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Trained volunteers with SunWork Renewable Energy installed solar panels on the roof of All Saints Episcopal Church on Dowling Boulevard last week.

Church Receives Power from Above

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

When Fr. Justin Cannon needed to provide power for his church, he knew where to find it.

He sought help from above.

All Saints Episcopal Church on Dowling Boulevard decided the time had come to let solar power come into their lives. And so

it came to pass that the panels were installed on the church roof last week.

The 9 kilowatt solar power system of 33 panels will make enough electricity to cover the church's entire electricity bill.

The solar panels were installed by SunWork Renewable Energy Projects, a nonprofit company that specializes in smaller projects with the help of trained volunteers.

Fr. Justin says he's an advocate for environmental causes. He's the founder of Holy Hikes, which is an eco-ministry committed to rebuilding communion with all of God's creation.

"It's going to cover all the electricity we use," said Fr. Justin. "I'm just excited about how it's all come together."

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Downtown Tax District Asks City for a Loan

Special tax district that already collects \$380,000 a year says it needs to 'speed things up'

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

The San Leandro Improvement Association (SLIA) is asking the city for a \$300,000 loan to continue its work of making downtown more appealing.

SLIA was created as a "community benefit district" in 2013 when downtown property owners voted to assess themselves an additional tax to pay for things like beautification, additional security, and public-relations work.

Marco Li Mandri, president of San Diego-based New City America, gave a presentation at Monday night's City Council meeting. Li Mandri's company created the SLIA and dozens of other such districts around the country.

The council thanked Li Mandri for his work but didn't comment on the loan, as it was just a presentation item on the agenda and it will be put to a vote at an upcoming meeting.

Even though the district takes in about \$400,000 in taxes annually, LiMandri says SLIA needs the loan to "speed things up" and get projects done now.

Among the projects that could be funded with the loan would be the installation of a bocce ball court in Root Park and ping pong tables at Casa Peralta.

SLIA collected \$383,000

this year and expects to collect \$425,000 next year since the tech campus opened up and will be paying the tax now.

At Monday night's meeting, Li Mandri gave the council a
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Cars Crash After Wild Shoot-out

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

An elderly couple were seriously injured and remain hospitalized following a car crash that resulted from a shoot-out on city streets last Thursday.

At around 12:30 p.m. on Nov. 17, police received calls about shots fired in the area of MacArthur Boulevard and I-580. Moments later, they began receiving 911 calls about a car crash on the 300 block of Dowling Boulevard, according to Lt. Robert McManus of the San Leandro police.

When officers arrived at the collision, they found two cars with major damage. One of the
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Food Bank Bustles for the Holidays

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

The Alameda County Food Bank was bustling with activity last week, with volunteers and workers making sure that there is a hot meal on everyone's Thanksgiving table.

The Alameda County Food Bank, which was just named the No. 1 food bank in the nation, supplies nourishment for an astounding 1-in-5 county residents, according to the spokesman Michael Altfest.

And of course the holidays are among their busiest periods, with plans to distribute over 30 million meals now through the

end of the year. The food bank also receives about 60 percent of its annual donations during the holiday season.

Some of that comes from non-perishables donated during food drives – especially those barrels you see in grocery stores.

Last week, volunteers sorted the individual donations from the barrels. They have to toss out anything that's past its expiration date, has been opened, or isn't up to nutritional standards – things like booze or soda.

Those barrels are where the
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PHOTO BY AMY SYLVESTRI

Donna Mastronarde of San Leandro and Laura Goderez of Oakland volunteer every Wednesday, sorting food donations to make sure they're safe and nutritionally sound.

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Annual Downtown Holiday Celebration To Kick Off on Dec. 3

Downtown San Leandro's annual holiday celebration, "It's A Wonderful Night," will kick off with a tree-lighting ceremony at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 3, in the Downtown Plaza.

Once the Holiday Tree is lit, families will be able to take photos with Santa Claus in the plaza. The downtown will become a winter wonderland with holiday entertainment, dancers and singers, holiday games, cookie decorating, interactive arts and crafts for kids and horse-drawn carriage rides. Holiday movies will also be screening outdoors.

New this year will be the "Winter Wonder Walk," a row of artificial holiday trees do-

nated by the San Leandro Improvement Association (SLIA), decorated by local San Leandro schools and lined up to create a path of holiday trees between Washington Avenue and East 14th Street for everybody to enjoy.

Later, the trees will be transported to the historic Casa Peralta grounds for the whole community to enjoy throughout the holiday season.

In addition, the SLIA will be installing holiday décor and street corner displays—over a dozen life-size nutcrackers—throughout downtown to beautify and carry the holiday spirit through the whole season.

Post Office, Banks Closed Thursday Open on Friday, BART on Sunday Schedule

All San Leandro schools, city offices and libraries will also be closed Thursday and Friday, as will all Alameda County offices.

United States Post offices will be closed on Nov. 24 and open Friday. Banks will also be open on Friday.

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office will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 24 and 25, for Thanksgiving.

AC Transit and BART will both be running on Sunday schedules on Thanksgiving Day with free parking at all BART stations. They return to regular weekday schedules on Friday.



PHOTO COURTESY DOUGLAS MORRISON THEATRE

Andrea Lea Martzipan, Danny Martin and Alicia von Kugelgen appear in *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play* at the Douglas Morrison Theatre in Hayward Dec. 1 through Dec. 11.

San Leandrans Featured In Local Holiday Shows

Long-time San Leandro residents Judy and Matt Beall have been performing on Bay Area stages since 2003 – after being inspired by watching their daughter Jennifer.

While often appearing together, this season they are both playing multiple roles in two separate local holiday productions, each with a similar and universal theme of redemption and fresh starts.

Judy will appear in *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play* opening Dec. 1 at the Doug-

las Morrison Theatre in Hayward. This unique production of the heartwarming well-loved story is performed as a live 1940's radio broadcast with on-stage sound effects and musical accompaniment.

Matt is currently on stage in *A Christmas Carol* at Chanticleers Theatre in Castro Valley. Based on the Charles Dickens' tale, this adaptation of the classic holiday favorite is told in a clever new way, also with music of the season. Both productions are appropriate for families.

It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play opens at the Douglas Morrison Theatre on Dec. 1 at 8 p.m. and runs through Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. Tickets available online at www.dmtonline.org, in person Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m., or by calling 881-6777.

A Christmas Carol at the Chanticleer's Theatre can be seen at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays – now through Dec. 11.

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Blaze on Davis Street

Alameda County firefighters responded to a report of a commercial structure fire on the 2500 block of Davis Street on Nov. 16 at just after 2:30 p.m. Firefighters arrived to find a big-rig on fire with flames going into a commercial building. The one-alarm fire produced a lot of smoke and was quickly extinguished. No one was injured and the cause of the fire is under investigation.

SL Man Charged in Gang Killing

A San Leandro man is one of two alleged gang members charged with murdering a rival gang member in San Mateo in September.

Alejandro Deleon, 22, of San

Leandro and Louis Mercado, 20, of Hayward both pleaded not guilty to the crime in a San Mateo courthouse last week.

Police say the men are Norte-

Man Convicted of Sexual Assault After Years on the Run

On Nov. 3, a jury found former San Leandro resident Fesui Soli Fuimaono guilty of seven felony counts of molesting a child and sexual assault, according to the Alameda County District Attorney's Office.

When 'Janet Doe' was nine years old, her biological mother married Fuimaono in Samoa and then moved to the United States.

Within months, Fuimaono started molesting her while bathing and showering her. Janet Doe disclosed the molestations to her family and she was removed from the home.

When she was a sophomore in high school, Janet Doe's biological mother had surgery and Janet moved back in. Fuimaono continually molested Janet Doe for the next three years, threatening to do the same to her younger cousin in order to get her to comply with his orders. Fuimaono had also threatened Janet Doe's

mother with a knife and a gun, and promised to make Janet Doe his wife if anything 'happened' to his current wife.

In 2012, Janet Doe's biological father died and she wanted to attend his funeral. The only way she could get there was to obtain a ride with Fuimaono. Fuimaono made her go to a hotel with him and have sex with him before she was allowed to go to her biological father's funeral.

About a month later, Janet Doe came forward and disclosed everything that had been happening while she was living with her biological mother and Fuimaono. The case was investigated by San Leandro police, and they interviewed Fuimaono, who then fled back to Samoa where he was extradited as a fugitive from justice by the Alameda County District Attorney's office in April 2015.

