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Nature's Carpet

Fallen leaves on a sidewalk in downtown San Leandro provide a colorful carpet right under our feet.

Don't Let those Mylar Balloons Get Away

If they land in the wires you could black out the whole town

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

Mylar balloons are loads of fun at parties, and they caused 500 power blackouts in Northern California last year.

Those balloons are metallic. They land on wires or substations, causing a short that blacks out the whole neighborhood, or town.

So tie a weight to all metallic balloons containing helium to prevent them from floating away, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is reminding people on Valentine's Day.

Metallic balloons are required to have a weight attached when they're sold. The weights might just look like a little ornament, but they should't be removed. It might be fun to see the balloon



Mylar balloons are metallic and can cause electrical outages and damage.

take off into the sky, but it will eventually come down and could land in the wires.

PG&E said that last year me-

tallic balloons caused 503 power outages across PG&E's service area in Northern and Central California, disrupting electric service to more than 265,000 homes and businesses.

Unlike latex helium balloons, metallic balloons can stay inflated and floating for two to three weeks—posing a hazard to power lines and equipment even days after being released outside.

So don't allow metallic balloons to be released outside, says PG&E. Never attempt to retrieve any type of balloon, kite or toy that becomes caught in a power line. Leave it alone, and immediately call PG&E at 1-800-743-5000 to report the problem.

Another tip is never go near a power line that has fallen to the ground or is dangling in the air.

“Never attempt to retrieve a balloon or kite that gets caught in a power line.”

Always assume downed electric lines are energized and extremely dangerous. Stay far away, keep others away and immediately call 911 to alert the police and fire departments. Other tips can be found at pge.com/beprepared.

Homeless On the Rise: New Census

Estimated 6,000 homeless in county, 200 in San Leandro

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

EveryOne Home, a non-profit dedicated to ending homelessness, conducted a census of people living on the streets of Alameda County last month—and though the exact count won't be available until summer, the number is likely to be over 6,000.

At least 200 people are homeless here in San Leandro, according to homeless advocates.

To make the count, over 600 volunteers scoured the streets, creeks, and freeway overpasses countywide with the help of homeless and formerly homeless guides during the early morning hours of Jan. 30. Homelessness outreach groups such as San Leandro non-profit Building Futures counted people in their shelter beds that night.

The count is taken every two years and helps cities and homeless charities determine their eligibility for federal funds, as well as get information about where services are needed the most, according to Elaine de Coligny, director of EveryOne Home.

de Coligny, a San Leandro resident, says this city's 200 homeless people is double the official number recorded in 2017 during the last homeless census.

“My guess is that the number of homeless individuals in San Leandro is in the hundreds,” said de Coligny. “Many felt that the figure from two years ago was

an undercount. Building Futures and others who are out there on a daily basis seem to think the number we have is low.”

The number of homeless people—see *HOMELESS*, page 9

Subs to Get More Pay If Oakland Teachers Strike

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

The teacher strike looming over the Oakland Unified School District could affect San Leandro schools, due to a potential demand on substitute teachers.

The San Leandro school board voted last week to temporarily raise pay for substitute teachers—in the event of a teachers strike in Oakland—in order to compete with Oakland should substitutes be necessary during a potential strike.

Last week, Oakland teachers voted in favor of a strike, as their—see *PAY*, page 5

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MEETING SCHEDULES

CITY COUNCIL

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

SAN LEANDRO SCHOOL BOARD

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



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Young Marines Pitch In at Sportsman's Club Fundraiser

By Matthew Wyder
Special to the Times

It was a fun evening Saturday Jan. 12, when The Golden Gate Young Marines of Hayward helped out the Foothill Sportsman's Club fundraising event, hosting a crab feed at the Veterans Memorial Building in San Leandro.

The event was sponsored by the Foothill Sportsman's Club where the Young Marines helped with the setup, the raffle and the cleanup after the dinner. The Young Marines also learned to

be servers while providing their guests with salad, pasta, crab, and ice cream.

This fundraiser was a benefit for the fire victims who lost their homes in the recent fires, and organizations such as the Purple Paws animal rescue group, and Wounded Warriors.

The Golden Gate Young Marines focus on community service, honoring our veterans, and promoting a healthy drug-free lifestyle.



The Golden Gate Young Marines of Hayward served meals at the Foothill Sportsman's Club fundraiser.



PHOTOS COURTESY THE YOUNG MARINES

The Young Marines stayed until the end, doing the dishes after dinner.

The Young Marines and the Foothill Sportsman's Club are

both 501c3 nonprofits.

To get more information about either group, contact Golden Gate Young Marines at goldengateym@gmail.com and Mike

Dickenson, president of Foothill Sportsman's Club, at shotgunjock@scbglodal.net.

Matthew Wyder is a Lance Corporal in the Young Marines.

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School District Hosting Forums on Spending

The San Leandro Unified School District invites you to have your say at a series of community forums about how the district spends money.

The Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) forums are a learning opportunity for the superintendent and district staff to listen and learn about how parents and community members are feeling about SLUSD schools.

Translation, childcare, and refreshments will be provided at

all meetings.

The remaining meetings will be on the following dates:

Tuesday, Feb. 26, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the library of James Monroe Elementary School (Chinese).

Thursday, Feb. 28, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the library of Washington Elementary School (Spanish).

Saturday, March 2, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the Barbara Lee Center for Health & Wellness (English).

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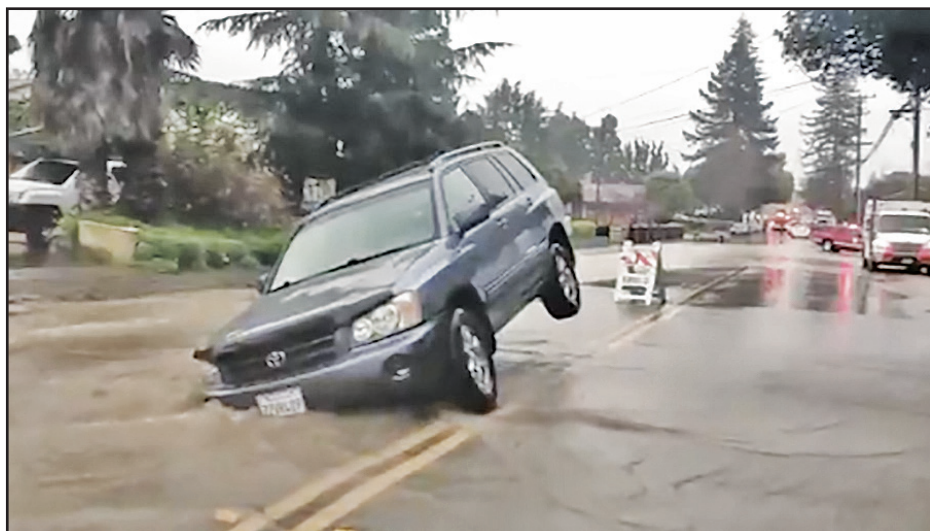


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Rainy Day Sinkhole Shuts Down CV Street

A broken water main caused a sinkhole during a wet morning in Castro Valley Wednesday on a busy stretch of Somerset Road between Santa Maria Avenue and Redwood Road. One car got stuck in the sinkhole shortly after 8 a.m. and the county fire department, public works, sheriff's office, and the East Bay Municipal Utility District were all called to the scene. No one was injured and the driver was able to safely get out of the car with help from the firefighters.

Teens Arrested for Series of ATM Robberies, Guns Found

San Leandro Police detectives arrested four teen boys for allegedly committing several armed robberies at ATMs throughout the Bay Area.

The series of crimes began in early January with the first robbery in downtown Oakland, according to a press release from Lt. Isaac Benabou of the San Leandro police. By the end of the month, the suspects are believed to have committed 19 robberies, four of them in San Leandro.

In one San Leandro robbery, a male victim was robbed at gunpoint for his cash and other valuables, and his vehicle was also stolen by the suspects. The victim's vehicle was found later abandoned after a collision.

San Leandro police conducted hours of surveillance hoping to intercept a crime in progress, Benabou said.

Last week, detectives discovered a vehicle used in several of the crimes and on Feb. 6, a team

of detectives and patrol officers, including a police dog and aerial support from an outside agency, began a large scale surveillance operation on the suspect vehicle.

Detectives followed as four suspects drove in the vehicle to communities in East Contra Costa County. The suspects at one point drove into a neighborhood and stole a license plate off of a parked vehicle and affixed that stolen plate to their vehicle, Benabou said.

The suspects then drove to several banks and began casing ATMs. The teens continued for hours casing several banks in East Contra Costa County before returning to Alameda County.

By 10:30 p.m., the suspects had returned to San Leandro without committing any new robberies and stopped at a gas station at the intersection of San Leandro Blvd and Davis Street. With several detectives in the area, a team of officers converged

on the suspect vehicle with the intent to arrest the suspects.

As police approached the vehicle, one of the passengers exited the vehicle and began to run. Officers gave chase as the suspect produced a handgun from his clothing and discarded the weapon in the street. Officers were able to reach the fleeing suspect and detain him, Benabou said.

A second suspect in the vehicle attempted to fight with police but was eventually detained. All four suspects arrested are juveniles ages 16 and 17; two are from Oakland, one from San Leandro, and one from Hayward. Police are not releasing their names because they are minors. All four are in custody at Juvenile Hall.

