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The meal program on the grounds of St. Leander's church was halted by the church after a property management company complained that homeless people were going to the bathroom on their property.

Free Lunch Program Halted

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

The Saturday free lunch program for the needy at St. Leander's Church has been canceled, or at least put on hold.

Volunteers have been hosting the meal program on the church grounds every other Saturday for 20 years, but last Saturday was the final day, unless some agreement can be

worked out.

The parish priest, Fr. Hugo, halted the meal program after a property management company sent a letter of complaint to the church, saying that homeless people were a problem on their properties near the church.

Kathleen Flores, one of the volunteers who provides the lunches, said she was notified last week by Fr. Hugo that Saturday

would be the last day.

"We've been serving meals here for 20 years, I've been doing this for 17 years," Flores said. "Where are these people going to go?"

Fr. Hugo later said that the lunch was suspended until further notice, and that he asked Flores to write a letter to the prop-
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School Board Looking at Parcel Tax

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

The San Leandro school board will be having a special meeting on a parcel tax next Tuesday, May 2, at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 835 East 14th St.

The school district's current parcel tax expires in 2018 and the board will discuss updating or extending that tax, creating a new parcel tax, and other options.

In 2012, voters approved parcel tax Measure L by a vote of less than one percent. The rates were set at \$39 per parcel. The district collects around \$700,000 annually from the current parcel tax.

Voters in San Leandro have approved several school district revenue measures in recent years.

Last November voters passed

Measure J1, a \$104 million general obligation bond that has property owners pay \$36 per \$100,000 of their assessed property value.

In addition to Measure J1, San Leandro residents are currently paying for school bonds in the form of the \$109 million Measure B bond, which has been assessed at \$39 per \$100,000 of property value and Measure M, a \$50 million bond assessed at \$25 per \$100,000 of property value.

The agenda for the special meeting will be posted no later than Friday on the school district's website, www.sanleandro.k12.ca.us under the "board of education" tab.

Eden Agrees to Give Davis Street \$75,000

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

The Eden Health District (EHD) has given the Davis Street Family Resource Center a \$75,000 grant, not the \$500,000 Davis Street originally asked for. But Davis Street says it will keep exploring funding opportunities and their clinic will remain up and running.

Davis Street had asked for the half-million dollar grant to fund their health clinic, saying that insurance reimbursements

can take up to 90 days to come in and they needed the money to make payroll.

EHD, which operates with public money, dispenses about \$500,000 in grants and scholarships annually for health related causes. When Davis Street opened a clinic in 2014, EHD made an ongoing commitment to give Davis Street \$250,000 annually for five years.

The new grant is outside that \$250,000 annual grant and will
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Two Suspects Arrested for Downtown Shooting

Police say woman attempted to shoot baby at close range

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

A couple have been arrested for attempted murder after allegedly shooting at a baby at the McDonald's restaurant downtown last week.

Officers responded to calls of shots fired at the fast food restaurant in Washington Plaza just after 2:30 p.m. on April 17. When the officers arrived, they found a bullet hole in the front window of the restaurant, according to Lt. Isaac Benabou of the San Leandro police.

A woman and her 11-month-old baby were sitting in a booth near the window and police say they were the targets.

Benabou said the woman took her child to the McDonald's to meet with the baby's father, Marcel Brooks, 29, of Antioch.

Brooks never entered the restaurant. Instead, Adanna Ibe, 27, also of Antioch, came in and fired at the baby, police said.

Surveillance footage shows a suspect police say is Ibe walking toward the table where the woman and baby are sitting and firing

a shot at close range.

Police believe that Brooks waited nearby while Ibe fired and then fled the scene in a vehicle. They have since concluded that Brooks and Ibe conspired on the shooting, Benabou said.

Brooks and Ibe have a five-year-old child together, who is now in the custody of relatives.

The downtown BART station was temporarily shut down Monday afternoon while police searched for the suspects.

Brooks and Ibe were eventually located at a motel in Sac-

ramento and both were arrested around 8 a.m. on April 18.

There were 20 to 30 people inside the McDonald's at the time of the shooting and no one was injured.

"The detectives that investigated this case say that it was a miracle that no one was hit," said Benabou.

The suspects were arraigned at the Hayward Hall of Justice last Thursday and are currently being held without bail at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin. They are scheduled to enter pleas in court today, April 27.

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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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Evergreen Nursery Wins StopWaste Award

By Michelle Fay
Program Manager, StopWaste

In March, Evergreen Nursery in San Leandro received a 2017 Business Efficiency Award for Excellence in Waste Prevention & Closing the Loop from StopWaste, the public agency in charge of reducing the waste stream in Alameda County.

Evergreen, an independent nursery and garden center with professional landscape and design services, is among five Alameda County businesses that were recognized by StopWaste for outstanding environmental performance and business efficiency this year.

Evergreen has been a partner of StopWaste for almost ten years, promoting sustainable landscape-related programs. The nursery hosts frequent talks and workshops on gardening techniques like sheet mulching. Using this method, the lawn is covered with cardboard, compost and

mulch, so the turf decomposes and returns nutrients to the soil instead of ripping out the lawn and sending it to a landfill.

In just two years of promoting sheet-mulching, Evergreen sold enough compost and recycled mulch to convert over 19,000 square feet of thirsty lawn into beautiful drought-tolerant gardens. Along the way, they helped “close the loop” on recycling, as all that compost and mulch used to be food scraps and yard trimmings from Alameda County communities.

General Manager Doug Swint accepted the award on behalf of Evergreen Nursery.

“During the drought, people were looking for alternatives to turf with high water requirements, so we started to carry more native and drought tolerant options and sheet mulching supplies,” Swint said.



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Evergreen manager Doug Swint said the nursery started carrying more drought tolerant plants and sheet mulching supplies, which won the praise of StopWaste.

“Doug was an early adopter, joining the nursery advisory panel years ago to share industry insights with StopWaste staff,” said Jeanne Nader, program manager at StopWaste. “He has been

very proactive and supportive of educational opportunities for staff and the public. Evergreen is a model of sustainability, always ahead of the curve.”

For more information about

the 2017 StopWaste Business Efficiency Awards, visit www.StopWaste.org/2017awards

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Hope at the End of the Rope

Recently, the Alameda County Fire Department's new class of trainees practiced "low angle rope rescue" on the Fairmont Ridge. If someone ever gets into trouble on a slope, this type of rescue training will be essential to bring them to safety.



San Leandro police dog Rohan recently took third place overall in a competition at Travis Air Force Base

Police K9 Rohan is a Winner

Earlier this month, police dog Rohan and Officer Dennis Mally participated in the Travis Air Force Base K-9 Trials. Rohan and Mally took fourth place in building search, second place in area search for a suspect, first place in agility, second place in obedience, and came in third place in the overall competition.

Up to 60 Teens Mob BART Train, Passengers Hit and Robbed

A mob of up to 60 young people rushed a BART train at the Coliseum station, robbing and hitting passengers Saturday night. BART officials said it appears that the youths came together from another event in the area.

The train, which was traveling east-bound on the Dublin/Pleasanton line, was boarded by the teens as it sat on the platform just before 9:30 p.m., according to BART spokeswoman Alicia Trost.

