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## Music in the Streets As Cherry Festival Draws a Crowd

The Project 4 Band was in a groove as part of the entertainment at the Cherry Festival on Saturday on W. Estudillo Avenue in downtown San Leandro. Many booths sold cherries as the crowd mingled and enjoyed the sunny afternoon to mark the annual festival that began in San Leandro in 1909.



## San Lorenzo Woman, 97, Hasn't Lost Any of Her Spunk

By Jim Knowles  
San Leandro Times

Ora Wheeler turns 97 next week but that doesn't mean she can't still quarrel with a neighbor.

She's sick of the guy's big tree covering half her garden with leaves.

She works in her garden every day. The only part she doesn't like are those damned tiny little leaves.

"You can't even rake them, you need a blower," she says.

Other than that, gardening is her favorite thing.

"The exercise for one thing," Wheeler says. "I just can't believe that I keep going. Most people

my age are sitting on their butt looking out the window. That's what killed 'em."

Tending the garden, Wheeler gets right down to business.

"I hand water it," she says. "And I put in fertilizer. I use bull. You know what bull is?" She grins when she asks that question.

Wheeler grows roses, lavender, daisies, and there's rhubarb, an apple tree and a lemon tree.

"I don't use city water, it's all well water," she says.

Wheeler points to the well pump by the back wall of her



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Ora Wheeler works on her garden every day

## City Council Puts Zapata Back on Job

5-month investigation finds no wrongdoing by city manager

Padilla Johnson's claims shown to be inconsistent with evidence

By Amy Sylvestri  
San Leandro Times

San Leandro City Manager Chris Zapata has been reinstated following a lengthy leave of absence after an independent investigator found that claims of sexual harassment made against him were unsubstantiated.

The city hired attorney Karen Kramer to look into claims made by Davis Street Family Resource Center CEO Rose Padilla Johnson that Zapata allegedly made sexual comments to Johnson and implied that a \$1.5 million loan the city gave to Davis Street in 2016 could have been extended if Johnson were to have a relationship with him.

After five months of interviews with nine people, and reviewing hundreds of documents, emails, and text messages, Kramer found Zapata had not behaved inappropriately and that Johnson's account of events could be proven to be false in several instances.

The City Council voted 6-1 at a closed session Monday night to reinstate Zapata, with Councilman Ed Hernandez dissenting. Hernandez could not be reached for comment.

Zapata returned to work on Tuesday afternoon, hours after

being reinstated by the council.

In her report summary, Kramer wrote: "The credible evidence presented establishes that more likely than not the relationship see REPORT, page 5

## Voters Pass San Lorenzo School Bond

By Amy Sylvestri  
San Leandro Times

In Alameda county just 20 percent of registered voters (about 170,000 people) bothered to cast a vote in Tuesday's California Primary Election. The preliminary results are in.

### Ballot Measures

Voters passed the San Lorenzo School District Measure B bond, a \$130 million bond the district says will be used to upgrade outdated classrooms and buildings at the schools and improve student access to technology.

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### 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.



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## Pets of the Week



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The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are Simon the bunny and Piper the kitten.

**Simon** is a laidback bunny who does well with handling. He loves snacking on basil and timothy hay. He's neutered and

ready to go home with you.

**Piper** is a 4-month-old kitten who's curious, social and easygoing. She arrived with three litter mates, all timid, and all have blossomed into perfect kittens.

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

## Transgender Activist, Storyteller Willis to Speak on Saturday

In recognition of LGBT Pride Month, the San Leandro Main Library welcomes guest speaker Raquel Willis this Saturday from 2 to 3 p.m.

A reception will follow the talk at the library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Admission is free.

Willis is a queer transgender activist, writer and storyteller dedicated to inspiring and elevating marginalized individuals, particularly women of color.

She began her career as a news reporter in Monroe, Georgia and is a national organizer for the Transgender Law Center (TLC), the largest such organization in the U.S.

She quickly took her talents for storytelling, writing and advocacy to the digital world and began to uplift grassroots organizing efforts in Atlanta. She worked on behalf of the Solutions Not Punishments Coalition to end police profiling of transgender women of color and mass incarceration.

She also successfully led the Atlanta Trans Liberation Tuesday mobilization effort in conjunction with the larger Black Lives Matter network.

Her dedication to trans advocacy opened the door to her current work at TLC in Oakland,



Raquel Willis was a featured speaker at the National Women's March in Washington last year.

California.

Her writing has been featured on Autostraddle, BuzzFeed, Medium's Cuepoint, ForHarriet, HuffPost, PRIDE, Quartz, The Root and VICE. She's currently working on a collection of essays about her experiences and intersectionality.

In January 2017, she was a

speaker at the National Women's March in Washington, D.C.

In May 2017, she was named to ESSENCE's Woke 100 Women, which honored "the women who are blazing trails for equal rights and inclusion for Black people in America." For this program, Willis will discuss the "Power of Authentic Storytelling."

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## Fire on Fortuna

A one-alarm fire broke out at just before 8 a.m. on Monday morning at a home on the 500 block of Fortuna Avenue. Alameda County firefighters were able to contain the blaze to the rear of the residence and the living room area and prevent it from spreading into the attic or any neighboring properties. No one was injured and the cause of the fire remains under investigation.

## DA's Office Warns of Senior Scams

New Medicare cards are being sent out to 245,000 Alameda County residents and will begin arriving in local mailboxes soon.

The cards no longer feature Social Security numbers so they will be more secure. So the Alameda County District Attorney's Office and Medicare say that now is the time for seniors to be on alert for related scams.

Important tips to avoid falling victim to fraud include:

- Don't pay for your new card. It's yours for free. If anyone calls and says you need to pay for it, that's a scam.

- Don't give personal information to get your card. If someone calls claiming to be from Medicare, asking for your Social Security number or bank information, hang up.

- Don't give your bank account information to people you don't know. If someone offers to deposit a rebate or bonus into your bank account because you got a new Medicare card, that's a scam.

- Don't let anyone trick you into believing your Medicare benefits will be canceled unless you give them your Medicare number.

- Once you get your new Medicare card, destroy your old Medicare card and start using

your new one right away. Don't just throw the old card away—shred it or cut it into small pieces. You can get a different Medicare number if it gets compromised.

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## Man and Woman Arrested for Carjacking Worker Downtown

Two people have been arrested for carjacking a man near the Washington Plaza shopping center last week.

An employee from Nation's Hamburgers was walking to his car parked behind the center near Hays Street at around 4 a.m. on May 28 when a car pulled up to him and a man wearing a hooded jacket got out and approached him, according to Lt. Isaac Benabou of the San Leandro police.

The suspect took out a gun and demanded the victim's money and car keys and then ordered the victim to lay on the ground while the suspect fled in the victim's car and a getaway driver the in suspect vehicle drove off as well.

Officers arrived and began looking for the suspects. A patrolling officer found both cars parked in the lot of the Davis Street Market with the occupants standing outside. When the officer approached, the suspects got into the suspect vehicle and fled, leaving the victim's car behind, Benabou said.

The cops gave chase and the suspects drove onto a dead-end street. More officers arrived and both suspects with arrested.

Police found an air-soft replica firearm under the seat of the car.

Both suspects — Jarell Hubbard, 21, of San Leandro and Oanh Hoang, 24, of Hayward—confessed to their involvement in the crime, according to police.

"The suspects were quickly

located and apprehended due to the rapid response of our patrol units," said Benabou in a written statement. "The victim escaped potential injury by complying."

The Alameda County District Attorney charged the suspects with felony robbery and carjacking. Both are being held at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin in lieu of \$100,000 bail and their next court date is scheduled for June 11.



## Practice Rescue

Last week, the Alameda County Fire Department practiced extractions from school buses and other large vehicles in Ashland.

