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Photographer Dorothea Lange's original caption for her photo taken in Hayward reads: "This farm family awaits an evacuation bus at Hayward Plaza. Father and mother immigrated from Japan, and their eleven children were born in the United States. The father operated a small farm, growing tomatoes and berries." Photo by Dorothea Lange, Courtesy of the National Archives.

Exhibit Opens on Japanese Internment

The Hayward Area Historical Society, 22380 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward, will present an exhibition, opening on March 10, of artifacts and stories of Japanese Americans who were imprisoned during World War II under President Roosevelt's Executive Order 9066.

The order gave the United States military authority to take about 120,000 Japanese Americans who were held in internment camps until the end of the war.

A member's reception is scheduled for March 9 from 5:30 to 7:30 in the evening. Admission is free thanks to a generous grant

from the Edward E. and Donna L. Martins Foundation. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday.

For more information, call 581-0223 or visit www.HaywardAreaHistory.org. The exhibition is supported by the Eden Township Japanese American Citizens League.

Supervisors: Don't Open Door for ICE

Alameda County Supervisors committee tells people not to talk to federal police officers

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

Alameda County Supervisors are telling the public that they don't have to cooperate with federal officials and if Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) comes knocking, they should slide a preprinted card under their door saying they have to right to not speak or open their door.

The Board of Supervisors created a special ad hoc committee on immigrants' rights a month after President Donald Trump's election that includes District 1 Supervisor Scott Haggerty and District 2 Supervisors Richard Valle.

The committee held a forum last week in Fremont to inform immigrants – documented and undocumented – about their legal rights. The meeting included local mayors, public health officials, and experts on immigration.

A centerpiece of last week's talk was a presentation from Yoshi Mendez, a "know your rights coordinator" with the Centro Legal de la Raza, who was invited to speak about the legal rights of undocumented immigrants who may be facing deportation.

Mendez recommended that no one cooperate with federal ICE agents – even someone not directly involved in any partic-

ular case. Mendez advised that people don't open their door to ICE and should instead slip a pre-printed "red card" under their door that see **SUPERVISORS**, page 14

Council Declares Women's Day in SL

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

March is Women's History Month, so take a minute to consider the achievements and triumphs of women all over the world.

A little closer to home, Vice Mayor Deborah Cox issued a proclamation at Monday night's City Council meeting declaring today (March 8) as International Women's Day in San Leandro.

San Leandro resident Lauren Sugayan organized a group of local business women and community activists to attend the ceremony.

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Senior Affordable Apartments Taking Applications

The application period for apartments in the affordable senior rental development currently under construction across from the San Leandro BART Station at 528 Juana Avenue (at Carpenter Street), will be open from March 12 through March 23, the City of San Leandro announced this week.

BRIDGE Housing Corporation, the non-profit project developer, recently named this new development La Vereda

("The Path") Senior Apartments.

La Vereda will contain 85 affordable apartments in both one- and two-bedroom configurations. One household member must be at least 62 years of age, while all other household members must be at least 45 years of age (unless a spouse or disabled dependent).

Monthly rents will range from approximately \$538 to \$1,106.

A lottery will be held to determine who gets the apartments,

because thousands of applications are expected.

In 2016, the City of San Leandro provided a \$1 million development loan for the project, which helped leverage other public and private funds that ultimately covered the \$39.3 million total project cost.

Starting March 12, applications will be available online at www.bridgehousing.com/properties/slseior or by visiting the BRIDGE Housing's leasing

office at 13939 East 14th Street, Suite 190, in San Leandro on Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The leasing office phone number is 351-1063. The leasing office will not open before March 12. All applications received by the March 23 deadline will then be randomly ordered for the lottery selection.

La Vereda represents the second phase of BRIDGE Housing's 200-unit downtown transit-oriented **see APARTMENTS**, page 8

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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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Pets of the Week



Teddy

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are Teddy the dog and Miles the dog.

Teddy is a sweet and gentle 2-year-old who knows "sit" and "shake." He walks well on leash and comes when called. Teddy enjoys playing with toys. He's neutered and needs an adult-only home.



Miles

Miles is a friendly, neutered 6-year-old who enjoys walks and spending time with his humans. He's not very interested in meeting other dogs, but doesn't mind them either. He's playful with toys. Okay with kids 10 and older.

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

Free Chamber Music Concert

All are invited to attend a free concert of classical chamber music in the sanctuary at All Saints Episcopal Church, 911 Dowling Blvd. in San Leandro, on Tuesday, March 13, at 7 p.m., featuring Dan Nebel, All Saints' interim minister of music, and

other talented musicians.

A free-will offering will be taken to support the music program at All Saints.

Future concerts in this series will be held Tuesday April 17, Tuesday May 15, and Tuesday June 19.



PHOTOS BY JIM KNOWLES

The Quadros' Restored Ford

Harry and Dorothy Quadros tooled around town recently in their 1949 Ford Coupe. Harry has owned the car for 45 years and he's restored it to mint condition and installed a 350-cubic-inch Chevrolet engine under the hood.



Vendors Wanted for Indoor Flea Market

The City of San Leandro announced that table reservations are now available for the first Indoor Flea Market, which will be held at the San Leandro Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St., on Friday, May 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will be space for over 40 vendors to sell their wares. Table reservations may be made in person at the San Leandro Senior

Community Center between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The cost for a reservation is \$25 for residents, or \$30 for non-residents and includes one 6-foot table and two chairs.

Reservation charges are not refundable. Each registrant is allowed up to two tables. Table location is selected on a first come, first served basis at the time that you register.

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A Visit to Corvallis

The Alameda County Fire Department stopped by Corvallis Elementary School last month to show off Engine 13 and to talk with the kids as part of the school 14th annual African-American Speakers' Day.

Retired Sheriff Passes Away at 87

Retired long-time Alameda County Sheriff Charles C. Plummer passed away peacefully at his home on Sunday, March 4, at the age of 87.

Plummer, a native of Fort Bragg, joined the Berkeley Police Department in 1952 after a chance meeting with a California Highway patrolman who told him he would make an excellent police officer. He rose through the ranks before being elected the 21st Sheriff of Alameda County in 1986. Plummer served as the Sheriff for 20 years before retiring with 54 years of dedicated

law enforcement service.

"Today we mourn the loss of an American Hero," said current Sheriff Greg Ahern in a written statement. "He will be missed, but his legacy will live on in all of us who work here."

If you wish to make a donation in his honor, the Plummer family requests donations be mailed to either: the 100 Club, 767 Brannan Place, Concord, CA 94518, or Salvation Army Hayward Corps, 430 A Street, Hayward, CA 94541.

Cards may be mailed to: Plummer Family, c/o Undersher-



Plummer

iff Rich Lucia, 1401 Lakeside Drive, 12th Floor, Oakland, CA 94612.

Got a Conviction for Pot? The DA Might Forgive You

On Nov. 8, 2016, California voters passed legislation to legalize recreation pot use, Proposition 64. That legislation also establishes protocols for re-designating, dismissing and sealing old convictions.

The Alameda County District Attorney's office immediately established a policy, protocol, and a process to re-designate and dismiss prior cannabis-related convictions.

Since then, the DA's office has handled a steady flow of petitions to dismiss cannabis related felony and misdemeanor convictions on a weekly basis.

"California is offering a second chance to people convicted of cannabis crimes, from felonies

to small infractions, with the opportunity to have their criminal records cleared," says DA Nancy O'Malley.

