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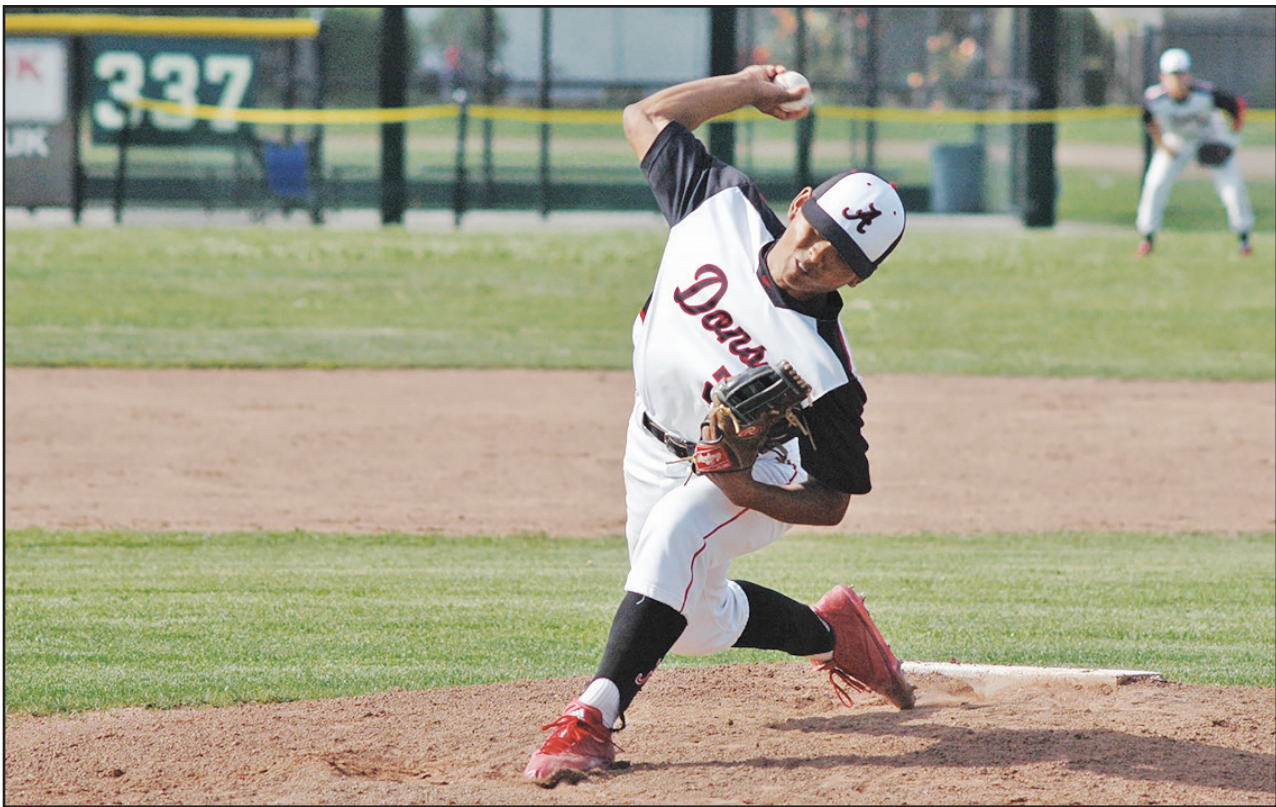


PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Arroyo High pitcher Brian Tan practically went the distance against San Leandro last Thursday, but stepped aside to let teammate, and former Pirate, Matt Gonzalez chalk up the final out.

Tan Tames Pirates, 3-1

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

Brian Tan did what he likes to do on the mound, as Arroyo hosted San Leandro last Thursday.

"I just like to have command of the game," Tan said.

And if his pitches are working right... "I feel it's my game."

Tan held San Leandro to two hits and Arroyo won, 3-1.

But as well as he pitched, you would think Tan would throw a complete game. Instead, with two outs in the last inning and nobody on base, Tan was pulled for a relief pitcher.

But it wasn't that Tan wasn't effective. The reliever was Matt Gonzalez, who plays

a variety of positions in the field as well as pitching.

Gonzalez started out at San Leandro High as a freshman before moving to Arroyo.

"He's a senior and he really wanted to pitch against his old team," said Arroyo head coach Eric Anderson.

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Bridge Closing Sends Students Over Train Trestle

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

Last week, a high school junior was struck and killed by a train while taking a shortcut across a railroad trestle in San Lorenzo to cross the San Lorenzo Creek – a move students make each day.

Students who live in the Washington Manor Area and attend KIPP King Academy or Arroyo High must cross San Lorenzo Creek to reach their school. No side streets cross the bridge from the residential area – you have to go all the way to Washington Avenue to cross the channel.

There used to be a footbridge, but it was closed by KIPP. That leaves the dangerous railroad trestle as one alternative.

"It's just faster," said one Arroyo student who walked across the narrow trestle near Grant Avenue Tuesday afternoon, coming home from school.

There is a margin of just about two feet on either side of the railroad tracks and the edge of the trestle.

At the beginning of the 2009 school year, the KIPP King Academy closed down the footbridge that connected Washington Manor and neighboring residential areas with San Lorenzo.

Barrett Bridge provided a shortcut over the creek and was a thoroughfare used by many, including students from KIPP King and Arroyo High.

The only other route is to go over a mile down Lewelling

Boulevard to Washington Avenue to cross the channel.

But an easy alternative is to cross the creek on the railroad trestle at Grant and Railroad avenues. Last week, Terrence Liu, see **BRIDGE**, page 16

Citizens Talk Housing, Potholes

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

She just bought a new set of tires and was tired of driving through potholes all over town, so one woman decided to do something about it.

"I went to Home Depot and bought some yellow paint," she said. And she went around San Leandro and the unincorporated areas painted big yellow circles around the pot holes to warn drivers.

That vigilant citizen was one of about a dozen who addressed their City Council members and other officials at a special town hall meeting for Districts 1, 2, and 5 Monday night at the Senior Center.

City officials told the pothole painter that they appreciate her efforts, but soon they will be

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Kids Hear About Escape from Nazis

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

The photo projected on the screen was a black and white snapshot of a group of eight kids all under the age of ten, sitting and smiling in front of building in Dresden, Germany in November of 1935.

"Me, my cousin Hanns –now he's called Hank and lives in Florida – and one girl were the only ones from the photo who survived the war," said Ralph Samuel, now 86, as he spoke to a group of teens at the REACH Ashland Youth Center last week.

Samuel hit a button on a

remote and the photo changed – to the city of Dresden, bombed and leveled to the ground. The allies bombed Dresden in 1945 when it was Nazi control, years after Samuel escaped to England. But Samuel was shaken by what happened to his birthplace.

"It was a beautiful, baroque city. It looked like one big fairy-tale," said Samuel.

Samuel was invited to speak to the teens by REACH librarian Giovanna Capone, who recently had her students read *The Diary* see **SAMUEL**, page 5



PHOTO BY AMY SYLVESTRI

Ralph Samuel spoke to the kids at the Ashland Youth Center.

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Classical Cambodian Dancer to Perform at San Leandro Library

Dance part of Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month

In celebration of Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month, the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., presents a performance of Cambodian dance by Charya Burt on Thursday, May 18, from 7 to 8 p.m. Admission is free.

Burt is an acclaimed master dancer, choreographer, vocalist and teacher of Classical Cambodian Dance who has injected new life into the dance form by creating classically inspired, inventive new works.

Her training began shortly after the fall of Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge Regime with the foremost surviving dance masters of Cambodia at the Royal University of Fine Arts. She eventually served on the dance faculty from 1989-1992. As a member of Cambodia's Royal Dance Troupe, Charya toured nationally and internationally.

After emigrating in 1993, Charya has been performing throughout the United States, including the Getty Museum in Los Angeles, the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. and as a featured dancer at the San



Charya Burt, a master dancer, choreographer, vocalist and teacher will perform next week at the San Leandro Main Library.

