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Windy City

The wind kicked up last week and sent a tumbleweed rolling along the railroad tracks – not in Clovis, New Mexico, but on Fairway Drive in San Leandro.

New Tax District In the Works For East 14th

‘Community benefit district’ would
pay for extra cleanup, security

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

A new “community benefit” tax district is in the process of being created along the northern portion of the East 14th Street corridor.

The Alta Mira Community Benefit District (CBD) would consist of 39 commercially-zoned parcels with frontage along East 14th Street between San Leandro Creek north to Georgia Way, a few blocks from the Oakland city line.

Like the other CBD downtown, which calls itself the San Leandro Improvement Association (SLIA), the new CBD would be managed by New City America, a San-Diego based company which has created such districts all over the country.

A CBD is an area where property owners agree to an additional tax for services, such as sidewalk improvements and cleanup, security patrols, and public relations.

In January, the SLIA mailed surveys to property owners in the proposed district to gauge their interest. Marco LiMandri, New City America’s president, said they found there was interest and now they have sent out a petition to establish the district.

The votes are weighed based on the size of property owned and the amount of frontage on the street. If passed, the amount of the tax would also be weighed ac-

ording to the size of the property.

If 30 percent of property owners respond positively to the survey by the end of April, a

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Youth Summit Set for Saturday

A summit meeting for the young people of San Leandro will be held this Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Praises of Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 1395 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro.

“San Leandro Community Youth Summit: Empowering Our Youth and Celebrating Diversity” will feature an open discussion with Police Chief Tudor and San Leandro High School Principal Dr. Richardson, and many other civic leaders.

Admission is free for this event for those 14 and older.

According to event organizers, “The goal of this summit is to give youth a place where their

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Randall Resigns from School Board

Longtime trustee, 91, steps down; seat on board to be filled

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

After more than two decades serving on the San Lorenzo School Board, Helen Randall has stepped down as a trustee for personal reasons. Her last meeting was in January.

Randall, 91, had been on the school board since 1994 and was most recently reelected as the at-large member in 2014. Her term was to have ended in 2018, but her health and the recent death of her long-term partner led to her resigning the board, according to Superintendent Fred Brill.

Brill said that Randall’s partner also acted as her caretaker, so she couldn’t fulfill her duties to

the board after his death.

Randall worked as a secretary and union leader in the San Lorenzo district before retiring and joining the school board. Her colleagues said they will miss her and they unanimously passed a resolution in her honor at their March 21 meeting.

“I really enjoyed working with her,” said Penny Peck, the board’s president. “She didn’t talk a lot but when she did, everyone would stop and listen – they would know she had something important to say. She also had a really great sense of humor.”

The San Lorenzo School District recently solicited ap-



Helen Randall left the San Lorenzo school board this year after serving for 23 years.

plications for people interested in filling the vacancy on the board left by Randall and have scheduled interviews with qualified candidates for Tuesday, April 11, at 6 p.m. at the district office, 15510 Usher St. in San Lorenzo.

The interviews will be conducted in an open session and the public will have a chance to comment to the board on the candidates. The board is expected to choose a new member at the meeting.

The board member who is appointed will serve the remainder of Randall’s 4-year term, until November 2018, and then can run for re-election.

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Trivia Buffs to Test Their Skills Saturday

Ticket are on sale at the Main Library for the annual Trivia Bee on Saturday, April 8, the San Leandro Public Library's Project Literacy annual fundraiser.

This fun-filled event will be held on Saturday evening, April 8, at the Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. The doors will open at 6 p.m. The buffet dinner and raffle begins at 6:30 p.m. and the Trivia Bee starts at 7 p.m.

Support and increase family and adult literacy by helping to raise funds for this worthy cause through the purchase of raffle tickets at \$1 each, a sit-down dinner at \$25 each, or sponsor a Trivia Bee team

for \$350.

Cheer from the audience as the teams go through one round after another of answering challenging trivia questions while enjoying a catered dinner.

Watch in suspense as one team after another gets eliminated until only team remains to become the 2017 San Leandro Trivia Bee Champions.

To purchase raffle tickets, dinner tickets, to sponsor a trivia bee team, or to make a donation for this good cause, go to the Main Library or call Cinda Mariscal, the Project Literacy Coordinator, at 577-3944.

Act now as tickets will not be sold at the door.

Bishop to Visit All Saints Sunday

On Palm Sunday, April 9, the Right Reverend Marc Handley Andrus, Bishop of California, will come to All Saints Episcopal Church, 911 Dowling Blvd. in San Leandro, for his official visitation. Bishop Andrus will preside over the Palm Sunday service at 9:15 a.m. and will bless the church's new solar

panel array.

Bishop Andrus is the eighth bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of California. His leadership has focused on issues related to peace and justice, including immigration reform, civil rights for LBGTQ+ persons, health care, and climate change. For more information visit www.saintsalive.net.

Join the Happy Stampers

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

Monday of each month at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. For more information, call Janie at 483-0389.



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Stereo Freakout will play at The Englander Pub on Saturday. (Left to right) Mike Henika (trombone), Jennie Mermod-Camero (bass/vocals), Dave Jones (drums/vocals), Jym Murry (guitar, lead vocals), and Justin Mermod (saxophone).

Freakout at Downtown Pub

Local funk/rock favorites Stereo Freakout return to the The Englander Pub, 101 Parrott St., on Saturday, April 8, at 8 p.m.

The band will play songs from their new album, "Next

Round's On Me."

During the intermission, San Leandran Michelle McBride will give a special belly dancing performance.

The night will include

a "Tap-Takeover" by Drake's Brewery in the performance room, where patrons can take home a Drake's pint glass along with other goodies the brewery will provide.

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.



BY ROBERT ROSAS

IF YOU suffer from low back pain, according to National Institutes of Health, you are among

four out of five Americans who will suffer from disabling back pain during their lifetimes.

Shooting, stabbing and burning pains from the low back, sometimes with additional pain through the buttocks and down the legs are all symptoms of a pinched nerves often called "sciatica".

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delay your important diagnosis and treatment another moment!

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St. Felicitas Kids Learn to Work as a Team

The students at St. Felicitas school recently had fun at a team-building exercise to learn how to communicate and get along with each other.

Each team consisted of mixed sixth, seventh, and eighth grade kids who had to figure out as a team how to accomplish

their tasks. In the exercise above, the group is blindfolded and the end person is guiding them with hand touch symbols.

There were six teams navigating in the same area and collisions occurred if the team member who was guiding didn't give good directions.

In another exercise, kids had their legs tied together and had to navigate an obstacle course.

Afterwards, the kids and teachers talked about what worked, what didn't work, and any suggestions that could be helpful in working together.

Prosecutor to Travel to South Korea

An Alameda County deputy district attorney is traveling to South Korea soon to share ideas about the law.

Deputy district attorney Glenn Kim has been hand-picked by the Republic of Korea Supreme Prosecutors Office in conjunction with the Korean Prosecutors Association Justice Foundation to present at a conference in Korea and write a detailed legal paper.

Kim is one of seven legal minds from around the nation who have been chosen to research, write, and present a paper that focuses on the way prosecutors' offices in the United States cooperate with various law enforcement offices in the country.

The goal of this project is to share the differing roles of prosecutors and law enforcement officers in the United States, and how these two arms of the US criminal justice system cooperate

and collaborate to ensure justice is served.

"We are proud that one of our own has been selected to work with the Republic of Korea to impart knowledge and best-practices within the criminal justice system. Kim's selection reflects the excellent reputation our office has in the legal profession both nationally and abroad," said District Attorney Nancy O'Malley in a written statement.

