leandro. A Celebration of Life to follow at 12:30 p.m. at the Englander Pub, 101 Parrott St., in San Leandro. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the ALS Association.

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### Poor Design of Intersection Creates Huge Traffic Backup

Editor:

The intersection of Fargo Avenue and Washington Avenue was poorly designed. Every morning there is a huge backup along Fargo, heading east towards the Greenhouse Marketplace, as it approaches Washington.

It becomes extremely difficult for drivers trying to merge into Fargo from all the perpendicular streets and driveways, let alone the Fire Station.

The problem is that there are two left turn lanes at the corner, and the third lane is used for both right turns and those proceeding straight into the Greenhouse Marketplace.

The two left-turn lanes are very lightly used, in comparison to the consistently heavy use in the rightmost lane. The rightmost lane causes a huge backup extending well down Fargo, because all the drivers intending to make a right turn on Washington get stuck behind a single driver waiting at the light to go straight into the Greenhouse Marketplace.

Many frustrated drivers resort to quickly cutting through the Chevron gas station on the corner, potentially endangering customers and/or the pedestrians on both Fargo and Washington.

A change of the lane design is clearly in order here. If the three lanes were designed simply as one turning left, one going straight, and one turning right, you would not see this consistent backup. Drivers could make a right turn, after stopping, at any time that it is safe.

Who designed this intersection? Do they do any actual observations to see how it works in practice, instead of just in theory? Please get the word out that it is high time to make a change here.

—Richard Brock  
San Leandro

### Laws Needed to Limit Damage One Person Can Do with Legally-Obtained Firearms

Editor:

Obviously, we love our guns more than our lives and our kids. Why else do we allow people to accumulate arsenals with which they can commit mass murder. To Wayne LaPierre of the NRA, I ask where was that "good guy with a gun" to stop the lunatic in Las Vegas on that Sunday night?

We need reasonable gun laws to limit the damage one person can do with legally obtained firearms. A majority of citizens are supportive of this and so are a majority of our cops. If you are a hunter, you should be entitled to a shotgun and bolt action rifle. Everything else should be illegal.

Had that limit been in place, the toll in Las Vegas would be far fewer than 59 killed and 500 injured. I believe our cops are willing to shoot first and ask questions later, only because they can't tell who is armed and will suddenly pull a gun on them. Therefore, we need serious restriction on the possession of handguns too.

If you don't like that, because you are a gun hobbyist, too bad. Get another hobby! Our lives and our kids are worth it.

Gun rights proponents will endlessly cite the 2nd Amendment protection of the right to "bear arms." Those who have actually read the amendment will have to admit it is ambiguous on the issue of individuals carrying and "open carry" of firearms. The Antonin Scalia interpretation is simply that, an interpretation for political reasons.

It is time we stood up for reasonable restrictions on guns and called out those who oppose them as accessories to mass murder.

—Jim Mehner  
Oakland

### Suggests Annual Registration Of All Guns

Editor:

I suggest that all people that purchase guns should be required to annually register or license every gun owned. The same as we renew car registrations.

Guns transferred by private parties must be reported within a week. The same as transferring liability from one car owner to the next. Initial background checks stay the same but will be rechecked annually to be sure they still qualify.

The registration fees collect would be used to administer the program and a percentage could go to gun violence victims for medical and rehab costs.

Also require gun owners to purchase insurance and show proof of purchase.

It has taken time, but cars have gotten safer. We need to think the same way about guns.

Gun violence is an epidemic. Do we want to wait for it to happen to one of our events? I will be contacting my representatives. I hope you do too.

—Yolanda Bocanegra  
San Leandro

### Says Tenants Gained Nothing After Long Battle with City Hall

Editor:

Having spent the last 3-1/2 years fighting for fair treatment of tenants, it grieves me to see that we have gained absolutely nothing from city hall.

The \$75 threshold for a tenant to request a hearing at the Rent Review Board was scrapped to favor the landlords' demand for 7 percent instead. Board recommendations are not binding, and landlords who don't accept them simply raise rents to whatever they want.

The relocation ordinance, which was recently passed, requires landlords to pay assistance if they raise rent above 12 percent. But where's any enforcement here? The landlord doesn't have to report to the city when they raise, so the burden falls squarely on the tenant.

There are loopholes in this ordi-

nance that landlords could drive a Mack truck through, and will. And landlords can simply circumvent the ordinance by posting a 60-day notice on your door, which under California law doesn't require them to tell you why they're dispossessing you. A tenant seeking relief under the new ordinance will have to assume the legal and financial burden of court enforcement – a Pyrrhic victory at best.