Fuimaono is scheduled to be sentenced on Dec. 6.

killed Sureno gang member Daniel Corono, 31.

The suspects allegedly shot Corono in the parking lot of a PetSmart at 3520 El Camino Real in San Mateo on Sept. 6 and then led police on a car chase that reached speeds of up to 90 m.p.h. on Highway 101 that ended in San Francisco.

Deleon and Mercado remain in custody without bail and their next hearing is scheduled for February.



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SL Teen Girl Lured to Motel by Alleged Phone App Predator

San Leandro Police detectives have arrested a 40-year old man who posed as a 14-year-old boy on a smartphone app and lured a 13-year-old girl to leave home with him.

Police are asking for the public's assistance, as they believe that there are additional teenage victims in the Bay Area and Central Valley.

The case began a few weeks ago when a 13-year-old San Leandro girl was reported missing by her parents, according to Lt. Robert McManus of the San Leandro police.

Investigating officers learned that she had left for school, but had never arrived.

Hours later, she came home and told investigators that she

had been kidnapped and later told them what happened.

The girl, whose name is being withheld due to her age, met who she thought was a teen boy on "KIK" – a popular social media smartphone application used by teens.

Once the suspect, who disguised himself as the 14-year-old-boy built a level of trust with the girl, he drove from his home in Patterson, CA to San Leandro and met with her.

The suspect was able to convince the girl to get into his car and go with him. He drove the teen to the Quality Inn Motel in Oakland where he rented a room and took her inside.

The investigation determined that several felonious sex crimes

occurred in the motel room between the teen and man, police said. He eventually drove her back home and left.

The same day, detectives were able to identify the suspect and obtain an arrest warrant for him and arrested him at his home in Patterson, where they also recovered evidence linked to the case.

Police believe that there may be others in the area that the suspect has victimized in the past.

Investigators ask anyone with a similar story or additional information to call 577-3230.

Police say that there are many resources about online dangers available to parents and teens. One site is aliciaproject.org, founded by a survivor who was held captive when she was 13 after meeting a man online.

Suspect Injured by Marshals

US Marshals serving a warrant shot at and injured a suspect last week. On Nov. 17 at around 3 p.m. Alameda County Sheriff's deputies responded to the 2800 block of Romagnolo Street in the unincorporated Fairview area for a report of an officer involved shooting.

Members of the US Marshal task force were on scene when they encountered a wanted 26 year old male suspect. The fugitive was wanted out of the state of Louisiana for weapon and drug related charges.

While attempting to take the fugitive into custody, a deputy marshal fired at the suspect who

was in a vehicle, according to Sgt. Ray Kelly of the sheriff's department.

The suspect was struck by either a grazing bullet or flying debris. He suffered a superficial injury and was treated and released from the hospital and taken into police custody. No officers were injured during this incident.

Nearby Fairview Elementary School was placed on lock down for about an hour, Kelly said.

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Seaman Emily Suy, from San Lorenzo, logs aircraft launches and recoveries in primary flight control in the Arabian Gulf this month on the aircraft carrier **USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) (Ike)**. Ike and its Carrier Strike Group are deployed in support of Operation Inherent Resolve, maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

❖ Chanticleers Theatre

A *Christmas Carol*, a classic holiday favorite will be presented at the Chanticleers Theatre, 3683 Quail Ave. in Castro Valley until Dec. 11. The whole family will enjoy this Christmas classic told in a unique way, along with music of the season. Friday and Saturday shows begin at 8 p.m.,

Sundays shows begin at 2 p.m. General admission tickets are \$25, \$20 for seniors and students, and \$10 for children 12 and under. To purchase tickets or for more information, call 733-5483.

❖ Douglas Morrisson Theatre

It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play will be presented by

the Douglas Morrisson Theatre at 8 p.m. on Dec. 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, and at 2 p.m. on Dec. 3, 4, and 11, at the DMT Theatre, 22311 North 3rd Street in Hayward. An Opening Reception will be held on Thursday, Dec. 1. For tickets (\$27-\$29), visit www.dmtonline.org or call 881-6777. Enjoy the holiday classic that puts the "heart" in heart-warming.

❖ Douglas Morrisson Theatre

The Douglas Morrisson Theatre Chorus presents a Holiday Concert under the musical direction of Cesar Cancino Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 15 to Dec. 17, at 8 p.m.; and on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 2 p.m. at the Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 N. Third St. in Hayward. The Holiday Concert will feature a selection of classical sacred works, popular holiday songs and jazz, as well as audience sing-a-long pieces. Tickets are \$18 adult, \$15 for adult H.A.R.D. resident, \$15

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

❖ Thanksgiving Dinner at Badarikashrama

Badarikashrama, a spiritual and cultural center at 15602 Maubert Ave. in the foothills of San Leandro, will offer a concert and international vegetarian dinner this Thanksgiving day Thursday, Nov. 24, at 3 p.m. This year's dinner will include a South Indian Veena concert. For reservations, call 278-2444. The dinner and concert is free and open to all. No one turned away.

❖ San Leandro Democratic Club

The San Leandro Democratic Club will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 29, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Trustees Room of the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. The club will have a Christmas party on Thursday, Dec. 15, from 6 to 8 p.m., also at the Main Library.

❖ Holidays with Lenny Williams

Keep Music Rockin' Foundation will host the annual "Holidays with Lenny Williams" on Thursday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. at the San Leandro High School Arts Education Theater, 2250 Bancroft Ave. to benefit the San Leandro public school's music programs. This year the program will feature a tribute to Rick Richards, founder of Keep Music Rockin' Foundation, who died last year. Tickets are \$15 general admission, or \$30 for VIP tickets that includes the reception at 5:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased in advance at www.brownpapertickets.com.

❖ Annual Sports Collectors Show

The Meridians of St. Leander's host its 32nd Annual Sports Collectors Show on Saturday, Nov. 26, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Ryan O'Connell Hall, 575 Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro. A variety of sports memorabilia from 1880 to the present will be for sale. Proceeds benefit St. Leander's parish and local charities. Admission is \$4, or \$2 for under 10 or over 65. For more information, call Mark at 538-6245.

❖ Eden Garden Club

The next meeting of the Eden Garden Club will be Monday, Nov. 28, at 9:30 a.m. at the Moose Lodge, 20835 Rutledge Road in Castro Valley. The speaker will be Lori Caldwell, Stopwaste educator, and master composter. She will talk about native plants and their many benefits. Meetings are free and guests are always welcome. For more information, call 397-1268.

❖ Hayward Area Historical Society

The Hayward Area Historical Society, 22380 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward, presents *Local Botanical Beauties, Then and Now* guest curated by Mary L. Harden School of Botanical Illustration in the Community Gallery until Jan. 8, during the museum's hours, Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This exhibit of watercolors shows the variety of plant life that once dominated the landscape of the Hayward area as well as plants that are still seen in the foothills and gardens. Meet the artists at a reception on Friday, Dec. 2, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

❖ James Madison Holiday Boutique

James Madison Elementary School, 14759 Juniper St. in San Leandro, is having a holiday boutique art and craft sale on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. till 3 p.m. If you're interested in a table to sell, email sl.jamesmadison.pto@gmail.com

❖ Corvallis School Holiday Boutique

Corvallis Elementary School, 14790 Corvallis St. in San Leandro will have its annual Holiday Boutique on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lots of homemade crafts and goodies at reasonable prices by local artists. Receive

one free ticket at the door and additional free tickets for every toy, canned food item, or clean used coat you bring. Door prize drawings every half hour. Door prize drawing tickets will be on sale the day of the boutique. Admission is free. Food and drinks for sale. Proceeds benefit Corvallis Elementary School. New vendors are welcome. For booth information or additional information regarding the boutique, call Karen Webb at 461-2290.

❖ Soroptimist Holiday Boutique

Soroptimist of the East Bay will have its 12th Annual Holiday Boutique, Saturday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hill and Valley Club House, 1808 B St. in Hayward. Crafts, jewelery, hats, wardrobe accessories, garden items, stained glass, soaps and lotions and much more will be on sale. Lunch and refreshments will also be available. All proceeds help support the goal of Soroptimist - improving the lives of women and girls. For more information, call Donna Whitehouse at 924-7622 or at: rambosmom@comcast.net.

