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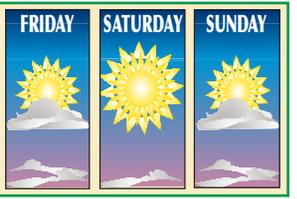
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Frankie Chavez plays football with his son Nicholas and friends at Siempre Verde Park on Saturday, the day the park re-opened.

Refurbished Siempre Verde Opens Again

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

The arrival of the “Truth Is Beauty” statue wasn’t the only news on Saturday – Siempre Verde Park re-opened after a year-long remodeling.

A new playground, jungle gym and basketball courts bring new life to the park between San Leandro Boulevard and Park

Avenue. The grassy open area now has mounds that give the park more dimension.

“We love it,” said Frankie Chavez as he played football with his son Nicholas and a couple of friends.

“We were hoping for a baseball park, but this is beautiful, though,” Chavez said. “The grass is lovely, the hills and all they

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‘Truth Is Beauty’ Statue Arrives in Town

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

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nude woman. And as one of our readers said in a letter, “It will be the first time those tech guys have seen one of those.”

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“How appropriate that we have a strong woman here today,” said City Councilwoman Deborah Cox as she introduced Congresswoman Barbara Lee as

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PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Artist Marco Cochran talked with art fans as his sculpture arrived Saturday in downtown San Leandro.

Now Council Wants to Limit More Pot Shops

After approving three marijuana stores, the barn door is closing

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

At the same meeting where they approved a third medical marijuana dispensary permit, the San Leandro City Council moved to put a moratorium on additional dispensaries in town on their next agenda.

Councilwoman Corina Lopez requested that an ordinance be placed on the council’s Oct. 17 agenda which will stop additional medical marijuana dispensaries from opening in the city.

If that moratorium is approved later this month, it will immediately prohibit dispensaries for 45 days, after which the council can extend the ban for one year.

“I’m not looking for this to be permanent, it’s just time for the operators (of the three permitted dispensaries) to take root,” said Lopez.

The timing of the moratorium comes on the heels of the approval of two medical marijuana dispensaries in the past few months. And the modification of the city’s cannabis ordinance that allowed the third dispensary to get a permit was introduced and approved within a period of just two-weeks.

Dan Grace, the owner of Harborside who received the first permit, accused the council of “moving the goalposts” by giving out two more permits before he could even open the doors to his

dispensary. Besides the speed in which the ordinance was changed, the council has come under criticism for cronyism in their distribution of medical marijuana sales

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Only BART Bond Sees Opposing Argument

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

Out of the eight local tax measures in the November 8 election, only one has an argument against it on the ballot.

Only Measure RR, a \$3.5 billion bond proposed by BART, has received an official argument that will appear on the ballot.

The BART board of directors say the Measure RR money would be used to upgrade 90 miles of worn tracks, repair tunnels damaged by water intrusion, and enhance the 44-year-old train control system.

But opponents – including the Alliance of Contra Costa Taxpayers – see *BART*, page 16

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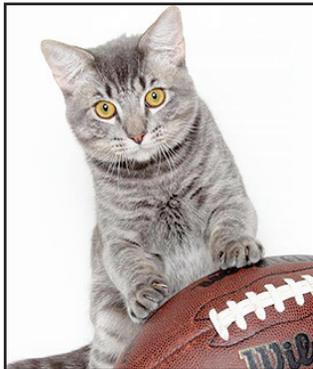
Council meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in City Council Chambers, City Hall, 835 E. 14th St., San Leandro. For more information, call the City Clerk at 577-3367.

SAN LEANDRO SCHOOL BOARD

Board meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 835 E. 14th St., San Leandro. For more information, call Michelle Mayfield at 667-3522.



Pets of the Week



Thomas



Pixie

The Pets of the Week from the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are Thomas the cat and Pixie the cat.

Thomas is an affectionate, playful and social kitten who loves being the center of attention. He'll meow for pets and cuddles and loves chasing his feather toy.

Pixie is a young kitty who enjoys being held and getting chin and cheek scratches. While a bit timid meeting new people, she warms up quickly with a little TLC.

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



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The "Truth Is Beauty" statue was hoisted into place at the new OSISOFT building on Tuesday of this week.

Statue: 'Puts SL on the map'

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San Lorenzo School Board Candidates Forum Tonight At San Lorenzo Library

The League of Women Voters Edén Area will host a forum for San Lorenzo school board candidates tonight (Thursday) from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the San Lorenzo Library 395 Paseo Grande in San Lorenzo.

Four candidates are running

for three seats: Helen Foster (incumbent), Penny Peck (incumbent), Kyla Sinegal and Marilyn Stewart.

Questions may be referred to Janice Friesen, voter service director at jfriesen5490@yahoo.com.

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Fire in San Leandro Displaces Residents and Kills Cat

Two neighbors had to be rescued from a nearby residence when a fire broke out at a home near Bella Vista Avenue and Lorraine Boulevard in San Leandro on Sunday morning.

The two-alarm fire started at around 7:15 a.m. with heavy smoke and flames coming from

the back of the house. The fire was extinguished in about 20 minutes, according to the Alameda County fire Department, who helped evacuate the neighbors.

Investigators say the fire started in the backyard and spread to the home. The cause of the fire

is still being determined.

A cat died in the fire but two others were able to be rescued by the home's residents. Two other cats are still missing. No other injuries were reported.

The two residents have been displaced as a result of the fire and have found a place to stay.



PHOTO COURTESY OF CHP

A car chase around San Leandro, Oakland, Castro Valley, and Hayward ended up in flames back in East Oakland.

San Leandro Man Leads CHP on Car Chase That Ends in Flames in East Oakland

A San Leandro man was arrested after a car chase that went through multiple cities ended in a fiery wreck in Oakland early Monday morning.

Terry Nguyen, 29, faces charges including felony evasion, drug possession, driving under the influence, and driving on a suspended license, according to the California Highway Patrol.

Nguyen allegedly refused to stop for a CHP patrol officer who attempted to pull his GMC Yukon over on westbound I-580 near Highway 13 in Oakland for not having a license plate at around 1:30 a.m.

The suspect then led CHP officers on a chase that began when he exited the westbound lanes

and turned onto the eastbound lanes of I-580. He drove from Oakland into San Leandro, then Castro Valley, and got on I-880 and continued into Hayward, driving at or below the speed limit the entire time.

Nguyen then turned around again and drove northbound on I-880 back toward Oakland. CHP officers put a spike strip down on I-880 near the Davis Street exit, which the suspect ran over before exiting at 98th Avenue into East Oakland.

The chase continued on Oakland city streets with the GMC on fire as Nguyen's wheels wore through and he began driving on his metal rims.

Finally, Nguyen stopped near

the intersection of 106th and Longfellow avenues and surrendered to CHP officers.

Apply to the DA's Justice Academy

The district attorney's office is now accepting applications for the 2017 Justice Academy. Applications are due Nov. 10 at 4 p.m.

The academy is a six month learning and working experience for high school students ages 16 and up who are interested in pursuing the study of law, social justice, and the courts.

Students must be residents of Alameda County and attend public school. For more information, visit alcoda.org.



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One pet was killed and two more remain missing after a two-alarm house fire started Sunday morning on Bella Vista Avenue.

Man Sentenced in Killing of San Lorenzo Teen

Late last month, an Alameda County Superior Court judge sentenced Sonny Anderson to 37 years-to-life in the hit-and-run death of a San Lorenzo teen.

Anderson, 36, was sentenced for the November 2014 death of San Lorenzo High School freshman Ivan Cruz.

Cruz had been returning home from riding his scooter at a park and was crossing an intersection near Ashland Avenue when Anderson struck and killed him during a police car chase while Anderson was high on methamphetamine.

Anderson evaded arrest at the time of the killing, but police later found the car abandoned in Fremont and traced it to a relative

of Anderson's, authorities said. Anderson was also found guilty of gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated,

hit and run, and felony animal abuse for punching a police dog at the time of his arrest for Cruz's death.

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They Got the Beat

The Arroyo High School percussion band's section play xylophones on the field at halftime at a home game earlier this fall.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

❖ **Chanticleers Theatre**
An *Afternoon of Cabaret & Desserts* will be presented on Sunday, Oct. 9, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Chanticleers Theatre, 3683 Quail Ave. in Castro Valley. Don't miss this entertaining cabaret with Marilyn Monroe impersonator, music performances, amazing gift basket raffle, desserts galore. All proceeds benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Sponsored by the Silver Lining and Chanticleers Theatre. Only 99 Tickets will

be sold. To purchase your tickets in advance go to www.chanticleers.org.

❖ **Japanese Moon Viewing Festival**
Join the Oakland Fukuoka Sister City Association for an evening of Japanese food, entertainment and moon viewing Sunday, Oct. 16, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave. in Oakland. There is a \$5 parking fee. Japanese Bento box dinners available only on

a pre-paid basis by sending your check for \$15 to OFSCA, P.O. Box 13022, Oakland CA 94661-3022. Check must be received by Oct. 10. For more information, go to www.oakland-fukuoka.org or email: ofsca1962@gmail.com.

❖ **San Leandro Museum Auditorium**
The San Leandro Player present *Trouble Bubbles at the Hot Springs*, by Gary McCa-rver and directed by Catherine Heck, on Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Oct. 22 through Nov. 20 at the San Leandro Museum/Auditorium, 320 West Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro. One block east of the San Leandro BART Station. Professor Thaddeus Snavelly Mack returns to do dastardly deeds with a colorful cast of characters in a rollicking musical melodrama. Tickets are \$20, \$15 for seniors, TBA members, and students. Information and tickets available online at www.slplayers.org.