"These are violent crimes with the potential of someone getting very seriously hurt or killed," Benabou said in a written statement. "We were shocked to find that these crimes were orchestrated by juveniles."

DA Focuses on Human Trafficking

In late January, the Alameda County District Attorney's Office and AC United Against Human Trafficking hosted a retreat that has gathered together a range of professionals and organizations working to combat human trafficking.

The collaborative effort disrupts traditional approaches to combating trafficking.

The group of professionals explored new and diverse means of addressing trafficking and helping survivors through tactics

such as technology, data sharing, funding identification, policy and legislation.

"This gathering brings together over 120 professionals to learn about each other's work, share knowledge and identify strategies to best help some of Alameda County's most vulnerable people," said District Attorney Nancy O'Malley in a written statement. "No one entity alone can stop the exploitation of human beings in our county or our state. Each agency and person plays a critical role in strengthening the global response to a problem that demands immediate action and long-term solutions."

Formed in 2017, AC United is a unique collaborative, county-wide effort of stakeholders representing non-profit organizations, justice partners, law enforcement agencies, elected officials, cultural organizations, education agencies, legal service providers and health service providers.

Working together, the varied professionals that make up AC United ensure a unified ap-

proach to addressing and fighting commercial sexual and labor exploitation of children, teens and adults.

OPD Warns Of Scam

A legitimate Oakland police dispatch phone number was "spoofed" during an outage late last month and now callers are receiving phishing scams from the number.

Police in that city want people to know that any calls they have received demanding money are not legitimate.

People have been receiving calls from the non-emergency (510) 777-3333 number and the caller claims to be an OPD dispatcher and demands money. The caller threatens that if you don't pay, the U.S. Marshals will arrest you.

Police departments around the Bay Area have warned people about similar scams pretending to come from federal agencies.

Campground Closed Due To Weather

The East Bay Regional Parks District has issued a weather alert that until further notice, all campgrounds at Anthony Chabot Family Campground are currently closed due to the National Weather Service's high wind advisory. The NWS says they expect anticipated sustained winds of 25 to 35 m.p.h and gusts up to 60 m.p.h.

Park district protocol is to close campgrounds when winds hit a sustained speed of 25 m.p.h.

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Emily Fong and Josias Fong with their awards from the 2018 Music Teacher's Association of California Improvisation Program.

Emily & Josias Fong Win ACIP Awards

Emily Fong, 13, and Josias Fong, 9, recently received awards in the 2018 Music Teacher's Association of California Improvisation Program.

The program enhances musical creativity through spontaneous music composition without writing it down.

Students enter a recording of their work in the evaluation as well as the source or inspiration of their music to receive written comments

and a rating from the adjudicator.

The independent evaluator gives feedback on the musicality and confidence of the performance and includes positive remarks on the musical content, such as the melodic/harmonic/rhythmic interest, form, and construction. Students become well-rounded musicians while developing a valuable, life-long skill. Emily and Josias study piano with Dr. Maureen Spranza in San Leandro.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

❖ **Douglas Morrisson Theatre** *Ah Wilderness*, a nostalgic coming-of-age story by Eugene O'Neill that introduces the Miller Family on the 4th of July in 1906, will be presented by the Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 N. Third St.,

Hayward from Feb. 15 through March 3. The play offers a backward glimpse into middle-class family life in turn-of-the-century America, providing a tender, retrospective portrait of small town family values, teenage growing pains, and

young love. Showtimes are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. on Sundays and on Saturday, March 2. Tickets are \$29, senior discounts available. To purchase tickets, call 881-6777.

❖ **Sunset Gallery in Hayward** *Art of Peace and Hernandez Art & Tattoo* are now on view at Sunset Gallery at Hayward Center/Adult School, 22100 Princeton St. Room H2, in Hayward through Feb. 28. *Hernandez Art & Tattoo* is a collection of works inspired by Meso-American culture to traditional American tattoo by Adolfo Hernandez, a member of the Hayward Art Council's board. *Art of Peace* is an exhibit featuring artwork made from guns and bullets collected as evidence in crimes. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Visit www.haywardartscouncil.org for more gallery exhibits and events.

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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Try to say as little as possible about the work you're doing through the end of the month. Then you can make your announcement and accept your well-deserved plaudits.



TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): You face a more difficult challenge than you expected. But with that strong Taurean determination, you should be able to deal with it successfully by week's end.



GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Before you act on your "feelings" about that upcoming decision, it might be wise to do a little fact-checking first. You could be very much surprised by what you don't find.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): A recent workplace success can open some doors that were previously closed to you. On a personal level, expect to receive some important news from a longtime friend and colleague.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): Put your wounded pride aside and do what you must to heal that misunderstanding before it takes a potentially irreversible turn and leaves you regretting the loss of a good friend.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): One way to kick a less-than-active social life into high gear or rebuild an outdated contacts list is to throw one of your well-organized get-togethers for friends and associates.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): Getting out of an obligation you didn't really want to take on can be tricky. An honest explanation of the circumstances can help. Next time, pay more attention to your usually keen instincts.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): Use your Scorpion logic to push for a no-nonsense approach to a perplexing situation. This could help keep present and potential problems from creating more confusion.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): A friend's problem might take more time than you want to give. But staying with it once again proves the depth of your Sagittarian friendship and loyalty.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): The Sea Goat can benefit from an extra dose of self-confidence to unsettle your detractors, giving you the advantage of putting on a strong presentation of your position.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): You might want to ask a friend or relative for advice on an ongoing personal matter. But be careful not to give away information you might later wish you had kept secret.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Use the weekend for a creativity break to help restore your spiritual energy. Once that's done, you'll be back and more than ready to tackle whatever challenge you need to face.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

❖ All Saints Parish Crab Feed

The 46th annual Crab Feed at All Saints Parish, 911 Dowling Blvd. in San Leandro, supporting community outreach programs of the parish will be on Saturday, Feb. 16, starting at 5 p.m. with the social hour and dinner at 6 p.m. Dinner includes all you can eat fresh, cracked crab, salad, pasta, bread and dessert. Raffle, auction and musical entertainment by "The Tonic Trio". No host bar. Cost is \$50 for adults, youth (9-14) is \$35, children 8 and under \$10. Supervision provided for 8 and under. For tickets go to <https://allsaints-2019-crab-feed.eventbrite.com>; or at the door. Seating is limited and always sells out.

❖ SL Rotary Endowment Crab Feed

The San Leandro Rotary Endowment is having its annual Crab Feed on Saturday, Feb. 16, at the San Leandro Boys and Girls Club, 401 Marina Blvd. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. and dinner, catered by Miraglia's Catering, starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person and may be purchased by visiting www.sanleandrorotary.org or by contacting Aisha Knowles at 828-9199. Proceeds from the event support local service projects and non-profit organizations such as Davis Street, Community Impact Lab, Meals on Wheels and the SL Education Foundation.

❖ Mystery Authors Tea at Alta Mira Club

The Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave. in San Leandro, will host a Mystery Authors Tea on Monday, Feb. 18, at 11:30 a.m., featuring three outstanding mystery writers – Margaret Dumas, Ann Parker, and Penny Pike aka Penny Warner who has had over 50 books published and writes fiction and non-fiction for adults and children. Delicious tea sandwiches and desserts will be served starting at 11:30 a.m., followed by the author program. This year's event will be for scholarships and the building fund (the club had a broken gas line to repair). Tickets are \$20. For reservations, call Nancy Fong at 483-1018 or email Nancyfong@aol.com. Reservations are being accepted now.

❖ Writing Classes for Seniors

The Arts Commission of the City of San Leandro is sponsoring through its grants program "Arts in Memoirs," a free series of four classes for seniors to write their memoirs. The memoirs can be written in English or any other language. The one-hour classes will be on Saturdays in March and April, guided by a retired teacher Ms. Kathleen McCabe-Martin. The venue is yet to be determined. If you are interested, email by Feb. 19 to Project Coordinator Bella Comelo at bellacomelo@hotmail.com.

❖ The Philatelic Society of San Leandro

The Philatelic Society of San Leandro Inc. meets the third Tuesday of each month in the Trustee room and the San Leandro Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Doors open at 6 p.m. with the meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call Gayle at 638-8765.

❖ Meeting of the East Bay Rose Society

Tom Bressan, founder of the Urban Farmer, will speak at the The East Bay Rose Society meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave. in Oakland. Bressan will talk about new irrigation products, including smart timers and controllers and improved emitters. He will also cover the basics of designing a system for roses,

irrigation system maintenance, and increasing efficiency. Come enjoy snacks, people who talk roses and the show. For more information, visit www.eastbayroses.org.

❖ St. Felicitas Young at Heart Luncheon

St. Felicitas Parish monthly Young at Heart luncheon will be on Wednesday, Feb. 20, at Monsignor McGinty Hall located behind the church at 1662 Manor Blvd. in San Leandro. Doors open at 11:15 a.m. and lunch is served at noon. The luncheon will feature spaghetti and meatballs with dessert, a beverage and door prizes. The cost is only \$6. Entertainment and door prizes at the luncheon. Tickets can be purchased at the church office located to the right of the church. Buy your tickets by noon on Friday, Feb. 15. No ticket sales at the door. All seniors are welcomed. For more information, call 351-5244.

