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The Artful Steps exhibit at the library features a number of works, including “Planet of the Kiki Guys,” a mixed media and collage by Lolita Triplette.

Original Work Up for Bids

Multi-media work created by the Artful Steps artists is on display at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., through June 30.

Special features in this exhibit include digital art, popular mosaics, original prints

and a special “My Little Pony” project.

A reception with refreshments and a fashion show will be held on Thursday, June 1, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Karp Room. The event is free and the public is welcome. Artful Step’s enhances both the artistic abil-

ities and the self-esteem of individuals with developmental disabilities.

Craft booths featuring adult coloring books, bags, jewelry, Artful Steps note cards, and work created by the Artful Steps teachers will be available to purchase.

Sam’s Burger Employee Shot By Masked Man

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

An armed robber shot an employee at Sam’s Super Burgers on East 14th Street in the early hours of Tuesday morning.

An unidentified suspect approached the employees of the restaurant at 501 East 14th Street near Cherrywood Avenue armed with a handgun just before 3 a.m. on May 23, according to San Leandro police.

The suspect demanded cash and the employees complied. When the suspect began to leave the restaurant, he fired two rounds that both struck the worker in his leg. The victim’s injuries are not life-threatening, according to police.

The suspect then fled the scene on foot, last seen going west on Cherrywood Avenue.

An officer in the area heard the shots and responded to the scene. The San Leandro police, along with the Alameda County Sheriff’s Department, set up perimeter in the area and used a police dog to search for the suspect, but could not find him.

Police ordered a “shelter-in-place” for residents in the area of East 14th Street, Stoakes Avenue, Pershing Drive, and Leo Avenue while the search was conducted, but it was lifted just after 4 a.m. when the suspect was not located.

Sam’s Super Burgers has been around for decades and is known for being open late – 2:30 a.m. during the week and 4 a.m. on weekends.

The restaurant was open

Tuesday following the shooting.

“It’s a shame because it’s a good place to go when it’s late,” said customer Mike Ramirez. “It’s good that (the employee) wasn’t hurt worse.”

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Opinions Mixed on Relocation Ordinance

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

After months of tweaking, a new “Tenant Relocation Assistance Program” has passed through the City Council’s Rules Committee on Monday and will be up for a vote by the entire council in the next few weeks.

The program would have landlords pay three month’s rent and moving expenses for tenants who lose their home for a “landlord-caused” reason, which usually means rent hike.

But many renters say that the ordinance won’t do anything to help keep them in their homes, it will just give landlords a city-sanctioned way to raise rents and they will still be left with no affordable place to stay.

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Mahoney Takes Reins at Eden Health

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

After almost a decade with the Eden Health District (EHD), Dev Mahadevan is stepping down as the district’s chief executive officer and retiring.

Mahadevan’s replacement will be Michael Mahoney, the former CEO of St. Rose Hospital in Hayward, who left that position five years ago.

During Mahadevan’s tenure, the district faced rough spots including a \$20 million lawsuit from Sutter Health over the struggle to keep San Leandro Hospital open and an attempt by local politicians, including Supervisor



Dev Mahadevan is retiring on June 30.

Wilma Chan and Assemblyman Rob Bonta, to have the district declared unnecessary and be dissolved with its assets given to the county.

But the district survived the dissolution attempt and the lawsuit is slowly being paid off, and Mahadevan says he has left the district in strong shape for his successor.

“We feel stability now, all the medical buildings (which EHD owns) are in the black, which is extremely gratifying,” said Mahadevan. “The district is in sound financial shape and I feel good about that.”

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Michael Mahoney will become the Eden CEO.

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Memorial Day Service At Lone Tree Cemetery

A Memorial Day ceremony will be held at Lone Tree Cemetery, 24591 Fairview Ave., in Hayward on Monday at 11 a.m. with a Huey helicopter fly-by.

First Sergeant Kathleen Vargas of the U.S. Army will be the master of ceremonies.

Many Bay Area veterans groups will be part of the ceremony.

**Schools, Post Offices
Closed for Memorial Day**

Memorial Day, Monday, May 19, courts are closed. Post offices will be closed.

BART will operate on a holiday schedule, and AC Transit will operate on a Sunday schedule. The San Leandro Times will be closed.

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Flags decorate graves at Arlington National Cemetery, as they will again this Monday, Memorial Day.