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# NEIGHBORS



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Commanding officer Capt. Alan Schrader (left), Naval Base Kitsap, presents Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Engine) 1st Class Mark G. Dalmacio with the Good Conduct Award during an all-hands call on NBK-Bremerton.

## 1st Class Mark G. Dalmacio Awarded the Good Conduct Award

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Mark G. Dalmacio has been named Awarded Good Conduct Award in recognition of faithful, zealous and obedient service. Selection was based on the individual's exemplary duty performance, job knowledge, leadership qualities, teamwork ethic, personal achievements and record of supporting and

serving the community. Dalmacio is currently serving as a facility manager with the Unaccompanied Housing Office, Naval Base Kitsap, Wash. He has served in the military for 6 years. Dalmacio is the son of Elvira G. Dalmacio of San Leandro, Calif. He is a 2006 graduate of South Tahoe High School,

South Lake Tahoe, Calif. He earned a bachelor's degree in 2011 from California State University - Northridge, Northridge, Calif.

## Environmental Crimes Presentation

A free presentation on Environmental Crimes in Alameda County will be held on Tuesday, June 12, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Castro Valley Library, 3600 Norbridge Ave. in Castro Valley. A panel of environmental law experts from the Alameda County District Attorney's office will identify the most common environmental crimes in the Bay Area, and provide resources to better understand the impact of environmental crimes and to help identify and report them. For more information, contact Jennifer Ong, League of Women Voters Eden Area, at 397-9006 or ongforcommunity@gmail.com.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### ❖ Hearing Loss Association Meeting

The Hearing Loss Association will meet on Saturday, June 9, at the Oakland Kaiser Permanente Hospital, Fabiola Bldg., 3801 Howe St., lower level, room G26. Refreshments are at 9:30 a.m. with the program starting at 10 a.m. Attorney Steven Derby returns. Mr. Derby represents people with disabilities, his own family has dealt with a hearing disability. June is the last meeting before summer break, so this is potluck, please bring finger food to share. Parking is free in the old garage across from Howe Street. For more information, email athos.artist@att.net or call Kay at 886-4717.

### ❖ I.D.E.S. St. John Lunch & Bingo

I.D.E.S. St. John, 1670 Orchard Ave. in San Leandro, will host a hamburger lunch and bingo on Saturday, June 9, at noon. Tickets are \$10 and include lunch and four bingo cards. Extra cards are 25 cents each. For tickets, call Helder Quadros at 357-5846 or Willie Cavo at 635-6326.

### ❖ Japanese Center's Annual Bazaar

The Eden Japanese Community Center's Annual Bazaar will be on Saturday and Sunday, June 9 and 10, at 710 Elgin St. in San Lorenzo, from 1 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Enjoy Japanese food (barbecued teriyaki chicken and rib dinner, sushi, udon, chicken curry and shaved ice), carnival-type games for kids, bingo and a raffle.

### ❖ St. John's Luncheon and Fashion Show

A salad bar luncheon and fashion show will be held on Saturday, June 9, at St. John's Church, 264 East Lewelling Blvd. in San Lorenzo. The doors open at 11 a.m. and lunch will be at noon, followed by "Fashions In Time" show with the Goodwill Bags making an encore appearance. There will be a large assortment of delicious salads, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, raffle items including a money tree as well as door prizes and cheesecake for dessert. Tickets are \$20 so bring your friends and family and come enjoy a wonderful time. For tickets or more information, call Eva Lowe at 586-0376.

### ❖ Talk on the Medical Value of Cannabis

A discussion on encounters with medical cannabis will be held on Sunday, June 10, at 12:30 p.m., at All Saints Episcopal Church, 911 Dowling Blvd in San Leandro. The Rev. Justin Cannon will facilitate a round-table with a panel of church members who will share their first-hand experience of medical cannabis use. The round-table will only explore the medical value of cannabis and not its recreational use. All are welcome to attend this educational event. For more information, visit www.saintsalive.net.

### ❖ The Eagles Salad Bar Lunch & Bingo

The Fraternal Order of Eagles Eden Auxiliary 1139 will host its salad bar lunch and bingo on Monday, June 11, at noon at the Eagles Hall, 21406 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward. A donation of \$8 includes lunch and one bingo card. Join in for good food and a fun afternoon for a worthy cause. For more information, call Glenda at 584-1568 or 782-8187.

### ❖ Art Demonstration by Shari Benson

Sculpture artist Shari Benson will give a demonstration at the monthly meeting of the Leandro Art Association (SLAA) on Tuesday,

June 12, at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Doors open for refreshments at 6:30 p.m., the meeting starts at 7 p.m., and the demonstration will begin at 7:30 p.m. SLAA membership is \$40 per year.

### ❖ San Leandro Democratic Club

The San Leandro Democratic Club will show a movie about senior financial abuse on Wednesday, June 13, at 10 a.m. at the San Leandro Senior Center, 13909 East 14th St. The speaker will be Alameda County supervisor Wilma Chan.

### ❖ Lung Cancer Symposium

Lung cancer is the second most common cancer in the United States and ranks number one in cancer deaths. Eden Medical Center has a lung cancer screening program. Find out from experts if you meet the criteria for low-dose chest CT screening and, if you do, what happens if a lung nodule is found, and the ins and outs of a positive lung cancer diagnosis. A free symposium will be held on Wednesday, June 13, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the 2nd floor conference room in the medical office building attached to the hospital at 20101 Lake Chabot Road. To register or for more details, please call 510-727-2718 or email sextonj@sutterhealth.org.

### ❖ Families Belong Together Rally

Families Belong Together will host a rally on Thursday, June 14, at 6 p.m. at Hayward City Hall, 777 B St. in Hayward to protest the Trump administration's treatment of refugee and immigrant families. For more information, visit www.familiesbelong.org.

### ❖ Eagles Father's Day Brunch Canceled

Due to lack of response the Fraternal Order of Eagles Eden Auxiliary 1139 will not be able to hold its Before Fathers Day Brunch on Saturday, June 16, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Eagles Hall, 21406 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward. For more information, call Glenda at 584-1568 or 782-8187.

### ❖ Summer Sports Collectors Show

The Meridians of St. Leander's will have their 17th Summer Sports Collectors Show on Saturday, June 16, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Ryan O'Connell Hall, 575 W. Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro. Sports memorabilia for sale with proceeds benefiting St. Leander's parish and local charities. Admission is \$4, or \$2 for those under 10 or over 65. For more information, call Mark at 538-6245.

### ❖ SL Boys & Girls Club Summer Camp

The San Leandro Boys and Girls Club is offering a 7-week summer camp at Hillside Elementary School from June 18 to Aug. 3 for kids in kindergarten through fifth grade. The camp runs daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., plus an early-bird drop-off at 7 a.m. at \$5 per day. Register at the Boys and Girls Club main office at 401 Marina Blvd. in San Leandro, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The fee is \$525. For more information, call Ms. Maria at 566-1827.

### ❖ The Happy Stampers

Come join the Happy Stampers who make greeting cards using rubber stamps and dyes. The club meets the second Monday of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. For more information, call Jane at 483-0389.

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# Report: Kramer report lays out facts and timeline in detail

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between Ms. Padilla Johnson and Mr. Zapata was a professional relationship.”

The council offered no comment on their decision at Monday night's meeting, but Mayor Pauline Cutter released a statement via email.

“The City Council has unanimously accepted the findings of the independent investigator,” wrote Cutter. “The City Council has also determined that it is appropriate for the City Manager to return to his duties. City Manager Zapata denied all wrongdoing and the investigation concluded that his testimony was credible.”

Cutter went on to say that the city was eager to move forward and complimented Zapata on his work as city manager.

## Johnson's Account Called 'Inconsistent'

Kramer's report said that Johnson's account of the timeline of events was often inconsistent and said that Zapata backed up his testimony with numerous emails and texts.