❖ Events at Manor Library

The Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd. in San Leandro, will host a Lunar New Year event on Wednesday, Feb. 20, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. with a presentation on how to apply traditional Chinese Feng Shui principles to your home, business and life, presented by Manu Butterworth, founding director of Golden Gate Feng Shui School in Oakland. On Wednesday, Feb. 27, the Manor Library will show the teen movie, "The Hate U Give," for students in grades 9 through 12. No charge for admission. Pizza served while supplies last.

❖ Coffee with the Commission

The City of San Leandro's Senior Commission will host its second Coffee with the Commission on Thursday, Feb. 21, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St. Meet and talk with commissioners in a less formal manner, with a good cup of coffee, tea, and light refreshments. Commissioners will be available to answer questions, provide information, and chat about topics important to the senior community.

❖ Cherry City Toastmasters Open House

Come to the Cherry City Toastmasters open house on Tuesday, Feb. 26, from 12:05 to 1:05 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. The Toastmasters offer a proven and enjoyable way to improve communication and leadership skills.

❖ Bayfair Toastmasters

Bayfair Toastmasters is a small, growing club seeking new members who want to learn the art of public speaking. All are welcome to the club's weekly meetings every Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m. in the Bayfair Mall 2nd floor meeting room above the food court. Come through Entrance 5 facing the Century Theater. For more information, call Noreen at 538-6025 or Wayne at 407-0048.

❖ SL Kiwanis St. Patrick's Day Dinner

The San Leandro Kiwanis Club will hold its 30th Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Saturday, March 16, at the San Leandro Senior Center, 13909 East 14th St. The social hour and silent auction start at 5:30 p.m., and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. with corned beef and cabbage. Traditional Irish band, live auction. Tickets are \$30. All proceeds benefit the club's charitable projects. For more information or for tickets, call Terri Neumann at 895-4425.

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Pay: School board ups pay for subs, just in case

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wage dispute continues. Union leaders can call the strike any time after Feb. 15, when a neutral fact checker presents a report on the negotiations.

So San Leandro school board trustees voted at their Feb. 5 meeting to approve pay of up to \$300 per day per substitute if

“In the event that a strike does happen, we have a responsibility to our students.

— San Leandro school district spokeswoman Keziah Moss

there is a strike, up from the usual rate of \$170. The district called the decision a preventative measure that they hope they won’t have to use.

Substitutes are not members of the teachers’ union and would be called in to replace striking teachers in Oakland, where the current rate offered to substitutes



TIMES FILE PHOTO

The San Leandro school district has 464 teachers working at 14 schools, including Wilson Elementary School on Williams Street.

is \$178.

About 30 Substitutes Are Needed on an Average Day

An Oakland strike could make it difficult to get the necessary substitutes in San Leandro, so they decided to offer more money as a matter of practi-

cality, according to Keziah Moss, spokeswoman for the San Leandro School district.

Moss said that about 30 substitutes are needed across the district’s 14 schools on an average day to replace any of the 464 teachers who may be absent.

If the strike does happen, the

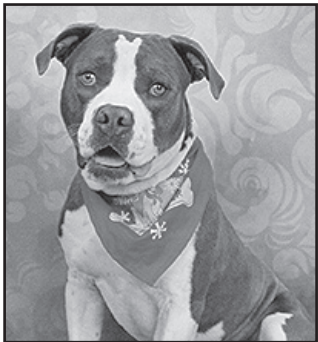
cost will depend on the number of substitutes needed and the length of Oakland’s strike, Moss said.

“We really hope that Oakland is able to solve their problems,” said Moss. “We don’t anticipate having to use this special rate, but in the event that a strike does happen, we have a responsibility to our students.”

Pets of the Week



Charlie



Froggy

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are Charlie the dog and Froggy the dog.

Charlie is a spunky, intelligent, year old pup. He’s very active and needs a family who can keep up with his energy. Good with other dogs and might

be okay with teens.

Froggy is a 3 year old with a sweet disposition, is friendly, social, and playful with people. Good with handling and a quick-study with agility equipment. Okay with teens.

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

Ukulele Jam Held on Wednesdays at Senior Center

The newly organized San Leandro Ukulele Jam for adults 50 and over holds a meet-up on Wednesdays from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St.

The drop-in fee is \$1. The jam is for anyone who already plays the ukulele or if you’re just

learning and want to experience how awesome it is to play with others.

If you want a relaxing and supportive afternoon of singing, playing and having fun, then come and join the group.

For more information, email SLukejam@gmail.com



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AUTOMOTIVE

Choosing a Used Electric Vehicle

By Steve Schaefer
San Leandro Times

Pure electric vehicles are clean and quiet, need nearly zero service, cost less to run, and provide great acceleration. However, they are not available in all sizes and models, tend to be expensive, and have range limitations. You can also select a hybrid or plug-in hybrid to enjoy some electric motoring without those limitations. If you have a limited budget, the used EV market is the way to go.

The Different Types of EVs

Hybrids combine a gasoline engine and an electric motor to improve fuel economy. The motor has a small battery that uses electricity that's generated when you slow down or brake.

Plug-in hybrids (PHEVs) are hybrids with a plug and a larger battery, so you can charge them up and use only electricity for a limited range, anywhere from 11 to more than 50 miles before the gas engine kicks in. They still work like hybrids if you don't plug them in.

Battery-electric vehicles (BEVs) run on their battery only—there is no gas engine. You have to plug them in to drive them. You can charge them at home, at work, or using charging stations in various public locations.

Fuel-cell vehicles are an interesting fourth type of EV. They create their own electricity using compressed hydrogen gas as a fuel. Hydrogen stations are scarce, and sales prices rarely fit below the \$20,000 price cap, so I have no recommendations now.

Which Kind of EV Should I Get?

Evaluate your needs. If you mostly drive locally and can borrow or rent another car for an occasional longer trip, try a BEV. If you want to commute and run local errands electrically but be able to take off and go anywhere, anytime, opt for a plug-in hybrid. If you want to do something about the climate crisis but live in an apartment and don't have any charging at work, try a hybrid.

Recommended Used EVs

Four choices for an EV are listed in each section. Feel free to consider any other electric vehicle if it meets your needs and budget. Prices vary depending on mileage, condition, and what the seller feels like asking. I capped it at \$20,000, but there are many good cars for much less, and some great choices for significantly more. My research is based on cars.com for the San Francisco Bay Area.

Steve Schaefer lives in Castro Valley. He has been reviewing new cars in the Times for 27 years.

Battery-Electric Vehicles

The newest BEVs tend to have longer ranges, but lower-priced older EVs have ranges around 100 miles or less

Nissan Leaf

Body style: hatchback
Battery range: 73-107 miles (new 2018-19 model has 150)
Price Range: \$6,481 - \$16,998 (2011-16)
Summary: Biggest seller, large dealer network, plenty to choose from, polarizing styling

Kia Soul

Body style: hatchback (box)
Battery range: 93 miles
Price range: \$12,030 - \$16,792 (2015-16)
Summary: Roomy, slightly better range, boxy styling isn't for everyone

Plug-In Hybrids

Small electric range, but you can go anywhere with gasoline

Chevrolet Volt

Body Style: hatchback
Battery range: 32-53 miles electric-only, 380-420 total
Price range: \$6,999 - \$19,998 (2012-16)
Summary: PHEV pioneer, biggest plugin EV range, 2016 and later models offer fresh styling/greater range, only four-passenger seating

Ford C-Max Energi

Body style: tall hatchback
Battery range: 21 miles electric-only, 570 total
Price range: \$9,800 - \$18,991 (2013-17)
Summary: Spacious family car, European design, hybrid version too

Honda Accord PHEV

Body style: midsize sedan
Battery range: 13 miles electric-only, 570 total
Price range: \$15,681 - \$19,991 (2014 only)
Summary: Popular and award-winning, one model year only, Hybrid also

Toyota Prius Plug-in

Body Style: hatchback
Battery range: 11 miles electric-only, 540 total
Price range: \$9,000 - \$19,492 (2012-15)
Summary: Proven Prius virtues, most other PHEVs have greater electric-only range, but Prius gets higher mpg



Fiat 500e (pictured above)

Body style: compact hatchback
Battery range: 87 miles
Price range: \$8,275 - \$16,500 (2015-17)
Summary: Cute, fun, retro feel, may become orphans

Volkswagen e-Golf

Body style: hatchback
Battery range: 83 miles
Price range: \$12,500 - \$16,988 (2015-16)
Summary: Golf goodness, but electric; 2017 improved range is 125 (but costs \$20,000+)

Hybrids

No plugging in, just great fuel economy

Ford Fusion Hybrid

Body style: midsize sedan
EPA MPG: 42 combined
Price range: \$9,355 - \$19,025 (2010-18)
Summary: You can get a nearly new car for under \$20K, PHEV version too, Fusion and C-Max share their drivetrain

Honda Accord Hybrid

Body style: midsize sedan
EPA MPG: 47 Combined
Price range: \$15,550 - \$18,998 (2015)
Summary: Popular vehicle, 2017 hybrid available for \$22-25,000