Since recreational pot was legalized, 609 petitions for dismissal have been granted in Alameda County Superior Court. The DA's office has identified approximately 5,900 cases that are eligible for dismissal, of which the DA's office has identified 5,000 individuals who suffered those convictions.

The DA's office continues to identify the remaining individuals who fall within the law.

The DA's office is continuing to initiate actions to dismiss the remaining convictions.

People who believe they

are eligible to have their prior marijuana case(s) reviewed for re-designation, dismissal, and/or sealing under the new law should email the DA's office at CannabisDismissal@acgov.org.

Death at Manor Home Was Natural

An elderly man suffering from a medical condition passed away in a house in Washington Manor, attracting the attention of neighbors, but no foul play is suspected.

Emergency vehicles and a coroner's van were called to a home on 15000 block of Endicott Street at around 5 a.m. Sunday for a report of an unattended death, according to Lt. Isaac Benabou of the San Leandro police.

When it was determined that the man's death was not unnatural, the coroner's van left and the body was turned over to the man's family, Benabou said.

Check Those Detectors

It's time to turn the clocks ahead and lose an hour of sleep this weekend when Daylight Saving Time kicks in at 2 a.m. this Sunday, March 11. The American Red Cross reminds everyone to test the batteries in their smoke alarms as they

change their clocks.

If you don't have smoke alarms, install them. At a minimum, put one on every level of the home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas. Check local building codes for additional requirements.

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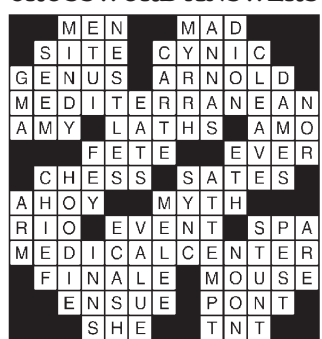
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San Leandro - According to industry experts, there are over 33 physical problems that will come under scrutiny during a home inspection when your home is for sale. A new report has been prepared which identifies the eleven most common of these problems, and what you should know about them before you list your home for sale.

Whether you own an old home or a brand new one, there are a number of things that can fall short of requirements during a home inspection. If not identified and dealt with, any of these 11 items could cost you dearly in terms of repair. That's why it's critical that you read this report before you list your home. If you wait until the building inspector flags these issues for you, you will almost certainly experience costly delays in the close of your home sale or, worse, turn prospective buyers away alto-

gether. In most cases, you can make a reasonable pre-inspection yourself if you know what you're looking for, and knowing what you're looking for can help you prevent little problems from growing into costly and unmanageable ones.

To help homesellers deal with this issue before their homes are listed, a free report entitled "11 Things You Need to Know to Pass Your Home Inspection" has been compiled which explains the issues involved.

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NEIGHBORS



Assumption School 6th graders enjoyed playing NBA Math Hoops on the Golden State Warriors practice facility with rival Ulloa Elementary School of San Francisco.

Assumption School 6th Graders Spend Time With The Warriors

The Assumption School 6th graders have been playing a game this year that combines math and basketball, and they wound up playing on the Golden State Warriors practice court.

NBA Math Hoops is a math board game that supports common core curriculum making math connections in the classroom.

The game is played similarly to the game of basketball. Opposing teams take shots to score points based on numbers and math operations.

The 6th graders were invited to the Golden State Warriors practice facility to play a live ver-

sion of the game on Feb. 23, competing against Ulloa Elementary School of San Francisco.

Each team was supplied a Warriors player. Ulloa had Kevon Looney and Assumption got Omri Casspi. The kids did the math, and then a player would take a shot at the basket from a numbered position on the court that correlates to the answer to the math problem.

Ulloa won a close game by 6 points, but the Assumption students enjoyed the main thing – opportunity to spend time with their families in the home of the NBA champions.



Local Residents Receive Academic Honors

Northeastern University is pleased to recognize those students who distinguish themselves academically during the course of the school year. The following local residents were recently named

to the University's dean's list for the fall semester, which ended in December 2017.

Castro Valley resident Meiling Zhang, a Northeastern University student majoring in Pharmacy and San Leandro resident Helen Romero, a Northeastern University student majoring in Nursing.

To achieve the dean's list distinction, students must carry a full program of at least four courses, have a quality point average of 3.5 or greater out of a possible 4.0 and carry no single grade lower than a C- during the course of their college career. Each student receives a letter of commendation and congratulation from their college dean.

HOROSCOPE by Salomé

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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Your soft-hearted self is drawn to a tempting offer. But your hard-headed half isn't so sure. Best advice: Do it only after every detail is checked out to your liking.



TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Your inventive mind should help you find a way to get around an apparently impassable barrier and make yourself heard. Your efforts get you noticed by the right people.



GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): You're enjoying this creative period. But by midweek, you'll need to emphasize your more pragmatic talents as you consider a risky but potentially lucrative move.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): An unexpected rejection could turn into something positive if you pocket your pride and ask for advice on how you can make changes that will make the difference.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): Your Lion's heart gives you the courage to push for answers to a job-related situation. Stay with it. You'll soon find more believers coming out the ranks of the doubters.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): Your curiosity pays off this week as you push past the gossip to find the facts. What you ultimately discover could lead you to make some changes in your plans.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): A new sense of enthusiasm helps get you out of on-the-job doldrums and back into a productive phase. Family matters also benefit from your more positive attitude.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): A bit of nostalgia is fine. But don't stay back in the past too long or you might miss seeing the signpost up ahead pointing the way to a new opportunity.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): If you feel you need to take more time to study a situation before making a decision, do so. Don't let anyone push you into acting until you're ready.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): As the Great Advice Giver, the Goat really shines this week as family and friends seek your wisdom. Someone especially close to you might make a surprising request.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Spiritual concerns dominate part of the week before more worldly matters demand your attention. An old promise resurfaces with some surprises attached.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): You're in a highly productive period and are eager to finish all the projects you've taken on. But don't let yourself get swamped. Take a breather now and again.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

❖ Hearing Loss Association Meeting

The Hearing Loss Association will meet on Saturday, March 10, at the Oakland Kaiser Permanente Hospital, Fabiola Bldg., 3801 Howe St., lower level, room G26. Refreshments are at 9:30 a.m. with the program starting at 10 a.m. Michael Galvan, from CRIL (Community Resources for Independent Living), will discuss "Emergency Planning for the Disabled." Parking is free in the old garage across from Howe Street. For more information, email athos.artist@att.net or call Kay at 886-4717.

❖ Kiwanis Club St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Join the Kiwanis Club of San Leandro for its St. Patrick's Day dinner on Saturday, March 10, at the San Leandro Senior Center, 13909 East 14th St. in San Leandro. The social and silent auction begins at 5:30 p.m., a corned beef and cabbage dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person. Proceeds go toward Kiwanis Club San Leandro projects. For more information and tickets, call Terri Neumann, 895 4425.

❖ The Eagles Bingo Luncheon

The Fraternal Order of Eagles Eden Auxiliary 1139 will host their charity bingo luncheon on Monday, March 12, at noon at the Eagles Hall, 21406 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward. This will be the St. Patrick's Day luncheon with corned beef and cabbage, dessert, coffee and tea. A donation of \$8 will include lunch with one bingo card and there will also be a raffle. Bring a couple friends for a fun afternoon. The luncheon proceeds will benefit FESCO. For more information, call Glenda at 584-1568.

