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Kaleb Johnson, an 11th grader from San Leandro, does a wheelie on his bicycle in front of Vic's Bike Shop on East 14th Street.

Wheeling Around Town

Teens say biking gives them a sense of community; some drivers hostile, but most kids keep it peaceful and fun

By Denis Perez
San Leandro Times

Warm days and summer vacation drive a number of San Leandro youth to congregate, ride bikes, do tricks and create a culture. "It feels hella good," says one of these riders, 14-year-old Isaac Garcia.

He refers to being in a group of 10 or more riders taking over a part of the street. "When we ride out as a group it is safe to ride in the street," he said. When they do ride on the street, Garcia said it is to be able to do tricks and ride freely.

"When you are in the middle of a ride like that, all your problems go away," Garcia said. Garcia and a group of around 20 young bicyclists met up in front of Vic's Bike Shop on East 14th at around 5 p.m. on June 18. *see BIKES, page 8*

Supervisors to Decide on San Lorenzo Project

Village Green project goes to Alameda County Supervisors

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors will decide next Tuesday whether to OK a new apartment project in the long-vacant, former Mervyn's site in the middle of San Lorenzo.

San Lorenzans have always mourned the loss of the original Mervyn's that was the heart of town. When it closed in 1995, adjoining smaller stores fell shortly after like dominos leaving an empty slab of concrete for over two decades at Hesperian Boulevard and Paseo Grande.

If the project is approved, the Village Green apartment complex will fill that vacant property with 163 apartments in five buildings that will be four-stories tall.

If the supervisors say no, the vacant property will remain an empty lot in the center of San Lorenzo, right across Hesperian from the long abandoned Lorenzo Theater.

The plan was approved by the county planning commission in February, but a labor group filed an appeal to block it on the grounds of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The group of four trade unions calls itself East Bay Residents for Responsible Development.

The unions say the developer, Demmon Partners, has not given them the construction work. But Demmon says the project isn't

feasible if all the workers are paid a union wage.

A lawyer representing Demmon, Rob Selna, said the unions don't really want an environment- *see SUPERVISORS, page 8*

Saag's Closing SL Plant

By Denis Perez
San Leandro Times

Smithfield Foods shut down production of the 41-year-old Saag's Products sausage factory in San Leandro and will be laying off 81 workers.

Continuing production in the San Leandro facility at 1799 Factor Ave. would no longer be cost-efficient, said a Smithfield spokesperson.

"Smithfield recently made the difficult, but necessary decision to shift production from our San Leandro, California facility to other Smithfield plants in order to drive efficiency and optimize our production network," Smithfield's Executive VP of Corporate Affairs and Compliance Keira *see SAAG'S, page 14*

Hornet Met Apollo 11 Crew 50 Years Ago

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

On the Fourth of July, a piece of American history that you can walk up to and touch is docked right nearby in Alameda.

The U.S.S. Hornet is a museum now, but when it was in service it picked up the Apollo 11 space capsule along with the three astronauts that made the first moon landing.

This month is the 50th anniversary of the mission to the moon when Neil Armstrong became the first human to set foot on a celestial body other than the Earth.

When the astronauts came back and landed in the Pacific, the Hornet was there to meet them. First a crew of navy divers jumped from a helicopter to place a flotation collar around the capsule, until the ship could arrive and lift Apollo 11 to its hangar deck.

The footsteps are painted on the floor of the Hornet's hangar deck where the astronauts walked to the quarantine trailer where they spent the next few days. They were quarantined in the specially built Airstream trailer because at the time no one knew *see HISTORY, page 16*



An Apollo capsule like the one that brought back the first astronauts to land on the moon is on display on the Hornet.

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Pets of the Week



It's kitten season and the Hayward Animal Shelter has its hands full of little kitties who need a home.

It's that season again and what started as a trickle of incoming kittens has turned into a flood.

The shelter has many kittens of all ages, colors, personalities and energy levels just waiting

and hoping for a loving family to adopt them and take them home.

For more information, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at 510-293-7200.

Cherry City Toastmasters

The Cherry City Toastmasters Club meets every Tuesday from 12:05 to 1:05 p.m. in the Trustees Room on the first floor at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Public speaking is said to be

the number one fear in America.

If this sounds familiar, you are not alone.

The club offers a safe, supportive environment to grow your public speaking and leadership skills.



Apollo 11 includes never-before-seen footage of the first moon mission.

Movie on Moon Landing, *Apollo 11*, Will Be Screened at SL Museum

At 9:32 a.m. on July 16, 1969 the world watched as Apollo 11 took off from Kennedy Space Center carrying astronauts Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins to the moon - a voyage of over 240,000 miles.

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the moon landing, the San Leandro History Museum, 320 W. Estudillo Avenue, will be showing the 2019 documentary *Apollo 11* on Saturday, July 6. The film will be shown at 11:15 a.m. and again at 2 p.m.

Not to be confused with the drama *Apollo 13*, starring Tom Hanks, *Apollo 11* is purely a documentary of archival footage on the first mission that put a person on the moon.

The winner of two Sundance Film Festival Awards, *Apollo 11* allows viewers to relive the mission as it unfolded. The documentary is constructed from archival materials, capturing the enormous scale of the event and giving audiences of all ages the direct experience of being there.

As director Todd Douglas Miller and his team were working with NASA and the National Archives (NARA) to locate all

existing footage, NARA staff discovered an unprocessed collection of 65mm large-format footage, never before seen by the public. The amazing discovery changed the course of the film project from just filmmaking to historic preservation and curation.

The multiple cameras and audio feeds take viewers moment by moment, from blastoff, to orbit-

ing the moon, the nerve-racking attempt to touch down before the lunar module ran out of fuel, and the journey home.

Experience the tension, pride and overwhelming joy of the team that made the mission a historic success. The film is rated G and 1:33 minutes in length.

Admission is free. For more information, call 510-577-3991.

Senior Lunch Menu

Lunch provided by Spectrum Community Services

A low-cost senior lunch provided by Spectrum Community Services is served on weekdays at the San Leandro Senior Center, 13909 East 14th St.

Everyone age 60 and up can have lunch. A suggested donation is \$3.75, but no one is refused for lack of funds. (\$10 for those under 60.) Call 24 hours ahead to reserve a lunch (1-510-825-9793) or sign up at the Senior Center.

The menu for lunch next week, July 8 to 12, is:

Monday - Baked fish with

pasta primavera, marinated carrots, oranges.

Tuesday - Turkey sandwich on whole wheat bread with lettuce and tomato, garden salad, strawberries.

Wednesday - Chicken breast with apricot glaze, hearty vegetable soup, spinach, brown rice, apricots.

Thursday - Pepper steak with onions and zucchini, brown rice, fresh fruit.

Friday - Spinach ravioli, tossed vegetable salad, whole wheat roll, fruit mix.

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photos — old and not so old — of life in San Leandro.

All photos will be returned. Please include your name, address and phone number on the back of each photo. Items must be submitted no later than Friday, July 5, 2019 to San Leandro Times, 2060 Washington Ave., San Leandro, CA 94577. For more information, call Jim Knowles at 510-614-1557. For advertising information, call Claudette Morrison at 510-912-1490, Linda Nakhai at 510-915-1513 or Mary Florence at 510-861-3270.

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POLICE & FIRE



PHOTO COURTESY ALAMEDA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

A fire broke out in a two-story, 15 unit apartment building at 950 Juana Avenue.

Two Apartments Burn In Juana Avenue Fire

Alameda County firefighters extinguished a two-alarm fire that burned down 2 apartments in a two-story, 15-unit apartment building at 950 Juana Avenue in San Leandro on June 26.

There were no reports of injuries to residents, community members, pets or firefighters.

The cause of the fire is under investigation. A total of four people were displaced by the fire and received assistance from the Red Cross.

Firefighters arrived on scene at 12:06 and were able to extinguish the fire within fifteen minutes of arriving. Firefighters arrived to heavy fire and smoke coming from a first-floor unit in the west side of the building. The fire was upgraded to a second alarm response due to the large volume of fire reaching the second floor and multiple reports of someone trapped in the main fire unit.

Fortunately, the occupant where the fire originated from exited the building early and was found safe. And the second alarm units were canceled as a result of the quick and aggressive response from firefighters.

The fire was contained to the first floor unit and the unit directly above on the second floor.



PHOTO BY DENIS PEREZ

During the fire, San Leandro Police knocked on the doors of each apartment unit to temporarily evacuate residents.

During the evacuation, an officer was alerted to a dog that was home alone and hiding in one of the units. Officer J.

Camarillo made entry into the second story unit, searched and was able to safely locate the dog in a bedroom.

Officer Camarillo reunited Cream Puff, a 10-year-old Maltese poodle, with her owners when they arrived home.

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San Leandro Kids To Run At Junior Olympics

San Leandro's Jaguar track team qualified ten Junior Olympians going to represent the city at the USA Track and Field Junior Olympics in Modesto, California on July 5, 6 and 7.

The ten junior athletes also qualified for the Amateur American Union Junior Olympics in Greensboro, North Carolina from July 26 to August 3.

The young San Leandro athletes range from 7 to 12 years old and attend Thomas Jefferson and Garfield elementary schools, McKinley and Bancroft middle schools.

The ten athletes are: 1st graders Avery Patterson, Jonathan Rodas, 2nd grader Karisma Haynes, 3rd graders Julianna Brent, Blake Patterson, Karen Okoronkwo, Ja'Me mosley-Self, 5th graders Eden Horwitz and John Okoronkwo and 6th grader Blessing Okoronkwo.