Kia Optima

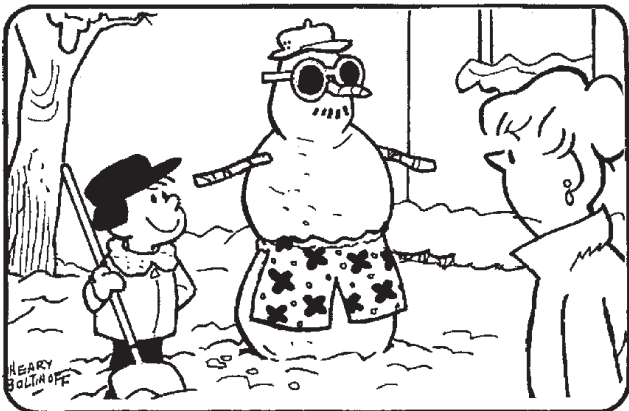
Body style: midsize sedan
EPA MPG: 36
Price range: \$8,995 - \$18,990 (2013-17)
Summary: Nice looking and driving. Not as high mpg as some others, though

Toyota Prius

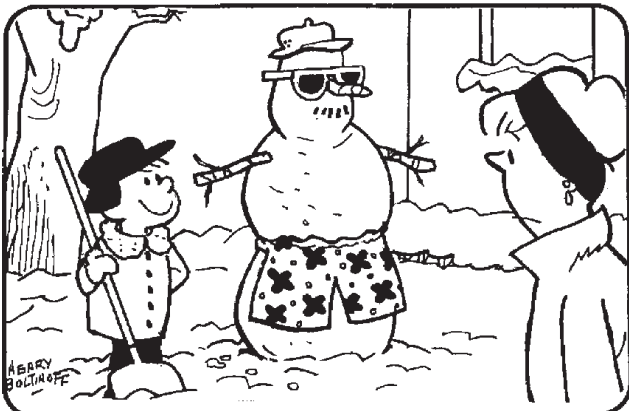
Body style: hatchback
EPA MPG: 50
Price range: \$9,399 - \$19,989 (2010-2017)
Summary: The original hybrid, lots to choose from, watch for different levels of equipment

HOCUS-FOCUS

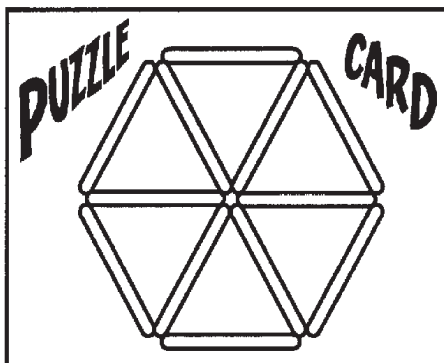
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



5. Showman's "arms" are different. 6. Boy is taller. 7. Girl's shirt has buttons. 8. Tree is wider. 9. Girl's hair is different. 10. Girl's shoes are different.



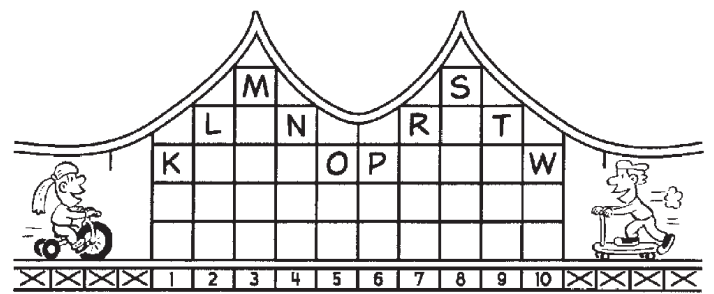
ICE CREAM STICK PUZZLE! Place 12 ice-cream sticks on the table and challenge your friends to arrange them in the form of six equilateral triangles, all the same size. The solution is pictured above.

LUCKY 13! Thirteen will be your lucky number if you can use another number, three times, to express the number 13. There are two solutions to this problem that use two different numbers

Answers: 12 + 12/12 and 14 - 14/14 both equal 13.

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: Caps, cape, care, cart, cure, curt, cult, cull.



A WORD-BRIDGE!

The bridge above contains 10 supporting words. We give you the first letter of each word, plus plenty of hints.

1. A small barrel.
2. Hog fat.
3. Indians cultivated it.
4. Opposite of midnight.
5. A clumsy fellow.
6. A type of talk.
7. Where coral is found.
8. Spicy sauce, or dance.
9. What ice skaters hate.
10. A frying pan.

Answers: 1. Keg, 2. Lard, 3. Maize, 4. Noon, 5. Cat, 6. Pep, 7. Feet, 8. Salsa, 9. Thaw, 10. Wok.

HEALTH & FITNESS

How Opioid Overdose, Death Health Crisis Can be Reversed

By Patrice A. Harris, M.D.
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

OPIOID-RELATED OVERDOSES have reached epidemic proportions, claiming more than 42,000 lives in the U.S. in 2016 alone.

Physicians on the front lines are working in their communities and with their patients to reverse this public health crisis.

The American Medical Association (AMA) created an Opioid Task Force in 2014, bringing together national and state medical organizations to come up with ways that practicing physicians could play a role in ending the epidemic.

For example, the task force urged physicians to enhance their education.

The latest AMA report shows a remarkable response. Last year, more than a half million physicians and other health care providers took courses related to opioid prescribing, pain management, treatment and related areas. Opioid prescribing decreased by 22 percent between 2013 and 2017.

Despite such progress, opioid-related deaths are still increasing. Why? Experts say no single policy approach can stop the epidemic.

Physicians are reducing the prescription opioid supply. But policies must also focus on prevention and treatment. About 90 percent of those needing addiction treatment are unable to get it. The science shows what works: certain medications prescribed by a physician or dispensed at federally certified opioid treatment programs. Combining that treatment with medical care, counseling and other services can help patients with substance use disorder lead satisfying and productive lives.

The numbers speak to a national tragedy. We need to act with resolve as we have with other public health epidemics. Our patients diagnosed with a substance use disorder deserve no less.

Most people agree that we need access to treatments that include medication but that is not readily available for many patients. This epidemic will not be reversed until we deal with access issues and stigma associated with opioid misuse.

Specific actions that should be taken include:

- Insurance providers should immediately remove barriers so patients can obtain affordable medication treatment combined with counseling.
- Policymakers and regulators should enforce laws that require mental health benefits to be on par with other health benefits. This gives patients access to treatment related to mental health



and opioid use disorders.

- Health insurance providers and pharmacy benefit managers should ensure that patients have access to affordable, non-opioid pain care.

- Physicians should register for and use electronic databases that track controlled substance prescriptions in their state. Using these databases allows physicians to make more informed prescribing decisions. When clinically appropriate, physicians should also co-prescribe naloxone, a life-saving drug that can reverse an opioid-related overdose.

- Patients and physicians should have conversations about safe storage and disposal of opioids and all medications.

- All Americans can help re-

move the stigma around this epidemic, advocating for comprehensive care for patients in pain and those with opioid use disorder.

There are many reasons to be optimistic. Physicians are leading in the areas where we can have an influence, but unfortunately, we cannot bring an end to the epidemic alone. Much work remains to be done and we'll continue to work with federal and state governments, law enforcement, insurers, educators and others to make headway.

Patrice A. Harris, MD, is president-elect of the American Medical Association. To learn more about efforts to end the opioid epidemic, visit end-opioid-epidemic.org

—StatePoint

Achieving A Healthy Lifestyle

While people often think of the New Year as a time to set new goals for healthy eating and physical activity, weight management requires ongoing effort every day.

That's why the National Institutes of Health is promoting simple tips and tools to help Americans start and maintain healthy habits.

"Why wait to start improving your health when you can start today?" asks Dr. Griffin P. Rodgers, director of National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases. "It's never too soon or too late to achieve a healthy weight."

Reaching and maintaining a healthy weight through healthy food choices and regular physical activity may help lower the risk of developing health problems associated with obesity, such as heart disease, kidney disease and Type 2 diabetes.

About 40 percent of adults and 19 percent of children and

teens in the United States are obese, according to recent data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Continue or establish healthier eating habits, such as reducing the overall calories you consume and limiting your intake of foods and beverages with added sugars, fats and salt. Bringing healthier versions of your favorite dishes to gatherings, and choosing smaller portions of holiday treats and alcohol, may help with managing weight during this time of year.

Dr. Rodgers recommends making physical activity a priority for the whole family. Choosing a set time for physical activity and sticking to it may help you manage stress, improve your mood, and give you the energy to tackle your busy schedule.

If it's too cold to walk or run outdoors, take your workout to your favorite mall or indoor sports field. Even if you're pressed for time, doing some

physical activity is better than skipping your workout and doing nothing.

Another tip to consider is to reduce screen time and time spent sitting. Watching TV for more than two hours a day has been linked to becoming overweight and obese.

To further encourage adults and youth to be active, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services also recently released new Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans. The new Guidelines recommend that adults aim for at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity activity each week, such as brisk walking or dancing.

To find more tips and resources for weight management and healthy living during the holidays and every day, visit www.niddk.nih.gov/health-information/weight-management.

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LIFESTYLE

Is There Anything You *Can't* Make with Campbell's Tomato Soup?

The famous Campbell's Tomato Soup can, which first made its appearance more than a hundred years ago, has become an American icon, a pop-art subject and one of the most recognizable products in the world, as well as being a staple on pantry shelves in countless homes.

The reason: There are few other products that offer such versatility for the busy homemaker, who can make a last-minute casserole, salad dressing, cake or spaghetti from it.

Why, you can even use it to make a bowl of soup!



cook until sauce thickens to desired consistency. Serves 4 to 6.