The teens jumped the fare gates and ran up to the platform, where some boarded the stopped train. Six people on board and one on the platform were robbed of bags and cellphones.

Some of the victims were hit and punched, but no weapons were seen.

The attack lasted just seconds and the youths fled the scene, running into surrounding neighborhoods.

BART police were near the station in the parking lot, but did not arrive in time to apprehend the suspects.

So far, no arrests have been made and no descriptions of the suspects have been made public. BART police said all the suspects appear to be minors.

Trost said security footage of the suspects is being shared with law enforcement and local school districts in the hopes of identifying the suspects, but that the footage will not be released to the public because of the age of the suspects.

BART authorities say they will also be increasing patrols at stations.

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NEIGHBORS



Students at San Leandro High received stickers after completing the *Texting & Driving - It Can Wait* workshop.

Texting While Driving Can Wait

Students like to text, but texting while driving isn't a good idea.

Last month, six classes of juniors and seniors at San Leandro High took a 1-hour workshop sponsored by AT&T, called *Texting & Driving - It Can Wait*.

In the workshops students learned that 7 in 10 people engage in smartphone activities while driving. Texting and emailing are still the most prevalent, but Facebook tops the list, with more than a quarter of those polled using the app while driving. About 1-in-7 said they're on Twitter behind the wheel.

Students shared truthful moments of their

experiences with unsafe texting, even mentioning that one student's father plays video pool while driving.

The presentation included AT&T's virtual reality (VR) driving experience, a first-hand look at the dangers of distracted driving. The simulation shows the real consequences of looking at your phone while driving.

Students received stickers that you may see around town - "Texting & Driving - It Can Wait." Joining SLHS Students was City Council member Pete Bellew and police officer Watkins. For more information, check out www.itcanwait.com.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Japanese Garden and Hayward Senior Center

One Enchanted Evening, a gourmet dinner, theatrical performances, live music, dancing and a silent auction, will be held on Saturday, April 29, at 6 p.m. at the Japanese Garden

and Hayward Senior Center on N. 3rd St. in Hayward to raise funds for the Douglas Morrison Theatre. Purchase tickets at www.dmtonline.org or by calling 510-881-6777.

Chanticleers Theatre

Wait Until Dark runs through April 30 at the Chanticleers Theatre, 3683 Quail Ave. in Castro Valley. The play is a slow burn that builds in menace until the gripping climactic confrontation, authored by Frederick Knott, who also penned *Dial "M" for Murder*. General admission is \$25; admission for seniors (60+), students and military is \$20. For more information or tickets, call SEE-LIVE 733-5483 or go to chanticleers.org.

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TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Expect pressure from those who want you to change your position on a matter of importance. However, the determined Bovine will be able to withstand the bullying and win out.



GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): It's time to stop dwelling on past disappointments and move on to other possibilities. By week's end, you'll be meeting new people and making new plans for the future.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): A long-simmering situation between co-workers threatens to heat up and could create problems with your work schedule. Best advice: Consult a supervisor on how to proceed.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): You might have just learned that someone close to you is keeping a secret. And, of course, the Cat's curiosity has gone into overdrive. But be patient. All is revealed soon enough.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): Don't give up. The recognition citing the good work you recently did will come through. Meanwhile, an opportunity opens up that can lead to a lot of traveling later on.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): A financial crunch eases, but it's still a good idea to keep a tight rein on what you spend for nonessentials. Education becomes a major focus as the week winds down.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): Recent encounters with stressful situations could require some restorative measures to get your energy levels back up. Talk to your doctor about a diet and exercise program.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): New connections follow changes on the job or in your personal life. But keep your feelings reined in until these relationships have a chance to develop.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Pay more attention to your aches and pains, but avoid self-diagnoses. Seek professional advice to make sure these problems won't lead to something more serious.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): You love doing research and learning new things, so you'll be happy to know that education becomes a big part of your life at this time, and for some time to come.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Your Piscean penchant for doing things logically could be challenged by an equally strong emotional reaction to a new situation. Best advice: Keep the two factors in balance.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

❖ **San Leandro Adult School Open House**
San Leandro Adult School, 1448 Williams St., invites the community to learn about its transition services, which includes assistance with education, employment and personal support services. Come to the open house on Thursday, April 27, at 5:30 p.m.

Democratic Club Meeting

The next meeting of the Democratic Club is scheduled for Thursday, April 27, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, Trustee room, 300 Estudillo Ave. The guest speaker this month is Ms. Francine Williams board member of the Affordable Housing Assoc. and member of the East Bay Housing Organ and Residents United Network.

SOS Meals on Wheels Fundraiser

Join SOS Meals on Wheels 4th Annual Boutique Fundraiser at the Hill and Valley Women's Club, 1808 "B" St. in Hayward, on Saturday, April 29, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you're not a shopper, come enjoy the food prepared by the chef - eat there or take some home. Great handmade items and a pick-your-prize raffle. Help Meals on Wheels serve the average 1,100 meals per day to seniors in Castro Valley, San Leandro, San Lorenzo, Hayward and Oakland. For more information, call Gerry at 483-8156 or if you would just like to donate send your donations to SOS Meals on Wheels, 2235 Polvorosa #260, San Leandro 94577.

Dahlia Tuber and Cutting Sale

The San Leandro Dahlia Society is sponsoring their Annual Dahlia Tuber and Cutting Sale on Saturday, April 29, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Root Park, 1033 East 14th St. in San Leandro. For spectacular summer color, it's time to plant dahlia tubers or cuttings. Many dahlia lovers will be there to answer your questions or give information about planting. For more information, go to sanleandrodahliasociety.org.

Children's Day/ Book Day at SL Library

Celebrate Día /Celebremos Día on Saturday, April 29, from 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. At 11:30 a.m. the Ka-Hon Ensemble will perform and share rhythms from around the world that can be played with a simple wooden box (Cajon). Following the musical performance, families can create their own musical instruments. All families attending will receive a free book. This event is free and open to families with children of all ages. For more information, call 577-3960.

Garden Talk at SL Main Library

Pam Peirce columnist for the San Francisco Chronicle, lecturer at City College of San Francisco and author of *Golden Gate Gardening*, will give a talk on gardening on Saturday, April 29, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Castro Valley Library, 3600 Norbridge Ave in Castro Valley. The talk is free and there is free parking in the library parking lot. For more information, call Lou Astbury at (925)-417-5957 or lou.astbury.com.

3K Color Run Fundraiser

John Muir Middle School PTO is hosting Color Run to raise funds for the school and promote fitness on Saturday, April 29, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (registration opens at 10 a.m.) at Marina Park, 13801 Monarch Bay Drive in San Leandro. Color Run is a 3K (1.8 miles) where participants run/walk/dance through the course and get color-blasted in safe, eco-friendly,

plant-based powdered dye at every zone, turning them into a moving target of fun. After the race, participants jam out to music at the after-blast party. Advance registration is \$25, registration at the event is \$30. To register, plus a T-shirt and color pack, visit <https://squareup.com/store/JMMS-PTSO>. For more information, call contact Regina Chennault 456-5860 or email leadership@john-muir-ptso.net.