Jaguar Speed is a free pro-



PHOTO COURTESY DENISE WILLIAMS-WEST

Jaguars Speed Blake Patterson takes the lead during the AAU Junior Olympic qualifiers 200 meter dash on June 13.

gram that introduces children to track and field. The Jaguar Speed program had over 100 participants this year. The team practices at Bancroft Middle School and San Leandro High School.

SLHS track coach Denise Williams-West coaches the Jag-

uar Speed.

The team is asking for donations to pay for their travel, housing and registration costs for the Junior Olympics.

You can contact the team's coach at (510) 557-0577 or by emailing info@jaguarspeedinc.com

Mayor, Council Host Town Hall

San Leandro City Council Districts 3, 4 and 6 will host a joint Town Hall meeting on Monday, July 8 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Marina Community

Center Titan Auditorium at 15301 Wicks Boulevard in San Leandro.

Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter and San Leandro Council members Victor Aguilar, Benny Lee

and Pete Ballew will make quick remarks. Then the community will be able to meet-and-greet with representatives from all the city departments.

City of San Leandro's Home Earthquake Strengthening Course

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

If you own a hillside home, please contact the Division of Building & Safety at (510) 577-3405.

When: July 11, 16, 18 and 23

This is a four-day course.

Where: The Senior Community Center @

13909 E. 14th Street,
San Leandro, Main Hall B

Time: 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Cost for City of San Leandro Residents:

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NEIGHBORS

1993 SL High Grad Is on a Mission

By Dusty Good

Navy Office of Community Outreach

Petty Officer 1st Class Damon Candelarie is a Navy logistics specialist serving with Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron 3, a versatile command operating E6-B Mercury aircraft under USSTRATCOM operational control providing a survivable and endurable airborne communications link to the nation's strategic forces. Candelarie is responsible for ordering parts and supplies to ensure mission requirements.

Candelarie credits success in the Navy to many of the lessons learned growing up in San Leandro.

"My hometown taught me that you have to earn everything you get," said Candelarie. "So everything you do in the Navy, you have to earn it, so that lesson has been important to me since I joined."

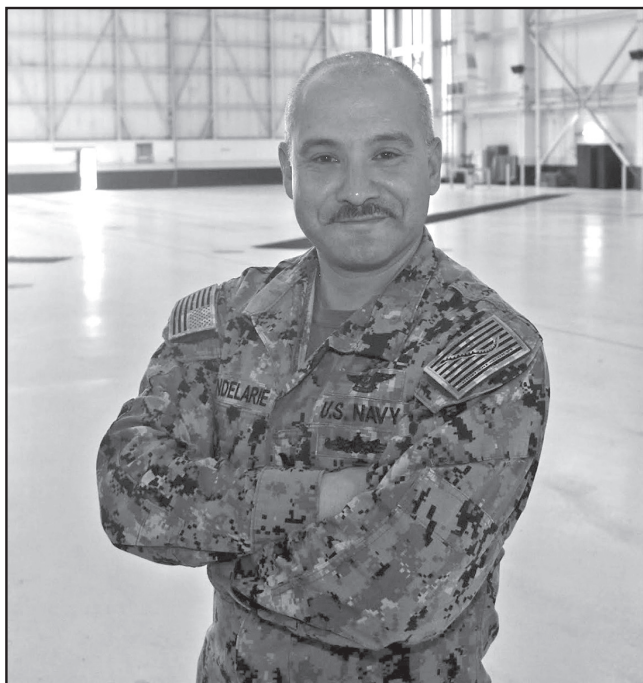


PHOTO BY CHIEF ERICA GARDNER

Petty Officer 1st Class Damon Candelarie helps support the nation's nuclear deterrence mission.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

❖ **Apollo 11 at San Leandro History Museum**

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1:33 in length. Admission is free. For more information, call 510-577-3991.

❖ **Newsies Woodminster Amphitheater**

Newsies, the Disney musical, will begin the 53rd season of the Woodminster Summer Musicals July 5 to 7 and 11 to 14 at Woodminster Amphitheater in Joaquin Miller Park in the Oakland Hills. The play was inspired by the real-life "Newsboy Strike of 1899," when newsboy Kid Blink led a band of orphan and runaway newsies on a two-week-long action against Pulitzer, Hearst and other powerful newspaper publishers. Filled with one heart-pounding number after another, it's a high-energy explosion of song and dance you don't want to miss. All performances at 8 p.m. For tickets or more information, visit www.woodminster.com

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

❖ **Boys & Girls Club of San Leandro Benefit**

A benefit for the Boys & Girls Club of San Leandro will be held on Friday, July 5, from 4 to 9 p.m. at Drakes Brewing Co., 1933 Davis St., Bldg. 177 (by Walmart) in San Leandro. Taste an array of brews, a variety of foods and live entertainment will be provided by The Blend, playing classic rock. A \$5 donation to the Boys & Girls Club is requested but not required for admission. Brew tasting is \$18 and includes a logo mug and three tokens. For more information, call 483-5581.

❖ **Free Food at All Saints**

Everyone is invited to get free food at the Food Pantry at All Saints Neighborhood Center, 911 Dowling Blvd. in San Leandro, on Saturday, July 6, from 1 to 2 p.m. Hospitality room opens at noon. The only requirement is that you live in Alameda County. Fresh fruits, vegetables, and breads, as well as packaged foods are available. The pantry is open the first Saturday of every month.

❖ **San Leandro Readers Roundtable**

The San Leandro Readers Roundtable meets Saturday, July 6, at 2 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., to discuss *Asymmetry*, Lisa Halliday's novel told in three seemingly unconnected sections. All are welcome, and all books discussed are available for purchase in the Library's Booktique bookstore.

❖ **Ashland Holy Ghost Annual Festa**

The Ashland Holy Ghost Association will have its annual festa on Saturday and Sunday, July 6 and 7, at the Ashland Holy Ghost Association Hall, 16490 Kent Ave. in San Lorenzo. On Saturday there will be a dance at 8 p.m. with music by Erminio Lemos and a presentation of the queens, their court and officers. On Sunday at 10:30 a.m. the parade will line up at the hall and proceed to St. John's Church for mass at 11:30 a.m. After Mass the procession will go back to the hall. There will be an auction at the hall on Sunday afternoon.

❖ **Community Garden Open House**

See what your neighbors are growing at Paradise Community Garden, 20095 Mission Blvd. in Hayward, on Saturday, July 6. Open house hours are 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Free speaker series at 11 a.m.: "Healthy Eating: How to ferment and pickle vegetables" by Dustin Passalalpi. Snacks and drinks throughout the day. Visit vendors for native plants, body work, handmade soaps, community booths, urban farming information. Rent your own garden box. For more information, call Rick Hatcher at 510-909-4077.

❖ **Vacation Bible School**

Praises Of Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 1395 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro, will have a Vacation Bible School Monday, July 8 through Thursday, July 11 and a fun day on Friday, July 12. Games, food, jumper, face painting 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. All ages. For more information, call 510-483-1811.

❖ **Alta Mira Club Luncheon**

The Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave. in San Leandro, will host a salad bar luncheon on Monday, July 8, at noon. Members are invited to decorate their table with a picnic theme for a prize. Tickets are \$15, which includes a bingo card for prizes. For reservations, call 510-562-7144. Proceeds go to the club's general fund.

❖ **San Leandro Art Association's Meeting**

The San Leandro Art Association's monthly

meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 9, at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Snacks and beverages will be served at the new starting time of 5:45 p.m. At 6:15 p.m. a short meeting takes place and at 6:45 p.m. a free art demonstration will start. The demonstrator for July is Sally Lampi who will be demonstrating Mono Printing and Collage using Washi, Mono paint and stickers. Members will also display artwork for the Artist of the Month contest and three winners will be featured in our ArtFest 2019 advertising. The public is welcome.

❖ **Family Movie Nights**

Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and snacks, and enjoy this summertime family event. Showtimes are at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 10, Halcyon Park, *Small Foot*. Wednesday, July 24, Chabot Park, *Trolls*. Wednesday, Aug. 7, Washington Manor Park, *The Incredibles 2*. All movies are rated PG.

❖ **Sons in Retirement Meeting**

Sons in Retirement (SIR) branch #26, an organization of retired men, meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the Fairview Event Center, Metropolitan Golf Course, 10051 Doolittle Drive in Oakland. Social hour starts at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at noon. The guest speaker for Wednesday, July 10, is Truman Howard, a docent at the Blackhawk Museum. Sponsored guests are welcome. To become a sponsored guest, call Ken at 510-537-4804 as soon as possible so that you may attend the July luncheon. The cost for the July luncheon \$25, payable in advance. Checks should be made payable to SIR Branch #26. To receive a full refund, the last day to cancel is noon Sunday, July 7. For more information, call Ken at 510-537-4804.

❖ **Homeless Resource Fair**

Sharon's Wings of Love Homeless Resource Fair will be held on Saturday, July 13, from noon to 5 p.m., at 711 71st Ave. in Oakland (across from the Coliseum Bart Station). Sharon's Wings of Love, (SWL) is a community based non-profit organization that addresses the problems of the homeless in the Bay Area and to let them know the resources that are available for them. For more information, email swwingsoflove@gmail.com

❖ **Comedy Night at The Englander Pub**

Unity in the Community will host a benefit comedy night on Saturday, July 13, at 8 p.m. at The Englander Pub, 101 Parrott St. in downtown San Leandro. Comics Jeff Applebaum, Patrick McDermott and others are on the bill. Tickets are \$20 at the door.