Francisco Ethnic Dance Festival. Her original works have been presented by the Jacob's Pillow Festival, World Arts West, Coun-

terPULSE, UC Santa Barbara, the San Francisco Asian Art Museum, the Oregon Shakespeare Festival.

Pets of the Week



Charlie



Suzzi Q

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are Charlie and Suzzi Q.

Charlie is a 6-years-young, spayed pup who's sweet and affectionate. She likes chasing tennis balls and sitting in your lap while being petted. Great with kids 13 years and older. For more info,

call Hayward Animal Shelter: (510) 293-7200.

Suzzi Q is a friendly 4 yr old gal who enjoys the company of humans and dogs. She gives soft kisses, loves belly rubs and playing. Good with kids 13 years and older. For more information, call Hayward Animal Shelter: (510) 293-7200.

Workshop Teaches Skills To Prevent Falling

A free workshop in fall-prevention for seniors 60 and older will be held at the San Leandro Senior Center, 13909 East 14th St., from June 12 to July 31 on Mondays from 9 to 11 a.m. Register at the Senior Center by

May 31. Openings for 15 people. The workshop by Spectrum Community Services is for anyone concerned about falls, or has fallen in the past, and is interested in improving balance, flexibility and strength.

Bonta to Speak to Demos

The San Leandro Democratic Club will meet on Thursday, May 25, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the San

Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. The guest speaker will be state Assemblyman Rob Bonta.



By Rob Rosas

IF YOU suffer from lower back pain and sciatica, you are among four out of five Americans who will suffer with this crippling spinal condition.

Shooting, stabbing and burning pains from the lower back region, often teamed with pain through the buttocks and down the legs are all classic symptoms of Sciatica or "pinched nerves".

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San Leandro Police Chief Jeff Tudor, Baptist Pastor Rev. Earl Crawford, Golden State Warriors community relations director Abusheri Ohwofasa, and San Leandro High students Matthew Winn and Aaron Brown were among those who discussed issues important to young people at a youth summit last month.

Youth Summit Tackles Big Questions

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

Students from San Leandro High School organized a youth summit last month, a day-long discussion of topics affecting young people's lives in San Leandro and beyond – including sanctuary cities, job opportunities, and communicating with the police.

Moderated by student Taylor Bazile, the panel took place at the Praises of Zion Baptist Church on Bancroft Avenue and featured students, law enforcement officers, professionals, and religious leaders.

One topic discussed was the “achievement gap” between students of different races.

Ronald Richardson, one of San Leandro High's twin principals, said that minorities who have become successful have to help pave the way for young people and show them what is possible.

“There isn't an achievement gap, there is an opportunity gap,” said Richardson.

Networking and mentoring can help students learn about possibilities for their future, he said.

Jan Glenn-Davis, a retired deputy police chief, said another “gap” is the wage gap that female workers face compared to their male counterparts.

“There are still so many issues we need to improve,” said Glenn-Davis. “We've come a long way, but we aren't there yet.”

Glenn-Davis also spoke about how police can better communicate with members of the community, which led to the

students being asked if they've ever had a bad encounter with the cops.

Student Matthew Winn said that his interactions with San Leandro cops have been okay, but when he lived in the midwest and Mississippi he had to be “more cautious” around cops.

San Leandro police chief Jeff Tudor asked the teens in the room to raise their hands if they'd ever considered a career in law enforcement. No one did, and Tudor said he wasn't surprised.

“See? No one wants to be a

cop right now,” said Tudor. “We need good people. We want cops that match the identity of their community.”

Student Aaron Brown said that there seems to be a disconnection between young people and adults and that the summit was one step toward bridging that gap.

“Adults are looking for your perspective, but they aren't necessarily going to reach out and ask for it,” said Brown. “We all need to take that first step and reach out to each other. We all need more perspective.”

Arrest in CV Homicide, Arson

A Stockton man who was already in police custody confessed to the Dec. 13 murder of 59-year-old optician Andrea St. John at her home on Grove Way in Castro Valley.

At a press conference Monday morning, Alameda County

Sheriff Greg Ahern said that Luckie Dacanay, 36, has confessed to stabbing St. John to death and lighting her Castro Valley home on fire to destroy evidence.

Dacanay has been charged with homicide and special cir-

cumstances including burglary, robbery, and murder with torture.

Ahern called the confession a “break in the case” as the sheriff's department was still looking for a suspect when Dacanay admitted to the killing.

“He made statements to staff at San Joaquin County jail...an admission to being a suspect,” said Ahern. “He provided us with information only a suspect would know.”

Dacanay has been in the San Joaquin County Jail for an alleged sexual assault on a family member since February.

At this time, it appears threat St. John's death was a random act resulting from a burglary gone wrong.

“We believe the suspect went to the residence in the late evening to commit a burglary, to steal some items from the garage,” said Ahern. “At some point he was confronted by the victim. He was walking around and just randomly picked this residence. It's just a terrible circumstance.”

Dog Stolen at Marina Square

Police are looking for a missing dog that was inside a car when it was stolen at marina Square last month.

The car, a green 1994 Honda Accord, was reported missing from the shopping center's parking lot just before 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 22. The victim's pet dog was inside of it at the time, according to Lt. Isaac Benabou of the San Leandro police.

The dog is a black 14-year-old Scottish terrier named Koda, who requires medication.

Video footage from the shopping center shows the suspect arriving in an older white Acura Integra, 2-door model. The suspect is seen entering the victim's vehicle and fleeing the area.

Koda's owner has issued a \$500 reward for the dog. Koda is described as an all-black medium hair length terrier, weighing 19 pounds. The owner says he has received some unconfirmed sightings of Koda in the Richmond and El Cerrito areas.

If anyone has any information regarding the whereabouts

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NEIGHBORS

Singin' In The Rain

Bancroft Musical Theatre presents *Singin' In The Rain*, opening this Saturday, May 13, at 8 p.m. at the San Leandro High School Performing Arts Center, 2250 Bancroft Ave. with an opening night fundraising gala from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the lobby.

The gala will boast live entertainment, "mocktails," heavy hors d'oeuvres, a raffle, interviews from the cast and creative team and more. Tickets for the opening night gala can be purchased at the door and are \$25 per person and include preferred seating.

Singin' In The Rain has a seven-show run: May 13, 18, 19 and 20 at 8p.m., and May 14, 20 and 21 at 2:30 p.m. In an effort to make live theatre more accessible to San Leandro Families, tickets are only \$5.

Alex Chicas plays the part of Don Lockwood in the musical production of *Singin' in the Rain*.



PHOTO BY ISABEL NAIRO

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

❖ **The Musical *Life is Good!***
This year's free annual spring musical, *Life is Good!* will be presented by "Vertical" on Friday, May 12, at 7 p.m. and on Saturday, May 13, at 2 p.m. at the 3-Crosses Main Auditorium, 20600 John Drive in Castro Valley, and am opening mini concert titled *Once Upon a Par-*

able presented by Project Praise. This is the 10th anniversary of the Community Christian Kids' Choirs that features kids from all over Castro Valley and the surrounding area.

❖ **Cambodian Dance Performance**
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ican Pacific Islander Heritage Month, the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., presents a performance of Cambodian dance by Charya Burt on Thursday, May 18, from 7 to 8 p.m. Admission is free. Burt is an acclaimed master dancer, choreographer, vocalist and teacher of Classical Cambodian Dance who has injected new life into the dance form by creating classically inspired, inventive new works.

❖ **The Musical *Mary Poppins* at Principled Academy**
The Principled Academy Performing Arts Club will present the musical *Mary Poppins* on Friday and Saturday, May 19 and 20 at 7 p.m. at the Principled Academy, 2305 Washington Ave. in San Leandro. Tickets are \$5 each (children under 3 are free). For more information, call 351-6400.

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❖ **Bike to Happy Hour**
Bike East Bay will have a Bike to Work Day happy hour at The Englander Pub, 101 Parrott St. in San Leandro, on Thursday, May 11, from 5 to 8 p.m.