❖ St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Dance

Walter O'Brien Council #3518, of the Knights of Columbus, will host a St. Patrick's Day dinner and dance on Saturday, March 17, at St. John Catholic Church, 264 E. Lewelling Blvd. in San Lorenzo. Tickets are \$25 before March 11 and \$30 after March 11 at the door. Diners can choose between corned beef or baked chicken with all of the trimmings. Live music for dancing and raffle prizes will make this an evening to remember.

❖ The Alta Mira Club

The Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave. in San Leandro, presents corned beef and cabbage night on Saturday March 17. Social hour and opportunity drawing starts at 5 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6 p.m. with salad, Irish soda bread, corned beef and cabbage and dessert. Tickets are \$25. Call Carol Libbrecht at 305-5393.

❖ St. Patrick's Day Dinner

St. Leandro's Church will host a St. Patrick's Day Dinner fundraiser on Saturday, March 17, at Ryan O'Connell Hall, 575 W. Estudillo Ave., San Leandro. No host bar at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. with corned beef or chicken, cabbage, carrots, potatoes, rolls, dessert and coffee. Adults \$15, children 12 and under \$8. Tickets available at St. Leander Parish Office, 474 W. Estudillo Ave. Entertainment, door prize, raffle. For more information, call 895-5631.

❖ Aviation Museum's Open House

Hop into the cockpit of a famous fighter plane at the Oakland Aviation Museum's "Open Cockpit Day" on Sunday, March 18, from noon to 4 p.m. at Oakland Airport's North Field, 8252 Earhart Road in Oakland, just off Doolittle Drive. On Open Cockpit day museum visitors

are allowed to sit inside aircraft such as the A-3 Skywarrior, A-7 Corsair, a Harrier jump jet or the flying boat Short Solent Mk 111 filmed in "The Raiders of the Lost Ark." Activities include an F/A-18 flight simulator, live music by the Friends of Ken Band, face painting, roller derby demonstrations, and drone demonstrations. For more information, call 638-7100 or see www.oaklandaviationmuseum.org.

❖ Free 5-Week Job Skills Training Course

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❖ SL Seeking Vendors for Flea Market

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❖ Lifestyle Coaching Session

"Celebrate You Coaching" Expert Phoebe Jue offers a 1-hour lifestyle coaching session about "Finding Harmony in Work, Rest, and Play" on Tuesday, March 20, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Space is limited. Call 577-3971 to register for this free event.

❖ Woodminster Theater Auditions

Woodminster Summer Musicals in Joaquin Miller Park will hold auditions on Saturday and Sunday, March 24 and 25 for the three shows this summer at the outdoor Woodminster Amphitheater. Woodminsters' 2018 shows are Rodgers & Hammerstein's *Oklahoma* (July), *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (August), and *In The Heights* (September). For the audition times, go to Woodminster's website at: <http://woodminster.com/auditions-2018.html>.

❖ The Plant Exchange

The Plant Exchange will be on Saturday, March 31, from noon to 4 p.m. at 4500 Lincoln Ave. in Oakland. The premier program of The Plant Exchange is the free, one-day event where gardeners, landscapers, urban farmers, educators, and enthusiasts all come together to exchange plants, equipment, tools, and information about ways to make our urban environment more sustainable, aesthetic, and healthy. The event also features gardening demos, food trucks, a live band, silent auction, and more. And, it is all free to everyone. For more information, visit <http://theplantexchange.org>.

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County Financially Healthy Despite Deficit, Says Miley

Supervisor pitches another half cent increase in sales tax

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley said that even though the county's \$3.1 billion budget had a \$108 million deficit this fiscal year, the county is in "good health financially."

Later in his speech, Miley promoted a additional half-percent county sales tax. He discussed everything from homelessness to mattresses being dumped on the side of the road during a special "State of the District" live-stream online last month.

The speech can be viewed on his Facebook page and Miley

would be getting a 19 percent tax cut in 2018.

Miley then promoted a proposed half-cent, 20-year duration sales tax that the county is putting on the June ballot which would fund early childhood education programs, generating an estimated \$140 million in its first year.

Switching gears, Miley said that Alameda County is in "the sports biz." He says he wants to keep the A's at their Coliseum site and he'd like to see an expansion football team return to Oakland.

Miley said that affordable housing needs to be a priority in his district and discussed the feasibility of 200-square-foot (20 by 10 foot) tiny homes as one solution.

"I'd live in a tiny home, it's like living in a dormitory" said Miley, who went on to call the lack of affordable housing and increasing homelessness a "crisis that needs immediate attention."

Miley named helping seniors, violence prevention, and making sure the unincorporated areas are fairly represented in county governance as areas he'll focus on in 2018.

Last year, Miley spearheaded an effort to double the number of cannabis dispensaries in the county and was criticized when it was pointed out that he received \$60,000 in campaign funding from marijuana business owners.

Miley said that the county will have to develop regulations concerning delivery, cultivation, and other factors, especially since recreational use became legal at the first of the year.

"We aren't naive enough to think that there won't be issues associated with cannabis," said Miley, adding that it should be



Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley gave his "State of the District" speech online.

regulated like alcohol and cigarettes.

Miley said the supervisors, who just legalized recreational dispensaries in the county in

"We aren't naive enough to think that there won't be issues associated with cannabis."

— Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley

December, are in the process of creating a public awareness campaign called "weed can wait" to discourage young people from using pot before they are 21.

Miley said the main take-away from his talk is that the people of District 4 – which includes Ashland, Cherryland, and Castro Valley as well as parts of Oakland – is that he wants the public to get involved in local government and people shouldn't hesitate to call his office at 272-6694 with any issue.

"Get involved and get engaged," said Miley. "We can't do this on our own."



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says that if he gets positive feedback from the public, he'll post more videos in the future.

Miley lamented that for every dollar of property tax, the county only gets 15 cents, so the county depends on state and federal funding for most of its funding.

Miley said that federal funding could be jeopardized if the county does things that don't cooperate with the Trump administration and violate federal law – including immigration enforcement. But he said that he was committed to providing services for the immigrant population of Alameda County, legal and illegal.

"We're doing that irrespective of what's happening on the federal level," said Miley.

Miley also criticized Trump's tax plan, but said it remains to be seen how much it will affect his constituents. Miley said the tax plan would benefit the wealthy, not the county's lower-paid employees.

Although *Business Insider* recently published a study that said the average fast food worker or cashier making \$20,000 annually

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AUTOMOTIVE

Kia Niro — A Green Warrior

By Steve Schaefer
San Leandro Times

The Kia Niro Plug-in Hybrid (PHEV) is a stylish and useful compact crossover. You can drive it much of the time on battery power, and when necessary, take a long trip using the gasoline engine.

The Niro is Kia's green warrior. A hybrid Niro preceded the plug-in, and an all-electric version just debuted at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit in January (it's about a year away). There is no gasoline-only Niro.

The Niro is blessed with appealing, nicely balanced lines and proportions, without any extreme styling excesses. It wears Kia's now familiar tiger mouth grille with the pinch in the middle and it looks good from every angle.

Inside, cleanly rendered panels blend smoothly, and the textures are rich-looking. The door and dash panels are slight-

ly padded, giving the car a more upscale feel. The switchgear feels durable and moves with precision. An asymmetrical center console sweeps down from the dash, implying some sportiness.

Both the inside and outside classiness owe their dignity to former Audi designer Peter Schreyer, who has led Kia and Hyundai design for a decade, transforming both brands' design language and image.