CHICKEN CACCIATORE

- 2 pounds chicken, cut up
- 2 tablespoons shortening
- 1 can Campbell's Tomato Soup
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/4 cup dry red wine
- 2 large cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon crushed oregano
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 medium green pepper, cut into strips
- 1/2 cup chopped onion

In skillet, brown chicken in shortening; pour off fat. Add remaining ingredients. Cover and cook over low heat 45 minutes. Stir now and then. Uncover and

TOMATO SOUP MEATLOAF

- 1 (10-3/4 ounce) can Campbell's Tomato Soup
- 2 pounds ground beef or turkey
- 1 pouch Campbell's dry onion soup mix
- 1/2 cup dry bread crumbs
- 1/2 cup finely chopped celery
- 1 egg, beaten

In large bowl, mix thoroughly 1/2 cup of tomato soup, beef, onion soup mix, bread crumbs, celery and egg.

In 8x12-inch baking pan, firmly shape meat mixture into 8x4-inch loaf.

Bake at 350°F for 1-1/4 hours

or until done. Spoon off 2 tablespoons of drippings; reserve.

In saucepan over medium heat, heat remaining soup and reserved drippings to boiling, stirring occasionally. Spoon over meat loaf. Serves 8.

TOMATO SOUP SPAGHETTI SAUCE

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 small onion, diced
- 1 green pepper, diced
- 1 small can mushroom pieces, drained
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 can diced tomatoes
- 1 can Campbell's Tomato Soup
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- Salt and pepper to taste

Brown ground beef in skillet over medium-high heat. Add next 4 ingredients and cook until the onion and peppers begin to soften.

Add diced tomatoes, tomato soup and sugar. Let sauce heat through for a few minutes.

TOMATO SOUP FRENCH DRESSING

- 1 can Campbell's Tomato Soup
- 1 cup salad oil
- 1/2 cup wine vinegar



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A moist Tomato Soup Spice Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon prepared mustard
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon minced onion flakes
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

This dressing is best prepared in advance, mixing ingredients, and storing in refrigerator overnight or at least several hours before serving. Shake well before serving.

TOMATO SPICE CAKE

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1-1/3 cups sugar
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1-1/2 teaspoons ground allspice
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1 can Campbell's Tomato Soup
- 1/2 cup shortening
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup raisins (optional)
- 1/4 cup water

Grease and flour two 8-inch round cake pans.

In large bowl, combine all ingredients in the order given.

With mixer at low speed, beat until well mixed, constantly scraping bowl with rubber spatula.

Turn to high speed and continue

to beat for 4 more minutes, stopping occasionally to scrape down sides of bowl.

Pour batter into prepared pans and bake in preheated 350°F oven for 35 to 40 minutes or until a wooden toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.

Cool in pans on wire racks for 10 minutes. Remove from pans and allow to cool completely. Frost with Cream Cheese Frosting.

WESTERN BBQ SAUCE

- 1 can Campbell's Tomato Soup
- 1/3 cup Worcestershire Sauce
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 3 tablespoons vinegar
- 2 tablespoons packed brown sugar

In a 1-quart saucepan over medium heat, heat all ingredients to boiling. Reduce heat to low. Simmer 10 minutes. Yields 1-3/4 cups.

VEAL PARMIGIANO

- 1 pound thinly-sliced veal cutlet
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- 1 tablespoon water
- 1/2 cup fine dry bread crumbs
- 3 tablespoons shortening
- 1 can Campbell's Tomato Soup
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/4 cup onion, finely minced

- 1 small clove garlic, minced
- Dash ground thyme
- 4 (1-ounce) slices Mozzarella cheese
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- Salt and pepper to taste

Pound veal with meat hammer or edge of heavy saucer; season with salt and pepper.

Beat egg and 1 tablespoon of water. Dip veal in egg mixture; then in bread crumbs. Brown in shortening (use more if necessary).

Arrange veal in shallow baking dish (12 x 8 x 2-inches). Mix soup, water, onion, garlic and thyme; pour over veal. Top with Mozzarella and Parmesan cheeses. Bake at 350°F for 30 minutes. Yields 4 servings.

BAKED BEANS

- 1 (21-ounce) can beans
- 2 tablespoons maple syrup
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 pound ground chuck
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 can Campbell's Tomato Soup
- 5 slices of bacon

Brown meat with onion, drain off most of the fat and mix in soup. Add meat mixture to beans and mix with rest of the ingredients. Place in casserole dish, laying bacon strips on top. Bake at 350°F for 1 hour.

TURKEY SLOPPY JOES

- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1 red bell pepper, diced (about 1 cup)
- 1 pound ground turkey breast
- 1 can (10 3/4-ounce) can Campbell's Condensed Tomato Soup
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 tablespoon packed light brown sugar
- 4 Hamburger Buns

Cook the garlic and red pepper in a 12-inch nonstick skillet over medium heat until tender, stirring occasionally.

Increase the heat to medium-high. Add the turkey to the skillet and cook until cooked through, stirring often to separate meat.

Stir in the soup, cayenne pepper and brown sugar and cook until the mixture is hot and bubbling. Serve the turkey mixture on the buns. Serves 4.

Valentine's Day Messages

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Always, Cheryl

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We Love You!
D, H and M

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Love,
Mama Bunny

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Your babe, Donna G

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TI AMO, ROBIN



TIMES FILE PHOTO

Homeless people come to the warming center on cold or rainy winter nights at the First United Methodist Church on Bancroft Avenue.

Homeless: County to assist

continued from front page

ple in all of Alameda County rose by nearly 40 percent to 5,630 between the 2015 and 2017 counts, and de Coligny says that she expects another increase when the 2019 results are finalized.

“When you look at projections based on the number of people who are becoming homeless and the number of people we see leaving homelessness for permanent housing, it’s clear there will be an uptick in numbers from the last survey,” said de Coligny.

Homeless Census Is a Point-in-Time Count

The census is a “point-in-time count” that happens in the last week of January. During the peak winter cold season, more people will seek out shelters or warming centers, giving a more accurate count.

de Coligny says that even with the most thorough methodology they can manage, it’s difficult to count every homeless person.

“There are a portion of people who are unsheltered who live in encampments,” said de Coligny. “We consider an encampment an area with two or more individuals living in tents or makeshift structures. That’s probably about one-fifth of the homeless population and they’ve become increasingly visible in recent years. Others are in their cars or on the streets.”

County officials say there are multiple encampments along San Lorenzo Creek. There’s one by the railroad tracks on Springlake Drive, and another at Cull Canyon in Castro Valley.

After the census, the next step is a more detailed survey of people living on the street and in shelters. de Coligny says her colleagues ask people about their histories, how long they’ve lived in Alameda County, the reasons behind their being on the street, and more.

According to the 2017 survey, the number one cause of homelessness is monetary trouble, with

57 percent saying that is keeping them from a permanent residence. Mental health issues caused 12 percent of the homelessness cases and substance abuse caused another 12 percent.

A total of 47 percent said

“It’s clear there will be an up-tick in numbers from the last survey.”

— Elaine de Coligny, director EveryOne Together

they had some disability that limited their ability to maintain work or housing. The most common self-reported conditions were psychiatric (41 percent), post-traumatic stress disorder (29 percent), and physical disability (27 percent).

Of those surveyed, 58 percent said they had been homeless for

a year or more and 61 percent said they’d had more than one period of homelessness in their lives. Over 80 percent said they lived in Alameda County before becoming homeless.

In exchange for a homeless person’s help with the survey, EveryOne Home provided them with clean socks or a gift card.

In December, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors approved a 3-year “homelessness action plan” specifically for the unincorporated area, including San Lorenzo, Cherryland, Ashland, and Castro Valley.

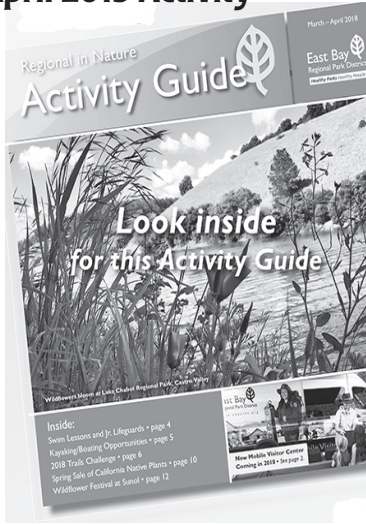
The plan would include: dedicated parking sites for people living in their cars, tiny homes, a mobile hygiene unit, two winter shelters, a downtown street litter team, and more.

The board announced plans to spend \$10.5 million beginning in 2019 on services for the estimated 440 homeless people living in the unincorporated area.

If you are having a housing crisis or in need of other support, 211 is a toll-free phone number that provides information and referrals on housing and health and social services. Information is also available at www.211AlamedaCounty.org.

This issue of the San Leandro Times contains the East Bay Regional Park District March - April 2019 Activity Guide.

If your copy of the Times does not include the EBRP Activity Guide, call 510-614-1555 or stop by the Times office (2060 Washington Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94577) between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday to obtain one.



SL Gets High Marks for Anti-Smoking Legislation

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

San Leandro got a decent grade from the American Lung Association in the non-profit’s annual report card.

San Leandro got an overall score of B, with a note about room for improvement in keeping sidewalks, condos, and workplaces smoke-free.

Overall, the American Lung Association says that tobacco use is at an all-time low in California, but said that youth e-cigarette use has jumped an “extremely troubling” 78 percent from 2017 to 2018.