Kramer wrote: “Ms. Padilla Johnson made many inaccurate statements during her interviews as part of this investigation. It is unclear if Ms. Padilla Johnson did so knowingly or because of the passage of time and/or her own perception of certain events being clouded by the stress she was under due to the financial condition of Davis Street during the relevant time period.”

Kramer said that some of Johnson's allegations were easily disproved such as a claim that Zapata would only agree to meet with her privately at the Fosters Freeze when there was evidence they met numerous times at City Hall over several years.

Zapata said that he agreed to meet at the Foster's Freeze because it was approximately halfway between his and Johnson's offices and that he doesn't like to meet for meals or after work, but he said Johnson initiated all the ice cream meetings.

Kramer's report included a not-before-heard allegation by Johnson that while they were in the parked car in the Fosters Freeze lot, Zapata spilled ice cream on his crotch and rubbed his genital region. Johnson could

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**Rose Padilla Johnson's accusations against Chris Zapata were not substantiated.**



not tell Kramer when this event allegedly happened and Zapata denied it outright.

The report says that Johnson's primary allegation – that

sentative contacted San Leandro Finance Director David Baum to get the city's banking details to make the transfer and the city thought the money was on its way, so Kramer therefore determined that it was unlikely that Johnson had pled with Zapata days earlier.

Kramer said it wasn't until a voicemail was left by Johnson on Oct. 31 at 3:40 p.m. (the day the payment was due) that Zapata became aware the city wouldn't be repaid.

When the loan became overdue, Zapata discovered that Johnson had used the same piece of property as collateral to secure the loan from the city and as well as a line credit from Wells Fargo. Kramer found that Zapata would've been unlikely to pursue a romantic relationship with Johnson given his discovery of her dishonesty in that matter.

Johnson said that the alleged misconduct came to a head when Zapata told her “you hold the key” regarding the loan extension, which she says she took as meaning he'd help Davis Street financially in exchange for a sexual relationship.

Kramer found that Zapata likely did say “you hold the key” to Johnson at some point, but said Zapata provided a reasonable explanation for using the phrase, in that he was referring to negoti-

ating with Mayor Cutter because he thought she would be the swing vote for the City Council to approve an extension.

## Zapata's Reason for Sending Email

Before Johnson's allegations were made public last January, Zapata released a preemptive 23-page email denying any inappropriate behavior.

In a phone interview with Zapata on Tuesday with San Leandro City Attorney Richard Pio Roda also on the line, Zapata said he'd heard whispers of the allegations for over a year and after speaking with his lawyer, he decided he needed to fight back.

“For 400 days, I'd been a victim of a smear campaign,” said Zapata. “If you don't tell your story, someone else will, so I sent the email.”

Zapata said that despite the accusations made by Johnson, he and the city will still work with Davis Street, as it is one of San Leandro's largest charitable organizations.

“Any type of perceived retaliation is a non-starter,” said Zapata. “We must work with Davis Street. They have an important mission.”

## Zapata: 'Johnson Owes San Leandro an Explanation'

Zapata said he doesn't want

an apology from Johnson, but does think she owes San Leandro an explanation.

“This was a cruel and calculated attempt to impugn my integrity,” said Zapata. “It was not well-thought out. This person owes an explanation to the community, to the Davis Street board of directors, and to others as to what was on this person's mind. I think it's a tragedy that this occurred at public expense but my reputation will survive because I did nothing wrong.”

City Attorney Pio Roda said that the total expense of the investigation was \$38,000. The city also had to pay Zapata's salary (\$244,170 annually) on top of the acting city manager's pay while he was on leave.

## Johnson: 'Report Favored the Aggressor'

On Tuesday afternoon, Johnson sent out a written statement through her publicist Sam Singer saying that she is disappointed in Kramer's conclusion and will continue her charitable efforts.

“There are no winners here,” wrote Johnson. “I am proud and pleased that I stood up and reported the incidents and situations that happened to me. I am disappointed in the report and its findings, which I believe favored the aggressor in this misconduct case.”

Johnson said that she believes that the public will be wary of dealing with Zapata in the future.

“We must challenge our leaders to lead by example,” wrote Johnson. “In the future, the City Manager must be compelled to conduct himself appropriately

**“I am disappointed in the report and its findings, which I believe favored the aggressor.”**

— Davis Street CEO  
Rose Padilla Johnson

and to execute the work of the City with the highest standards of fairness. The importance of Davis Street and its services to the neediest members of our society is more important than anything else.”

Kramer's summary of her investigation is available at <https://bit.ly/2Jh5aae> and Pio Roda said the complete report will be made public by July 31.

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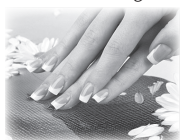
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## AUTOMOTIVE

## New Corolla Marks Half Century of Success

By Steve Schaefer  
San Leandro Times

**T**he Toyota Corolla is the most popular car ever made. Now in its 52nd year and 11th generation, it has sold over 44 million units during its long lifespan, and Toyota adds about 1.5 million to that total every year. The cars are sold in more than 150 countries and built in 16 plants, including two in North America, one in Blue Springs, Mississippi and one in Cambridge, Ontario, Canada, where my test car was made.

It's easy to spot models from nearly all generations of Corolla on the road today. That's because Toyota sold so many, and because they built them to last.

While cars like the Honda Civic reinvent themselves every generation, the Corolla has grown and matured through the decades while retaining its reasonable, easy to ignore simplicity. Sometimes boxy, sometimes rounded, the general practicality

and accessibility remain. Today's Corolla comes only as a four-door sedan, but there have been wagon and hatchback models over the years.

The first Corollas were released in Japan in late 1966. Some made it to the U.S. The second generation was a little more appealing. My brother had a yellow 1973 model that we drove together from Alabama to Arizona during one hot summer. The slightly larger, sharper-edged third-generation car was sold for the rest of the 1970s. My other brother drove a silver one.

The Corolla has grown tremendously since it arrived. For example, the wheelbase of the 1966 car was just 90 inches. By 1987 it stretched to 95.7 inches. Today's car extends to 106.3 inches. The 2018 car is more than 30 inches longer and 11 inches wider than the 1966 version. Naturally, engine size and standard equipment have increased too.

To keep it accessible to a wide group of shoppers, the Co-

rolla comes in six grades, from the base L through the popular LE model, and XLE, SE, and top XSE. There is also an Eco version of the LE, which through some tweaks and adjustments (and nearly 300 pounds less mass than the XSE), pushes the fuel economy numbers up a few clicks, hitting the magic 40 miles per gallon on the highway.

My test car, in a jaunty Blue Crush Metallic, was an XSE, so it had pretty much everything. The Entune upgraded audio system (\$525) was welcome, however, the TRD (Toyota Racing Development) branded performance exhaust gave the car a throaty roar when accelerating that wasn't music to my ears. The TRD items, including air filter and sway bar, added more than \$1,000 to the car.

The engine is a 1.8-liter in-line four-cylinder unit driving the front wheels through a continuously-variable automatic transmission (CVT). It's good for an adequate 132 horsepower and 128 lb.-ft. of torque, moving 2,870 pounds of car. The CVT features Intelligence Shift, which provides a more natural feel, replicating a traditional six-speed automatic.

The official EPA numbers were 28 City, 35 Highway, and 31. Combined, however, I only got 26 mpg during my test. The Green scores are a disappointing 3 for Smog but a better 7 for Greenhouse gas, so the car earns EPA Smartway status.

The current Corolla is squinty with a big mouth, like its popular brand mate the RAV4 crossover. Based on the looks of the 2018



The Toyota's unibody, which makes extensive use of high-tensile-strength steel, provides a rigid platform that forms a foundation for predictable handling and a comfortable ride.