As a hybrid, the Niro combines a 1.6 liter four-cylinder gasoline engine with a 60-horsepower electric motor, which in PHEV form is fed by an 8.9 kWh battery. This battery weighs 258 pounds versus the much smaller and lighter one in the standard Niro Hybrid, which only uses regenerative braking. The engine's 104 horsepower and 109 lb.-ft. of torque mixes with the motor, with its robust 125 lb.-ft. of torque, giving a total of 139 horsepower and 195 lb.-ft. of torque combined.

An idle stop and go system turns the engine off when the car

is stationary, further saving gasoline. The drivetrain flows through a six-speed, dual-clutch automatic transmission.

The car is no rocket, with an 8.8-second zero-to-sixty time. When you press the pedal down hard you'll hear the sound of downshifting and an engine working hard to contribute its part to moving the 3,450-pound crossover forward.

The Niro Plug-In Hybrid earns 110 City, 99 Highway, and 105 MPGe Combined on the EPA's tests, and a still decent 48 City, 44 Highway, and 46 Combined mpg on gasoline only. The official battery range is 26 miles, although my test car's display always read 24 when full. That was enough for me to commute all week on electricity alone, leading to an exemplary 81.3 mpg for the week. If you rarely go more than 24 miles on a trip, you may find your gas lasts for months. Kia claims an impressive gas + electric range of 560 miles.

EPA Green Scores are 7 for Smog and a perfect 10 for Greenhouse Gas.

The NIRO PHEV comes in three trims—LX, EX, and EX Premium. My Platinum Graphite tester was an EX Premium, with a soothing light gray interior. The price-leader FE model hybrid isn't sold as a plug-in.

The LX offers a decent sound system, Android Auto/Apple CarPlay, a smart key with pushbutton start, and more. The EX adds safety features, including Blind Spot Detection, Lane Change Assist, and Rear Cross Traffic Alert. You also get "hybrid" cloth and leather



The Kia Niro carries over into the 2018 model year with minor packaging enhancements.

seats, heated front seats and outside mirrors, 10-way driver seat adjustment with lumbar support, and more. The EX Premium adds leather seat trim, 3-level heated and ventilated seats, a larger 8-inch touch screen on the dash, and a voice-command navigation system.

With an 8.9 kW battery, you can easily fill the battery at a Level 2 charger in a couple of hours from empty, or fill it overnight at home on 120 household current. The charge door includes a small light—a thoughtful touch.

You can set the car to EV or HEV mode. In the default EV mode, the Niro uses pure electricity until its big battery is depleted and then runs as a hybrid. In HEV mode, you can select hybrid driving right away and retain the power for later.

At just 171.5 inches long on a 106.3-inch wheelbase, the car is tidy for nipping around town, but



The Kia Niro interior features cleanly rendered panels and rich textures.

can carry 54.5 cubic feet of gear when you flip down the rear seats.

Pricing starts at \$28,840 for the LX, and moves up to \$32,440 for the EX and \$35,440 for the EX Premium. All prices include shipping. My car's only option was \$135 worth of carpeted floor mats.

As a crossover, the Niro

PHEV is sitting pretty, right in the middle of today's most rapidly growing vehicle segment. I found it just right for family and musical instrument hauling.

The Niro PHEV just won Green Car Journal's Green SUV of the Year Award, so I expect to see lots of them on the road soon.

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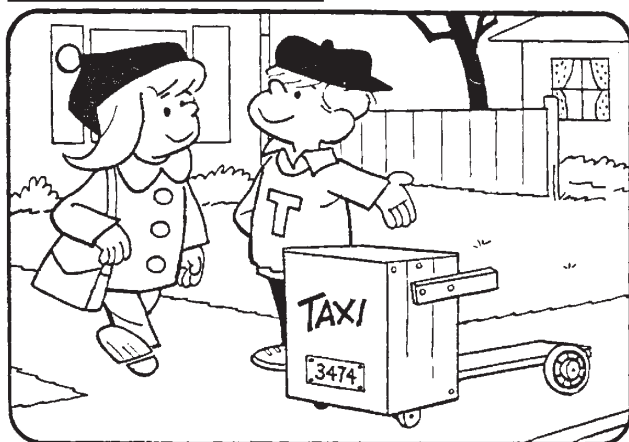
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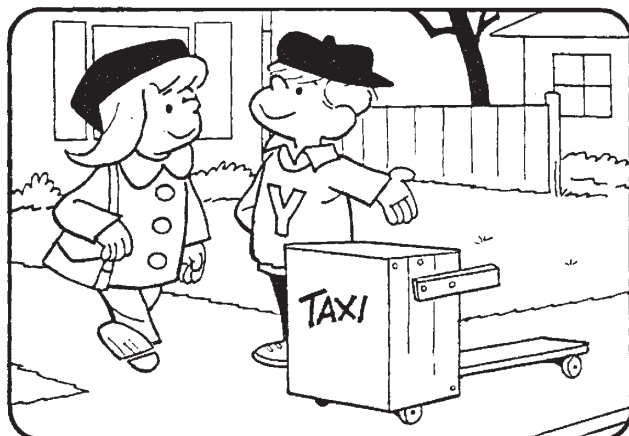


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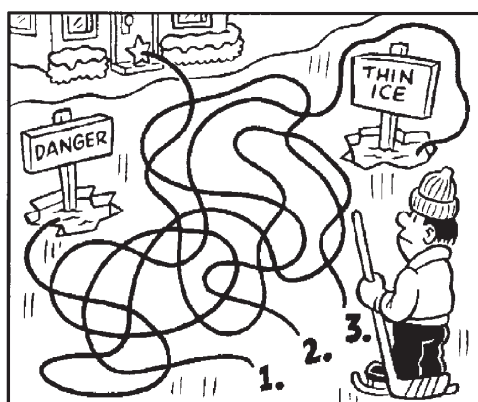
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Hat is different. 2. Purse is smaller. 3. Letter is different. 4. License is missing. 5. Curtains are missing. 6. Wheel is different.



A FROSTY CHOICE! Can you guess which route Tom should take to get off this dangerous ice?

Answer: Number 3 is the one that will lead to a hot cocoa by the fireplace.

SHOOTING HIGH! Professor Flunkum gives you one minute to rearrange the five numbers on the board so that, when multiplied, you will get the highest possible result.

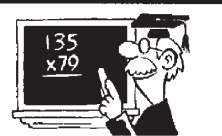
Answer: 751 x 93 = 69,843

IT'S RECESS TIME! Pictured below are two puzzle grids for you to fill in. Hints are given for each word. The words in Grid B contain the same letters as the corresponding words in Grid A.

1. A portion of.
2. Moved across ice.
3. Something you eat.
4. Depend on for help.

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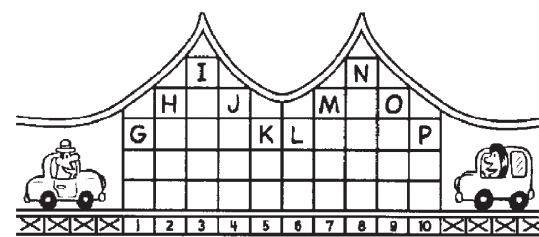
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1. Found under sink.
2. Found on boxes.
3. A bad excuse.
4. Greek harp.



A WORD BRIDGE



The bridge on the left contains 10 supporting words. We give you the first letter of each word, plus plenty of hints below.

1. An African antelope.
2. A saintly sign.
3. A lazy person.
4. Part of a window frame.
5. A means of access.
6. Disappears when you get up.
7. A magician.
8. Lacking in worldliness.
9. A formal promise to do something.
10. More than one picture.

