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If you think you have a tough job, it's no picnic for Robert Burns of San Leandro who mowed the tall grass on a vacant lot on Estabrook Street recently on the hottest day of the year. Afterwards, Burns walked around the corner to the Quick Stop and got himself an ice cold soda.



Cantor Takes Helm at Temple Beth Sholom

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

Temple Beth Sholom has been in San Leandro since 1886 and intends to stay for a while. But things are going to change a little bit. Rabbi Harry Manhoff is no longer at the temple on Dolores Avenue, though he's the rabbi emeritus now. The congregation is smaller than it once was, so it will be pushing ahead without a rabbi for at least the time being. So the temple is breaking

with norms and has chosen long-time Cantor Linda Hirschorn to be the temple's spiritual leader. It's not the first time the temple has turned to Hirschorn, said board member Heather Green. Hirschorn also took on the role of spiritual leader 21 years ago during a year-long search for a new rabbi. This time, though, the temple is not searching for a new rabbi right away, due to the current size



Cantor Linda Hirschorn

of the congregation and their confidence in Hirschorn, Green said. "It doesn't mean we aren't going to be a strong community," Green said. "We'll figure out how to make it work. And so many synagogues around collaborate." The congregation has changed many times over the past century and a half. Some of the older members have passed away, and some members have moved out to Dublin and Danville. "During different times see TEMPLE, page 16

Two of Three City Pools Shut Down

Farrelly Pool closed for 3 years, now Boys Club pool closed

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

Summer is the perfect time to take a dip, but two of the three San Leandro city pools are closed for the season, both in need of major repairs.

The Boys & Girls Club pool will be closed at least until next summer for repairs to a large leak, according to Alice Kim, communication manager for the City of San Leandro.

A leak was discovered last December which shut down the pool and the pool's lining needs to be replaced. The City Council has approved \$350,000 from the general fund to make the improvements.

Kim said that some classes that the city's recreation department usually holds at the Boys & Girls Club pool had to be cut, but many activities were able to be rescheduled and transferred to the Aquatic Center at Washington Manor Park and the San Leandro High pool.

Another city pool, Farrelly Pool on Dutton Avenue, is shut down for the third year in a row.

Farrelly, built in 1930, is no longer up to county code and the necessary repairs to meet the code will cost up to \$3.5 million.

Last spring, the City Council voted to spend \$277,000 to hire an architectural firm to draw up plans for a new pool.

The problem is an internal

wall in the pool separates the deep end from the shallow end, which the county says is a potential safety hazard and also every public see POOLS, page 15

School Tax on November Ballot

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

The San Leandro School Board is putting a parcel tax on this November's ballot, asking San Leandro voters to approve a \$39 per parcel annual tax.

The school board voted unanimously on Tuesday night to place the tax on the ballot, which would bring in around \$745,000 to the district annually, according to Kevin Collins, the district's assistant superintendent.

"Our thought is that it's a reinstatement, it's what people were paying before and not a big ask," said Collins.

Collins said it was effectively a continuation of a similar \$39 see TAX, page 8

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The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are Pepita the dog and Bunzilla the bunny.

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

Hot Pawgust Nights Pet Adoption

The Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, will host its annual "Hot Pawgust Nights Adoption" on Saturday, Aug. 4, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. with dogs, puppies, cats, kittens, bunnies Guinea pigs and rats.

The band Milo will play from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Classic car show from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Kids can visit the Kids' Booth.

The event is hosted by Santa Con Hayward and the Hayward Animal Shelter Volunteers.

Floresta Neighborhood National Night Out

The Floresta Neighborhood Association will host a National Night Out barbecue at Floresta Park on Monterey Boulevard next to James Monroe School

on Tuesday, Aug. 7, from 5:30 to 7:30. Members of the fire and police departments will arrive and there will be a free barbecue with hamburgers and salad.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat to Open at Woodminster

Producers Associates continues the 52nd season of the Woodminster Summer Musicals with *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

The Biblical tale of Joseph and his coat of many colors comes to life August 3-12 at Woodminster Amphitheater in Oakland's Joaquin Miller Park, located on Joaquin Miller Road at upper Sanborn Drive.

Told entirely through song, the musical follows Joseph, favorite son of Jacob, as he overcomes many challenges through his honesty and good character.

Tickets for summer musicals at Woodminster Amphitheater range from \$32 to \$69.

Tickets are available by phone at 531-9597, online at www.woodminster.com or in person at Woodminster Amphitheater on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and weekends from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or at the box office 2 hours before any performance.

Performances are August 3 (opening), 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, and 12, all at 8 p.m.



PHOTO BY KATHY KAHN

Romar De Claro plays the title role in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* at Woodminster Summer Musicals in August.

Sheriff's Department National Night Out

The Alameda County Sheriff's Office will host the 35th Annual National Night Out picnic on Tuesday, Aug. 7, from 4:30 to 8 p.m. at St. John's Catholic

Church, 264 E. Lewelling Blvd. in San Lorenzo with dinner, bounce houses, rock wall, sports showcase, armored vehicle tour, and special guests. Local resi-

dents are welcome to attend and to learn more about the Sheriff's Department Community Capitals Policing program to build a stronger, safer place for everyone.



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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ACFD Joins Fire Effort

Alameda County Fire Department Engine 626 and Engine 616 have been sent to Mendocino County to battle the Ranch Fire, two of several Alameda County Fire Department units that have been dispatched throughout the state. ACFD has joined Cal Fire, local departments, and fire fighters from 16 states who are fighting the five wildfires currently raging throughout California.

Man Convicted in 2016 Rape That Occured Near Bayfair BART

A 29-year-old transient man from San Francisco was convicted of three counts of sexual assault last month after being found guilty of raping a woman near the Bayfair BART station in 2016.

Jurors convicted Meini Foster of charges including rape and kidnapping, according to the Alameda County District Attorney's Office.

Arrest Made in Bayfair BART Homicide

The man wanted for homicide in the death of a homeless man at the Bayfair BART station last week has turned himself into police.

The suspect, Jashawn Combs, 24, of Fremont surrendered at BART police headquarters Monday and was arrested.

On July 21 Combs and victim Don Stevens, 47, got into a fight and Combs allegedly stuck Stevens, causing Stevens to fall and hit his head on the concrete BART platform.

Stevens received medical help but died later at the hospital. Stevens death was one of three murders of BART over a period of five days in late July. Arrests have been made in each case.

Combs is being held without bail at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin.

The victim, a 28-year-old woman, was intoxicated and was trying to get home to Walnut Creek on BART after a holiday work party in San Francisco in December of 2016.

The victim had taken the wrong train and was assaulted near the Bayfair BART station. Video from the station shows Foster with his arm around the woman, guiding her out of the station.

Police said Foster took the woman near the railroad tracks between Hesperian Boulevard and Halcyon Drive and sexually assaulted her there.