WHOA May Meeting

The Washington Homeowners and Residents Association will hold its May general meeting, on Tuesday, May 2, from 6 to 7:45 p. m. in the Manor Branch Library community room. The guest speaker will be San Leandro Chief of Police Jeff Tudor. Be a part of the plans for this summers Hot August Day to Night Festival on Saturday, Aug. 19. If you have questions related to Washington Manor that you would like to discuss, forward them to Marti Lantz at volunteermarti@pacbell.net.

Meeting of Ohlone Audubon Society

The Ohlone Audubon Society will discuss the management plan for the Salton Sea at its meeting on Tuesday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Speaker Andrea Jones is the director of bird conservation for Audubon California, which is securing a home for birds at the Salton Sea. Admission is free and refreshments served. For more information go to the website www.ohloneaudubon.org.

Parkinson's Support Group

The San Leandro Parkinson's Support Group will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, May 4, at 10 a.m. at th San Lorenzo Community Church, 945 Paseo Grande in San Lorenzo. Physical therapist Prity Chitale will be the speaker. For more information, call Lona White at 276-3119.

Meeting of the SL Rotary Club

The Rotary Club of San Leandro's community grant application is now open through May 5. Grant guidelines and an application can be found at www.sanleandrorotary.org under Community Grant Documents.

Cinco de Mayo Film at SL History Museum

San Leandro History Museum, 320 W. Estudillo Ave., will screen *Cinco de Mayo: La Batalla*, a film telling the true story of why Cinco de Mayo is celebrated, on Saturday, May 6, at 11:30 a.m. and again at 2 p.m. Admission is free. The film is rated R for the violence of the battle scenes. In Spanish with English subtitles.

I.D.E.S. of Saint John Lunch & Bingo

I.D.E.S. of Saint John, 1670 Orchard Ave. in San Leandro, will have a Spaghetti Lunch & Bingo on Saturday, May 6, at noon. Lunch is \$10 per person and includes three bingo cards, extra cards are 25 cents apiece. Please bring canned food for the food drive. For more information, call Willie Calvo at 635-6326 or Helder Quadros at 357-5846.

70th Annual Spring Rose Show

Visit the East Bay Rose Society's 70th Annual Spring Rose Show on Sunday, May 7, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave. in Oakland. Admission is free. The East Bay Rose Society also welcomes the public to its meetings on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Lakeside Park Garden Center. For more information visit www.eastbayroses.org or call Barbara at 525-4057.

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

Halted: Homeless, student volunteers say they've learned from each other

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erty management company to work out an agreement.

Fr. Hugo said he had to do something because the letter complained that homeless people were going to the bathroom on their properties in the surrounding neighborhood, and that the letter had made a reference to the police.

"We got a letter. They're putting the church at fault, so it's suspended until further notice," said Fr. Hugo, who added, "It's not the fault of people, it's the fault of the system."

Around 60 people have been coming to the meals on Saturdays, Flores said. She estimates about 90 percent of those people are homeless, and others live in the area but are short of money.

CWP Property Management said they sent a letter to the church about the homeless creating "issues" on their properties, but it wasn't their decision to shut down the meal program.

"There's been a problem around our buildings," said Patricia Baker, office manager at the CWP Property office in downtown San Leandro. Baker said the church made the decision to shut down the meal program, not her company.

Of course, St. Leander's has always given a helping hand to people down on their luck, as

"We have to state, without mincing words, that there is an inseparable bond between our faith and the poor. May we never abandon them."

— Pope Francis

many churches in San Leandro have. Caring for people has been part of San Leandro's agrarian history, now running up against the era of high-tech, high-finance and cold-blooded real estate interests.

Homeless people feel like they're being squeezed out.

Flores asks, "Where are they going to go? A lot of them grew up here. Their families have been here for a hundred years."

Kathy Aselio ate lunch Saturday on one of the picnic tables on



Kathy Aselio (left) eats lunch at St. Leander's with Johnnie Pullen and Colette Gonsalves after learning that the Saturday lunch program is shutting down.

the St. Leander's grounds. She's one of the lucky ones — the 25 homeless people who are getting subsidized rent for an apartment, a joint program by the City of San Leandro, the Rental Housing Association, and Building Futures.

Aseilo said she lived along San Leandro Creek for two years, and she's grateful for the rental assistance. There are no more people living in the creek, most got housing, she said. But after paying her smaller share of the rent and utilities, she doesn't have enough for food and counts on the free meal programs.

Colette Gonsalves is sitting with Aselio and says she's still on the waiting list for housing. And Mario Ortiz, sitting by Gon-

salves, lives in his vehicle and volunteers at the meal program.

"They look at it as we're not taxpayers," Ortiz said. "But what bothers me is we've been here for years, most of us grew up here, and went to this church."

Some of the homeless people admit that there are people who go to the bathroom wherever they can find a place. There aren't



Confirmation class students Vanessa Garcia, Miguel Romero and Emerson Hernandez say working at St. Leander's free meal program has taught them that there are people in need and the value of being generous.

many places you can go. The downtown McDonald's recently put locks on its bathrooms, at the request of the downtown San Leandro Improvement Association and the police.

They put a porta-potty at Root Park when they have a creek cleanup day for the volunteers,

so why can't they do that for the homeless? asks one person.

The gardener on the church grounds says people go to the bathroom there. So what can you do, wonders Fr. Hugo.

"What should you do," he says. "Can they come over to your house?"

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AUTOMOTIVE

Honda Redesigns its Rugged Ridgeline

By Steve Schaefer
San Leandro Times

When you think pickup trucks, the Honda brand probably doesn't pop into your mind. That makes sense, because Honda hasn't offered trucks in the U.S. for long. The Ridgeline, which debuted in 2005 as a 2006 model, manifested more as an SUV with a truck bed, and that's because it was. It's built on Honda's new Global Light Truck platform, after all.

Now, for 2017, you can buy a totally redesigned Ridgeline that offers the usefulness of a cargo bed with the amenities of a crossover SUV. And, it comes with all the qualities that have made Honda a favorite over the years.

The new model looks completely different — in fact, its styling is less controversial than before. Despite retaining the one-piece construction of the first generation, there's now a line between the cab and the bed that replicates

the body-on-frame competition. It just looks more normal.

The styling comes off as restrained for Honda, makers of the bizarre Civic. The front features the clean, measured appearance of an oversized Accord, and the pleasant shape of the rest of it feels unmemorable, with side creases that mimic many other vehicles on the road today.

Inside, you'll feel like you're riding in the new Pilot crossover, because that's essentially what's happening. No barebones accommodations in trucks today — any of them. The handsome dash feels more carlike than utilitarian. Like most Hondas, you'll find an Econ button there, and unlike other Hondas, a Cargo Light button. You get high-quality, soft-touch materials, as well as bonuses like the LED map lighting and a heated steering wheel.

You'll enjoy lots of room for carrying your gear, with a rear seat that folds up to create a sizeable cargo space, and offers storage space under it when it's down.