This opportunity is sponsored by the office of the Prosecutor General, the chief prosecutor who oversees and directs the

investigations and operations of all prosecuting offices in the Republic of Korea.

In May, Kim and the team will fly out to a conference in Seoul.

The completed project will be published in November in both Korean and English.

"The Alameda County DA's Office fosters a spirit of public service and I am proud to continue that tradition," said Kim in a written statement. "Serving on this writing committee is a tremendous professional and personal opportunity."

SL Physician's Assistant Arrested in Federal Pill Case

A San Leandro physician's assistant is facing federal charges for allegedly illegally distributing pain medication.

According to court records, a confidential informant who had been busted on another drug charge by the DEA wore a wire to catch the man, who now faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison and \$1 million fine.

The physician's assistant, who worked at a doctor's office

specializing in anesthesiology and pain management on the 15000 block of East 14th Street, allegedly electronically prescribed Oxycodone, an opioid pain medication, several times following brief check ups.

The DEA later obtained the source's medical records, which appeared to have been falsified.

The informant asked the suspect to prescribe more of the drug so the informant could sell

it and make money.

The suspect allegedly agreed, and the source later provided him with \$2,000, and told the suspect that was half the profits that had been made through illegal pain-killer sales.

The physician's assistant initially accepted the money, but about a month later called the informant back and said accepting it didn't feel right. The court case is ongoing.

Five Teens Suspected in String of Crimes Injured in Car Chase Crash

Five teenagers ranging in age from 14 to 18 have been arrested following a string of robberies and a car chase with the police that ended in a crash that left their

car overturned.

The teens are suspected to have committed robberies in San Leandro and Oakland and a burglary in Hayward, according to Oakland police. Details about the crimes have not been released.

After two separate robberies in Oakland on Monday afternoon, police spotted the teens in a car in the area of 69th Avenue and

Lucille Street in East Oakland just before 8 p.m.

The police tried to stop the car, but the teens drove away and led officers on a chase onto northbound I-880. The car crashed and overturned on the 5th Avenue off-ramp, police said.

All five teens were treated for injuries sustained in the crash and are in stable condition.

Learn About Crime Victims' Rights

The Alameda County District Attorney's Office is holding a special event tomorrow, April 7, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Family Justice Center, 470 27th Street in Oakland in honor of National Crime Victim's Rights Week.

The district attorney's office, in collaboration with the International Institute of the Bay Area, is hosting a presentation to discuss victims' rights.

RSVP to Deisy Cruz at 267-8879 or deisy.cruz@acgov.org.

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Exchange students from Spain enjoyed their summer last year in the Bay Area.

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An exchange student program is looking for more host families to house 25 students from Spain who are coming to the Bay Area this summer.

Have a fun experience with your family learning about another culture, language and make a new lifelong friend.

The students will stay for four weeks, June 24 through July 22, and range in age from 14 to 17 and will have their own spending money and insurance.

The students speak English

and want to experience life in an American home. It's not necessary to speak Spanish to be a host family.

The 25 students in the group will go on three excursions each week. Some of the trips will be to Great America, Alcatraz, UC Berkeley, sailing, an Oakland A's game, and other attractions. The excursions are all paid for by the program, as well as their ground transportation.

Host families are welcome to join the students on any of the

excursions at a discounted rate. Host families provide one student with their own bed, a place to keep belongings and meals.

Meet other host families at the Host Family Orientation before the students arrive. An effort will be made to place students according to age, gender and interests.

To be a host family or for more information on this cultural experience, call EMY program coordinator Jan Garcia at 749-7061.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

❖ Chanticleers Theatre

Wait Until Dark opens on Friday, April 7, and 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.

❖ The Maltese Bodkin at San Leandro Museum

The San Leandro Players present *The Maltese Bodkin* on Saturdays

at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. through April 9, and Fridays to April 7, at the San Leandro Museum/Auditorium, 320 West Estudillo Ave., in San Leandro. Written by David Belke and directed by Sage Hindley the play follows the intrepid gumshoe as he solves the mystery of the deadly bodkin amid savory and unsavory characters from the realm of Shakespeare. Tickets are \$20, or \$15 for seniors, TBA members, under 12 and students. For more information or reservations, call 895-2573. Order tickets online at www.slplayers.org.

❖ Morrisson Theatre

The Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 N. Third St. in Hayward, presents *Side by Side by Sondheim*, a musical revue featuring the earlier songs of one of the greatest composers of American musical theatre. The musical opens on Friday, April 7, and runs through April 23 with shows on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$29 with discounts available for seniors, under 30s, students and groups of 10 or more. For tickets, call the box office at 881-6777 or visit the website: www.dmtonline.org. DMT's production of "Side by Side by Sondheim," is directed by Michael Ryken, with music direction by Dean Starnes, and features a talented ensemble of Bay Area performers: Tielle Baker, Brian Couch, Christine Macomber and Jenny Matteucci.

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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Be careful about doing someone a favor when you don't know the full story behind the request. Don't rely on someone's unsubstantiated assurances. Insist on all the facts before you act.



TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): That workplace problem still needs your attention before you finally can close the book on it. Meanwhile, a long-anticipated reunion gets closer to becoming a happy reality.



GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): You might be demanding more from others than they can give. Best advice: Have a long and frank talk to determine what the facts are. Tensions should abate as the week winds down.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Aspects are favorable throughout this week for making contacts that could be important to your career plans. Meanwhile, an old friend offers the advice you're seeking.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): It's time to stop licking your wounds from past mistakes. Get up and get going toward your future. Loyal friends will be there to help the Lion get back into rip-roaring shape.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): Take time out to go over what's expected of you before you begin your new project. Otherwise, you run the risk of pushing yourself harder than you need to.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): An unusual request could put you in an awkward position. Best advice: Deal with it immediately. The longer you delay, the more difficult it will be to get out of it.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): You should feel recharged and ready for whatever your workday world holds for you. The same positive energy spills over into your personal relationships.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): A prospect might be less than it appears to be. Like the Archer in your sign, you always aim for the truth. And this is no time to settle for less than full disclosure.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Start doing some serious thinking about a career move that could entail more than just changing job sites. Some lifestyle changes also might be involved.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): With tensions easing at the workplace, a more positive environment once again encourages the free flow of ideas so typical of the always-innovative Aquarian.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Show some of that usually hidden steel-strong Piscean backbone, and stand up for yourself if you hope to make a case for that promotion you know you deserve.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

❖ Friends of San Leandro Creek Workshop

The San Leandro Creek Erosion Control Workshop has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., rain or shine, at Root Park in San Leandro. At 10:30 a.m., Ohlone Elder Ruth Orta will give a short history of the Ohlone People of the East Bay, and bless the work on the creek. Free food, drinks, tools, and gloves will be provided. Please wear sturdy boots and clothes in layers that you won't mind getting dirty. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call or email Susan Levenson Watershed Awareness Coordinator Friends of San Leandro Creek at 577-6069 or SLevenson@sanleandro.org.

❖ Little Free Library Open Houses

You're invited to a self-guided tour of Little Free Library Open Houses hosted at Little Free Libraries throughout San Leandro, on Saturday, April 8, from 1 to 4 p.m. Tour the town, have a look, take or leave a book. Meet many of the Little Free Library stewards who will be on hand as the hosts as you visit San Leandro's miniature houses, bookcases, and other curbside cubbies filled with books. A map can be found online at <https://binged.it/2nbsMgE>. Facebook group: San Leandro Little Free Library. Email questions to the Stewards' Coordinator local contact at SLLittleFreeLibrary@gmail.com.