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- TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** It's a good time for beauty-loving Bovines to enjoy something special for the senses. It will restore your spirit and return you to the workaday world ready for the next challenge.
- GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** With your planetary ruler, Mercury, going retrograde, you might want to slow down the pace in pursuing some of your projects. Rushing things could be counterproductive.
- CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** Tensions begin to ease in those onces-ty relationships. This helps create a more positive aspect all around. Expect to hear news that could lead you to rethink a recent decision.
- LEO (July 23 - August 22):** The pace of activity that had slowed last week now begins to pick up. This is good news for Leos and Leonas who have career-building plans that need to be put into operation.
- VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22):** Venus offers encouragement to romance-seeking Virgos who are ready to get up, get out and meet more people, one of whom could be that long-sought soul mate.
- LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22):** An ongoing problem with a co-worker might need to be sent to arbitration. Get all your facts together so that you have a solid base from which to make your argument.
- SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21):** You are usually decisive about most matters. But you might want to defer your decision-making this week until you get more facts. Someone is holding out on you.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** That quiet period is ending, and a new burst of activity creates some problems at the workplace. But things are soon resolved, and everything goes back to normal.
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** Relationships could be either helpful or hurtful as you pursue your career goals. You might have to make some difficult choices depending on what your priorities are.
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** You might still have some doubts about a career move that could involve a lot of travel. If so, continue to check things out until you feel secure about making a decision.
- PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** Love rules, as Venus continues to exercise her cosmic influence on both single and attached Pisces. New developments might cause you to change your travel plans.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- ❖ **5th Annual Bikes for Tykes**
The San Leandro Police Officers Association will host its 5th Annual Bikes for Tykes Mexican Food Fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 8, at the Senior Center, 13909 East 14th St. in San Leandro. Happy hour begins at 5:30 p.m. and dinner starts at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25. Proceeds will purchase bikes for local kids. Wine, beer and sodas available to purchase. Music by Mark Banning and the Troublemakers. Raffle and prizes. For tickets, call Kristal Gonzalez at 347-4620 or email KGonzalez@davisstreet.org. For more information, call Officer Louie Brandt at 409-2393.
- ❖ **Hearing Loss Association Meeting**
The Hearing Loss Association will have its monthly meeting on Saturday, Oct. 8, at the Oakland Kaiser Permanente Hospital, Fabiola Bldg., 3801 Howe St., lower level, room G26. Refreshments start at 9:30 a.m. with the program beginning at 10 a.m.. Sheila Holmes, an experienced American Sign Language teacher will provide an overview of ASL and how she teaches this language system. 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. After the meeting attend the Hearing Loss Tech Expo from 1 to 5 p.m., at 550 Island Parkway in Belmont.
- ❖ **History for Half Pints**
Bring the whole family down to the Museum of History and Culture, 22380 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward for Día de los Muertos festivities on Saturday, Oct. 8, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Kids will have the opportunity to decorate sugar skulls, create wonderful works of tin art, and produce Día de los Muertos inspired prints from artist Robert Wolff's wood carved stamps. Free with museum admission.
- ❖ **Aurelia Lorca at Zocalo Coffeehouse**
Poet, storyteller and teacher Aurelia Lorca will read his work on Saturday, Oct. 8, at 7:30 p.m. at Zocalo Coffeehouse, 645 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro. The reading is part of the series "Zocalo Spits: Arts in the Dro," presented every second Saturday by local author Lisbeth Coiman and Zocalo.
- ❖ **Flu Shots**
Registered nurses from Sutter Care at Home will offer flu immunizations on Monday, Oct. 10, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the San Leandro Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14 St. No appointment is required. The cost for a regular flu shot fee is \$5 and preservative free flu shot is \$35. Fees are payable by cash or check only. There is no direct cost for participants who are covered by Medicare Part B as Sutter Care will bill Medicare directly. For more information about the clinic, call 577-3462 or visit www.sanleandorec.org. For questions about flu shots, call the Sutter Health Flu Shot Hotline at 1-800-500-2400 or flu@sutterhealth.org.
- ❖ **Happy Stampers**
Come join the Happy Stampers on Monday, Oct. 10, at 1:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Make greeting cards using rubber stamps and die cuts. Beginners are welcome. For more information, call Janie at 483-0389.
- ❖ **San Leandro Art Association**
A meeting of the San Leandro Art Association will be on Tuesday, Oct. 11, at 7 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro. Art Association member Robert

- West will provide an on screen demonstration on the Art Association's website and a more in-depth discussion of Facebook on its new Facebook page.
- ❖ **Sons In Retirement Meetings**
SIRs, an organization of retired men, meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the Wedgewood Center at the Metropolitan Golf Links, 10051 Doolittle Drive in Oakland. Happy hour starts at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at noon. Great guest speakers. Guests are welcome. Come and meet new friends. For more information, call Al at 895-9900.
- ❖ **Dist. 2 Candidates Speak at Meeting**
City Council candidates in District 2, Bryan Azevedo and Ed Hernandez, will be the guest speakers at the Floresta Neighborhood Association's meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 12, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Puerto Bello restaurant, 14680 Washington Ave. Both candidates will give a short talk, followed by a question-and-answer period. Coffee and cookies will be served.
- ❖ **St. James Lutheran Yard Sale**
St. James Lutheran Church, 993 Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro, is holding a church-wide yard sale on Saturday, Oct. 15, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Earthly Treasures for sale include art, books, collectibles, household items, games, toys, clothing, sports and exercise equipment, jewelry and more. Also offered will be breakfast burritos and other treats. This fun family-friendly community event supports the ministries of St. James Lutheran Church and is open to everyone.
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- ❖ **Saturday Explorers: Pumpkin Pickers**
Join in the fun on Saturday, Oct. 15, at 10:30 a.m. at the Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd., to learn about different types of seeds through games, crafts and other activities. Best for children ages 5 and older. All children must be accompanied by an adult. To register or for more information, call 577-7971.
- ❖ **Soroptimist Fashion Show & Luncheon**
Soroptimist International of the East Bay presents the 4th Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon on Saturday, Oct. 15, from noon to 3 p.m. at the Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Dr. in Danville. Fashions will be provided by Chico's of Danville. Cost of the show and lunch is \$45 per person. For more information or tickets, call Lynn Levin at 593-7377.
- ❖ **St. Felicitas Oktoberfest Luncheon**
Tickets are now on sale for St. Felicitas Parish, 1662 Manor Blvd. in San Leandro, hosts its monthly Young at Heart Luncheon on Wednesday, Oct. 19, with sausage on soft roll, sauerkraut, German potato salad, coleslaw, dessert, plus coffee or apple cider. Doors open at 11 a.m. and lunch is served at noon. Tickets are \$6. Entertainment and door prizes at each luncheon. Tickets on sale as of Oct. 3 and must be purchased no later than the Monday before the luncheon. Tickets available at the parish office Monday through Thursday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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.

Hernandez Says He Won't Bow to Special Interests

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

In the coming weeks before the Nov. 8 election, we'll speak with the candidates running for the San Leandro City Council and School board.

Ed Hernandez is one of two candidates in the only contested City Council race, running against Bryan Acevedo in District 2.

Hernandez is currently the chair of the Planning Commission and says that experience, along with a background in managerial psychology, and a desire to help San Leandro grow, give him an edge over opponent Bryan Acevedo.

"I'm glad we are going through this process of election and I'm not running unopposed, because being challenged strengthens thought," said Hernandez.

Hernandez says that what sets him apart from his opponent is that he is not a puppet of any special interests.

"He is involved with special interests, especially unions," Hernandez said about Acevedo.

Acevedo's list of endorsements is union heavy, including the San Leandro Police Officers Association. Meanwhile Hernandez counts two current City Council members and multiple members of the city's various commissions among his supporters.

"I have more local leaders endorsing me," said Hernandez. "I met with the police union and it was great, but they told me their executive leadership had to go in another direction. There is labor pressure."

In the past the City Council has been accused of bending too easily to the whims of the police department, specifically when the armored vehicle was approved. Hernandez says that if elected, he'll do his due diligence before making any decision.

"I think there is a challenge there, especially given that the council is a part-time job, so they count on police to be the subject matter experts," said Hernandez. "But the council is in charge of keeping a balanced discussion and the best interests of the entire community in mind. Get reports, challenge the department with thorough questions and do what's best for the people of San Leandro."

Hernandez says he's seen a lot happen in the five years he's been on the city's Planning Commission, with an emphasis on attracting tech jobs and growing businesses in the city, but he says there needs to be an equal focus on the city's residents.

"We are being urbanized, like



City Council candidate Ed Hernandez says there needs to be more affordable housing in San Leandro.

it or not," said Hernandez. "The reason people might be afraid of that is because they don't understand it. Growing business can help pay for support services if the economy is healthy. But the danger is that people feel they are being left behind. We need to make sure everyone in San

"We are being urbanized, like it or not. The reason people might be afraid of this is because they don't understand it."

— City Council candidate Ed Hernandez

Leandro is taken care of and that having tech business is a win-win for everyone."

Hernandez says that during his work on the Planning Commission he helped identify sites where affordable housing can be built around town.