❖ Bancroft School Family Science Night

Bancroft Middle School, 1150 Bancroft Ave., is having its annual family science night on Thursday, Dec. 8, from 6 to 8 p.m. See science demonstrations and interactive fun on topics of energy, chemistry, engineering, experimentation and invention. See the science magic show and enjoy liquid nitrogen ice cream. This free event is co-sponsored by Xtreme Science Magic, The Lawrence Hall of Science, and The American Chemical Society.

❖ Alta Mira Club Holiday Tea

Alta Mira Club 561 Lafayette Ave. in San Leandro, invites everyone to the Lucille Kline Holiday Tea on Saturday, Dec. 10, at noon. Tickets are \$25. For tickets, call Linda Klass 914-5684.

❖ All Saints Winter Wine & Dine

All Saints Episcopal Church, 911 Dowling Blvd. in San Leandro, will have its Winter Wine & Dine fundraiser on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 5 to 9 p.m. Foods from around the world will be featured including Scottish, Japanese, Nigerian, Italian, and more. Fine Russian River Valley wines, and other tasty beverages will be offered. Fabulous prizes will be raffle off. Enjoy both a live and silent auction, and live entertainment. Tickets are available online at tinyurl.com/Dec10WineDine.

❖ Bob Grazzini Memorial Crab Feed

The Buon Tempo Italian Club presents the Bob Grazzini Memorial Crab Feed on Saturday, Dec. 17, at the Transfiguration Catholic Church, 4000 E Castro Valley Blvd. in Castro Valley. No host cocktails from 5 to 6 p.m. dinner will be served at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$45 per person paid in advance, no tickets sold at the door. Make your reservations on the Buon Tempo dinner line at 483-6929 or send your check to Rick Martens, PO BOX 2625, Fremont, CA 94536. Make your check payable to: Buon Tempo Club.

❖ St. Gerard Women's Club Bake Sale

The members of St. Gerard Women's Club will hold its Christmas bake sale on Saturday, Dec. 17, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 264 E Lewelling Blvd. in San Lorenzo. Bake sale begins after the 4:30 p.m. Mass and after all the Masses on Sunday, Dec. 18 starting at 7:30 a.m. A continental breakfast will also be available on Sunday along with the raffle after the 11:30 a.m. Mass.

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.

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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): This is a good time to let that intrepid Aries temperament take charge. Your strong leadership will help settle those still-unresolved situations. Support comes from a surprising source.



TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Your problem-solving talents shine as you move to cool down heated emotions. You also inspire trust in all parties when you act with careful consideration of their feelings.



GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): That long-delayed commitment begins to look better to you. But there's still a crucial fact or two you need to know about it. A health problem needs to be taken care of.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Don't waste time trying to learn why someone you relied on is wavering in his or her support of your stand on a workplace issue. Move on with the help of more steadfast allies.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): Relationships enter a brighter period, both at home and in the workplace. Prospects also look good for single Leos and Leonas, who can expect a welcome visit from Cupid.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): Those mixed signals that were complicating your life are giving way now to clear, definitive guidelines. This makes it easier for you to weigh your options and make decisions.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): Ask your partner for an explanation of what seems to be a sign of strain in your relationship. The sooner you understand the problem, the sooner you can both act to resolve it.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): A new challenge in the workplace holds an exciting promise for the future. But be aware of the fact that you haven't been told about all the demands you might have to meet.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Your financial picture brightens as you get into sorting out realistic goals and those that are not reachable at this time. "Caution" remains your fiscal watchword.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): You're deep into your new project, and that's just fine. But don't neglect your family and friends. Spending time with people you care for is always a wise investment.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Past feelings are suddenly reawakened. This could make you emotionally vulnerable. Be careful about decisions you might be asked to make at this time.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): You've come to a place where you'll be facing important decisions that can affect your future. Rely on your strong moral compass to guide you toward making the right choices.

LIFESTYLE

Leftovers – Why We Really Love Thanksgiving

As the song says about love, Thanksgiving, too, is lovelier the second time around.

The turkey, side dishes and desserts all have a tasty second life – either cold right out of the fridge, or remade into a variety of sandwiches, salads and casseroles.

TURKEY CLUB SANDWICHES FOR 8

- 1 (8-ounce) carton sour cream
- 2 tablespoons prepared horseradish
- 2 teaspoons honey mustard
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1/8 teaspoon white pepper
- 3/4 pound thinly sliced ham
- 12 slices whole wheat bread
- 4 slices Swiss cheese
- 8 lettuce leaves
- 3/4 pound thinly sliced leftover turkey
- 8 slices tomato
- 4 slices bacon

Combine sour cream, horseradish, honey, mustard, garlic salt, and white pepper; stir well. Place 3 ounces of ham on each of 4 slices of bread. Top each with 1 teaspoon sauce, 1 slice cheese, a lettuce leaf, and another slice of bread. Place 3 ounces of turkey on each slice, and add 1 teaspoon sauce, lettuce leaf, 2 slices tomato, and 1 slice bacon. Top with remaining slices of bread.

Cut each sandwich into halves or quarters (if quartered, secure each segment with a toothpick.) Serves 8.

TURKEY TETRAZZINI

- 1 (16-ounce) package linguine pasta
- 1/2 cup butter
- 3 cups sliced mushrooms
- 1 cup minced onion
- 1 cup minced green bell pepper
- 2 (10.75-ounce) cans condensed cream of mushroom soup
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 2 cups shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
- 1 (10-ounce) package frozen green peas
- 1/2 cup cooking Sherry
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper



- 4 cups chopped cooked leftover turkey
- 1 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- Paprika to taste

Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add pasta and cook for 8 to 10 minutes or until al dente; drain and set aside.

Preheat oven to 375°F.

Meanwhile, melt butter in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add fresh mushroom slices, onion and bell pepper, and saute until tender. Stir in cream of mushroom soup and chicken broth; cook, stirring, until heated through. Stir in pasta, Cheddar cheese, peas, sherry, Worcestershire sauce, salt, pepper and chicken.

Mix well and transfer mixture to a lightly greased 11x14 inch baking dish. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese and paprika.

Bake in the preheated oven for 25 to 35 minutes, or until heated through.

LEFTOVER STUFFING BURGERS

- 1 egg to every
- 2 cups of leftover stuffing
- Onion rolls
- Mayonnaise, ketchup
- Lettuce, sliced tomatoes, sliced onions

Beat egg slightly and mix with stuffing. Form into patties and sauté

over medium heat until golden brown and crispy.

Place on toasted onion roll with lettuce, tomato and onion slices and your favorite condiment. Makes a quick and delicious lunch.

SCALLOPED TURKEY

- 3 to 4 cups cooked turkey
- 1 stick butter, (4 ounces)
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt, or to taste
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 2-1/4 cups chicken broth
- 1 cup milk
- 2 cups toasted bread cubes
- 2 small onions, chopped
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon sage, crumbled
- 1/4 cup butter, (2 ounces)
- 1 (4-ounce) can sliced mushrooms

Melt 1/2 cup butter or margarine in saucepan; blend in flour, 1/2 teaspoon salt and pepper. Cook over low heat until bubbly, stirring. Slowly stir in broth and milk; boil 3 minutes, stirring constantly.

Taste and add salt, if necessary;

set aside. In a mixing bowl, lightly toss bread, onion, celery, 1/2 teaspoon salt, sage and 1/4 cup melted butter; arrange in lightly buttered 2-quart casserole baking dish. Top with chicken then cover with sauce and mushrooms. Mix well with fork to moisten the dressing. Bake for about 1 hour at 350°F. Serves 4 to 6.

CREAMY TURKEY SOUP

- 3 cups chopped leftover turkey
- 8 cups turkey broth
- 1 (12-ounce) can evaporated milk
- 2/3 cup flour
- 1 pound small new potatoes
- 4 stems celery, finely chopped
- 1 bunch green onions, finely chopped
- 4 carrots, finely chopped
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon white pepper
- 1 teaspoon thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon sage

Bring turkey broth to a boil in a large pot. Add potatoes, carrots, and celery, and cook for about 20 minutes, or until potatoes are almost tender. Add leftover turkey, green onions, salt, pepper, thyme, and sage, stir well, and return to a boil. Cook over medium heat for another 5 minutes. Meanwhile, mix evap-

orated milk and flour in a mixing bowl with an electric mixer. Blend milk mixture into soup. Cook, stirring constantly, until thickened (approximately 8 to 10 minutes). Serve hot. Makes 4 servings.