❖ **Hearing Loss Association Meeting**
A meeting of the Hearing Loss Association will meet on Saturday, May 13, at the Oakland Kaiser Permanente Hospital, Fabiola Bldg., 3801 Howe St., lower level, room G26. Refreshments offered at 9:30 a.m. with the program starting at 10 a.m. Steve Sells hearing-impaired engineer will be the speaker. Park free on Saturday in the garage across from Howe St. For more information, email athos.artist@att.net or call Kay at 886-4717.

❖ **Join the Marines for Coffee**
Don't be just a former Marine, join other Marines, past and present, once a month on the second Saturday, May 13, at 0900 hours at the Veterans Memorial Building, 1105 Bancroft Avenue, San Leandro, following the tradition of "Once a Marine, Always a Marine," for coffee, doughnuts and friendship. All are welcome. For more information, call Bobby Ferreira at 460-0636.

❖ **Friends of San Leandro Creek**
The next meeting of the Friends of San Leandro Creek will be on Tuesday, May 16, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Creek Clean-Up day will be on Saturday, May 20, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Root Park, 1033 East 14th St. Refreshments will be provided. A waiver is required for those under 14 years old and must be accompanied by an adult.

❖ **Eden Garden Club Plant Sale**
The Eden Garden Club Annual Plant Sale will be on Saturday, May 20, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Moose Lodge parking lot, 20835 Rutledge Road in Castro Valley. Lots of Plants, annuals, perennials, bulbs, succulents and vegetables grown by club members, garden art, and baked goods. For more information, call 537-1268.

❖ **Shrimp Fest at the Alta Mira Club**
The Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave. in San Leandro, is having a shrimp fest on Saturday, May 20, with a social hour at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$35 and includes all-you-can-eat shrimp, pasta, salad, bread and ice cream. Plus a drawing for a 7-night stay at the Maui Lea Resort. Proceeds benefit the Alta Mira Club's charitable purposes. For tickets, send a check to the Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave., San Leandro CA 94577. For more information, call 614-9680.

❖ **I.D.E.S. of Alvarado St.**
I.D.E.S. of Alvarado St. will have its annual Holy Ghost Festival on Saturday, and Sunday, May 20, and May 21, at the hall on 790 Antonio St. in San Leandro. Saturday's Program begins at 5 p.m. with Baza, traditional Portuguese Folklore and concert by marching band. Sunday's dinner and dance starts at 7 p.m. and includes beef stew, wine, and sweet bread. Tickets are \$15 per person. For tickets call 385-8247 or 635-3580.

❖ **Davis Street Gala**
The 2017 Davis Street Family Resource Center Gala will be held on Wednesday, May 24, at the Sequoyah Country Club, 4550 Heafey Road in Oakland. Cocktails at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. Black tie optional, mask included with

each ticket. To purchase tickets, go to <https://davisstreet.givezooks.com/events/copy-of-2017-davis-street-gala>.

❖ **San Leandro Democratic Club**
The San Leandro Democratic Club will meet on Thursday, May 25, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. The guest speaker will be state Assemblyman Rob Bonta.

❖ **San Lorenzo High Class of 1967 Reunion**
San Lorenzo High School Class of 1967 will celebrate its 50th class reunion on Saturday, Oct. 21, at the Wedgewood Wedding and Banquet Center (formally Willow Park) in Castro Valley. Invitations are being sent to all the classmates on the mailing list. For more information, or if you're not on the mailing list, call Glenda Smith Fore 703-0933. No tickets accepted at the door.

❖ **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.

❖ **Pacific High School 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 PacificHigh-Vikings.com.

❖ **SL High Class of 1987 Reunion**
San Leandro High School Class of 1987 is having its 30th reunion on Sept. 30 at 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Dublin, 6680 Regional St. in Dublin. See old friends and raise a glass to our class. Early-bird ticket pricing is available until March 1. For more information and tickets, go to www.nationalreunions.com or call 888-4-ALUMNI.

❖ **Kiwanis Club of San Leandro**
Join the Kiwanis Club of San Leandro for weekly lunch meetings on Tuesday, from 12:10 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Englander Sports Pub and Restaurant, 101 Parrot Street, San Leandro.

❖ **Caregiver Support Group**
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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): The often-skeptical Aries might find that an answer to a question is hard to believe. But check it out before you chuck it out. You might well be surprised at what you could learn.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Your resolute determination to stick by a position might make some people uncomfortable. But if you're proved right (as I expect you to be), a lot of changes will tilt in your favor.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): You might feel conflicted between what you want to do and what you should do. Best advice: Honor your obligations first. Then go ahead and enjoy your well-earned rewards.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): That financial matter still needs to be sorted out before you can consider any major monetary moves. Pressures ease midweek, with news about a potential career change.

LEO (July 23 - August 22): A workplace problem threatens to derail your well-planned project. But your quick mind should lead you to a solution and get you back on track without too much delay.

VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): An opportunity opens up but could quickly close down if you allow pessimism to override enthusiasm. A trusted friend can offer the encouragement you need.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): You've come through a difficult period of helping others deal with their problems. Now you can concentrate on putting your energy to work on your own projects.

SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): Forget about who's to blame and, instead, make the first move toward patching up a misunderstanding before it creates a rift that you'll never be able to cross.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Good news for the travel-loving Sagittarian who enjoys galloping off to new places: That trip you put off will soon be back on your schedule.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): A mood change could make the gregarious Goat seek the company of just a few friends. But you charge back into the crowd for weekend fun and games.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): A decision you made in good faith could come under fire. Best advice: Open your mind to other possibilities by listening to your challenger's point of view.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): You can avoid being swamped by all those tasks dangling from your line this week by tackling them one by one, according to priority. The weekend brings good news.

City Council Green Lights Sidewalk ‘Parklets’

Permits will be issued for two parklets if a person or business wants to pay to build one

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

The City of San Leandro is accepting applications to create two “parklets” – a reclaimed parking space that will act as a place to sit and enjoy the community.

A parklet is a platform built in the space of one or two parking spots along a city street with benches or tables. San Francisco and Oakland have a few and now the City of San Leandro wants to get in on the trend.

At a meeting in April, the City Council unanimously voted to give \$30,000 for city staff to issue permits and help set up the administration of the parklets. It's expected that community groups or businesses will apply for parklet permits and pay the construction costs, though they can apply for a grant of up to \$5,000 from the city for design costs.

San Francisco is credited as the first city with parklets and the average cost of installing one there is about \$17,500, mostly done on busy streets in commercial areas.

The city is now taking applications for two parklets and the pilot program will last two years after which the success of the program will be evaluated and more parklets may be approved.

The parklets are designed to encourage people to walk and sit and linger around town and turn away from “motorized transportation,” according to the city.

The parklets will use one or two parking spaces along the curb and cannot be along a California state route which eliminates many of San Leandro's main thoroughfares, including East 14th Street, Doolittle Drive, and Davis Street.

The city's recommendation is that parklets be built on a street

with a 25 m.p.h. speed limit.

San Leandro is talking applications for two parklets and they must be professional, with a licensed architect or civil engineer designing them to be “attractive” in order to be approved.

All parklets must also meet the standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and be fully wheelchair accessible.

If you want to build a parklet, it will cost you a bit – you must carry \$4 million in commercial liability insurance, the application fee is \$150, and if approved you'll need to pay the city a \$2,500 deposit to review your design, \$2,500 as a restoration deposit, and \$100 for the annual review of the site.

If you are interested in applying to construct a parklet, visit the city's website at www.sanleandro.org under the “engineering and transportation” tab.



The city of San Leandro has approved issuing two permits for street parklets. Pictured is a parklet in San Francisco, the city where parklets first started.

Samuel: Sent to England first

continued from front page of Anne Frank. Capone encouraged Samuel to draw parallels between his experience and today's politics, but Samuel was a bit more philosophical.

“I think it is just human nature for one group to try to dominate another, politically, economically, whatever,” said Samuel. “I’m not saying it’s right, it’s just a fact of life.”

The young people seemed most interested in Samuel's life, and he obliged them. He grew up in a large home with his mom and dad, grandmother, aunt, uncle, and cousin. In 1938, Samuel's parents decided that he would migrate to England.