"Housing is going to be one of our biggest challenges and if we don't start to find housing for everyone now, there will be an even bigger crisis down the line," said Hernandez.

In his own district, he says the Bayfair area "is key." There must be mixed use developments and high-density housing in the area, he said.

Hernandez supports all of the bonds and tax measures on the San Leandro ballot this fall – he spent last weekend phone banking for J1, the school district's

\$104 million facilities bond.

On the topic of medical marijuana dispensaries, Hernandez says it's time for the city to slow down. With three approved in San Leandro and up to four in the nearby unincorporated area, the needs of medical marijuana patients will be served.

"It's time to pause for now," said Hernandez. "I think before we move forward we need to look at quarterly reviews of the dispensaries that will be operating – to look at safety, and violations, and other issues that pop up. If marijuana is legalized for adult recreational use, using caution in the dispensaries we do have will be even more important."

Hernandez says San Leandro is about to go through some major changes with more businesses and an expanding population and the city needs the right leadership.

"This city is going through a transformation and we need people with a track record of being involved," said Hernandez. "I'd like the opportunity to continue the work of shaping our future. Together we'll get ahead."

Hernandez is a real estate manager and has lived in San Leandro for 12 years with his wife Katherine and two daughters. His website is edhernandez-forcitycouncil.com.



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

The memorial wall at Siempre Verde Park, facing San Leandro Boulevard, was built by the Golden Gate Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division.

Siempre Verde: Plenty of green

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did – it's really nice. And there's better equipment for the kids."

Nearby, the jungle gym was teaming with kids climbing all over it on Saturday afternoon. In the other corner of the park, guys played a game of basketball.

It cost \$3.6 million to re-

model the park, so there's a lot of green in Siempre Verde. The work includes barbecue pits, picnic tables, restrooms, exercise stations and a space for tai chi. The "drought-friendly" field is irrigated with water from a new well.

At the opposite end of the

park, a woman sat quietly on the bench under the flagpoles and watched the kids playing in the grass.

Those flagpoles stand over another feature at Siempre Verde, the memorial wall that was built by the Golden Gate Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division. The plaques on the wall face San Leandro Boulevard and represent the 82nd Airborne and other military units.

Speaking to the newspaper, Mayor Pauline Cutter said she was glad to see the park open, because it shows that the city is working not just for high tech, but for all the people. The park is something the neighborhood really uses, she said.

San Lorenzo High to Host College Night

San Lorenzo High School is hosting College Night 2016 on Thursday, Oct. 13, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. in the West Gym.

Over 50 universities, colleges, community colleges and

other educational organizations will be on hand.

There will be workshops on college life, financial aid and other topics for students in grades 6 through 12 and their families.

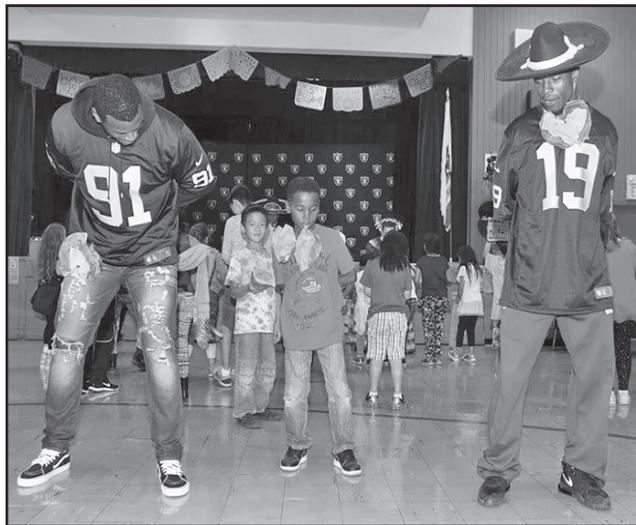


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Raiders rookies Shilique Calhoun (91) and Jaydon Mickens (19) performed Ballet Folklorico dance routines on Monday with students from Roosevelt Elementary School.

Raiders Join Mexico Danza at Roosevelt Elementary to Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

The Oakland Raiders celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month on Monday by partnering with a local Ballet Folklorico performance group to educate local underserved youth from Roosevelt Elementary School in San Leandro.

Students learned about the history of Ballet Folklorico and its significance to the heritage of Mexico and Latin American culture.

Raiders defensive end/linebacker Shilique Calhoun, guard

Gabe Jackson, running back/kick returner Taiwan Jones and wide receiver Jaydon Mickens joined the Mexico Danza dancers and students in an energetic Ballet Folklorico session of learning traditional dance moves.

The event tied in with Play 60 messaging of dance being an easy and fun way to be active for at least 60 minutes a day. Additionally, the group put on a traditional Ballet Folklorico performance.

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Poet Lorca Reads at Zocalo

Poet, storyteller and teacher Aurelia Lorca will read his work on Saturday, Oct. 8, at 7:30 p.m. at Zocalo Coffeehouse, 645 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro.

AUTOMOTIVE

Kia Sportage Challenges All Competitors

By Steve Schaefer
San Leandro Times

The Kia Sportage is all new for 2017, but it still resembles the previous, third, generation. Kia's oldest nameplate, the Sportage, was the way most Americans were introduced to the Korean brand back in the 1990s, when it debuted, slightly ahead of the now-ubiquitous Toyota RAV4 and Honda CR-V.

What's new? Well, just about everything. For starters, the Sportage has received the design treatment from Kia president and chief design officer Peter Schreyer. He's the guy who, before assuming his duties at Hyundai/Kia, made Audis so beautiful. You can see how his team took the overall look of the last model and enhanced it, giving it a more expensive, higher quality look and feel. Where crossovers often look more like their SUV ancestors, the Sportage wears sportier lines and has a more carlike stance.

That feeling transfers to the inside, too, where upgraded materials and sophisticated design read more German luxury than Korean value brand. The black interior appointments with silvery accents evoke a more European feel than the last iteration, with proportions that are easy on the eye.

My test unit, a top-level SX Turbo model in a gleaming Burnished Copper paint job, actually got compliments from folks when I was driving by or walking away from it.

From a driving standpoint, Kia has redone the suspension and made the body stronger, using much more high-strength steel. There's a whole lot more sound-absorbent materials too, and clever tricks like quad bushings in the rear suspension to isolate road noise.

The new model is slightly larger, sitting on a 1.2-inch-longer wheelbase and extending 1.6 inches longer overall. That might not sound like much, but the car feels roomier inside, and cargo

space with the second-row seat up grows from 26.1 to 30.7 cubic feet. That number doubles to 60.1 when you flip down the rear seat. And, there's the dual-level, widened cargo area back there, too.

Sportages come in three levels — LX, EX and SX Turbo. The LX and EX employ a 2.4-liter four-cylinder engine that generates a reasonable 181 horsepower and 175 lb.-ft. of torque. Opt for the SX Turbo and you get a turbocharged 2.0-liter four with 240 horsepower and 260 lb.-ft. of torque — a mightier proposition. You can order up all-wheel drive on any Sportage, but it'll cost you three horsepower with the SX Turbo.

The SX Turbo is pretty well loaded with the features people want. The leather seats upgrade the interior substantially, and you'll get a larger touchscreen to control climate, audio and navigation. Those leather seats are heated and ventilated — an upscale double-whammy. While other Sportages come with a standard 160-watt audio system, the SX Turbo has the 320-watt Harman Kardon eight-speaker setup, which includes a subwoofer and is crystal clear in the near silence of the well-damped cabin.

The SX Turbo also gives you a nice leather-wrapped steering wheel in a sport "D" shape — that means a flat bottom. It feels funny in turns at first, but is a real sporty car touch. You also get cool "ice cube" fog lamps, alloy pedals, stitching on the dashboard, HID headlamps, LED taillamps, snazzy metallic skid plates, and 19-inch alloy wheels. Firmer shocks



All-wheel drive is available across all three trim levels of the 2016 Kia Sportage, and a six-speed automatic transmission is standard.

on the SX help make it handle more tautly.

The Sportage started out as a compact, modest little runabout, but at nearly two tons now, and loaded to the gunwales with premium features, it's more of a mid-size vehicle. Its EPA fuel economy numbers are decent for its size and weight — 20 City, 23 Highway, and 21 Overall — but this is no longer a real economy ride. The Green scores are a 6 for Smog and only a 4 for Greenhouse Gas. I averaged 22.4 mpg, so those numbers are refreshingly accurate — it's rare when I beat the EPA Overall figure.

Some Hyundai and Kia vehicles are made in the U.S. these days, but the Sportage is all Korean. I'm not sure that's meaningful, but it does hail from Gwangju, Korea.

There's a wide assortment of safety/driver assistance features, including Forward Collision



The SX Turbo features a nice leather-wrapped steering wheel in a sporty shape with a flat bottom.

Alert, Lane Departure Warning, Blind Spot Detection, Rear Cross Traffic Alert, Front & Rear Parking Assist, and more. These features are becoming industry standards, but it's good for this "small SUV" to have them.

Pricing starts at \$23,885 for the LX with front-wheel drive. The SX Turbo with all-wheel drive, like my tester, starts at \$34,895, and that's the sticker

price of my test car, which was so loaded that it really needed no options. Prices shown include \$895 for shipping.

Kia, with its broad range of competitive products, has high hopes for the Sportage, with its long roster of features, European design sense, and just-right sizing. And, with top-level initial quality scores from JD Power, Kia is really onto something.