Foster left the scene and the woman found her way to the 700 block of Begonia Drive in San Leandro around 3 a.m. to ask for help, but the residents there thought she was a burglar and called police.

DNA evidence found on her body connected police to Foster, who was arrested days after the assault.

Foster is currently being held at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin and faces a state prison term of 75 years-to-life when he is sentenced in Alameda County Superior Court on Sept. 28.

Man Killed in Head-On Car Crash on San Leandro Boulevard

A man has died after a head-on car crash on the 1000 block of San Leandro Boulevard that happened just before 11 p.m. Monday night.

Officers arrived on scene and located two vehicles involved in the crash and both drivers suffering from extensive injuries.

The fire department and paramedics extracted the drivers and

gave medical assistance.

Both drivers were transported to local hospitals for further treatment. Hours later, Melvin Calloway Sr., 65, of Oakland, succumbed to his injuries at the hospital.

Lt. Isaac Benabou of the San Leandro police said that it appeared that both drivers were traveling in opposite directions

when they collided and that the department's traffic division is investigating the caught of the crash.

Injuries to the other driver did not appear to be life-threatening, Benabou said.

San Leandro police are asking the public to call 577-2740 if they witnessed the crash or have any information.

Sideshow Stopped at Marina

San Leandro police received a report of vehicles driving recklessly in a "sideshow" at Mulford Point at the Marina on July 24, which led to one misdemeanor arrest.

Several calls from people at the marina came into to police at around 5 p.m., reporting seeing several cars spinning donuts in the parking lot, according to Lt. Robert McManus of the SLPD.

But when officers arrived minutes later, the illegal activities had already stopped.

So the cops remained in the area in an unmarked car to pre-

vent it from occurring again and at 6:45 p.m., they saw a white, 1988 BMW 325i begin to spin donuts in the middle of the parking lot, filling the air with smoke from the burning rear tires.

A bystander associated with the vehicle was video-recording the car, McManus said.

Officers immediately stopped the BMW and arrested the driver, who police identified as Andrew Robles-Lara, 22, of Grass Valley, for driving recklessly and endangering others in the area.

Officers also impounded Robles-Lara's BMW because

state law allows the vehicle to be impounded up to 30 days if used in the crime of reckless driving.

Sideshows occur frequently in many cities, as well as on freeways and bridges throughout the Bay Area, and are often promoted and organized through social media sites, making it hard for law enforcement to plan for and prevent them, according to McManus.

Following the arrest, Robles-Lara was booked into the San Leandro City Jail, and later released with a notice to appear in court on Aug. 24.

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NEIGHBORS



Parents hold up their Excellence in Parenting Award during last month's Parents' Day Awards ceremony.

Parents Receive Awards

A Parents' Day Awards Ceremony was held on Saturday, July 21, at the Bay Area Family Church in San Leandro, as 15 outstanding couples and single parents from around the Greater Bay Area, as well as from Elk Grove near Sacramento, received an Excellence in Parenting Award. Terry Watters of Gilroy was selected as Parent of the Year. Parents' Day was adopted by the U.S. Congress and signed into law in 1994 establishing the fourth Sunday of every July in America as Parents' Day, a perennial day of commemoration similar to Mother's Day and Father's Day.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

❖ **Woodminster Amphitheater** The Producers Associates continues the 52nd season of the Woodminster Summer Musicals with *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. This Biblical saga put to music comes to life August 3 (opening), 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, and 12, all at 8 p.m. at Woodminster Amphitheater, 3540 Sanborn Dr. in Oakland's Joaquin Miller Park, located on Joaquin Miller Road at upper Sanborn Drive. Told entirely through song, the musical follows Joseph, favorite son of Jacob, as he overcomes many challenges through his honesty and good character. Tickets for the musical range from \$32 to \$69. Tickets are available by phone at 531-9597, online at www.woodminster.com or in person at Woodminster Amphitheater on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and weekends from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or at the box office 2 hours before any performance.

❖ **Chanticleers Theatre** *Crimes of the Heart*, a funny and touching play about the intrigues, secrets and scandals of three sisters, will be presented by Chanticleers Theatre, 3683 Quail Ave. in Castro Valley, through Aug. 19. For tickets (\$25 adults, \$20 seniors/students), visit www.chanticleers.org or call 733-5483.

❖ **SL Museum Auditorium** The San Leandro Players will present *The Mousetrap* by Agatha Christie through Aug. 19 at the San Leandro Museum/Auditorium, 320 West Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro. Show times are Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m., plus Fridays at 8 p.m. on Aug. 10 and Aug. 17. Tickets are \$20 general, \$15 seniors, TBA members, under 12, students (with ID). For more information or reservations, call 895-2573. Information and tickets online at www.slplayers.org. In this who-done-it, a group of strangers trapped by a snowstorm discovers that a murderer is among them, and you'll never guess who it is.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) There might still be some uncertainty about the decision you made. But a quick check of the facts should reassure you that you're doing the right thing.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The tidy Taurean needs to be a little more flexible about accepting some changes to those carefully made plans. You might be pleasantly surprised by what follows.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Consider stepping away from your concentrated focus on your new project for a bit so you can get some perspective on what you've done and where you plan to take it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The understandably angry Crab might not want to accept the reason why someone might have tried to hurt you. But at least you'll have an insight into why it happened.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) There might be some facts you still need to know before leaping onto center stage. Best to move carefully at this time so that you can observe what's happening around you.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) It's a good time to expand your outlook by getting out and around, whether you do some long-range traveling or just explore the great things to see closer to home.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your wise counsel continues to be needed as that family situation works itself out. Meanwhile, the decisions you made on your job begin to pay off quite nicely.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your job situation brightens thanks to all your hard work. Now, spend some time repairing a personal relationship you might have neglected for too long.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Aspects favor action in the workplace. Line up your facts and show your superiors why you're the one they're looking for.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your hard work pays off on the job. Personal relationships also can benefit from more of your time and attention. Spend the weekend with loved ones.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Early feedback on your project might be disappointing. But don't be discouraged. Use it to make needed adjustments, then submit it to your superiors again.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Flattery could lure the otherwise sensible Fish into making an unwise decision. Be careful. All that praise might be an attempt to reel you in before you can learn the facts.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

❖ **Block Party at Drake's Brewing Co.** Drake's Brewing Co., 1933 Davis Street (behind the Walmart), will host a block party on Friday, Aug. 3, from 4 to 9 p.m. to support the San Leandro Education Foundation (SLED). Proceeds from beer sales and all donations at the door will go to support teachers and students in San Leandro public schools. A \$5 per person donation (or more) grants you access to this evening of live music, local food trucks and fresh beer. To drink, you must have a Drake's Brewing Co. glass, which can be purchased at the event or brought from home if you already have one. An entry package of one glass and three beer tokens is available for \$18, with individual beer tokens available for \$4 each. Feel free to bring your own lawn chairs to make yourself comfortable, tailgater style.