“As things got worse for the Jews in Germany, the world

began closing its doors,” said Samuel. “America wouldn't increase the number of Jews they allowed in and England was the only country that allowed unaccompanied children.”

His parents and others put ads in the British newspapers, hoping to attract sponsors for their children.

Samuel lucked out in a quirk of fate: an Englishman named Epstein sponsored Samuel because he had a young son whose middle name was Ralph.

“So Mr. Epstein said ‘I’ll take that one,’” said Samuel. “I remember very clearly that I came to England and I had a cardboard sign around my neck and it said ‘Ralph Samuel for Mr. Epstein.’ It cost him 50 pounds – about

\$2,500 today.”

Samuel enjoyed his life in London – he even showed the kids some snapshots of a beach vacation with the Epsteins.

“Our parents said going to England would be an adventure, we’d have fun,” said Samuel. “What they didn't tell you was that in England, they’d only speak English and I didn't speak a word of English. But their son was 6-years-old and I was 7 or 8 and kids don't really need a language to communicate.”

But back in Germany, the situation was worsening.

“Jews could only go shopping after 3 p.m., when most of the stores were empty, Jewish teachers lost their jobs, Jewish doctors

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AUTOMOTIVE

Go Green or Greener in Ford's Fusion

By Steve Schaefer
San Leandro Times

Ford's Fusion occupies the traditional role at Ford — a midsize sedan. For those who don't savor driving a crossover SUV to carry multiple passengers, this segment remains popular, and includes such perennial bestsellers as the Toyota Camry and the Honda Accord.

The Fusion remained attractive, so I assume that Ford realized that when they doled out only modest midcycle updates. Outside, the front end gets sharpened while the taillamps become connected by a chrome bar, but otherwise things remain about the same. Inside, the transmission control transformed to a finely rendered disc, like a small, thick hockey puck, much like the one in Jaguars and Land Rovers, but without the clever rising effect found in those luxury makes.

This American-branded car, built in Mexico, comes in a variety

of flavors, but let's look at the two greenest ones now — the Hybrid and the Energi.

The Hybrid combines a 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine with an electric motor for a total of 188 horsepower and 129 lb.-ft. of torque. Like a good hybrid, the Fusion moves between these two energy sources automatically, depending on driving conditions and driver input. Take it easy on the accelerator and you'll find the Hybrid remains more in electric mode. Climb a hill and you'll hear the engine kick in, regardless. On downhill descents, the battery charges silently.

This behavior nets you EPA numbers of 43 City, 41 Highway and 42 Combined. Compare these with the Toyota Camry Hybrid's 38 mpg and Honda Accord Hybrid's 48 combined scores. My Blue Lightning test car averaged 41.0 mpg during its test week.

Choosing the Energi model adds a major new element into the picture. With its 7.6 kWh battery, this Fusion can run as a pure elec-

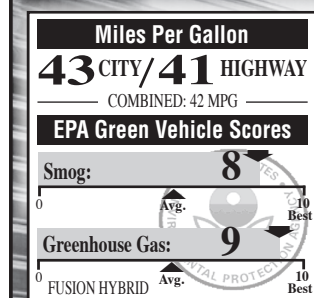
tric vehicle for an EPA rated 21 miles. That meant that when I took my 18-mile-each-way commute in the Energi, I made it just about door-to-door without using a drop of gas.

With the variety in traffic conditions, on a few days, I pulled up to the charger at work with a little juice left. The Energi's EPA ratings, for MPGe this time, are 97 MPGe Combined, or 35 kWh per 100 miles (compare this with other plug-in hybrids). The gauge in my Magnetic Metallic (gray) test car read 101.4 MPGe at the end of my test week, and the gas gauge had hardly budged from "Full".

Driving the cars feels about the same, except that the Energi is smoother and quieter longer, since an entire trip may not use the gasoline engine at all. The Energi weighs 298 more pounds than the Hybrid (3,913 vs. 3,615 pounds), and its trunk is shortened to accommodate its larger battery (the Hybrid's smaller battery, without charging ability, has only a 1.4 kWh capacity).

EPA Green ratings are a very good 8 for Smog and 9 for Greenhouse gas for the Hybrid and 8 and 10 respectively for the Energi. More numbers: the CO2 grams-per-mile output of the Energi runs about half the Hybrid — 110 vs. 210.

When you drive the Hybrid, you can set the center screen to show you one of the car's three driving modes. Under the right conditions, you're in "Electric Drive" mode, using no gasoline. When the engine engages, you're in "Hybrid Drive" mode, where the engine and motor work



For 2017, the Fusion Energi and Fusion Hybrid feature a redesigned front and rear fascia, updated interior with rotary gear shift dial, improved storage and USB access. New Fusion Energi Platinum edition features include leather-lined and quilted door trim panels, a leather-wrapped steering wheel, leather dashboard and LED headlamps.



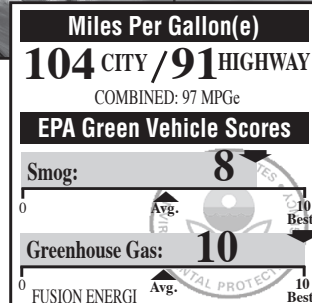
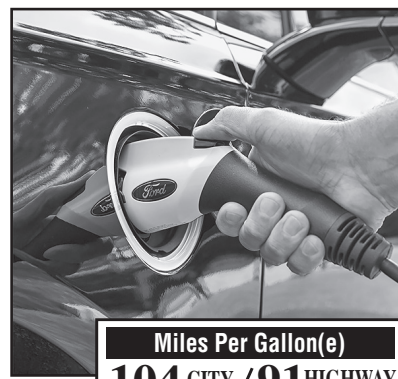
together. If you're generating electricity, you're in "Recharging High Voltage Battery" mode. These switched back and forth as I drove.

Both cars' instrument panels provide a bar chart of driving behavior, including acceleration, braking and cruising. Depending on road and traffic conditions, sometimes one or the other metrics dipped into the negative "yellow" condition, but normally they showed the desired blue.

Fusions come in different equipment levels, ranging from S to SE to Titanium to Platinum, and you can get a regular nonhybrid version, too. My Hybrid wore the Titanium nameplate while the Energi flaunted the top-level Platinum badge on its tail. The Platinum level borders on the luxurious, featuring soft, quilted leather on the seats and doors, among other upgrades.

With \$3,760 worth of style and safety options, the Hybrid came to

The plug-in capability of the 2017 Fusion Energi means the lithium-ion battery can be fully charged overnight in approximately seven hours using the standard 120-volt convenience charge cord. Available 240-volt charging options reduce charge time to about 2.5 hours.



\$35,155, including Destination and Delivery. The Energi, with no extras and with the "Fusion Energi Discount," rolled in at \$39,995.

Interestingly, the Annual Fuel Cost on the window stickers was \$900 for the Hybrid and \$800 for the Energi. So, your benefits here become less financial and more about environmental impact.

There is no pure electric Fusion for sale now, but if industry trends pan out, there could be in the future. For now, if you're a

commuter, you may find the extra cost of the Energi really pays off.

If you want an attractive, comfortable sedan with a little greener perspective, try one of Ford's two greener Fusions.

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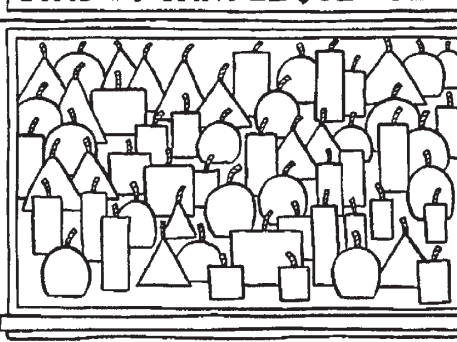


Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Chef's hat is different. 2. Shutter is missing. 3. Truck is missing. 4. Fence is different. 5. Shovel is smaller. 6. Cap is missing.

CINDY'S CANDLE SCENTER



DON'T BE A DRIP solving this one. Can you correctly count the candles in Cindy's shop window? You have 30 seconds.

Answer: Our count was 60. What about you?