❖ Hearing Loss Association Meeting

The next meeting of the Hearing Loss Association will be on Saturday, April 8, at the Oakland Kaiser Permanente Hospital, Fabiola Bldg., 3801 Howe St., lower level, room G26. Refreshments start at 9:30 a.m. with the program beginning at 10 a.m. Dr. Matthew Fitzgerald Chief of Audiology at Stanford Medical Center will have updates on Cochlear Implants, and Dr. Patricia Cross will be honored as the most generous donor. Free parking on Saturday in the garage across Howe St. For more information, email athos.artist@att.net or call Kay at 886-4717.

❖ Light the Night Art Gala

Interact District 5170 Area 2 will host an Art Gala: *Light the Night* on Saturday, April 8, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Boys and Girls' Club, 401 Marina Blvd. in San Leandro. See all the talent that the youth of the San Leandro area has to offer and to donate to Interact's International Project, "Me the Human." All proceeds go toward the International Project to provide aid and relief to the victims of the Syrian Refugee Crisis.

❖ St. Gerard Women's Club Bake Sale

The members of the St. Gerard Women's Club of St. John's Church will have its annual Easter bake sale and raffle on Saturday and Sunday, April 8 and 9, starting after the Saturday 4:30 p.m. Mass at 264 East Lewelling Blvd. in San Lorenzo. There will be a continental breakfast offered after all the Masses on Sunday, April 9. It is a great weekend celebration with lots of baked goods, raffle prizes and trinkets & treasures booth with all the proceeds from the weekend going to St. John's Church. For more information, call co-chairs: Rita Ewing at 278-1283 or Raquel Mallari 877-8159.

❖ Watercolor Demonstration

Well known watercolor artist, Carolyn Lord will demonstrate watercolor painting at the next meeting of the San Leandro Art Association on Tuesday, April 11, at 7 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Carolyn Lord is a signature member of both the

National Watercolor Society and the California Art Club. To see examples of her work go to www.carolynlord.com.

❖ Ecumenical Good Friday Service

All are welcome to an Ecumenical Good Friday Service on Friday, April 14, at noon. The gathering will be hosted this year at All Saints Episcopal Church, 911 Dowling Blvd. in San Leandro. This service will include familiar hymns and reflections on Christ's "Seven Last Words" by clergy from different congregations throughout San Leandro as well as from the CEO of Davis Street (www.davisstreet.org), Rose Padilla Johnson. A special collection will be taken to support Davis Street's services to low income residents of our community.

❖ East Bay Rose Society

Learn how to do show stopping displays of roses for home or exhibition at the East Bay Rose Society's meeting on Wednesday, April 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave. in Oakland. You can make a display that will showcase the beauty of your roses with a bouquet, a bowl, or even a teacup. There will be demonstrations and how-to tips by EBRS members and consulting rosarians. Enjoy snacks, meet people who talk roses and enjoy the show. For more information, go to www.eastbayroses.org.

❖ San Leandro Garden Club

San Leandro Garden Club will have its annual spring fundraiser on Saturday, April 22, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Senior Center, 13909 East 14th St. in San Leandro. Lunch will be served at noon. There will be a pick-your-prize, previously loved treasures and jewelry, a plant table with a wide selection of plants, as well as the delicious salads. For tickets or more information, call Sharon at 785-2057.

❖ 3K Color Run Fundraiser

John Muir Middle School PTSO 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

❖ Sons In Retirement Meetings

SIRs, an organization of retired men, meets on the second Wednesday of each month. The group meets at the Wedgewood Center at the Metropolitan Golf Links, 10051 Doolittle Dr. in Oakland. Happy Hour starts at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at noon. Great guest speakers. Guests are welcome. Come and meet new friends. For more information, call Mel at 357-0601.

❖ San Leandro Toastmasters

The San Leandro Toastmasters meet on Thursday nights from 7 to 8 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. The group fosters improved communication and public speaking. All levels of speakers from novice to seasoned are welcome.

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.

Tax: Plan is to attract business and raise rent

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ballot will be sent off to property owners due by June.

And at that point, if a simple majority of the weighted votes are in favor of the district, it will go to the City Council for possible adoption at a public hearing tentatively scheduled for late June.

The City of San Leandro itself owns 27 percent of the land in the proposed district, including the police station and city offices, so it could almost single-handedly swing the vote on the petition. However, the city has decided not submit a response to the petition at this time.

"Unless the City Council were to provide alternative direction in the future, the city does not intend to respond positively or negatively to the petition," said Eric Engelbart, the city's deputy city manager. "In other words, the city intends to remain neutral on the proposal, which will allow the outcome of the ballot to be



PHOTO BY AMY SYLVESTRI

The proposed tax district would run from downtown northward along East 14th Street.

decided by the other property owners in the district."

If passed, the district would collect about \$90,000 in its

first year of operation from taxpayers in the district. (The downtown SLIA collects around \$400,000 a year.) Increases are

expected annually, but can be no more than 3 percent per year, according to the CBD's management plan.

SLIA to Host Egg Hunt at the Casa

The San Leandro Improvement Association (SLIA) will host an "Egg Hunt at The Casa" on Saturday, April 15, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the grounds of Casa Peralta, 384 W.

Estudillo Ave.

The family-friendly event will feature two egg hunts, face painting, music, story time, family friendly activities and a petting zoo with chicks and bunnies for

the kids and kids at heart to play with and pet.

The egg hunt for kids 3 and under will be at 11:15 a.m.; and for kids 4 and up at 11:45 a.m. Kids can bring a basket for the egg hunt.

The event is hosted by both the SLIA and the Community Impact Lab (CIL), a non-profit organization focused on empowering women and families to do good, learn, and build strong communities.

Apply for a Passport Saturday at the Post Office

To help customers who otherwise cannot schedule an appointment for passport service, the San Leandro Post Office at 1777 Abram Court in San Leandro will accept walk-ins for passport applications on Saturday, April 8, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Postal clerks will be on hand to provide passport information and to accept passport applications, with no appointments necessary.

To help speed up the process, customers should fill out forms ahead of time. Application forms and information on the costs and how to apply for a passport book and/or passport card can be found at usps.com/passport or travel.state.gov/passport.

Customers can also obtain passport information by phone, in English and Spanish, by calling the National Passport Information Center toll-free at (877) 487-2778. Customers can also email NPIC@state.gov for any questions regarding passports.

To apply for a passport, applicants need a valid form of photo identification and proof of citizenship.

Proof of identification — You may submit items such as the following containing your signature and a photograph that is a good likeness of you: Current or previous U.S. passport, naturalization certificate, certificate of citizenship or a current and valid

driver's license, government ID or military ID.

A photocopy of the identification - front and back - must be submitted with your passport application. Many post offices do provide photocopy service for an added fee.

Proof of citizenship includes any one of the following:

- Certified birth certificate issued by the city, county, or state
- Naturalization certificate or certificate of citizenship, and
- An expired passport

The customer must submit a photocopy of the front and back of the Proof of Citizenship document, effective January 2017.

Once customers have a pass-

port, they'll need a safe way to carry it. USPS Passport Wallets are fashionable wallets, available in black or brown leather, that allow important items, such as a passport, cash, an ID, and up to seven credit cards, to be carried in one holder. The wallets are available at passport acceptance offices and at usps.com/shop.

Pets of the Week



Fey



Bubba

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

Fey is an active, friendly and smart 3-year-old gal who knows "sit" and "down." She loves going on walks and seems to be OK with other dogs. Good with kids 7 and older.

