



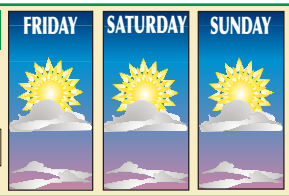
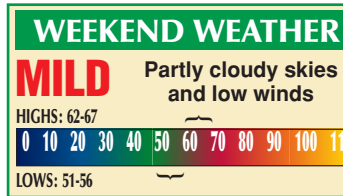
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Juan and Michelle Escobar, parents of two Madison students, gathered signatures on a petition in front of the school to protest a school board decision to move Principal Gerhard Grotke to a teaching job at another school.

Meeting Canceled

In a last-minute decision Wednesday evening, the San Leandro Unified School District announced that the Thursday special meeting on the Madison School principal is canceled, at the request of Principal Grotke and the Madison PTO.

Grotke has decided to leave his position as principal and Ms. Alane Paul-Castro has been named the interim principal.

Grotke is still employed by the district and will likely work at another position. He said in his resignation letter that the process has caused a rift in the school and he's stepping down in the best interest of the students.

PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Madison Parents Protest District's Decision to Reassign Principal

Special meeting of school board tonight; could reverse decision

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

Parents of James Madison Elementary School students started a petition to protest the school's principal being re-assigned to a teaching job at another school.

A special school board meeting has been called for tonight (Thursday) at 6 p.m. at San Leandro City Hall. The board will hear the matter again and could possibly change

its decision.

The petition has grown to over 400 signatures in support of Madison Principal Gerhard Grotke, known as Gerry, who is in his 16th year at the helm at Madison School on Juniper Street. Parents praised his work in making Madison one of the top schools in the district, and were furious at the district's decision to "demote" him, as they put it.

"We love this principal," said school

parent Jose Gonzalez. "We asked the board at the (May 6) meeting and they didn't want to answer any questions. They just kept saying, 'What do you want in a new principal?'"

Last week, parents said that school district officials told them that the decision was final. But after a storm of protests from parents, school officials announced that the

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Council Okay's Trailer Park Rent Ordinance

Park owners say it would not allow them a fair rate of return

By Nanette Deetz
San Leandro Times

On Monday night the city council passed an ordinance that limits rent increases and evictions for mobile homes.

The ordinance passed on a 4-1-1 vote with Mayor Pauline Cutter and Council members Victor Aguilar, Corina Lopez and Pete Ballew voting for it. Ed Hernandez voted no, Benny Lee abstained, and Debroah Cox was absent.

Over the last two years many renters were forced out of their homes amid a flurry of mobile home park buy-outs and big rent increases.

In March, the City Council postponed the vote in order to reevaluate the ordinance. At that time mobile home park owners agreed to a 90-day moratorium on any rent increases so that the ordinance could be improved. This was termed a "gentlemen's agreement" and was not legally binding.

The new ordinance will apply to the city's nine mobile home parks with 855 spaces.

Approximately 10 speakers addressed the council in favor of the ordinance.

"This ordinance is a bold and progressive solution to a very serious problem," said Mark Janowitz, a San Leandro tenants' rights' attorney. "The mobile home tenants are the most vulner-

able in our community. Mobile homes are also a valuable part of our community. This ordinance contains language that gives an extensive and broad concern see *ORDINANCE*, page 16

Get Ready: New Area Code 341

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

Pretty soon, you'll have to dial 11 digits on all phone calls, even if you're just calling across town. Next month, a new area code – 341 – will be added to the same area that is now 510 in an "overlay," according to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

The number of available central office prefixes (the first three numbers after the area code) are expected to run out soon in the 510 area, so the new 341 area code will start being assigned to new phone accounts in mid-July.

The change goes into effect on June 22 and the CPUC recommends that people start dialing

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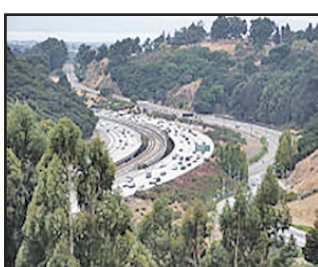
Drivers on I-580 in San Leandro should expect lane closures and delays overnight now through the fall of 2020, thanks to a lengthy \$45 million road resurfacing project.

CalTrans began work on a 9-mile stretch of I-580 between 150th Avenue in San Leandro

and Fruitvale Avenue in Oakland in late April.

They will be smoothing surfaces in all eastbound and westbound lanes of traffic and resurfacing all shoulders, medians, and on/off ramps, according to CalTrans.

This will mean intermittent



closures from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. each day. CalTrans says to keep an eye out for posted detour signs and electronic message boards for updates as the 18-month project continues.

For real-time traffic, see the CalTrans QuickMap at www.quickmap.dot.ca.gov/.

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MEETING SCHEDULES

CITY COUNCIL

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



Fritz



Thurston

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are Fritz the senior kitty and Thurston the senior kitty.

Fritz is 11 years old, shy in new situations and hides for a bit until he's comfortable. While

blossoming from attention from staff, he may revert to being shy of new people. Once he realizes he's safe again, he re-blossoms into the sweet kitty he truly is.

Thurston is a sweet, outgoing 9 year old cat. He's always looking for a pet, or a scratch on the chin. He has lots of affection to give and hopes to be loved in return. Neutered, chipped, up to date on vaccinations. Ready for a loving family to take him home.

For more information on Fritz or Thurston, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at 510-293-7200.

The Hayward Animal Shelter reports that Gabby Girl, one of the senior fur kids featured in last weeks' story, was adopted.

SIRs Meets Monthly at Metropolitan Golf Links

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.



The San Leandro Girls Softball 10U team finished the season at 12-1.

San Leandro Girls Softball 10U Goes 12-1 for the Season

San Leandro Girls Softball 10U wrapped up a winning season.

This young group of girls finished their season 12-1, led by coach Mason and his staff. At least a third of the team had just one year or less of experience.

The team was plagued by

injuries down the stretch, but the team rose to the occasion.

It was a great season and each girl improved throughout the year. Most importantly the girls had fun and their love for softball grew.

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Senior Lunch Menu

Lunch provided by Spectrum Community Services

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

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

The menu for lunch next week, May 27 to 31, is:

Monday – Memorial Day holiday, no lunch served.

Tuesday – Chicken quarter, pesto potatoes, green beans, whole wheat rolls and strawberries.

Wednesday – Beef stew, vegetable medley salad, whole wheat roll, and an orange.

Thursday – Spinach lasagna, tossed vegetable salad, seasonal fresh fruit, and a whole wheat roll.

Friday – Baked fish with lemon caper sauce, tomato Florentine soup, broccoli, rice pilaf and fruit.

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Truth Thursday Returns To the SL Tech Campus; First Responders Theme Tonight

Downtown San Leandro's "Truth Thursdays" returns today (Thursday, May 23) surrounding the iconic 55-foot Truth is Beauty statue at the San Leandro Tech Campus, 1600 Alvarado St., from 5 to 8:30 p.m.

The monthly "Truth Thursdays" events, organized by the San Leandro Improvement Association, will feature multiple food trucks, beer, wine, recreational games and live entertainment for the whole Bay Area to enjoy.

This year, each "Truth Thursdays" will have a theme. May will be a First-Responders Appreciation theme.

Thursday, June 27, will be "Made in San Leandro" event. July 25 will be "Arts & Culture." Aug. 22 will be "Season Book-end Event" (Headliner to be announced).

The San Leandro Improvement Association (SLIA) is a non-profit corporation.



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Firefighters at the Rodeo

Alameda County firefighters were on duty at the 99th Annual Rowell Ranch Rodeo in Castro Valley to help ensure guests and participants have a safe Rodeo experience at Rowell Ranch Rodeo Park

Forum to Present Information for Veterans and Families

Learn more about services for veterans and their families at the Veterans Forum this Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at

the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Come and talk to representatives from different organizations serving veterans.

This event is sponsored by the Veterans Resource Center at the San Leandro Main Library in celebration of Memorial Day.

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Oakland International Airport Unveils New Fire Trucks

Oakland International Airport and the Oakland Fire Department conducted an emergency response exercise earlier this month, introducing two new state-of-the-art firefighting apparatuses.

The exercise, hosted by OAK every three years, convened approximately 200 participants, including firefighters, airport

and airline personnel, regional first-response partners, and dozens of walking-wounded volunteers.

The exercise employed the two new Rosenbauer Panther firefighting vehicles, which were designed in Austria, manufactured in Minnesota, and purchased by the Port of Oakland for use at the airport.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

❖ Chanticleers Theatre

Other Desert Cities
Chanticleers Theatre, 3683 Quail

Ave. in Castro Valley, presents *Other Desert Cities*. This funny and searing play, by Jon

Robin Baitz (creator of the hit ABC show *Brothers & Sisters*), was recently one of the hottest tickets on Broadway and a finalist for the 2012 Pulitzer Prize. The show runs till May 26 on Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. General admission is \$25, seniors (60+), students, and military is \$20. For tickets, call 510-SEE-LIVE (733-5483) or go to chanticleers.org.