Answers: 1. Part-trap. 2. Slid-lids. 3. Meal-lame. 4. Rely-lyre.

Answers: 1. Gnu. 2. Halo. 3. Naive. 4. Jamb. 5. Key. 6. Lap. 7. Magi. 8. Naive. 9. Cath. 10. Pix.

Apartments: Finished by summer

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sit-oriented development. Phase 1, called Marea Alta, was completed and fully leased in 2017 and has 115 affordable rental units, underground resident and BART parking, and a ground floor child care center that is anticipated to begin construction in 2018.

La Vereda is estimated to complete construction in Summer 2018 and to be fully leased up to qualified tenants by Fall 2018.

"I encourage any income-qualified local seniors who are seeking housing in San Leandro to submit an application for this exciting opportunity," stated Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter in a press release. "This project represents the first major residential development under the City's visionary 2007 Downtown Transit Oriented Development Strategy and will complement the adjacent 115-unit Marea Alta affordable rental housing development that was completed last year. This project demonstrates our City's ongoing commitment to helping our seniors find affordable housing opportunities in what has become an extremely challenging market."



Work is underway on the senior affordable apartment building at 528 West Juana Ave.



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Artists at Stepping Stones Growth Center decorated some of the planters downtown with a mosaic.

Mosaics on Downtown Planters Depict SL History

The San Leandro Improvement Association (SLIA), a non-profit community benefit corporation that works to enhance Downtown San Leandro, has commissioned Stepping Stones Growth Center/Davis Street's Artful Steps to design and create mosaics to beautify concrete planters in downtown that tell the history of San Leandro.

The Downtown San Leandro mosaic planter project is being led by Artful Steps' media specialist, Meadow Presley, who has worked with her team to create the theme for these mosaics, primarily based on the history of San Leandro.

The mosaics will be created from a combination of handmade ceramic tiles, broken ceramic tiles, glass tiles, mirror and found objects. The first three designs that the San Leandro Improvement Association are sponsoring will include a design based on the Ohlone tribe of San Leandro, the agricultural history of San Leandro and the historic Casa Peralta and its gardens.

Ideas for the remaining planters will include the San Leandro Bay shore, San Leandro's industry, the Cherry Festival, the cultural diversity of San Leandro, the Gold Rush and the railway system.

Artful Steps is one of the

many programs Stepping Stones Growth Center, a non-profit agency that provides a variety of programs and services to more than 400 adults and children with developmental disabilities, has in place to teach individuals of every level of ability, methods for self-expression through the visual arts.

Through community art projects, Artful Steps' goal is to enhance not only the artistic abilities of the participants but their self-esteem and independence.

To sponsor a mosaic planter in downtown San Leandro, email mail@downtownsanleandro.com. More information about the installment of the mosaic planter project or the San Leandro Improvement Association, can be found at www.downtownsanleandro.com.

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Cash In Your Life Insurance Policy

By Jim Miller
Special to the Times

Selling a life insurance policy, even a term life policy that you don't want or need any longer – a transaction known as a "life settlement" – has become a popular option among retirees in recent years that could use some extra cash. Here's how it works.

A life settlement is the sale of an existing life insurance policy to a third party company for cash.

Life settlements are typically best suited for people over age 65 who own a policy with a face value of \$100,000 or more or someone younger who has experienced a significant change in health.

Historically, if an owner of a life insurance policy decided they no longer needed it, they would either let the policy lapse or turn it in for a meager cash surrender value.

But now, with the life settlement option, you can actually sell your policy for more than the cash surrender value would be, but less than its net death benefit.

Once you sell it, the life settlement company then becomes the new owner of the policy, pays the future premiums and collects the death benefit.

How much money you can expect to get with a life settlement will depend on your age, health and life expectancy, the type of insurance policy, the premium costs and the cash value of your policy.

You may be able to receive four to eight times more than the policy cash surrender value.

If you're interested in a life settlement here are some things you should know:

■ Shop Around

Because payout can vary, to ensure you get the best price for

your policy get quotes from several companies. Also, find out what broker and transaction fees you'll be required to pay.

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■ Protect Your Privacy

When you sell your life insurance policy, you will have to sign a waiver authorizing the release of medical and other personal information so that the buyer can determine how much to offer for your policy. Before accepting any offer, make sure that the company has procedures in place to protect the confidentiality of your information.

Understand the tax implications: The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act recently updated the tax treatment of a life settlement to be treated the same as the surrender of a policy back to the insurance company. This can be complicated, so be sure to consult a tax advisor.

■ Other Options

If you want to keep your life insurance policy but could use some extra cash, you may have some other options. For example, some life settlement companies may allow you to keep part of the policy's death benefit while eliminating your premium obligations.

You can also ask your life insurer if you can borrow against your policy, or if you're in poor health, see if you're eligible for accelerated death benefits. You should also find out if you're able to convert the cash value of your policy into

an immediate annuity (through a 1035 Exchange), which would make regular payments to you for a set number of years or for the rest of your life.

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



'Unavailable' Assets Allow for Medi-Cal Eligibility

By Gene L. Osofsky, Esq.
Special to the Times

Q I need to qualify my mother for a Medi-Cal subsidy to help pay for her nursing home care, due to her progressive dementia. However, she has about \$20,000 in a bank account with just her name on it, and no power of attorney in place to allow me to draw upon it. I was told that these funds will place her over the Medi-Cal resource ceiling and prevent eligibility. What can I do?

A It is unfortunate that your mother had not previously arranged for you to have access to that account, and now with her dementia she likely does not have sufficient mental capacity to arrange for your access now.

That said, recall the old expression: "If life deals you lemons, turn them into lemonade!" That adage may have particular applica-

tion to your situation. Here's why:

As you may know, Medi-Cal typically divides the world of resources into two (2) categories, i.e. those which are exempt [such as a home, furnishings and the like], and those which are countable [such as savings and a second home].

In order to qualify an unmarried individual for a Medi-Cal nursing home subsidy, the applicant's "countable" resources must be less than \$2,000.

Note: countable resources are the key to eligibility, and monthly income is only considered afterwards in calculating applicant's co-pay ("share of cost").

But, in fact, there is a little known third category, which embraces resources which are considered "unavailable." If an asset is unavailable, it is — during the time that it remains unavailable — treated the same as if it were exempt!

Most social workers, and even many Medi-Cal eligibility work-

ers, either are not aware of this third category or forget to apply it in appropriate situations, such as yours.

An asset is unavailable when it cannot be readily accessed to pay for the care of the proposed beneficiary.

This rule would apply to your mother's situation, and here's why: (1) she previously set up her bank account so that only she can access the funds and she does not have the capacity to do so now on her own; (2) there is no existing power of attorney in place to permit you to access it on her behalf; and (3) she does not now have sufficient mental capacity to either add your name to the account or to sign a Durable Power Of Attorney to allow you access.

Under these circumstances, it would be deemed "unavailable" under relevant Medi-Cal regulations.

Further, for so long as it remains unavailable, it would be treated the same as an exempt asset and not

counted toward her \$2,000 Medi-Cal resource allowance.

There are indeed other situations where "unavailability" may come into play. Examples: where an asset, such as a second home or a promissory note, cannot be readily redeemed for cash and must be first marketed for sale; and, where the applicant owns only a partial interest in a rental property and the other co-owners refuse to sell.

For cases like yours, it is best to engage a knowledgeable elder law attorney for assistance, as it may be necessary to first lay appropriate groundwork to justify the claim of "unavailability," to then educate the Medi-Cal eligibility worker as to its application in the particular case, and to thereafter shepherd the Medi-Cal application through to approval.