Bubba is just a big hunk of love. He likes ball and rope toys, leaning on his person and getting pets.

He's a low-key boy who's already neutered. Good with kids 7 and older.

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AUTOMOTIVE

Hyundai Launches New Luxury Line

By Steve Schaefer
San Leandro Times

The G90 is a large luxury sedan from a new brand — Genesis. Wait a minute. Isn't that the fanciest Hyundai model? Well... not any more. Hyundai has spun off the Genesis name into its own brand. They had to find new model names, and G90 fits the bill — although it's not exciting.

The car itself, however, is worth getting worked up about. In the prestige vehicle world, reputation is a big factor, so it's not easy to get Mercedes-Benz and BMW buyers to consider this fresh face. But the G90 delivers the goods. It's packed with features and exquisite quality that may help owners ignore the badge on the hood and trunk.

Choosing a G90 is easy. Do you want the powerful 365-horsepower V6 or the mightier 420-horsepower V8? With either, you can choose rear- or all-wheel

drive. There are six colors, too. Beyond that, the list of standard comfort, convenience and safety equipment runs very long.

My Casablanca White tester had the smaller engine, with 376 lb.-ft. of torque running through the 8-speed SHIFTRONIC automatic that all G90s get. It had rear-wheel drive. This setup gives the 4,630-pound sedan EPA numbers of 17 City, 24 Highway, and 20 mpg Combined. Interestingly, the V8's ratings are only one lower than the V6's for RWD and two lower for AWD. I averaged 19.4 mpg. Green scores for the V6 are 6 for Smog and 4 for Greenhouse Gas.

This is one smooth operator. Genesis engineers took the time and effort to smooth off the rough edges and add the extra technology and materials to get the car to near silence. A special two-piece hollow wheel design reduces noise and unsprung weight. This, along with laminated acoustic film glass and abundant sound-reduction materials, creates the

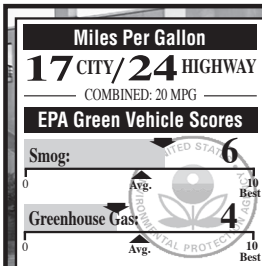
blissful quiet.

If you want entertainment, switch on the Lexicon 17-speaker premium audio system with QuantumLogic Surround sound. It's just one of the many ways that this car runs with the top dogs. How about a 22-adjustment ergonomic driver's seat? Even the rear passengers get 12-way options. These "stressless" seats, by the way, pass the rigorous test of the German campaign for healthier backs — Aktion Gesunder Rücken.

Of course, there are numerous ways to adjust the car to suit you. Four driving modes include: ECO, for an emphasis on fuel economy; SMART, which adapts to driving conditions automatically; SPORT, for driving those curving back roads; and INDIVIDUAL, which you can configure yourself. These settings alter the transmission mapping, throttle response, suspension, steering and stability control.

For supreme comfort, a smooth ride is guaranteed by the Adaptive Control Suspension. Its massive brain monitors and corrects for anything that disturbs the perfect serenity. The explanation for how it works is so long and detailed that reading it, I felt like I might need to take a little nap. You certainly could nap in this car — in one of the non-driver chairs!

The safety features are extensive here, too. Genesis folks call it "safety without compromise." Nine airbags and a load dispersion structure take care of you in case of a crash, but the computers are all working to prevent one, too, with Automatic Emergency



The 2017 G90 competes at the top of the premium luxury car segment with world-class technological innovations, and a high level of refinement, convenience and performance.

Braking, Pedestrian Detection, Smart Blind Spot Detection, Rear Cross-traffic Alert, and so much more.

What's it like to drive? A dream, really, if you're a large luxury car person. For the commuting and in-town driving around I did all week it was sublime. The Lexicon stereo makes you want to just go somewhere and park so you can close your eyes and absorb the wonderfulness. There's so much to learn about this car that you could probably spend weeks getting to know it when it arrived in your driveway.

One distinction for this new luxury brand is The Genesis Experience. This collection of perks includes 3-year, 36,000-mile free scheduled maintenance and complimentary valet services. You also get three years of free roadside assistance, along with free SiriusXM Traffic, and Travel Link and Map Care.

Genesis, as a new brand, will



Inside the Genesis G90, advanced ergonomic analysis dictates the positioning of driver controls, passenger comfort and entertainment features.

take time to develop its own identity. Hyundai, its parent, has done well when it enters a segment and offers more features for the money. In this case, my car came to \$69,050, including destination charges. There were no options — everything is included. Frankly, for what you get, that seems like a terrific deal.

The real issue will be convincing luxury car buyers to leave

their familiar status mobiles for this Korean upstart. The look of the cars will change as Peter Schreyer, the genius behind many Audi models, gets a chance to develop a new design language. This Genesis is handsome and appropriately dignified, but the cars don't yet show the qualities that evoke craving in the well-heeled consumer. But I have every expectation that they will.

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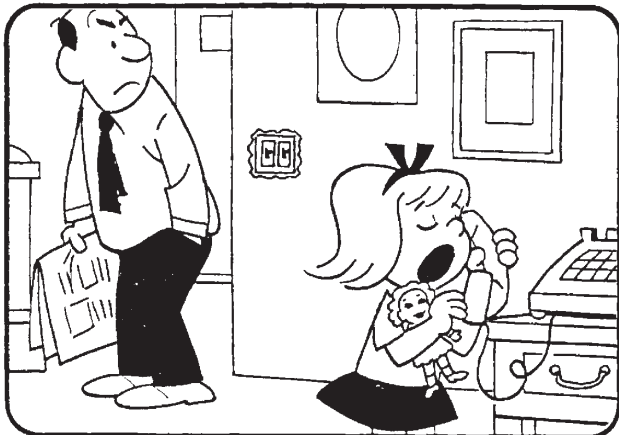
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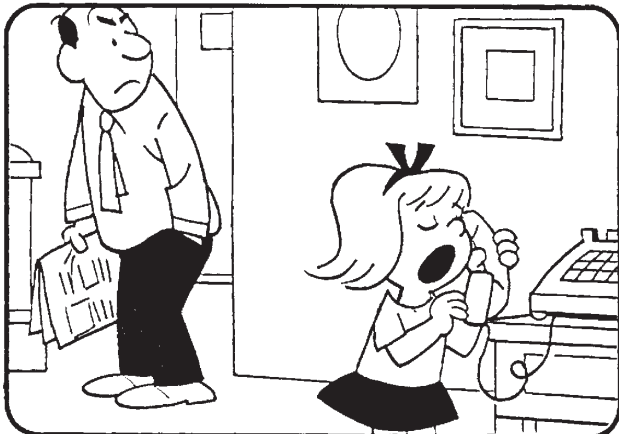


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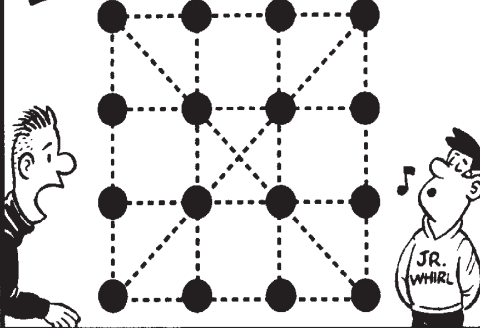


Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. The is different. 2. Newspaper is smaller. 3. Switch is missing. 4. Picture is smaller. 5. Doll is missing. 6. Drawer handle is missing.

PUZZLE CARD



PUT SIXTEEN COINS on the table and challenge your friends to arrange them in such a manner that they form 10 rows, with four coins in each row. Our solution is pictured above.