❖ Student Art Display

Art by local students will be on display through June 3 at the Hayward Area Historical Society (HAHS), 22380 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward with an opening reception on Wednesday, May 1, from 5 to 7 p.m. The Gallery is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) There's nothing an Aries Lamb likes less than having to tackle a humdrum task. But finding a creative way to do it can make all the difference. A more exciting time awaits you this weekend.



TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Finishing up a job on time leaves you free to enjoy your weekend without any Taurean guilt pangs. A romantic attitude from an unlikely source could take you by surprise.



GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Moving in a new career direction might be seen by some as risky. But if you have both the confidence to see it through and the facts to back you up, it could prove rewarding.



CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Holding back on a decision might be difficult, considering how long you've waited for this opportunity. But until you're able to resolve all doubts, it could be the wiser course to take.



LEO (July 23 to August 22) You still need to move carefully where financial matters are concerned. Better for the Lion to move slowly than pounce on a "promising" prospect that doesn't keep its promises.



VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A rejection of an idea you believe in can be upsetting. But don't let it discourage you. Get yourself back on track and use what you've learned from the experience to try again.



LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) The early part of the week could find you looking to balance your priorities between your family obligations and your career responsibilities. Pressures begin to ease by week's end.



SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) An associate's problem could cause unavoidable delays in moving ahead with your joint venture. If so, use the time to look into another project you had previously set aside.



SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Although a financial problem could be very close to being resolved in your favor, it's still a good idea to avoid unnecessary spending for at least a little while longer.



CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Support for some unwelcome workplace decisions begins to show up, and continues to build, so that by week's end, the gregarious Goat is as popular as ever.



AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Congratulations. Deciding to attend a social function you might have earlier tried to avoid could turn out to be one of the best decisions you've made in a long time.



PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Getting into a new situation could prove to be a more difficult experience than you expected. Don't hesitate to ask for advice in coping with some of the more irksome challenges.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR



❖ K-Pop and Halo Halo Night at SL Library

In celebration of Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month, the San Leandro Public Library invites the community to K-Pop and Halo Halo Night tonight, May 23, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Admission is free. K-Pop is the infectious music and dancing genre originating in South Korea and pulsing with massive worldwide appeal. The library will stream K-Pop music videos and Oakland's "In the Groove Studios" will offer a live performance and dance lessons. All are invited to cool off with halo halo, a colorful and icy Filipino delicacy.

❖ San Leandro Democratic Club

The San Leandro Democratic Club will present a panel discussion on "A Parolee's Right to Vote" with guest speaker Assemblyman Rob Bonta tonight, May 23, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Panelists include Alameda County Public Defender Brendon Woods; Ms. K. Glossup from Youth & Family Services; civil rights attorney Pamela Price; Deleign Thompson with the League of Women Voters; Dr. E. N. Crawford, pastor of the Praises of Zion Missionary Baptist Church; and Cynthia Chandler, director of the Bay Area Legal Incubator.

❖ Community of Faith Breakfast

Bay Area Family Church, 2305 Washington Ave. in San Leandro, will hold its monthly Community of Faith Breakfast on Saturday, May 25, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. featuring speakers David and Arehta Fortune. All are welcome.

❖ San Leandro's Veterans Forum

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❖ Sunday Dance at the Alta Mira Club

The Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave. in San Leandro, will host a dance on Sunday, May 26, from 4 to 6:30 p.m., featuring the Paul Price Society Orchestra. Listen or dance to vintage music from 1890 to 1935 and enjoy hors d'oeuvres. Period attire optional. Tickets are \$20. For reservations, call Grace Gallagher at 568-9322.

❖ Pre-Pride Parade Party

The San Leandro Unified School District will have a Pre-Pride Parade Poster Painting and Pizza Party on Wednesday, May 29, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the San Leandro High cafeteria. Come and plan for participation in the June 30 San Francisco Pride Parade, along with pizza, salad, sign painting and community building. Sign painting materials and pizza provided. All ages welcome.

❖ "End of the Year Bash" at McKinley School

McKinley Elementary School, 2150 East 14th St. in San Leandro, welcomes the community to its annual "End of the Year Bash" on Friday, May 31, from 5 to 7 p.m. A fun and family friendly evening of entertainment, games and food. Plus face stenciling, raffles prizes, first responder vehicles, bounce house play and even a petting zoo. Proceeds benefit the McKinley

PTO, which provides funds for classroom and school activities. Donations are always welcome (venmo: @McKinleyPTO).

❖ Emergency Preparedness Disaster Training

The Alameda County Fire Department (ACFD) invites the community to attend a Personal Emergency Preparedness (PEP) Disaster Training on Tuesday, June 4, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Following the training, the Library Movie Night will screen the film "World War Z" from 8 to 10 p.m. PEP Training helps individuals and families prepare themselves for a disaster by minimizing potential dangers in the home. Visit ACFD to register at www.acfdcert.eventbrite.com or to register by phone, call 510-632-3474 ext. 1721.

❖ Volunteers Wanted for Meals on Wheels

Benefiting Meals on Wheels of Alameda County, Taste 2019 is a fun evening of food and wine, as well as silent and live auction items on Thursday, June 6, from 5:30 to 10 p.m. at the Ascension Cathedral, 4700 Lincoln Ave. in Oakland. Volunteers are needed for a variety of roles, including guest greeter, silent auction set-up, photography, and wine & restaurant servers. Food will be provided for volunteers who have a shift for three hours or more, and volunteers will have a chance to bid on auction items. For more information or to volunteer, contact Erin at erin@feedingseniors.org.

❖ I.D.E.S. Salad Bar Lunch & Bingo

I.D.E.S. St. John, 1670 Orchard Ave. in San Leandro, will have a hamburger and hotdog lunch with bingo on Saturday, June 8, at noon. Tickets are \$10 per person and includes a hamburger, hotdog, fries, salad and fruit and four bingo cards. Extra bingo cards are 25 cents each. There will also be a 50/50 cash raffle. For tickets, call Darlene at 589-6536, Willie at 635-6326 or Frances at 886-1568.

❖ St. Gerard Women's Club Luncheon

St. Gerard Women's Club will host a salad bar luncheon and fashion show on Saturday, June 8, from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 264 E. Lewelling Blvd. in San Lorenzo, in the gym. Enjoy delicious salads, margaritas, surprise dessert and raffle prizes. Tickets are \$20. Tickets and information available by calling Eva Lowe at 510-586-0376.

❖ Japanese Community Center's Bazaar

The Eden Japanese Community Center's annual fundraising bazaar with Japanese food, a raffle, bingo, and carnival-type games for kids will be on Saturday, June 8, from 1 to 7 p.m.; and Sunday, June 9, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Eden Japanese Community Center, 710 Elgin St. in San Lorenzo. Food includes barbecued teriyaki chicken and rib dinner, sushi, udon, chicken curry, and shaved ice, plus raffle, bingo and other games.

❖ Chabot College Football Reunion

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

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. Only Non-Profit Organizations should submit calendar items.

SPORTS

Pirates Sprinters, High Jumper Qualify for State Meet

Top track athletes in Nor Cal compete at Meet of Champions

By Andrew Joseph
San Leandro Times

Boys and girls athletes from San Leandro High School performed outstanding at the annual North Coast Section (NCS) Meet of Champions (MOC) on Friday and Saturday at Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill, qualifying for the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) state championships this weekend in multiple events.

“Our boys 4x100m relay team performed excellent today,” said Pirates head sprinters coach Anthony Trammell. “They fought all the way down to the wire and put on a show.”

The San Leandro boys 4x100m relay team – Jayland Bailey, Obinna Elendu, Dante

Johnson, and Jacari Ward – placed second overall during the preliminaries on Friday with a time of 42.90 seconds which advanced them to Saturday’s finals.

“I was focusing on my arm swings, picking my knees up, getting out of my start during my race, and my breathing technique,” said Pirates’ sprinter Dante Johnson. “I’m proud of our performance in the 4x100m relay because even though we could have almost placed first there were other teams who didn’t even qualify for the state finals.”

In Saturday’s finals, despite the unexpected rainy conditions in Concord the team placed second with an improved time



Pirates sprinter Jayland Bailey runs out of the blocks in the first leg of the boys 4x100m relay finals on Saturday.

of 42.57 seconds, qualifying for the state meet, just 0.12 seconds behind first place Clayton Valley.

This season’s Pirates boy’s 4x100m team personal record (PR) is 42.31, which stands as sixth on the all-time Pirates’ school record.

“I just wanted to get out strong and get the stick around during the relay,” said Bailey. “Of course we wanted to win first place, but I’m okay with finishing second and still qualifying for state.”

The Pirates’ girls 4x100m relay team – Nichole Fairley, Savannah Prescott, Inaam Campbell, and Kayla Lee – finished with a time of 49.82 seconds on Friday, advancing them to Saturday’s MOC finals. They finished in eighth place on Saturday with a time of 50.50 seconds and did not qualify for this weekend’s CIF championships, but have accomplished a great deal this season making it to the NCS MOC finals.