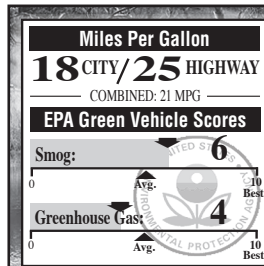
Honda's pickup features a 3.5-liter V6 under the big hood, with 280 horsepower and 262 lb.-ft. of torque. Those numbers beat the previous gen by 30 and 15 respectively. The driving experience feels robust, while still giving a sense of smooth, carlike handling.

EPA fuel economy numbers run 18 City, 25 Highway, and 21 Combined. I averaged 18.8 mpg during my test week. The Green scores rank as 6 for Smog and 4 for Greenhouse Gas. Those numbers don't stand out particularly for a Honda, but for its size and power, the Ridgeline competes well with other trucks.

A six-speed automatic transfers the V6's power to two or four wheels — this is the first Ridgeline to offer both two- and all-wheel drive. My tester, as an AWD model, provided an Intelligent Traction Management switch that lets you select for Snow, Mud, Sand or Normal. I left it in the latter position, because I experienced none of those other conditions during a California spring (just some rain).

Like any good pickup, the Ridgeline comes in several levels, from the base RT through the RTS, Sport and RTL. My tester sat at the pinnacle, as the top-of-the-line Black Edition. It came painted in — you guessed it — Crystal Black Pearl. The package upgrades include shiny black 18-inch alloy wheels, blacked-out moldings and mirrors, and in case nobody could tell you were cool — a "Black Edition" badge inside the black grille.

Inside, you'll relax with black leather and red accents, including subtle red illumination in the footwells, door handles and cuphold-



The 2017 Honda Ridgeline is the second generation of Honda's innovative midsize pickup truck and is totally redesigned from the ground up.



ers. The ambiance feels cool, for sure. You'll also see Black Edition embroidered into the seatbacks and flaunted on the floor mats.

The new Ridgeline casts a larger shadow now, although at 4,432 pounds, it has lost about 73 pounds over the generation-one model. The truck stretches 3.1 inches longer on a 3.2-inch longer wheelbase. It sits 0.8-inch wider, and more important for owners, the bed now stretches nearly four inches longer and 5.5 inches wider. That cargo bed, by the way, retains the built-in trunk feature from the previous generation — a welcome Ridgeline exclusive. You get the dual-action tailgate as well.

Designed in Honda's Los Angeles design center, Honda R&D Americas, the Ridgeline rolls out of Honda's plant in Lincoln Alabama. It contains 75 percent U.S. and Canadian parts, including a U.S.-built engine and transmission.



The new Ridgeline features an available 8-inch capacitive touchscreen connectivity interface with both Apple CarPlay® and Android Auto™ compatibility.

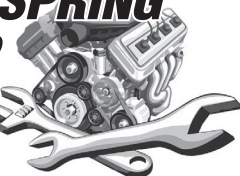
As a truck, the Ridgeline can haul a class-leading 1,584-pound payload and tow up to 5,000 pounds. However, as a daily driver, you'll enjoy carlike amenities whether you use that capacity or not. The noteworthy truck bed audio system, a first as far as I can tell, makes you the life of the tailgating party.

Prices start at \$30,415 for the two-wheel-drive RT and climb to \$43,910 for the Black Edition, including a \$940 destination charge.

In the U.S., where the perennial bestseller remains the Ford F-150 pickup, it's smart for Honda to build its presence in that segment. The new Ridgeline stands as a much-improved entry.

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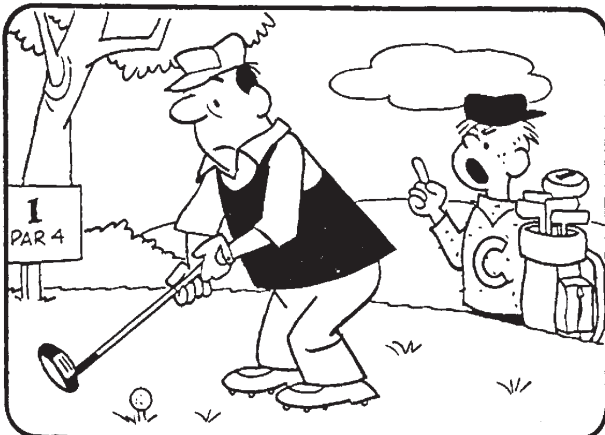
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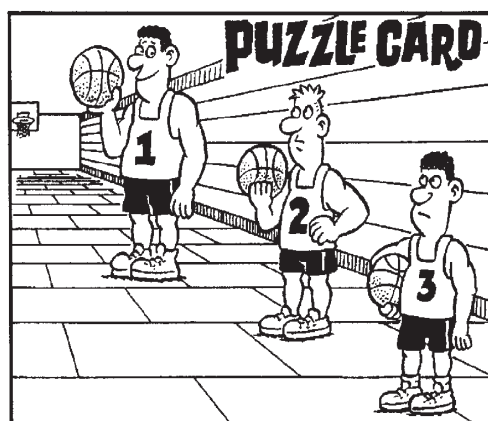
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BY
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Sign is smaller. 2. Club head is different. 3. Sleeves are shorter. 4. Cloud is smaller. 5. Letter C is missing. 6. Strap is missing.



AT THE BASKETBALL TRYOUTS, which of the above three players turned out to be the tallest?

Answer: Player number three.

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Answer: 5 + 5/5 + .5 = 5 + 1 + 1/2 = 6 1/2.

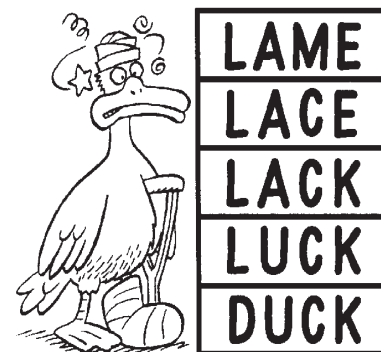
THE "E" PYRAMID! As you move down the word pyramid shown here, each word contains the same letters as the word above it, plus a new letter. We give you all the E's. Here are some hints from the top down:

1. A direction (abbr.)
2. In reference to.
3. A period of time.
4. A unit of area.
5. Used for shipping.
6. Birds and bees love it.
7. Definite; fixed.
8. A sugar or tea tin.

Answers: The words are: E (East), re, era, acre, crate, nectar, certain, canister.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



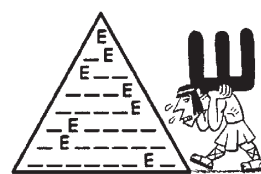
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Everything will be "ducky" if you can solve these problems in under five minutes. In this type of problem you are given a word that must be changed into another word in a series of moves. During each move, you must change one letter in the previous word to form a new word. In our example, we changed LAME to DUCK in four moves. See if you can change the following words in four moves each.

1. RARE to FIND
2. SORE to HEAD
3. NAIL to FILE
4. TINE to FORK
5. LIFE to WORK

Answers: 1. RARE, FARE, FIRE, FINE, FIND. 2. SORE, SERE, HERE, HEAD. 3. NAIL, FAIL, FALL, FILL, FILE. 4. TINE, FINE, FIRE, FORK. 5. LIFE, WIFE, WIRE, WORE, WORK.



Old-School Doctor Embodied American Spirit

By Jeffrey Weiner

Special to the San Leandro Times

Visiting the office in San Lorenzo where Dr. Allen Fujimoto spent his final years practicing bariatric medicine felt like stepping into the past.