❖ **SL Rotary Club "Slow Good BBQ"** The Rotary Club of San Leandro will host "Slow Good BBQ," on Saturday, Aug. 4, from 3 to 6 p.m., at the historic Little Brown Church, 384 W Estudillo Ave., next to Casa Peralta. The fundraiser supports the 4th Annual New Shoes School Drive led by council member Lee Thomas in partnership with the San Leandro Education Foundation. Guests are encouraged to donate a new pair of shoes and enter a salsa recipe competition. RSVP by July 27. Cost is \$20 per person. Contact council member Lee Thomas at 577-0603 or email lthomas@sanleandro.org.

❖ **National Night Out at All Saints'** The San Leandro Church of Christ and All Saints' Episcopal Church will team up to hold a National Night Out gathering on Tuesday, Aug. 7, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the grounds of All Saints' Church, 911 Dowling Blvd., and Roosevelt School, 951 Dowling Blvd. Hot dogs, hamburgers, all the fixings, water and lemonade will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. There will be visits by San Leandro police and firemen and Artful Steps will have their unique creations for purchase. Music, activities, dancing and fun for all ages.

❖ **National Night Out at Baptist Church** Come to Praises of Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 1395 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro, for National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 7, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Backpacks with school supplies will be distributed to children in grades K-12 accompanied by an adult, while supplies last. Hot dogs, popcorn, jumpers, games and other activities. For more information, call 483-1811.

❖ **Buon Tempo Club Family Dinner** The Buon Tempo Italian American Club will have a family dinner on Tuesday, Aug. 7, at 7 p.m. at Mt. Tabor Hall, Transfiguration Church, 4000 E. Castro Valley Blvd. in Castro Valley (across from the 580 Marketplace). Chef Mike Baldwin and his team will serve a five-course family style dinner of spaghetti and meat balls. Red and white wine and soda are included. Everyone is welcome. Happy hour is at 6:30 p.m. Dinner is \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members. Make reservations by Friday, Aug. 3, by calling the Buon Tempo dinner line at 483-6929. For more information about events and membership, go to www.buontempo.org.

❖ **Hearing Loss Association** The Hearing Loss Association of the East Bay is offering a mid-week evening meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 8, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Parlor of the Alameda 1st Presbyterian

Church, 2001 Santa Clara in Alameda. For more information, call 221-6080 or email info@hearinglosseb.org.

❖ **Free Sound Bath Meditation Session** The San Leandro Library presents a free sound bath meditation for adults on Thursday, Aug. 9, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Certified Instructor and Inner Sounds Meditation Founder Missy Felsenstein uses Himalayan Sound Bowls at this peaceful and healing meditation session. Light refreshments served. Materials will be provided but feel free to bring your own mat. No registration necessary.

❖ **Historical Society Museum** A screening of the documentary *And Then They Came for Us* (2017) followed by a roundtable discussion will be presented at the Hayward Area Historical Society Museum, 22380 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward on Saturday, Aug. 11, from 2 to 4 p.m. Speakers include Don Tamaki, a lawyer who helped clear Fred Korematsu's conviction for resisting detention during World War II; and Satsuki Ina, born in the Tule Lake maximum security prison during World War II, who is a psychotherapist specializing in the treatment of trauma. Sponsored by the Eden Township Japanese American Citizen League (JACL).

❖ **San Leandro Marina Cleanup** Marina neighbors will have a community cleanup of the area around the San Leandro Marina on Saturday, Aug. 11, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Meet at the Seagull Picnic Area at Marina Park. For more information, call Bryan Azevedo at 706-3125.

❖ **Adobe Art Gallery Presents *Elevate*** The Adobe Art Gallery, 20395 San Miguel Ave. in Castro Valley, presents *Elevate*, the work of over 20 artists, from Aug. 11 through Sept. 29. A preview party will open the show on Saturday, Aug. 11, from 1 to 3 p.m.; and a silent auction and closing party will mark the last day of the exhibit on Saturday, Sept. 29, from 1 to 3 p.m. Gallery hours are Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and by appointment. The Adobe Art Gallery is a program and facility of the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District.

❖ **Bill Owens Photo Exhibit** PhotoCentral, 1099 E St. in Hayward, presents *Altamont to America: Bill Owens and the Legacy of Suburbia*, opening on Saturday, Aug. 18, with a reception from 2 to 5 p.m. and running through Oct. 20. The exhibit celebrates the work of Bill Owens, spanning six decades, for his 80th birthday. The exhibition coincides with the book release of the same title. Bill will be on hand to sign copies of the limited edition book. Gallery hours: Upstairs gallery – Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Downstairs gallery – Monday 5 to 10 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and by appointment. For more information, call PhotoCentral at 881-6721 or email info@photocentral.org.

❖ **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.

AUTOMOTIVE

Choose Efficiency with Lexus ES 300h

By Steve Schaefer
San Leandro Times

With so much demand for SUVs and crossovers, sedans are becoming rarer in showrooms. But if you want a nice, roomy one that offers hybrid technology, the Lexus ES 300h is an excellent choice.

The ES goes back to the beginning of Lexus. It was a Toyota Camry-based junior model below the LS full-size flagship when the brand launched nearly 30 years ago. Its goal was to be an entry-level luxury product, and it still is. Now, of course, it's part of an extended family that includes multiple sedans and crossovers.

Toyota, Lexus' parent, has sold more than 1.6 million Priuses in the U.S. since the hybrid arrived at the end of the last century. They know a lot about hybrid technology, and piloting one of these vehicles gets you halfway to the eventual EV future.

Lexus uses this successful technology in the ES 300h. Like

Toyota's other hybrids, it can drive in pure electric mode, both when the software decides to or when you lock it in by choosing EV mode. The EV setting requires sufficient charge in the battery and slow, level driving conditions. Otherwise, the software moves between the gas engine and electric motor to produce a smooth, unobtrusive drive.

Other mode settings include Normal, Sport, and Eco, which are what you'd expect. Eco encourages more leisurely acceleration and less air conditioning while Sport energizes the accelerator and steering, heats up the instrument panel graphics with red, and replaces the Hybrid System indicator with a tachometer. Of course, using Sport all the time reduces the benefits of hybrid motoring.

You can opt for the ES 350 gasoline-only model with a 302-horsepower 3.5-liter V6 or choose the subject of this story, the ES 300h gasoline-electric hybrid. What's the difference? Well, the hybrid uses a 2.5-liter inline four-cylinder gas engine

and adds a high-output permanent-magnet Electric Drive motor, good for 200 total system horsepower.

The hybrid beats the gas car on range — 688 miles versus 413. It also wins in EPA mileage and green scores. While the ES 350 earns 21 City, 30 Highway, and 24 Combined, the ES 300h pushes that up to 40, 39, and 40 respectively! My personal average for the hybrid came to 34.1 mpg in mostly freeway stop-and-go traffic.