The American Lung Association’s 17th annual “State of Tobacco Control” report grades municipalities on their policies to reduce tobacco use, including “no smoking” laws at parks or apartments and tobacco retailing restrictions.

San Leandro received an A in the subcategory of smoke-free outdoor air with maximum points across the board for smoke-free



Many diseases are preventable just by quitting smoking.

restaurants, public events, and recreation areas.

San Leandro got a perfect score in the subcategory of reducing sales of tobacco products, thanks to the city’s flavored tobacco ban that went into effect in August.

Alameda County and the State of California both received overall scores of B, so San

Leandro is on par with the rest of the state.

The report said that over 50 percent of people in California live in counties with D or F grades and only 6 percent live in areas with an overall A grade. The Alameda County unincorporated area scored a D.

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By Carl Medford, CRS
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GUEST COMMENTARY



The Middle Of The Market Is Disappearing

It is no secret that the process of buying and selling real estate has dramatically changed in the past few years.

While there have been a number of factors reshaping the real estate landscape, the primary change agent has been buyer access to online market information.

It is hard to imagine that Google has only been around since September 4th, 1998. While Realtor.com has been around since November 26th, 1996, Trulia was launched in September, 2005 and Zillow was born a few months later in February, 2006.

Shortly after, the first iPhone

hit the market (June 29, 2007), Zillow debuted its iPhone app on April 29, 2009 and on April 30, 2010, Apple began selling iPads.

As these benchmarks accrued, each represented a milestone granting additional empowerment to buyers and contributed to the systematic process of moving the real estate process from brick and mortar structures out onto the Internet.

Another factor influencing real estate has been the deregulation of mainline television and the explosion of cable networks. Launched on December 30th, 1994, HGTV has fully imbedded itself into the national consciousness and now dictates the housing and decorating tastes of emerging generations of homebuyers.

HGTV and its accompanying bevy of housing-related programs has dramatically elevated buyer tastes and desires to the point where the level of preparedness for homes hitting the market has dramatically increased in the past few years.

All of which has introduced a significant dilemma to thousands of homeowners hoping to sell their properties.

Some background: the mar-

ket has three strata. The top tier features significantly improved homes selling for top dollar. The bottom level contains distressed properties purchased for substantially less by contractors and flippers. The middle level includes ordinary, dated homes with little or no improvements. These have historically sold at prices between the upper and lower levels.

With the reshaping of buyer tastes and inability of current generations to do home improvement work themselves, most buyers are ignoring the middle tier and looking instead for premium-quality homes for which they are willing to pay superior prices.

Homes in the middle tier consequently spend a much longer time on the market and sell for prices closer to the bottom tier.

It is a hard pill to swallow for many sellers who find themselves in the middle tier with no desire or funding to improve their home and no immediate prospects willing to pay average prices.

Carl Medford is a licensed Realtor with Keller Williams Realty and a licensed general contractor. This article is sponsored by the Central County Marketing Association.

HOME of the WEEK

Just Move In!

Updated throughout, this 2 bedroom, 1 bath Village Cutie has a formal living room with fireplace, hardwood flooring, recessed lighting and dining area with a slider to deck and yard. Remodeled eat-in kitchen boasts tile counters, tile flooring and all new stainless appliances, as well as access to the garage where laundry is located. Updated bath with shower over tub and tile flooring. Additional features include all new interior paint, new carpeting, dual pane windows, new doors and light fixtures. All this and so much more!



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Time to Recycle Old Batteries

It's time to finally declutter your junk drawers, closets, attic and basement. If these areas of your home contain used batteries, you're in good company.

One in five consumers store some or all of their used batteries from the past year, according to a recent study conducted on behalf of Call2Recycle.

Whether it's electronics packed away in the attic or boxed toys in the basement, old batteries are everywhere. As part of your de-cluttering efforts, experts say it's worthwhile to take the time to gather used batteries and properly recycle them.

"Responsible ownership of



technology products extends to

end-of-life management of the batteries that power those products," says Carl Smith, CEO and president of Call2Recycle, Inc. "By properly recycling those old batteries, consumers can help protect people and property."

From old power tools to cordless telephones, cameras, e-readers, tablets and cellphones, many people don't know what to do with the dead batteries inside their electronics. Indeed, more than half of individuals throwing away battery-operated electronic devices leave the battery attached.

To safely and easily recycle the batteries you find, Call2Recycle recommends the following

steps:

1. Tape: Protect the ends/terminals with non-conductive electrical, duct or clear packing tape.

2. Bag: Store the taped batteries in a clear plastic bag that closes.

3. Drop: Recycle your rechargeable batteries at a convenient drop-off location, including most hardware stores and The Home Depot, Lowe's and Staples. It's an easy task to complete while running everyday errands. Eighty-six percent of the U.S. population lives within 10 miles of a drop-off location.

More information about proper battery disposal can be found by visiting call2recycle.org.

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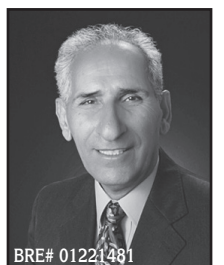
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Are Hidden Leaks Damaging your Home and Boosting Water Bills?

Home water leaks waste 1 trillion gallons of water per year, and 10 percent of American homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons of water a day, according to the EPA.

Fixing easily detectable leaks like dripping faucets and malfunctioning toilets can reduce water bills and water waste. But what do you do about the leaks you can't see?

Hidden leaks can be dangerous. Leaking pipes within walls can cause mold. Dripping faucets behind appliances can be a fire hazard. Leaking irrigation can cause significant lawn damage. And that's just the tip of the iceberg.

A national study of more than 300 homes found that 17 percent of homes have some type of leak. Of those leaks, half were from a broken toilet flapper. This type of common leak wastes 800 to 1,100 gallons of water each day!

Uncovering hidden leaks is important for your budget, your safety and to protect your property investment. Here are some ways to easily detect hidden leaks so you don't have to worry:

Proactive inspections: Look where hidden leaks commonly occur before you see signs of a problem. Early detection could prevent costly damage. Even new homes need this approach, since human error during construction could lead to hidden leaks later.

Inspect systems: First check your irrigation system by walking around the yard, looking for signs of leaks, like puddles of water or depressions in the ground near sprinkler heads or lines. Also, inspect around your water heater for moisture. Remember to watch the water meter, too. An unexpected spike in a water bill could indicate a problem.

Technology: New advancements help detect leaks using intelligent-water technology, such as the Phyn Plus smart water assistant and shutoff. Installed right

after the meter on the main water line, this device analyzes your home's water use by measuring tiny changes in pressure at 240 times per second. This allows the device to shut off the water automatically, so the owners can rest assured that they won't come home to surprise water damage from a burst pipe.



Keep age in mind: Older homes have older pipes and systems that may be more prone to leaks, so it's important to pay close attention to your home as it ages. That being said, new homes aren't immune to water leaks. You may have heard stories of new homeowners hanging a picture on their wall, only to find a puddle on the floor the next day right below where the nail had punctured a pipe. Pipes and soldering can fail at any time, whether your home is brand new or 100 years old.

Use the pros: When in doubt, hire a professional to get expert insight and workmanship.

Learn more about water leaks and smart home technology at www.phyn.com.

—BrandPoint



By Buzz Bertolero
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

As a kid, my grandmother planted potatoes by the moon. Is that still done today, and if so, when is the right time to do it?

"Gardening by the Moon" is kept alive today by a small group of rural gardeners.

It's being rediscovered by a new generation of urban gardeners who are using an old school approach to gardening. They're into organic cultural practices; such as composting, compost teas, cultivating for weed control, organic disease, and pest controls.

The moon dictates what and when to do almost all fundamental gardening activities. The influence of the moon and its different phases is twofold.

First, the pull of the lunar gravity along with the increasing and decreasing light of the moon affects plant roots and leaves. Second, gardening activities, when to weed, what to plant, etc., are

determined by which of the Zodiac signs the moon is traveling through.

From a scientific standpoint, the 'Gardening by the Moon' methodology has never been proven or disproven, so you'll find supporters and those who think otherwise. That being said, I do publish a weekly 'To Do' based on the moon at www.dirtgardener.com. It's a different take on gardening activities.

This is not the weekend to plant potatoes by the moon. Your best opportunity is next week, Feb. 21 through the 24th. There is a full moon starting on Feb. 19, and Zodiac signs are Libra and Scorpio. This is an excellent time to plant for root growth.

Your next opportunity would be March 25 and 26 under the sign of Sagittarius. You could also be looking to plant radishes, turnips, beets, and carrots.

Potatoes are one of the easiest short-term crops for a home vegetable garden. They can be planted in traditional raised beds and containers. Some of the more unorthodox planters include spare tires, a bed of straw or a bag of commer-

cial potting soil or planting mix.

Besides the usual amendments and fertilizer, it's recommended to add sulfate of potash for the extra potassium. Seed potatoes are recommended to plant over potatoes sold as produce.

The yield from supermarket-purchased potatoes is unpredictable, as they have been treated with a growth inhibitor to limit the new shoots. That's not the case with seed potatoes, so you get a guaranteed yield.

Cut the potatoes in half or quarters depending on the size. The freshly cut ends should be dipped into soil sulfur to prevent rotting and left to air dry for 24 hours.

Local nurseries now have red, white and the large russet seed potatoes available for planting.