A FISHY TALE! The catch of the day was a fish whose head was 9 inches long, while its tail was as long as its head and half the length of its body, and its body was as long as its head and tail put together. What was the total length of the fish?

Answer: 72 inches. Its head was 9 inches, its body 36 inches, and its tail 27 inches long.

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

1 FAIN	6 PELT
2 GAB	7 HONE
3 MISS	8 TEST
4 HAS	9 TIES
5 NICE	10 LED
OUTS	TIER

Answers: 1. Fainest, 2. Gabled, 3. Misspell, 4. Haslier, 5. Niceties, 6. Pelthone.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



TREE TESTING TIME!

Our friend is guarding a wonderful forest filled with many kinds of trees. Using the following hints, can you identify 15 of them?

1. What tree remains after a fire?
2. What trees are always well-dressed?
3. What tree is a part of a dress and a part of a door?
4. What tree is the straightest tree in the forest?
5. What trees are always sad?
6. What tree is like an old story.
7. What is the hero's tree?
8. What tree is a good-looking girl?
9. What tree grows at the seaside?
10. What tree is a deep breath and a printing machine?
11. What tree is an ocean inlet?
12. What tree do you carry around all the time?
13. What tree do we like stuffed?
14. What are the most important trees in history?
15. What tree is a good churchman?

Answers: 1. Ash. 2. Spruce. 3. Hemlock. 4. Plum (plumb). 5. Pine. 6. Chestnut. 7. Laurel. 8. Peach. 9. Beech (beech). 10. Cypress. 11. Bay. 12. Palm. 13. Olive. 14. Dates. 15. Elder.

Shrek the Musical at San Leandro High

Students at San Leandro High School present a musical based on the 2001 DreamWorks film, *Shrek* and William Steig's 1990's book, *Shrek* at the SLHS Performing Arts Center, 2250 Bancroft Ave.

Final performances are Friday, April 7, and Saturday, April 8, at 7:30; and a matinee on Sunday, April 9, at 2 p.m. Tickets are available at the door with open seating.



Sofia Parisotto as Young Fiona, Lily Tholfsen as Fiona, Christian Rodriguez, Jr. as Young Shrek, Genard Tobias as Shrek.

The show appeals to all ages, directed by award winning director, Sue Ellen Nelsen, choreographed by Dallis Wright Morash, with vocal and orchestral direction by Evan Crone.

The show stars students Genard Tobias as Shrek, Lily Tholfsen as Fiona, Kyle Herrera as Donkey, Teo Mok as Farquaad, Destini Bryant at the Dragon, and Max Saponara as Pinocchio, and features a cast of 40.

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Chanticleers Theatre Presents *Wait Until Dark*

Murder mystery opens Friday in Castro Valley

A policeman, a con man, an old friend, a blind woman, a lost doll and...a murder. *Wait Until Dark* opens on Friday, April 7, at the Chanticleers Theatre in Castro Valley.

The play is a slow burn that builds in menace until the gripping climactic confrontation between its protagonist Susy Hendrix and the terrifying Roat, authored by Frederick Knott, who also penned *Dial "M" for Murder*.

Wait Until Dark balances the anxiety of a film noir with laugh-out-loud moments. It is a statement about finding the strength inside yourself to overcome obstacles, refusing to be the victim.

Directed by Michael Sally, a talented cast from all over the East Bay includes Gigi Benson (Oakland), Matt Beall (San Leandro), Steve Wilner (Dublin), Ivan Velazquez (Alameda), Roger Caetano (Castro Valley), and Emma Curtin (Alameda).

Wait Until Dark opens with Chanticleers' traditional cham-



Gigi Benson, Matt Beall, Steve Wilner and Ivan Velazquez star in *Wait Until Dark*, opening Friday at the Chanticleers Theatre in Castro Valley.

pagne gala on April 7 and runs through April 30. Curtain time

for Friday and Saturday evening shows is 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees start at 2 p.m. (no matinee on Easter Sunday).

General admission is \$25; admission for seniors (60+), students and military is \$20. On Bargain Night, April 8, all tickets are \$20.

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

For more information or tickets, call SEE-LIVE (733-5483) or go to chanticleers.org.

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Getting Old Has Benefits

By Jim Miller
Special to the Times

One of the great perks of growing older in America is the many discounts available to boomers and seniors.

There are literally thousands of discounts on a wide variety of products and services, including restaurants, grocery stores, travel and lodging, entertainment, retail and apparel, health and beauty, automotive services, and much more.

These discounts — typically ranging between 5 and 25 percent off — can add up to save you hundreds of dollars each year.

So, if you don't mind admitting your age, here are some tips and tools to help you find the discounts you may be eligible for.

Always Ask

The first thing to know is most businesses don't advertise them, but many give senior discounts just for asking, so don't be shy.

You also need to know that while some discounts are available as soon as you turn 50, many others may not kick in until you turn 55, 60, 62 or 65.

Search Online

Because senior discounts frequently change and can vary depending on where you live and the time of the year, the internet is the easiest way to help you locate them.

To do a search, start by visiting SeniorDiscounts.com, which lists thousands of discounts that you can search for by city and state, and by the category you're interested in, for free.

You can also look for discounts at TheSeniorList.com, which provides a large list of national and regional business chains that offer them, or you can Google them individually. Just go to Google.com and type in the business or organization you're curious about, followed by "senior discount" or "senior discount tickets."

If you use a smartphone, another tool is the Sciddy app (see Sciddy.com) that lets you search for senior discounts and can send you alerts when you're at an estab-



If you don't mind admitting your age, there are a boatload of discounts available to those 50 and older.

lishment that offers them.

Join a Club

Another good avenue to senior discounts is through membership organizations like AARP, which offers its 50-and-older members a wide variety of discounts through affiliate businesses (see AARPdiscounts.com).

If, however, you're not the AARP type, there are other alternative organizations you can join that also provide discounts such as The Seniors Coalition or the American Seniors Association. Or, for federal workers, there's the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association.

Types of Discounts

Here's an abbreviated rundown of some of the different types of discounts you can expect to find.

Restaurants: Senior discounts are common at restaurants and fast food establishments — like Burger King, Chick-fil-A, Subway, Wendy's, Applebee's and Golden Corral — ranging from free/discounted drinks to discounts off your total order.

Retailers: Many thrift stores, like Goodwill, and certain retailers, like Banana Republic, Kohl's, Michaels and Ross stores, offer a break to seniors on certain days of the week.

Supermarkets: Many locally owned grocery stores offer senior discount programs, as do some chains like Albertsons, Kroger, Publix and Fry's Supermarkets, which offer some discounts on

certain days of the week but they vary by location.

Travel: Southwest Airlines provides the best senior fares in the U.S. to passengers 65 and older, while Amtrak offers a 15-percent discount and Greyhound offers 5 percent off to travelers over 62.

Most car rental companies provide discounts to customers who belong to organizations like AARP. Royal Caribbean, Celebrity and Carnival cruise lines offer discount rates to cruisers 55 and over. And, most hotels offer senior discounts, usually ranging from 10 to 30 percent.

Entertainment: Most movie theaters, museums, golf courses, ski slopes and other public entertainment venues provide reduced admission to seniors over 60 or 65. And, the National Park Service offers a lifetime pass for those 62 and up for \$10 (see nps.gov/find-apark/passes.htm).

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org.

Work and Collect Retirement?

By Jim Miller
Special to the Times

You can collect Social Security retirement benefits and work at the same time, but depending on how old you are and how much you earn, some or all of your benefits could be temporarily withheld. Here's what you should know.