“During the relay I was just focusing on my handoffs, getting

out quick, and running around the curve as fast as I could,” said Campbell. “I’m glad that we made it this far and hopefully we can have a good season next year.”

San Leandro competed in the boys 100-meter dash on Friday with two MOC finals qualifiers Johnson and Elendu finishing seventh and eighth overall with respective times of 11.11 seconds and 11.12 seconds.

On Saturday’s finals Elendu finished seventh with a time of 11.35 seconds and Johnson fin-

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Nichole Fairley crosses the finish line in the second heat of the girls 100m dash preliminaries on Friday to finish seventh in her heat and 18th overall.

ished eighth with a time of 11.43 seconds. Johnson’s PR is 10.95 seconds from a meet earlier this year, which stands as eighth on the list of all time San Leandro high 100m runners records.

“Preparing for this race we practiced a lot of speed blocks,” added Elendu. “I didn’t get as good of a start as I thought I could during the 100 meters, but I feel my goals for this season have been accomplished just making it to NCS finals coming off of my

ACL and MCL injury last season that kept me away for a year.”

Fairley finished 18th overall on Friday in the girls 100 meters with a time of 12.88 and did not qualify for the finals in that event. Ariana Chavez, who although finished 22nd in the 800 meters girls race Friday, holds third place all-time in that event in the Pirates’ school history with a time of 2:25.59 from this earlier season.

“I feel that I’ve set a lot of

personal goals and this season I have reached them all so I’m proud of that,” said Fairley.

In the boys high jump, Paul Randal of San Leandro jumped 6’4” and finished eighth overall, qualifying for the CIF championships and setting the Pirates’ all-time school record in that event.

Deanna Gaines of San Leandro earned second place in the shot put at the MOC finals with a distance of 40’0.5” to qual-

ify for the CIF championships. Gaines also finished in fifth place in the girls discus with a throw of 121’1”.

“All we have to do is take things one day at a time and keep performing the way we’ve been doing and we’ll do good at the CIF state meet,” said coach Trammell.

The CIF State championships meet will be held this Friday and Saturday at Buchanan High School in Clovis.

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/s/Joaquin Rabelo, Lawrence Salas Jr.
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NOTICE TO NATALIE REAGAN and JASON REAGAN as an heir of CHARLES ELMER REAGAN, who died in Winston, Oregon, on August 19, 2018. Testate probate proceedings, bearing the clerk’s file number 19PB07585, have been commenced and are now pending in the Douglas County, Oregon, Circuit Court. Your rights may be affected by this proceeding. Larry L. Reagan was duly appointed on October 8, 2018 and is now serving as personal representative. Additional information may be obtained from the court records or the personal representative, Larry Reagan, c/o Sarah Wolf, Attorney, 727 SE Cass Ave. #318, Roseburg OR 97470.
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AUTOMOTIVE

Hyundai Kona Dazzles as Far Ranging Compact Crossover EV

By Steve Schaefer
San Leandro Times

The world of electric vehicles (EVs) is expanding, as more new models and versions of existing cars arrive. Although the market is still small for these battery-powered cars, it's expected to grow substantially in the coming years.

Enter the Hyundai Kona EV. The small crossover is the most direct competitor to the veteran Chevrolet Bolt EV. It's almost the same size, and all its statistics are virtually identical. But its EPA range is a whopping 258 miles—20 more than the Bolt—and its styling is more crossover than hatchback.

My Pulse Red test car was the top-level Ultimate model—a step above the SEL and Limited. The Bolt EV offers two levels, but the price spread for entry vs. loaded is still about \$7,000. That difference is mainly in comfort and convenience features, so all Kona EVs get the same 150 kW electric motor with 201 horsepower and 290 lb.-ft. of torque, fed by a 64-kWh lithium-ion Polymer battery system.

Adding a sunroof, leather seating and wireless charging (and more) brings you to the Limited, and when you include a larger 8-inch touchscreen, head-up display, ventilated front seats and smart cruise

control you've got the Ultimate. Visit Hyundai's website for details.

Hyundai has become successful over the years by equipping their cars with plenty of standard features and improving the styling, materials, and assembly quality. This Korean brand sits right at the top echelon of J.D. Power's initial quality ratings.

The Kona EV wears a different face from its gas-drinking sibling. They covered up the unnecessary grille hole with a textured plastic panel. Funny that most electric cars still get "mouths" even if they don't need them. Of course, the Nissan Leaf, having no non-electric version, never had one.

The interior feels contemporary and familiar, nice but not outright luxurious, even at the top level. As with other EVs, a lot of cost goes into the battery pack. But while some people have complained about the Bolt's hard plastic interior, in the Kona things feel a little more cushioned.

Regeneration is important in any electrically-powered car. The Bolt lets you drive in "D," which approximates a normal automatic transmission, or click into "L" and you get enough regeneration when you lift your right foot to literally come to a full stop at a traffic light without using the brake pedal. The Kona lets you choose from

three levels of regen (or none), however the regen cuts out at a few miles per hour, necessitating the brake.

The tendency with an electric car is to drive gently to preserve battery charge. The Kona gives you a choice of Normal, Eco, and Sport settings. Normal is balanced between the other two, and the instrument panel displays a speedometer with the charge level in the center. Eco makes some changes to help you keep it slow and steady and displays an Eco gauge to monitor your driving behavior (by selecting Eco you're saying you're interested). Sport takes more advantage of the motor's torque and displays a power gauge instead. Driving mostly in Normal, I averaged 4.1 miles per kilowatt hour, which calculates to 262.4 miles—darned close to the advertised range.

Charge times are 9 hours and 35 minutes for Level 2 240-volt service, a couple of days on normal level 1 household current, or you can get an 80 percent charge on Level 3 DC fast charging in under an hour.

The Kona's EPA numbers are 132 City, 108 Highway and 120 Combined. Compare that to the Bolt, with 128/110/119 respectively. That's about as close to identical as you can get. The Smog and Greenhouse Gas numbers are perfect 10s, of course.

The Kona is not a large car,



Kona Electric's exterior styling features voluminous, aggressive body styling complemented by a low and wide stance.

and the rear seating can be a little tight, depending on where the front seats are set. For cargo, you'll get 19.2 cubic feet with all seats up and 45.8 cubic feet when you drop the rears. That's plenty for most of us.

Pricing is in line with the other nonluxury EVs, including the Bolt EV. The SEL starts at \$36,950, Limited at \$41,400, and Ultimate at \$44,900. Add \$1,045 for shipping. My tester came to \$45,830 with carpeted floor mats and starting at a \$44,650 price. Federal and State rebates and tax breaks apply, and the window sticker says, "You save \$4,250 in fuel costs over 5 years compared to the average new vehicle." Believe it. Zero on maintenance, too.



The floating eight-inch seamless navigation touchscreen includes standard Android Auto™ and Apple CarPlay™ capability.

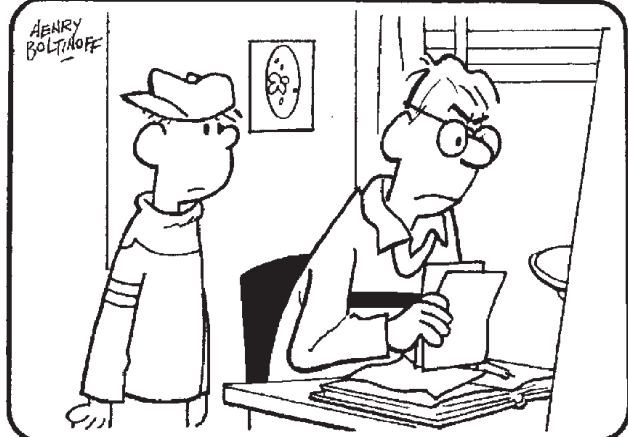
I expect the new Kona to be successful, with the right look for today and by including a few items the Bolt EV doesn't, such as standard DC fast charging and available smart cruise control. And it just won the 2019 North American Utility Vehicle of the Year award, so it's off to a great start.

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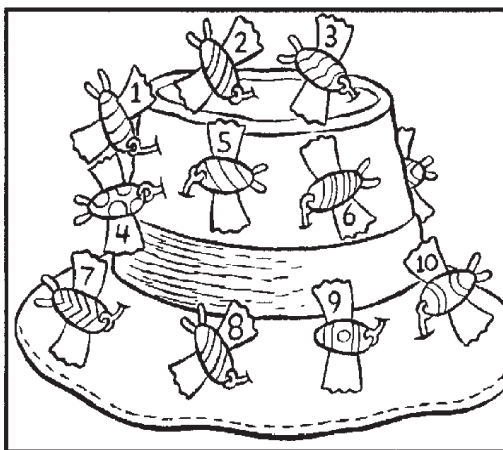
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Boy's hat is different. 2. Picture has been added. 3. Blinds are lower. 4. Man's sweater has a stripe. 5. Desk papers are missing. 6. Boy's shirt has no letter 'T'.



CAN YOU REEL IN the two flies on Uncle Fred's hat that are exactly alike?

Answer: 2 and 8.

EVEN STEVEN!