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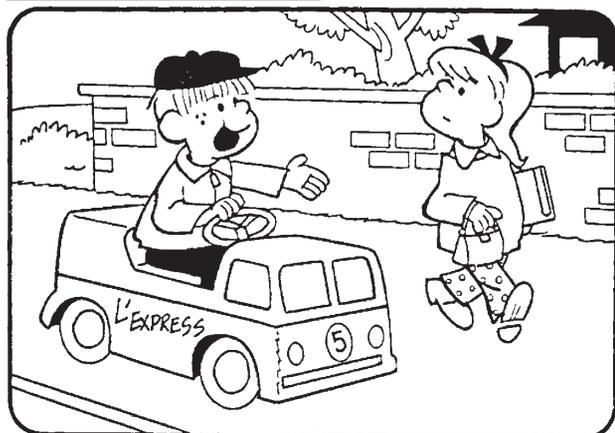
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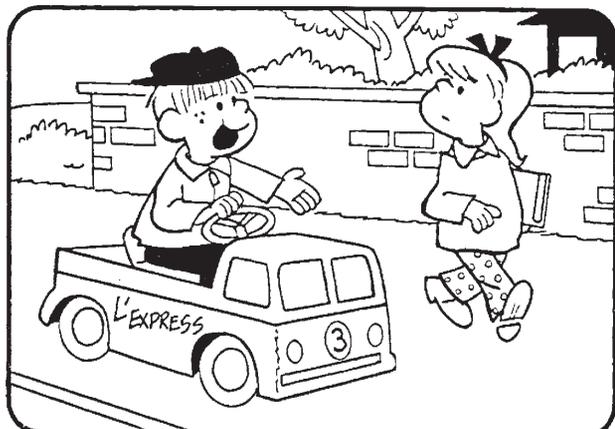
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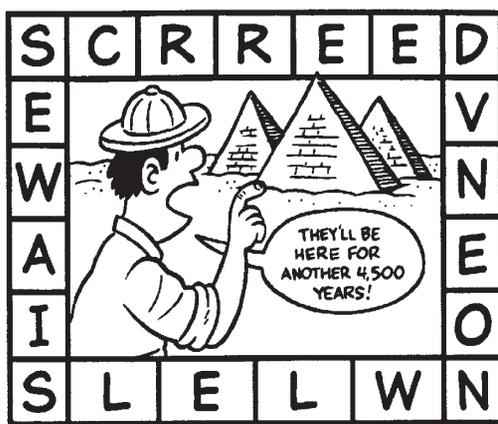
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Hat is reversed. 2. Car body is different. 3. Arm is moved. 4. Number is different. 5. Pocketbook is missing. 6. Book is moved.



HIDDEN IN THE ABOVE FRAME is a famous proverb. Find it by reading every other letter as you go around it counterclockwise. The trick is finding the right first letter.

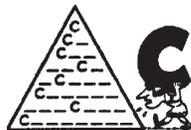
Answer: Starting with the "W" in the bottom rail: "Wonders will never cease."

A COIN CONUNDRUM! Jimmy has a bag that contains 50 coins. The total value of these coins is \$1. Can you tell how many quarters, dimes, nickels and pennies are in the bag?

Answer: 1 quarter, 2 dimes, 2 nickels and 45 pennies. (.25 + .20 + .10 + .05 = 1.00).

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

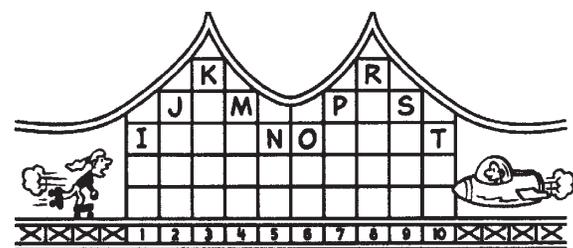
1. Roman numeral for 100.
2. Symbol for calcium.
3. A metal container.
4. Peruvian native.
5. Making a hole in one.
6. Type of chair repair.
7. Moving rhythmically.
8. Examining eggs for freshness.



Answers: C, CA, can, inca, racing, caning, dancing, candling.

Junior Whirl by Charles Barry Townsend

A WORD BRIDGE!



The bridge to the left contains 10 supporting words. We have given you the first letter of each word, plus plenty of hints.

1. Anger; wrath.
2. Brewed coffee (sl).
3. Small, covered newsstand.
4. Found in all restaurants.
5. Zero, or nothing.
6. To make a choice or decision.
7. Top of the head.
8. A large, black bird.
9. A large, flat-bottomed boat.
10. A type of hat.

Answers: 1. Ire. 2. Java. 3. Kiosk. 4. Menu. 5. Nil. 6. Opt. 7. Pate. 8. Raven. 9. Scow. 10. Top (hat).

LIFESTYLE



Great Ways to Roast a Chicken

A roasted chicken can be the anchor of a simple family supper or the most festive dinner party. And preparing it is simple.

Wash the chicken in cold water and dry with paper towels. Trim away pads of visible fat. Keep it refrigerated until roasting time. Tuck in the wings and tie the legs together with string after seasoning.

A 3-pound chicken will take about 50 minutes to roast.

When roasting is done, let the chicken rest out of the oven on a warm serving platter for about 10 minutes. Pierce the meat between the thigh and breast area with a sharp knife to be sure it's fully cooked; the juices should run clear, not pink. If pink, roast for another 10 minutes or so.

While the chicken is in the oven, it doesn't require any fussing or basting.

BASIC ROAST CHICKEN

- 1 (3-pound) chicken
- Stuffing (optional)
- 1/4 pound butter, softened

- 2 teaspoons finely crumbled dried sage
- Salt
- Freshly ground pepper

Rinse the chicken and pat dry. Remove fat pads at opening of the cavity. Fill body and neck cavities with stuffing, if desired.

Blend butter and sage. Rub mixture inside and out, covering chicken all over. Season with salt and pepper. Place chicken, breast side up, using V-shaped rack to hold.

Roast at 350°F for about 50 minutes until meat thermometer registers 160°F, or make small slit with knife at second joint where leg connects. If juice run clear, chicken is done. Remove and let stand for 10 minutes. Serves 4 to 6.

ROAST CHICKEN WITH ORANGE & ROSEMARY

- 1 (4-pound) roasting chicken
- 1 tablespoon dried rosemary
- 1 tablespoon safflower oil
- 2 large cloves garlic, minced

- 1 large shallot, minced
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 2 teaspoons grated orange zest
- 3 tablespoons orange juice
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Freshly ground pepper
- 1 orange, cut into sixths

Rinse chicken and pat dry. Trim fat. Place chicken, breast-side up, on foil-lined shallow roasting pan. Mix 2 teaspoons rosemary with oil, garlic, shallot, mustard, orange zest and juice, salt and pepper in small dish.

Using fingers, carefully separate skin from entire breast area of chicken without tearing, making a pocket. Spoon 2 tablespoons of the orange mixture into pocket. Massage gently on surface to distribute mixture evenly over breast area.

Sprinkle remaining rosemary into cavity of chicken. Add orange segments. Smear remaining orange mixture over surface of chicken. Tuck wings under body and tie legs together.

Place pan on rack in center of 450°-oven and roast until juice from thigh area run clear (not pink), about 1 hour, 5 minutes. Transfer from pan to warm serving platter.

Let rest 10 minutes before carving. Garnish with orange slices from cavity. Makes 4 servings.

ROAST CHICKEN WITH GARLIC

- 2 (3-pound) whole chickens
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons dried oregano leaves
- 20 large cloves garlic, unpeeled
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 tablespoons dry white wine
- Freshly ground pepper

Preheat oven to 450°F. Rinse chicken and pat dry. Trim visible fat. Place chicken, breast-side up, on foil-lined shallow roasting pan.

Divide 1/4 teaspoon salt and 1/2 tablespoon oregano leaves between

2 chicken cavities, sprinkling evenly. Split 16 garlic cloves and place 8 in each cavity.

Peel and mince remaining garlic. Mix with remaining salt and oregano, olive oil, wine and pepper in small dish. Using fingers, carefully separate skin from entire breast area of one chicken without tearing, making pocket.

Spoon 1-1/2 tablespoons garlic mixture into pocket. Massage gently on surface to distribute evenly over breast area. Repeat with other chicken.

Smear remaining garlic mixture over surfaces of chickens, dividing evenly. Tuck wings under body and tie legs together. Leave at least 3-inch space between chickens.

Place pan on rack in center of 450°F-oven and roast until juices from thigh area run clear, about 50 minutes.

Transfer from pan to warm serving platter and let rest 10 minutes before carving or cutting up into serving portions. Serves 6.

ROAST CHICKEN WITH SMOTHERED POTATOES

- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 (3-pound) whole chicken

- 8 red potatoes, cut in halves
- 3 medium red onions, cut in quarters
- Salt, pepper
- 1 tablespoon fresh chopped rosemary, or 2 teaspoons dried, crushed
- 2 large cloves garlic, finely chopped

Brush 13x9-inch baking dish with 1 tablespoon olive oil. Using sharp knife or poultry shears, cut chicken down back along edges of backbone; discard backbone.

Thoroughly rinse chicken in cold water and remove pads of fat around breast and cavity areas. Sprinkle potatoes and red onions with salt and pepper to taste. Place potatoes in middle of oiled baking dish. Sprinkle rosemary and garlic over them. Spread out whole chicken over potatoes, arranging onions around edge. Drizzle and rub remaining 2 tablespoons olive oil over chicken. Season generously with salt and pepper.