Memorial Day Began After Civil War

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a federal holiday in the United States for remembering the people who died while serving in the country's armed forces.

The holiday, which is currently observed every year on the last Monday of May, originated after the American Civil War in 1868, when the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of Union veterans, established it as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the Union war dead

with flowers.

It was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11.

On the first Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, and 5,000 participants decorated the graves of the 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried there.

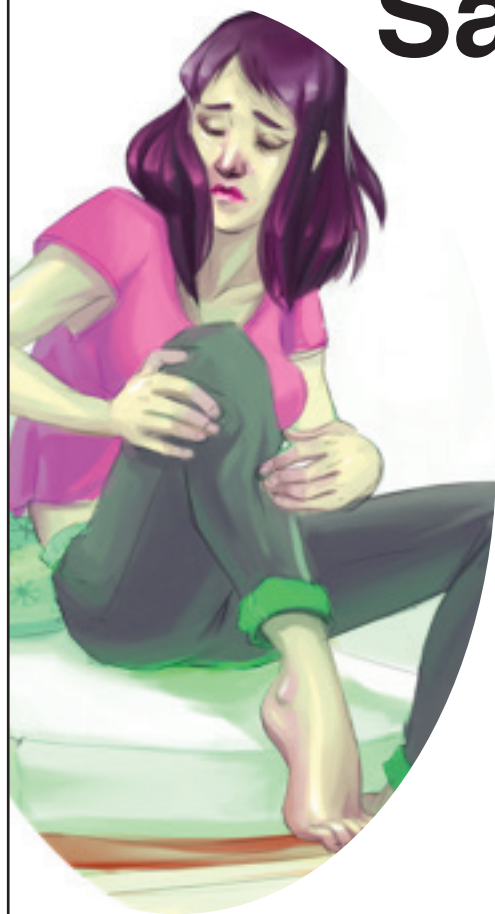
The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was

recognized by all of the northern states.

The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I, when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring all Americans who died fighting in any war.

Many people visit cemeteries and memorials, particularly to honor those who have died in military service. Many volunteers place an American flag on each grave in national cemeteries.

Say Goodbye to Nerve Pain



with it you may experience excruciating pain and/or some very strange symptoms...

There are three types of nerves in the body:

1. Autonomic nerves. These nerves control the involuntary or partially voluntary activities of your body, including heart rate, blood pressure, digestion, and temperature regulation.

2. Motor nerves. These nerves control your movements and actions by passing information from your brain and spinal cord to your muscles.

3. Sensory nerves. These nerves relay information from your skin and muscles back to your spinal cord and brain. The information is then processed to let you feel pain and other sensations. Because nerves are essential to all you do, nerve pain and damage can seriously affect your quality of life.

What Are the Symptoms of Nerve Pain and Nerve Damage?

With nerve damage there can be a wide array of symptoms. Which ones you may have depends on the location and type of nerves that are affected. Damage can occur to nerves in your brain and spinal cord. It can also occur in the peripheral nerves, which are located throughout the rest of your body.

Autonomic nerve damage may produce the following symptoms:

- Too much sweating or too little sweating
- Lightheadedness
- Dry eyes and mouth
- Constipation
- Bladder dysfunction
- Sexual dysfunction

Damage to motor nerves may produce the following symptoms:

- Weakness
- Muscle atrophy

- Twitching, also known as fasciculation
- Paralysis

Sensory nerve damage may produce the following symptoms:

- Pain
- Sensitivity
- Numbness
- Tingling or prickling
- Burning
- Problems with positional awareness

In some instances, people with nerve damage will have symptoms that indicate damage to two, or even three, different types of nerves. For instance, you might experience weakness and burning of your legs at the same time. To further complicate matters we don't all develop the same way and different un-expected nerves can cause similar problems. This has made it very difficult to diagnose disorders caused by nerve damage based on which nerve "should" cause what.

That is, until now...

Recent advances in technology that detects nerve damage has led to more precise diagnosis for those people suffering with nerve damage disorders.

And more precise diagnosis leads to better results... results which have been published in major medical journals. With data published in 2014 showing success rates as high as 90% some back surgeons are recommending their patients try this treatment first before having back surgery (for nerve damage that leads to back pain and sciatica).