Can you make an "odd" 7 "even"?

Answer: Drop the "S" from the word "SEVEN" and you have the word "EVEN."

LET THE GAMES BEGIN! At right is a word square. You are challenged to find the four five-letter words that match the definitions below. All words used must read the same both across and down.

1. Track and Field (Games, in place).
2. To put up with.
3. To imitate closely.
4. A formal command.
5. Small, religious groups.

Answers: 1. Games, 2. Abide, 3. Mimic, 4. Edict, 5. Sects.

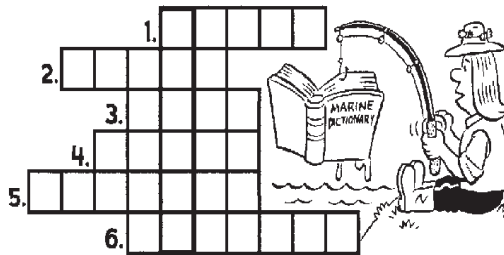


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Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

A LUCKY CATCH!



In the grid to the left, there is room to enter six words pertaining to creatures of the sea. The hints below should help.

1. The favorite fish of lucky people.
2. The favorite fish of gamblers.
3. The favorite fish of shoemakers.
4. The favorite shell fish of barbers.
5. The favorite shell fish of jewelers.
6. The favorite fish of photographers.

There is a dark frame around one of the columns in our grid. If you correctly solve the puzzle, the letters in the frame, top to bottom, will tell you how most fish eventually travel.

1	G	2	A	3	M	4	E	5	S
2	A								
3	M								
4	E								
5	S								

Answers: 1. Fluke, 2. (card) Shark, 3. Sole, 4. Razor (clams), 5. Oysters (pearl), 6. Snapper. The dark frame column spells "Frozen."

LIFESTYLE

Getting Fired Up for the Weekend

The coming holiday weekend is the unofficial start of the summer cookout season, so now may be the right time to brush up on the do's and don'ts of grilling.

1. Preheat the grill. If cooking grates aren't hot enough, food will stick and won't have a chance of searing properly or developing grill marks. Even if a recipe calls for medium or low heat, you should preheat the grill on high first to at least 500° F.

2. Don't start with dirty grates. Leftover gunk on the grates acts like glue, binding both your new food to the old and all of it to the grates. After preheating the grill for about 10 minutes, brush the grates off with a sturdy, long-handled brush with stainless steel bristles.

3. Get your act together. Bring everything you need near the grill before grilling. If you have to run back into the kitchen while your food is cooking, you might overcook or burn the food.

4. Give yourself at least two heat zones. If you set up your grill for one type of heat only, your options are limited. Have at least two heat zones – one for direct heat (where the fire is right under the food) and one for indirect heat (where the fire is off to the side of the food).

Many foods, such as steaks, are seared quickly over direct heat and then finished over indirect.

5. Don't overcrowd the grill. Packing too much food into a tight space restricts your flexibility. Leave plenty of space between food for easy maneuverability.

6. Use the lid. When the lid is closed, the cooking grates are hotter, the grilling times are faster, the smoky tastes are stronger

and the flare-ups are fewer. Just don't forget to open the charcoal grill's lid vent at least halfway to allow proper airflow.

7. Don't touch the food much. Most people like food seared to a deep brown color with plenty of beautifully charred bits. Many move their food so often it doesn't get enough time in one place to reach that color and flavor. In nearly all cases, turn food just once or twice.

8. Take charge of the fire. A charcoal fire climbs to its hottest temperatures first and then loses heat either quickly or slowly, depending on the type of charcoal and how you tend the fire. Refuel before losing too much heat, rearrange coals, sweep away the ashes that could clog the bottom vents, and adjust the vents on the lid for ideal airflow.

9. Don't serve rubbery chicken. A correctly grilled chicken breast should gently yield when you press the surface with your fingertip. Get an instant-read thermometer for an even more reliable test of doneness.

10. Do use the grill for more than grilling. It used to be that grilling meant one thing: meat charred over open flames. Today, everything from fruits and vegetables through desserts can be prepared on a grill.

GRILLED PORK CHOPS

4 pork rib chops, about 1-1/4 inches thick each

Marinade:
1/4 cup plus 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
3 tablespoons soy sauce
1 olive oil
1/2 teaspoon light brown sugar
1/4 teaspoon chopped fresh rosemary
1/4 teaspoon salt



1/4 teaspoon black pepper

Marinade: In a medium bowl whisk together the marinade ingredients.

Place the chops in a large, resealable plastic bag and pour in the marinade. Press the air out of the bag and seal tightly. Turn the bag to distribute the marinade, place in a bowl and refrigerate for 30 minutes. Remove the chops from the bag and discard the marinade.

Sear the chops over direct high heat (500°F) for 6 minutes, turning once halfway through searing time. (The best way to gauge the temperature is to set an oven thermometer on the grate.) Continue grilling over Indirect Medium heat until the juices run clear, 6 to 8 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Serves 4.

BBQ CHICKEN

5 to 6 pounds assorted fried

chicken pieces
1/4 cup olive oil
Salt and freshly-ground pepper
Barbecue Sauce

Prepare grill for indirect cooking and position grilling rack 4 to 6 inches from heat.

Rub chicken pieces with oil and sprinkle them with salt and pepper.

For the initial browning, place the chicken pieces, skin-side-down, directly over the hot coals (you will move them later for indirect cooking). Turn frequently for about 10 minutes until browned on both sides. Have a spray bottle of water at hand to douse flare-ups.

Move chicken to another part of the grill so the pieces are no longer directly over the fire (although they may overlap slightly).

Cover the grill, with vents open halfway, and cook for 10 minutes. Turn and cook, covered, 5 minutes more. Brush generously with sauce, cover, cook a final 5 minutes. Pass the remaining sauce around the table.

BBQ BEEF CHUCK STEAK

1 beef chuck 7-bone steak cut 3/4 to 1-inch thick (about 2 pounds)

Marinade:

1 cup finely chopped onion
1 cup ketchup
1/3 cup packed brown sugar
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1/3 cup red wine vinegar
1/8 to 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper

Combine marinade ingredients in medium bowl. Place beef steak and 1 cup marinade in food-safe plastic bag; turn to coat. Close bag securely and marinate in refrigerator 6 hours or as long as overnight,



Memorial Day is much more than a three-day weekend that marks the beginning of vacation season. To the nation's thousands of combat veterans the day has a history stretching back all the way to the Civil War.

Originally known as Decoration Day, it was established in 1868 to commemorate the dead from the long and bloody war between the North and the South. Over the years it came to serve as a day to remember all U.S. men and women killed or missing-in-action in all wars.

turning occasionally. Refrigerate remaining marinade.

Remove steak; discard marinade. Place steak on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill, uncovered, 15 to 18 minutes for medium rare to medium doneness, turning occasionally.

Place remaining marinade in small saucepan; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer 10 to 15 minutes or until sauce consistency, stirring occasionally. Cut steak into serving-size pieces. Serve with sauce. Makes 4 servings.

CHERRY PIE

● BAKE - OFF ●

Saturday, June 1, 2019

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Bake-Off Rules:

- ❖ Pie must be homemade, both filling and crust and in a non-returnable baking dish.
- ❖ No pre-registration needed. Bring your pie, pie recipe (on a 3 x 5 inch index card) and completed entry form.
- ❖ Pie must be turned in between 11:00 AM and 11:30 AM to the Pie Contest Booth near the Main Stage. **No late entries accepted.**
- ❖ Judging is held at the Cherry Festival. Winners will be announced on the Main Stage, ribbons and prizes will be awarded and featured in the San Leandro Times.

Registration form is available on line at www.SanLeandro.org. For information, contact Recreation and Human Services at (510) 577-3461

2019 CHERRY PIE REGISTRATION FORM

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HEALTH & FITNESS

Accidental Medication Exposure At Home Takes its Toll on Kids

By Pamela Stoker
Special to the Times

You've heard the warnings: put medicines out of reach of children, read all labels, take only what is prescribed in the manner it is prescribed.

Yet every year, nearly 60,000 kids under the age of 5 are accidentally exposed to medications, according to Consumer Reports.

So, what can be done?

Proper Disposal

Proper disposal of unwanted, unused or expired medicines is a great way to safeguard against unintentional exposure. But throwing unwanted medicines into the garbage, down the toilet, or other non-sanctioned means of disposal is not safe and poses both health and environmental hazards.

The safest way to dispose of medicines is to put them

in special medication disposal kiosks where they are stored until they can be destroyed.

Working with the Alameda County Med-Project, Eden Medical Center now offers medication disposal kiosks to the community. The kiosks are conveniently located in the hospital's lobby, open to the public, and free of charge for anyone to drop off unwanted or expired medications.

Safe Storage

Safe storage of medicine is key in protecting against unintentional exposure.

According to the new research report, "Medicine Safety: A Key Part of Child-Proofing Your Home," a disconnect exists between where people "store" their medications and where they "keep" their medications.