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GUEST COMMENTARY



RESPA Violations Plague Transactions

It's a scenario seen multiple times a day in the Bay Area — a buyer's agent writes an offer and includes a specific title company.

The listing agent counters

back and specifies a different title company for the transaction. The inference is clear: use the listing agent's preferred title company or the offer will not be accepted.

Problem: that's a violation of RESPA* rules and could result in significant fines for the seller and potential ethics charges for the listing agent.

"It's not unusual for a listing agent to have a favorite closing agent and want the buyer to close the transaction using that agent, along with the agent's title insurance and settlement services," writes Phillip L. Schulman, former assistant general counsel at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"What many practitioners don't realize, however, is that Section 9 of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act prohibits sellers from conditioning the home sale on the use of a specific title insurance company, and in fact violators can be subject to penalties, with the most typical being a fine of up to three times the amount of the title insurance fee."

Section 1024.2 of RESPA clarifies, "'Required use' means a situation in which a person must use a particular provider of a settlement service in order to have access to some distinct service or property, and the person will pay for the settlement service of the particular provider or will pay a charge attributable, in whole or in part, to the settlement service."

In other words, if a seller or listing agent insists that a buyer use a specific title company and pays the related fees, they are violating the law.

If, however, the seller covers the applicable fees, there is no problem.

Local listing agents open themselves up for penalties when they state, in writing, that a certain title company must be used.

I frequently see confidential comments on the MLS declaring that a pre-escrow has been opened at a specific title company. Instructions for Writing or Counter Offers which assert that a specific title company must be used are also an open invitation to fines.

Buyers and their agents, eager to get an offer accepted, frequently play along, even though they know it is wrong. "Better to play the game and get a sale than push back and get nothing," they reason.

It's a choice they should never have to make. It's the law.

*Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act

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15939 Selborne Drive	94578: \$600,000	3 BD - 1,689 SF - 1951
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17054 Rolando Avenue	94546: \$740,000	3 BD - 1,875 SF - 1942
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By **Samantha Mazzotta**
Special to the Times

Preparation is the biggest part of painting. It can be maddening getting everything ready, but if you do it right, putting down each coat is really satisfying. Here are some key points:

- ✓ Get clearance from the landlord or building management before painting and follow any specific instructions, such as which colors to use.

- ✓ Remove as much furniture and stuff as possible. Move what remains to the center of the room

and cover with dropcloths or old sheets. Cover the floor or carpets with overlapping dropcloths.

- ✓ Take down pictures and carefully remove nails and screws; fill the small holes with spackling compound and let dry for 24 hours before sanding smooth.

- ✓ Remove cover plates from wall switches and outlets, and cover light fixtures.

- ✓ Brush away loose plaster, cobwebs, dirt and peeling paint. Sand bumpy areas using fine-grit sandpaper. Wash the walls with a soap-and-water mix or wall-clean-

ing product, and let dry.

- ✓ Use blue painter's tape to mask off window and door trim, and other areas where you don't want paint to go.

- ✓ Assemble all the stuff you need to paint: brushes, rollers, paint trays, stirring sticks and old rags or towels for cleanup.

Paint a 3-inch border where the wall meets the ceiling. Then start rolling on paint, using a "W" pattern in various directions until the wall is covered. Once the walls are done, paint the trim.

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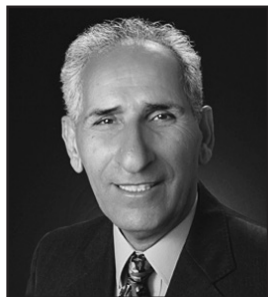
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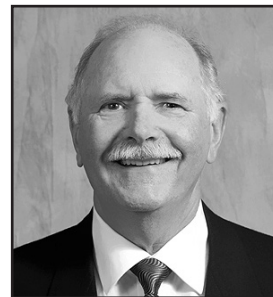
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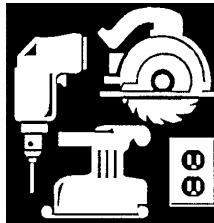
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Supervisors: Cool to ICE

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says the resident has the right not to speak or open their door. It also includes a number to call to report ICE activity in your neighborhood.

"The red card is not only for undocumented people; everyone should be using the red card," said Mendez.

The card reads in part:

"I do not wish to speak with you, answer your questions, or sign or hand you any documents based on my Fifth Amendment rights under the United States Constitution...I do not give you permission to search any of my belongings based on my Fourth Amendment rights. I choose to exercise my constitutional rights."

Mendez also recommended that no one speak to ICE even if they are questioned about an acquaintance or neighbor. She also advised that people dealing with ICE not say which country they're from, because you're better off not giving them more information.

"The less information they have, the harder it will be for them," said Mendez. "It's also key to say 'I'm afraid of going back to my country.' It's key that people state that (because it relates to refugee status)."

The crowd also heard about services available to the them, including health care, food aid, and child services.

In Feb. of 2017, the Board of Supervisors allocated \$1.5 million for the county's immigrant population, including legal aid and health care.

Out of 1.6 million people in Alameda County, about 439,000 were born in another country and around 105,000 are undocumented,



Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty



Alameda County Supervisor Richard Valle

ed, the county estimated.

"It's important to get across as county officials that we support you and your families," said Supervisor Haggerty. "Immigration and refugee rights are something the board takes seriously and will continue to do so."

But while the supervisors, Oakland Mayor Libby Schaff, and San Leandro politicians have committed to the support of undocumented immigrants – San Leandro is a "sanctuary city," another county official

is obligated to follow federal policies including cooperating with ICE.

Alameda County Sheriff Greg Ahern says he will continue to follow federal law and assist ICE. At another special meeting on immigrants' rights last summer, Ahern said he must work with ICE or face losing important federal money.

"We are obligated to follow the law," said Ahern at the time.

He got a chorus of "boos" in response.



Alameda County Women's Hall Fame to Induct New Members

Thirteen local women representing the region's rich diversity as well as a remarkable range of achievement will be inducted into the Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame at its 25th Anniversary Luncheon and Awards Ceremony on March 24 in Oakland.

The 2018 Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame Luncheon and Awards Ceremony will take

place at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 24, at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 4700 Lincoln Ave. in Oakland. Tickets to the event are available at <http://acgov.org/whof/>.

The program, co-sponsored by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors and the County's Commission on the Status of Women, will once again raise

funds to support important local partners serving women and families in Alameda County.

In addition, it will support local girls' academic pursuits through the Mary V. King "Leading the Way" Youth Scholarship Fund, named after the former Alameda County Supervisor and Women's Hall of Fame co-founder who died in 2015.

Friends of Creek Meet to Show Videos

Friends of San Leandro Creek will meet on Tuesday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300

Estudillo Ave.

See the videos and meet the videographers who won the Creek Video Contest in 2017.

Vote for a new member-at-large for the FSLC board. All are welcome to come and cast a ballot.