OVEN-FRIED MASHED POTATO PANCAKES

- 2 cups any kind of leftover mashed potatoes
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine, softened
- Dash of Tabasco sauce
- 3 tablespoons finely ground cracker crumbs
- 3 tablespoons minced chives
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon water

Bread crumbs

Preheat oven to 375°F. In a medium bowl, combine potatoes, butter, Tabasco, cracker crumbs, chives, salt and pepper. Beat eggs well and add all but 2 tablespoons to mixture. With a fork, stir potato mixture well to blend thoroughly.

Butter a cookie sheet. With your hands, shape potato mixture into pancakes about 1/4 inch high and 2-1/2 inches in diameter. Place them on cookie sheet.

Mix reserved egg with 1 teaspoon water and paint top of each pancake with egg wash. Sprinkle each pancake with a light dusting of bread crumbs.

Bake for 25 minutes or until golden brown on top. Makes about 16 pancakes.

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AUTOMOTIVE

Ford Focus Electric: Fun But Flawed

By Steve Schaefer
San Leandro Times

The compact Ford Focus is a favorite around the world, and enjoyable to drive, with taut steering, responsive engine performance, and a suspension that lets you feel the road.

When you replace the car's engine with an electric motor, the Focus retains much of that driving experience, but introduces three major issues — cargo space, battery range and price.

Because the Focus wasn't designed to be an electric car, the battery ended up in the cargo area, so there's a big lump behind the rear seats. Those seats fold forward (although not completely flat), so you can stash something long and wide but not thick — like a painting, perhaps, or a garment bag. Forget using it to haul an upright bass, however.

The second concern is range. The 2016 Focus Electric I tested for a week had an official EPA fig-

ure of just 76 miles, which makes it competitive with first-generation electric vehicles such as the original Nissan Leaf and the current Volkswagen e-Golf. However, it can't compare with the upcoming Chevrolet Bolt's 238 miles or even the new Leaf's 107 miles.

My test car came in an attractive Kona Blue, a new shade for 2016. The black and tan interior, with silvery accents, is no longer fresh but still evokes some kinetic energy. With electric power and solid construction, the Focus Electric is blissfully silent inside when the audio is off. On the center screen, Ford Sync 3 is simplified and easier to use than the previous version.

In the basic car, the seats are covered in REPREVE fabric, made from 100-percent recycled materials. My tester, with Light Stone leather seats, looked a little more elegant. My wife, who is not easily impressed, complimented these chairs.

The Focus Electric uses a

107-kW electric motor tucked under the hood where a four-cylinder gas engine would normally live. Working with a 23-kWh liquid heated and cooled lithium-ion battery, it spins out 143 horsepower and 184 lb.-ft. of torque, good for quick acceleration and magically silent cruising. With its big battery, the EV weighs in at a portly 3,622 pounds.

EPA numbers are 110 City, 99 Highway, and 105 MPGe combined. Use these figures to compare EVs — and note that they are more efficient than gasoline cars. The Focus Electric earns Smog and Greenhouse gas numbers of twin 10s, but of course, the cleaner the plant that generated the electricity, the cleaner your car is.

Like all electrics, the Focus provides displays to encourage you to drive gently and conserve your battery charge. The Focus, unlike other cars, lets you earn blue butterflies in the right side of the instrument panel. When I ventured downtown from my house, I saw that two butterflies fluttered in. Then, on the way up the hill to my house, I lost them. But the next day, I earned 11 butterflies on the way to work.

The Focus' display includes a Brake Coach, a couple of spinning circles, which shows how much of the energy you recently consumed was recovered by regenerative braking. I often got 100 percent or near that, so I must be doing something right.

You can recharge the battery from empty in 3.6 hours, per Ford. That's easy at a Level 2 (240-volt) charger at work. If you



Based on the fuel-powered Focus, Focus Electric's all-electric powertrain and single-speed automatic transmission deliver responsiveness and smooth acceleration.



The cluster display in Focus Electric uses blue butterflies to represent surplus range.

\$2,500 state rebate. Suddenly, it's not that much more than the SE.

There are positives to driving any EV. Electricity is cheaper than gasoline, especially at home in off-peak hours. Maintenance is minimal. In the San Francisco Bay Area, you can drive an all-electric car, with appropriate

stickers, in the carpool lane and get half off on bridge tolls.

If you have access to another car for longer trips, the Ford Focus Electric, built in Wayne, Michigan in a plant that uses solar power, may work for you. But if you wait, the near future has models coming with longer ranges — including the 2017 Focus.

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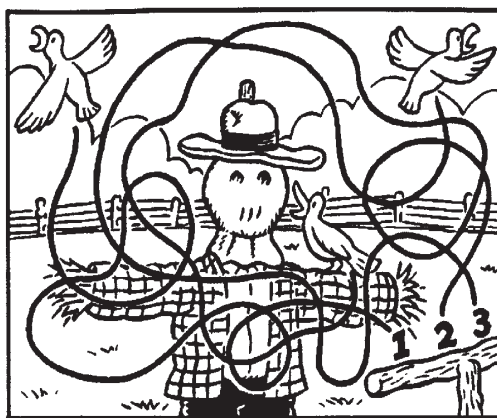
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Blind is raised. 2. Soda can is missing. 3. Clock is missing. 4. Cap is missing. 5. Chest of drawers is smaller. 6. Arm is moved.

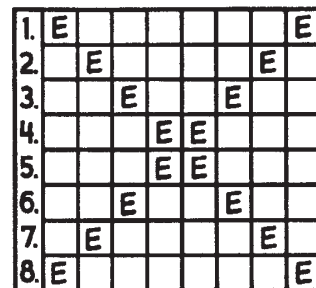


CAN YOU GUESS which one of these birds is not a chicken when it comes to scarecrows?

Answer: Crow number 2 is the brave one.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



FIND THE BIG WORDS!

Can you find the eight eight-letter words that fit into the framework pictured on the left? A definition for each is provided below, and the letters in the two anagram words must be unscrambled and used to form the word for the grid.

DEFINITION:

1. A sports announcer wears one.
2. Where birds and bells hang out.
3. Great mixers.
4. Concealed with a decorative overlay.
5. Favorably regarded.
6. The winning burger was ____.
7. Toast and egg dishes (sl).
8. To twist into a confusing mess.

ANAGRAM:

- hope + near
ribs + feel
serb + lend
need + veer
teed + seem
fees + bite
yeas + deed
gent + lane

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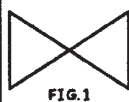


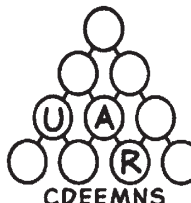
FIG. 1

Draw figure 1 on a sheet of paper. Then challenge your friends to add five straight lines to the drawing so that the result will give you eight equal-size triangles. Our solution is shown in figure 2.



FIG. 2

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: Scud, scum, scam, scar, seam, sear, seer, seen

Answers: 1. Earphone. 2. Bellies. 3. Blenders. 4. Veneered. 5. Esteemed. 6. Beefiest. 7. Deadeyes. 8. Entangle.

HEALTH & FITNESS

Sleep Is Key To Helping Teens Recharge for Success in School

For most teens, one of the best ways to find success in school is to get enough sleep.

When well rested, teens are more likely to be healthy, energetic and have a positive attitude toward life in general — helping them be their best and do their best in school and at home.

“It’s important to make sleep a priority,” said Dr. Ronald Chervin, president of the American Academy of Sleep Medicine. “Setting and sticking to a routine to get as much sleep as possible is one of the best things teens can do for their health, ac-

ademic achievement and athletic performance.”

● Lack of Sleep Jeopardizes Grades, Health and Safety

More than two-thirds of high school students in the U.S. are failing to get enough sleep on school nights, according to a 2016 study published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Results show that 69 percent of surveyed students in grades 9 to 12 reported sleeping less than eight hours on an average school night. Insufficient sleep in teens can impact everything from grades to safety.

Sleepy teens may fare worse in school than their well-rested peers. Studies show that teens who are sleep deprived may be more easily distracted and recall information more slowly. Sleeping fewer than the recommended hours is also associated with attention, behavior and learning problems.

Lack of sleep may also affect teens’ athletic performance. When teens sleep, hormones are released that help them grow taller and develop muscles. Sleep helps restore energy to the brain and body.

Studies show that teens who

sleep less than the recommended hours are more likely to be overweight and develop hypertension and diabetes. Additionally, insufficient sleep in teenagers has been found to increase the risk of depression and is associated with increased risk of self-harm, suicidal thoughts and suicide attempts.

Insufficient sleep also significantly increases teens’ risk for drowsy-driving accidents.