Medications that are not frequently used are "stored" in a safe location like a medicine

cabinet or closet, whereas daily use prescriptions or over the counter medicines are "kept" in more convenient, easy to reach locations like the nightstand or countertop.

This disconnect creates a risk for unintentional poisoning.

To keep others safe, maintain all medications out of sight, away from locations that are easily accessible — no matter how frequently you use them.

Working Together

In Alameda County, several agencies have come together to outreach to the community for medication safety education and awareness.

Safe Kids Alameda County is a member of Safe Kids Worldwide, a global network of organizations dedicated to preventing unintentional injury.

They work to prevent un-

intentional childhood injury, the number one cause of death for children in the United States. Its members include Alameda County Emergency Medical Services, Alameda Health Systems, Sutter's Eden Medical Center, UCSF-Benioff Children's Hospital, Oakland, and many other local agencies.

Work is also being done by the Alameda County Meds Coalition, which meets monthly at Supervisor Nate Miley's office in Castro Valley.

The Coalition brings together various agencies to work on topics of medication safety including legislation and ease of safe disposal of medications, safe prescribing, and education/awareness on medication safety.

Pamela Stoker is a Trauma Injury Prevention Specialist at Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley.



Small Changes Can Mean Big Differences In Blood Pressure Control

Almost half of the U.S. adult population has high blood pressure—that's any reading at or above 130 for the top number or 80 for the bottom number.

If you find yourself among them, it may be wise to consider four lifestyle evaluation questions:

1. How often do you eat fruits and vegetables?
2. How much salt do you take in?
3. Are you at least moder-

ately active for half an hour a day?

4. Are you at a healthy weight for your height?

• What To Do

If your assessment reveals room for improvement, Michael Hochman, M.D. at the University of Southern California, has an encouraging message for you:

"Know this: Small changes can make big differences. You don't have to overhaul everything you do or eat. Tracking your blood pressure between health care visits lets you easily stay on top of your health.

"In 10 minutes or less, you can check your numbers. If you are learning for the first time that your blood pressure is creeping upward, small changes in your lifestyle—a bit more physical activity, a few more fruits and vegetables—could mean the difference between low vs. high risk for heart disease or stroke."

Here's a checklist to help you make those small changes:

- ✓ 15–20 minutes of moderate aerobic activity per day can reduce the top number in

your blood pressure reading, called systolic pressure, by 5 to 8 mmHg

- ✓ Reducing sodium intake by 1,500 mg (3/4 of a teaspoon) per day can result in lowering systolic pressure 5 to 6 mmHg

- ✓ A 10-pound weight loss could lower systolic blood pressure by 5 mmHg.

Little-Known BP Raisers

If you do have high BP, consult your health care provider or pharmacist about the safety of your over-the-counter medicines.

Some OTC pain relievers, known as nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, or NSAIDs—such as naproxen and ibuprofen—may raise blood pressure. Acetaminophen may be a better choice for pain.

Drugstore cold and flu medicines that contain decongestants can also raise blood pressure.

To avoid these BP raisers, read medication labels and discuss alternative pain, fever or cold medicine with your doctor. A quick guide to BP raisers is at heart.org/BPtools.

• Take It Home

Monitoring at home can help confirm a diagnosis and determine how well your lifestyle changes and medications are working to reduce your blood pressure.

The American Heart Association's efforts to improve healthy choices related to living with high blood pressure are proudly supported by Tylenol.

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341: Include area code

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all 11 digits now to get used to it. If you have a 510 number now, you will keep the same number, but you will have to dial 1-510 before any call, even if it is to another 510 number.

“Now is the time to pre-program phone numbers.”

Now is the time to update any pre-programmed 7-digit phone numbers in your cell phone to include the area code. And make

sure any stationery, checks, emergency contact information, pet ID tags, and other items have the area code included.

Local calls will still be local and prices won't change regardless of whether the phone is under the 510 or 341 area code. Service numbers such as 911, 211, or 511 will remain 3-digit numbers.

A little area code history: the 341 number was assigned as a relief area code for the 510 area way back in 1999 and now it's needed, the CPUC says.

The 510 area code was created when it was split off of the 415 area code in 1991. The 510 area code was changed again in 1998 when the 925 area code was split off for cities farther east.

Principal: Special meeting tonight at 6 o'clock

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decision is not final anymore at a meeting at Madison last Thursday.

“The board will consider a reversal of the decision,” said Assistant Superintendent John Thompson. “We have frozen the hiring process because we want to hear from you.”

A roomful of parents demanded to know what led the school district to remove Grotke as principal at Madison.

“Everything is on hold,” said superintendent Mike McLaughlin. “I got feedback from the team last night, and I said, ‘Okay, we’re going to listen.’”

McLaughlin said that the school board will reconsider at the special meeting tonight where they will listen to what the parents have to say. Then the board will go into closed session, because it's a personnel matter, and then re-convene in open session and announce their decision.

The board could overturn its previous decision, or it could stay with their original action, McLaughlin said.

School officials said that they couldn't answer the parent's questions about the reason for the decision to move Grotke to a different job in the district, because it's a personnel matter.

Thompson said that it wasn't because of anything illegal or anything like that. The district



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Madison parents met at the school last Thursday evening in support of the school's principal Gerard Grotke.

evaluates principals on the job they're doing and sometimes they are returned to their job as a teacher, he said.

The parents at the meeting at Madison reminded school officials that student achievement and test scores have risen significantly with Grotke as principal.

“Student performance is a big thing, but there are a lot of other

things,” Thompson replied. “We make decisions every year to get the best staff.”

One parent, who asked to speak, said that it was time for new leadership at the school. But most were still staunchly opposed to the decision to reassign Grotke.

“It's like they're trying to turn a successful school into a failed one,” said one parent.

Some of the comments at

the meeting from parents who support Grotke, speculated that maybe the principal has fallen out of favor with the higher-ups because he didn't follow district rules to a “T.” A couple of parents said that he might “bend the rules a little,” but he got good results.

“Under Mr. Grotke's leadership, it's been working,” said another parent. “He's not just a good leader, he's a good person.”



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By Carl Medford, CRS
Special to the Times

GUEST COMMENTARY



Rentback Sticker Shock Changing Seller Options

Excited about receiving an offer on their home, a seller recently began the counter offer process, including requesting a provision to rent back the property from the buyer for up to 30 days after the close of escrow.

Rentbacks are common in Bay Area real estate transactions and can help sellers bridge the gap between the sale of their existing home and the move into their new property.

Since the seller is occupying the buyer's new home during the rentback period, it means the buyer pays their mortgage, taxes and insurance (PITI) on a home they cannot occupy during the rentback period.

To cover the buyer's out-of-pocket costs, the historic premise for these arrangements was to have the seller pay a per diem to the buyer of 1/30 PITI.

As an example, if a buyer has an 80% loan on a home that cost \$500,000, their monthly

mortgage payment at 4% would be approximately \$1,909.66, or approximately \$64.00 a day. Property taxes on \$500,000 come out to \$17.36 a day and, if homeowner's insurance is \$1,200/year, the daily amount is \$3.33. The combined per diem is \$84.69, or \$2,540.70 for the month.

Back when normal family homes were selling for reasonable amounts, the PITI per diems were manageable.

However, in many neighborhoods, a home that sold for \$500,000 a few short years ago could easily be selling for \$1,200,000 today, which means the per diem would be more in the range of \$203.26, or a monthly total of \$6,097.68.

When the market was red hot, many buyers were willing to cover the rentback costs just to secure the contract.

With the market softening, however, free rentback is disappearing, with the result that sellers are once again being asked to cover the costs of remaining in the home for a period of time after the close of escrow.

Many sellers, while excited about today's higher prices, are dismayed and shocked when they discover what their rentback will actually cost.

Consequently, many sellers, unable to move into their new home when escrow closes on their existing property, are actively seeking other, less expensive options.

While some stay with friends or relatives, others move into extended stay hotels or month-to-month rentals. Another

option that is increasing in popularity is AirB&B.

Whatever the temporary destination, one thing is certain: sellers, faced with the increasing sticker price of rentback, are out looking for cheaper solutions.

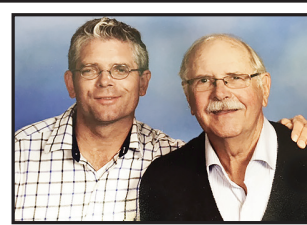
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Warm Temperatures Mean It's Time to Mulch; Juniper Plants Need Lots of Light

By Buzz Bertolero
Special to the Times

I've been using straw as mulch in my vegetable garden to keep the soil from drying out too quickly. Unfortunately, it has two problems; it's messy to transport, and it's full of weed seeds.

Are there any compatibility problems, if I switch to redwood bark? If so, would the bark chips be okay or would you use the shredded variety?

With the rainy season concluding and the arrival of warm temperatures, it's time to think about mulching not only in your vegetable garden but around roses, camellias, azaleas, and other landscape trees and shrubs along with seasonal color.

There are no compatibility

concerns with any of the types of bark or shredded redwood products. You can mix and match different types of mulch including shredded paper products.