DON'T GET "SNOWED UNDER" BY THIS ONE! To solve this problem, you must replace the letters in the AlphaMath puzzle with the digits 0, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, so that you have a correct addition problem. The same letters get the same digits. See if you can get a higher total than we did.

Our answer: S=5, N=0, O=1, W=3, B=4, Y=6, F=9, R=7, T=8, (5013 + 4165 = 9178).

IT'S MAGIC! Use the numbers 24 and 26, and 10 through 17 to fill in this Magic Square. The numbers in each horizontal row and vertical column should total 71. We've filled in six of the squares. The rest is up to you

Our answer: First row: 17, 20, 24, 10. Second row: 23, 11, 16, 21. Third row: 12, 26, 18, 15. Fourth row: 19, 14, 13, 25.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

1.	A					T
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3.			A		T	
4.				A	T	
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Using the definitions and the anagrams below, you must find the eight eight-letter words that fit into the framework pictured on the left. For each definition, the letters

in the two anagram words must be unscrambled and used to form the word asked for.

DEFINITIONS

1. An archaeological find.
2. To criticize or disparage.
3. Makes cars travel smoother.
4. Feeling of malicious pleasure.
5. Exercise workout garments.
6. Load to capacity.
7. Fish with a deadly tail.
8. A long-shot horse race bet.

ANAGRAM:

- cart + fiat
- moth + baud
- plot + back
- tail + gong
- sole + dart
- taut + sear
- gist + yarn
- rite + fact

	20	
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Answers: 1. Artifact. 2. Badmouth. 3. Stingray. 4. Gloating. 5. Leotards. 6. Satisfy. 7. Stingray. 8. Trifle.

Baseball: Padilla makes diving catch

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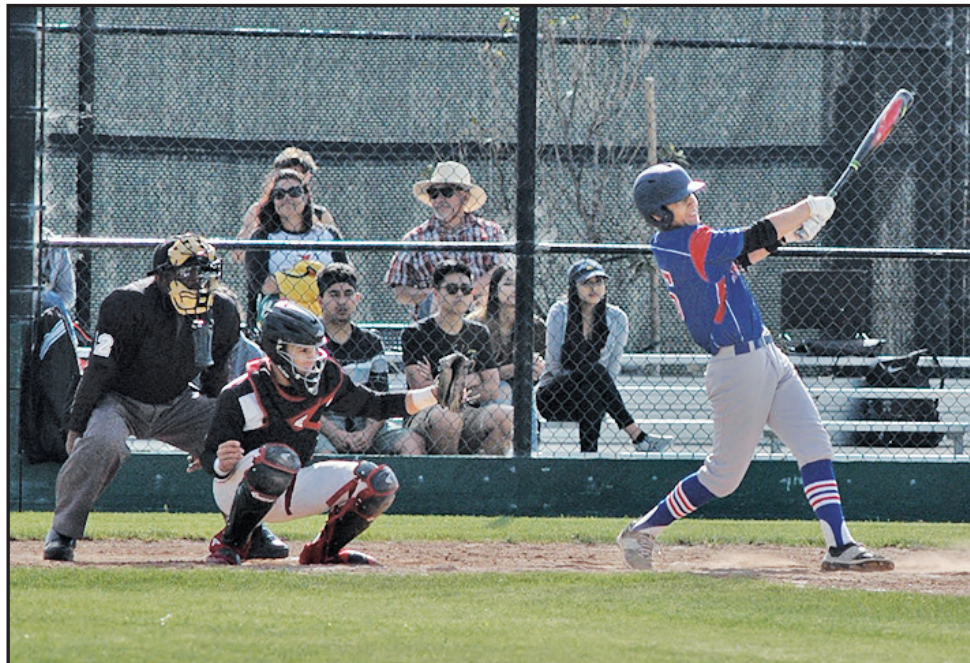
So Anderson, and Tan – in a nod to baseball tradition and sportsmanship – gladly let Gonzalez have the honor – and Gonzalez fanned the final batter to end the game.

The Dons got all the runs they would need in the first inning. Josh Romero lined a single to centerfield, driving in Gonzalez to put Arroyo ahead, 2-0.

In the second inning, Logan Britto led off with a single up the middle and moved to second on a ground ball out. Brian Rosario singled, and Gonzalez sent a liner over the head of Pirates third baseman Trevor Krug and the Dons took a 3-0 lead.

Earlier, in the Pirates half of the second, Ethan Rich hit a solid line drive that would have gone a long ways, but Arroyo shortstop Adrian Padilla soared into the air to his right and snagged the ball in the web of his mitt before landing with a belly-flop in the dirt, as the Arroyo crowd cheered.

Tan held San Leandro scoreless until the sixth when Alex Perreira led off for the Pirates with a base hit to right field. Perreira took second later on a bad throw



PHOTOS BY JIM KNOWLES

San Leandro High batter Moises Gomez hits a high drive to centerfield. Right, Arroyo outfielder Jacob Marples hauls in a fly ball.

and then stole third.

Gerald Nervis grounded out to shortstop, but it was good for an RBI as Perreira came home on the play to cut Arroyo's lead to 3-1.

The lead held up as Tan and

Gonzales closed out the seventh.

"The chemistry on the team is great," said Tan, who grew up playing in the Floresta, Washington Manor and San Lorenzo youth leagues. "We all have one

goal, to win league."

Arroyo's last game of the regular season is today (Thursday) at 4 p.m. at home against Castro Valley. San Leandro plays today (Thursday) at 4 p.m. at Berkeley.



Samuel: 'Land of opportunity'

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could only treat Jewish patients," said Samuel.

Samuel's mother convinced the Epsteins to employ her as a maid so she could immigrate and be reunited with her son. But just months after that, the children of London were evacuated to the countryside as the war escalated.

Samuel was sent to a large country manor with about a dozen other kids. He showed the students a photo of a group of kids smiling in front of house with ornate columns and pointed to a boy sitting near him.

"He called me a dirty Jew and made me cry," said Samuel, who eventually met up with his fellow evacuees some 50 years later in London.

"I was about 60 years old when the reunion happened. I thought, he called me a dirty Jew and made me cry so when I see him again, I'm gonna punch him in the nose. Well it turned out, he grew up to be a parole officer and those are tough guys, so I decided not to punch him," joked Samuel.

Samuel and his mother survived World War II, but his father and grandmother both died in concentrations camps, which has made some retellings of the Holocaust too difficult for Samuel to deal with.

"You guys are reading the *Diary of Anne Frank* and I spoke at another school where they read *Night* by Eli Wiesel, but I can't read that book," said Samuel. "I haven't been to Auschwitz. I haven't seen Schindler's List. I don't need to put myself through that."

Samuel moved to America in the late 1950s. He joked that his mother questioned why he'd want to live in the "land of the savages," as she called it.

Samuel worked in Washington D.C. before driving cross country to California on Route 66 and working in real estate and for BART for many years before retiring to a second career speaking to young people.

Recently, Samuel began taking German language classes so he could speak fluently to German teens about World War II. Today, Samuel says that he believes Germany is the only county in Europe to really come to terms with the war.

In the final years of her life, Samuel's mother lived with him in Oakland, where she spoke to him in German and he'd answer her in English.

"That's probably what a lot of you guys who have immigrant parents are like at home, right?" said Samuel. "Ask in one language, respond in another."

Samuel repeated the truism that those who ignore history are doomed to repeat it. But he told the kids that if they have worries about the current political climate, they should feel fortunate that are free to stand up and speak out.

"American is still the land of opportunity," Samuel said.



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What Rubs Buyers the Wrong Way?

By Carl Medford, CRS
Special to the Times

Although hard to believe in this hot market, there are properties not performing in sync with the rest. Instead of multiple offers, some receive only one, often under asking price. Others languish with no contracts in sight.

What keeps a listing from selling like other surrounding homes?

First, the obvious adage, "Anything sells for the right price," is absolutely true. Homes priced higher than the market is the No. 1 reason homes don't sell, even if they are spectacular. So, what other factors might keep buyers at bay? Here are our Top 6:

1. Odors: Nothing gets a buyer back out the door faster than a nasty smell. Odors from pets top

the list, followed by food (think curry or fried fish), mildew and mustiness.