Green numbers jump, too. The 300h earns an EPA rating of 7 for Smog and 9 for Greenhouse gas, versus the 350's 5 and 3. That means the hybrid achieves EPA Smartway status, while emitting 223 grams per mile of CO2 versus the all-gas vehicle's 366. That's significant.

What about price? The base price for the ES 350 is \$38,950 against the Hybrid's \$41,820. But you'll save money on gasoline, catching up eventually.

The hybrid weighs in at 3,682 pounds to the gas car's 3,649, which isn't a significant difference.

Driving the ES 300h is pleasant, as you'd expect. Auto engine shutoff makes it very peaceful at stoplights and boosts fuel efficiency. The joystick style remote touch interface saves you from having to reach up and add fingerprints to the display screen; it's an older style than the touch pads on fancier Lexuses.

The ES line is purely four-door sedans, available in three levels. Start with the "base" Premium or step up to the Luxury or Ultra Luxury level with



The aerodynamic design of the ES contributes to a remarkably low coefficient of drag, optimized fuel efficiency and reduced noise and vibration.

add-on packages. There are additional stand-alone options as well. My Silver Lining Metallic test car came with the Ultra Luxury Package (\$3,000), which enhanced the experience with fancy leather seats with heating/cooling and memory, wood trim, remote keyless entry, power rear and manual door sunshades, a panoramic glass roof, and more.

My tester added additional goodies, including a heated wood and leather steering wheel (\$450). The wheel had leather only at the 3 and 9 positions on the clock, so on curvy roads on a cold day, you'll get alternating warm and cold grabs. Other options included a power trunk (\$400) and Intuitive Parking Assist (\$500). The Navigation and audio package (\$2,615) features a super Mark Levinson 835-watt, 15-speaker system and the Lexus Enform App Suite. With this long list of additions, my tester,

with \$995 for shipping and handling, became a \$50,795 car.

As equipped, this top-level ES 300h is the one you want, and the one Lexus would like you to buy. Toyota's luxury division is hoping to lure someone who just isn't happy with a plain Toyota Camry or Avalon, so they start with the very accessible Premi-

um model ES. I don't know how many ES 300h vehicles get into customers' hands without at least some of the upgrades. Careful online and in-dealer comparisons will show if there's a compelling reason to move upwards to the Lexus brand.

Just know that you can add significant efficiency by choosing the hybrid 300h.



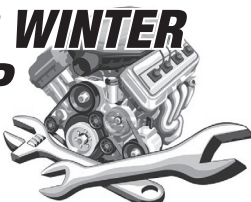
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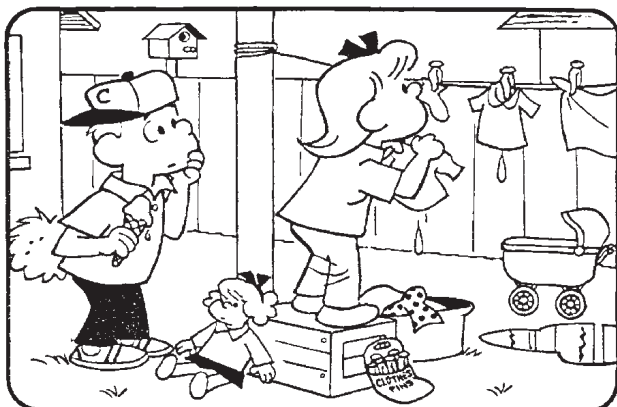
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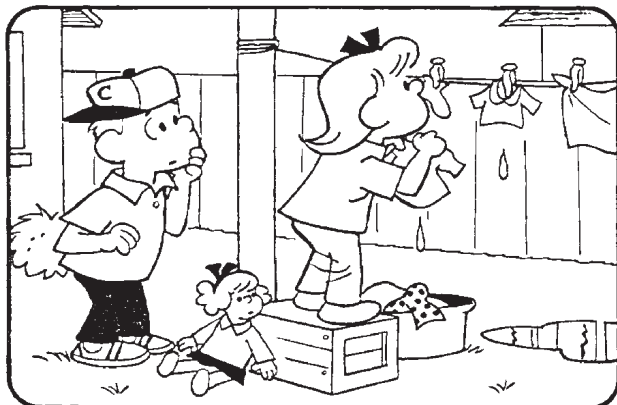
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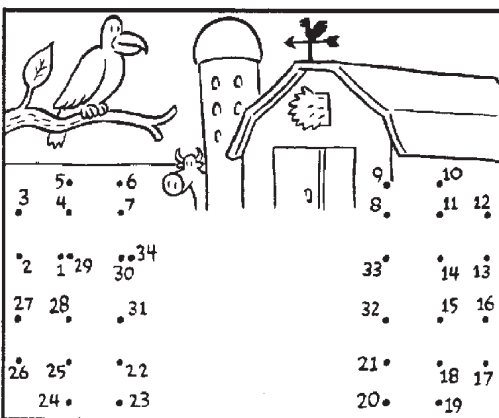


Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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ON A FARM, what runs all around the yard but never moves? Connect the dots to find out!

Answer: A fence

THIS PUZZLE IS "TWO MUCH"! Using seven 2's, try writing a math expression that is equal to 2!

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Answer: 2 + 2/2 - 2/2 = 2

THE "OTHER" FAST FOOD! Below are two puzzle grids for you to fill in. Hints are given for each word. The words in Grid B contain the same letters as the corresponding words in Grid A.

1. A protective covering.
2. Placed down.
3. Medieval war club.
4. Show how to use.

GRID A			
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GRID B			
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1. Catches things.
2. Part of a clock.
3. To have arrived.
4. Current fashion.

Answers: 1. Trap-trap. 2. Laid-dial. 3. Mace-carne. 4. Demo-mode.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

1.	E					M
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7.	M					E
8.	M					E

FIND THE BIG WORDS

Using the definitions and the anagrams below, 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. A large retail store.
2. A French policeman.
3. Needed for board game.
4. Some houses have one.
5. Records distance traveled.
6. Used by bodybuilders.
7. Kissed for a while.
8. A very small particle.

ANAGRAM:

- mime + pour
dean + germ
hens + cams
beam + tens
tome + rode
bulb + meld
shod + come
clue + mole

Answers: 1. Emporium. 2. Gendarme. 3. Chessman. 4. Basement. 5. Odometer. 6. Dumbbell. 7. Smooched. 8. Molecule.

Newark Breaks SL Swim Team's Win Streak

By Andrew Joseph
San Leandro Times

The Newark Bluefins swim team won the East Bay Swim League (EBSL) Championship meet Saturday at Chabot College, breaking a winning streak held by San Leandro.

"I would just like to congratulate Newark as they swam great today," said San Leandro Swim Team head coach Fred Scheberies. "I am very proud of my swimmers and I know they gave it their best and that is all a

coach can ask for." The Bluefins' victory ended the 7-year winning streak by the San Leandro swim team, who won 63 straight swim meets in a row. "I'm so happy for our team to accomplish seven straight years of winning the championship," said San Leandro assistant coach Carolina Cerna, whose daughter Kristy swims in the 11-and-over girls division. "Newark has been a great competitor for us and that makes us even stronger. We know

to be good in the EBSL you have to train hard, believe in yourself, and give a 100 percent effort every time you compete."