Roast at 425°F for 45 to 50 minutes, or until skin of chicken is nicely browned. Pour off all liquid and garnish with fresh rosemary sprigs. Serves 4.

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Uriah Duffy, Rhonda "Bobcat" Racely and Cheryl "Peacock" Clifford (at left) sipped their beers and listened to the music on Parrott Street at the annual Sausage & Suds Music Festival on Sunday. A good crowd came to downtown San Leandro for the beer from the tap and sausage cooked on an open flame. The Cold-Sol Band kicked off the day, followed by Zeparrella, The Tommy Igoe Band (whose guitarist is seen at right), Avance, and the Spazmatics. All the while, the crowd also found their way to nearby taverns where the Raiders and 49ers broadcast could be seen. It was altogether another great year for the Sausage & Suds Festival held in the Sausage Capitol of California.



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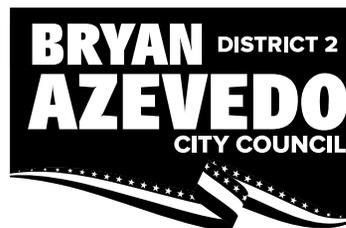


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How, When to Apply for Social Security Retirement Benefits

By Jim Miller
Special to the Times

The Social Security Administration offers three ways to apply for your retirement and/or spouses benefits, depending on your preference and how much help you need.

Here's a rundown of the options, along with a list of information you'll need to apply, and when to fill out the application.

How To Apply

The easiest and most convenient way to apply for your Social Security benefits is to do it yourself online at SocialSecurity.gov. It takes less than 15 minutes to complete the application, as long as

you've gathered all of the required information and documentation (more on that at the bottom of the column).

If, however, you'd rather have a Social Security employee assist with the process, you can also apply by phone at 800-772-1213, or at your local Social Security office.

If you apply in person, be sure to call ahead and schedule an appointment to cut your wait time.

Whichever method you feel most comfortable using, your application will be reviewed and processed as soon as all necessary documentation and information is received. And, the Social Security Administration will notify you if it turns out you could qualify for

higher benefits on your spouse's record, or if other family members can receive benefits on your work record.

When To Apply

While full retirement age is currently 66 (for those born between 1943 and 1954) you can start receiving your Social Security retirement benefits as early as age 62 or as late as age 70, but the longer you wait, the larger your monthly check. See ssa.gov/retire/estimator.html to estimate your benefits.

Social Security recommends that you apply for retirement benefits three months before you want your payments to start. So, if you want your benefits to begin as soon

as you turn 62, you should apply at 61 years and nine months old.

It's also worth noting that if you start receiving your Social Security retirement benefits before age 65, you will automatically be enrolled in Medicare Part A and Part B, and you'll receive your Medicare card about three months before your 65th birthday. It will include instructions to return it if you have work coverage that qualifies you for late enrollment.

But if you decide to delay your retirement benefits, you'll need to sign up just for Medicare at age 65, which you can also do at SocialSecurity.gov, over the phone at 800-772-1213 or through your local Social Security office.

If you do not sign up, in some circumstances, your Medicare coverage may be delayed and cost more.

Need Information

In order to apply for Social Security benefits, you'll need to be able to document some information about your identity and work history. So, before applying, have the following information handy:

- Your Social Security number.
- Your birth certificate (original or certified).
- Proof of U.S. citizenship or lawful alien status if you were not born in the United States.
- A copy of your U.S. military service papers if you had military service before 1968.
- A copy of your W-2 forms and/or self-employment tax return for last year.
- Your bank information (including your account number and the bank routing number) you



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

Follow the Law When Hiring a Full-time Caregiver

By Gene L. Osofsky, Esq.
Special to the Times

Q I plan to hire a full-time caregiver for my husband, and I want to make sure that I handle everything legally. Do you have any suggestions as to how I handle payment or anything else?

A Yes. There are specific rules about handling the payroll, tax and employment law aspects of hiring household help, especially a caregiver. Here are some tips:

1. Classify Your Hire Correctly: One of the most common mistakes is to treat the hire as an independent contractor, when they are really an employee.

If you have the right to control how, when and in what manner your caregiver handles the job, the individual is an employee and should be so treated. As such, you must make proper payroll deductions when you pay them, and furnish a form W-2 Wage and Tax Statement to them each year.

Knowingly mis-classifying your hire as an independent contractor could be viewed as tax

evasion and could subject you to penalties and back tax payments.

2. Do Not Confuse Gross Pay with Net Pay: Gross pay, less payroll deductions, equals net pay. Make sure that both you and your hire are on the same page.

At the time of employment, prepare a sample payroll stub which shows gross income, deductions, and net pay and discuss this. Doing so can help avoid any misunderstandings.

Both the IRS and the Franchise Tax Board have easy-to-follow publications to assist you. You might ask your tax preparer to show you how to do this once, so you can do it yourself each payroll period thereafter. They can also prepare quarterly reports for you to send to the IRS and FTB. You might also handle this by using an online payroll service (e.g. Payroll.Intuit.com, or Care.com/HomePay) to do it for you.

3. Pay Overtime Correctly. A 2014 California law called the Domestic Worker Bill Of Rights, requires the payment of overtime to a person employed to assist with domestic work (including caregiving) if they work more than 9 hours in any single day or more than 45 hours in the work week.

Overtime is at the rate of 1.5 times the regular hourly rate. This requirement cannot be circumvented by offering a fixed salary: fixed salaries are legal for "exempt" workers (generally white-collar professionals), but are illegal when employing a nonexempt worker such as a caregiver.

4. Secure a Workers Compensation Insurance Policy. Protect your hire, as well as yourself, in the event they are injured on the job.

Families who do not have workers compensation coverage expose themselves to significant financial liability. You may be able to do this by purchasing a special endorsement to your homeowner's policy, often at a modest expense.

Be sure to tell your insurance agent that you are seeking an endorsement for an employee performing domestic work in your home on a regular basis, and not for someone performing occasional work on your premises.

Handling the employment relationship appropriately can be mutually beneficial: You will be complying with law, protecting yourself from financial surprises, and may find that your payments

to your caregiver are tax-deductible.

At the same time, you will create benefits for your employee in the form of contributions toward Social Security, Medicare, unemployment and state disability, and provide a documented source of employment income to enable her to apply for credit.

Following these basic guidelines will help foster a long-lasting relationship.

Gene L. Osofsky is an elder law and estate planning attorney in Hayward. Visit his website at www.LawyerForSeniors.com.

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GUEST COMMENTARY



The No. 1 Question Asked by Buyers

People want to know if there's something wrong with the neighborhood

Buyers ask questions when looking at homes and, overall, it is a wise practice. It's best to get answers up front rather than discover nasty surprises after escrow closes. Buyer's agents are used to queries and have typically fielded hundreds of them.

The No. 1 Question? "Why is the seller selling?"

On the surface, it seems fairly innocuous, but it has dark undertones. Buyers really want to know if there is some deep, mysterious reason the previous occupants are going through the hassle of relocating. Translated: "Does Jason live next door?" "Are there sex offenders in the

neighborhood?" "Do the neighbors have wild parties, mean dogs, loud motorcycles, etc.?" "What is the neighborhood really like?"

Problem is, unless the answer is written in the documentation somewhere,* the buyer's agent usually has absolutely no idea. And, in some cases, the listing agent does not know the real reasons either.

There are situations where it's obvious. The sellers may have accepted a job in another state. They could be moving up to a larger home. It could be an older couple that no longer needs a 4-bedroom home. If it's an estate sale, chances are the

owners have died or can no longer live in the home.

Other reasons, however, may not be as obvious. And, truth be known, if the sellers are moving away due to neighborhood issues, chances are they are not going to be totally forthcoming about their reasons for exiting.

While they are bound to disclose pertinent facts in their disclosures such as neighborhood noise, proximity to traffic, airplanes, death in the home and the like, they should not disclose information about specific neighbors that might be viewed as slander.

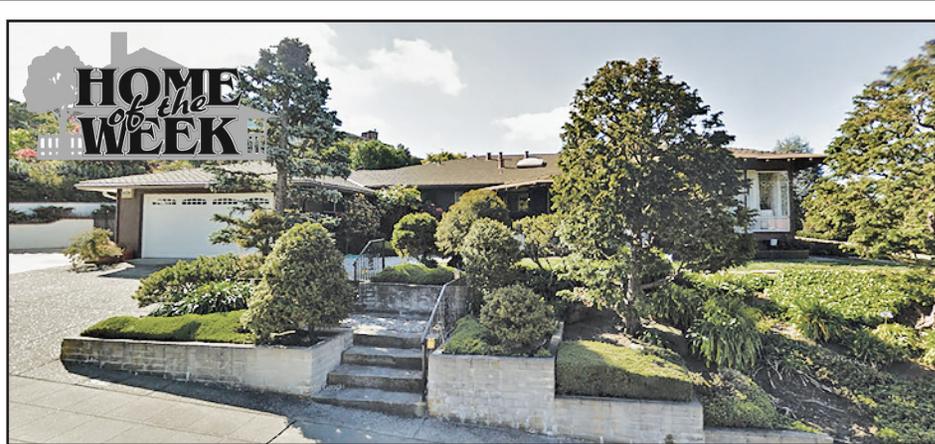
Realtors, also leery of disparagement and resultant lawsuits are, in addition, bound to strict fair housing laws governing what they can or cannot disclose. Nicknamed "steering," the law specifies that Realtors may not provide any information that might "steer" buyers from or towards any specific property or neighborhood.