2. Small Rooms: In this era of openness, small rooms are a huge turnoff, especially bedrooms. Cramped living spaces are next, with buyers stating preferences for open spaces such as a great room instead of individual kitchens, living and dining rooms.

3. Popcorn Ceilings: While many "acoustic" ceilings do not have asbestos, the thought that they might dissuades many buyers. Introduced in the 1950s to help lower construction costs, "popcorn" is messy to remove and retexture. If it *does* contain asbestos, then removal must be done by licensed professionals.

4. Wall-to-Wall Carpet: While wall-to-wall carpets were

a staple for decades, today's buyers want hardwood or laminate flooring. A standard practice for selling older homes is to remove all the carpets and polish or refinish the hardwood floors hidden underneath. If there is no existing hardwood, remove old carpets and install laminate in its place.

5. Wallpaper: Walk through any builder's model home or upscale hotel and you'll see contemporary wallpaper in abundance. While it looks good in those venues, visit older homes and you are likely to see 1980's country-styled wallpaper complete with bunnies and ducks. Buyers... hate it.

6. Original Kitchens: Complete with laminate counters and Harvest Gold appliances, these kitchens were all the rage a few decades ago and a sure turnoff for contemporary buyers. Most buyers have no idea how to upgrade a kitchen, so they keep going until they find a kitchen they like. The same applies to bathrooms.

It's all about first impressions, and sellers that spend the necessary time and money to remove buyer obstacles will usually be rewarded with a quick sale.

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Learn the Art of Lawn Mowing

By Samantha Mazzotta
Special to the Times

Wondering how to get those neat cross-hatch patterns in your lawn like the pros do?

Mowing in a specific pattern isn't the only way, nor the best way, to get those neat checkerboard stripes. A healthy lawn and proper mowing technique also are important.

Neat patterns, or stripes, are made noticeable by bending the grass blades in one direction on one stripe, and another direction on an opposing stripe.

Here are a few tips:

• Raise your mower blades: Cutting the grass too low to the ground damages the plant, makes it grow unevenly, and leaves it vulnerable to weeds, diseases and pests. It also makes patterns difficult or impossible to create, because the shorter blades don't bend very far.

• Never cut more than one-third of the grass height: Depending on the type of lawn, the ideal height may vary – Bermuda, for example, has an ideal height of about 1 inch, fescue or blue grass should be 2 to 3 inches tall, while St. Augustine should be mowed to a height of 3.5 to 4 inches. Let your grass grow at least one-third higher than its ideal height before mowing.

• Never cut wet grass: Cutting when dew or rain is still heavy on the grass will prevent a clean cut, damage the grass, cause clumping and keep you from seeing that ideal pattern.

• Maintain your mower: Sharp blades are essential for a good cut, as well as an efficient engine.

• Change direction: Once you get that nice pattern on the lawn, the best way to keep it is to change up the way you mow. Every other time, mow in a different pattern.

• Ideal pattern: There are a number of striping techniques. Scag, which sells professional mower equipment, has a tutorial with instructions on how to create several patterns (www.scag.com/lawnstriping.html). You'll need a roller attachment to bend the grass to achieve that professional look.

• Overlap properly: Each pass should be overlapped by the next by about 3 inches to make sure you don't miss a strip.

• Don't worry about the corners... yet: If the lawn has sharp or difficult corners, skip them until you've mowed the pattern you want on the rest of the lawn. Then go back and finish off each corner. Also skip uneven ground until the end, then raise the mower blades so you don't scalp the grass, and carefully mow the raised areas.

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Encore Azaleas Bloom Twice; Tomatoes Can't 'Catch Up'

By Buzz Bertolero
The Dirt Gardener

I've heard that if you prune azaleas after their spring bloom, they will bloom again in the summer. Is this true and how much pruning is necessary?

Pruning has no effect on the blooming cycle of azaleas. Pruning doesn't trigger bud formation; however, it can delay the formation of flower buds when they're sheared back in the late summer or in the fall.

The proper time to prune is after they have finished flowering and its primary purpose is to shape the plant. The old spent flowers should be manually removed, as azaleas do not self-shed. This allows you to shape and clean up the plant(s) all at one time.

Azaleas typically bloom only in the spring; however, there are locations where we do see them flower a second time. This usually occurs in the fall where there is a strong marine influence during the summer months. The cool, moist air after several heat spells tricks the plants into blooming again. We would expect this to occur along the coast and in Berkeley, San Ra-

mon, Martinez, Fremont and other cities; although, it doesn't happen every year.

Encore Azaleas will bloom twice a year without any help from Mother Nature. I would consider them for new or replacement plantings. They've been around for about 10 years.

All told, there are 30 varieties in the series, but most garden centers only carry a few.

They thrive equally well in highly filtered shade or sunny locations. But, I would protect them from the heat of the day's sun where temperatures regularly hit the high 80s and above.

Also, you should prune them be July; otherwise, you'll miss the fall blooming cycle.

You'll find more information about Encore Azaleas at www.encoreazaleas.com.

Is it too late to plant tomatoes?

No, it's not too late to plant tomatoes. Personally, I think May is the ideal month to plant tomatoes, along with peppers, eggplant and melons, more so than earlier.

The rainy season has con-

cluded and the day and nighttime temperatures are ideal for growing summer vegetables.

Tomatoes like warm days and nights; otherwise, they struggle, never reaching the expectation gardeners have.

That being said, it's time to take a reality check on those tomatoes planted in March and April. You need to ask yourself the following questions: Have your plants grown sufficiently since they've been planted or are they struggling and doing little to nothing? Is the foliage a nice green color or are they spotted and turning yellow?

If you answered yes to either question, you now have to do one of two things.

The first option is to lower your expectations. The plants are not going to kick it into another

gear and make up for the lost time once the weather improves. These plants will underperform the rest of the season as there is no "catch up" gene in tomatoes. This is my primary reason to wait and plant late.

Option two is to replace them. The new plantings will outperform those planted earlier. Your favorite variety may not be available and that's okay because you'll be pleasantly surprised by the ones you did plant.

Buzz Bertolero is an Advanced California Certified Nursery Professional and Senior Gardening Professional at Sloat Garden Centers. His web address is www.dirtgardener.com. Email questions to dirtgarden@aol.com or go to [Facebook.com/Buzz.Bertolero](https://www.facebook.com/Buzz.Bertolero).



Mortgage Rates Hold Steady

Freddie Mac said average mortgage rates held steady last week. The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 4.02 percent, down from last week when it averaged 4.03 percent. A year ago at this time, the 30-year rate averaged 3.61 percent.

Fifteen-year rates averaged 3.27 percent, the same as the prior week.

Five-year hybrid adjustable-rate mortgages (ARM)s averaged 3.13 percent last week, up from 3.12 percent.

'QuakeGrade' Streamlines Evaluations

The California Earthquake Authority (CEA) has created a free on-line tool — called QuakeGrade — to help home inspection specialists evaluate a house's vulnerability to earthquake damage.

The new tool debuted last week in San Francisco at the California Real Estate Inspection Association's annual educational conference.

Using information entered by an inspector, the new tool collects data about a house's structural and geological risks. It can calculate a vulnerability score, offer suggestions for improvements and generate a detailed report that can be sent to a homeowner or buyer.

"We want to help Californians learn more about their risks for earthquake damage to their homes," said CEO Glenn Pomeroy. "QuakeGrade is a great new tool and will help homeowners see what specific steps they can take to lower the risk of shake damage to their house."

The authority's QuakeGrade tool can be used on desktop computers, tablets and smartphones and is available to California-licensed engineers and contractors, and certified home inspectors.

It is based on a FEMA form for assessing the seismic vulnerabilities of single-family, wood-frame dwellings and FEMA's guidelines for retrofitting those dwellings.

"Seismic inspections will help people learn about their house's vulnerabilities to shake damage during a strong earthquake," said Janiele Maffei, CEA's chief mitigation officer. "QuakeGrade can be part of simplifying the seismic evaluation process."