❖ **Chabot College Football Reunion**

A reunion of football players from Chabot College for the years 1962 to 1978 will be on Sunday, July 28, from 2 to 6:30 p.m. at the Shannon Community Center in Dublin. Former Chabot College football players, coaches and special guests for years 1962 to 1978, only. For more information, see the website: chabotfootballreunion62-78.com or call Dr. Keith Calkins at 949-244-4419.

❖ **East Bay Regional Park Survey**

The East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) is seeking public comments to help plan for the future. Surveys are online or available at the EBRPD exhibit in the Agriculture Building at the Alameda County Fair. Take the survey at www.eastbayparksurvey.com. Learn more and stay connected with the Park District by visiting www.ebparks.org.

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.

HOROSCOPE by Salomé

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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Your Aries leadership qualities can help bring order out of all that confusion, whether it's on the job or in the home. But be careful to guide, not goad, others into following you.



TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Applying a more personal view to a job-linked issue could help provide better insight into those persistent problems. Use your keen Taurean logic to cut through the double-talk.



GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Taking some time off could be the best way to get through that seemingly endless round of demands. You'll return refreshed and ready to tackle things from a new perspective.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Restoring a sagging professional relationship takes a lot of effort. By all means, state your position. But also make sure you pay close attention to the other person's point of view.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): A hot prospect intrigues the Big Cat, who is always on the prowl for a promising investment. But be careful that this "promise" has a chance of being kept. Check it out more carefully.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): A friend could use some of your compassion and concern. If he or she doesn't ask for help, be sure you step up and make the first move. Also, check out a new career possibility.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): You might have difficulty getting your opinions heard because of all the noise being made by the other side. But hang in there. Others should line up with you once they learn the facts.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): Offering to help a colleague is commendable. But before you commit your time and effort, check to see if that person's situation is all that he or she has led you to believe it is.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): You soon should be seeing positive results from your recent efforts on behalf of a family member. On another matter, check that you have all the facts regarding a job assignment.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Your aspects favor closer family relationships this week. Take time for visits, whether in person, by phone, by mail or in cyberspace. Let them know how important they are to you.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): A missed opportunity isn't always a negative. Maybe your instincts are telling you not to rush into something you "thought" was worthwhile. Make time for family this weekend.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Your sense of humor helps you get through a tricky situation. But some stick-in-the-muds might not be so willing to make the changes that you and others agree are necessary.

SL Swim Team Wins Tri-Meet

Darryls defeat teams from Castro Valley, Fremont in EBSL meet

By Andrew Joseph
San Leandro Times

The San Leandro Drowning Darryls swim team won their tri-meet at home on June 22 against the Chabot Marlins of Castro Valley and the Seals Swim Club of Fremont with a total score of 1,278 points.

"We're really trying to work hard focusing on our technique, strokes, and having fun," said San Leandro head coach Fred Scheberies. "The team is swimming good this season."

The Darryls won their home opener to keep themselves undefeated this season. They are coming off their first season in 7 years of not winning the East Bay Swim League (EBSL) title last year.

The EBSL holds one tri-meet a year for each team, which consists of three teams swimming to see who can rally the most points. The Darryls' women team won the tri-meet with a total of 574 points and the men team also won with 704 points.

"In practice I worked on kicking drills, arm rotations, and holding my breath under water to prepare for today's meet," said Darryls girls 9-10 swimmer Deraj Reed. "Working harder, motivating your teammates, and giving them support during their races will help us win the championship."

The Newark Bluefins won last year's EBSL championship with a total of 4,547.50 points as the Darryls placed 3rd with a total of 3,838.50 points. San Leandro looks to reclaim the title this year and begin another championship win streak with many of their competitors hitting their stride.

"You never know about the championship winner because year to year it's changing, but you always hope for the best and to win," said coach Scheberies. "The main goal is just to help our athletes become better swimmers and to have team unity within each other."



PHOTO BY ANDREW JOSEPH

Swimmers from heat 2 of the boys 9-10 25-yard butterfly race jump into the pool at San Leandro High in the Darryls' home opener.

San Leandro is 4-0 on the season with great swimmers doing well this year including Reed, Ian Woo in the boys 15-18 age class, and Joyen Chau in the girls 13-14 age class. Coach Scheberies' daughter, Emily Scheberies, is also performing exceptional while setting the EBSL record for the girls 11-12 backstroke in 2017 with a time of 29.51.

"I plan out my meets and I knew exactly what I was going to do today – that is to give 110% effort into my races," said Woo. "In practice the coaches have been employing new techniques and pushing us harder to hopefully have a chance at this year's title."

The following is a list of notable competitors' placing for San Leandro during their tri-meet:

San Leandro girls 8 and under 100-yard medley relay took first place with a time of 1:30.14.

San Leandro boys 8 and under 100-yard medley relay took first with a time of 1:30.62.

San Leandro girls 9-10 100-yard medley relay took first in 1:11.52.

San Leandro boys 9-10 100-yard medley relay took first in 1:12.28.

San Leandro boys 11-12 200-yard medley relay took first in 2:14.74.

San Leandro boys 13-14 200-yard medley relay first in 1:56.47.

San Leandro boys 15-18 200-yard medley first in 1:46.96,

San Leandro men 15-18 won the 200-yard freestyle relay with a time of 1:38.21,

San Leandro girls 13-14 200-yard freestyle relay first in 1:54.23,

Woo placed second in the boys 15-18 50-yard freestyle in 23.40 and placed second in the boys 15-18 50-yard butterfly in 24.90, and second in the boys 15-18 100-yard IM with a time of 1:00.26,

Reed took first in the girls 9-10 25-yard backstroke in 16.53,

first in the girls 9-10 25-yard breaststroke in 19.91, and first in the girls 9-10 25-yard butterfly in 15.97,

Chau took first in the girls 13-14 50-yard breaststroke in 24.19, placed first in the girls 13-14 50-yard butterfly in 29.10, and placed first in the girls 13-14 100-yard IM in 1:08.72.

"Today was our first home meet of the year so it felt great," said coach Scheberies. "We swam really well today and as a team we have really improved some times."

The Drowning Darryls do not have a meet this week, but last Saturday San Leandro won 540-538 in Newark over the Bluefins to go up to a 4-0 season record. San Leandro's next meet is Saturday, July 13, at home against the Mission Valley Barracudas.

The 45th Annual EBSL Championships will be held at Chabot College on Saturday, July 27, and will include all teams.

Busy Week for Dodgers On the Road

The San Leandro Dodgers youth baseball team beat Future Prospects, 14-2, last Tuesday. Denzel DeHoyos was 2-for-2 with a double, scored a run, and pitched three innings with four strikeouts.

Daniel Pasillas was 3-for-4, scored three runs, had a triple and had two RBI's. Connor McCarthy was 2-for-5 with two runs scored and a double. David Greene singled, scored a run and drove in three runs. He also pitched four scoreless innings and struck out four batters. Rudy Gomez hit an RBI single, and Jesse Martinez doubled.

Over the weekend, the Dodgers traveled to Reno for the annual tournament where they lost the opening game, 7-1, to Bercovich 32. James Rogge doubled. Victor Hernandez singled and scored a run. Adrian Enriquez drove in a run with a hit, scored a run and got hit by a pitch. Danny Mendoza pitched 4.2 innings and gave up two earned runs while striking out four batters.

Also on Friday, the Dodgers lost to Chico, 7-5. Matt Vallar pitched 4.1 innings with three strikeouts. Connor McCarthy hit a home run and a double with two RBIs. James Cardera singled, walked and scored a run, and Victor Hernandez doubled.

On Saturday, the Dodgers beat Napa, 8-2, as Devin Castro

hit a home run and a double, driving in three runs. Tyler Finamore had an RBI. David Greene was 2-for-3 with a double and scored a run. Greene also pitched 2 innings and didn't give up a run. Connor McCarthy hit a home run and scored twice. James Rogge pitched 4.2 innings while giving up a run with four strikeouts.

Also on Saturday, the Dodgers beat Berkovich 2021 by a score of 4-1. Cameron Weatherford pitched a complete game, allowing just three hits, and striking out 10 batters. Weatherford also hit a home run and a single. James Rogge was 2-for-3. Connor McCarthy was 2-for-3 and scored a run. David Greene was 1-3 with an RBI.

On Sunday, the Dodgers beat the host team Muckdogs, 12-0. Tyler Finamore was 1-for-3 with an RBI. Daniel Pasillas was 2-for-3 with a double, three runs scored and had an RBI.

Weatherford was 2-for-3 with four RBI's, a double and scored twice. David Greene was 2-for-2 with an RBI and scored two runs. Victor Hernandez pitched two innings without allowing a hit and struck out three. James Rogge pitched three innings and struck out four while only giving up one hit.

In the semifinal game of the tournament, the Dodgers lost *see DODGERS, page 8*

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AUTOMOTIVE

Enjoyable Bolt EV
Restored With New BatteryBy Steve Schaefer
San Leandro Times

Since I got my Chevrolet Bolt EV on January 8, 2017, I've been a big fan. It's been totally reliable, delivering 200+ miles of range and handling all kinds of loads, all while being fun to drive. And, I love the way it looks, including the Kinetic Blue paint on the outside and the white-and-gray interior. I appreciate the regeneration setting that enables one-pedal driving. I enjoy not visiting gas stations. I've spent time and energy promoting the car on my business cards and in many posts to my blog.

But over the last few months, my Bolt let me down. Nothing broke and it drove fine, but when I charged it, it said it was full at about 100 miles.