You'll need a thick, two to three-inch layer to conserve moisture and prevent the weed seeds from germinating.

Mulch from previous years needs to be replenished as it breaks down overtime into smaller and smaller particles. Eventually, it forms an ideal growing medium for undesirable plants. If you're using a landscape fabric or other type of weed barrier, you'll need to remove the old mulch before adding the new material.

The old material is then used when planting new plants or mixed with potting soils for container plants. It has a beneficial use.

It's not necessary to mulch

to the main trunk of plants. The canopy of the plant should be sufficient to shade this area. If not, then mulch to the trunk.

Weed seeds are always going to be a problem with any bulk product that is stored outside in open bins. They're regularly exposed to the weed seeds that blow in with the wind. Whatever bulk material you decide on, you can hedge your bet against the unwanted growth by applying a pre-emergent herbicide.

Pre-emergent herbicides are applied over rooted plants, preventing the weed seeds from germinating. The nursery professional at your local garden center can advise you on what to use in your yard.

I have taken some moss that was growing around my apartment building and planted it around a bonsai juniper that I keep indoors. I was hoping the moss wouldn't notice I had brought it indoors. But it did and has now lost its bright green color.

What can I plant around my

juniper that creates a green carpet?

A Juniper plants in any form do not make good houseplants because of the low light conditions. They like the outdoors where they can get lots of direct sunlight. Eventually, the low light and the indoor climate will catch up with it.

So I'd move it outdoors, or you could supplement the light with an Agrosun Dayspot Gro light. Traditional, household lights are ineffective in providing the necessary spectrum of light for plants to grow.

The improved lighting will also improve the existing moss coloring. If not you should buy six packs of Irish Moss, Baby Tears, or Creeping Mint at your favorite garden center.

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Pruning Tips for Those Wild Bushes and Hedges

By Samantha Mazzotta
Special to the Times

If you have hedges and bushes in your yard that haven't been pruned in several years, they've probably grown wild and ragged-looking.

Trying to tackle all of the shrubbery and trees in your yard can be daunting. The best thing to do is take an initial tour of your yard with notebook in hand. Mentally split the yard into several sections, and then note what needs to be done in each: trimming, pruning or even removal of foliage.

Next, tackle each section one at a time. Depending on your schedule, you may need to do one section each day. A particularly foliage-heavy section may take an entire weekend.

You might need help from friends or relatives to take care of large or excessively high hedges, meaning you'll need to plan a time for them to come over. And if a tree needs complex trimming – for example, its branches are encroaching on the roof or on power lines – you'll need to arrange for a



professional tree trimmer to inspect it, provide an estimate and do the work.

Pruning on your own takes a little practice, but don't worry too much about mistakes, as they will eventually grow out. Plants that have already bloomed can be pruned without a problem, and plants or trees that are still blooming are, by

this time of year, safe to trim.

As you'll likely be piling up a lot of branches and limbs, check with your local government about proper disposal of yard waste. Most have programs in place, such as scheduled pickup dates during the growing season, and guidelines for containers or bags that the trimmed branches should be

placed in.

If you hire a tree trimmer, be sure to ask how branches will be disposed of, and if that cost is included in the estimate.

Home Tip: Keep hedge and tree-trimming equipment sharp, clean and lightly oiled so that they cut branches cleanly and efficiently.

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Homebuyers Must Look Good to a Lender for Mortgage Loan Approval

By Samantha Mazzotta
Special to the Times

Even with interest rates at record lows, many buyers are sitting on the fence, unsure whether now is the right time to buy a home and if they would even qualify for a loan.

There's no magic to get you the loan you want but there are a few things you can do to help get yourself on the right path. Here are some helpful tips to make you look your best in the eyes of a lender:

1. Check your credit: Know where your credit stands before you apply for a loan. A borrower's credit history can affect the amount required for a down payment, the interest rate or the amount of money that can

be borrowed in relation to his or her income.

A credit score of 720 or above is not only going to help you look better to a lender for loan approval, it may also help you get a better interest rate.

Once per year, you are able to obtain a free copy of your credit report from each of the three credit bureaus by visiting www.annualcreditreport.com. In addition to viewing your report, you may also want to consider getting your credit score. There may be a small fee to get your credit score.

2. Decrease your debt: An important factor that lenders look at when qualifying borrowers is their debt-to-income ratio. This is the relationship between your income and expenses,

amount of debt a person carries compared to how much income he or she makes.

The smaller your debt-to-income ratio is, the more attractive you are as a borrower. While debt-to-income requirements vary by mortgage programs, a good rule of thumb is to keep your total debt level at or below 36 percent of your gross monthly income.

3. Save for a down payment: In the current mortgage environment, most borrowers need to have a down payment. Having 20 percent down is not a must, but it will help get the best interest rate available and help you avoid private mortgage insurance.

If you need help coming up with a down payment, try to find a down payment assistance program that might be able to assist you.

4. Show proof of all income: Can you repay the loan? That's what lenders want to know when they consider your application.

You must be able to verify a stable source of income. Lenders will review your employment history and will require current W-2s or tax returns if you are self-employed. If you have any other income, you should bring proof of that to share with the lender.

5. Have some money in the bank: In addition to being able to show that you can make your monthly mortgage payments and keep up with other responsibilities, lenders want to know that you have cash reserves.

Some call this cushion a "rainy day fund" to handle those unexpected expenses that come with homeownership, such as certain repairs.



WEEKEND GARDENER

■ Planting Seedlings

This month is a busy month for planting vegetable and flower seedlings from six-pack or individual pots into your garden. To avoid damaging the plants, don't pull them out by their tops. Instead, gently squeeze the bottom of the container while pushing up to force the plant up and out. If there is a mat of roots at the bottom, slice off about a quarter-inch of them. Plant seedlings at the same soil level as they were in their packs. Firm the soil with your hands to eliminate large air pockets, then thoroughly saturate the root ball. For extra protection, use Vitamin B-1 in the water, according to directions. Bait for snails and slugs, since tiny seedlings can be destroyed overnight.

■ Get Ready for Outdoor Cooking

Plant a little herb garden in a container next to your barbecue area and you'll have the freshest herbs for your outdoor cookouts this summer.

■ Vegetables

Sow seeds or use transplants for lima and snap beans, beets, carrots, chard, corn, cucumbers, eggplant, endives, herbs, leeks, melons, peppers, pumpkins, radishes, spinach, squash and tomatoes.

This is the last chance to sow cool-weather varieties of lettuce, although heat-tolerant leafy lettuce can be grown during the summer. Thin vegetable seedlings when they are an inch or so tall for greater yield.

■ Flowers

Sow or transplant heat-loving flowers, such as ageratum, asters, clarkia, dahlias, hollyhocks, linaria, marigolds, nasturtiums, salvias, statice, strawflowers, sunflowers and zinnias. Cover the planting area with a 2-to-3-inch layer of mulch to conserve moisture and keep roots cool on hot days.

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Mortgage Rates Drop

The average 30-year fixed-rate mortgage dropped slightly last week, according to Freddie Mac's weekly nationwide survey.

The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 4.07 percent last week, down from 4.10 percent a week earlier. A year ago at this time, the 30-year FRM averaged 4.61 percent.

"Modestly weaker consumer spending and manufacturing data, along with continued jitters around trade policy, caused interest rates to decline throughout the yield

curve. While signals from the financial markets are flashing caution signs, the real economy remains on solid ground with steady job growth and five-decade low unemployment rates, which will drive up home sales this summer" said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's chief economist.

Fifteen-year rates averaged 3.53 percent last week, and five-year hybrid adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 3.66 percent. A year ago at this time, the 15-year FRM averaged 4.08 percent.

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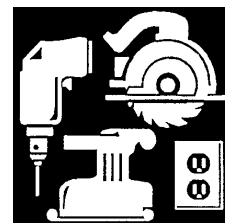
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Sign Up for the Boys and Girls Club Basketball Program

The Boys & Girls Club of San Leandro is now taking sign-ups for its Summer 2019 instructional basketball program for all boys and girls currently in grades 3 through 6. The league begins in mid-June.

This basketball program is designed to give players a fun and competitive experience. Each player is evaluated before being assigned to a team so that all teams have a balanced number

of veterans and rookies.

All players are required to play two quarters per game, so no matter the child's ability level, they will have a chance to be on the court and be a part of the action.

All practices and games are held at the Boys and Girls Club of San Leandro, 401 Marina Blvd. in San Leandro. Practices will be on Tuesday evenings and games will be on Thursday evenings. The

registration fee is \$90.

The club is also looking for volunteer coaches for the program. For more information on the program or if you are interested in volunteering as a coach, call Ross Lim, at 483-5581 or via e-mail at rosslim89@gmail.com.

Rent Review Board to Meet On Tuesday

The Rent Review Board will meet on Tuesday, May 28, at 7 p.m. at San Leandro City Hall, 835 East 14th St. The board will hear arguments on three apartments, one at an apartment building at 884 Davis St., another at 896 Davis St., and one at 1210 141st Ave.