His assistant still used the electric typewriter at the reception desk of his weight management clinic. Although the doctor has an email account, he preferred fax or post.

Dr. Fujimoto retired earlier this year after almost 60 years in medicine. A third-generation Californian, Dr. Fujimoto and his brothers lived out their father's dream of becoming doctors.

Allen Fujimoto went to medical school in Southern California, and during his last year, he went on active duty with the Army Medical Corp in 1958.

He remained a military doctor until 1962. First interning at Letterman Army Hospital, he then worked at clinics in the Presidio, Fort Baker, and Alaska until 1962.

It's not just that Dr. Fujimoto ran an old-fashioned office, his core values are part of an America that sadly seems to be fading away. Born in 1933, Fujimoto was a child when his family had to make a choice between an internment camp for Japanese-Americans in California, or being relocated inland. They chose Loveland, Colorado where his father, formerly a bookkeeper, found employment doing manual labor.

"He had to pack and nail crates in Denver; that was about the only job he could find," Fujimoto recalls.



Dr. Fujimoto

he did not hesitate: "No, no, no. We just accepted the change. It was a little bit hard. But we all did our part to help during the war."

Wartime Years in Colorado

He remembered what a beautiful state Colorado was.

"Actually, we probably got to see a part of the country that I would never have seen otherwise," he said. "I was pretty young, so it didn't bother me that

much. I mean, being uprooted from our house bothered me, but I didn't have to go to a camp so that probably made life easier."

During the four years he spent in Colorado, he worked in the fields with his mother.

"My mother and I would get on a bicycle and we would go and pick cherries and string beans and hoe beet fields," he said. "We would never have had that experience (had it not been for the war)."

The greater part of Dr. Fujimoto's medical career was spent as an Ob/Gyn doctor. He opened his private practice in the East Bay in 1966. Although eventually he moved residences from Castro Valley to Palo Alto where his wife Linda lived, he practiced medicine continuously in San Lorenzo.

He started counseling patients in weight management in the 1970s. After his Ob/Gyn patients had their babies, he helped them to get back to their pre-pregnancy weight. Since 2004, Dr. Fujimoto specialized exclusively in weight loss.

Doctor Urged for Better Nutrition in Fight Against Obesity

He emphasized the obesity crisis in the U.S. as the motivation for "helping people to get better nutrition, better eating choices to become healthier."

I found Dr. Fujimoto searching for a weight-loss doctor, and his fees were significantly lower than anybody else.

That is no coincidence he told me: "I have been alarmed at how expensive weight-loss clinics are.

Where should I be sending my patients now that I am retiring?"

He went on to give average costs for eight different Bay Area cities, an impressive display of memory for an 83-year-old.

Dr. Fujimoto consciously kept his prices down to help battle obesity, a problem that particularly affects the poor. The majority of his patients were low-income Black and Hispanic East Bay residents who would otherwise not be able to afford to participate in a weight-loss program.

Now that he's retiring in Southern California, the Bay Area will lose this physician who embodies what it has meant to be an American: optimism, selfless service, persistence, and the ability to evolve to meet the changing needs of his community.

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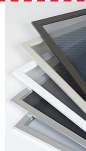
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Substitute Teacher Appointed to San Lorenzo School Board

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

The San Lorenzo School board has appointed Samuel Medina to replace former board member Helen Randall, who left earlier this year in the middle of her term due to declining health.

Medina, 22, graduated last year from the University of the Pacific, and from Arroyo High in 2012 and currently works as a substitute teacher in the San Lorenzo district.

Medina was selected unanimously by the sitting board members Penny Peck, Kyla Singal, Marilyn Stewart, and Janet Zamudio.

Medina beat out four other candidates – Aaron Freitas, who created a community garden at Colonial Acres Elementary



The San Lorenzo school board appointed substitute teacher Samuel Medina to fill a board vacancy.

School; Amber Hunter, a member of the PTSA at San Lorenzo High; Justin Hutchinson, a member of the San Leandro parks commission; and Monica Dennis, a former teacher.

The school board members praised Medina's commitment to work with teachers and students.

"I'm looking forward to working closely with Mr. Medina," said Superintendent Dr. Fred Brill. "He is very thoughtful and passionate, and it is obvious he cares deeply about the community and the students. That's a pretty good starting point. Of course, there will be a steep learning curve, but he is eager to learn and he is clearly ready to roll up his sleeves and get to work."

Young school board mem-

"He is very thoughtful and passionate and it is obvious he cares deeply about the community and the students."

— San Lorenzo schools Superintendent Fred Brill

bers aren't uncommon – last year, the San Leandro School district appointed 19-year-old Ashley Vo for a temporary spot on the board when a sitting member resigned midterm, and in the year 2000 San Lorenzo had another 19-year-old board member.

Medina couldn't return requests for comment, as he is out of the country until next month. In fact he received his appointment after interviewing with the board via video conference call from Europe.

Medina is due to be sworn in by Superintendent Brill at the San Lorenzo school board's May 16 meeting. Medina will now serve out the remainder of Randall's term, which is set to end on 2018, at which time the seat will be up for election.

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REAL ESTATE GALLERY



Get the Facts Before You Buy

By Carl Medford, CRS
Special to the Times

Sometimes things are not what they appear to be. And, in every aspect of life, it's important to check the facts.

All my life, I've assumed I was approximately 1/8th Cherokee Indian. My grandfather, who tragically died when my father was 12, was purported to have been 50 percent Native American. Since he was not around to question and the only surviving picture of him seemed to bear out his Indian heritage, we accepted it as fact.

Curious about my ancestry, I recently took a DNA test and was shocked to discover that the amount of Cherokee blood coursing through my veins stands at 0 percent. That's right — not a trace. Which means I need to rewrite my family history, this time, with facts and information that are correct.

It's one thing to have incorrect facts in your family tree; it's something else altogether to have false information for any home you might be considering to buy.

If we relied solely on the information provided by sellers, we could easily end up with conjecture or misleading information. Since everything is not always as represented, just like my DNA test, it's critical to get external, objective evaluations.

We recommend the following:

1. Start with inspections by qualified Home Inspection Companies.

There is no substitute for having certified and trained inspection specialists perform thorough inspections of any home you are looking to purchase. Normally, this includes property, termite and roof inspections. If any of these inspections reveal items of concern,

we recommend you go to the next level and get special inspections dealing with any stated issues of concern. These might include foundation, soils, mold, electrical, pool or fireplace inspections, to name a few.

2. Follow up with a visit to the applicable building department.

Frequently, we see differences in square footage between county records and the actual square footage shown on the listing.

Ask the seller or their agent why there is a difference and how they arrived at the current number.

Visit the applicable building department to ensure there were finalized permits for any additions. Any footage added without the applicable approvals can lead to serious issues and liability down the road. It's critical to figure things out now and avoid future issues than blindly proceed and hope for the best.

It's always best to get the truth BEFORE finalizing a purchase — once it closes, it can be very expensive to re-write history.

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Before Buying a Home, Learn the Lingo!