Mission Valley Takes Second Place
The Mission Valley Barracudas earned second place losing only by 14.5 points, followed by the San Leandro Drowning Darryls who came in third.

"This is my last swim meet because I'm a graduating senior so I have to give today's competition my best effort," said San Leandro boys 11-and-up swimmer Kevin Vien. "I think the main goal every time is to improve your times, winning will come if it was meant to be."

It was a long and tight battle throughout the day of the meet for the boys and girls of San Leandro who fought hard to win another league championship, but came up just short.

San Leandro Had a 63-Meet Winning Streak
"To get here has taken a lot of dedication and hard work – we all work hard at practice and push each other to improve," said Kristy Cerna. "Throughout this year I have focused on improving my times more than trying to get first place."

San Leandro is coming off of



PHOTO BY ANDREW JOSEPH

San Leandro Swim Team's 11-and-up boys division compete at Chabot College Saturday in the East Bay Swim League Championship meet.

Call for Art for Day of the Dead Exhibit

This year, the Hayward Area Historical Society is developing a Day of the Dead exhibition that will focus on the big moments that make a life well-lived and shape the person we remember in death. Such moments could be birth of a child or grandchild, marriage, graduation, job success, or a bucket list item completed. Send a photo, a conceptual design of the proposed artwork or altar, or any questions to no later than Aug. 15 to community-gallery@haywardareahistory.org.

Artwork may be framed pieces of any kind or installation pieces. Altars should be no more than 8 feet wide by 8 feet tall by 4 feet deep. There is no fee for participating in this exhibition. Proposals will be reviewed and artists will be notified by the end of August. The exhibition will be on view in the Community Gallery at the HAHS Museum of History and Culture, 22380 Foothill Boulevard in Hayward, from Sept. 29 through Nov. 25.

their 63rd straight win last week in a 611.5 to 460.5 victory over the Highland Sharks. The Newark Bluefins were the 11th team added in the spring of 1997 to the 12-team East Bay Swim League. The 2018 EBSL championship title is a monumental moment for the Bluefins team. "We had an amazing run, but all streaks come to an end," added coach Scheberies. "The team is a family and we still had a wonderful season. Often in life we learn and get better from a little adversity, so we are all looking forward to how we will respond next season." San Leandro will be back in action next summer in the EBSL 2019 season with a fresh start.



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Dodgers Beat Ports on Reed's Double; Host Berkeley on Saturday in Final Game of Season

The San Leandro Dodgers beat the Future Prospects 3-1, last Tuesday. Sammy Hadley pitched five innings, giving up three hits and an unearned run. Danny Mendoza pitched the final two innings and only gave up one hit.

Daniel Passilas doubled, scored a run and drove in a run. Cam Weatherford singled, scored once, had an RBI and stole two bases. Tyler Finamore singled and threw out a runner attempting to steal a base. Noah Amaral singled and stole two bases.

On Saturday the Dodgers beat the Ports, 3-2, as Fidel Sanchez stole two bases. Josh Valenzuela singled and threw out two runners attempting to steal. Devin Castro singled, scored a run, and stole a base.

The Dodgers trailed, 2-1, in the bottom of the seventh with Gordon Reed at the plate with two strikes. Reed hit a 2-run walk-off double to win the game.

Cam Weatherford pitched a complete game for the win while striking out nine batters.

In the second game on Saturday, the Dodgers lost to All Pro, 3-1. James Cardera pitched a complete game in the loss. Fidel Sanchez had a single while David Greene singled and scored the lone run for the Dodgers. Tyler Finamore threw out two base



San Leandro Dodgers shortstop Noah Amaral turns a double-play in a game earlier this season.

runners.

On Sunday, the Dodgers battled Bases Loaded Baseball to a 6-6 tie. James Rogge pitched three scoreless innings. Noah Amaral doubled and had 2 RBIs, while Josh Valenzuela doubled and Sammy Hadley singled.

In the championship game of this round robin tourney the Dodgers lost to the Ports, 2-1. Matt Vallar pitched a great game and gave up just 2 unearned

runs, while striking out four Port batters. Josh Valenzuela had a double, Daniel Pasillas doubled and scored the Dodgers run. Devin Castro also singled.

The Dodgers records now stands at 32-10-1.

This is the final week of the Dodgers schedule for the 2018 season. The Dodgers will play the Bay Area Bombers today (Thursday) at 5:30 p.m. at San Leandro Ballpark, and host the Berkeley

Tax: Survey says most residents support

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school parcel tax that lasted five years and ended in June. The new parcel tax would be permanent with no end date.

The potential revenue from the tax will go to the district's general fund. As with the previous parcel tax, a senior exemption would be available to residents 65 and older.

In a phone survey that was taken earlier this summer, 61 percent of people said they would definitely or probably vote yes on a parcel tax measure.

People who were surveyed who supported the tax said that teacher salaries, providing education in technology, and having available training for students to learn skilled trades were priorities as to where they'd want the money spent.

Thirty-two percent of those in the survey said they would definitely or probably vote no. A third of those said they felt the district is mismanaging funds, 18

percent said taxes are already too high, and 10 percent mentioned past ballot measures.

The district failed to pass a \$78 annual parcel tax last August during a special mail-in election. That tax received 64 percent "yes" votes, but needed 66.7 percent to pass.

Though that 2017 parcel tax failed, San Leandro voters have been supportive of school revenue measures.

In 2016, voters passed Measure J1, a \$104 million general obligation bond that has property owners pay \$36 per \$100,000 of their assessed property value.

And San Leandro residents are also currently paying for two other school bonds – the \$109 million Measure B bond passed in 2006, assessed at \$39 per \$100,000 of property value; and the 2010 \$50 million Measure M bond which is assessed at \$25 per \$100,000 of property value.

Join San Leandro High Students to Run to Support a Homeless Shelter

The Jefferson Service Club at San Leandro High will host a 9-mile run to raise money for a homeless rehabilitation center

on Monday, Sept. 10, starting at 12:30 p.m.

The run will be over the Bay Bridge from Treasure Island to

Oakland. Registration for the run is \$100 with a t-shirt included. To register and for more information, call Jack Nelson at 303-2305 or email SLjeffersonservice@gmail.com.

Nelson, a recently retired San Leandro High teacher and coach, said they're looking at a property on 98th Avenue in Oakland for the shelter.

It's estimated that there are about 4,000 people who are homeless in Oakland and San Leandro.

"I'm working pretty much every day on this," Nelson said. "I'm talking to homeless people and they say they want a welcoming place. We're going to get this done."

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CUTMA Accounts: Gifts For Grandkids

Q. As a grandparent, I keep hearing about CUTMA accounts, usually in discussions about gifts to grandchildren. What are they, actually?