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St. Felicitas Girls are Champs

The fourth grade girls basketball team at St. Felicitas Catholic School (pictured above) recently won the Metro League Championship and are now on their way to try to take the Oakland Diocese title. The sixth grade girls basketball team at St. Felicitas also won the Metro League Championship in their age group.

DA Settles Suit Against Discount Store Chain for Illegal Dumping

Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley, together with 34 other California district attorneys recently announced a settlement with Big Lots Stores, Inc. and its subsidiaries for violations of environmental policies.

The civil settlement is the culmination of the prosecutors' investigation into Big Lots' unlawful disposal of hazardous waste at its stores across the state and at its distribution center. There is a Big Lots Store at 20800 Mission Boulevard in Cherryland.

The parties agreed to a court judgment that orders Big Lots to pay \$3,507,500 in civil penalties, costs, and supplemental environmental projects.

Big Lots generates hazardous waste through chemical product spills, damaged containers of chemical products, customer returns, and similar events. The hazardous waste includes corrosive and ignitable liquids, toxic materials, batteries, and electronic devices and other e-waste.

Prosecutors pursued this enforcement action after discovering Big Lots had failed to properly manage and dispose of hazardous waste at its 206 California retail stores and at

its distribution center in Rancho Cucamonga.

According to the lawsuit, Big Lots employees disposed of hazardous waste in ordinary dumpsters bound for local landfills unpermitted to accept the waste, rather than having the waste lawfully transported to authorized hazardous waste facilities as they should have.

"Retailers must ensure the hazardous wastes they generate are not simply disposed of at local landfills not authorized or designed to accept hazardous waste," said O'Malley in a written statement.

"Failure to provide for proper management and disposal of

hazardous waste violates fundamental environmental laws and constitutes unfair business practices. Today's statewide settlement is another important step in the direction toward environment protection and a level playing field for businesses that comply with environmental protection laws."

After prosecutors alerted Big Lots to the violations, the company cooperated throughout the continued investigation.

Big Lots' stores are now managing and disposing of hazardous waste through licensed transporters who dispose of the waste at authorized hazardous waste facilities.

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Public Opinion Sought on Sheriff's Office Practices

The Alameda County Sheriff's office will be evaluated by an independent accreditor next month as part of a process law enforcement voluntarily go through.

The public has a chance to share their thoughts about the sheriff's department with the evaluators.

On Monday, June 19, two assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) will arrive to examine all aspects of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office Regional Training Center and Emergency Services Dispatch policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services.

The accreditation process recognizes professional excellence achieved by adhering to

law enforcement best practices. Accredited agencies undergo periodic assessment to verify their adherence to specific standards.

Accreditation lasts for three years.

As part of the on-site assessment, interested agency employees and the public are invited to offer comments by phone at (925) 551-6914 on Tuesday, June 20, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. The telephone line provides the caller with direct access to the CALEA assessors.

Telephone comments are limited to 10 minutes in length and must address the Alameda County Sheriff's Office Regional Training Center or Emergency Services Dispatch's ability to comply with CALEA standards. Those interested in reviewing

the standards prior to the meeting are encouraged to call (925) 551-6970 for Regional Training Center and (510) 667-7721 for Emergency Services Dispatch.

Anyone wishing to submit written comments about the Alameda County Sheriff's Office's ability to comply with the standards of accreditation may mail them to the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies Inc., 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, VA 20155.

Car Port Fire Sparked By Welding

Last week, the Alameda County Fire Department put out a fire that was sparked by someone welding a car on Via Cordoba in San Lorenzo.

The fire started just after 6 p.m. on May 16 inside a carport behind garage which was attached to a home, according to the fire department.

The blaze was extinguished within 15 minutes and did not spread to the residence.

One person was treated at the scene for smoke inhalation but declined any further medical treatment.

Dry Season Fire Safety Tips

The dry season is on its way and CalFire is offering some tips to avoid sparking a fire.

Whether working to create defensible space around your home, just mowing the lawn, or pulling your dirt bike over to the side of the road, if you live in an area with a lot of dry brush you need to use all equipment responsibly. Lawn mowers, weed-eaters, chainsaws, and welders, can all spark a fire.

- Mow before 10 a.m., but never when it's windy or excessively dry. Lawn mowers are designed to mow lawns, not weeds or dry grass. Metal blades striking rocks can create sparks and start fires. Use caution.