In the past, I've used Gardman Potato Tubs and grew them on my deck all summer long. I planted them in February and



harvested 15 pounds of potatoes in August. My granddaughter was wowed with the results.

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Lungs: Tobacco use going down nationwide

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ty: Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Dublin and Union City all received As, while Emeryville, Fremont, and Hayward got Bs, Piedmont got a C, and Livermore and Newark got Ds.

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The Fundudes played along with bluesman Nat Bolden and other performers in a benefit for the Butte County fire victims.

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The Fundudes Band raised \$500 for the fire victims in Butte County with a show at Zocalo Coffeehouse on Feb. 9.

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the worthy cause.

They gave kudos to special guest performers: 90-year-old blues sensation Nat Bolden and his lovely wife, Sharon Davis; the great Max Butler, Angel Reyes, Ken Castleman, Cecil Ortiz and Joe Jagenow.

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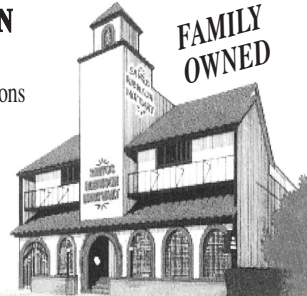
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Bento (Ben) C. Leal, Jr.

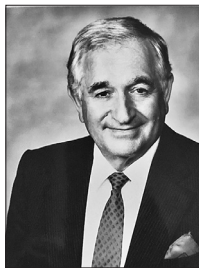
Bento (Ben) C. Leal, Jr., 93, died Friday, February 8, 2019, at Eden Hospital in Castro Valley a few days after suffering a stroke.

He is survived by his beloved wife Jean Gancos-Leal, children Bento III, Kathi, David, Gregory, Mark, Maureen, Patty, their spouses, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was born on a dairy farm in Newark, CA, proudly served in the U.S. Navy in WWII, and spent most of his professional life as President and then Secretary-Treasurer of Teamsters Union Local 856 and also as an International Trustee of the union. He was a dear friend and mentor to many.

Visitation Service will be held at Church of the Assumption, 1100 Fulton Ave., San Leandro, on Wed., Feb. 20, from 5:00-8 p.m. with the Rosary Service at 6 p.m. The Funeral Liturgy will take place at the church on Thurs., Feb. 21, at 10:30 a.m. followed by a reception in the church hall. Private burial service with family members at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Hayward. Charitable donations in his name can be made to Assumption Rosary Makers or charity of your choice.

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David Michael Clark

March 26, 1957 - January 31, 2019



David Clark, born in San Leandro, California on March 26, 1957, passed away at age 61 on January 31, 2019.

He had a strong passion for vintage classic Hot Rods, and was very crafty with his hands. David will be remembered for his enthusiasm for life, his generosity and caring for his family.

David leaves behind his beloved mother, Barbara Clark and Friends.

Thomas Rousseau

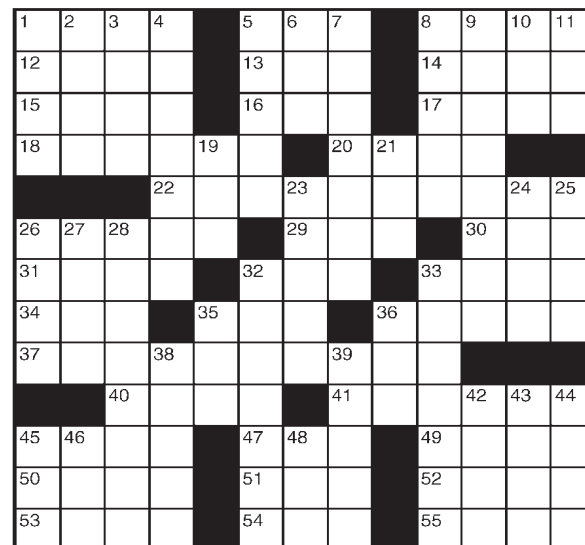
September 20, 1931 - February 1, 2019

Thomas was born in Massachusetts. He came to Oakland Calif. in 1945. Tom moved to San Leandro with his parents, Beatrice and Roger Rousseau, and his sisters, Elaine and Bernice.

Tom started a greeting card business. Tom was in business for fifty-five plus years. Tom was born with Cerebral palsy. He had many obstacles to overcome. He will be remembered for his devotion to his faith. Also for his tenacity and his humor.

Tom is survived by his sister Elaine Benevedes and family, also his cousin Madeline Gomes and family. Tom will be fondly remembered by many. A memorial mass will be held at the Assumption church Friday, February 22 at 11AM.

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OPINION

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Says 68% of San Leandro Housing Unattainable

Editor:

When I became aware that I was quoted in the San Leandro Times ("Make Apartment Building Smaller, Council Says," Page 1, Feb. 7), and read the quote, I had to chuckle. The choice of those sentences completely eluded the broader context of my letter.

My purpose as an Estudillo Estate resident and one who "has theirs," is to focus my neighbors and fellow San Leandro citizens on the important issues at play in the Bancroft project. My letter was about two things; climate change and fairness, and building more densely begins to address these important issues.

Multifamily dwellings are a step toward denser downtowns, they dramatically reduce energy and water usage, and are the most sustainable option for new housing. They also reduce emissions by lowering Vehicle Miles Traveled because more people are closer to jobs.

Buying houses in Tracy and driving to the Silicon Valley for work is quite obviously not climate friendly. The more we concentrate people in the areas where they work, and that make transit more available, VMT will be reduced.

My second interest is in more equity for all our neighbors. 66% of the housing stock in San Leandro is single-family homes/townhomes*. The average price for those single-family homes/townhomes was \$640,000 as of December 2018**. To afford either the monthly rent (\$2,825**avg.) or mortgage cost (\$3,429) you need to have a household income over \$100,000, even by very conservative financing standards. Only 32% of San Leandrans have that income, making the vast majority of our housing unattainable for 68% of our residents.

I believe this is an unacceptable problem that must be resolved. Will this development be open to those at the lower end of the income scale? No, but it will start to scratch the surface of the huge number of units that we need to drive down prices.

Density will begin to address some of the biggest problems that we face in San Leandro (and throughout California), and we need to embrace it. If this developer (who I do not know, by the way) can get this building built in the current construction environment, god love him. Our opportunities for sustainable, well designed buildings will be limited based on these market conditions.

All the residents of the neighborhood, this city and the planet need to give more of our understanding, support AND our own riches to sustain others, our future generations, and the world. Let's start now.

*San Leandro Housing Element

**Zillow Analytics

—Patty Breslin
San Leandro

Times Misstated Letter Excerpt As a Quote to a Reporter

Editor:

I was surprised to find myself quoted in the article entitled "Make Apartment Building Smaller, Council Says," that ap-

peared in the February 7 issue. Surprised, because I have never said a word to Amy Sylvestri or any other San Leandro Times reporter.

The quote printed in this article was taken from an email message I sent to my City Council member. Presenting input I sent to my elected official as a statement given to a reporter shows astounding journalistic apathy.

If you glean the public record for comments, you should clearly state this as the source in your article. Better yet, try asking community members directly when you want to include our voices in your newspaper.

—Melisa Di Tano
San Leandro

Senate Bill 50 'Utterly Fails to Protect Renters'

Editor:

1) SB 50 bans cities from rejecting big residential luxury developments containing a small number of affordable units if they are proposed within a ¼ mile radius of a busy bus stop, or 1/2-mile radius of any rail or train stop. SB 50 wipes out single-family zones in 1000s of loved neighborhoods

2) SB 50 overturns single-family zoning in areas that are "above median income, jobs-rich, with good public schools" and lack major transit. It razes areas with good schools near big employers, malls, business districts. Rewards construction of 85-foot towers next to single-family homes.

3) SB 50 encourages 75-foot and 85-foot luxury towers in single-family areas that are either too close to transit or too close to jobs and good schools. The limit is not 45 and 65 feet, as State Senator Wiener falsely says in SB 50. Cities can't stop a luxury tower unless the project hurts public safety.

4) SB 50 is weaponized by the Housing Accountability Act of 1982, quietly amended by Senators Skinner and Wiener in 2017. It bans cities from rejecting any "density bonus" project unless the developer "puts public safety at risk." Cities can't reject developer demolitions in the SB 50 targeted areas.

5) Weaponized by the Housing Accountability Act, SB 50 bans cities from fighting demolitions in "jobs-rich, good schools areas" and "transit" areas. Turns developers into the fox guarding the rental hen-house/

6) SB 50 utterly fails to protect renters. While it purports to temporarily prevent developers from razing "rental housing," only cities who registered their renters can stop developers from lying about who lives there. SB 50 forces "sensitive communities" to upzone themselves by 2025.

7) SB 50 openly threatens "sensitive communities," requiring them to upzone their Community Plans in 5 years — or SB 50 will do it for them. SB 50 puts developers in charge of their own planning.

8) SB 50 turns 1000s of streets into density-bonus-on-steroids, where cities have NO planning power. Developers award themselves their own incentives.

—Rose Riskind
San Leandro

City and State 'Passing the Buck' On Mobile Home Park Problems

Editor:

There remains an ongoing safety issue at Trailer Haven Mobile Home Park in San Leandro that no one wants to deal with, including the Alameda County Fire Department, the City of San Leandro and the State of California. They are playing the Pass the Buck game once again.