A 2014 study found that teen drivers who start class earlier in the morning are involved in significantly more motor vehicle accidents than those with later start times. Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for teens in the U.S., according to the CDC.

● Parents, Caregivers Play Crucial Role

Teens should be encouraged to get enough sleep every night to recharge. Parents and caregiv-

Most teens, research suggests, lack sufficient sleep, putting them at risk for health and behavioral problems.



ers can help by modeling healthy sleep habits, promoting a consistent sleep schedule and creating a quiet sleep environment for their teens.

Additionally, setting restrictions on screen time before bed is key to helping teens get to sleep on time. Teens may be tempted to keep using their laptops, smartphones and game consoles late into the night rather than going to sleep.

A natural shift in the timing of the body’s internal “circadian” clock occurs during puberty, causing most teens to have a biological preference for a late-

night bedtime.

It is also important that parents and local school boards work together to implement high school start times that allow teens to get the healthy sleep they need to meet their full potential.

Parents concerned that their teen is sleeping too little or too much should consult a board-certified sleep medicine physician or visit www.sleepeducation.org to find an accredited sleep center nearby.

For further facts, visit www.sleepeducation.org/healthysleep. —North American Precip Synd., Inc.

Keep Seniors with Alzheimer’s Safe from Wandering

One of the most frightening scenarios for families caring for seniors living with Alzheimer’s is a loved one wandering or getting lost. It can understandably cause immediate panic and concern and, unfortunately, happens all too often. In fact, nearly 50 percent of surveyed family members have experienced a loved one with Alzheimer’s wandering or getting lost, according to a new survey conducted by Home Instead, Inc., franchisor of the Home Instead Senior Care franchise network.

Anyone living with Alzheimer’s or another form of dementia is at risk for wandering and it can happen at any time. If not found within 24 hours, up to half of these missing persons may be at risk for injury or death, according to the Alzheimer’s Association.

To help prevent this, it is critical for families to understand the common triggers for wandering and steps they can take to discourage loved ones from doing so.

“Wandering can be a huge challenge and major concern for families living with a loved one with Alzheimer’s,” said Monica Moreno, director of Early-Stage Initiatives at the Alzheimer’s Association. “It’s best to be proactive in addressing the issue before it becomes a crisis.”

To help families cope, Home Instead is offering free resources to help family caregivers keep their loved ones safe, including information on these common triggers that can lead to wandering:

• **Delusions or hallucinations.** Those living with Alzheimer’s or another form of dementia may misinterpret sights or sounds, causing them to feel fearful and wander to escape their environment.

• **Overstimulation.** Individuals living with dementia can become easily upset in noisy or crowded environments, triggering them to look for an escape from the chaos.

• **Fatigue, especially during late afternoons and evenings.** People living with dementia may



Understanding what triggers wandering and taking precautions can keep seniors living with dementia safe at home.

become tired, potentially causing restless pacing and, eventually, wandering.

• **Disorientation as to place and time.** Individuals may not recognize that they are already home and seek to return to a familiar place, such as a former workplace.

• **Change in routine.** Those living with dementia may become

confused following a change of routine, wandering in an effort to return to a familiar place.

To explore additional resources, visit www.PreventWandering.com or call a Home Instead Senior Care franchise office. To sign up for the free Missing Senior Network, visit www.MissingSeniorNetwork.com.

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Electricity: Solar panels will cover all of church's electricity costs

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The 9.4 kw solar power system will pay for the church's entire electricity bill, said Greg Stark, a solar consultant who helped the church with the project.

When the sky is cloudy and at night, the church will get its power from PG&E. But when the sun is shining, the panels will produce more than enough power for the church, so the system will send power out to "the grid" and the church will get credit for that.

Grant from Episcopal Church Funds the Panels

Usually, it would take a decade or longer for the savings to pay for the solar panels. But All Saints will save immediately, because the panels were bought with money from the United Thank Offering, a Lutheran Church organization that funds projects.

The cost of installing the panels would be around \$30,000 but SunWork does the job for around a third less, Fr. Justin said.

Fr. Justin said some members of the church are excited about



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Ruben Veek, founder of Sun Work Renewable Energy, hands a solar panel up to workers on the roof of All Saints Episcopal Church.



PHOTO COURTESY OF ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fr. Justin Cannon of All Saints Episcopal Church helped install the new solar panels.

the project, and some have a more "wait and see" attitude about it.

All Saints also supports local homeless services and runs a

monthly food pantry with free groceries for those in need. Sunday church services are held at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Fr. Justin is in favor of more recycling and energy-efficient programs at the church, saying "We can't honor the Creator if we do not care for God's creation."

Career Technical Education Classes Offered by San Leandro Adult School

San Leandro Adult School, 1448 Williams St., will host a Career Technical Education (CTE) Open House on Thursday, Dec. 8, from 6 to 8 p.m. Learn about the certificated training programs in fields such as medical, business, accounting and computers. Meet the instructors. Most classes begin on Jan. 9.

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Crash: Dodge Caravan gets away after running shoot-out on Dowling

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cars, a Nissan Altima, had bullet holes in it and was determined to have been involved in the initial shooting, McManus said.

Police then found a man suffering from a non-life-threatening gunshot wound in the yard of AB's Preschool and Daycare Center across the street from the crash scene. Police are withholding the man's identity because the investigation is ongoing but say he is a 33-year-old Oakland resident.

The suspect was taken to the hospital for treatment of the gunshot wound and he was eventually arrested for suspicion of involvement in a shooting and reckless driving.

The other car involved in the collision was a dark-grey Toyota Prius, which came to a rest partially on top of a parked car at the scene of the crash. Emergency responders found an elderly couple, Paul and Susan Doran,

trapped inside and Alameda County Fire personnel used the "jaws of life" to free the couple from the severely damaged car.

The Dorans remain hospitalized this week, with Paul Doran in critical condition.

Police believe that people in the Nissan Altima and another unidentified vehicle began shooting at each other and chased one another through the city streets before the crash occurred between the Altima and Prius.

The other suspect vehicle not yet been located but police say it is a black Dodge Caravan.

Police are asking anyone that lives between Durant and Dutton avenues and MacArthur Boulevard to Bancroft Avenue to please check their home surveillance video for evidence.

Anyone with information about the case is asked to call the police at 577-3230 or the department's anonymous tip line at 577-3278.



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One of the cars in a shoot-out crashed into another car and sent it into a parked car on Dowling Boulevard last Thursday.

Loan: An obelisk will be erected downtown to complement the statue

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rundown of what SLIA has accomplished in the past few years, though some of the money came from other grant funding:

- new chairs and tables in the downtown plaza, and removing benches
- the monarch butterfly mural east of the downtown BART station
- the musical art installation

in the downtown plaza

• the fountain in the plaza has been turned back on

Li Mandri also talked about the public relations success of the "Truth is Beauty" statue, saying he read about it in a publication all the way over in Washington D.C. The statue was funded by the owners of the tech campus, not SLIA, but Li Mandri says it gives San Leandro a "buzz."

“Electronic garbage cans will tell you when the cans are full.”

As for the future, Li Mandri said the downtown area will be dramatically changed when a developer builds at the CVS property at the corner of East 14th Street and Callan Avenue. The city owns the land and says it will eventually be used for mixed housing and retail.

Li Mandri estimates that 200 new residents will be in the area once those apartments are built

and SLIA will need to "activate" the downtown even more.

High-Tech Garbage Cans

SLIA is also working on getting a grant from Waste Management for ornamental metal trash cans. Those trash cans could even be high tech. Li Mandri says they could have sensors to tell workers when they are full and need to be changed.

Similarly, trees could be

outfitted with sensors to tell the landscapers when they need to be watered, Li Mandri said.

Another project funded by the loan would be the erection of an "obelisk" in the plaza in front of the Sizzler restaurant which will say "San Leandro" and could light up in different colors. Li Mandri says it could be "iconic in the way Truth is Beauty statue is iconic."

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GUEST COMMENTARY



Let's Bring Thanksgiving Home

The once immutable law of merchandising used to be, "Christmas advertising AFTER Thanksgiving." In many cases, literally the very next morning. Not this year.

Chalk up 2016 as the moment in history when that final bastion of marketing sensibility bit the dust. I was flabbergasted a few weeks ago to enter stores already in full Holiday bloom. What's next? Halloween decorations on Father's Day?

With visible reminders all around that the Holiday Season is indeed upon us, it's time to pause and remember some of the reasons we are thankful.