- Don't drive your vehicle onto dry grass or brush. Hot exhaust pipes and mufflers can start fires.

- Keep a cell phone nearby and call 911 in case of fire.

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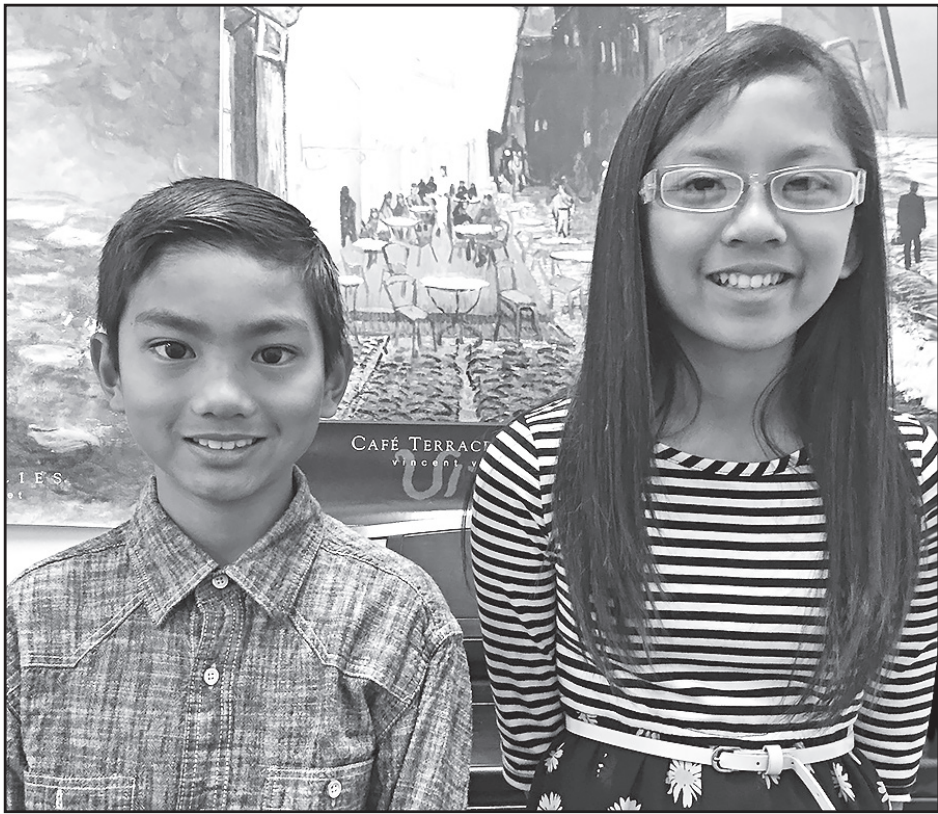
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SL Piano Students Honored

Congratulations to two San Leandro 11-year-old piano students who have been honored by being selected to play at the State Convention for the Music Teacher's Association of California in July at the Hyatt Regency Santa Clara and Convention Center. Miguel Solomon will play *In the Garden* by Samuel Maykapar and Alessandra Sotelo will play *Dragonfly Scherzo* in the Nature Theme Recital. Their music teacher is Dr. Maureen Spranza.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

❖ Artful Steps Artists Exhibit at SL Main Library

Beautiful, multi-media work created by the Artful Steps artists with disabilities fills both the downstairs and upstairs galleries of the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., through June 30. Special features in this ex-

hibit include digital art, popular mosaics, original prints and a special *My Little Pony* project. A reception with refreshments and a fashion show will be held on Thursday, June 1, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Karp Room. The event is free and the public is welcome. Artful Step's mission

is to enhance both the artistic abilities and the self-esteem of individuals with developmental disabilities.

❖ Chanticleers Theatre

Elvis Has Left The Building runs from June 30 to July 23 at the Chanticleers Theatre, 3683 Quail Ave. in Castro Valley. Jacob Russell-Snyder directs this comedy taking you back to December 20, 1970 and to the disappearance of Elvis Presley. No one, not even his wily manager, "The Colonel," knows of his whereabouts. Hi-jinks abound as the Colonel takes desperate measures to replace a man who is irreplaceable. This hilariously funny story will keep you guessing until the end. General admission is \$25; admission for seniors (60+), students and military is \$20. For more information or tickets, call SEE-LIVE 733-5483 or go to chanticleers.org.