The Jets and Sweet Sensation to Perform at the Cherry Festival

Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter and the San Leandro City Council are pleased to announce this year's Cherry Festival on Saturday, June 1, marking the 110th anniversary of this fun and exciting event.

Honoring San Leandro's heritage as the former cherry-growing capital of the region, the Cherry Festival will take place along West Estudillo Avenue from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and around the downtown area.

The Cherry Festival Parade will kick off the day at 10 a.m. at the Boys and Girls Club rear parking lot located at 401 Marina Boulevard and proceed north along San Leandro Boulevard and concludes on Estudillo Avenue at the Cherry Festival. Headline entertainment for the

2019 festival includes the Jets and Sweet Sensation. The Jets have eight top 10 hits, and have sold more than 5 million albums worldwide with some of their hits including "Make It Real," and "You Got It All." Some of Sweet Sensation hits include "Hooked on You," "Sincerely Yours," and "Take It While It's Hot."

The festival will feature activities for people of all ages including live music and entertain-

ment, artisans, Bistro at the Casa highlighting wine and sangria, and PubPARC, which includes local craft beer and food trucks.

Available food highlights include Taiyaki soft serve cones, pineapple whips, mocha donuts, hot dogs, shaved ice, cherry cabernet brownies, funnel cakes, and more.

This year's event will also have an abundance of fresh cherries at the farmer's market.

Join the Cherry Festival Parade

San Leandro residents and groups are invited to join the annual Cherry Festival Parade on Saturday, June 1.

The parade takes place before the festival at 10 a.m. and the route follows San Leandro Boulevard from Marina Boulevard to West Estudillo Avenue.

Floats are welcome. This family-friendly event will include

a variety of groups. Parade awards will be given in various categories.

Parade application and information is available on the City of San Leandro's Cherry Festival webpage at www.sanleandro.org/CherryFestival and applications are due by May 24.

For questions, call Recreation Supervisor Susan Criswell at 510-577-6079.

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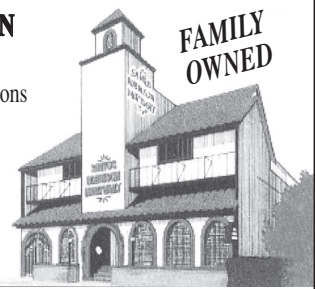
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Ted R. Moutinho

May 23, 1936 - May 14, 2019

Theodore "Ted" R. Moutinho, 82, passed away peacefully on Tuesday morning, May 14, 2019. Ted grew up in San Leandro around his nine brothers and sisters. Of course, his favorite was his twin Manuel "Manny".

Ted was a graduate of San Leandro High School in 1955. He became a proud Teamster of Local 70, working for Lucky's as a Warehouseman in San Leandro for approximately 30 years. Ted had two children that have preceded him in death, Timothy and Troy. He enjoyed his family, friends, animals (pigeons/birds and dogs) and also his classic cars for many years. Many might remember him at the local car shows which he enjoyed so much.

Unfortunately, health issues caused him to need assisted living for the last five years. He loved and enjoyed the staff that cared for him. We know they will miss him yelling for his coffee before meals. Ted is survived by his brothers, Manuel "Manny" and Norman "Corky" and many cousins, nieces, and nephews. We will miss his loving spirit.

Friends and family are invited to a memorial service on Thursday, May 30, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at Santos Robinson Mortuary, 160 Estudillo Avenue, San Leandro. Arrangements handled by Santos-Robinson Mortuary, 510-483-0123.

Carol Ruth (Wright) Lucero

December 11, 1951 - May 11, 2019

Carol Ruth (Wright) Lucero, age 67, passed away in Kalispell, MT on May 11, 2019. Carol was born on December 11, 1951 in Kansas City, MO to Melvin and Muriel (Dement) Wright.

Carol married Sam Lucero in San Leandro, CA in 1971. From this 48 year marriage came two children, Samuel Lucero IV and Amoreena Lucero.

During her life, Carol had many interests. She worked in management and caregiving but her heart was in the community. She was actively involved in Canvas Church and did outreach in the community such as "Lunch Buddies" and even spent some time doing mission work in Mexico with the Santa Fe, New Mexico Church.

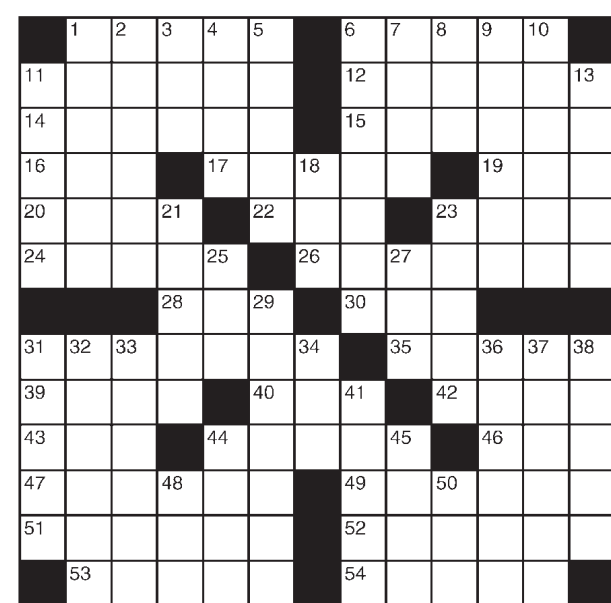
Carol was preceded in death by her father, Melvin Wright; mother, Muriel Wright; father-in-law, Samuel Lucero and mother-in-law, Ida Lucero.

She is survived by her husband, Sam Lucero III; son, Sam (Lindsey) Lucero IV; daughter, Amoreena (Greg) Brown; sister, Elayne Powell; and her grandchildren, Dominic, Daniel and Charlotte.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Canvas Church 24/7 Mission in her remembrance. There will be no services.

Friends are encouraged to visit www.buffalohillfh.com to leave a note of condolence for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

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Breast Cancer Screenings Available at FamFest

Eden Medical Center's accredited Cancer Program is teaming up with the Carol Ann Read Breast Health Program's Mobile Mammography Van to provide health screenings and cancer prevention education. They will be at the Ashland & Cherryland FamFest on Saturday, June 8, 2019 for their annual Community Cancer Screening event. The van will be available from 11:00am to 4:00pm.

Mobile mammograms are available

for women age 40 years or older and who have not had an annual screening mammogram in the past year. This is an opportunity to check it off your to-do list then check out the other booths!

The festival includes live music, activities for kids, food vendors and local retail merchandise.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call Eden Medical Center at 510-727-8499. You will need a mammogram order from your

doctor. Insured, uninsured and participants in the Every Woman Counts program are all welcome! If you do not qualify for Every Woman Counts, your mammogram will be free of charge.

Ashland & Cherryland FamFest will be located at E.14th Street and 163rd Avenue in Ashland (San Leandro).

Joanne Sexton, CTR, is manager of Tumor Registry/Cancer Data Services at Eden Medical Center.

Sport Collector's Show

The Meridians, of St. Leanders, are sponsoring their 18th Summer Sport Collectors Show on Saturday June 15, 2019 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. The show is being held at St. Leander Ryan - O'Connell Hall 575 W. Estudillo Avenue in San Leandro, directly across from the San Leandro B.A.R.T. station. A variety of vintage sports memorabilia (1880 - 2019) will be for sale.

Proceeds from the show will benefit St. Leander parish and local charities. Door prizes will be given away. General admission is \$4.00. Those under 10 or over 65 admission is \$2.00. Call Mark 510-538-6245 for details.

OPINION

LETTERS to the EDITOR

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A Warning on the Dangers of Asbestos

Editor:

My father died of mesothelioma in January after a 15-year battle with the harrowing disease.

Mesothelioma is cancer caused by exposure to asbestos.

His legacy of activism compels me to set the record straight. In your published article "Skilled Labor Shortages Affecting the Housing Market", the writer tells a story of a Realtor assuring his clients that in 1978 there was a ban on asbestos-related products. This is misleading.

Please know that in 1978 the only thing that was banned was asbestos in spray-on products, fake fire place ash, and some patching compounds. That's it.

In 1991 a court battle resulted in the ban of asbestos in some paper products, some flooring and cement products, and in new uses (new inventions). That's it. Asbestos is legal in all other products.

Also, we do not have any ban on the importation of asbestos. We may all have seen the recent spate of news articles covering the discovery of asbestos in many children's toys, these were all imported. In fact, since 2016, the US has seen an increase in importation of raw asbestos by 2000%. That is not a typo.

The U.S., in one month under Trump, is importing 272 metric tons of raw asbestos, most of it coming from Russia.

At the time of this writing, 66 nations have total asbestos bans. The U.S. needs to do the same. One organization at the forefront of introducing asbestos-ban legislation is Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization. More information can be found at www.asbestosdiseaseawareness.org.

Here is a list of commonly used products made in the US that contain asbestos: duct tape, roof patching, spackle, some vinyl floor tile, car brakes, cement, roof shingles, industrial clothing, potting soil, home insulation, talcum/baby powder. This is not at all a complete list, just a list of products you are likely familiar with, so please do your research, and also, remember a full ban needs to include the ban of asbestos in imported products.