By Gene L. Osofsky
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

A. CUTMA is an abbreviation for "California Uniform Transfers to Minors Act" and, as you surmise, it refers to gifts made to minors.

Minors cannot own property in their own name, as the law presumes they are incapable of managing it. As a result, the law came up with a solution, and that is to permit gifts to be made to an adult for the benefit of a minor.

The gift document must specify the age at which the custodian must release the asset to the minor, which is usually age 18, but may be up to age 25, if a testamentary gift.

This form of gift is usually much simpler and less expensive than creating a formal minor's trust, which is another option under Internal Revenue Code section 2503(c). It is also an alternative to creating a "529 Plan", which is reserved for gifts to fund a child's

college education.

Here are some significant features about CUTMA accounts:

1) The custodian must be named in the gift instrument, and a successor custodian may also be named. It is usually best for the transferor not to name himself, so that any income earned by the gift is taxable to the minor rather than to the transferor.

2) Each gift transfer may be made only for one minor, and only one person may be the custodian.

3) Special language must be used in the transfer, such as:

"I hereby transfer the sum of \$30,000 to Jerry Jones, as Custodian for Barney Smith, a minor, until age 18, under the "California Uniform Transfers to Minors Act". If the transferor wishes to delay receipt until Barney becomes 21, the following words must be added: "... until age 21 pursuant to California Probate Code section 3909."

Note: if the gift is to be made by Will or Trust, the donor may extend to age 25. However, a gift which defers ownership until the minor is over age 21 will generally not qualify for the Gift Tax Annual Exclusion Amount (currently, \$15,000 per year in 2018).

Thus, it is often best to defer possession only to age 21, especially for gifts made during the donor's lifetime.

4) Assuming the Custodian is not the minor's parent, any income earned by the gift is taxed as follows: for children or students under age 24, income below \$1050/year is not taxed, income from \$1,050 through \$2,100 is taxed at the child's rate, but income over \$2,100 is taxed at the higher rates applicable to trusts and estates (which begin at 24% in 2018).

5) The custodian has a fiduciary duty to manage the gifted asset for the benefit of the minor, but may use the funds for the minor's benefit without court order and without the need to take into account the parent's duty to support the minor or the minor's other available income or property.

6) If the minor dies before the time designated for him to receive the property, it then goes to his estate. But this may not be what the donor wanted, especially if the minor has other siblings whom the donor would then prefer to receive that gift. In that case, a gift to a trust for the minor, with provisions for successor beneficiaries in the trust instrument, may be preferable, especially in the case of a very significant gift.

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Help with Chores & Small Jobs

By Jim Miller
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Getting help at home for any number of household tasks is a lot easier than it used to be thanks to a number of web-based tools that can quickly and easily connect you to a wide variety of skilled, carefully vetted workers. Here's what you should know.

• *Finding Qualified Help*

One of the best ways to find qualified, reliable, trustworthy people that can help with home chores and other small jobs is through referrals from people you trust. But if your friends or family don't have any recommendations, there are a number of online companies you can turn to now like TaskRabbit.com and Takl.com.

These are on-demand service companies that can quickly and easily connect you to skilled workers to handle a wide variety of household chores and small jobs, like cleaning and house-keeping, moving and packing, lawn and yard cleanup, handyman tasks, grocery shopping, running errands, furniture assembly, closet organizing, and much more.

TaskRabbit currently has more

than 60,000 Taskers (workers) in 47 U.S. cities, while Takl currently serves 75 U.S. cities with around 35,000 workers.

All you need to do is download their app, or go to their website, and select the service you want done and set a time when you'd like the worker to show up.

The software then matches your request and provides you a list of qualified, feedback rated workers (including their hourly rate) from which to choose. Once the job is complete, payment is done through the company's app.

You should also know that all TaskerRabbit and Takl workers have to go through a thorough vetting process before they can join their respective company including extensive background checks.

If, however, you can't find a skilled worker through TaskRabbit or Takl, or if they don't serve your area, another option is Amazon Home Services at Amazon.com/services.

Like TaskRabbit and Takl, Amazon will connect you to qualified workers that handle dozens of household chores and other small jobs.

Amazon also screens all workers through media searches, on-line interviews, reference checks, and background checks. And all experts need to have licenses and insurance.

To purchase and book a service, you can either buy a pre-packaged service with a fixed price (like two hours of cleaning) or you can sub-

mit a custom request and receive estimates. When booking, you select three different dates and time frames and the pro confirms an appointment. All payment is done through your Amazon account.

• *Need a Tradesman*

• *Lower-Income Option*

If you are on a tight budget, you should also contact your nearby Area Aging Agency (call 800-677-1116), who can refer you to services in your area, if available.

For example, some communities have volunteer programs that provide chore and handyman services to help seniors in need. And some local non-profit's offer residential repair services that offer seniors minor upgrades and adaptations to their homes.

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GUEST COMMENTARY



Sellers Voicing Discontent With the Shifting Market

For sellers accustomed to a market where the only ceiling seemed to be their imaginations, the currently shifting California housing market has many voicing discontent.

With offer deadlines coming and going without receiving any contracts and price reductions rising dramatically, it's a whole new ballgame.

It's no secret local homeowners have had the ride of their lives. Market prices climbed steadily since the market turned in February of 2011, when the average value for a single-family home in Alameda County was \$447,000.

Fast forward to June 2018, and the average price has soared to an astonishing \$1,128,000 – an 252% increase. With June 2017 prices hovering at \$993,000, we've chocked up a 13.6% boost in the last year alone.

Many are looking for answers for the shift. I believe there a number of factors.

Primarily, high prices have bumped many out of the hunt and the remaining pool of buyers is substantially smaller. With a flood of homes hitting the market this past May, home-owner-wannabes suddenly had inventory to choose from, reducing urgency.

Rising interest rates have pushed others to the sidelines. The potential of impending trade wars is threatening job security for some and international buyers are dropping out of the Bay Area market, reasoning that property here is no longer a good investment value.

It's all a matter of perspective. Whenever the status quo appears to be threatened, unease sets in.

While buyers have been lamenting the surging prices along with their dwindling chances of homeownership, sellers have been able to sit back and smugly watch home values continuously increase like the escalators at the mall.

Occasionally, however, escalators stop working and, based on experience, grumbling ensues.

Sellers are unhappy because future prospects are unsure; no one likes the idea of receiving less because they may have missed the market's peak.

Buyers are facing uncertainty, not wanting to overpay if the market is indeed shifting downward.

In the middle of all of this, Realtors often end up as scapegoats as everyone is looking to vent their frustrations. It is sometimes difficult to remember that Realtors do not control the market – they are facilitators subject to the market whims like everyone else.

Don't forget: there is a down escalator as well. Problem is, most local homeowners haven't been on it for quite a while and have forgotten that what goes up ... must eventually come back down.

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Fifteen-year fixed rates averaged 4.02 percent, up from 4.00 percent.