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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): A stubborn refusal to go ahead on a project mystifies colleagues who expected more flexibility. But once you explain your position, they'll understand and even applaud you.



TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): A relationship seems to be stuck in the same place. Now it's up to you, dear Bovine, to decide how far you want it to go and how intense you want it to be. Choose well and choose soon.



GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): A relationship progresses more slowly than you would prefer. Best advice: Insist on a frank and open discussion. What is learned could change minds and, maybe, hearts.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): It's all right to be grateful to a workplace colleague who has done you a good turn. But gratitude shouldn't be a life-long obligation. The time to break this cycle is now.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): It's going to be especially nice to be the King of the Zodiac at this time. A recent money squeeze eases. Plans start to work out, and new friends enter Your Majesty's domain.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): Before you make a commitment on any level (personal, professional, legal), get all the facts. There might be hidden problems that could cause trouble later on.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): Personal relationships improve. Professional prospects also brighten. A job offer could come through by month's end. An old friend seeks to make contact.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): Your senses detect that something is not quite right about a matter involving a workplace colleague. Best advice: Follow your keen instincts and don't get involved.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): A prospect offers rewards, but it also demands that you assume a great deal of responsibility. Knowing you, you're up to the challenge, so go for it, and good luck.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): A favor you did a long time ago is repaid, as a trusted colleague steps in to help you with a suddenly expanded workload. A family member has important news.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): A new job offer could require moving across the country. But before you let your doubts determine your decision, learn more about the potentials involved.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Your sense of fair play doesn't allow you to rush to judgment about a friend who might have betrayed you. Good! Because all the facts are not yet in.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

❖ San Leandro Democratic Club

The San Leandro Democratic Club will meet tonight, May 25, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. The guest speaker will be state Assemblyman Rob Bonta.

❖ Muslim Panel Discussion

The Hayward Area Historical Society Museum presents *Speaking for Ourselves: A Panel of Your Muslim Neighbors* on Saturday, May 27, from 2 to 4 p.m. at 22380 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward. Five practicing Muslims discuss being Muslim in America, Islamophobia, the challenges of ISIS, and how we can be better neighbors and friends in our community.

❖ 4th Sunday Breakfast for Veterans

American Legion Post 117 will host breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. every 4th Sunday of the month, except on holiday weekends, at the San Leandro Veterans Memorial Bldg., 1105 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro. The menu will be eggs-to-order, bacon/sausage, hash browns, toast and coffee. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$5 for veterans, and all others. All donations benefit American Legion veteran programs.

❖ Memorial Day Service

Lone Tree Cemetery at 24591 Fairview Ave. in Hayward will hold its 114th Annual Memorial Day Service on Monday, May 29, beginning at 11 a.m. with live band music, color guards and more.

❖ San Leandro Cherry Festival

The 108th annual San Leandro Cherry Festival will be on Saturday, June 3, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. near west Estudillo Ave. in the downtown area. The parade will start at 10 a.m. on San Leandro Blvd. Come for the family fun, entertainment, artisans, music, and a farmers' market. Free bike valet service will be available.

❖ Workshop for Democrats

The Alameda County Democratic Party will present a free workshop for Democrats thinking of running for office on Saturday, June 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sheet Metal Workers Local 104, 1720 Marina Blvd. in San Leandro. Panels will explore personal and family impacts, campaign structure and components, fundraising, legal issues, and first steps. ADA accessible. RSVP required. For more information, call 629-1336 or email info@acdems.org.

❖ Japanese Community Bazaar

The Eden Japanese Community Center, 710 Elgin St. in San Lorenzo, will have its annual bazaar on Saturday, June 10, from 3 to 8 p.m.; and Sunday, June 11, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. with barbecued teriyaki chicken and rib dinner, sushi udon, chicken curry and shaved ice, plus raffle, bingo and games. Swing by, have some food and learn more about the programs the community center offers.

❖ St. Gerard Women's Club Luncheon

St. Gerard Women's Club invites everyone to its salad bar luncheon and fashion show, "Hats Off to Fashions," showcasing vintage attire by the models from Goodwill Bags on Saturday, June 10, from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at St. John's Church Hall, 264 E. Lewelling Blvd. in San Lorenzo. A salad bar luncheon starts at noon with a runway show to follow. There will be door prizes and a raffle. Admission is \$15. To order tickets in advance call Eva Lowe at 586-0376. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

❖ A Presentation on Who are Sikhs?