It all started after I took my car in for its first service. Unlike gasoline-powered cars, EVs need very little attention, so my car had never been back to the dealership in more than two years. The only required service was a tire rotation. However, I accepted a new job that would move me away from the Chevy dealer in Redwood City, CA where I leased the car, so I decided to take it in for a checkup while I had the chance.

There was nothing to fix, of course, and they performed

the tire rotation for free. I let them replace the cabin air filter (they did charge me for that). They also ran a couple of hybrid battery system updates. Notably, they fixed one tiny annoyance—my bird's eye camera had always shown the left side at an angle—and I appreciated the effort they made, including ordering a new part.

I then started my new job in late February, which cut my daily driving from 36 miles to about 4. I also tested some new EVs from the fleet, so the Bolt sat a bit. When I started driving it regularly again, I discovered that when I charged up the battery, it topped out at around 100 miles, instead of the normal 200+ it had been doing since I brought it home the first time. After a couple of instances of this, I decided to take it back to the dealer to get it looked at.

They reported there was nothing wrong, and said they had reset something and told me that if I didn't use my heater it would improve the range. This struck me, frankly, as silly. I had ALWAYS used the climate system, summer and winter, for more than two years, and had never seen 100 miles of total range. Running the climate system reduces the range by only about 8 miles. I drove the car some more, gamely trying to go without the climate system just to test it, but the battery still

topped out at 100 miles.

I contacted the media people at GM/Chevrolet with my plight and decided to try the dealership nearest to my home to see if they could up with something. The short answer—nope. Same recommendation—and don't use the heat. They suggested that I run it through a couple of charging cycles to reset the range.

But the story doesn't end there. The next day—about 24 hours after I picked up my car—I got a call from the dealership. After consulting with GM's tech experts, they decided that it was probably a bad cell in the battery, and asked me to bring my car in again to do more tests.

So, the following Monday, I drove my car to the dealership. This time, with GM's tech people in the loop, they came up with a different diagnosis: Replace the battery! So, they ordered it—and I felt vindicated.

The dealers' service departments were missing something, and the first one telling me to put a band aid on it felt disrespectful. The second dealer's conclusion, when I knew there was a real problem, meant I had to push back, and they listened.

Through this experience, I was reminded that a 100-mile range is actually enough for most people. I learned this from my three-month test of my cute



Unlike gasoline-powered cars, EVs need very little attention, so my car had never been back to the dealership in more than two years.

little blue Fiat 500e, which had only 80 to 90 miles. The few times I've actually needed the range to visit my granddaughters has been handy, but mainly it means you don't have to charge as often, and you don't have to worry about range. There were only two times last year when I knew that the Bolt wouldn't be able to handle a long trip, so I used another vehicle in one case and flew in the other.

I drove my Bolt EV down to the dealership to receive its new battery. It turned out it had to spend an extra few days away from home—the battery was delayed and wouldn't arrive for another day. I got a call in mid-afternoon saying that the surgery was a success, it was



all charged up, and that I could pick it up.

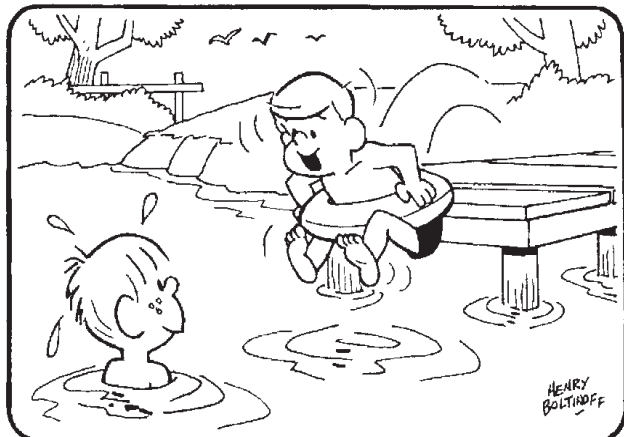
I drove the white Chevrolet Cruze they rented me (at no charge) down to the dealership.

Battery replacement isn't cheap, but as a warranty repair, it didn't cost me a dime. Neither did the rental car.

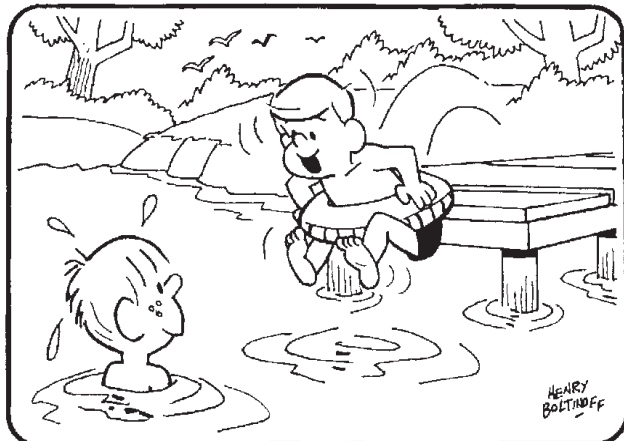
I got into my Bolt, adjusted the seat that they had moved, and pushed the start button. And there it was—260 miles of range. My car was restored.

Steve Schaefer lives in Castro Valley. He has been reviewing new cars in the Times for 27 years.

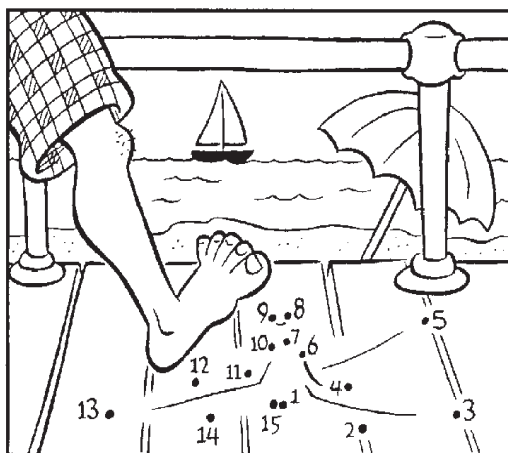
HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Inner tube is different. 2. Fence is missing. 3. Bird has been added. 4. More bushes are on shore. 5. Tree has second limb. 6. Boy's nose is larger.



CONNECT THE DOTS to find out what are the best (or worst) slippers for the boardwalk.

Answer: Banana peels.

HOW TO BECOME "TEACHER'S PET"!

"For extra credit, see if you can make four 4's equal 55!"

Answer: $44 + 44/4 = 55$



by Charles Barry Townsend

THE PYRAMID OF WORD POWER

Starting with the given word at the bottom of our word pyramid, try dropping one letter at a time as you work your way up, so that the remaining letters at each level spell out a new word. The following helpful hints are in ascending order, beginning with GABARDINE.

1. A cotton fabric (given).
2. Coating made with crumbs.
3. A recitation of written material.
4. Something won.
5. To condescend to give or grant.
6. To eat.
7. A deafening noise.
8. The best group.
9. Roman for one.



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

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Answers (Across): Law, are, kin, eat (Down): Lake, ara, went.

Answers (from the bottom up): Gabardine, bread, reading, gained, design, dine, din, in (the "in group"), I.



LIFESTYLE

Wherever You're From, there's a Hot Dog for You!

The National Hot Dog and Sausage Council estimates that over seven billion hot dogs will be eaten by Americans between Memorial Day and Labor Day. On a typical July 4th, the biggest hot dog holiday of the year, 155 million will be downed. And every city has its favorite recipe.

Most of us don't give much thought to cooking hot dogs. After all, they're already fully cooked when you buy them. So the question isn't how to cook them, but how to warm them.

Forget the microwave.

The following recipes call for all kinds of ways to heat hot dogs, but for maximum flavor and consistency, wieners should be poached for about 10 minutes in water (or beer) and heated to around 155°F, measured with a thermometer.

If you must grill them, that should be done for only a few seconds *after* they have been heated – just long enough to get a nice char. Grilling them right out of the package will generally result in hot dogs that are dried out and split.

CLASSIC CALIFORNIA HOT DOGS

- 8 hot dogs
- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped bread and butter pickles
- 1/4 cup coarsely chopped dill pickles
- 8 hot dog buns
- 1/4 cup finely chopped red onion
- 1/2 cucumber cut into wedges

Preheat broiler. Place hot dogs on baking sheet lined with foil. Broil 4 to 5 minutes, turning often, until heated through. Meanwhile, in a small bowl stir together pickles. Serve hot dogs in buns with pickles, onion, cucumber and mustard. Makes 8 servings.

CONEY ISLAND DOGS

- 4 hot dogs
- 1 package hot dog rolls, sliced
- 1 small onion, diced
- 1 (10-ounce) can chili sauce without beans
- 4 tablespoons yellow mustard

Preheat an outdoor grill for medium-high heat.

Place hot dogs on the grill; cook until browned, 5 to 8 minutes, turning once, or until done to suit your taste. Lightly grill hot dog rolls.

Meanwhile, place the chile sauce in a small microwave-safe bowl; cook 1 minute. Stir, and cook 1 minute more.

Place hot dogs on buns. Top each with chili sauce, onion, and 1 tablespoon mustard, or to taste. Yields 4.

NEW YORK CITY HOT DOGS

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 medium yellow onion, finely chopped
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 garlic clove, minced



- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon hot sauce
- 1 teaspoon granulated sugar
- 6 beef hot dogs
- 6 hot dog buns
- Spicy brown mustard
- Sauerkraut

Heat oil in a small saucepan over medium-high heat. When oil shimmers, add onions and salt and cook, stirring occasionally, until soft and golden brown in places, 8-10 minutes. Add garlic and continue cooking, 1 minute more. Stir in tomato paste, red wine vinegar, hot sauce, sugar, and 1/2 cup wa-

ter. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, and simmer, stirring occasionally, until onion relish is thick and glossy.