So, how does a buyer find answers? Personal research. Where possible, talk to neighbors. Ask if there are issues you should know about. Search online for neighborhood crime statistics and the proximity of sexual offenders.

Bottom line? Since you will be the one living there, it's in your best interest to search for answers on your own, rather than rely on carefully crafted answers from someone on the other side of the transaction.

*Some listing agents provide reasons in documents such as Instructions for Writing an Offer.

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Take the 'Pane' Out of Window Repair

By Samantha Mazzotta
Special to the Times

Replacing a single glass pane is a pretty straightforward job, one that can be accomplished quickly once you have the supplies and tools at hand.

If the original pane was shattered, the exact dimensions need to be figured out. Do this by measuring the width and height of the frame. Then, subtract 1/16 inch from each side — this will allow a bit of space for the new glass to expand and contract in changing temperatures.

When cleaning up broken glass from a window, save the small metal tabs or spring clips that were spaced around the frame. Keep them around to reuse; otherwise, you'll need to buy replacements. They're called glazier's points and are used in wooden frames; the spring clips are used in metal frames. These help hold the windowpane snugly in place.

Now, head for the hardware store with measurements in hand. Most stores will sell pre-cut windowpanes in standard sizes that match or nearly match your measurements; otherwise, they can cut the glass to your



Carefully remove all of the broken glass and scrape away the old putty to prepare the frame for the new pane.

specified size.

Make sure you have the following on hand for the repair: Window putty (also known as glazier's putty), a putty knife, glazier's points or spring clips (for metal frames), a wire brush, steel wool, fine-grit sandpaper and a soft cloth.

Clean up the frame to prepare it for the new pane. Take out any remaining points or clips and carefully scrape away the old window putty. This may be the most time-consuming part, as the putty may have hardened and adhered to the frame. Be patient and work carefully.

Once the old putty is removed, wipe the frame clean. Then add a new line of putty by forming a ball in the palm of your hand. Roll it out into a long, thin line, about the width of a pencil. Press this line of putty around the edge of the frame on the side on which the new pane will be attached.

Insert the new pane of glass, pressing it against the new putty. Hold it in place with one hand, and with the other hand, insert glazier's points or clips. Points should be placed every 8 inches around the frame and pressed into the wood using the putty knife or a similar tool. Clips can be placed in existing holes in the metal frame.

Use a little more putty to secure the pane on the side closest to you, by dabbing it into areas where the glass touches the frame. Scrape away excess with the putty knife.

Clean excess putty from the window and the frame using the putty knife and a wet cloth. Let the putty dry and cure for about four days before painting.

Home Tip: Wear heavy work gloves to protect your hands when removing or cleaning up pieces of broken glass, especially when prying shards loose.

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The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage (FRM) averaged 3.42 percent, down from last week when it averaged 3.48 percent.

The 15-year FRM this week averaged 2.72 percent, down from last week when it averaged 2.76 percent.

The 5-year Treasury-indexed hybrid adjustable-rate mortgage (ARM) averaged 2.81 percent this week, up from last week when it averaged 2.80 percent.

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52 Chumalia Street	94577	\$425,000	3 BD - 1,362 SF - 1983
499 Estudillo Ave #209	94577	\$395,000	2 BD - 1,261 SF - 1981
1398 Graff Avenue	94577	\$651,000	2 BD - 1,448 SF - 1940
1440 Santa Rosa Street	94577	\$600,000	3 BD - 1,880 SF - 1955
115 Savoy Way	94577	\$535,000	N/ABD-1,371 SF-1978
568 Warden Avenue	94577	\$346,000	2 BD - 863 SF - 1948
2271 West Avenue 135th	94577	\$650,000	4 BD - 1,784 SF - 1962
1637 139th Avenue	94578	\$596,000	3 BD - 1,668 SF - 1947
3647 Del Monte Way	94578	\$675,000	3 BD - 1,439 SF - 1954
990 Hollyhock Drive	94578	\$750,000	N/ABD-2,489 SF-1978
2096 Placer Drive	94578	\$600,000	3 BD - 1,919 SF - 1982
1580 Rake Court	94578	\$521,000	2 BD - 1,267 SF - 1947
14001 Reed Avenue	94578	\$404,000	2 BD - 1,084 SF - 1973
13856 Rose Drive	94578	\$423,000	2 BD - 1,307 SF - 1981
14798 Ruthelen Court	94578	\$568,000	3 BD - 1,521 SF - 1953
15383 Farnsworth Street	94579	\$598,000	3 BD - 1,160 SF - 1955
14720 Pepperdine Street	94579	\$500,000	5 BD - 2,809 SF - 1951
1550 Randy Street	94579	\$565,000	3 BD - 1,418 SF - 1955

TOTAL SALES: 20
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$346,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$550,000
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$750,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$535,600

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1927 Bandoni Avenue	94580	\$569,000	3 BD - 1,252 SF - 1956
1443 Bockman Road	94580	\$390,000	3 BD - 1,339 SF - 1951
15807 Vassar Avenue	94580	\$555,000	3 BD - 1,352 SF - 1950
1756 Via Rancho	94580	\$618,000	3 BD - 1,352 SF - 1955
185 Via San Carlos	94580	\$630,000	4 BD - 1,660 SF - 1946
1619 Via Tovita	94580	\$538,000	3 BD - 1,031 SF - 1951

TOTAL SALES: 6
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$390,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$562,000
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$630,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$550,000

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2090 173rd Avenue	94546	\$470,000	2 BD - 860 SF - 1941
19592 Barclay Road	94546	\$750,000	3 BD - 1,758 SF - 1963
20145 Catalina Drive	94546	\$655,000	3 BD - 1,546 SF - 1957
18907 Crest Avenue	94546	\$605,000	3 BD - 1,004 SF - 1949
21174 Nunes Avenue	94546	\$660,000	3 BD - 1,260 SF - 1948
17101 President Drive	94546	\$663,000	4 BD - 1,637 SF - 1949
1829 Riverbank Avenue	94546	\$541,500	3 BD - 1,174 SF - 1947
3428 Somerset Ave #A	94546	\$800,000	4 BD - 2,033 SF - 1940
2438 Somerset Avenue	94546	\$670,000	3 BD - 1,737 SF - 1958
5456 Briar Ridge Drive	94552	\$965,000	3 BD - 2,942 SF - 1984
7971 Pineville Circle	94552	\$875,000	4 BD - 2,476 SF - 1998
5310 Woodbury Drive	94552	\$1,185,000	4 BD - 2,992 SF - 1998

TOTAL SALES: 12
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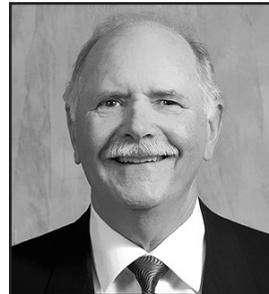
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Leong will talk about the poems, the process of translating Chinese characters into English,

and the poems written on the walls at the Angel Island U.S. Immigration Station.

The wall poems of Angel Island were written in several languages between 1910 and 1940, but the overwhelming majority were written in Chinese and often carved into the wood. Many of the poems are still visible on the

walls today.

Most of the poems were written in the style of classical Chinese poetry, which originated during the T'ang Dynasty, the years from 618 and 907. The majority of the poems were unsigned and undated, but were most likely written in the 1930s.

Leong is a poet and writer,

born in Southern California and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area. For over two decades, he worked as a public health administrator and attorney for the City of San Francisco.

Leong recently earned his MFA in writing from the Vermont College of Fine Arts, and while there, began a project to translate

the Chinese wall poems at the Angel Island Immigration Station. He is currently seeking a publisher for his manuscript, "Wild Geese Sorrow." His own writing focuses on the Asian American experience including adoption, multiracial families, and student activism during the 1960s.

Leong's poetry and prose have appeared in many publications including "Crab Orchard,"

"Cimarron Review," "Bamboo Ridge," "Hyphen" and "Spillway." In past lives he has been a singer-songwriter, disc jockey, high school teacher, and open mike host. He lives with his wife and daughter in San Leandro.

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LOCAL DEATHS

BARRON, Charlene GREEN, Rosemary Lillian LEIGH, Robert Graham LIBBRECHT, E.J. (Sandy) MATHEWS, Thomas Vinton ROMERO, Dora A. SMITH, Anneliese M. SUCATRE, Paul

BARRON, Charlene, of San Leandro, passed away on September 16, 2016. Charlene grew up in Long Beach but moved to Oakland in her late teens. She married Arnold Barron in 1948 and moved to Castro Valley in 1958 to raise their three daughters. Charlene did beautiful needlepoint and sewing, and taught needlepoint at the Women's County Jail for many years. She was also a 4-H Leader and school volunteer. She was a devoted Oakland A's fan from the early 1970s. Charlene will be greatly missed by her daughters, 7 grandchildren and her many friends. A private memorial service will be held on Sunday, October 9.

LIBBRECHT, E.J. (Sandy), passed peacefully at home with loving family by her side, on September 4, 2016. A long time resident of San Leandro will be greatly missed. Celebration of life pending. Family would appreciate any donations to go to Alta Mira Building Fund or Cancer Society.