Camry, I expect the next-gen Corolla will get more expressive details.

Driving the Corolla, you feel safe and secure. Everything is well made and works great, but there is little luxury or excitement. My car's black interior was a letdown after the promise of fun from the bright blue body.

The base car starts at a mere \$19,495, although there are few takers, I suspect. Most are willing to move up to the LE for just \$435 more, which adds nicer seat fabric, remote keyless entry, auto climate control, and power mirrors.

As a top-level car, my XSE wore Softex artificial leather on heated seats. It also provided premium instrumentation, smart key entry, and a leather-wrapped steering wheel with redundant controls. It came with a tilt/slide moonroof, too, 17-inch alloy wheels, and front and rear disc



The Corolla XLE and SE grades feature a leather-trimmed steering wheel with controls for audio, hands-free phone and voice commands.

brakes.

Every Corolla comes with standard Scout navigation, an illuminated visor vanity mirror, and perhaps more importantly, Toyota Safety Sense. This collection of high-tech lifesaving and accident avoiding devices includes pre-collision and pedestrian detection, lane departure alert and steering assist, dynamic radar cruise control, and auto

high beams.

My test car carried a base price of \$22,730, and with options and delivery, came to \$25,337. By today's standards, that's impressive, although it's a lot for a Corolla.

If you want a compact car you can buy without worry that will give you years of reliable service but few thrills, the Corolla remains a very viable choice.

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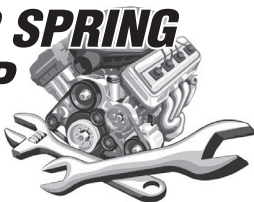
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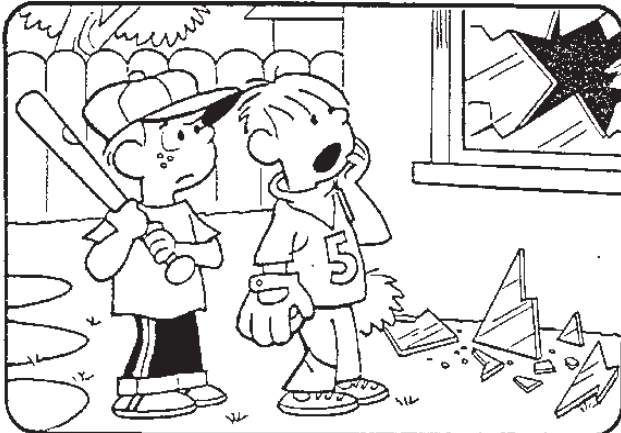
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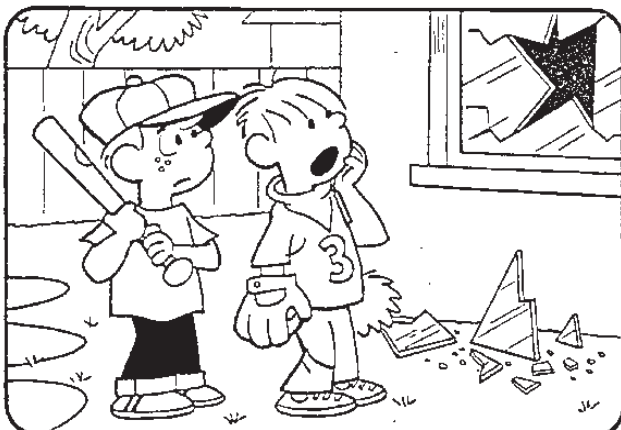
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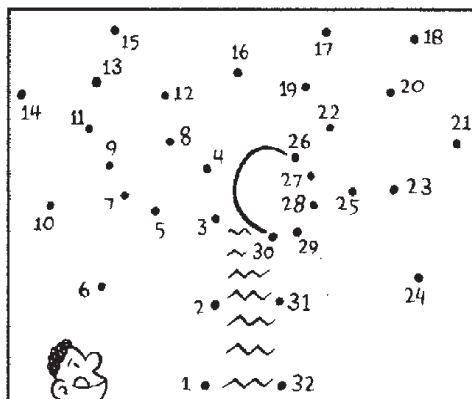
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Fence is different. 2. Bat is shorter. 3. Stripe is missing. 4. Number is different. 5. Glass break is different. 6. Piece of glass is missing. 7. Number is different.



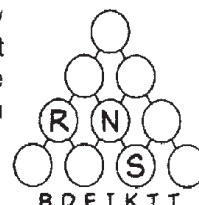
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**CHAIN REACTION!** Take the seven letters printed below our diagram and place them in the circles so that eight four-letter words can be read, top to bottom, along the connecting lines. All the words will begin with the letter in the top circle.

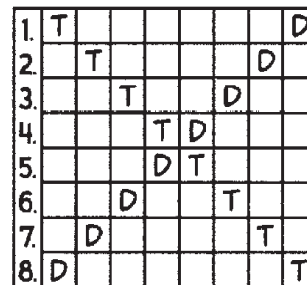


Answers: Top to bottom, left to right: Dirk, dirt, dint, dins, dent, dens, debs, debt.



by Charles Barry Townsend

## FIND THE BIG WORDS



Using the definitions and anagrams below, find the eight eight-letter words that fit into the framework on the left. For each definition, the letters in the two anagram words must be unscrambled and used to form the word asked for.

## DEFINITIONS:

- What you get for speeding.
- A military base jail.
- No longer in fashion.
- A nuclear plant accident.
- A tough biscuit.
- Seaward pull of waves.
- To argue in favor of.
- Type of door lock.

## ANAGRAM:

- teed + tick  
odes + tack  
duet + mood  
town + meld  
dart + hack  
rude + town  
toad + cave  
load + debt

Answers: 1. Ticketed. 2. Stockade. 3. Outmoded. 4. Meekdown. 5. Hardback. 6. Undertow. 7. Advocate. 8. Deadbolt.



# Election: O'Malley defeats Price

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Measure B, which passed with 68 percent of the vote (4,185 votes) will be assessed at a rate of \$60 per \$100,000 of assessed property value to those in the San Lorenzo School District.

Alameda County Measure A, the half-percent sales tax increase for childcare and early education failed to reach the 66.6 percent supermajority it need to pass, but it was close with 65 percent of the vote (106,943 votes in total).

RM3, the regional transportation measure to increase bridge tolls by \$3 over the next few years was voted on by all Bay Area counties and passed with a 54 percent simple majority overall.

## Alameda County

The race for District Attorney was the only real competition on the county ballot, as incumbent Nancy O'Malley defeated civil rights lawyer Pamela Price. O'Malley received 59 percent of the vote (87,643 votes) to Price's 40 percent (59,979 total votes).

The rest of the major races were incumbents running unopposed.

Karen Monroe will serve another term on the Alameda County Superintendent of Schools, as she got 97.5 percent of the vote.

Wilma Chan will serve another term on the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, representing parts of San Leandro and San Lorenzo in District 3. Chan got 97 percent of the vote, and there were 680 write-ins for other candidates.

Sheriff Greg Ahern will serve another 4-term. He received 96 percent of the vote (110,984 votes) with about 4,450 write-ins for other candidates.

## Federal Elections

In the race for U.S. Senator, incumbent Dianne Feinstein was the clear winner with 44 percent of votes statewide. Because the top two vote-getters advance to the general election, she will face off in November against fellow Democrat Kevin De Leon who got 11 percent of the votes statewide.

Barbara Lee, the incumbent who represents San Leandro in Congress, was running unopposed and got 96.5 percent of the vote or 76,567 total votes. The rest - nearly 2,800 votes- were

write-ins.

Democrat incumbent Eric Swalwell, who represents San Lorenzo, Ashland, and Castro Valley as part of the 15th Congressional District got 69 percent of the vote (42,884 votes) and will face off against Republican Rudy Peters in November. Peters received 28 percent of the vote or 16,867 total votes in a district that is about 25 percent Republican.