Bring 1 inch of water to a boil in a deep-sided skillet. Add hot dogs, reduce heat, keeping water at a bare simmer, and heat through at least 10 minutes.

Line a steamer basket with three layers of cheesecloth and place inside a pot with 1/2 inch of boiling water. Place hot dog buns on cheesecloth, cover pot, and steam buns, 2 minutes.

Assemble by placing hot dogs inside buns, top with onion relish, spicy brown mustard, and sau-

erkraut and serve immediately. Yields 6.

SEATTLE DOGS

- 2 hot dogs
- 2 hot dog buns
- 1 onion, halved and thinly sliced
- 1 teaspoon oil
- 1 teaspoon butter
- 1/2 teaspoon brown sugar
- Salt
- Pepper
- 3 ounces cream cheese

Heat the butter and oil in a skillet over medium-high heat. Add the onion and sugar, cook for 20 minutes or until onions are caramelized, stirring regularly. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

As the onions are caramelizing, heat the cream cheese in a pot until soft and warm but not melted or cooked.

Cook the hot dogs according to the package directions and toast the buns. Spread cream cheese on each warm bun. Top with a hot dog and onions. Yields 2 dogs.

CHICAGO HOT DOGS

- 8 all-beef wieners
- 8 poppyseed hot dog buns
- Yellow ballpark mustard
- Chopped cucumber
- Pepperoncini, chopped
- Chopped onion
- Chopped red ripe tomato
- Celery salt
- Dill pickle spears

Fire up the grill, bringing the temperature to high (1 to 2 seconds with the hand test).

Grill the wieners uncovered for 3 to 5 minutes over high heat until deeply browned, rolling to crisp all surfaces.

Toast the buns at the same time on the edge of the grill.

Place the dogs on the toasted

buns and top each with a good squiggle of mustard. Then pile on, in approximately equal portions, generous spoonfuls of cucumber, peppers, onion and tomato.

Sprinkle celery salt over each bulging bun. Serve with dill pickle if desired. Serves 8.

ITALIAN HOT DOGS

- 1 each, yellow and green bell pepper
- 2 medium large onions, sliced
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 cloves garlic, chopped
- 3 ounces sliced mushrooms
- Salt, pepper and basil to taste
- 8 to 10 hot dogs
- 8 to 10 torpedo rolls

Stem and seed peppers and cut into long narrow strips. In a large skillet, heat oil over medium heat and add peppers and onions. Cook slowly about 5 minutes, then add garlic and mushrooms and cook another 15 minutes or until peppers are very soft. Season to taste.

Grill hot dogs, put in buns and spoon some of the pepper and onion mixture over each one.

HAWAIIAN HOT DOGS

- 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
- 2 tablespoons packed brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce

- 1 to 2 teaspoons Asian chili paste (sambal oelek)
- 1 large red onion, thinly sliced and separated into rings
- 1/4 of a fresh pineapple, cored
- Cayenne pepper (optional)
- 8 grilled hot dogs
- Teriyaki sauce
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced green onions (4) (optional)
- Sesame seeds (optional)

In a medium bowl combine vinegar, brown sugar, oil, soy sauce, and chili paste. Add onion rings.

MOTOWN DOGS

- 4 hot dogs
- 1 Pkg. hot dog rolls, sliced
- 1 small onion, diced
- 1 (10-ounce) can chile sauce without beans
- 4 tablespoons prepared yellow mustard, or to taste

Preheat an outdoor grill for medium-high heat.

Place hot dogs on the grill; cook until browned, 5 to 8 minutes, turning once, or until done to suit your taste. Lightly grill hot dog rolls.

Meanwhile, place the chile sauce in a small microwave-safe bowl; cook 1 minute. Stir, and cook 1 minute more.

Place hot dogs on buns. Top each with chile sauce, onion, and 1 tablespoon mustard, or to taste. Yields 4.

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The Hayward Municipal Band will play at the Tony Morelli Band Stand on Sunday.

Hayward Municipal Band to Play Free Concert on Sunday

The Hayward Municipal Band, under direction of San Leandro public schools music teacher Kathy Morelli Maier, will perform this Sunday, July 7, at 2:30 p.m. at the Tony Morelli Band Stand in Memorial Park, 24176 Mission Blvd. in Hayward, behind the Hayward Plunge.

The 40-member professional band performs classical, popular, jazz, musicals and Latin music, as well as tunes from the 1700s to the present.

People of all ages are welcome to bring a blanket, lawn chair and perhaps a picnic lunch along to enjoy the concerts. The performances are outdoors near a playground, so children can run, play and dance.

The band, now in its 63rd season, is presented by Hayward Area Recreation District and the City of Hayward.

For more information see www.haywardmunicipalband.com or call 510-569-8497.

SL Democratic Club to Meet

San Leandro Democratic Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, July 25, at 6:30 p.m. in the Trustees Room of the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave.

Supervisors: Long awaited decision

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tal study. It's just that the CEQA act is a convenient way to block a project.

Demmon is in talks with the unions and has offered to use two of the four unions trying to block the project – the electricians and sprinkler fitters, Selna said. And Demmon will use the other two unions as subcontractors – sheet metal workers and plumbers – if their bid is within 5 percent of the lowest non-union competitive bid, he said.

But these offers are being negotiated and they don't know what they will eventually end up with, Selna added.

The project is already using union podium, concrete and earthwork workers on the project, Selna said.

"So it's far from a non-union project," Selna said.

But the unions argue that Demmon is just trying to increase its profits.

This past spring, a consultant with the Sheet Metal Workers Local 104, said that Demmon is looking to hire workers that make lower wages than union workers make.



An artists' rendering shows the Village Green project planned for San Lorenzo.

The law firm representing the unions has yet to return a message this week.

When the Planning Commission approved the project back in February the plans included 12,000 square feet of retail space, a pool, dog park and a shuttle to the Bay Fair BART Station.

The developer also agreed to remodel the marquee of the abandoned Lorenzo Theater across the street.

The Planning Commission vote was 4-1 with commissioner Jim Goff voting no. Goff said at the time that he didn't see the project as having the downtown

atmosphere the community was looking for.

Developer Terry Demmon said his firm has been working on the project for three years.

"We've tried to reach out as best we can to get community input," Demmon said at the time.

Demmon said that construction would take about two years, back when the project was approved by the planning commission.

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors will meet on Tuesday, July 9, at 9:30 a.m. at 1220 Oak St., Room 512, in Oakland.

Bikes: Learning tricks, meeting friends

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Emilio Ocampo, 13, said this gathering wasn't planned, it just happened.

And these pop-up meets between youth will continue to happen all summer long, he said.

He said biking is their way of transportation and a way to enjoy life.

In front of Vic's, the youths, who range from 8 to 16 years of age, plan where they will ride off to next, as others in the group inspect and fix parts of their bikes.

15-year-old Terrel Grene said one of the most exciting things

about riding bikes as a group is learning tricks.

"Learning tricks is about conquering something, learning a skill and moving on to the next step," Grene said.

The tricks they learn from one another, they show them off to one another too, he said.

And even more rewarding, is seeing people in the street or in cars cheer for a rider when they perform a trick, Grene said.

But, the worst times are when drivers take the group as a nuisance and start yelling curse words or insults at them, Grene said.

Garcia said this disrupts the positive energy a group of bike riders have.

"When drivers start messing with the group, it is hard to control everyone," he said.

It is messed up, but sometimes people in the group start doing "stupid" things like banging on cars and then drivers call the police on them, Garcia said.

"It is two or three people that do this and that makes us all look like criminals, but we aren't," he said.

Emilio Ocampo said despite some negative views people may have about youth riding in the streets as a group, that won't stop them from riding out every day in the summer with their friends.

He said he has gotten to know a lot of people through biking, and has gotten to explore his city's parks, shops, restaurants and neighborhoods.

"My relationship with my community has grown since I started biking" Ocampo said.

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Dodgers: A good week

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to the Muckdogs, 5-1. Danny Mendoza pitched three innings and struck out eight and gave up 2 earned runs. Devin Castro hit a home run. Adrian Enriquez singled and pitched 2.2 scoreless innings and struck out four batters.

Coming up, the Dodgers will play in a tournament on Sunday and Monday at Twin Creeks Park in Sunnyvale.

SENIORS

How Seniors Can Spot Fake News

By Jim Miller
Special to the Times

Q I recently read that seniors are the number one purveyor of fake news on the Internet. Is this true, or is it fake news too? If it's true, how can seniors go about spotting fake news?

A Yes, it's true. According to a recent study published in the journal Science Advances, people aged 65 and older are almost four times more likely to share fake news on social media than younger people.

Why do older users share fake news more often? There are two theories. The first is that seniors, who came to the Internet later, sometimes lack the digital literacy skills of their younger counterparts to identify false or misleading content. The second is that many older people experience cognitive decline as they age, making them more likely to fall for hoaxes.

What is Fake News?

Fake news is not new, but it is more prevalent than ever before because of the Internet and social networking, which enables it to spread like wildfire.

Fake news is false news stories, hoaxes or propaganda created to deliberately misinform or deceive readers.

Usually, these stories are created to either influence people's views, push a political agenda or cause confusion and can often be a profitable business for online publishers.

Also note that some fake stories aren't completely false, but rather distortions of real events. These deceitful claims can take a legitimate news story and twist what it says, or even claim that something that happened long ago is related to current events.