Five-year hybrid adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 3.87 percent last week, unchanged from the week before.

"The next few months will be key for gauging the health of the housing market," said Freddie Mac Chief Economist Sam Khater. "Existing sales appear to have peaked, sales of newly built homes are slowing and unsold inventory is rising for the first time in three years."

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14866 Bancroft Avenue	94578: \$631,000 2 BD - 1,636 SF - 1948
834 Barri Drive	94578: \$850,000 4 BD - 2,121 SF - 1955
14844 Lark Street	94578: \$615,000 2 BD - 1,018 SF - 1946
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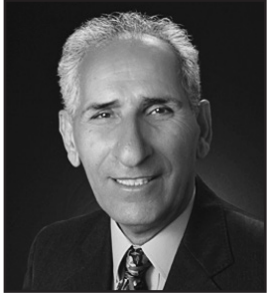
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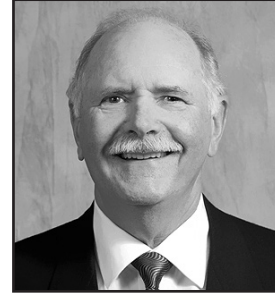
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City Council Puts Moratorium on AirBnBs

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

The City Council voted unanimously on July 23 to declare a 45-day moratorium on non-hosted short term home rentals, such as AirBnB and HomeAway.

City code was written before the popularization of Air BnB-type rentals, so the city needs to make the code more specific to address the new issues the rentals bring up.

"We need a moratorium for us to figure out where we go from here," said Councilwoman Deborah Cox.

Over a dozen speakers, most from the Broadmoor area, said that their neighborhood is being turned into a hotel zone with a revolving door of guests cycling through several homes.

Several complaints were made about properties owned by Shashi Singapuri, a short-term rental owner on Air BnB. Singapuri has at least three homes in San Leandro for up to \$1,600 per night, giving the houses names

like "The Summit," and "Tree-top." The homes have several bunkbeds in the bedrooms and they sleep up to 20 people.

Singapuri attended the meeting, but did not speak. Another AirBnB owner said that he wants the city to allow the rentals, but would support a new ordinance that more carefully regulated the rentals.

Other speakers urged the City Council to ban the rentals.

"I think short-term rentals create a lot more problems than they are worth," said speaker Lawrence Abbott.

A new ordinance to allow the rentals and impose rules on them would likely be fairly complex. The city would have to dictate whether they'd allow rentals that are owner occupied or no-host. They could limit the number of days a house could be rented per year, and put restrictions on the number of people who could stay, among other issues.

Many speakers said that the short-term rentals are further

limiting the housing stock during a severe housing shortage and people are being priced out of living in San Leandro by people who own multiple properties that they aren't living in.

"The Bay Area housing market is overheated and it has both short-term and long-term consequences," said Milton Reynolds. "San Leandro may not be hit hard now but it's coming. I think it's important to get out of the front of this train before it hits us all."

Councilwoman Corina Lopez agreed and added that she sent letters to AirBnB and HomeAway asking that they delist a property on Dowling Boulevard which received numerous complaints, but the companies said no, they're not going to take them off their website.

"It's a very complicated conversation," said Lopez, "I do think this is housing that should go to long-term renters, not short-term because we do have a housing crisis. We have a dis-

placement issue happening."

Other speakers said that the short-term renters and property owners are simply bad neighbors.

"The investors who are coming into our neighborhoods and buying these homes are not our neighbors," said speaker Rainee McGrew, who said there were 19 cars parked in front of one house.

Currently, the city estimates that there are around 75 rentals operating in the city through AirBnB, VRBO, HomeAway and other listing services, but that number is likely to rise.

"There are owners with multiple houses," said Andrew Mogens, the city's planning manager. "The commercialization of homes is a concern. We are seeing more egregious complaints, we are seeing more problems reported to the city."

For now, the moratorium will last 45 days to account for the City Council's August break where no meetings are held. The Council will discuss extending the moratorium or creating a new



PHOTO FROM AIR BNB

One rental home that neighbors are complaining about is on the 300 block of Dowling Boulevard, a house the owner has listed on Air BnB as "The Summit."

ordinance in September.

Even though a moratorium is in place, it's not known if the ban can be enforced realistically. Enforcement is complaint-based. If an owner is found to be in violation, they'll receive a courtesy notice. If the violation keeps hap-

pening, they get another notice 14 days later, then a \$150 fine 14 days after that, then the fine doubles every two weeks after that. Only two and a half months after the initial notice could they be served with a judicial order to abate.

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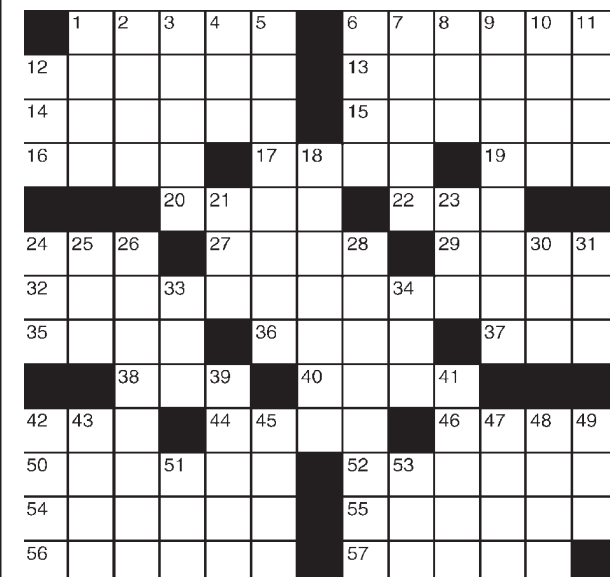
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Nancy Lee Altomare

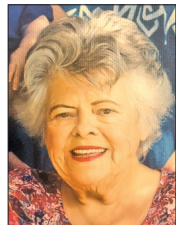
June 17, 1938 ~ July 29, 2018

Nancy Lee Altomare passed away on Sunday, July 29th surrounded by her loving family. Nancy touched all who knew her with her gentle spirit and positive attitude about life. Nancy graduated from San Lorenzo High School in June of 1956, and then married her husband of 58 years, Michael Altomare in August of 1956. They raised three beautiful children together. After her children were raised, Nancy owned and ran "Altomare's Deli" in San Leandro from 1981 to 1987. During this time, Nancy was famous for all of her delicious home-made creations.

Nancy is preceded in death by her husband, Michael, parents and brother. She is survived by her 3 children, Rick, Dale, and Sherry, as well as a brother and sister, 6 wonderful grandchildren, and 6 loving and energetic great grandchildren.

Nancy will always be remembered for her infectious smile and funny, warm personality. She brightened the lives of everyone who ever met her.

Her burial will be private. Donations in her memory can be made to Hope Hospice in Dublin.



OPINION

Pools: City pools need repair work

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pool constructed on or after 2010 requires at least two main drains per pump that are hydraulically balanced.