Buying a home for the first time? You may discover that one of the biggest obstacles is learning the lingo. Homebuying can be overwhelming and perhaps a bit intimidating if you aren't familiar with the terminology.

The experts at Freddie Mac are sharing a guide with some top terms you'll hear.

• **Pre-approval letter.** A letter from your lender telling you how much home you can afford and the maximum amount you are qualified to borrow.

• **Appraisal.** After you make an offer on a home, your lender will order an appraisal to get a professional opinion on its value. This is a necessary step in getting financing secured, as it validates the worth to you and your lender.

• **Closing costs.** In addition to a home's price, a buyer must pay

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• **Escrow.** The holding of money or documents by a neutral third party, escrow can also refer to an account held by the lender or servicer into which a homeowner pays taxes and insurance.

• **Mortgage rate.** The interest rate you pay to borrow money for your house. The lower, the better.

• **Fixed-rate mortgages.** A mortgage with an interest rate that doesn't change during the term of the loan (typically 15 or 30 years).

• **APR.** The annual percentage rate (APR) is a broader measure of your cost for borrowing money and includes the interest rate, points, broker fees and other credit charges you'll be required to pay. Because these costs are rolled in, the APR is usually higher than your interest rate.

• **Credit Score.** A number ranging from 350 to 800 based on an analysis of your credit files. Your score plays a significant role when securing a mortgage, as it helps lenders determine the likelihood that you'll repay future debts. The higher your score, the more options that may be available to see **LINGO**, page 11



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Make Sure to Contain Your Cane Berries

By Buzz Bertolero
The Dirt Gardener

I want to plant raspberries and blackberries in a six-foot-wide side yard. How might I control the underground runners? I'm considering planting the vines in the ground or building a raised bed with a root barrier. Which option do you favor?

A You're correct in being concerned about the underground stems or rhizomes. Raspberries and blackberries, also known as cane berries, are very intrusive and do not respect a property line.

Planting them on any type of shared fence is a major mistake. You'll have a difficult time controlling the vegetative growth that grows through and under the fence into your neighbor's yard.

Cane berries are a guaranteed expensive neighbor dispute waiting to happen. So, I'd be looking to plant them off the fence line in a two-foot-high, four-foot-wide raised bed. A root barrier is always a good idea whether the vines are in a raised bed or in the ground as another layer of protection.

In the center of the bed con-

struct a "T" bar trellis. Use a 4" x 8" post every six feet with a 2" x 4" cross beam, with wires running between the supports, and attach the vines to the wire.

Also, with the vines off the fence line, you are able to harvest the berries from both sides as each side should get an equal amount of light.

Cane berries fruit only on the second-year wood; so, once you have finished harvesting the crop, cut the fruiting canes off at the ground. Otherwise, you'll create a thick, thorny, unmanageable vegetative mess.

The new growth at the base of the plants is then attached to the trellis for next year's crop.

Runners will eventually escape and appear in the space between the bed and the fence. You can control the shoots by hand pulling them or spraying them with a nonselective herbicide.

There is now two dwarf varieties, Raspberry Shortcakes and Baby Cakes Blackberry, that gives you a third option and it's the option I prefer. They have a compact, upright growth habit, growing three to four feet, so they don't require staking or trellising.

I'd plant them in a raised bed and grow them as a fruiting

hedge. The fruit is borne on the second-year growth so you still have to prune off the stems after harvesting.

Raspberry Shortcakes and Baby Cakes Blackberry are ideal for individual containers. Joining strawberries and blueberries, they expand the homegrown fruit available to be grown on a deck, patio or balcony.

Fresh raspberries and black-

berries are a new reality for all types of gardeners.

Buzz Bertolero

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MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$515,000
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$489,333

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- Landfill, essentially
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- Villain's adversary
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- Guitar's cousin
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- Twosome
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- "Monty Python" opener
- Start
- Laugh-a-minute
- Deity
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- Sudden assembly that some find entertaining
- Michigan, for one
- Raw rock
- Church seat
- Writer Buscaglia
- "Who cares?"
- Fodder plant
- Simpson's interjection
- Dissolve
- Assistant
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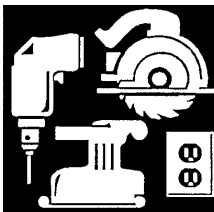
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Davis: Johnson now says the Davis Street clinic is doing fine

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come from EHD's reserves.

After a lengthy debate at EHD's board meeting last week in which various amounts were discussed, EHD decided on the lower amount, saying the timing of the request wasn't right and they needed to keep more money in the EHD reserves.

"It was a matter of cash flow," said EHD CEO Dev Mahadevan. "Looking at our figures and what we were comfortable with."

Davis Street CEO Rose Padilla-

Johnson said that, even though they didn't get all the money they asked for, Davis Street will continue soliciting funding and the clinic will stay open.

Padilla-Johnson said that she knew they might not get the EHD money, but that Davis Street is constantly writing grants.

"We approach people all the time," said Padilla-Johnson. "We are writing proposals to everyone. When asking for money, no means maybe and maybe means yes to me."

Grants and donations are a large part of Davis Street's finances. In the 2014-2015 fiscal year, Davis Street reported \$7.8 million in revenue, \$4.7 of which comes from federal and state sources and \$420,000 city, county, and local sources, and the rest from fees from patients, private grants and fundraising.

Padilla-Johnson says that the \$500,000 would have been wonderful to have as a cushion, but that the clinic isn't in danger of closing its doors. She said that the clinic is now operating with a small surplus each month and "trending upward" as new patients come in.

Though in the grant proposal, Padilla-Johnson wrote, "Our need is critical; without the Eden Health District grant, we fear the dismantling of the clinic that we fought so hard to launch is upon us."

Davis Street may get a financial boost later this year when the Davis Street Wellness Center opens. That medical marijuana dispensary is a part-

ner agency of the Davis Street Family Resource Center and Padilla-Johnson is the Wellness Center's director of community benefits. The Wellness Center has pledged to make annual donations to Davis Street.

But Padilla-Johnson said that none of the Wellness Center's funding will go to programs that receive federal money – including the clinic. The Wellness Center money will go to programs like the food pantry, which may take some final stress off the Davis Street Family Resource Center overall.

Davis Street's health clinic has served over 5,000 people since it opened, and has the equivalent of 24 full-time medical, dental, behavioral and management employees.

Padilla-Johnson says that the clinic is actually expanding services, with more dental care and ophthalmology.

"There's a lot of exciting stuff happening here," said Padilla-Johnson. "There's a lot of support."



Rose Padilla-Johnson says clinic is expanding.

San Lorenzo High Class of 1967 Reunion

San Lorenzo High School Class of 1967 will celebrate its 50th class reunion on Saturday, Oct. 21, at the Wedgewood Wedding and Banquet Center (formerly Willow Park) in Castro Valley. Invitations are

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DA ROSA, Mario M. DOOLITTLE, Manny Arthur

■ **Mario M. Da Rosa** passed away on April 18, 2017 at the age of 78.

His Funeral Service will be held on Friday, April 28, beginning at 10 a.m. at St. Leander Catholic Church, 550 W. Estudillo Ave., in San Leandro. Internment to follow at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward. Arrangements made by Santos-Robinson Mortuary (510-483-0123, www.santos-robinson.com).