We live in such a great part of

the world and are surrounded by so many blessings. Home prices are at record highs and the economy is doing well. We're enjoying a level of prosperity seldom seen before — so much so that the world is beating down our doors to live here.

However, this level of security and wealth comes with a price tag. Housing prices have soared due to the lack of inventory. Many buyer wannabes have been priced out of owning a home in this area. Rentals have become scarce and exceedingly expensive. Traffic is at a standstill on most of our freeways in big chunks of every day. And, the gap between the haves

and have-nots is growing wider

every month.

Which brings me to my primary point. Not only does Thanksgiving remind us of our blessings, it signals a change in the weather.

This is the time of year the rains start falling, temperatures plunge and we batten down the hatches for the winter season.

While most of us fire up our furnaces for the first time and give thanks for roofs with no leaks, the homeless have no such option.

This is the time of year life changes dramatically for the homeless around the Bay Area as they try to find shelter that is dry and provides some modicum of warmth.

For those of us with so much to be thankful for, the Realtors of the Central County want to remind you of the others who need our support.

As we leave our jobs and head for our homes, it's easy to forget that we are surrounded by others less fortunate. I personally partner with an organization that has an extensive outreach to the homeless, and I urge you to do the same.

Together, we can bring Thanksgiving home... to those who have no homes to call their own.

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Be Safe When Using Fireplace for First Time

By Samantha Mazzotta
Special to the Times

It can be a little tricky to get a nice fire going in the fireplace if you've never done it before, and there are some safety tips you need to follow as well.

First, be sure to check and make sure it isn't a "Spare the Air" day in the Bay Area (visit sparetheair.org/).

Then, make certain the fireplace is safe to use. If it was inspected and cleaned when you moved in, you're good to go; but if it hasn't, or you don't know when it was last inspected, contact a chimney cleaning service.

Make sure the area around the fireplace is safe: move fur-

niture, rugs, boxes, paper and other flammable items several feet away. If you don't have a fire extinguisher nearby, get one and place it in an accessible spot.

To light a fire, you'll need several pieces of wood in various sizes, along with old newspaper or a firestarter stick.

The small bundles of firewood sold in grocery stores and home-improvement stores are expensive, but they'll do for a first-time fire, as they're medium-size and usually cut to fit most fireboxes. You should also go out for a walk and collect an armful of fallen, dry twigs and small branches.

With your fuel ready, it's time to get started. Open the fireplace damper fully — this flap is located at the top of the firebox (the area in which the fire burns) and when opened allows air to flow up the chimney and outward.

Twist a half-sheet of newspaper into a cylinder. Holding it inside the firebox, light one end. Hold the burning end a few inches underneath the damper for about 30 seconds or until you see smoke from the burning paper flowing freely upward into the chimney flue.

Stack your firewood prior to lighting the fire. Opinions vary on how to build the stack, but it's important to make sure air flows freely between the logs.

I prefer stacking four small-to medium-sized logs in a square or triangular pattern. Tuck an assortment of twigs, shredded newspaper and small branches between and underneath the logs. Don't go overboard — the kindling can flare up too high when lit.

Carefully light the kindling, starting near the back of the log stack and working your way forward. Once the initial flame has died down somewhat — but before it disappears — carefully feed in more twigs and branches. Properly seasoned logs should catch within a few minutes, but don't be disappointed if you have to repeat the process.

Once a good fire is going, make sure the protective screen is in place. Remember to never leave a fire unattended. And, once the fire is out, don't remove the cinders until they are completely cold, and dispose of them in a fire-resistant container, away from the house or garage.

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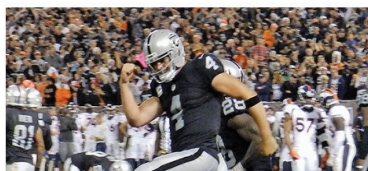
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Raiders Reach Rarefied Air

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You could feel it in the air. The frenetic energy of the fans filling into the concrete confines of the Coliseum swirled in through the parking lot, up Mount Davis and then down to the field.

A rallying Raider Nation was all about, displaying the civic pride signs of "Stay in Oakland" and "If they build it, we won't come!" All in an effort to keep the team in Oakland rather than see owner Mark Davis pack it all up.



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Bark on Roses Peels Off; Mealybugs Hit House Plants

By Buzz Bertolero
The Dirt Gardener

Q Last winter, I planted several bare-root blueberries. They've done very well, and nearly doubled in size but have grown very leggy. Should I prune them back now to encourage branching or wait until January?

A Blueberries are very popular today, as they're easy to grow and require little care to be successful. However, an annual pruning is recommended in order to maintain their size, shape and productivity.

While they could be pruned today, I'd wait to do them in mid to late January. In the first two years, pruning helps train blueberries into the desired shape for fruit production. So, yes I'd prune back the leggy branches to shape the plant.

You'll also want to remove

any crisscrossing branches to allow more sunlight into the center of the plants, increasing the air circulation along with any branch whose berries would touch the ground.

In addition, remove any damaged canes or twigs, and the soft basal shoots that develop late in the season. It's also recommended to remove two of the oldest and usually least-productive canes each year.

After pruning, make one application of an acidifier to keep the soil on the acidic side. True Blue from GreenAll is one of several available at your favorite garden center.

And, finally, apply an azalea, camellia, rhododendron fertilizer monthly, starting in March.

Q I'd like to plant an evergreen shrub in a redwood planter that is 11 inches wide, 12 inches deep



Blueberries are popular these days because they're easy to grow and require little care to be successful.

and 46 inches long. It needs to screen off a neighbor's porch, so I'd like it to grow to six feet. What would you suggest?

A I would not recommend planting any shrub in a rectangular planter of this size. It's simply the wrong answer to your privacy issue.

The planter is much too small for any type of permanent planting. It will not thrive in the long term. The plant(s) will quickly outgrow the available root space and struggle to survive.

Long, narrow planters are best used for shallow-rooted annuals, perennials and vegetables. Basil, parsley, strawberries, radishes, carrots, pansies, violas, marigolds and impatiens are a few examples of plants that would do well.

My suggestion would be to purchase several containers about the size of a half of a wine barrel. Besides wood, I'd consider plastic, some type of container from recycled material or decorative pots. I'd place them next to one another to start with and move them apart as they

grow. I would recommend planting Sasanqua Camellias, Escalonia, Dodonaea or Nandina. The nursery professional at your local garden center may have other suggestions.

Going forward, the critical issue will be the watering schedule. While it's not a problem today, it will be as the plants grow, because there will be less and less soil and more and more roots. Therefore, the containers will need to be watered more frequently each year.

Also, fertilize the containers twice a year, in March and July, with Osmocote, a time-released fertilizer.

With nutrients and moisture, the plants will remain lush year round and the vegetative screen will meet your expectations.

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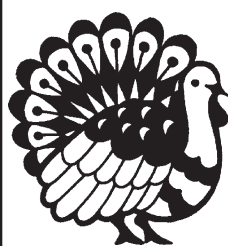
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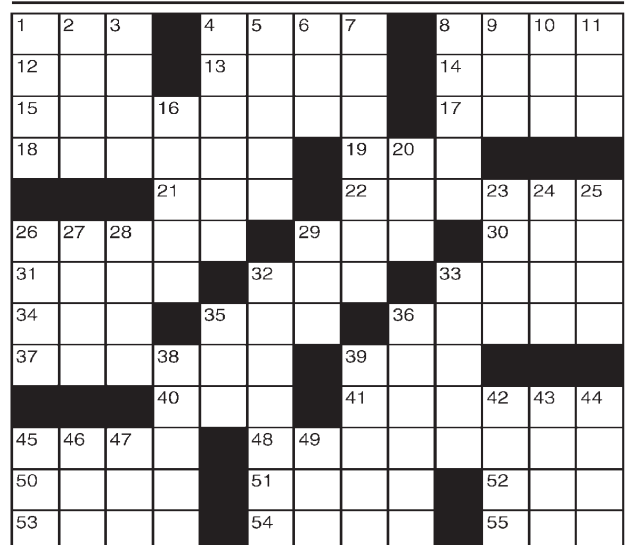


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Food: Donations can include personal favorites

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bank gets its "variety" says Altfest. Most food is bought by the bank in bulk, so people wind up with the same food over and over, but the individual donations are more diverse, with people giving ethnic food and personal favorites.