Working Rules

Social Security says that if you're under your full retirement age (66, if you were born between 1943 and 1954, or 66 and 2 months if you were born in 1955) and are collecting benefits, then you can earn up to \$16,920 in 2017 without jeopardizing any of your Social Security — if you don't reach your full retirement age this year.

But, if you earn more than the \$16,920 limit, you'll lose \$1 in benefits for every \$2 over that amount.

In the year you reach your full retirement age, a less-stringent rule applies. If that happens in 2017, you can earn up to \$44,880 from January to the month of your birthday with no penalty. But, if you earn more than \$44,880 during that time, you'll lose \$1 in benefits for every \$3 over that limit. And, once your birthday passes, you can earn any amount by working with-

out benefits being reduced at all.

Wages, bonuses, commissions and vacation pay all count toward the income limits, but pensions, annuities, investment earnings, interest, capital gains and government or military retirement benefits do not. To figure out how much your specific earnings will affect your benefits, see the Social Security Retirement Earnings Test Calculator at SSA.gov/OACT/COLA/REffect.html.

It's also important to know that if you do lose some or all of your Social Security benefits because of the earning limits, they aren't lost forever. When you reach full retirement age, your benefits will be recalculated to a higher amount to make up for what was withheld.

For details and examples of how this is calculated, see SSA.gov/planners/retire/whileworking2.html.

For more information on how working can affect your Social Security benefits, see SSA.gov/planners/retire/whileworking.html, or call the Social Security office at 410-965-2039 and ask to receive a free copy of publication number 05-10069, "How Work Affects Your Benefits."

Tax Factor

In addition to the Social Se-

curity rules, you need to factor in Uncle Sam too. Because working increases your income, it might make your benefits taxable.

Here's how it works. If the sum of your adjusted gross income, nontaxable interest, and half of your Social Security benefits is between \$25,000 and \$34,000 for individuals (\$32,000 and \$44,000 for couples), you have to pay tax on up to 50 percent of benefits.

Above \$34,000 (\$44,000 for couples), you could pay on up to 85 percent, which is the highest portion of Social Security that is taxable. About a third of all people who get Social Security have to pay income taxes on their benefits.

For information, call the IRS at 800-829-3676 and ask them to mail you a free copy of publication 915 "Social Security and Equivalent Railroad Retirement Benefits," or you can see it online at IRS.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p915.pdf.



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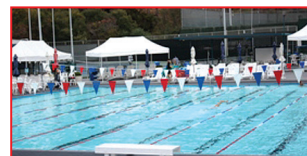
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GUEST COMMENTARY



Agents Have Responsibility to Fully Disclose

With California leading the nation in real estate disclosure laws, it is critical for sellers to understand the importance of full disclosure.

Nothing can be worse than ending up in court with a buyer who believes the seller either intentionally hid defects or neglected to provide adequate notification about neighborhood issues.

In addition to the disclosures provided by the sellers, the listing and buyer's agents have a responsibility to disclose as mandated by the State of California Bureau of Real Estate.

The mandatory Real Estate Transfer Disclosure Statement states that agents must provide "a reasonably competent and diligent visual inspection of the accessible areas of the property."

Both agents are required to examine the property room-by-room and from the front curb to the back fence. As they proceed

area-by-area, they write down their observations on a form entitled the "Agent Visual Inspection Disclosure" (AVID).

This is not a technical inspection (eg. property, termite and roof). Agents are to describe what they see and are not to provide any diagnosis. A standard joke is that it is the only inspection that can be performed in high heels.

The AVID is important. First, it guarantees that the agents representing the buyers and/or sellers have actually visited the house. Although hard to imagine, at the height of the foreclosure crisis, I saw transactions where neither the listing agent nor the buyer's agent had actually visited the home being sold.

Second, it means that the agents are providing due diligence in representing their clients. They have taken the time to go through the property and itemize potential issues, defects, damage or any red

flags they may see.

Agents need to take this responsibility seriously. As a buyer's agent, I've walked through many homes with the listing agent's AVID in hand and have seen any number of items either missed or ignored by the agent.

Sellers sometimes have objections to the AVID, believing the listing agent is pointing out defects that might limit their chances of getting a fair price. Truthfully, if an agent can spot issues while walking through, you can guarantee a potential buyer or their agent will see them as well. If a seller is concerned about items that appear on an AVID, then they should take steps to remedy the issues.

Disclose, Disclose, Disclose is the Golden Rule of real estate and, if done correctly, will keep everyone out of court.

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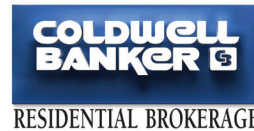
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Grill's Drippings Stain Patio Bricks

By Samantha Mazzotta
Special to the Times

Q The patio bricks underneath my grill tend to catch a lot of grease and oil drippings. I clean up after every barbecue, but there are still stains on the brick from the grease. How can I get these up without bleaching out the spots?

A With porous surfaces like brick and concrete, oil stains can set in and be tough to get out. Your instinct to avoid using bleach or another type of acid to clean up the stains (like lemon juice) is right on. These can just make things worse and can discolor some types of paving.

Clearing the grease stain may take a few attempts with a number of cleaning agents. Start with the least harmful materials, most of which can be found in your

Be careful not to drip grease on your patio when grilling. Oil stains can be very tough to get out.



kitchen or garage.

First, fill an old coffee mug with warm water, a couple of tablespoons of dish soap and a teaspoon of salt. Grab a clean synthetic scrubber brush (like a dishwashing brush). Scrub the stain with the soapy water and rinse with warm water, repeating a few times and letting the bricks

dry out to see the results in between each try.

If that doesn't clear the stain, you can try an oil-stain cleaner purchased at your local home-improvement store. Some DIYers recommend applying an engine degreaser and letting it sit for about an hour, but test any cleaning agent or degreaser on an inconspicuous spot first.

The sad truth is that it's unlikely any cleaner, commercial or homemade, will completely clear away the grease stain. More powerful or acidic cleaning agents could damage the brick, so they should be avoided. If the stain is really bad, consider replacing the brick. If it's not too bad, clean the area as best you can and cover it with a grill mat to prevent further staining.

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Vegetables

When planting radishes, corn, carrots and lettuce, do so in successive plantings to lengthen the harvesting period. Remember that corns should be planted in blocks, not single rows, since they are wind-pollinated. If you started vegetable seeds already, thin them to prevent overcrowding when the plants are two or three inches tall.

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18801 Huber Drive	94546	\$780,000	4 BD - 1,744 SF - 1935
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18027 Redwood Road	94546	\$700,000	3 BD - 1,337 SF - 1950
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20219 Waterford Place	94552	\$592,000	3 BD - 1,726 SF - 1981

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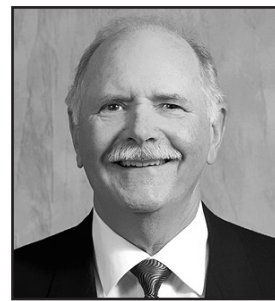
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Other panel members include:

Liz Valera- Executive Director of Building Futures

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Abusheri Ohwofasa- Director of Community Relations at Golden State Warriors

Matthew Winn- San Leandro High Student

Aaron Brown- San Leandro High Student, Founder of KTY Innovations (Entrepreneur)

Chyna Kane-Ross- University of California Berkeley Student

Lieutenant Carol - Alameda County Sheriff Department

Jan Glenn-Davis - Deputy Chief (Ret.), BART PD

Surlene Grant- Chairperson of Unity in the Community

• NEWS BRIEFS & ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Music at Cafe Bethel Fundraiser For April Showers

Cafe Bethel at Bethel Community Presbyterian Church, 14235 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro, will have its annual fundraiser for the April Showers program on Saturday, April 22, at 5 p.m. with music by the bands Purple Smoke and Circle Soul, plus The Gnarly Men, and the Oakland East Bay Gay Men's Chorus, and more.