Woodminster to Hold Auditions for Summer Shows

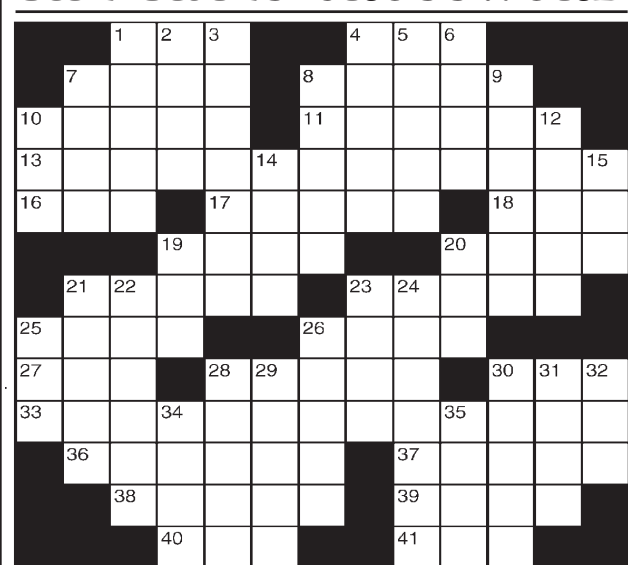
Woodminster Summer Musicals in Joaquin Miller Park will hold auditions on March 24 and 25 for the three shows this summer out the outdoor Woodminster

Amphitheater.

Woodminsters' 2018 shows are Rodgers & Hammerstein's *Oklahoma* (July), *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor*

Dreamcoat (August), and *In The Heights* (September). For the audition times, go to Woodminster's website at: <http://woodminster.com/auditions-2018.html>.

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■ **THEARD, Rolanda M.,** passed away on March 2, 2018 at age 62. A Funeral Mass will be held on Monday, March 12, at St. Columba Catholic Church, 6401 San Pablo Ave., Oakland, beginning at 11 a.m. Interment at St. Marys Cemetery in Oakland. Arrangements by Santos-Robinson Mortuary, San Leandro (510-483-0123, santos-robinson.com).

In Loving Memory of Lynne Arlene Perry

July 30, 1937 - February 8, 2018

Lynne Arlene Perry passed peacefully on February 8, 2018 with her family by her side. She joins her beloved parents Stanley and Gladys in heaven.

Lynne was born in Oakland, California and was a long time San Leandro resident. She happily worked as a retail pharmacy clerk for the majority of her life until she retired and began a second career in the San Leandro School District system until 2017.

Lynne is survived by her children and their spouses, Leslie and Ron Wiggins, Louanne and Robert Tovey, Lyle and Kathy Perry and Ken and Mary Perry. Not to forget her nine grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, husband Lester and sister Doris DeMarchi.

She was and still is loved by all and will be forever in our hearts, thoughts and prayers.

Celebration of Life Gathering March 17, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at 3Crosses Church in Castro Valley. In lieu of flowers, donations would be welcomed at Lynne's favorite charity the ASPCA.

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New Playground Coming to Warden Park in Davis West

Warden Park in the Davis West neighborhood will soon be the recipient of a brand new playground, the City of San Leandro announced last week.

The park will be closed for a few months while the work is underway. The park improvements will include two new play structures. The amenities were selected by students at Wilson Elementary School along with advice from the Recreation and Parks Commission and

the Davis West neighborhood.

The playground will include separate play structures for preschoolers and school-aged children. The footprint of the existing playground will also be expanded, and will include the addition of a spinner, a modern-day merry-go-round, new swings, a see-saw and diggers.

In order to begin preparations for the new installations, the park closed on Feb. 1. The installation is expected

to take several months, and the new playground will be unveiled in the late spring or early summer.

"I am so excited to announce this project at Warden Park," said Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter. "This new playground is part of a broader effort to upgrade various local parks all across San Leandro to improve the quality of life for our residents and their families, making it easier to get out and get moving."

The work will be paid for with \$120,000 in state grant funding from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), coupled with a contribution of City park "in lieu funds" derived from other private development projects.

San Leandro has 23 parks and recreation facilities including community and neighborhood parks, swimming pools and sports fields.

Park facilities encourage a variety of activities including running and walking, picnicking, tennis, softball, and swimming.

Group picnic areas and all three swimming pools are available on a reservation basis for family activities or a large group gathering during park season, which runs from April 1 through Oct. 31. Reservations can be made online by visiting www.sanleandroec.org.

OPINION

LETTERS to the EDITOR

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

Welcomes Oakland-Border Cameras To Help Solve Crime

Editor:

This is in response to the comments made by Corina Lopez ("Police Want Cameras on Oakland Line," Page One, The Times, March 1), that cameras on the Oakland/San Leandro border would look like the old days of segregation.

Well, I live on the border of Oakland and San Leandro and would welcome cameras. Not sure where Ms. Lopez lives, but I have been kept up many nights with the sound of gunfire, street racing and side shows coming into our neighborhood.

This has nothing to do with segregation; which is the act of separating a minority society from a dominant society; due to race, religion, national origin or status. This is about a tool that would help identifying criminals. It is one way to help solve the increasing crime that is occurring in our neighborhoods.

I am so sick of hearing that our police are not doing enough to help reduce crime in San Leandro! Well, give them the tools they need and just maybe they can do their jobs more efficiently. The cameras may not prevent someone intent on committing a crime, but it just may help provide the evidence needed to get them off the streets, not only for San Leandro residents but for Oakland as well.

—Linda Nelson
San Leandro

Calls on City Council to Support Installation of Border Cameras

Editor:

As an 18-year resident of San Leandro and a block captain, I am registering my full support for additional surveillance cameras in our city.

It is heartening to learn that many residents are installing cameras at their homes and that the police department and residents are cooperating in identifying criminal activities. The additional cameras placed at strategic public locations are yet another tool to reduce crime, not only in San Leandro but in surrounding cities as well.

I ask that City Council members acknowledge the value of these cameras and support their installation.

—Maxine Sitts
San Leandro

Calls Surveillance Cameras a 'Perfect Solution' for SLPD

Editor:

Many thanks to the SLPD for suggesting the idea of surveillance cameras on the Oakland - San Leandro border. This will further extend the reach of the SLPD by allowing them to watch for criminal activity and later prosecute criminals. Because out-of-towners commit most crime and the city is under financial pressure, this solution is perfect.

It's laughable that members of the City Council bring race into the discussion as the intention is to protect San Leandro citizens from a known hotbed of criminal activity across city limits. Honorable, law-abiding San Leandrans have nothing to fear if they are behaving themselves according to the law.

Long-term, surveillance cameras on the Oakland - SL border will make it harder to escape consequences and will deter criminal activity.

—Ricardo Trigueros
San Leandro

Parking Rates Going Up? Time to Head for Castro Valley

Editor:

The City Council is at it again. Now we are paying more for parking. Parking rates going up downtown? Pelton Center, even?

No way. I will shop elsewhere, say Castro Valley. Free parking to shop that city. I started shopping there when our sales tax became the highest ever, at 9.75%.

And the Council just charged us \$600,000 to "revamp" the parking in downtown. Y'all liking that spending? Next is a proposal to permit or charge to park in front of our own houses. Like that even better?

Deborah Cox says they will have to "address" that issue as some may not like that. Ya think, Deborah? This is just outrageous. Their parking "consultant," Julie Dixon, says this isn't a cash grab by any means. Ms. Dixon, it is by every means. I get to pay the city more and more for everything while it wastes my money hiring consultants to tell them more ways to squeeze money from the citizens in San Leandro. I think a new city council is in order. Fire them all.

—Corey Anderson
San Leandro

Says 'Stop the Lies and Arm the Teachers'

Editor:

A good number of letters have been published about "gun violence."

Our Assemblyman Rob Bonta, the one with the "Bullet I.D." nutty proposal of old, came up immediately with a new barrage of gun control bills.