SUCATRE, Paul, passed away suddenly on September 26, 2016 at age 83. He was born in Emeryville CA and was a longtime resident on San Leandro. A Memorial Mass will be held at St Felicitas Catholic Church, 1662 Manor Blvd. in San Leandro, on Fri., September 30, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Arrangements by Santos-Robinson Mortuary, San Leandro (510-483-0123, santos-robinson.com).

Fire Guts Garage On Evergreen Avenue

A family of four has been temporarily displaced by a fire that broke out in a home on the 1900 block of Evergreen Avenue near Assumption Church just after 1 p.m. on Tuesday.

No one was injured in the fire started in the home's attached garage and was apparently started by an automotive problem, according to Alameda County Fire Department spokeswoman Aisha Knowles.

The one-alarm fire was contained to the garage and auto workshop and firefighters were



able to control the blaze within 30 minutes of arriving on the scene.

Dora A. Romero

a long-time resident of San Leandro, passed away at the age of 92 years in her home on Wednesday, September 28, 2016, surrounded by her loving family.

Dora was married nearly 66 years to her late husband, Leo J. Romero. They raised 8 children together. Dora, and her husband were both devout Catholics.

A Memorial Service will be held for Dora tonight, Oct. 6, at 7 p.m. at Grissom's Chapel & Mortuary, 267 E. Lewelling Blvd., in San Lorenzo. On Friday, Oct. 7, a Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. at St. Felicitas Catholic Church, 1662 Manor Blvd., in San Leandro. A reception will be held at the church hall following the mass and a Cemetery Service will follow the reception.

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Anneliese M. Smith

Mrs. Anneliese M. Smith, widow of James R. Smith and resident of San Leandro, age 97, died September 26, 2016

Mother of George Michael and Peter Kybart-Smith, Anneliese was born in Berlin, Germany. She was an agent for the Home Insurance Co. in San Francisco and was manager of the Oakland Geico Insurance Co. for many years. Her loving kindness, generosity and strength of character through difficult times will always be remembered by those who knew and loved her. She will be missed. She is survived by her son, Peter.

Services were held on Monday, Oct. 3, at Golden Gate Cemetery in San Bruno.



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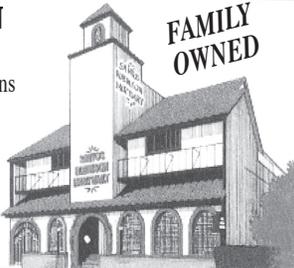
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Thomas Vinton Mathews

passed away on September 24, 2016 with his family by his side. He was 73 years old. He has been a resident of San Leandro since the year 2000.

Born and raised in Santa Cruz, Tom ran his own drywall contracting company, Pacific Coast Drywall, for more than 30 years. He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, serving as a crew chief and jet engine mechanic aboard the USS Ticonderoga, and was present at the Gulf of Tonkin incident.

He is much loved and will be greatly missed by family and friends. Visitation and a Memorial Service was held at Santos-Robinson Mortuary, 160 Estudillo Ave., in San Leandro on Oct. 5. Interment is today, Oct. 6, and he will then be escorted to his beloved home of Santa Cruz.

Arrangements made by Santos-Robinson Mortuary in San Leandro (510-483-0123, santos-robinson.com).

Rosemary Lillian Green

Long-time Resident of San Leandro

Born on October 27, 1919 in Loleta, California to Attilio and Victoria Biasca, Rosemary passed away on Thursday, September 22, 2016, just shy of one month of her 97th birthday, in her home in San Leandro.

She is survived by her son, Richard (Dyanne) Green; 2 grandchildren, Edward Green and Leanne (Jim) Larkin; 2 great-grandchildren, Blake and Brianna Larkin; and many nieces and nephews.

Rosemary is preceded in death by her late husband, George A. Green; and 5 siblings. She and her husband spent many wonderful years traveling all over the world. They enjoyed golfing, water skiing, tennis and dancing in their younger years. She enjoyed sports, the Oakland A's and San Francisco Giants, and attended many games.

She was a long-time volunteer in the San Leandro Community and belonged to several clubs.

At her request, no services will be held. Arrangements made by Chapel of the Chimes in Hayward. Visit: Chapelofthechimes.com/Hayward.



Robert "Bob" Graham Leigh

passed onto heaven on October 3, 2016. He was married 53 years to Emily Leigh. He was father to Daniel and Jenine. He has five grandchildren, Courtney, Amanda, Makenna, Jack and Austin. His twin brother, Richard Leigh, past two years ago; and his older brother, Robin Leigh, lives in Sparta, New Jersey.

Bob graduated and ran track for UC Berkeley, and also at UC Los Angeles. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He spent 27 years with the Alameda County Probation Department. He was a huge advocate for underprivileged and troubled youth.

His hometown of San Leandro recognized October 2, 2012 as Robert Leigh Day for his significant community service. He served on over a dozen city committees and was president of the Washington Manor Homeowners Association for 17 years. Bob coached soccer, softball and baseball for both of his children. His wit, generosity and love of life will be missed by all.

Services will be held at 3 Crosses Church in Castro Valley on Saturday, Oct. 8, at 11 a.m. and a celebration of life will follow.



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ANSWERS ON PAGE 3

Pot: Government control over free market

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The first permit was given to Harborside in 2015 after a months-long selection process. But the subsequent two permits were approved within weeks of each other – one for Davis Street Wellness Center and one for Blum – two operations with connections to City Hall.

Davis Street Family Resource Center director Rose Johnson is the Wellness Center's director of

community benefits. In 2012, the City Council proclaimed May 15 "Rose Padilla Johnson Day." Gordon Galvan, a city councilman in the 1990s, is the Wellness Center's director of governmental relations. And former City Councilwoman Diana Souza's son works for Blum and she was involved in their application process for the permit.

Councilman Benny Lee, who has abstained from votes regarding the city's medical marijuana

polices, has long been vocal about his concerns about the selection process.

City Councilman Benny Lee Says He Still Has Doubts

"I still have some issues with the openness of it," said Lee at Monday's meeting. He said the process should have been re-opened to any interested candidates rather than selecting from the first group that applied

years back.

City Attorney Richard Pio Roda said the moratorium will allow the city to see how marijuana sales go once the existing dispensaries open, especially in light of the possible legalization of recreational marijuana in California.

"We can see where this shakes out in regards to legalization," said Pio Roda. "It may be a good time to pump the breaks."

Navy Jets for Air Show to Fly Out of Oakland Airport

The U.S. Navy's Fleet Week 2016, which includes air show practices and demonstrations, is scheduled to run through the weekend. Air show performers will include the U.S. Navy Blue Angels and other military aircraft who will be based at the North Field of the Oakland Airport.

Blue Angels practice sessions are scheduled on Thursday, starting at approximately 1 p.m., subject to weather conditions.

The Fleet Week air show is scheduled on Friday to Sunday, starting at approximately 12:30 p.m. each day, subject to weather.

During practice sessions and the air show demonstrations, airport neighbors may experience an unusual level of aircraft activity and noise. Aircraft noise concerns may be directed to the Fleet Week Info Line at 415-306-0911, or the airport Noise Hotline at 510-563-6463.

OPINION

LETTERS to the EDITOR

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

High Tax on Medical Pot a Hardship for those Suffering

Editor:

Two articles dated Sept. 15, "Cutter Wants a Third Pot Shop" and Sept. 22, 2016, "Pot Permits Go to City Hall Cronies" talk about adding more marijuana dispensaries for more income, city taxes.

You are talking about taxing the disabled and sick people of San Leandro who are in pain. They are already suffering from not only medical problems but from financial hardship, as well.

I guess they are not suffering enough. Let's put another burden on their backs.

These clinics already charge top prices, excessive prices. One-eighth of an ounce, about the size of your thumb, costs \$85 or more. Whereas the street price is \$20 to \$25, and the actual cost of the produce is more like \$2.

By adding more clinics there just might be competition, which might lead to lower prices. The marijuana clinics and the city are money hungry and do not care about the patient.

These are San Leandro citizens, people who are suffering from pain and sickness.

—William Short
San Leandro

'Another Falsehood Provided By Our Favorite Windbag'

Editor:

For Leo T. West to in very his own words ("Calls for Jobs and Housing for Workers," Letters, Aug. 25): "I can prove with certainty that anyone can vote more than 10 times on election day."

Has he forgotten his spurious claim already and is this just another falsehood provided by our favorite local windbag?

—Ken Kellogg
San Leandro

Gun Club Closing: Answer to Vernon Burton's Question

Editor:

Mr. Burton stated he was having difficulty figuring out how the closure of the Chabot Gun Club harms police firearms training ("Wonders How Shut-Down of Gun Club Harms Cop Training," Letters, Sept. 29).

Allow me to help him understand.

While the range was open Friday through Monday to the public, Tuesday through Thursday were reserved for law enforcement. Regular users included four East Bay police depart-

ments, Moraga, Berkeley, Piedmont and Emeryville, as well as government contractors, Federal Correction Institute, U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Coast Guard and Military Sealift Command.

If Mr. Burton believes that lead sinkers in the waters of Lake Chabot are less of a contamination threat than lead bullets in the dirt berms a mile from the lake, he faces much bigger challenges than the "intellectually bankrupt" he accuses of conjuring up red herrings.

That, plus his decision to, if in need of assistance, "pass on the police and try to appeal to the better angels of the perp" indicates he might be cognitively challenged, something I wish him success in dealing with.