After the food is sorted, volunteers take carts just like a shopper and go through the food bank's large warehouse on Edgewater Drive in Oakland near the Coliseum.

"They pick out food based on what they'd like to have in their own cupboard and try to keep it balanced," said Altfest. "That's also what we like to try to get the word out on for donations—focus on nutrition and what you'd want to eat yourself."

After "shopping," the food is boxed and distributed to 240 Alameda County soup kitchens, shelters, and programs.

The food bank uses monetary donations to buy perishable items such as meat, milk, and fresh produce.

The bank can turn one dollar in cash into six dollars worth of food because of deals they have set up with farms and food companies, Altfest said.

A "virtual food drive" on the food bank's website allows people to shop and choose individual items at an online grocery store and then pay with a credit card, so they can choose exactly what they want to give.

The food bank says the grocery items they need the most are canned fruits and vegetables,

canned meat and fish, peanut butter, pasta and tomato sauce, beans, rice, soups, cereals and powdered milk.

The website also has information on the bank's "share our holiday" program which allows people to link their friends and family to give a donation to the food bank in lieu of holiday gifts.

If you are interested in donating, you can drop nonperishable foods in one of the 300 barrels that have been placed in grocery stores and other shops all over Alameda County or make an online contribution at the food bank's website (www.accfb.org), or by sending a check to the Alameda County Community Food Bank, P.O. Box 2599, Oakland, CA 94614.

If you would like to volunteer

to help pack and distribute food, visit the acfb.org website. Altfest says that individuals, church groups, schools, and companies are all welcome to volunteer.

And if you need food, call (800) 870-FOOD and you will be referred to a source that can provide groceries and hot meals, usually the same day. The Alameda County Food Bank makes over 3,000 referrals each month.

Memory Cafe Open Every Thursday

Memory Cafe, 294 Broadmoor Blvd. in San Leandro, is a comfortable place for people with dementia and their caregivers to come for a cup of coffee and time to share stories and a sense of community every Thursday from 2 to 6 p.m.

Sign Up for Boys & Girls Club Winter Basketball

The Boys and Girls Club of San Leandro is now taking sign-ups for its Winter 2017 instructional basketball program for all boys and girls in grades 3 through 6. The league begins Jan. 18.

The Boys & Girls Club of San Leandro basketball program is designed to give players a fun

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The basketball program fee is \$85 for current "After School" registered members or \$95 for all others and includes uniforms and awards.

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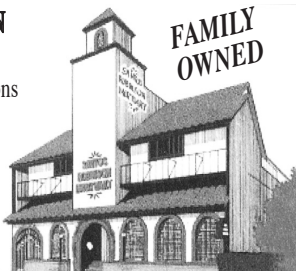
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■ **FARIA, Lorraine K.**, a lifelong resident of San Leandro, passed away on November 16, 2016 at age 96. A celebration of life was held at San Leandro Funeral Home on Nov. 22.

■ **RAMIREZ, Blanca E.** (Oc-

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tober 24, 1953 – November 18, 2016), a resident of Castro Valley, passed away peacefully on November 18, 2016, surrounded by family and friends. Blanca loved traveling, gardening, reading, exercising, shopping at Nordstrom and spending time with family and friends. She left us too soon and she will be missed greatly by all those who knew her and loved her. Memorial services were held on Nov. 22 at Skylawn Memorial Park in San Mateo.

■ **SOUSA, Annie Rego**, (July 22, 1919 – Nov. 17, 2016) a resi-

dent of San Lorenzo passed away on Nov. 17, 2016. In loving memory of a kind and thoughtful spirit, Annie, a Financial Analyst at NAS Alameda for 32 years, was married to Richard Rego, Sr. for 41 years until his passing, and to John Sousa for 10 years. She is survived by her 3 children, Beverly, Richard and Steven; 5 grandchildren, Sherri, Cory, Ben, Jesse and Vanessa; and 8 great-grandchildren, Zachary, Max, Taylor, Samantha, Randy, Debra, Roman and Lily. A ceremony of her life will be held on Saturday, Nov. 26, at St. Isidore's in Danville at 11 a.m.

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Early in his practice of medicine, Dr. Holden became a leader in the medical community. Partnering with several other young physicians, they established and developed a badly needed 100-bed general hospital, Doctors Hospital of San Leandro, which was later acquired by the Humana hospital organization. Dr. Holden retired to Palm Desert in 1995 and enjoyed golf, travelling, family and his faith. Dr. Holden passed away on August 8, 2016 in Rancho Bernardo, California.

He is survived by 4 daughters, 8 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

Dr. Holden's professional accomplishments included: 1948 President San Leandro Kiwanis Club, 1960 First Chief of Staff at Doctors Hospital San Leandro, 1969 President of Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association, 1967 President of California Academy of General Practice, 1974 National President of the 60,000-member American Academy of Family Practice, 1974 National President of the certifying Board of Family Physicians. Also Member of the AMA Delegation from California, Director of Blue Shield – Member Medical Liability Commission, Director of the American Board of Family Practice and a Member of the Council of Medical Specialty Societies.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to the Seventh Day Adventist Church of Palm Springs, 620 S Sunrise Way, Palm Springs, CA 92223.



Erminia P. Pagano

Erminia (Babe) Pagano of San Leandro passed away November 4, 2016 at age 90. She is survived by her sons, John (wife Linda) and Robert; grandchildren, Kevin (fiancée Cori), Tommy (wife Madie), Jacqui (husband Chris) and Kirsten (husband Andy); great-grandchildren, Marissa, Gwendolyn, Madeleine, Ryan and Nicholas; cousins, Mary Ann Orlando and Marjorie Pagano; and brother-in-law, Eli Tonini.

Preceding her in death were her Italian immigrant parents, Erminio and Palmira Bertero; her brother, Cesare (Chea) Bertero; her sister, Theresa (Elsie) Tonini; and her husband, Domingo Pagano.

Erminia was born on March 30, 1926, grew up in San Lorenzo and graduated from Hayward High in 1944. She worked for Bank of America and married Domingo on November 2, 1947 at St. John's Catholic Church in San Lorenzo. Babe was a member of Buon Tempo Club, San Leandro branch of ICF and St. John's parish. She was an avid Oakland Raiders fan and was a season ticket holder for many years. She was also a member of the Southern Alameda County Raiders Boosters and traveled to several out-of-town games.

Our family is most appreciative of the wonderful care that Babe received these past three years from Marymount Villa's Memory Care staff in San Leandro and Vitas Hospice Care.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Dementia Society of America, P.O. Box 600, Doylestown, PA 18901, www.dementiasociety.org or the Brain & Behavior Research Foundation, 90 Park Ave., 16th Floor, New York, NY 10016, www.bbrfoundation.org (for Schizophrenia).



Anthony (Tony) Bisbiglia

April 16, 1954 – November 18, 2016 • Resident of San Leandro

Tony passed at St. Rose Hospital on the morning of November 18, 2016 at the age of 62, due to complications from multiple strokes. He was a native of Oakland and attended Skyline High School.

He was in the graduating class of 1972. Tony's career in the electrical distribution industry spanned over 35 years. He moved to San Leandro and lived with his mother for 20 years before it became necessary for him to move to a board-and-care home in San Lorenzo due to medical needs. Tony loved sports, especially the New York Yankees and San Francisco 49ers. Tony was also a very talented artist.

His father, Vincent, and mother, Madeline Bisbiglia, preceded Anthony in death. Tony is survived by his brother, John Bisbiglia of Sacramento; his cousins, Frank and Nick Lima of San Leandro, and Al and Gary Russello of Alamo.

Service was held at Santos Robinson Mortuary, 160 Estudillo Ave., in San Leandro on Nov. 23. Burial immediately followed at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward. In lieu of flowers donations to a favorite charity can be made in his name.

OPINION

LETTERS to the EDITOR

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Why Did City of San Leandro Kick Football Team Off of its Field?

Editor:

Last week the San Leandro Parks and Recreation Department kicked the San Leandro Crusaders youth football team off of the fields that they have used for almost 50 years. There were two weeks left in the season and it seemed no one cared.

The team was forced to use the field at Madison school, a field that doesn't have lights, and isn't in proper, safe conditions for the players and cheer leaders. We had provide the lights and remove them after each practice. The reason given to us was the field was closed for maintenance.

I haven't seen any maintenance at the Pacific field the past week. To move a few hundred kids 7 to 14 years of age to an unsafe facility doesn't make any sense.