Our former Mayor Stephen Cassidy, a hypocrite, who never held a meeting at City Hall or anywhere else, without the presence of armed cops for his protection, wants to unleash storm troopers to raid homes "Based on threats of violence, mental disorder and other factors..." These "other factors" can include anything that the Cassidys don't like; this is what the Nazis did in Germany and other dictators in other countries.

Then, there's the letter from the weekly columnist from Piedmont, Bruce Joffe, the one with the blinders, opposing arming the teachers, just to buck Donald Trump.

It is not surprising to read this kind of nonsense from Bruce Joffe; the schools with "gun free zone" declaration are an invitation to these kind of shooters, but the Cassidys and Joffes want us to rely on the police: The Sheriff Department went 18 times to Florida shooter's house and did nothing; the F.B.I. was also warned about the guy and did nothing. They're too busy with the witch hunt, chasing the ghosts of "Russian interference."

It gets worse: 3 or 4 cops were outside the school, waiting for the shooting to stop. The shooter had time to go to a couple of places to get some snacks before being arrested. The cops didn't go into the building in Columbine, Sandy Hook, Las Vegas, San Bernardino, etc. either.

The cops come over to count the bodies, but these "progressives" prefer an armed state and a disarmed population.

The government could ban all guns, this would be a bonanza for the Mexican cartels who'd engage in another line of business, smuggling guns into the United States so, criminals could be armed. Of course, the Mexican drug cartels would have competing criminal organizations of established U.S. gangs, including crooked members of the police and the military.

Stop the lies, arm the teachers who're willing to defend themselves and the children; every law abiding citizen should be provided with a concealed weapon permit upon request. We cannot allow a bunch of immature teenagers, manipulated by the gun controllers, to define the policy.

—Leo T. West
San Leandro

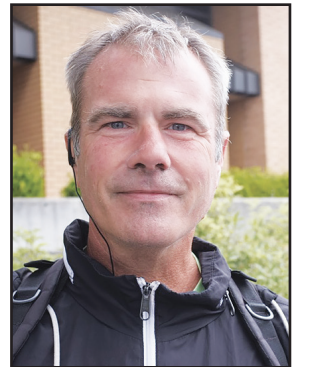
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Your favorite song of all time?

— Asked downtown

Pink Floyd's "The Wall." Because it was the first song that made me feel like I was on drugs before I ever smoked a joint.

Paul Bryson
San Leandro



I really like "Skeleton Key" by Beats Antique. It's just masterful. They're really talented musicians. I like the way the violin mixes with the drums.

Tristan Emmanuel
San Leandro



The "Happy" song by Pharrell Williams. It's a positive song and it keeps people happy. I have it on my ring tone.

Terence Lively
San Leandro



"Genie in the Bottle," from the Disney movie, "Descendants." Because I like the genie. She has cool bracelets and a ponytail and her hair is purple.

Layla Armijo (left)
San Leandro



"Brown Eyed Girl" by Van Morrison. It just reminds me of summer.

Sarah Krinock (right)
San Leandro



SLHS Student Art Show to Open With Reception Next Tuesday

The San Leandro High art department presents the AP & Studio Art Exhibition 2018 with an artists reception on Tuesday, March 13, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the school's Arts Education Center, 2250 Bancroft Ave.

Former school board member Ray Davis donated large canvases left by his late wife Katherine Ott-Davis (Kat), an artist who

was active with local arts organizations.

"Our students went crazy with the opportunity to work on large canvas and the show is just going to be great," said San Leandro High art teacher Audrey Brown. "There will be over 20 paintings, and we will also hang one of Kat's lovely art works."

Students chose themes of

urban art, pop art, fantasy, and other contemporary styles.

Brown said she has a very talented class this year in her Advanced Placement Studio Art class and welcomes the community to come and see the students' art.

The reception will be catered by the San Leandro High food service staff.

Artists Wanted to Turn Guns Into 3-Dimensional Art

Artists in Alameda County are invited to join a project that will turn dismantled firearms into 3-dimensional art.

That project was announced last week by Alameda County District Attorney Nancy E. O'Malley, in partnership with The Robby Poblete Foundation.

"Gun violence continues to plague our communities. This project brings renewed awareness

and attention to our ongoing efforts to end this crisis," says DA O'Malley.

Over the past 30 years, the DA's Office has amassed over one thousand firearms that were collected as evidence in criminal prosecutions.

"The time has come to turn these objects of violence into beacons of light," O'Malley said.

Currently, there are more than

700 of those firearms due for destruction. Rather than incinerate them and emit pollution into the air, the DA's Office has engaged a licensed company to make the firearms inoperable and separate the parts.

Selected local artists will now create art from the firearm pieces.

Interested artists can find details on the project at: www.artofpeacealameda.com.



PHOTO BY HANA MAASS

Local businesswomen and community activists were on hand to hear the city proclaim today as International Women's: Aisha Knowles, Alameda School Board of Education Trustee; Maria Dominguez, of the Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women; Shelly Branco, Owner of Wheely's Coffee; Sara Ubelhart, owner of Zocalo's Coffeehouse, Vice Mayor Deborah Cox; Xouhoa Bowen, founder of Community Impact Lab; Julie Chang, owner of Estudillo produce; Teresa Lawrie, owner of Son's of Liberty Alehouse, Lauren Sugayan of the Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women; and Illiana Berkowitz, owner of As Kneaded Bakery

Women: 'A milestone experience'

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Some of the women in attendance Monday night included

Zocalo Coffeehouse owner Sara Ubelhart, Son's of Liberty Alehouse owner Teresa Lawrie, and

Community Impact Lab founder Xouhoa Bowen.

Sugayan, who grew up in San Leandro and moved back to raise a family, has been on the Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women since last June and said she was inspired to get political after the 2016 elections.

"A few days after the election, I was sitting in the living room with my husband and like a lot of people, I think I had election fatigue," said Sugayan. "I was scrolling through social media when I saw a post about the Women's March. I thought, 'I'm so proud we are organizing.'"

So Sugayan booked a flight to Washington, D.C. and marched with thousands of other women on the day after President Donald Trump's inauguration.

"I had a milestone experience, I learned from women from all over the country," said Sugayan. "When I got home and saw the opening on the Commission of the Status of Women, it felt like a calling."

Sugayan says she knows that government proclamations and awareness months are symbolic, but she feels like they are a good opportunity to get people educated and involved.

"Women are organizing and raising awareness about women's rights and empowering each other," said Sugayan. "Strength in numbers."

The next step, Sugayan says, will be for the Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women to begin organizing networking events to get women involved in local government and politics and find more women candidates.

"It's an exciting time," said Sugayan.

Apply for Healthcare Scholarships from SL Hospital Auxiliary

The San Leandro Hospital Volunteer Auxiliary is now accepting applications for its annual health care scholarship program.

Each year, the Auxiliary awards scholarships to college students and graduating high school seniors pursuing medical careers.

To be eligible, these students must live in San Leandro or San Lorenzo and enroll in health-care-related studies. Scholarships will be awarded in June for students in the fall.

Since 1972, the San Leandro Hospital Auxiliary volunteers have donated more than \$500,000 in scholarships. Past scholar-

ship recipients have gone on to become physicians, nurses and health professionals.

Applications are available at the information desk or in the gift shop in the lobby of San Leandro Hospital, 13855 East 14th St. Students can also request an application from a career counselor at San Leandro or Arroyo high schools. The deadline to apply is April 20.

For more information about the San Leandro Hospital Auxiliary scholarship program or if you are retired and interested in volunteering at the hospital, call 667-4501 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.



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