—Stephen Carbonaro
San Leandro

Accuses Burton of Turning Gun Club Debate Into a Race Issue

Editor:

I read Vernon Burton's letter (see above) and realized it was the same rhetoric that usually spews forth from his one-sided letters....until the last paragraph. He turned a debate about closing a long established club – open to everyone – into a race issue.

Nicely done Mr. Burton, work on being part of the solution, not the problem.

—John McKissack
San Leandro

INQUIRING REPORTER

Your favorite dessert?

— Asked at Marina Faire, Doolittle and Fairway

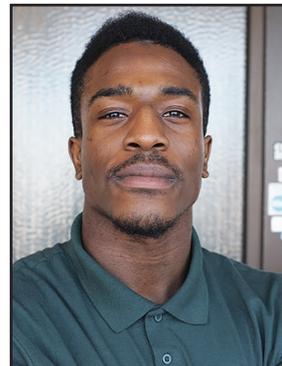
I have to say German chocolate cake, especially the icing with the pecans and stuff in it.

Don Johnson
San Leandro



I do love pound cake. It has to be made right, though. If it's nice and moist and sweet, you want to come back for more.

Ondre Rudolph
Dublin, works in San Leandro



Probably banana cream pie. It's the flavor and it's rich and if the white frosting is really good.

Kelvin Owens
Mountain House, works in San Leandro



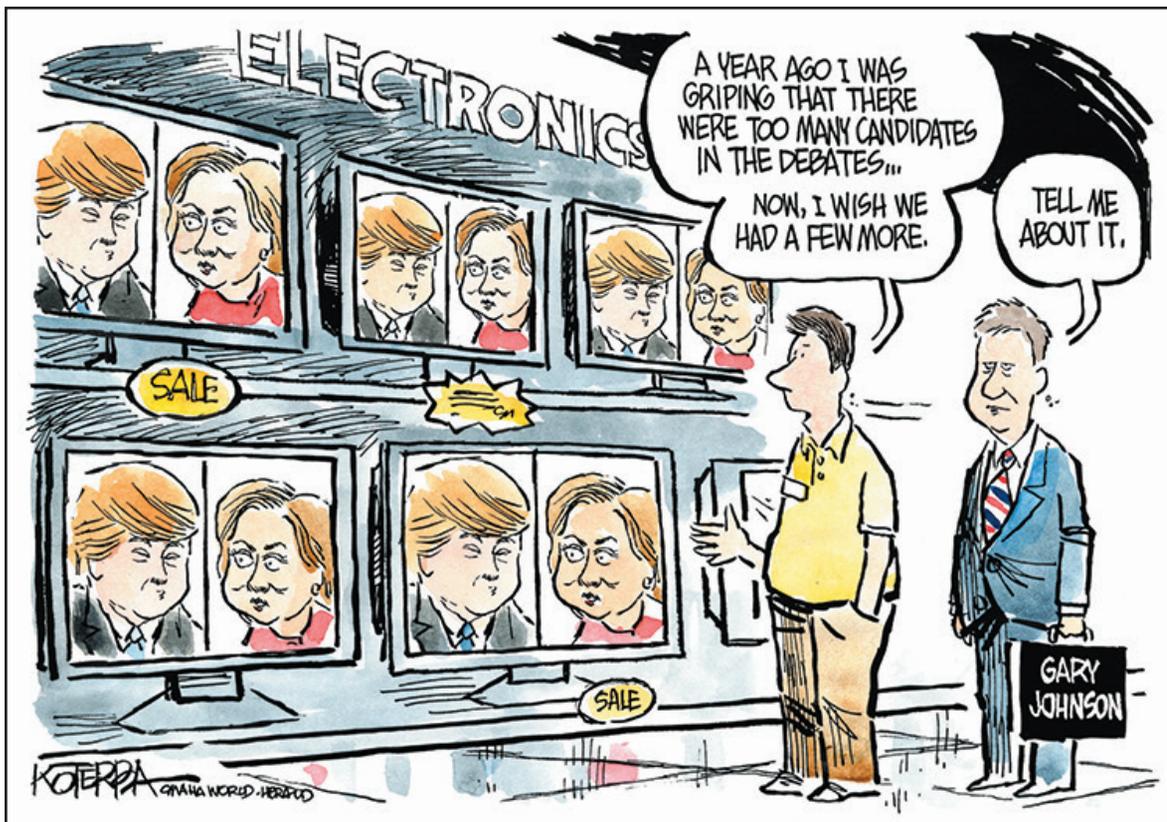
Apple pie. My grandmother used to make apple pie when we were kids and we had it every summer.

Leah Hall
San Leandro



I'm a sucker for a good cheesecake – the texture and if it's not too sweet, and the crumbly crust that holds it all together.

Marina Chavez
Oakland



Good Council Church Anniversary To Feature Singers and Comedians

A star studded concert will be held at Our Lady of Good Council Church Hall, 2500 Bermuda Ave. in San Leandro, on Saturday, Oct. 29, at 6:30 p.m.

The "Through the Years" concert will lead the audience on a musical journey over the last 50 years, featuring well known singer-comedian Fe De Los Reyes and the popular Philippines singer Jam Morales, supported by Ellona Santiago, an X-Factor finalist.

Other artists are Ronnie Ramos, Monica Mendoza, an American idol top 48 finalist and Charlz Mendoza.

Tickets are \$25. For more information about the tickets, call Beth Garcia at 861-1753 or Mon Cargo at 1-800-432-4300.

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BART: Many tax measures on the ballot

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ers and the Kersten Institute for Public Policy – who wrote the rebuttal argument, say that BART squanders its money and the life of the bond is far too long.

"BART doesn't deserve your trust" the ballot argument states. "BART isn't underfunded, it's reckless."

The argument states that despite the fact BART says the money will go to repairs and expansion of the system, it may

St. James Lutheran Yard Sale on October 15

St. James Lutheran Church, 993 Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro, is holding a church-wide yard sale on Saturday, Oct. 15, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Earthy treasures for sale include art, books, collectibles, household items, games, toys, clothing, sports and exercise equipment, jewelry and more.

Also offered will be breakfast burritos and other treats.

This fun family-friendly community event supports the ministries of St. James Lutheran Church and is open to everyone.

indirectly fund salaries. It goes on to say the average compensation of a BART employee including benefits is almost \$132,000 annually, and that BART mishandled labor agreements following the 2013 strikes that snarled the Bay Area commute.

The BART bond would run about \$17.50 per \$100,000 of assessed property value through 2036 if it receives two-thirds voter approval.

If Measure RR passes, the estimated total cost including principal and interest over the life of the bond would be \$6.8 billion.

For the other measures on the Nov. 8 ballot no argument against the measures have been submitted and none will appear on the ballot.

Those measures are a \$500 million affordable housing bond from the county, a \$96 annual parcel tax from AC Transit, a \$250 million bond from the Hayward Area Recreation District, a \$104 million bond from the school district, and three tax measures from the City of San Leandro.

If all the new tax measures and bonds pass, someone who lives in an area where they all apply in a home with an assessed value of \$500,000 would pay a total of \$578.50 more in annual property tax than they are currently paying.

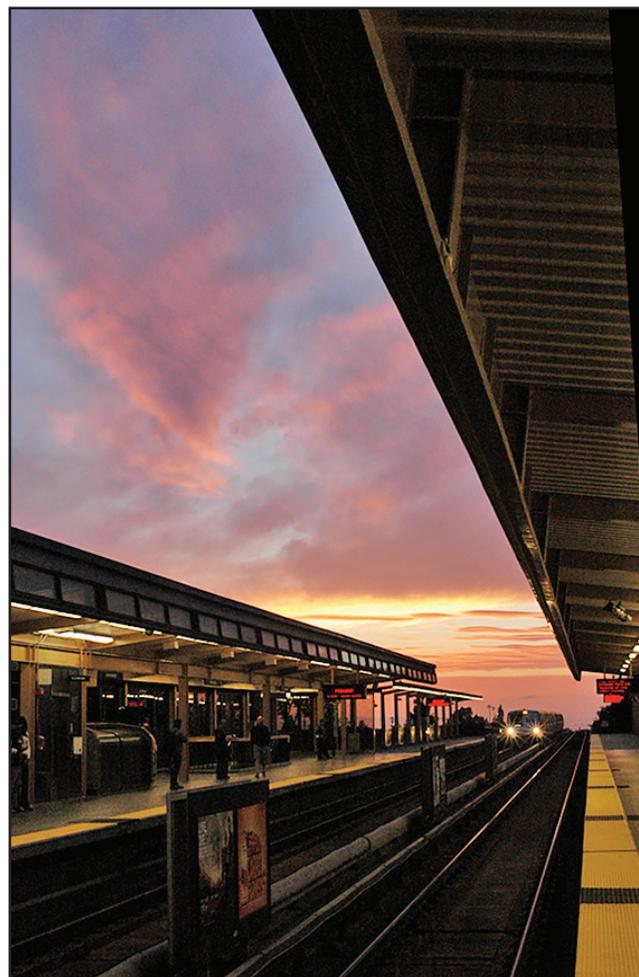


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BART says Measure RR, a \$3.5 billion bond, would upgrade its tracks, repair tunnels and replace the 44-year-old train control system. Opponents say BART squanders its money, the life of the bond is too long, and the money might indirectly go to salaries.

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