City hall passes its ordinance and then washes its hands of having to enforce it. They are effectively closing the book on providing any further easements for tenants struggling to meet huge rent increases landlords now demand, and help themselves achieve their desired demographics of well-paid tech residents.

There are no "many sides" to making policy. Spineless toadying to landlords with money to line your campaign coffers means you weren't protecting your citizens who need help. You blind yourselves, once again, to the people affected by your policies: poorer citizens, people of color, seniors on fixed incomes. If you refuse to see whom you're hurting, what does that make you?

I'll take a knee.

—K. Lee-Figueroa  
San Leandro

### Wants to See the Electoral College Scrapped

Editor:

After four unusually strong hurricanes (Harvey, Irma, Jose, and Maria) ripped through the super-heated Caribbean, causing catastrophic damage, White House spokesperson Sarah Huckabee Sanders was asked if the trump administration would reconsider its denial of global warming.

"This is not the time to discuss climate change policy," she answered.

After people in Las Vegas suffered the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history, the White House spokes-puppet was asked if the trump administration would reconsider its objection to reasonable gun control measures.

"This is not the time to discuss gun policy," she answered.

Perhaps this is the time to discuss election reform. We've seen the damage caused by a president who took office despite his opponent winning a majority of the votes. Now is the time to scrap the Electoral College and end tyranny by a minority.

—Bruce Joffe  
Piedmont

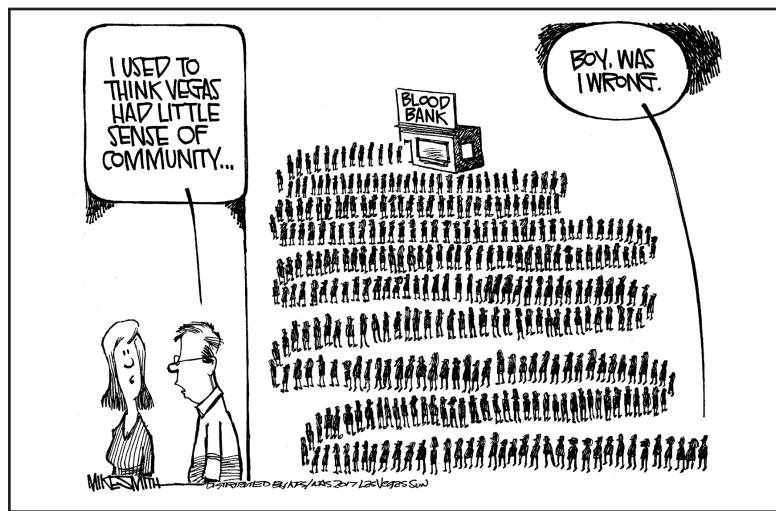
### Accuses President of Little Regard for People of Color

Editor:

It is hypocritical that President Trump is getting involved in the National Anthem situation by condemning NFL players for kneeling down during the anthem to protest racial injustices in this country when as several years ago, he criticized President Obama for speaking out against the Washington football team for still having a name that is degrading toward American Indians.

By saying that President Obama should have other things to worry about than the mascot issue shows how little regard Trump has toward people of color.

—Billy Trice Jr.  
Oakland



## INQUIRING REPORTER

### What are you tired of hearing about?

— Asked around town

I'm tired of hearing about immigration. People have a right to live where they want to live. Trump should be taken out of the White House in handcuffs.

**Virginia Minter**  
San Leandro



The defense of Donald Trump. "He's going to make America great again." It's the other way around.

**Robert Seymoure**  
Berkeley,  
works in San Leandro



There's nothing I'm tired of hearing about. I like to hear everything, anything in the world.

**Leo Mol**  
Oakland



Trump's Tweeting. He puts his foot in his mouth. The president shouldn't Tweet.

**Clifton Lindsay**  
San Leandro



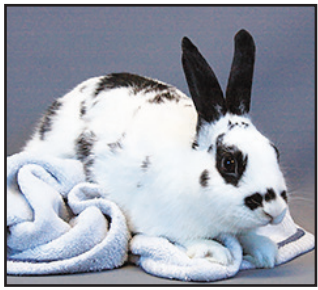
Murder, the shootings. It's depressing to me. I'm just tired of it.

**Veronica Birks**  
Oakland





## Pets of the Week



Pongo

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter are Pongo the bunny and Lancelot the kitten.

**Pongo** is a sweet, English Spot bunny who loves hay and greens. He's quite active and curious. Pongo is neutered and ready to be your indoor bunny.