## State Elections

Gavin Newsom was the top voter-getter in the crowded 15-plus candidate race to be California's next governor. The Democrat and current lieutenant governor got 33 percent of the vote statewide.

Republican candidate John Cox took second place with 26 percent of the statewide vote. Newsom and Cox will face off in November.

The race for lieutenant governor will be between two Democrats - Eleni Kounalakis who got 23 percent statewide and Ed Hernandez who came in second place statewide with 21 percent of the vote.



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Ora Wheeler loves gardening but can't stand the leaves that constantly fall from her neighbor's tree.

## Garden: Well water does the trick

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house in San Lorenzo.

"My husband dug that well when we moved here in 1960," she says.

During the drought, she liked to water the front yard. Her neighbors couldn't because they didn't maintain their wells. Because she only uses well water outside, her water bill is practically nothing.

"Everybody's yard was brown and burned, and I had the

only green yard around here," she says. "I'd hose down the driveway, the street, and people would go by and say, 'Oh, she's wasting a lot of water.'"

Ora says that people will tell her, "You should see my water bill." She replies, "You should see mine. A water bill doesn't scare me."

Wheeler and her late husband Gus moved to California from Arkansas in 1941. Gus worked

in the shipyards and then in a cannery for \$25 a week.

Gus grew up on a farm just like Ora, and just like her he was one of 11 kids.

"You had to have those kids to work on the farm," she says.

Wheeler just knows how to grow things. Somebody gave her a flower in a pot recently but she's

**“On the farm we grew everything we ate.”**

— San Lorenzo gardener  
Ora Wheeler

not going to plant it yet.

"You can't plant that until fall," she declares.

When it's pointed out that the planting instructions are on the little plant marker, she brushes off the notion with a wave. "They don't tell you nothing." She doesn't pay any attention to that. Wheeler just gardens by instinct.

"On the farm, you just do it," she explains. "We grew everything we ate. You don't have enough to eat in the wintertime if you don't grow it and can it. You just know what you had to do."

Wheeler used to work in the kitchen for senior lunches in San Lorenzo but not since she stopped driving. She said she called the San Lorenzo Homeowners Association about her neighbor's tree, but didn't get anywhere.

"They're worthless," she says with a wave of her hand. Now she's trying the county public works department to see if they can do something about her neighbor and his tree, which he won't trim.

"He does everything he can to spite me," Wheeler says.

Meanwhile, Wheeler has been toying around with a little plan with the leaves. She says, "I might just sweep them all up and dump 'em back over the fence."

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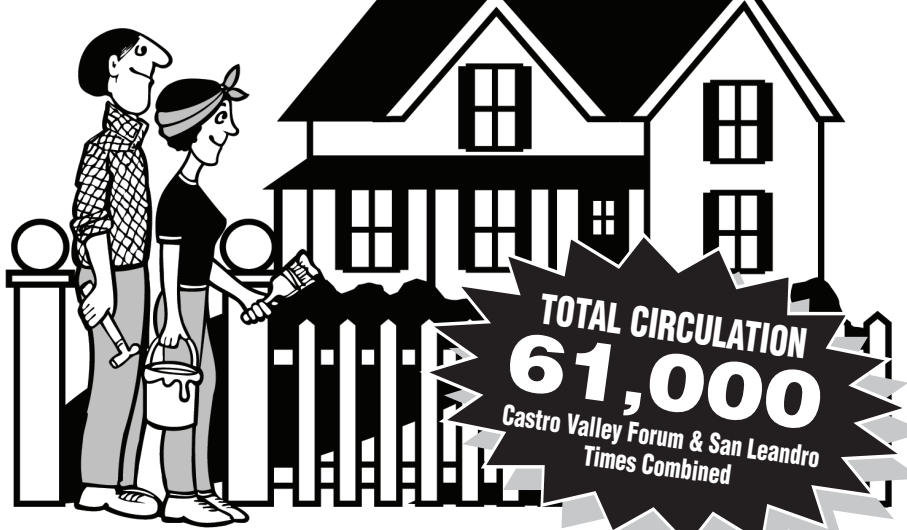
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## Reduce Health Care Costs with Medicare Assistance Programs

**Q** My wife and I are struggling with the financial cost of paying our Medicare premiums, deductibles and copayments. I hear there may be some government assistance available for seniors in our shoes. Do you know anything about these programs?

By Gene L. Osofsky, Esq.  
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM



**A** Yes. You refer to the Medicare Savings Programs ("MSP's") available for low-income seniors to help them with monthly Medicare premiums, and other related costs such as deductibles, coinsurance and copayments.

Eligibility is based upon income and resources, and each program has its own criteria. All are designed to help seniors with their health care costs.

*Note:* When considering your resources, note that some resources are counted, while some are considered exempt and are not counted.

Resources that count: Money in the bank, stocks, bonds, and rental property. Exempts assets that do not count: your home, one car, household goods, burial funds and certain other assets.

There are four MSPs, each with its own income and resource caps, as follows:

(1) Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB): This MSP pays for Part A and Part B Premiums, and also helps with Medicare Deductibles, Coinsurance and Copayments: Monthly Incomes must be at or below: \$1,032/single or \$1,392/married. This program offers the most financial assistance.

(2) Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB): This

MSP pays for part B premiums only; Monthly Incomes must be at or below \$1,234/single or \$1,666/married.

(3) Qualifying Individual ("QI"): This MSP pays for part B premiums only; Monthly Incomes must be at or below \$1,386/single or \$1,872/married.

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Those enrolled in MSP's numbered (1) - (3) above, also qualify for another program, called "Extra Help" (aka the "Low-Income Subsidy") for assistance paying for Medicare Part D prescription drug costs.

However, if you do not meet the eligibility criterion for one of those MSP Programs, you can still qualify for "Extra Help" with prescription drug costs if your income and resources are under the following, somewhat higher, limits: monthly income up to \$1,517.50/single or up to \$2,057.50/married couple, with resources under \$14,100/single and \$28,150/ married couple.

For enrollees, drug costs in the Extra Help program are no more than \$3.35 for each generic or \$8.35 for each brand-name drug.

Even though the MSP pro-

grams are in place to help with Medicare costs, the programs are administered by the state Medi-Cal program. Enrollment is therefore handled by the county Medi-Cal agency.

To apply, persons in Alameda County should call the local Medi-Cal office at 510-577-1900 (Hayward) or 510-777-2300 (Oakland).

To get a jump on enrollment, you may access the 3-page application by going on line to [www.dhcs.ca.gov](http://www.dhcs.ca.gov) and searching for form MC 14 A.

Studies indicate that there is a very significant under-enrollment in these programs, which means that many eligible low-income seniors are missing out on available financial assistance.

To encourage eligible seniors to apply, the Social Security Administration and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services is in the process of sending a joint letter to over 2 million persons who appear eligible based upon their income, urging them to apply through their local Medi-Cal office.

Even if you do not receive that letter, if you feel you might qualify you should apply by contacting your local Medi-Cal office.

Gene L. Osofsky is an elder law and estate planning attorney in Hayward. Visit his website at [www.LawyerForSeniors.com](http://www.LawyerForSeniors.com)



## Baywood Honors Centenarians

By Linda Sandsmark  
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

**B**aywood Court Retirement Community recently feted eight of its residents who will be at least 100 years old this year. The honorees included three people who are already 102, and five who will hit the centennial mark by the end of 2018.

At the community's annual Memorial Day barbecue, the

centenarians sat at reserved tables with their friends, where gifts, a cake, and food were delivered to them.

The hosts for the 100-year-olds' tables were Vonna and Bill Moore.

"It's special to have so many centenarians here," said Baywood's Executive Director Bruce Udelf.