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- Symbol of grace
- Cod piece?
- Arizona city
- Hot tub
- Be behind
- Leftovers
- Reverberate
- Russian czar, 1682-1725
- Goblet part
- Missile shelter
- Banned pesticide
- Trench
- Night light?
- Junior
- "Dukes of Hazzard" surname
- Atmosphere
- Alligator's kin
- Eminem, e.g.
- Bring into harmony
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- Nota follower
- Initial stake
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- Male turkey
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MAY 13TH & 14TH



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Meeting: Road work should begin soon

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unnecessary, as the city has slated \$6 million over the next few years to repave San Leandro roads – sealing 8.7 miles of streets and new pavement on 6 additional miles.

“We do have our problems with our roads, but help is on the way,” said City Manager Chris

Zapata, who added that the rainy season has ended and road work should begin soon.

District 2 councilman Ed Hernandez encouraged the painter to be safe and use the MySL app to report potholes, graffiti, and other minor issues.

She replied that the potholes needed to be filled as soon as

possible, not necessarily when entire streets are redone.

“Maybe then we won’t have grandmothers in the street circling holes,” she said.

Potholes were just one topic on San Leandrans’ minds. The public questioned the city on everything from dog parks to the lack of a good place to have

breakfast in town.

One big topic of discussion was the lack of housing and the skyrocketing costs of the housing that does exist.

Hernandez called housing a “huge crisis” and said that “grandmother units” behind single family homes may be one

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LOCAL DEATHS

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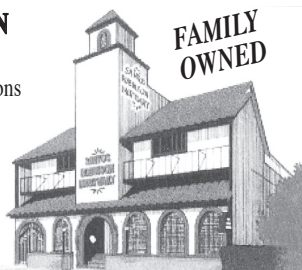
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Matsue “Rose” Frogge

Matsue Frogge passed away peacefully in her San Leandro home surrounded by family on Thursday morning, May 4, 2017 at age 81. Matsue was born on December 20, 1935 in Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Imaizumi.

Matsue was preceded in death by her husband, Keith; brother, Yoshihiro Imaizumi; daughters, Doris Frogge and Susan Nelson; and sons, James and Edward Frogge.

Matsue is survived by her daughters, Rosalie Waters of Sonora, and Stephanie Frogge of San Leandro; sons and daughter in-laws, Thomas and Kendra Frogge of Puyallup, Washington, David and Betsy Frogge of Lake Elsinore California; grandchildren, Stephanie, Vanessa, Robert, Tommy, Wesley, Rachele, Florence, Casino and Carl; great-grandchildren, Janelle, D’lano, Shamanice, Arius, Celeste, Serenity, James and Leela; great-great grandchildren, Jordan and Clara; and her faithful Chihuahua “Cookie”.

Matsue enjoyed gardening, spending time with family and friends, and attending 3 Crosses Church in Castro Valley. She will be remembered for her kind heart, generosity, wonderful sense of humor, and her great spirit for life. Those fortunate to know Matsue were touched by her warm affection, love and genuine regards for others.

Family and friends may gather for interment graveside service at Lone Tree Cemetery, 24591 Fairview Ave., in Hayward at noon on Friday, May 12. A celebration of Matsue’s life will follow at 1214 Belleau St. in San Leandro at 2 p.m.

CHENOWETH, Margaret DOEMAN, Zipporah FROGGE, Matsue “Rose” RANDEL, Eleanor Elizabeth ZIPES, Georgiana

■ **Margaret Chenoweth**, 56, a lifelong resident of San Leandro, passed away on May 4, after a short illness.

■ **Eleanor Elizabeth Randel** (December 23, 1932 – April 23, 2017), a resident of San Leandro, passed at age 84. Arrangements made by Grissom’s Mortuary (510-278-2800, grissoms-mortuary.com).

■ **Georgiana Zipes**, a resident of San Leandro, passed away May 3, 2017. Visitation is Friday, May 12, at Santos-Robinson Mortuary, 160 Estudillo Ave., in San Leandro. A celebration of Georgi’s life will also be the same day beginning at 2 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Scout of America, 1001 Davis St., in San Leandro. Arrangements by Santos-Robinson Mortuary (510-483-0123, santos-robinson.com).

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Mother

By Phyllis B. Mitchell

The letter M for mother stands a mom, one of a kind. She toiled with head, with heart and hands, And never seemed to mind.

The O is for open mindedness, For things she understands. We pray the Lord her soul to bless. We never know God’s plans.

For trust will be the letter T. In Him she puts her trust. And now with Him, she’s gone to be. Accept His will we must.

And H is for that heart of gold, within she carries deep. The grasp of death so icy cold, has now put her to sleep.

The E is for the everlasting love we feel for “Zippy” dear. The love that comes from God above, From us ne’er to tear.

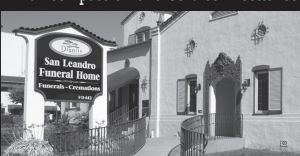
The letter R, last but not least, That letter stands for rest. We pray her soul will rest in peace. We know that God knows best!

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Emma Thompson signed a letter to attend Presentation College at a ceremony at San Leandro High.

Soccer Player Lands Scholarship

Emma Thompson, a senior at San Leandro High, signed her acceptance letter last month for an academic/athletic scholarship after being recruited by Presentation College in South Dakota.

Thompson will study for a bachelor’s degree in nursing while playing goalkeeper for the Saints. She was born and raised in San Leandro and has played soccer since she was 4 years old.

Thompson tried out for the San Leandro High varsity soccer team as a 9th grader – for the goalie position, no less – secured a spot on the varsity roster and never looked back.

Emma’s mom and dad, Lori and Kirk, say she always kept a *San Leandro Times* article taped to her desk about two girl athletes who received athletic scholarships and that inspired her to work hard and pursue her dream.

San Leandro Players To Hold Auditions for *Arsenic and Old Lace*

The San Leandro Players will hold auditions for *Arsenic and Old Lace* on Monday and Tuesday, May 22 and 23, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Museum Auditorium, 320 West Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro, two blocks east of the San Leandro BART Station.

Read from script. No pay, non-Equity. Roles for 11 males and three females, flexible, all ages, ethnicities encouraged. Rehearsals begin on June 6 on Monday through Thursday evenings.

Performances are Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. July 15 through Aug. 13, plus two Fridays at 8 p.m. Open call, appointments possible. Men’s roles may be filled by women (all ages). Opportunity for stage crew/lights and sound operators.

For more information, call 895-2573 and leave a message or visit www.slplayers.org. For ap-

pointments contact Mark O’Neill at actor.markoneill@gmail.com.

Japanese Community Center Bazaar In San Lorenzo

The Eden Japanese Community Center, 710 Elgin St. in San Lorenzo, will have its annual bazaar on Saturday, June 10, from 3 to 8 p.m.; and Sunday, June 11, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. with barbecued teriyaki chicken and rib dinner, sushi udon, chicken curry and shaved ice, plus raffle, bingo and games.

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Accuses School District of Not Playing Fair in Tax Campaign

Editor:

How fair is it that the San Leandro School District would deliberately seek to gain the support of seniors regarding the plan to add a parcel tax to non-seniors' annual property tax bill?

Is there no shame in such a tactic? How about you go directly to those who will be footing the bill to plead your case? I'll tell you why, because you know there will be push-back.

You have no intention of playing fair to get what you want – more hard-earned working-class dollars to fill your coffers. I agree that funds may be needed, but as educators, the first thing you should do is level the playing field. "All who vote for, should pay for."

If you want money through a parcel tax, then do the honorable thing and ask the person who will be writing the check. Otherwise, you appear to be sneaky and greedy by going to the seniors where there will be no resistance, because it will be none of their skin in the game. Shame on you, Tramutola.

—Sharon Dixon
San Leandro

Each Year, Citywide Track Meet Gets Better and Better

Editor:

There is this awesome event that has now happened four years in a row in San Leandro. And, every year it is getting better and better.

It is the Citywide Track Meet for all San Leandro Middle and Elementary school students. There is so much cheering and everybody is a winner. All participants get ribbons and big cheers from the audience.

This kind of event really brings the community together.