The April Showers program provides showers and clean clothing to local homeless people on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month. Suggested donation to the fundraiser is \$10 and a pair of new athletic socks.

Benefit Dinner for Children in Crisis

Innocent Voices, a children in crisis concern group, is having its annual benefit dinner on April 6 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Fairview Event Center, 10051 Doolittle Drive, near the Oakland Airport. The guest speaker is Vanessa Russell, founder of Love Never Fails, a local nonprofit devoted to the restoration, education and protection of those involved or at risk of becoming involved in domestic sex trafficking. Tickets are \$40 each and must be purchased by Sunday, March 26. Please

visit our website for more information and to purchase tickets (www.innocentvoices.org).

Youth Advisory Commission Grants for Youth Programs

The City of San Leandro Youth Advisory Commission (YAC) announced the release of the 2016-17 Youth Mini Grant program. This innovative annual program provides grant funding to support organizations or programs that are youth-driven and have a positive impact on San Leandro youth.

The YAC raised the grant money by volunteering and implementing special fundraising events. Additional funds to support this program were generously donated by the San Leandro Optimist Club. The total funding available for this year's mini-grant program is \$1,500.

The amount per award will be dependent on the number of awards granted and their corresponding funding level. Applications are available online; at the Marina Community, 15301 Wicks Blvd.; and the San Leandro Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St.

The Commission is currently accepting applications through Tuesday, April 25. For information, call the Recreation and Human Services Department at 577-3462.

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■ **Margaret Burleson** (February 21, 1923 – March 28, 2017), a San Lorenzo resident, passed away on March 28, 2017 at the age of 94. Born in Big Stone Gap, Virginia to Laura and Daniel Booher, she was married to the late Paul Burleson from 1945 until 2007. Margaret is survived by her daughter, Virgin-

ia Wood; son-in-law, Lyn Wood; grandsons, Jason Wood and Eric Wood; and many nieces and nephews, and their children and grandchildren. Services will be held on April 6 at 1 p.m. at Chapel of the Chimes in Hayward.

■ **Benedicta "Benny" Colville**, born June 2, 1921, passed away on March 31 2017. Viewing is Thursday, April 6, from 5 to 9 p.m. with a Rosary at 7 p.m. Services will be at Chapel of the Chimes in Hayward on Friday, April 7, at 10 a.m.

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Kermit Alexander Kerr

July 7, 1932 – March 29, 2017

Kermit passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by his family and loving wife of 63 years.

A native of Key West, Florida, he retired from the Air Force after 20 years as a Master Sergeant. He found a lifelong passion in golf and also loved bowling. After retiring, he continued to work and became a Volunteer in Police Services (V.I.P.S.) in Antioch for 12 years.

He is survived by his wife, Rosella "Bucky"; son, Randy; daughter, Cindy; brother, Sidney; sisters, Rose and Maggie; nieces and nephews; and many grandkids and great-grandkids. He was preceded in death by his two sons, Mark and Steven Kerr; and grandson, Daniel Kerr.

Funeral services will be held at Higgins Chapel, 1310 A St., in Antioch on Thursday, April 6. Service starts at noon.



Marie Xavier James

September 7, 1923 – April 1, 2017

Marie Xavier James, born September 7, 1923, entered into rest April 1, 2017. A life-long resident of San Leandro, Marie was preceded in death by her parents, Emilia and Mathew Xavier; her brothers, Alfred, Tony, Thomas and Matthew Xavier; and her husband, Fred James. She is survived by her children, Thomas James and Christina Schmitz; her grandchildren, Lauren James Hoppers, Mike, Lisa and Rob Schmitz, and Nathan James; her great-grandchildren, Zack, Andy, Abby, Christopher, Julie, Marina, Nattie, and a new baby girl on the way. She had many beloved nieces and nephews, Sandy Braun, Dean and Richard Xavier, Marnell Xavier, Norine Xavier, Judy Sanchez, Ginger Schuler, Carol Leal Smith, and Robert Vallio.

Marie was a graduate of San Leandro High School, a member of IDES Alvarado Street, and a former resident of Mission Bay Mobile Home Park. A special thank you to all the caregivers at Willow Creek Dementia Care in Castro Valley.

Visitation will be held at Santos-Robinson Mortuary in San Leandro on Wednesday, April 5, from 2 to 8 p.m. with a Vigil beginning at 7 p.m. The Funeral Liturgy will be at St. Felicitas Church, 1662 Manor Blvd., in San Leandro on Thursday, April 6, beginning at 10 a.m. with private interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward.

SL Art Association Show

Paintings and various art library hours through April 28 at works by members of the San the San Leandro Main Library, Leandro Art Association will 300 Estudillo Avenue in San be on display during regular Leandro.

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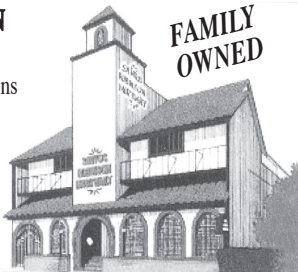
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Haitian Dancers to Perform Friday

Family oriented dance production coming to library

The San Leandro Public Library will present a family oriented "Night in Haiti" this Friday, April 7, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave, free and open to adults and children. Rara Tou Limen Haitian Dance Com-

pany will present a program of drumming and dance followed by an interactive dance experience and art activities.

Rara Tou Limen is an Oakland-based dance company founded and directed by Portsha Jefferson. The company has been operating in Oakland for 13 years, and is dedicated to showcasing the best of dance and music, which carries in it the stories of the struggles of the first Black Republic in the world.

They have been educating the com-

munity with performances, weekly dance classes, annual white parties and participation in local festivals as well as cultural institutions. The dance company is made up of dances, singers and drummers. The evening will include art activities for adults and kids that are reflective of the Haitian culture.

An RSVP is not required, but is appreciated. Call 577-3991 or email asilveira@sanleandro.org. For more information, call 577-3991.

OPINION

LETTERS to the EDITOR

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

Would Like to See Some Murals on San Leandro Overpasses

Editor:

I am retired but drive for Enterprise Rent-a-Car. As I drive around some neighboring cities, I notice that especially Hayward has some beautiful historic murals around town.

Which brings me to wondering why San Leandro does not have someone paint the cherries or the butterflies on the I-880 overpasses at Marina Boulevard and Davis Street. I think that would help beautify San Leandro somewhat.

—Jake Jacoby
San Leandro

Says City is Only Kind to a 'Select Few'

Editor:

In her recent State of the City address, the mayor touted how San Leandro was "on the forefront of prosperity." As part of that, she emphasized the new housing proposed for the city: the marina, the OSI area, and the old CVS.

In conjunction with these projects, the word "affordable" never came up. Probably because these projects are meant for people with a high-paid tech job, not someone like me living on a fixed income.

"Affordable" was relegated to the Marea Alta senior housing – not yet built – and to the Bayfair area – also not yet built, which will be Marea Alta 2.0: too little, too late. I'll be in a facility or dead before any housing affordable to me is built.

The mayor also spoke about how we are a city of kindness. Yeah, this city is kind: to developers and landlords; to house owners who don't want apartments put up in "their" Estudillo Estates neighborhood; to businesses (including even more nail salons) that want to put up more "iconic" art; and to our electrical boxes that don't have art on them yet.