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# REAL ESTATE GALLERY



## Alarm Companies Make Huge Push for New Subscribers

By Carl Medford, CRS  
Special to the Times

We all desire safety, and alarm companies are scrambling to meet ever-increasing demands for home security systems.

Everyone wants a piece of the action and major players such as Xfinity and Amazon are jumping in.

New internet-based home security devices are hitting the market on an almost hourly basis, including multi-camera systems with recorders, video doorbells,

lower cost motion detectors and more, all with Smart Technology that can be controlled by devices such as Amazon's Alexa, Google's Home or smart phones.

Home alarm systems are pushing the boundaries in ways inconceivable a few years ago.

As a kid I loved reading Dick Tracy's cartoon strip and dreamed of having his wristwatch with its built-in radio. With Facetime on our watches now a reality, we are way past the iconic detective's capabilities.

Sound activated video door-

bells that can be viewed on a smartphone from anywhere in the world are just one example of how far we've come. You can bet that we are just seeing the edge of what is possible as smart devices are becoming ever more pervasive and, consequently, our privacy is retreating further and further from our grasp.

Alarm companies, in the face of increasing competition, are looking for any edge they can find to sign up new subscribers and build market share. Therefore, it's no surprise they are targeting local Realtors with incentive programs tied to local home sales.

As soon as a home closes escrow, the agent representing the buyer is inundated with calls from alarm companies hoping

to get the agent's assistance in signing up the new homeowner with an alarm system.

In many cases, companies are offering real estate agent a bonus of hundreds of dollars to push their system on the buyers. While some alarm companies are trying to extend services that were already in place with the previous owner, other companies are seeing the sale as a window of opportunity for new systems.

An email I received just today stated, "Your clients are probably about to sign up for a home security system – and we make it easy for them while giving you a bonus for the referral!"

My opinion? While I'm all for home security, I think interested buyers should carefully research all their options and then choose a system that works for them – not one that's pushed on them by an agent hoping to earn a few more dollars.

Carl Medford is a licensed Realtor with Keller Williams Realty and a licensed general contractor. This article is sponsored



## Clearing Away Wasp Nests

By Samantha Mazzotta  
Special to the Forum

There are several ways to remove small wasp nests from the exterior of your house, and the quicker it's done, the better. Wasps could possibly begin extending the nests inside the walls if they're not dealt with.

You'll want to check the attic or storage space above the eaves, as well as crawlspaces under the house, for evidence of wasps before starting the removal.

To remove the wasp nest, make sure the kids and pets are inside to prevent possible stings from angry wasps. Wear long sleeves, pants, work gloves and sturdy shoes to protect yourself. And of course, if you have an allergy to bee stings, don't clear the nests yourself; call in a pest-control service.

The most effective way to get rid of the nests and reduce the

chances of the wasps coming back is to use a chemical spray. Wait until dusk, when the wasps have returned to the nests, then spray according to the directions on the product.

You may have to wait up to a week for all activity in the nests to subside; then you can climb up to the eaves and carefully pull off the nests.

An all-natural method for wasp removal is to gear up (cover all your skin, put protective netting over your face, and have an escape route) and spray each nest with a jet of water from your garden hose. This doesn't kill the wasps, and you'll probably see them building nests again in fall or spring.

What if you found that the wasps have gotten inside your home's siding during your initial survey? You'll probably want to stick with the chemical spray of the outside nests (not your interior walls) in order to kill them.

One of my readers recommended using a wet/dry vacuum with a hose attachment to suck up as many wasps from their entry/exit point as possible. If neither of these methods eradicate the wasps, contact a pest-control service.

*Home Tip:* Found a wasp's nest in a tree at the far end of the yard? Consult a pest-control service before removing it, as the displaced wasps could simply move over to your house.

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## Vegetables

If your vegetable garden space is limited, try growing some varieties in hanging baskets. Bush-type cucumbers, zucchini, cherry tomatoes, and a variety of herbs work well.

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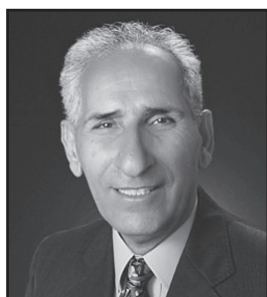
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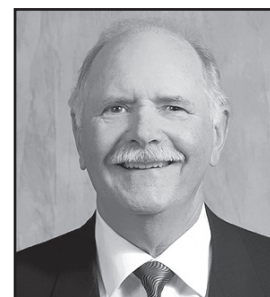
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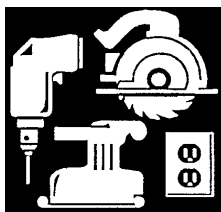
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# Copeland Bringing Two Comedy Events to San Leandro

Brian Copeland is bringing two acclaimed entertainment events to San Leandro – the Lighten Up Summer comedy concert, and the Best of San Francisco Solo Series 2018-2019, a series of one-man shows.

An all-star line up of come-

dians will perform on Saturday, July 28 at 7 p.m. at the San Leandro Library, 300 Estudillo Avenue.

The line-up includes Bruce Baum (Grammy nominated, Tonight Show veteran); Mark Pitta (San Francisco Comedy Compe-

tition finalist and Tonight Show veteran); Chicago Steve Barkley (\$10,000 winner on America's Funniest People ); Carrie Snow (San Francisco International Comedy Competition finalist, writer for Roseanne ); Chip Franklin (Conan, KGO Radio);

Stephan B.; Nicole Tran; Daymon Ferguson; and Brian Copeland.

Tickets are \$42 advance general admission, \$50 at the door, and \$15 for students ages 14 to 18. For tickets, visit [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com).

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## Solo Series:

And tickets are also on sale now for Copeland's Best of Solo series which will run this September through April of 2019 in the Carnegie Theater at the Main Library.

The full line of eight shows includes:

Jill Vice: *A Fatal Step* (Sept. 21-23)

On the heels of her award-winning show *Tipped & Tipsy*, the Best of Fest Winner returns with a one-woman noir that puts the DIE in podiatry.

Dan Hoyle: *The Real Americans* (Oct. 19-21)

In this acclaimed production, award-winning actor/playwright Hoyle gives a riveting recounting of his 100-day van trip through small-town and rural America, where he found himself at ground zero of the country's economic inequality and political division.

Don Reed: *Semi-Famous* (Nov. 16-18)

With stories from the famous to the infamous, Don Reed returns with an all-new collection

of delightful tales from panic attacks auditioning for Spike Lee to almost being shot by the Secret Service at The Tonight Show.

Brian Copeland: *The Jewelry Box* (Dec. 21-23)

In this hilarious prequel to *Not a Genuine Black Man*, beloved actor-playwright Brian Copeland recounts two memorable weeks in his youth when he took to the "mean streets" of Oakland to buy his mom the perfect Christmas gift.

Diane Barnes: *My Stroke of Luck* (January 25-27)

The story of a single adoptive mother of special needs and gifted sons, Diane Barnes, a practicing physician, forges a new identity after a debilitating stroke.

Brian Copeland: *Grandma & Me* (February 22-24)

In his highly anticipated new play, Brian Copeland examines the issue of single parenting through a very personal story, comparing and contrasting the trials of single parenting in the 1970s and the 21st century.

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**Daniel W. Tortorelli**  
**Lisete R. Pereira**

■ **Daniel W. Tortorelli** passed away on June 1, 2018 at the age of 78. Visitation will be held at Santos-Robinson Mortuary, 160 Estudillo Ave., San Leandro on Wednesday, June 13 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. with a vigil service beginning at 6:30 p.m. The funeral mass will be held at St. Felicitas Catholic Church, 1662 Manor Blvd., San Leandro on Thursday, June 14 beginning at 10:30 a.m. Arrangements by Santos-Robinson Mortuary, San Leandro (510-483-0123, [santos-robinson.com](http://santos-robinson.com)).

will be Thursday June 6, at St. Leander Catholic Church in San Leandro beginning at 9:30 a.m. The Funeral Liturgy will follow directly after the Vigil Service. Burial will take place at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward. Arrangements by Santos-Robinson Mortuary, San Leandro (510-483-0123, [santos-robinson.com](http://santos-robinson.com)).