Many of our kids go on to play for San Leandro High School and neighboring high schools. When the city needed the bond to upgrade the facility, they had no problem coming to us and have our organization sign on and promote the bond. But once the upgrade was completed we have had to beg and fight for the space.

We don't get the fields for free. We pay for the use of the practice field and Burrell Field, a major cost to us. We get no funding from the city.

When we contacted council members and the mayor's office asking for 10 more days to finish the season we were told the field was closed for maintenance.

The Crusaders program has served thousands of kids since 1968. I would think the city would be a better partner with a organization serving the city's youth.

—Dennis Neal
San Leandro

Proud of City for Putting OSI Statue in a Public Place

Editor:

I was fortunate enough to be at the dedication of Truth is Beauty last month and see her lit for the first time in San Leandro.

The inscription at the base of this work says "what would the world be like if women were safe." Sadly, women are not safe and even this beautiful work of art is not safe.

I keep hearing her described as "the naked statue in San Leandro." She is not naked. She has her own skin of mesh with steel bones and light glowing from the inside out. She is comfortable in her own skin; just as all women should be.

For those who look at her and see "pornography" I am wondering if you have ever seen real porn? I wonder if you have seen the ugliness of someone whose skin cannot cover the pain which leaks from inside of them from having been abused by a person with power over them.

I am glad Truth is Beauty is here and find nothing offensive about her. She is joyful to me and having had

the opportunity to hear her model sing helped me understand the joy of being safe and strong in your own body. I am also very proud of my City and OSI for placing THIS art in a public place. I am just glad it was not a statue of some guy on a horse raising a sword...

—Moir Fry
San Leandro

Wants a Cap on Rent Hikes For Low Income People

Editor:

As a concerned citizen of San Leandro, affordable housing should be accessible to people with low income. Gentrification is a plague as we know it in the Bay Area. The residents of Trailer Haven are working class people just barely making ends meet. The rent hike is absurd as we can see that residents are struggling to pay it.

San Leandro is one of the last places in the Bay Area that low income people can afford to live.

If new management increases rent and people are forced out there will be consequences. People will likely end up on the streets and homelessness will be prevalent. Since there is no rent control, city council members should put a cap so that property owners cannot increase it. Thus, renters will not have to deal with rent hikes in the future just because a new owner comes in and tries to push residents out due to low income.

—Kris Marco B. Ramirez
San Leandro

Does City Need a Better Training Program for Police

Editor:

I wonder if, as Mayor Cutter put it, the "new exciting and innovative projects" funded by NN, OO, and PP include the \$175K settlement for the excessive force lawsuit.

As I have said before, police officers have a disagreeable and often dangerous job that most folks, including me, wouldn't have under any circumstances. I can't image the anxiety that the officers and their families face on a day-to-day basis. However, anytime a problem surfaces or is litigated, part of the remedy includes training, or additional, training.

It makes me wonder what is included in the police academies' curriculum. Could some of this money be used to ensure a complete training program?

I also wonder if NN, OO, and PP funds, plus the anticipated "weed money," can be used to provide toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, socks, and underwear for the homeless. In addition to these items, I'm certain that Chinese, or some Third World country-made washcloths and towels can be purchased at Walmart for relatively low prices. Perhaps the leftover money from this windfall could be used to support the warming shelters.

It always seems that when local, state, and federal governments fail to address the needs of their citizens the "hat gets passed around." Along with the Davis Street Family Resource Center, Building Futures (which provides

help for battered women and their kids, as well) is truly worthy of any and all donations throughout the year. Their needs persist all year, not just at Thanksgiving or Christmas time.

I'm all for public art and efforts to make downtown San Leandro as appealing as B Street in Hayward. But before we get too excited or innovative, we might re-examine our priorities.

—Jeff Sturm
San Leandro

Police Use of Force a Character Issue

Editor:

Regarding "City to pay 175,000 dollars for Cops use of force."

A person sitting in a vehicle, minding his own business is approached by the Police and ends up battered, arrested and charged with a number of serious crimes. The bogus charges are dismissed and the City has to clean up the mess.

When is this madness going to end? When are the Police who abuse their authority and citizens, going to be held accountable for these continuing outrages? When are the individuals, who violate peoples, rights then lie on official documents going to be charged themselves and punished?

This is not a training issue. This is a character issue. The Cops who are doing these things are unfit and need to be gotten rid of.

—Vernon S. Burton
San Leandro

Trump Victory: Can't Amend the Constitution Retroactively

Editor:

Mr. Capo ("On Trump Victory: 'We Have to Undo This Fiasco ASAP.' Letters, Nov. 17), retroactively amending the constitution because your candidate lost is absurd because both candidates ran their respective races with winning the electoral vote in mind. Had they run solely for the popular vote the final tallies would have looked drastically different.

How many Trump voters abstained in CA, OR, NY, WA (etc.) because they knew their vote was irrelevant? Likewise, how many Hillary voters abstained in TX and the south for the same reason? Asking the Electors to flip their vote is ridiculous.

Second, in your listing of Presidential quotes you left a few out – most notably "I did not have sexual relations with that woman...Ms. Lewinsky." –Bill Clinton. Nor did you mention the fact that Thomas Jefferson had upwards of 200 slaves at Monticello. Lincoln was perhaps the most hated President in history (rightly or not) while he served.

The point is this; no candidate is perfect so to throw stones whilst living inside the proverbial glass house is risky business. How about Obama's labeling of that "JV" team over there in Syria, or the abomination that is the ACA, or the current state of civil unrest being at its worst since the '60s? You blame trickle-down economics while conveniently omitting the catastrophe that is NAFTA.

Third, tossing around judgmental catch phrases is losing its bite. Suddenly, if you're a citizen concerned with the proper vetting and background checks on undocumented immigrants you're a racist xenophobe. The world we live in is hostile towards freedom

and democracy, the borders must be regulated and monitored. It's not PC, it's just reality. Has nothing to do with "hating" people from other countries.

Blind partisanship is intellectually dishonest and tired. Trump was elected, in large part, because of his candor regarding issues that aren't popular to talk about.

—Dale Stricker
San Leandro

An Open Letter to FBI Director Comey

Dear Director Comey:

I am a private citizen writing you to express my dismay and horror that you

would interject yourself into the past general election cycle!

You may have done a service for your agency; however you have done a much greater disservice to your country!

The time is passed for petty politics; now is the time to come to the aid of your country and safeguard the liberty and freedoms fought so hard since our creation of our nation-state.

You still have a chance to redeem and savage what reputation that you may still have...

The choice is up to you, sir!

—Robert DelRe
San Leandro

INQUIRING REPORTER

What are you thankful for?

— Asked at Estudillo Center on MacArthur Boulevard

I'm thankful for my family – my husband, brother, sister and my nieces and nephews. We do a pot luck. I do the turkey and potatoes, my sister makes the string beans and yams, and my brother-in-law brings dessert.

Jan Kayler
Oakland



Just for life and a family that stays united as a team, and staying united as a country. Keep fighting for a better life.

Oscar Jauregui
Oakland



I'm thankful for being alive. I had open-heart surgery. I'm blessed to be alive.

Ron Mouton
Oakland



I'm thankful for friendship – for all the friends I have. We eat, drink and laugh.

Mary Lillevand
San Leandro



We're thankful for our family and our health. We're just happy we can all get together.

Sheila Balthasar
and Ann
San Leandro



Pets of the Week



Malani



Pixie

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

Malani is an outgoing and curious bunny. She does well with handling and enjoys hay and vegetables. She's spayed and ready to go to a loving family.

Pixie is a young gal who can be a bit timid when first meeting new people. She warms up with a little TLC and enjoys being held and getting her chin scratched.

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



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Hear classical sacred works, popular holiday songs and jazz, as well as audience sing-a-long pieces. Tickets are \$18 adult, \$15 for under 30/over 60 and \$12 for youth/student. For more information, go to www.dmtonline.org or call 881-6777.



San Lorenzo Heritage Society to Host Open House

The San Lorenzo Heritage Society will have historical items, original produce box labels, and recipe books for sale at its annual Holiday Open House on Tuesday, Nov. 29, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the San Lorenzo Homes As-

sociation, 377 Paseo Grande in San Lorenzo.

They will also have handmade Christmas gifts, ornaments, potholders, aprons and many more items for sale.

Rhubarb fields once covered

San Lorenzo and San Leandro. The harvest was in March and April and thousands of boxes were shipped out on the Southern Pacific Railroad. The boxes had colorful labels like the one above, available at the open house.

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