But kindness to people in this city struggling to get by paying exorbitant rents or the homeless? No kindness to

them. The city made changes to the rent ordinance, and gave it all up to the landlords on a silver platter. And under the city's "Homeless Compact" that was also mentioned, a whopping 25 people will be housed in units subsidized at the landlords' outrageous market rates. But under this compact, a tenant must be able to pay a third of that rent, which means that hard-core unemployed homeless with insufficient means won't qualify and will still be, well, homeless.

Sorry, city administration, but there's no kindness or prosperity for me; only for your select few.

—K. Lee-Figueroa
San Leandro

'Time to Expedite Tenant Relocation Assistance Program'

Editor:

The City Council Rules Committee reviewing the TRAP (Tenant Relocation Assistance Program) has been fiddling around with this ordinance for nine months, mainly because of the obstructive tactics of Council member Lee Thomas and Mayor Cutter, who are doing it on the behest of the landlords who showed up in force at the last meeting.

Unfortunately, Guillermo Elenes, a member of the Democratic Party, also showed up at the meeting and declared his agreement with the landlords. Elenes formed an organization called "Unión de Vecinos," gathering mostly "Latinos." His excuse for opposing the implementation of the TRAP is that it doesn't have a "just-cause" clause in it.

A just-cause clause can only be included in a rent control ordinance, not in the ordinance at consideration now. Elenes knows quite well that the San Leandro City Council will not implement a rent control ordinance; that battle was lost in 2015-16. So, Elenes prefers not to have an ordinance that's a palliative for the tenants that are being evicted every day in San Leandro while he and the landlords encourage the Rules Committee to continue to fiddle around. There's still a question whether Elenes is actually a tenant or a

political operative.

It's time to expedite the implementation of the Tenant Relocation Assistance Program as it is now since all of the signs indicate that the intention of Thomas and Cutter are not only to delay its implementation, but also to water it down.

—Leo T. West
San Leandro

Urges Public to Protest Repeal Of FCC Privacy Rules

Editor:

To make a phone call, your phone company knows the phone number you are calling. Legally considered a "utility," phone companies are required to protect the privacy of your call information. Similarly, in order to connect to a webpage, your internet provider knows every website address you view, and every keystroke you enter on that website. Until now, that private information was similarly protected.

No longer. On March 28, the Republican-majority Congress passed a "joint resolution of congressional disapproval" that repeals the FCC's broadband privacy rules. The measure is at the White House for Trump's signature.

While promoted as a way for advertisers to better target you with products you might want to purchase, this loss of internet privacy creates serious dangers. Companies that analyze "Big Data" can create political profiles of voters to micro-target manipulative propaganda messages. Russia used this dis-information technique during the presidential campaign.

With Congressional repeal of FCC rules, internet providers can release much more private information including your health history, financial information, your Social Security number, your browsing history, app usage, and the content of your messages, emails and other communications. Everyone is now vulnerable to intimidation or blackmail by those who will compile a "Database of Ruin" containing facts about each of us that we wouldn't want anyone else to know.

FCC rules *must* remain in place to protect our privacy. Contact your Congress Representative today. Protest, and support lawsuits to challenge this action before your data is released.

—Bruce Joffe
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Best meal you ever had?

— Asked at Marina-Faire (Doolittle and Fairway)

At La Salsa just last week. Everything was fresh and good. I had a burrito and a horchata, a drink made with cinnamon and rice.

Alfred Kennedy
San Leandro



My mom's cooking. She taught me how to cook – greens, ham, turkey, cornbread, mashed potatoes. My husband doesn't complain. I cook a holiday dinner every year and everybody comes over – sweet potatoes, corn on the cob, oh yeah.

Renee Booker
San Leandro

I had some jambalaya on the boardwalk in Santa Cruz. It was good, like the authentic kind in Louisiana.

Brandon Hughes
San Leandro



At the restaurant at 150th and Hesperian, I can't think of the name. I had chicken, potatoes, salad and lemonade, all for \$10. The price was good too.

Roberto Reynoso
San Leandro

My own cooking. I was raised in Central America so I like refried beans with scrambled eggs, tomato and onion and a piece of fresh cheese and a French roll. That's a typical breakfast in El Salvador.

Jose Orlando Flamingo
San Leandro



Take the Little Free Library Tour

The Friends of the San Leandro Library invite people to join the citywide Little Free Library open houses on Saturday, April 8, from 1 to 4 p.m.

See the Little Free Libraries that have popped up around San Leandro and talk to the stewards will be on hand with fresh books selections, refreshments, and to chat about their libraries.

For a tour map go to: <https://binged.it/2nbsMgE>.

"Being a Steward is a really nice hobby these days. Sometimes the world can feel really overwhelming. Even on a day when I turn off my social media, don't read the news, or don't watch TV, I still have the

Little Free Library as my way of making my little part of the world a better place... through books," says Gloria Stroh, who has taken on the task of being San Leandro's Stewards' Coordinator. Steward Leslie Byrne says, "It's just another way of being part of the San Leandro Community."

The City of San Leandro through The Friends of the San Leandro Library has also announced they are also sponsoring 10 Charter Registration Grants.

That grant gives a new Steward all the perks of being a member of the Little Free Library Organization with a Charter Membership, including access

to discounts, ideas, LFL support groups, and more.

You can start at any point on the tour list and if you go forwards or backwards chronologically, you will be able to take a nice tour around the city.

The San Leandro Little Free Libraries in tour order are:

1. 311 Best Ave.
2. 528 Pershing Drive
3. 307 Farrelly Drive
4. 207 Lexington Ave.
5. 85 East 14th St.
6. 262 Broadmoor Blvd.
7. 234 Sunnyside Drive
8. 161 Georgia Way*
9. 443 Dowling Blvd.
10. 501 Oakes Blvd.
11. 652 Begier Ave.
12. 1446 Daily Drive
13. 1307 Sanderlin Ave.
14. 721 Joaquin Ave.
15. 550 Dolores Ave.
16. 1976 Cleveland St.
17. 1308 147th Ave.
18. 963 Dillo St.
19. 952 Hollyhock Drive*
20. 13416 Doolittle Drive*
21. 13055 Aurora Drive (inside Mulford Gardens Park)

Libraries with an asterisk after the address will be up and running by the event but not before.

For questions or a LFL charter grant application, email SLLittleFreeLibrary@gmail.com.



TIMES FILE PHOTO

The Little Free Library stewards will be on hand Saturday to talk about their libraries.

City's Easter Egg Hunt Set for April 15

The City of San Leandro will host its annual Egg Hunt for children ages 10 and under on Saturday, April 15, at 10 a.m. sharp at Marina Park, rain or shine.

The egg hunt is free and open to the public. Children should arrive with their own basket. Egg hunts will be divided into age

appropriate groups. A visit from the bunny is expected, so bring a camera for photos.

This egg hunt is being made possible by a donation from the San Leandro Optimist Club.

For information, call the Recreation and Human Services Department at 577-3462.

Step Aboard at Sea Scout Open House

The Sea Scout ship Makai will host an open house on Saturday, April 29, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Ballena Isle Marina, 1150 Ballena Blvd., in Alameda. Tour the 65-foot power boat Makai and the 49-foot sailboat

Sequoia and talk to the crew and leaders.

Enjoy free food and beverages and take a cruise on one of the boats. The Sea Scouts program is for both boys and girls, age 13 and up.



DATE: Saturday, April 8, 2017

TIME: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

LOCATION: City of San Leandro ~ Public Works
14200 Chapman Rd, San Leandro

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