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## Maria Ulloa Camacho

October 25, 1917 ~ May 29, 2018



Maria passed away Tuesday, May 29, 2018, at the golden age of 100 years old surrounded by the love of her family.

She was born October 25, 1917, in Hagatna (Agana) Guam to Mariano and Joaquina Ulloa. Two siblings, Ben & Anna Ulloa (both deceased). Married to Vicente R. Camacho (deceased) for 58 years. She had seven children, Junior (deceased), Tony, Lourdes (deceased), Terrie Marzetta (deceased), Gloria Dorris (Danny), Evelyn Camacho-George (Gary) and Lucille Camacho Knight (Greg, deceased) along with grandchildren of 3 generations.

She, her husband and 2 children were WWII prisoners of war for 3 years. She retired as a teacher/principal of 21 years in Tamuning, Guam. Then moved to the mainland in 1956 where she retired as a manager for SVdP at age 62. She was a member of the Legion of Mary and volunteered for American Legion. Maria sang with the Church of the Assumption choir for many years.

Maria enjoyed singing, sewing, cooking, reading medical books for past time and baking rum bundt cakes. However, her real joy was being with her grandchildren and showering them with love and gifts. Her favorite celebrations were Christmas and Easter with her family. Maria always encouraged her family to further their education, work hard, be strong and pray.

Viewing on Mon 6/11/18 at 4pm and Rosary at 6pm, both at San Leandro Funeral Home, 407 Estudillo Ave, San Leandro, CA 94577.

Chapel Service on Tues, 6/12/18 at 11am at same location followed by funeral to the Chapel of the Chimes, 32992 Mission Blvd, Hayward, CA 94544.

Everyone invited to attend a reception following the funeral. Address and directions will be provided at San Leandro Funeral Home on both days.

## Ella Mae Block

September 19, 1952 ~ March 9, 2018

On Friday, March 9th, 2018, after an unexpected and brief illness, Ella passed away peacefully with her husband and two sons by her side.

A native of San Leandro, along with her husband Hank and their two canine daughters, Sophie and Suzette, she retired to Oakley in 2016.

She will be greatly missed by her husband of 47 years Henry A. Block; her two sons Corey and Stacey; one sister Elaine Pedro; and six grandchildren Caleb, Conor, Keira, Delenn, Stacy Jean and Sammy.

At her request no services were held.

## Donald Hayes Devlin



Donald Hayes Devlin passed away on May 31, 2018. He was born to Virginia and Dr. Harold Devlin in San Francisco, California. He attended George Washington High School and joined the ROTC. He graduated UC Berkeley in 1945 and from Dental school at UC San Francisco in 1949. He later trained as an Oral Surgery resident at the University of Oklahoma and Northwestern University and later joined the Army Dental Corp. He spent two years in the Army at Fort Ord, CA. He finished his Oral Surgery residency in Chicago at Cook County Hospital in 1955.

He was in private practice in San Francisco and in San Leandro for more than 30 years and taught for 60 years at the University of California San Francisco and San Francisco General Hospital. He later was the Chairman and Program Director of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery at Alameda County Medical Center (Highland Hospital). He was responsible for joining Highland Hospital's Oral Surgery program with the University of the Pacific Dental School.

He was an avid photographer, boater, movie maker and an 83 year member of the San Francisco Olympic Club.

He was a devoted husband, father and a positive influence on family, friends and his profession. He is survived by his wife Beatrice, his two sons Thomas (Nicole) & Douglas (Sylvia) and his seven grand children.

A public funeral service will be held on Monday, June 11, 2018 at 10:30 am at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr. in Pleasanton, CA.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the University of Pacific Arthur Dugoni School of Dentistry.

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# Comedy: Best of SF Solo Series tickets sold for entire series

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Maureen Langan: *Daughter of a Garbageman* (March 8-10).

Her Irish mother and Bronx-born father, a New York City sanitation worker, told her to work hard, get educated and life would reward her. With humor, honesty, and insight, Maureen taps into the hearts and frustrations of hard-working people everywhere who wonder if they,

too, were raised wrong.

Jeff Greenwald: *Strange Travel Suggestions* (April 12-14)

Audience members step onto the stage and spin a huge, colorful wheel. Greenwald never knows which tales he is going to tell during any show, so the audience embarks on an expedition with him, from one spin to the next, as partner and companion.

Best of Solo is a subscription

only series and tickets to individual shows will not be available.

General admission season tickets are \$265, senior season tickets are \$235. Due to mature language and themes, this series is recommended for ages 15 and up. For tickets, visit [www.bestofsolo.com](http://www.bestofsolo.com).

At right, Don Reed and Maureen Langan.



## OPINION

### LETTERS to the EDITOR

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#### Fining Noisy Cars, Motorcycles Could Case a Budget Surplus

Editor:

To help the city budget, SLPD could enforce the California Vehicle Code which limits the exhaust noise of cars and motorcycles. The code allows a \$100 fine for first offenders. There are so many such offenders operating on our streets these days that it could cause a budget surplus.

— Aaron Buchanan  
San Leandro

#### Thanks to City Hall for Marking Gun Violence Awareness Week

Editor:

Thank you to the San Leandro City Hall for shining with bright orange lights Thursday and Friday nights, May 31 and June 1, to mark National Gun Violence Awareness weekend.

The city joined with other Bay Area cities in calling attention to gun safety, including, San Francisco,

Oakland, Palo Alto, and Redwood City.

Awareness of gun safety practices will help protect our children (and adults) from gun violence. For more information, contact: Everytown for Gun Safety: [everytown.org](http://everytown.org), Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence: [bradycampaign.org](http://bradycampaign.org)

Thanks again to the staff of the city for "wearing orange"!

— Tom Breckenridge  
— Deacon Pam Jester  
— Maxine Sitts  
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#### Wants a List of Highest Paid City Employees

Editor:

Several months ago I suggested in a letter to this paper that the compensation of the City of San Leandro's highest paid employees and retirees be listed annually in this paper.

Since Amy Sylvestri's article in

the May 31 issue, titled "County Honchos Rake It In," covered the topic for county personnel, I would like to invite her or someone else to write regarding San Leandro. So please, Amy or someone please send in a list of the fifteen highest paid city employees and fifteen highest paid city retirees, including names position/title.

— Raymond Puleo  
San Leandro

#### Delta Twin Tunnels Could Harm Winnemem Wintu People

Editor:

It is shameful that Republican Congressman, Ken Calvert of Riverside County slipped a rider into the House Interior and Environmental Appropriations bill that will prohibit lawsuits against the building of the Delta twin tunnels, which will divert water from the Sacramento River and transport it to both San Joaquin Valley and Southern California.

Building the tunnels will wipe out the salmon populations which are part of the livelihood of the Winnemem Wintu People. Without it, they will not survive. Congressman Calvert's obstruction of the judicial process to allow the attack of the Winnemem Wintu People's way of life, must be stopped.

— Billy Trice Jr., Oakland

### INQUIRING REPORTER

#### Greatest basketball team of all time?

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Amahni Mestas  
San Leandro



That's Golden State...or the Showtime ('79-'91) Lakers. I gotta say the Showtime Lakers. They just had more fundamentals.

Shaquille Slaughter  
San Leandro

The Warriors. A lot of times they're considered the underdogs. They never had a superstar like Kareem or Michael Jordan, just a lot of good people who play together well, and they're all very humble.