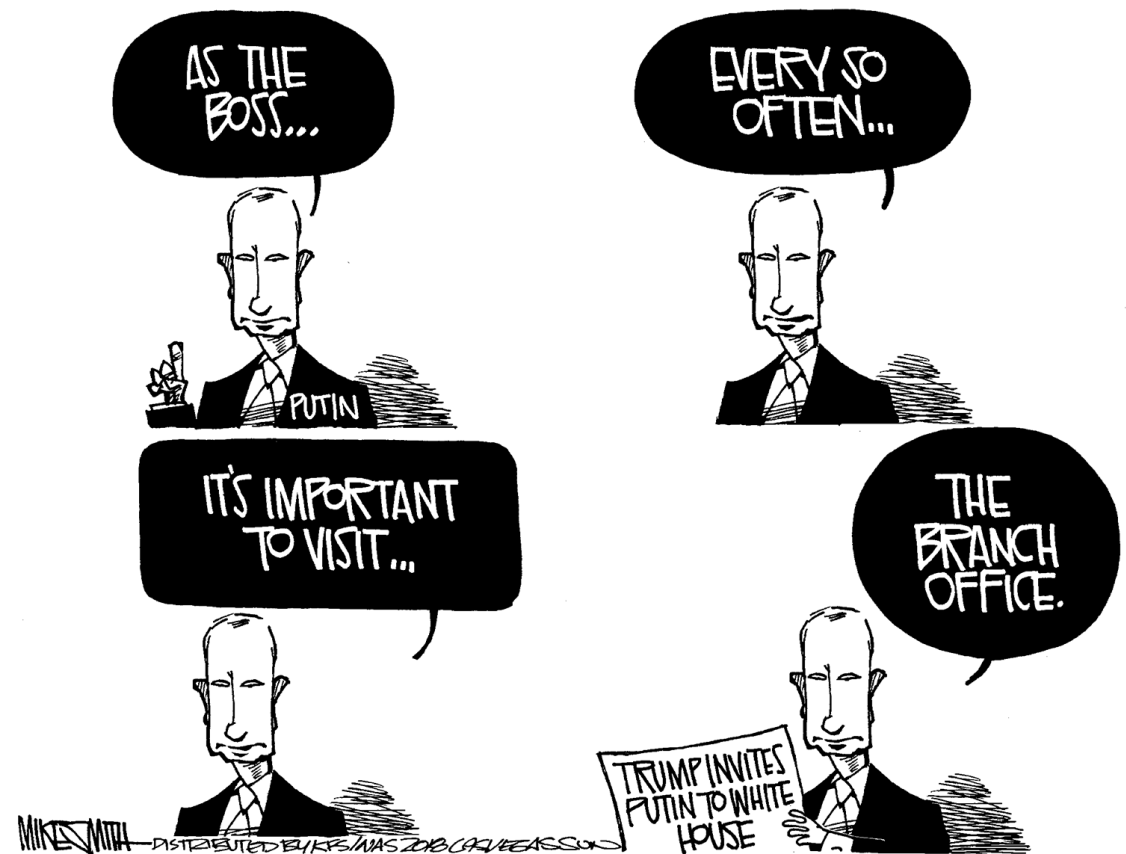
Farrelly Pool Won't Open Until 2020 at the Earliest

In order to get up to code, either the wall would have to be removed and the pool re-graded to create a slope or two separate pools would have to be created with at least six feet of space between them.

The city estimates that design and construction will take at least 20 months, so Farrelly Pool won't open until 2020 at the earliest.



The pool at the Boys & Girls Club was shut down last December and won't be open until at least next summer.



Dance Troupe to Perform for Indo American Heritage Month

The Abhinaya Dance Company will perform on Thursday, Aug. 16, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. in celebration of Indo American Heritage Month.

Abhinaya has been awarded several grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and has appeared in the San Francisco Ethnic Dance Festival, in several Asian Performing Arts Festivals, and toured India as well as cities across the United States.

The company has collaborated with Kathak and modern dance companies, Japanese Taiko drummers, Shadow-Light Theater, and a Balinese gamelan ensemble.

The Abhinaya Dance Company of San Jose was founded by its Artistic Director Mythili Kumar in 1980, to present innovative and professional quality performances of South Indian classical dance forms. Since 1986, Abhinaya has staged several full-length dance dramas.

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— Asked around town

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Brandon Gaskin
San Leandro

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Mark Clayton
San Leandro



A bird, like a hawk or an eagle. So I could fly to wherever I want, go up to the top of buildings and see what's going on.

Brian 'Country' Holmes
Hayward,
works in San Leandro

An otter. They're very playful and it seems like they don't have a care in the world, and their main job is having fun. And they're cute.

Tracy Peters
San Leandro





Bye-Bye Mattress

Saturday's mattress recycling event in Ashland was one of the more successful in Alameda County with 311 units collected during the 5-hour event. Mattresses and box springs were accepted for free and will be dismantled and the materials recycled under the Mattress Recycling Council's Bye Bye Mattress Program. The program is funded by a recycling fee collected on each mattress and box spring sold in the state. The mattress collection is also part of Supervisor Nate Miley's Communities United Against Blight (CURB) country-wide initiative.

Temple: 'We're chugging along'

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we've had large populations and small populations," Green said. "We're chugging along, times have changed."

"So we're looking toward future with hope and real confidence, doing what Jewish people have been doing for thousands of years — change with the times or you'll get stuck in the past."

As the cantor, Hirschorn has led the services, but now she will give the sermon as well. Hirschorn said she will continue teaching bar mitzvah students and leading weddings.

The one area where Hirschorn won't replace the rabbi is teaching the religious education classes. Hirschorn said they'll find a way, perhaps bringing in someone to teach the classes.

"If it works out well, it might not be a short-term thing," said Green.

Hirschorn has been the cantor at Temple Beth Shalom since 1988. She's Yeshiva educated, studied Jewish philosophy at the University of Jerusalem and has a master's degree in counseling. She's a nationally known choral



Linda Hirschorn was voted best cantor in Northern California.

director and composer, a member of Ohalah, the organization for clergy in the Jewish renewal movement, and was voted best cantor in Northern California.

The temple will continue operating its pre-school, religious school and prayer community.

Hirschorn said she hopes more members take up leadership

roles, and that it's community-based with her facilitating.

"I'm excited by that," Hirschorn said. "As both singer and teacher, I like to create ways that people have a more personal connection to each other."

Though she can't do everything Rabbi Manhoff did, Hirschorn said she's optimistic about the temple's future.

"He was a wonderful education rabbi and taught many classes during the week," she said. "We may find another way to hold the classes, perhaps bring someone in. But people can come to worship on Saturday morning and Friday night, we'll have the holiday services, the main elements of what people need in a synagogue are there."

Hirschorn said everybody is invited to check out Temple Beth Shalom and join the temple for the high holidays as well.

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