My advice to homebuyers is: test anything that brings you peace of mind to test. Do not take your Realtor's word for it.

—Beth Zygielbaum, San Leandro
(in loving memory of
Paul Solomon Zygielbaum)

Art ... and a Glimmer of Hope

Editor:

On May 18, Endangered Species

Day, I took part in an extraordinary event at the San Leandro Main Library, organized by Maureen Fourney of Old Broads for the Wilderness and supported by the City of San Leandro, with special assistance from Councilman Pete Ballew.

Many environmental groups came together to participate in an informational day, with presentations about the animals who need our help and what is being done so far.

I was asked to create an Art Party for kids. My own art is often fashioned from throw away, or found materials, so I decided to ask the kids to do the same.

The cost of admission to the party was a bag of clean recyclables, and 60 kids from pre-kindergarten through middle school were given a place to make art and encouraged to use their imaginations. For three hours they set aside their video games and cell phones to learn what they could do with a piece of scrap that might otherwise end up in an ocean or a landfill.

In a few hours kids learned to make sea otters from brown bags, garter snakes from buttons and recycled wire, California Condors from black garbage bags and newspapers, rainbow trout from broken CDs and cardboard containers, and butterflies from wire hangers.

It was a magical afternoon in San Leandro, the kind of rainy day art afternoon that I remember from my own childhood. The news may be depressing and the weather quite gloomy, but art is the rainbow, the glimmer of hope at the end of the day.

—Suzanne Pershing
San Leandro

INQUIRING REPORTER

Your favorite TV show?

— Asked around town

My favorite is *Jane the Virgin* on NBC because it's funny, and *The Amazing Race*, and *Survivor*. It takes you out of your world, to foreign countries and in the jungle. It's good because this generation wouldn't know what to do if the power went out and there's no technology to rely on.

Corrie Green
San Leandro



This week it's *The Big Bang Theory*. It's their season finale. There's knowledge in it, math, and humor – nerds who don't know how to function in the real world.

David Gin
San Leandro



Wheel of Fortune and *Jeopardy*. I pray for Alex Trebek to get back to health.

Donald Buff
Oakland



Seinfeld because it's funny, and *The Simpsons* because I grew up on that when I first came to the United States.

Emal Wahab
San Mateo



Jeopardy. I've watched it my entire life. It's how to relax and unwind, and it keeps you sharp.

Tammy Nelson
San Leandro

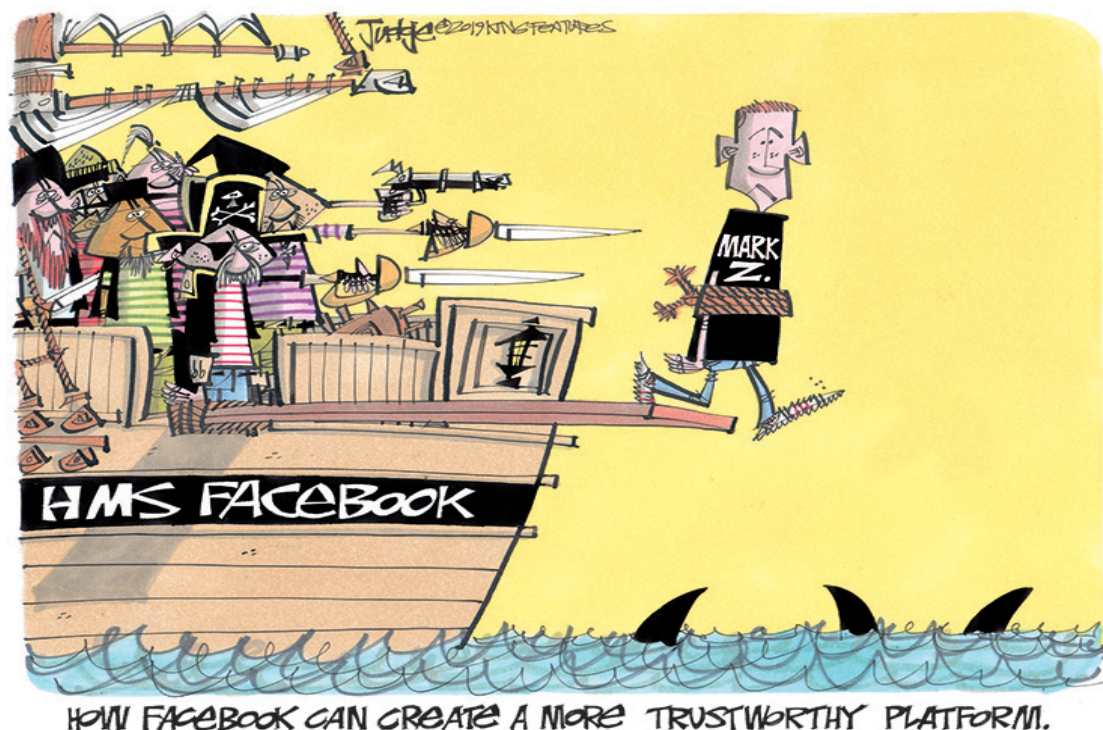




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Volunteers came to the San Leandro Main Post Office on Abram Court to help sort groceries for the annual post office food drive.

Davis Street Joins Post Office for 'Stamp Out Hunger' Food Drive

Davis Street Community Center combined efforts with the US Post Office for the nation's largest one-day food drive, Stamp Out Hunger on Saturday, May 11.

"We look forward to our partnership with our local post office, and Stamp out Hunger is our largest collection event and thus far, Davis Street has collected over 25,000 pounds of food," said Rose Johnson, CEO of Davis Street Community Center.

The 27th annual food drive was set up at the San Leandro

US Post Office on Abram Court where more than 30 volunteers came to support the food drive, including former City Council candidates Kenneth Pon and Bryan Azevedo, San Leandro Key Club members, local high

school students, and Davis Street staff.

The volunteers prepared thousands of pounds of nonperishable food items to be dropped off and sorted at the post office at 1777 Abram Court.

Chabot College Football Reunion for Players and Coaches

A reunion of football players from Chabot College for the years 1962 to 1978 will be on Sunday,

July 28, from 2 to 6:30 p.m. at the Shannon Community Center in Dublin. Former Chabot College football players, coaches and special guests for years 1962 to 1978, only.

For more information, see the website: chabotfootballreunion62-78.com or call Dr. Keith Calkins at (949) 244-4419.



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Modular homes are replacing mobile homes at the Bayshore Commons mobile home park on Grand Avenue.

Ordinance: Just cause eviction protection

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for a fair rate of return for park owners."

Carol Habercross, a local health care professional, also spoke in favor of the ordinance, while dismissing the so-called "gentlemen's agreement."

"Since the 'gentlemen's agreement' was enacted, two mobile home parks have been sold, three people have been given 60-day notices, and a single mother and her 5-year-old daughter were evicted from one site," said Habercross. "Many of these residents are on fixed incomes, disabled, and simply can't afford rent increases. We simply can't medically take care of people once they are homeless."

Those who spoke against the ordinance included Doug Johnson, a representative of the Western Manufactured Housing

Association.

"This ordinance doesn't guarantee a fair rate of return for park owners," Johnson said.

Margaret Nanda, a lawyer for the Mission Bay mobile home park owners, also spoke against the new ordinance. "This ordinance doesn't contain enough protections for park owners and could lead to litigation in the future," Nanda said.

The new ordinance includes "just cause" eviction protections for mobile home residents. Notable reasons include: non-payment of rent, non-compliance with rental agreement, and conduct considered a substantial annoyance to other residents.

It will prohibit park owners from terminating or refusing to renew space rent tenancies except for specific reasons. The city ordinance broadens the state termination of tenancy protections to all individuals renting a mobile home space no matter what type of structure is on the space, such as an R.V.

The base rent will be the rent that is in effect for mobile homes

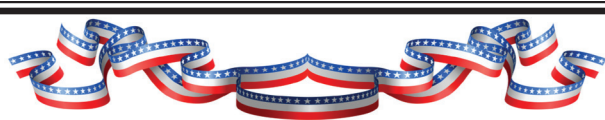
on July 1, 2018. Annual rent increase will be capped at either the increase to the Consumer Price Index or 4 percent, whichever is lower.

Special circumstances households will be protected under the ordinance. These households are defined in the ordinance as those with residents 62 years or older; or a resident qualified as disabled by Title 42 or handicapped as defined by California Health and Safety Code, and where the total household income is less than 50% of the Area Median Income.

Mayor Pauline Cutter spoke in favor of the ordinance.

"Mobile home parks are the last line of defense for the most vulnerable members of our community," Cutter said. "This is the right thing to do."

Vice Mayor Lopez revealed to those in attendance and council members that she too had the experience of moving often as the child of farm workers, and wants to make sure the most vulnerable are protected and can remain in their homes.



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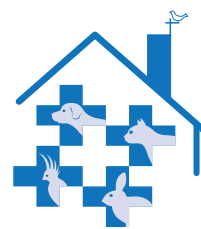
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