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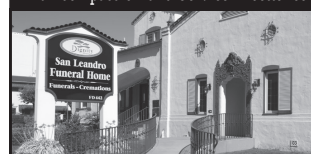
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In recent months, he wanted to learn sign language so he could help kids at UCSF, along with wanting to be a member of Family Life staff that talked and played with the kids while hospitalized.

He is survived by his loving grandma and guardian, Janice Doolittle; his grandpa, Ronald Doolittle; great-aunt, Norma Imwalle; great-grandparents, Bob and Betty Imwalle, and Alice Doolittle; godfather, Bill Jeans; adored friends, Preston Morales, David House, Rick and Vicki Ronchette, Mutazz and Malik Whitehead, Gary Chimienti, Melody Marr, Carol Audiss, Veronica and Tyrone Whitehead, Ray Ng, Martina McKay, Landon Clark; and many other teachers, school friends, church friends, and doctors and staff of UCSF Medical Center Mission Bay, as well as the staff at Creative Dimensions in Dentistry, Precision Auto and Manor Bowl.

Manny is also survived by his mom, Melissa Doolittle; aunts, Kristina and Stacey Doolittle; brother, Kyle; and many cousins and aunts. Manny was a student of Arroyo High School, a member of First Presbyterian Church of San Leandro and a member of the Youth Bowling League.

Funeral service took place on April 23 at First Presbyterian Church of San Leandro, 180 Estudillo Ave. San Leandro, followed with a procession to Chapel of the Chimes in Hayward for burial.

The family requests donations be made to UCSF Medical Center Mission Bay ENT Department or Endocrinology Department or American Cancer Society for Thyroid Cancer Research.

His life was too short but what he put into it we will never forget. God is with him. His thought was: "If you hear thunder, please know I am bowling in heaven."

Pets of the Week



Odie



Sasha

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are Odie the huge puppy, and Sasha the dog.

Odie is a 5-month-old puppy who's playful, sweet, social, and a fast learner. He loves attention, toys, and other dogs. Good with

kids of all ages.

Sasha is a spunky 8-year-old gal who's easy to walk. She's social, likes attention but is not so playful with toys. She would do well in a family with kids 5 years and older. For more information on Odie or Sasha, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at 293-7200.

Hayward Animal Shelter To Hold Its Annual Chihuahua Palooza May 6

Small dogs will be up for adoption on Saturday, May 6, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Chihuahua Palooza at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward.

Chihuahuas, chihuahua mixes, and other small dogs are

available. See the doggie fashion shows at 1:30 and 3 p.m. Half-priced spay/neuter vouchers available.

Adoption fee of \$20 includes spay/neuter, 5-in-1 canine vaccination, Bordatella and rabies vaccination, and a microchip.

Happy Stampers Meet at Library on Second Monday

If you like crafts, join the Happy Stampers who use rubber stamps to make greeting cards. The club meets on the second

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Troubled by Davis Street's Half-Million Dollar Plea

Editor:

The Davis Street Family Resource Center's latest plea for financial help — \$500,000 from the Eden Health District — is troubling.

It suggests that the center's management and its Board of Directors are either unable to run the enterprise in a financially responsible manner, or they have adopted a business model that seeks to test the limits of the community's largess.

Granted, the center has provided a vital community service since its earliest days on Davis Street. Then, it was a smaller, simpler operation that, as I recall, didn't seek huge cash handouts. But it seems that the move to larger quarters on Teagarden launched an expansion of services, including a health clinic, that appears ill-advised.

Center CEO Rose Johnson was quoted in the Times' April 20 story as saying that long waits for insurance and medical reimbursements have been a problem. Why didn't the registered nurse and the medical doctor on the center's board foresee this issue? The clinic survives only because the city provided a \$1.5 million loan since repaid with yet another loan from an unspecified source. Now Ms. Johnson is asking for a \$500,000 grant in addition to the \$250,000 it receives annually from the hard-pressed Eden Health District.

Davis Street is expanding still. It is the planned operator of a child care center a developer will build with a "forgivable loan" from the city at the new residential complex opposite the San Leandro BART station. While a schedule child care fees has been ordained, is the past a prologue here, too? The center also must finance its planned marijuana dispensary.

I suggest that the question to be addressed here is: Is the Davis Street Center overreaching? Why are its finances and financial planning so inadequate even though its board includes an accomplished businessman and a CPA? Is the Center's business model that of becoming too big to fail? If so, the pleas for money and lack of accountability will go on.

—Fred Reicker, San Leandro

San Leandro's Improvements Being Outsourced to San Diego?

Editor:

So let me get this straight. The San Leandro Improvement Association (SLIA) has been set up to tax businesses at a special rate within the downtown area to make sure cleaning and improvements are made specifically within said district.

The association is headquartered in San Diego, not San Leandro, and pays someone to put money into accounts and then figure out how to spend it on cleaning and improvements. This outside entity decides what projects will be done within my city. What am I missing?

Isn't this the job of our city manager and his staff to put money in accounts and then spend it. Right? Why on earth have we outsourced our city manager's office?

Dissolve the SLIA immediately and

stop wasting our tax dollars outsourcing your work, City Manager Chris Zapata. Since the city pays 25 percent of this bill, I'm now convinced the SLIA is a gigantic waste of tax dollars. Nothing the SLIA is doing for us, is anything we can't do for ourselves.

So instead of creating more layers, City Manager Zapata, let's go back to the city manager's office doing their job of putting money in accounts and then spending it, and public works doing their job of keeping the streets and sidewalks clean and leave the people with schemes from San Diego out of the equation all together.

We can't afford it.

—Gary Langbehn, San Leandro

An Opportunity for Eden Area To Get Better Representation

Editor:

As an Eden Area resident, I am writing to inform everyone about an opportunity to get better representation and more say over what happens in our local communities.

Currently, the unincorporated area, which includes San Lorenzo, Ashland, Cherryland, and Hayward Acres, is governed by two county supervisors: Wilma Chan and Nate Miley. We are just a small part of their districts and must constantly fight for attention and resources from Alameda County. It is time for us local residents to make our own decisions over the quality of life in our neighborhoods.

A grassroots group of residents is making the case for getting its own Municipal Advisory Council. This would be an unofficial version of a city council with representatives from the Eden Area. These local representatives would work on issues, such as public safety and land use/planning.

It would be a forum for voicing local concerns, such as potholes, dumping, or the lack of places to shop. It's hard to know where to turn to get these problems fixed. An official committee with set meetings would make sure that the county has to provide quality service to its residents.

Castro Valley has its own MAC. Residents in San Leandro and Hayward have both a mayor and city council. It is time for the Eden Area to get that same level of representation and service.

Supervisor Chan will be sending out a survey to all residents in early May. I urge the people of the Eden Area to say yes to a Municipal Advisory Council. The costs are minimal while the potential positive impact is immeasurable. For more info, visit edenareamac.com.

—Eva Poon, Ashland

Eden Area Needs a MAC Like Castro Valley's

Editor:

As a resident of the unincorporated community of Ashland I urge any residents of Ashland, San Lorenzo, Cherryland and Hayward Acres who read the San Leandro Times to urge Alameda County Supervisors Nate Miley and Wilma Chan to create the much anticipated and popularly supported Eden Area Municipal Advisory Council.