How to Spot Fake News

Here are some tips from the International Federation of Library Associations, Harvard University and Facebook that can help you spot fake news stories.

- Be skeptical of headlines: False news stories often have catchy headlines in all caps with exclamation points. If

shocking claims in the headline sound unbelievable, they probably are.

- Look closely at the Web link: A phony or look-alike link may be a warning sign of false news. Many false news sites mimic authentic news sources by making small changes to the link, for example "abcnews.com.co" (an illegitimate site) versus the actual "abcnews.com."

- Investigate the source: Make sure the story is written by a source that you trust with a reputation for accuracy. If the story comes from an unfamiliar organization, check their "About" section to learn more.

You can also find a list of websites that post deceptive and fake content at FactCheck.org – type "misinformation directory" in their search feature to find it.

- Watch for unusual formatting: Many false news sites have misspellings or awkward layouts. Read carefully if you see these signs.

- Inspect the dates: False news stories may contain timelines that make no sense, or event dates that have been

altered.

- Check the evidence: Check the author's sources to confirm that they are accurate. Lack of evidence or reliance on unnamed experts may indicate a false news story.

- Look at other reports: If no other news source is reporting the same story, it may indicate that the story is false. If the story is reported by multiple sources you trust, it's more likely to be true.

- Is the story a joke? Sometimes false news stories can be hard to distinguish from humor or satire. Check whether the source is known for parody, and whether the story's details and tone suggest it may be just for fun.

- Do some fact checking: There are many good websites, like PolitiFact.com, Snopes.com and FactCheck.org that can help you fact check a story to help you identify fact versus fiction. These sites have most likely already fact-checked the latest viral claim to pop up in your news feed.

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



7 Easy Travel Snack Ideas for Diabetics

Do you have diabetes and stress about finding healthy and convenient snack options while you're traveling?

See below for smart snacking tips and healthy recipes for diabetics.

- Choose healthy and satisfying snacks between meals. Snacking done right can keep your blood sugar levels as close to normal as possible and can help prevent low blood sugar.

- Try almonds. Almonds fall low on your carb count chart at 6 grams per serving, they're easy to stash in your carry-on bag and can be found in practically every convenience store and

airport.

- Balance is everything. Combine a high-fiber carb with a protein-rich food to build your smart snack!

- Maintain a calorie cap. Keep snacks to less than 200 calories so your snack doesn't end up being an extra meal.

- Portability is key. Always carry a snack with you so you're prepared for blood sugar slumps.

- Snack mindfully. Think before you eat. Are you hungry or are you bored? Munching mindlessly out of boredom is a sure way to gain unnecessary pounds and interrupt your diabetes management goals.

- Check your blood sugar before you sweat. Check your blood sugar before and after you exercise to monitor if you require a snack. Exercise tends to lower blood sugar levels, so you may need sustenance before or after.

"The health benefits of almonds are wonderful for people with diabetes," says registered dietitian, nutritionist and diabetes expert, Toby Smithson. "Almonds contain good fats, are a good source of fiber (4 grams), and when consumed in moderation, can help you feel full and maintain your weight."

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GUEST COMMENTARY



The Most Misunderstood Word In Real Estate

A recent post by the National Association of Realtors confirms what many have been sensing: the market is slowing.

We have now seen 17 consecutive months where national monthly pending sales have been lower than the previous year.

One of the hallmarks of a slowdown is increased Days on the Market (DOM). DOM numbers for 2018 averaged 15 days, while May, 2019 DOM increased to 20.

With the market visibly slowing, buyer behaviors are shifting. When buyers sense a slowing market, a percentage pull out, believing they can score lower prices down the road if they wait.

They frequently continue visiting open houses, but will not write offers, driving up active listing's DOM numbers. Another group, seeing homes staying on the market for longer periods of time, start writing offers significantly lower than list.

Sellers, watching streams of buyers parading through their open houses every weekend, are frustrated that while activity seems good, offers are not forthcoming as quickly as anticipated.

Grappling for solutions, they frequently resort to the most

misunderstood word in real estate. Calling their listing agent, they state, "Tell everyone we are 'motivated.'"

Ironically, at the same time on the other side of the table, buyer agents are calling listing agents and using the same word: "How 'motivated' are the sellers?"

Which brings up an interesting question: what exactly does the word 'motivated' mean, anyway?

It usually means totally different things depending on which side of the transaction you are on. For most sellers, "motivated" means they are willing to look at reasonable offers. When a buyer or buyer's agent asks the question, however, they are looking to ascertain how deep a cut the seller might be willing to endure. Think, 'lowball' offers.

It goes without saying that differences in the way the word is used can cause frustration—especially on the listing side.

A seller, hoping to get an offer, will use the word to get some activity going. Buyers, on the other hand, seeing the word as a sign of weakness, go in for the kill. Neither part is happy with the result.

Sellers summarily dismiss lowball offers and buyers, thinking this was their opportunity to

get a bargain, end up feeling like a dog that tried chasing a parked car.

I think we should do away with the word 'motivated' altogether. Perhaps, as an alternative, we could substitute with 'reasonable.' Whatever that means.

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Recycling Graywater May Be Impractical

By Buzz Bertolero
Special to the Times

With the water rates increasing, I'm thinking about recycling the household wastewater to water our backyard garden. Are the chemicals in the water from the soap, shampoo, etc., harmful to plants?

Recycling household water is not a bad idea; however, as with solar panels, it's not the ideal answer for everyone.

Household wastewater is called graywater because of its cloudy appearance as it comes from baths, showers, hand basins or a washing machine. ("Blackwater" refers to any water containing human waste, while fresh or "potable" water is called white water.

Since graywater hasn't been disinfected, you need to use a common sense approach to eliminate any potential hazard. Shower and bathroom sink water is the best to recycle.

Food particles and grease are the biggest concerns with kitchen water from cooking, dishpan, and food preparation. For plants, traditional soaps and detergents pose the biggest threat. Biodegradable soaps appear to have the least harmful effect.

There are many environmentally friendly products available that reduce this risk. With recycled washing machine water, avoid all modern detergents that whiten, brighten, soften or have "enzymatic powers."

Also, avoid bleach and Borax products and anything containing chlorine and boron. Although these are secondary plant nutri-

ents, they can quickly build up to toxic levels in soils.

Graywater is applied to landscape trees and most shrubs along with turf with no ill effects. However, it's used sparingly on Azaleas, Begonias, Camellias, Rhododendrons, Blueberries, and other acid-loving shrubs as the soil can become more alkaline from the chemicals.

It can be used on containers and with edibles with precautions. Graywater is always applied directly to the ground. You should avoid splashing it onto foliage plants. Thus, it's not recommended for root crops such as radishes, carrots, beets, etc.

Besides, you should avoid edibles that mature close to the ground such as cucumbers, strawberries, squash, and leafy vegetables like spinach, Swiss Chard, and lettuce.

Graywater is best used on those crops that mature above the ground like beans, tomatoes, peas, corn, and eggplant. The biggest hurdle you need to address is the collection, storage, and distribution of the graywater.

The answer to that question will more than likely make what seems like a good idea, impractical for most.

You should also check with your local water agency for any incentives for installing a graywater system at a residence.

Here are several other points to remember: Fresh water is rotated with gray water to flush or leach out any harmful build-up. Mulching plants along with cultivating is encouraged, as the naturally occurring microorganisms break down the wastewater residue or bacteria.

Plants should be fed with organic type fertilizers containing the naturally occurring microbes and mycorrhizae, such as Dr. Earth, FoxFarm, Happy Frog, and other similar brands. Again, these products can break down harmful residues.

In summary, the recycling of household water is an effective water-wise technique for general ornamental landscape plants, however, it does require a fair amount of planning and resources to set it up efficiently.

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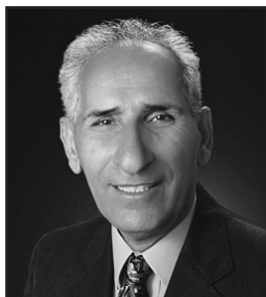
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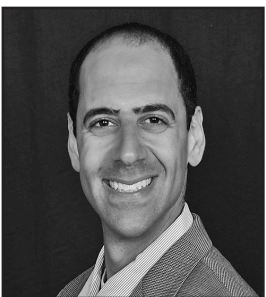
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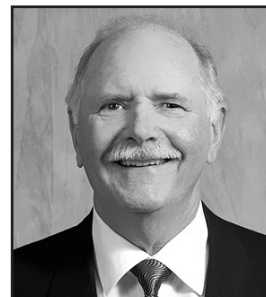
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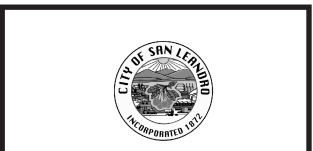
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Saag's: Workers say severance spit in face

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Lombardo said through an email.

Saag's machine maintenance worker Sonny Vu put it more concisely.

"Simply, Smithfield's is closing down Saag's to save money," Vu said.

The workers were notified 60 days prior to June 28, said Saag's meat packager Steve Nguyen. He said the shutdown came as a surprise to him and his coworkers. Nguyen said what was even more of a shock was the amount of money he was offered as severance pay.

Vu has worked at Saag's for 28 years, and he said he is only going to get \$1,000 as severance pay, an amount that couldn't even pay one month of his rent.

Nguyen has been there for 13 years, and he will only get \$750.

"The severance pay is a spit in the face," Nguyen said as he pulled up a Saag's human resource memo sent out to employees on his tablet device.