I have lived in Trailer Haven for over 10 years and the previous owners maintained the park very well. When the park was sold in 2014 to a corporation in Kansas, everything changed overnight. The two-story massive palm tree and the heavy-duty 8-foot-tall wooden fence on my neighbor's space was no longer maintained and allowed to grow into my space and the large wooden fence is leaning so much onto my house that I no longer have use of that side of my house.

Where there used to be several feet between my house and the fence, there is now less than 6 inches, and the boards are broken and snapped, causing a major safety hazard to me and my dogs.

The park admits that the tree needs to be removed. A letter dated Jan. 21, 2019, from the manager said, "We would be willing to remove the tree completely if you were willing to move your house. Our tree contractor is unable to safely remove the tree with your house in it's current location."

If they had dealt with the tree when they first bought the property, and every year after that when I complained it was becoming a hazard, they wouldn't feel the need to move my house. This is just another attempt to evict me from the property, which they have attempted to do many times for a long list of reasons.

—Jackie Phillips
San Leandro

Says Building the Wall is Important, But Not Enough

Editor:

For the past three years, all I've heard is the same argument back and forth on immigration; the right demands we round up illegals and haul them off to war-torn countries where they will surely face certain death, while the left demands we give them a scholarship and premium health care at the expense of the hard-working taxpayer.

Extremist ideology used to be discouraged in American politics, but due to an unhinged, egotistical executive branch and the unrelenting antagonism his political opponents unleash as retribution for a bitter election loss they cannot let go even after two long years, extremism has become the norm.

Because of this, the two sides of our political landscape have receded into their respective corners and nobody is talking about the real issues at hand. Methamphetamine, Heroin and Pseudo Fentanyl are pouring in through our southern border and nobody even bats an eye. This is a real issue and it's killing people.

The politicians would rather play identity politics than fight this nation's drug abuse epidemic. We desperately need border security, it's life and death.

Personally, I believe a wall is a good start but it's not enough. Our defense strategy has to be multi-faceted and yes, it will be expensive. For those who say it's too expensive I ask you, how much is a human life worth? Furthermore, I see a lot of yard signs and

bumper stickers touting open border policy, phrases like "No Human is Illegal." All I can say is, if you actually knew someone suffering from a drug problem, you might change your tune.

—Luke O'Leary
San Leandro

'Photo Enforced' Traffic Violations Called 'Underhanded Trap'

Editor:

Returning to San Leandro after living out of state for six years, I am curious to know if the fines for "Photo Enforced" violations are still as high as the \$500 one I received ten years ago.

It happened when I turned right onto

San Leandro Boulevard in front of BART. Though I'd checked that there was no traffic coming to the left, I failed to come to a full stop before making my turn.

Yes, I was wrong, but \$500 wrong?

If local safety experts want these cameras to save lives, why not post the cost of violation on the sign, as is done for parking in a handicapped spot without a placard?

If the monetary consequence is not fully disclosed, the omission seems to me an underhanded trap to generate revenue for the city.

—Stephanie Turner
San Leandro

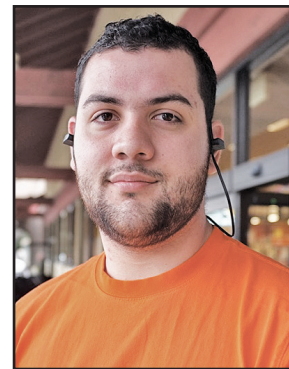
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What picture would you save in a fire?

— Asked downtown

A picture of me and my old dog, a black Labrador. It was at a dog park and he has a ball in his mouth with drool coming down the side of his mouth, and me sitting behind him. It's a fun picture.

Luis Fern
San Leandro



A picture of my children when they were babies, because it can't be recreated.

Ingrid Merriwether
San Leandro



My wedding picture. It was on a lawn outside the church in Connecticut where my wife is from.

Jim Serna
San Leandro



A picture of my grandkids. It's just because of the memories.

Marilyn Miles
Oakland



I would save the box of old pictures from my childhood. The newer ones on my laptop are probably backed up someplace.

Erin Zavarin
San Leandro



Upcoming Show At the Bal Invites Student Performers

East Bay Arts High School will hold a "Best of Expressions" show on Friday, March 8, at 7 p.m. at the Bal Theatre, 14808 East 14th St. in San Leandro, and other high school and middle school students are invited to audition.

Every year East Bay Arts High School holds a "Best of Expressions" event where the favorite performance and visual arts pieces are chosen to share with the community. This year they are teaming up with San Leandro's Curtain Call Perform-

ing Arts to hold the show at the BAL Theatre.

They are still looking for bands, singers, dancers, spoken word, theater scenes, or any other type of performing arts to showcase on the big stage.

For more information, or to audition your act, call Jennifer Lyell at East Bay Arts H.S. at 510-317-4404 or email jlyell@slzsd.org.

No charge for admission. To RSVP for your free ticket go to www.BALTheatre.com or call the Box Office at 510-614-7700.

Alta Mira Club to Host Mystery Writers Tea

The Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave. in San Leandro, will host a Mystery Authors Tea on Monday, Feb. 18, at 11:30 a.m., featuring three outstanding mystery writers – Margaret Dumas, Ann Parker, and Penny Pike aka Penny Warner who has had over 50 books published and writes fiction and non-fiction for adults and children.

Delicious tea sandwiches and

desserts will be served starting at 11:30 a.m., followed by the author program.

This year's event will be for scholarships and the building fund (the club had a broken gas line to repair).

Tickets are \$20. For reservations, call Nancy Fong at 483-1018 or email Nancyfong@aol.com. Reservations are being accepted now.



PHOTO BY ANDREW JOSEPH

Keshad Johnson shoots a basket for San Leandro in a first round NCS playoff game against Grenada on Tuesday night.

Pirates Beat Grenada in Basketball Playoffs

By Andrew Joseph
San Leandro Times

The San Leandro High School basketball team beat Granada High of Livermore at

home, 71-49, on Tuesday night in the first round of the North Coast Section (NCS) playoffs.

The win sends the Pirates to the next round of the NCS playoffs, hosting College Park (Pleasant Hill) on Friday at 7 p.m. in the San Leandro High gym.

Leading San Leandro scorers against Grenada include Kiki Aguirre with a team-high 16 points, Keshad Johnson with 12 points, two assists and two steals, Junior Maile with 12 points, two assists and three steals, and TJ Kilgore who added five points.

"This win feels good," said Kilgore. "We are trying to get to the state championship so we just need to take it one game at a time. We have seven more games to go before getting to the finals."

Ciri Sawyers scored the first points of the game with a tip-in, and San Leandro never looked back. The Pirates had control of the game from the first quarter, and had a 34-23 lead at halftime before blowing out the score in the second half.

"We came out being aggressive and attacking them from the beginning and getting their players into foul trouble early," said Johnson. "Once we got our shooters open they just made their shots and that's what gave us the

early lead."

Granada played zone defense most of the game but San Leandro was able to run their own pace on offense and keep a consistent

"Once we got our shooters open they just made their shots."

— San Leandro High forward Keshad Johnson

rhythm through the whole night.

The Pirates are setting themselves up for the state finals this year as their ranking keeps climbing. Tuesday's win is San Leandro's 11th consecutive victory, with only four losses on the season.

"This is just the first step—we still have a long way to go to get to the state finals, which is our

San Leandro Girls Beat Dublin, 56-53

The San Leandro High girls basketball team also won in the NCS playoffs first round, edging Dublin, 56-53.

Maya Pollard led San Leandro in scoring with 22 points.

San Leandro advances to the second round the the playoffs, traveling to Heritage High in Brentwood for a game on Friday at 7 p.m.

focus," said Johnson. "To win state it's going to take discipline from all of us."

Tuesday's win moves the Pirates to 23-4 overall this season. They are now ranked 152nd in the nation and 35th in California with their eyes on the state championship.

"The goal this season is to go as far as we can and make sure that we leave it all out on the line," said Pirates' head coach Darnaryl Stamps.

San Lorenzo Beats Alameda

The San Lorenzo High School basketball team beat Alameda,

61-56, in the first round of the North Coast Section (NCS) Division II playoffs against Alameda High School on Tuesday night.

San Lorenzo led, 28-20, at halftime and held off Alameda in the second half.

San Lorenzo will travel to play Redwood High in Larkspur on Friday at 7 p.m. in the second round of the North Coast Section playoffs.

San Lorenzo was 9-1 in the West Alameda County Conference this season, and is 22-5 overall this year.

City of San Leandro's Home Earthquake Strengthening Course

The City of San Leandro is again offering its nationally recognized and award-winning Home Earthquake Strengthening Course to homeowners. This is a "do-it-yourself" course geared towards owners of older, raised-floor homes. Homeowners will be shown how to identify and strengthen structural weaknesses in their homes. Upon completion of this four-day course, each homeowner will have a customized blueprint for their seismic project.

If you own a hillside home, please contact the Division of Building & Safety at (510) 577-3405.

When: February 28, March 5, 7, and 12
This is a four-day course.

Where: The Senior Community Center @
13909 E. 14th Street,
San Leandro, Main Hall B

Time: 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Cost for City of San Leandro Residents:

\$30.00 for single / \$35.00 for couples

Cost for Non-Residents / Unincorporated

San Leandro: \$50.00 for single / \$60.00 for couples

Class size is limited.

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For more information, please call Division of Building & Safety Services at (510) 577-3405.

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