Castro Valley has proved a MAC can

be a source of community participation and democratic discourse since 1981. Eden Area residents (excluding Castro Valley) will soon receive a county funded survey. Vote yes for a single, unified MAC for Ashland, San Lorenzo, Cherryland and Hayward Acres! We will have a much stronger voice together. It's our turn, search Our MAC on Facebook now. edenareamac.org

Tyler Dragoni, Ashland

Some Concerns About Types and Forms of Marijuana Being Used

Editor:

The scary thing about marijuana is that it can increase the effects of pain and psychiatric medications, making it seem to your body that you have increased your dose. That came as a real surprise to me when I did the research.

I have chronic pain from a degenerative condition as well as an autoimmune disease that causes a lot of discomfort. Over several years, I've had many friends encourage me to try marijuana, and some of those friends use it themselves.

Marijuana is not like it used to be when the seller would grow the plant, harvest it, dry it and sell it. Now it is sold in many forms with different types having different qualities. It takes quite a bit of research and knowledge to know what you are getting and if it will conflict with medications being taken.

Our young people need to be especially careful because it, and alcohol, affect brain development until they are around 23 years old. All other adults need to be careful as well. Do the research. Know what you are getting. Know the attributes of the particular product. This is not a simple go to the market and grab some kind of herb.

One last scary thought: where was it grown and what could potentially have been applied to it? Insecticides, fertilizers, etc., have ingredients that could cause us potential harm. As far as I know, there are no ingredient labels on marijuana products that list these things. Who knows what you could be allergic to or have a reaction to, especially if it is not a local product where someone could answer these questions.

I just wanted to add to the conversation by bringing up some things to think about.

—Sheryl Smith, San Leandro

Scouts to Be Commended for Hard Work on Earth Day

Editor:

I want to thank the Boy Scouts, city staff and the adult volunteers who participated in the downtown cleanup on Earth Day.

Boy Scout Troops 503 and 556, along with Cub Scout Pack 556, are to be commended for their hard work. The boys continue to learn the value of community service and the preservation of the planet.

Thank you to Councilmember Deborah Cox for organizing this event.

—Orval "OB" Badger, San Leandro District Chair Tres Ranchos District

Praise for San Leandro's Non-Discriminatory Library

Editor:

We have a great library in San Leandro. I would like to thank the Library for giving us the opportunity to hear the Aswat Women's Ensemble perform on April 22nd. Aswat is the Bay Area's only all female Arab music ensemble. Arab culture and music has a long history and we heard folk, classical, contemporary and sacred music from many parts of the Arab world performed

by talented singers

The program opened with a beautiful sacred song sung by Basma Edres, also on violin, as well as choral and instrumental pieces, including a wonderful percussion solo by Susu Pampanin. I personally enjoyed the beautiful haunting voice of Samira Kharrubi on "Your Strutting Figure."

When I was young I traveled by train from Istanbul to Baghdad and from there by bus to Basra in 1971. I enjoyed the Iraqi people and they were very kind to me. Although not religious, finding myself in Babylon and Nineveh, places I read about in the Bible, made quite an impression on me. I have also been in Syria in the '70s and Libya when I was a

small child.

I am personally disgusted by the anti-Muslim and anti-Arab mood in our country at the moment that is unfortunately fueled by political figures including those in the present and past administrations. It cannot be easy for Arab Americans at this time.

We have a great library in San Leandro, we must make sure to use it and the country needs a lot more of them. Librarians refused to report who was reading what when asked to do so by the former Bush administration. Librarians are very important public servants.

Thanks again to the San Leandro Library and staff.

—Richard Mellor, San Leandro

INQUIRING REPORTER

The best place to go for a vacation?

— Asked around town

I like going to Santa Cruz. I grew up there. The beach, the boardwalk, the concerts, and I like to take my kids to Wilder Ranch State Park on the 4th of July.

J.C. Iglesias
San Leandro



To the Caribbean. It's beautiful and it's a good place to relax and get away from all the confusion. I'm going again in May.

Doris Jones
San Leandro



I like to go to Mexico. I just got back from there. I went whale watching, fishing, kayaking, saw a gray whale and its calf and saw bottlenose dolphins. My companion touched the whale, and we saw a blue-footed boobie bird. It's an endangered species.

Jodeane Pringle
San Leandro



I like to go to Columbia and visit my family. Sometimes we go to the beach in Cartagena. I can't afford to go every year, but once in a while.

Consuelo Ramirez
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Chicago, because all our family is there and we can go to a baseball game. We love Wrigley Field.

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Every penny raised will be used to support programs and services helping Alameda County individuals and families to live free from homelessness and

family violence.

Tickets are \$95. Raffle tickets are \$25 each, or five for \$100. Raffle grand prize is a one-week stay on the southern coast of France, near Nice on the French Riviera, with \$1,200 in travel

funds.

Visit www.jazzitup2017.eventbrite.com for details and to purchase tickets.

For more information, contact Lorie at 924-3092 or lcurtis@bfwc.org.

Pacific High Class of 1967 Reunion

Pacific High School Class of 1967 will have its 50th reunion in June at the Marriott Hotel, 11950 Dublin Canyon Road in Pleasanton. A meet-and-greet will be on Friday, June 16, followed by a dinner-dance on Saturday, June 17 (the date the class graduated), and a Sunday breakfast on June 18. No payments accepted at the door. To register, or for

more information, call Sue Ferreira Nunes at 209-830-7415. Information can also be found at PacificHighVikings.com.

Beach Boys Tribute Band Coming to Town

In celebration of Older Americans Month, surf on down to the San Leandro Public Library on Saturday, May 6, from 2 to 3 p.m. for some good vibrations from the Rip-TiDes, a vintage, '60s-style, rock 'n' roll band.

The retro rockin' band performs a variety of '60s garage band standards, early Beatles, classic Beach Boys and related vocals, surf and lounge instrumentals, and some unique cool tunes.



Dahlias come in a variety of colors, shapes and sizes.

Dahlia Lovers to Meet At Root Park on Saturday

For spectacular summer color, it's time to plant dahlia tubers or cuttings (small plants). The San Leandro Dahlia Society is sponsoring its annual Dahlia Tuber and Cutting Sale this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Root Park, 1033 East 14th St. in San Leandro.

Dahlias come in many sizes, shapes, and colors (except blue)

- try different ones. Many dahlia lovers will be there to answer your questions or give informa-

tion about planting.

For more information, go to sanleandrodahliasociety.org.

Police vs. Fire Annual Guns & Hoses Softball Game

The San Leandro Police Officer's Association and the

Alameda County Firefighters' Association will host their annual Guns & Hoses Charity Softball Game this Saturday at 1 p.m. at Thrasher Park, 1300 Davis St. in San Leandro.

Tickets are \$10 which includes lunch and raffle. All proceeds benefit the George Mark Children's House and the American Cancer Society.

Open House Meeting On Biking, Walking

The City of San Leandro will host an open house to discuss walking, biking and public transportation on Thursday, May 4, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd. in San Leandro.

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