Employees with zero to four years of service were given \$500, those with five to 15 were given \$750 and those with 16 years or more were given \$1,000, according to the memo.

Both Nguyen and Vu are United Food and Commercial Workers Local 5 (UFCW5) union workers.

UFCW5 union workers staged a walkout protest at Saag's parking lot on June 12 to protest the severance pay, said Nguyen. He said he participated in the



PHOTO BY DENIS PEREZ

The Saag's sausage plant, a longtime San Leandro institution, is shutting down.

protest because the severance pay was not fair. He said with rising living costs, the amount a large company like Smithfield is willing to give their working employees should be more.

Vu plans on going back to school after his last day at Saag's on July 12. Although, he is worried that going back to school

might set him back financially in the short term. On the other hand, his other worry is that if he does not go back to school, he will end up employed in a minimum wage job trying to work his way up like he did in Saag's.

"I worked so long in this trade, and now it is disappearing," Vu said.

4th of July Celebration Set for Meek Park

The area's big Independence Day celebration will take place again this year at Meek Park, 240 Hampton Road in Hayward, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on July 4th.

The annual community party will include historic crafts, music, face-painting, sidewalk chalk art, bike repairs, a bounce house and food vendors for a day filled with history and fun.

Since 2009, hundreds of visitors have come to Meek Park to tour the house and enjoy crafts, food and local booths.

The festivities this year will include music by Johnny Mahalo and the Wild Coconuts, a local group that plays a variety of music from classic rock to rhythm and blues, country, rockabilly and island music.

You can enjoy games on the lawn, do a giant drawing with sidewalk chalk or make patriotic pom-poms with red, white and blue ribbons.

The historic Meek Mansion will be open for tours with do-

cents (some in costume) to share the history of the house.

The Acorn A's Car Club will show off a classic Model A car. Bikemobile will be on site, offering the first 20 participants free bike repairs, so bring your bike and get it ready for some summer pedaling.

And, of course, there will be plenty of food — hot dogs and BBQ by local vendors. Bring a picnic blanket and make a day of it.

Libertarian Party to Meet at The Englander

Meet members of the local county affiliate of the Libertarian Party to discuss politics and current events at The Englander Pub, 101 Parrott St. in San Leandro, on Thursday, July 11, from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. Discuss upcoming community events for the Libertarian Party of Alameda County. Attendance is free. Buy your own food and drink. For more info, visit <https://lpac.us/home/>.

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A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, July 5th, 2019 from 2 p.m. till 8 p.m. at Santos Robinson Mortuary, 160 Estudillo Avenue in San Leandro



Sandra Elaine Dayton

September 8, 1946 - June 17, 2019

Sandy passed away at home surrounded by her family and friends on June 17, 2019. She was born in Paris, AR on September 8, 1946 to Bea and Simeon Clark. Sandy graduated from California State University Hayward in 1968. She continued her education, receiving her teaching credential. On July 1, 1967, Sandy married Paul "Gene" Dayton, Jr. Sandy and Gene moved to San Leandro in 1972.

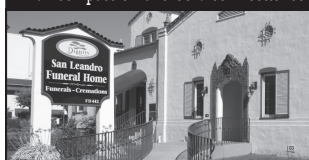
Sandy was a dedicated teacher for over 40 years. She spent her teaching career with the San Lorenzo School District and taught 1st Grade at Lewelling School and Colonial Acres. Sandy's belief that her responsibility to provide the best educational foundation to her students never faltered. She continued teaching 1st grade reading as a volunteer at Colonial Acres for years after she retired. When not teaching, she enjoyed RV camping, boating and jet skiing with her family and friends.

Sandy is survived by her husband, Paul "Gene" Dayton Jr.; their sons, Paul Simeon Dayton, Todd Dayton and Todd's wife Destiny, and a brother, Kenneth Clark of Santa Rosa. Sandy will be missed by many cousins, nieces, nephews and a close circle of friends.

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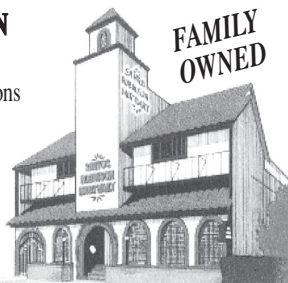
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Asks Why We Single Out Just One Group to Get a Crosswalk

Editor:

When we see one group of people represented, what are we saying about other groups?

For example, we now have a pride walk way on Washington and Parrott, with the pride colors on full display. That is fine, and I understand the need for San Leandro to cater and, at times, pander, but what about other groups, races, minorities, struggles, and their respective flags? What about the Peace and Freedom group? What about the Republican or Democrat colors painted on a San Leandro crosswalk?

How about military flag colors covering a crosswalk to honor and respect our vets? Why is only one group represented 365 days of the year?

What we are saying when one group is represented, is that there is an indirect message we are sending that a particular group is superior or better. I challenge the minds behind the pride color crosswalk to rise and represent other groups and races and movements. Aren't we a city of inclusion?

—Robert Johansen
San Leandro

Thanks All Who Worked on Responsible Investment Policy

Editor:

This month, the San Leandro City Council unanimously approved a Socially Responsible Investment Policy. The Council Resolution requires that San Leandro's investments be screened to minimize or eliminate investments in tobacco, fossil fuels, guns and private prisons.

The Socially Responsible Investment Policy was nearly two years in the making. Concerned citizens attended Finance Committee meetings repeatedly and participated in heartfelt dialogues about the need to divest from identified investment sectors. Committee members carefully deliberated with the City's investment consultants.

City staff weighed the pros and cons of screening investments. Councilmembers Lee and Hernandez and Mayor Cutter engaged in intense dialogue about fiduciary responsibility, return on investment, and a value guided policy for taxpayers' dollars.

The Finance Committee made their policy recommendation after careful scrutiny of all responsible investment options. Similarly, the Council voted 7-0 after exacting consideration of their financial obligations and investment of City money.

Thank you to the San Leandro residents who made abundant phone calls, wrote numerous letters and attended evening meetings for many months. Our time and concern for public health, climate change, gun violence, and the abuses in private prisons and detention centers will now be reflected in the management of our tax dollars.

—Maureen Forney
San Leandro

Says San Leandro Police Work Hard to Earn Their Salary, Benefits

Editor:

I would like to comment on Ricardo Trigueros' letter to the editor ("Outside Youth Bike Gangs are Threatening Public Safety," Letters, June 27) regarding outside bike gangs and the SLPD: "Many SLPD officers pursue low level traffic tickets."

Every law is on the books for a reason. It is not the job of a police officer to determine if a violation is low level or not. It is the job of a police officer to enforce the law of every violation that is observed.

"Many SLPD officers idle away in parking lots." Maybe the officer is writing a report or on the phone doing some follow up on a previous call.

"The SLPD should do more to earn its extremely generous salaries, benefits and pensions." They do. I was born, raised and work in San Leandro. I have never seen a youth bike gang or a SLPD officer pursue low level traffic tickets or sitting idle in a parking lot. I have seen them working hard earning their salaries, benefits and pensions.

—Rick Luciano
Danville

Zoning Variances for Elected Officials? He Says Just Say No!

Editor:

I have a simple solution to the stand-off about elected officials wanted zoning variances.

Pass a local law: no zoning variance applications will be accepted from city elected officials.

Simple! Problem solved!

—Joe Springer
San Leandro

Trailing Leash Saved the Day... And Maybe Phoebe's Life

Editor:

Two months ago we were able to catch a miniature rat terrier that had been running in the streets of our San Leandro neighborhood for at least a week. After failing to find her owner while taking care of her and getting her spayed, chipped, and vaccinated, we were ready for obedience training.

Last Sunday, June 30, while my husband and I were waiting outside the enclosed pen for dog obedience training to begin at Pet Food Express on CV Boulevard, my husband dropped her leash while we were passing jackets to each other.

I looked down a moment later to see "Phoebe" running through the parking lot to the Boulevard. I ran after her to Wilbeam, where a Pet Food Express customer joined me. He ran ahead to the Chipotle parking lot, where she circled, then she headed down Wilbeam.

All the way I was calling for her but she was in flight mode (no doubt frightened by all of us chasing her). I went back to get my car and husband and the man said he would continue to follow Phoebe.

We arrived to find her running back

up Wilbeam and then behind the new Marketplace. Behind us was another Pet Food Express customer in her car, trying to help us.

Phoebe ran up the west side of the Marketplace and was turning the corner at CV Blvd. when two men and a woman saw her running towards them. One of the men jumped out and stepped on Phoebe's leash and she was stopped! Without the leash he wouldn't have been able to catch her, and his quick response ended the chase.

I truly didn't think we'd catch her, and was so worried about her getting hit by a car, but at least she had a harness, leash, collar, chip, and three types of ID on her collar so, eventually, someone would know how to contact me.

Probably 10-12 people, plus more concerned citizens, tried to help us catch our dog and while I was able to thank some of them in person, I want to again express my sincere thanks to the all of the Good Samaritans. Thank you, again, for all your efforts. You are the best of what it means to be a community.

Phoebe will be safely walked on a double leash with our other dog (who will act as a boat anchor if anything happens), and next week we'll be back at Pet Food Express to continue our training.

—Gayle Hudson
San Leandro

Troubled by Free Health Care Going to Unauthorized Immigrants

Editor:

Well folks, the legislature and our governor have decided you have enough money to fund healthcare for "unauthorized immigrants" 19 through 25. You know them, the young people who snuck into this country without waiting for immigration authorities to vet them and see if they are wanted criminals. These people came here illegally.