Lancelot

**Lancelot** is a quiet 6-month-old kitten who likes to cuddle to feel secure.

He needs a little extra TLC to help him blossom into a confident kitty.

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

## Shelter Holds Special Adoption for Cats

The Hayward Animal Shelter is bursting at the seams with cats and kittens and they're running out of cage space for incoming "kids." So, to hopefully open up space, the shelter is offering \$20 cat/kitten adoptions to qualified homes through the remainder of October.

Compounding the problem, a lot of the rescues who pull pets from the shelter are also full. Some of those rescues took in pets from Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico, making it more difficult to transfer Hayward Shelter kids out to those rescues.

## Pot: Cassidy now works in the pot business

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department report recommended that the permit be denied, largely because the Wellness Center's proposed location at 3089 Teagarden Street is right next door to the Davis Street Family Resource Center at 3081 Teagarden Street.

The staff report prepared by the planning department said the location was not appropriate and said there should be more security in the parking lot.

But the BZA dismissed those concerns, with board member Rene Mendieta calling them "nebulous."

### Condition of Forgivable Loan Was that They Not Break Federal Law

One issue will be the repayment of a \$500,000 loan the city granted the Davis Street Family Resource Center to buy the property 2010. The loan is forgivable by \$25,000 annually over 20 years, meaning that Davis Street would not have to pay it back if the loan agreement was upheld through 2030.

But a condition of the loan was that the building not be used for any purpose that would

conflict with federal laws and medical marijuana is illegal under federal law. So Davis Street would need to repay the remaining \$325,000 if they want to use the building for cannabis.

The conditional use permit was the subject of a four-hour standing-room-only meeting last week, with speaker after speaker vocalizing support for Davis Street's good works and the benefits of medical marijuana.

But the BZA pointed out that they were not there to consider the merits of cannabis, but rather to decide if the clinic can operate appropriately at the proposed location.

John Oram, the President and CEO of the Davis Street Wellness Center, told the BZA that the Wellness Center should be next door to the Family Rescue Center for the convenience of patients who can use the services of both facilities.

### 'We Had an A-Ha Moment'

"We had an 'a-ha' moment and said 'why not locate the Wellness Center on Teagarden?'" said Oram.

Oram accused city staff of

trying to separate marijuana patients from the rest of the population by isolating clinic locations.

BZA member Rick Solis says he worries that medical marijuana users may park in the neighborhood surrounding the dispensary and light up.

"You can't tell me that's not a valid concern," said Solis.

But Oram promised to be "good neighbors" and said that it would be better if there were places designated for people to use the drug.

### Pot Consulting Firm Working for Davis Street Hires Former Mayor Stephen Cassidy

Oram, who has a Ph.D. in environmental chemistry and engineering, is also the founder of Bloom Innovations, a cannabis industry consulting group.

Former San Leandro Mayor Stephen Cassidy now works for Bloom Innovations and spoke in support of allowing Davis Street to operate the clinic on Teagarden. He dismissed concerns about medical marijuana users being in proximity of families at the Resource Center.

"Medical cannabis patients

pose no danger to others," said Cassidy. "They aren't zombies. It's an irrational fear of cannabis and cannabis users."

Cassidy was one of many speakers with ties to San Leandro politics who are advocating for a pot permit for Davis Street, along with former City Councilmen Jim Prola and Michael Gregory who spoke in support of the clinic, as did current school board members Diana Prola and Victor Aguilar, former school board member Ken Pon, and county Democratic Party Chair Robin Torello.

### Speaker Says there Will Be 'More Stoner Types'

A couple of speakers opposed the permit.

Speaker Sharon Bertrand said she supports a clinic, just not in the location proposed and added that when recreational marijuana use comes to town, there will be fewer patients and more "stoner types."

"I think they have a right to a dispensary, but I don't think it should be next to their other services," said Bertrand.

### Johnson Says Concerns Are Insulting

Rose Johnson, the CEO of the Davis Street Family Resource Center and the Director of Community Benefits for the Wellness Center, said she's surprised at the pushback she's gotten from the city.

"Honestly, I'm flat out confused about the negative reports from city staff," said Johnson. "The concerns are insulting on a very basic level. The community trusts Davis Street. We've always helped those with no voice. I've jumped through every hoop, my reputation has been maligned."

The next step is for city staff to create another report, which will include the repayment of the loan. And then the BZA will vote on giving Davis Street a permit at their Nov. 2 meeting.

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### Perry and the Fundudes To Play on Saturday

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