I want to thank the San Leandro Sports Foundation for starting this event and keep organizing it, and thank you to all the volunteers.

—Liisa Burns
The Principled Academy
San Leandro

Calls Leo West's Attacks 'Divisive And Harmful to Labor Movement'

Editor:

While I differ with Guillermo Elenes' embrace of the Democratic Party, he has spoken out for all workers in my experience.

However, I am very familiar with Leo West's branding of undocumented workers as "scabs." He is well known for vicious assaults on undocumented workers and his continued attacks on these workers are divisive and harmful to the labor movement.

It is in our interest to organize the undocumented and join in solidarity with them in improving their living standards in their countries of origin. These people do not risk life and limb coming to the U.S. to work, often in the most oppressive conditions, because they don't like home.

Mr. West would do us a service to inform people of the historical role U.S. capitalism has played in Latin America, considering the region is in its own back yard. NAFTA has not only devastated some rust belt communities here, it drove millions of Mexican subsistence farmers off their land and their source of food and shelter.

U.S. Marine, Major General Smedley Butler noted:

"I helped make Mexico and especially Tampico safe for American oil interests in 1914. I helped make Haiti and Cuba a decent place for the National City Bank boys to collect revenues in. I helped in the raping of half a dozen Central American republics for the benefit of Wall Street. I helped purify Nicaragua for the International Banking House of Brown Brothers in 1902-1912. I brought light to the Dominican Republic for the American sugar interests in 1916. I helped make Honduras right for the American fruit companies in 1903." War is a racket.

Mr. West's criticism of Mr. Elenes may or may not be justified on some points, but his xenophobic, racially loaded attacks on immigrant workers are far more damaging to the workers' movement.

—Richard Mellor
San Leandro

Says Trump No Advocate of Tenant Rights Laws

Editor:

Let me see if I have this straight. Leo T. West is advocating for some type of law or regulation that will assist and/or protect vulnerable tenants in a very competitive rental housing market.

I wonder if Mr. West understands that things like rent control, tenant rights laws and subsidies for ordinary folks are an anathema to "Free Market" devotees like his heroes, Donald Trump and the Republican Party. Leo T. does a lot of ranting against Democrats and the very folks who stand with those who get victimized when the greedy take advantage of the needy.

My advice to anyone who finds themselves caught in the rental housing squeeze is not to consider Leo as a champion for your cause. Because, if you are clueless about who your enemy really is, your chances of winning are not so good.

—Vernon S. Burton
San Leandro

Appalled that GOP Not Seeking CBO's Analysis of New Health Law

Editor:

Our Congress is equipped with the tools to make informed decisions and yet with the recent adoption of the GOP's healthcare legislation, the House of Representatives doesn't seem to be using these tools.

The Congressional Budget Office is nonpartisan and produces independent analyses of budgetary and economic issues to support the

Congressional budget process.

The CBO releases both reports and cost estimates for proposed legislation, without issuing any policy recommendations.

Why, then, does our House of Representatives move ahead to pass health care legislation that will affect so many already marginalized Americans without waiting to study and read the not yet published report on this legislation from the CBO?

This action seems to be another instance of our government attacking evidence-based logical thinking at the expense of the American people.

I am appalled.

—Susan Hupp
San Leandro

Calls for Rejection of 'Dairy Industry's Cruelty' to Cows

Editor:

Last week, The Washington Post published a major exposé of the U.S. dairy industry concluding that mega dairies scam consumers into paying extra for "organic" milk that isn't.

The timing, a few days before Mother's Day, could not be more appropriate. Dairy cows, world-wide symbols of motherhood, never get to see or nurture their babies.

The newborn calves are torn from their mothers at birth and turned into veal cutlets, so the dairy industry can sell their milk. The distraught mothers bellow for days, hoping in vain for their babies' return.

Instead, they are chained on a concrete warehouse floor, milked by machines, then impregnated artificially to renew the pregnancy and keep the milk flowing. When their production drops, around four years of age, they are ground into hamburgers.

This Mother's Day, let's all honor motherhood and our natural compassion for animals by rejecting the dairy industry's cruelty. Let's replace cow's milk and its products, laden with cholesterol, saturated fats, hormones and antibiotics. Let's choose delicious, healthful, cruelty-free plant-based milk, cheese and ice cream products offered at our grocery store.

—Dennis Roth
San Leandro

Answer: Yes and Yes

Editor:

So, did the entire May 4 issue of the San Leandro Times go out with the date "January 5, 2012" on the masthead, or do I have a valuable collectors item?

—Victor De Grande
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Esther Taeim Yoon
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I eat wisely, do yoga, and I take an exercise class at the senior center. I try to reduce my stress.

Leslie Byrne
San Leandro



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Evelyn Lihinag-Tam
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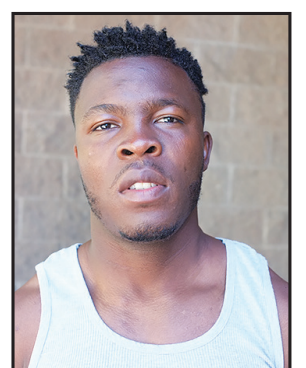
Get checked out by your doctor. Don't over-eat. Don't drink too much, just not in excess. Too much of anything isn't good for you.

Eddie Dunlap
San Leandro



I'm a personal trainer, so eat right, observe bedtime, don't stay up too late, stop eating at least two hours before bedtime and work out two hours each day.

Leameh Fromayan
San Leandro



Bridge: Since bridge was closed, students cross creek over trestle

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16, did just that and was struck and killed by a Union Pacific freight train. The trestle is private property and Union Pacific signage prohibits pedestrians in that area.

At the time of the closure of the footbridge, KIPP, a charter school, cited concerns about the bridge attracting graffiti and being a place where kids would loiter.

After KIPP closed off their side of the bridge, effectively ren-

dering it a dead end, the Alameda County Flood Control erected a fence on the north side of the bridge as well.

But back when the footbridge as closed, C.J. Yohter, who lived on the Manor side of the bridge, opposed the closure and gave a warning in 2009 that the railroad trestle would be too big of a temptation to ignore.

"It is only a matter of time before a kid gets hit," said Yohter.

KIPP King didn't return calls for comment regarding the foot-

bridge in time for publication.

Liu's death is under investigation by the Union Pacific police, who said they have no

"It is only a matter of time before a kid gets hit."

— C.J. Yohter, at the time the Barrett Bridge was closed, speculating that kids would now use the train trestle to cross the channel.

further details at this time but called the collision "an unfortunate incident."

In a statement shortly after Liu's death, KIPP Principal Kelly Lara said that Liu was an 11th grade honors student, active in leadership and debate.

"He had a big heart and was able to build close friendships and earned the support and loyalty of those around him," Lara said.

Above, the train trestle that kids cross to go to school. Below, the Barrett Bridge that kids used to cross, which was closed by KIPP Academy.



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Meeting: Citizens speak out

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answer. He suggested that some people interested in downsizing move into their own auxiliary unit and have a renter move into their main home and use the rental money as additional income.

One speaker said he has his slice of the American Dream, his own home, but what about those who are less fortunate?

"Is there a champion among you who is going to fight for the renters?" he asked.

Hernandez said he was sympathetic but the council must take a balanced approach to represent both renters and landlords.

Cynthia Battenberg, the city's community development director pointed out several new housing developments that will be popping up in the next few years for a total of about 1,500 new units. That seems good, but a projected 15,000 people will be moving to San Leandro in the next 20 years.

Mayor Pauline Cutter chimed in to say the issue of evictions and tenant relocation assistance is set to go before the City Council at an upcoming meeting.

Another woman said she'd like to see closed-circuit TV cameras around town to discourage crime.

Zapata said that cameras around town are a "very complicated issue." The police utilize license plate readers mounted on cop cars which record activities, there are cameras on some city property, and the police also encourage anyone with a private security camera to register it with them so they have an idea of what areas in town are being recorded.

"It's not a panacea for crime and requires a lot of oversight," said Zapata.

A town hall meeting for districts 3, 4 and 6 is scheduled for some time this summer.

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