We will now have to pay the government to give free healthcare to these folks. Aren't you glad? I, however, am quite troubled. I am a legal citizen of the U.S., of California. When was I offered free healthcare? And that you had to pay for? Never. But we are being asked to fund \$98 million for this fiasco. My sneaking suspicion is this is a way to garner future votes for the party in power, Democrats, nothing less. And it is given out by them, but at your expense. Congratulations San Leandro, you just got taken by your government - again!

—Corey Anderson
San Leandro

Says AB-392 'Just Standardizes' Police Use of Deadly Force

Editor:

Mr. West is so wrong again. This time it is about Assembly Bill-392 (now law) about police officers using deadly force.

First, the law was passed in bipartisan fashion: 68 Yea votes, including 11 from Republicans.

Second, there is nothing new. AB-392 just standardizes definitions and guidelines around use of deadly force. Many police organizations were already following these rules.

Third, Mr. West spews falsehoods claiming "many cops are killed" because of restrictions, however there is little to no evidence.

From 2018 to present, there were 14 fallen officers and their deaths would not have been any different for AB-392.

In 2019, two were killed by ambush, one died in a vehicle accident and the fourth died of complications from injuries sustained in 2015.

In 2018 the same pattern of ambushes, accidents and unrelated health issues took the lives of 10 law enforcement personnel. Just one, Sergeant Helus, was killed by an active shooter in a bar in Thousand Oak (Nov. 2018). He and a CHP officer rightly decided to used deadly force to

save the lives of others.

Mr. West is so unhappy with his own life that every two weeks or so he has to find others to lash out after. As published in this paper, he loves the benefits that Democrats/socialism provides (housing, SSI, Medicare, etc.) but can't lose face by backing down from his years of white-privilege rants. Even when he is proven wrong week after week.

I feel so sad for Mr. West and everyone else that has to be subjected to his ideas.

—John Clouston
San Leandro

INQUIRING REPORTER

What does it mean to be an American?

— Asked downtown

It means the American Dream to me, because I have been able to make my own self by deciding what I wanted to do when I grew up. I was able to map out a path without obstructions and was able to pursue my own way.

Paul Glenn and Sadie

San Leandro,
grew up in Texas



Well, it's great to be an American because you have more opportunities and choices.

Stanley Grassi

San Leandro

Being an American means having the freedom of choice and opportunity. If one is willing to put in the work, then you can take your life where you want it to be. If you want to be a nurse, a truck driver, or an engineer, and you put in the effort and stay with it, then you can make it.

Vlad Knight

Redding, raised in Ukraine



Being an American to me means having the ability to do whatever I want and to try what I want without hesitation, while having the freedom to think what I feel and to express myself.

Marquis Jordan

Livermore



Having the freedom to make your own choices in life.

Yvonne Dutton

Hayward,
works in San Leandro



History: Hornet picked up Apollo 11 crew after first moon mission

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what germs may have been on the moon.

President Richard Nixon came aboard and greeted the three astronauts from outside the trailer as they peered through the window with smiles.

USS Hornet 4th of July

- Thursday, July 4
- 2 to 10 p.m.
- Alameda Point
- Music, entertainment, exhibits, flight simulator, fireworks
- Tickets: \$25 adult, \$15 youth 7-17, free for younger children

Also back aboard the Hornet was the 22 kilograms of lunar soil and rock, giving Earthling scientists something to study for years to come.

Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin stepped onto the moon on July 20, 1969, as the third astronaut Michael Collins orbited the moon in Columbia, the command ship.



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Footsteps painted on the Hornet's hangar deck mark where the Apollo 11 astronauts walked to the quarantine trailer after the ship pulled them out of the Pacific Ocean.

Armstrong and Aldrin spent 21 hours on the moon, two hours conducting experiments, and then back aboard Eagle for a lunar nap.

Four days later, they re-entered the Earth's atmosphere at 24,000 m.p.h. and landed in the Pacific where the Hornet awaited.

An Apollo capsule, similar

to Apollo 11, is on display in the hangar of the Hornet. Cutaway sections of the space vehicle reveal the wiring and the thickness of the craft, which was built by North American Aviation to survive the heat of re-entry at over 20,000 miles per hour.

The 1960 electronics look

outdated today, but put your hand on the spacecraft and your senses tell you this thing was built solid. The thick honeycomb aluminum walls are stuffed with fiberglass for insulation.

You can walk right in the footsteps of the astronauts from the Apollo capsule to the containment trailer, a beauty of an Airstream, but it might as well have been made of aluminum foil compared to the space capsule. And to think the thin walls of this little trailer were all that came between the possibility of deadly outer-space germs and the rest of humanity.

But after Apollo 14, astronauts no longer were quarantined since it was understood that moon germs didn't exist.

Bruce Douglas, who is now a docent on the Hornet, was a sailor on the ship in 1969 and saw the crane lift the capsule onto the deck. He repaired the communications gear used by the Hornet's crew.

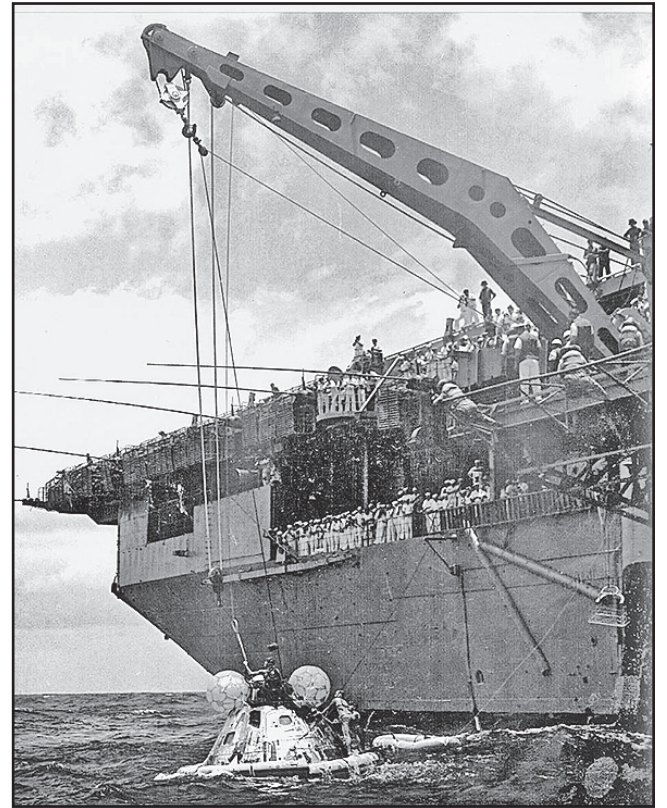


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A crane on the Hornet pulled Apollo 11 out of the Pacific.

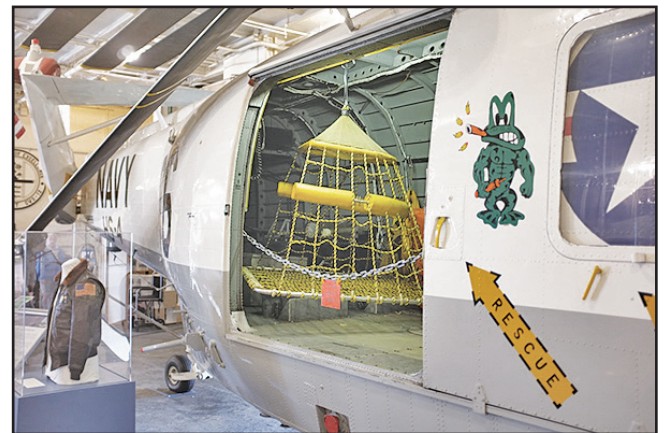


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A helicopter aboard the Hornet is identical to the one that picked up Apollo 11 and its crew.

"I was just standing by in case of any problems," Douglas recalls, though no problems arose. Later, Douglas and his ship-

mates were allowed to walk past the quarantine trailer and wave to the astronauts. He still has a picture he took of the three astronauts peering out the window.

The Hornet was decommissioned the following year. The ship was completed in 1943 to fight World War II, involved in campaigns in the Mariana

"Go slowly, my lovely moon, go slowly."

— Khaled Hosseini,
The Kite Runner

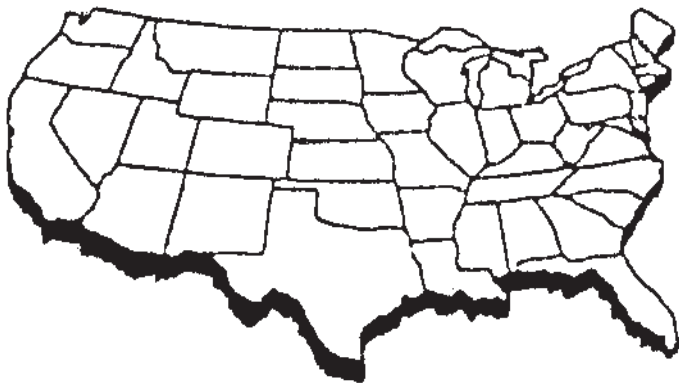
Islands and the liberation of the Philippines and many other battles.

Today, the Hornet is docked in Alameda, a piece of American history that's open year round.

The USS Hornet Museum invites the public to a Fourth of July celebration on Thursday from 2 to 10 p.m. onboard the Hornet at Alameda Point. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$15 for youths 7 to 17, and free for younger children with paying adult. Live music and entertainment, flight simulator and hands-on science exhibits, food and beverages and a full bar, and fireworks at 9:15 p.m., weather permitting.

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