Gary Schick  
San Mateo,  
works in San Leandro

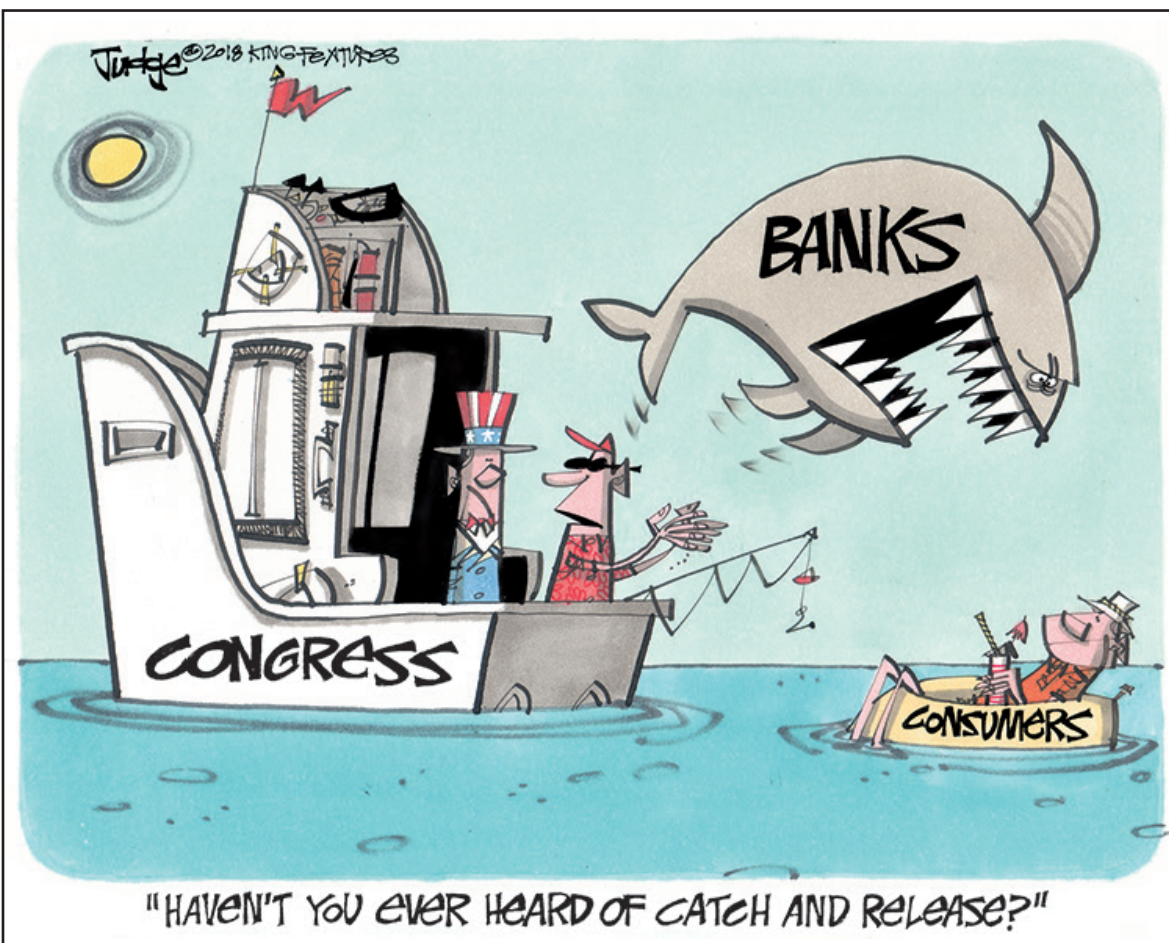


The Warriors. The team chemistry is going well and they have great players.

Jayce Burns  
San Leandro

The Boston Celtics in the '80s. It's all about the money now, the glitter. It's so expensive to go to a game, you'd have to sell a BMW or something. But you used to be able to take the whole family. We used to get tickets to Raiders games for \$12.

Ed Montcalvo  
San Leandro





## SPORTS

## Pallen Martial Arts Will Compete in Maui in July

The Pallen Martial Arts-Sen-kotiros team recently had a lot of success at the World Eskrima Kali Arnis Federation West Coast Nationals tournament.

Thirteen competitors from the San Leandro and Dublin schools earned the highest total of first through third place awards of any team in the competition – 31 golds, seven silvers, and two bronze awards.

The Pallen team members are Elizabeth Barr, Nikki Bonato, Vinny Bonato, Lantis Chung, Richard “Tres” Fregosa III, Augustine Garcia, Kalilla Garcia, Salvador Garcia, Cedric Novenario, Colin Novenario, Jessie Pallen, J.T. Paulino, and Jim Schaufele.

Their instructors say they all displayed a great deal of competitive spirit and each came away with at least one place finish and eight were among the top ten individual award winners.



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All of the Pallen team members qualified to compete at the WEKAF World Championships in Maui this July.



TIMES FILE PHOTO

The San Leandro Dodgers got the wood on the ball on Sunday against the Bulls. Above, a Dodgers batter takes a cut at the ball in a game last summer.

## Dodgers Open Season with A Pair of Double-Headers

The 2018 San Leandro Dodgers youth baseball team kicked off the summer with double-headers on both Saturday and Sunday – splitting Saturday’s twin-bill and sweeping Sunday’s.

The Dodgers won Saturday’s first game against the Dawgs, 5-4, with James Rogge pitching a 3-hitter through 5 innings and giving up 2 runs, Noah Amaral had a single and a double and scored 2 runs, Devin Castro singled and scored a run.

The Dawgs won the second

game, 3-2, though Victor Hernandez pitched well and Enrique Batz and James Cardera each singled and doubled.

On Sunday, the Dodgers won the first game of a double-header against the Blankenship Bulls, 15-4. James Cardera pitched five innings and gave up 2 runs on four hits. He also had singled, scored 2 runs and had drove in 2 runs. Tyler Finamore walked twice and had two RBIs and Cristian Renteria had a single, two walks and two RBI’s.

In Sunday’s second game, Cam Weatherford pitched a gem for the Dodgers for a 10-1 win over the Bulls. Weatherford struck out 11 batters over five innings, allowing three hits and no runs. He also had a base hit and a double.

Sammy Hadley had a single and a double and two RBIs. David Greene had two singles and an RBI. Devin Castro had a single and a triple with two RBIs and 2 runs scored. Gordon Reed walked, got hit by a pitch and scored a run.

## Presentation on Environmental Crimes

The public is invited to a free presentation on Environmental Crimes in Alameda County will be on Tuesday, June 12, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Castro Valley Library, 3600 Norbridge Ave. in

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A panel of environmental law experts from the Alameda County District Attorney’s Office will identify the most common environmental crimes in the Bay Area, and provide resources to better understand the impact of environmental crimes and to help identify and report them.

The talk is sponsored by The League of Women Voters Eden Area, Alameda County District Attorney’s Office, and the Southern Alameda County Group of the Sierra Club.

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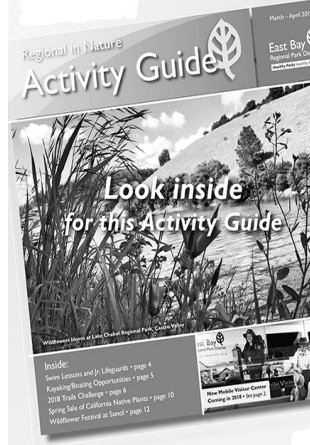
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### Sculpture Demo

Sculpture artist Shari Benson will give a demonstration at the monthly meeting of the Leandro Art Association (SLAA) on Tuesday, June 12, at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Doors open for refreshments at 6:30 p.m., the meeting starts at 7 p.m., and the demonstration will begin at 7:30 p.m. SLAA membership is \$40 per year.



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