Eden Area Interfaith Council and the Guru Granth Sahib Foundation (Sikh Gurdwara / Temple), Hayward invite you to a presentation on the Sikh faith on Sunday, June 11, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Castro Valley Library, 3600 Norbridge Ave. in Castro Valley. A Q&A session will follow the presentation. Tea and Snacks will be provided.

❖ Fall-Prevention for Seniors

A free workshop in fall-prevention for seniors 60 and older will be held at the San Leandro Senior Center, 13909 East 14th St., from June 12 to July 31 on Mondays from 9 to 11 a.m. Register at the Senior Center by May 31. Openings for 15 people. The workshop by Spectrum Community Services is for anyone concerned about falls, or has fallen in the past, and is interested in improving balance, flexibility and strength.

❖ San Lorenzo High Class of 1967 Reunion

San Lorenzo High School Class of 1967 will celebrate its 50th class reunion on Saturday, Oct. 21, at the Wedgewood Wedding and Banquet Center (formally Willow Park) in Castro Valley. Invitations are being sent to all the classmates on the mailing list. For more information, or if you're not on the mailing list, call Glenda Smith Fore at 703-0933. No tickets accepted at the door.

❖ San Leandro Toastmasters

The San Leandro Toastmasters meet on Thursday nights from 7 to 8 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. The group fosters improved communication and public speaking. All levels of speakers from novice to seasoned are welcome.

❖ Pacific High School Class of 1967 Reunion

Pacific High School Class of 1967 will have its 50th reunion in June at the Marriott Hotel, 11950 Dublin Canyon Road in Pleasanton. A meet-and-greet will be on Friday, June 16, followed by a dinner-dance on Saturday, June 17 (the date the class graduated), and a Sunday breakfast on June 18. No payments accepted at the door. To register, or for more information, call Sue Ferreira Nunes at 209-830-7415. Information can also be found at PacificHigh-Vikings.com.

❖ SL High Class of 1987 Reunion

San Leandro High School Class of 1987 is having its 30th reunion on Sept. 30 at 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Dublin, 6680 Regional St. in Dublin. See old friends and raise a glass to our class. Early-bird ticket pricing is available until March 1. For more information and tickets, go to www.nationalreunions.com or call 888-4-ALUMNI.

❖ Kiwanis Club of San Leandro

Join the Kiwanis Club of San Leandro for weekly lunch meetings on Tuesday, from 12:10 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Englander Sports Pub and Restaurant, 101 Parrot Street, San Leandro.

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Library Plays Role in Alameda County First 5 Program

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

The San Leandro Library and they city's human service department were among those honored by First 5 of Alameda County last week for their role in helping educate young children.

First 5 of Alameda County focuses on getting kids ready for kindergarten – learning their numbers and letters, following rules and getting along with other

kids. A recent county assessment said that only about 44 percent of kids are fully ready to learn when they reach kindergarten.

Many children don't attend preschool to get a jump on learning those skills, and that's where programs like story time at the library or various kids playgroups at the community center come in.

The library and the recreation and human services department

both received "Kindergarten Readiness Champion" awards from Alameda County Supervisor Wilma Chan for their various children's programs they offer including free drop-in story times and parent-child playgroups.

Also honored at the ceremony were the county library system, Hayward Area Recreation District (HARD), and the Oakland and Livermore parks districts.

Chan said that everyone who contributes to a child's learning – from coaches to teachers, to a babysitter who plays games with toddlers – is helping them become who they will be in the future.

"About 25 years ago, a very wise First Lady popularized the African saying 'It takes a village to raise a child' and I think that's true," said Chan. "Everyone has to be involved because children aren't just one thing, they are many things."

Income level is important to note because free programs at libraries and community centers are often the only early childhood education available for people who can't afford preschool, First 5 says.

Currently, one-third of those living below the poverty line in Alameda County are under the age of five.

Jeanette Dong, San Leandro's recreation and human services director, said that a recent study revealed that in San Leandro 13 percent of San Leandrans under age 18 live in poverty, so First 5 is a focus for her department.

"We want to know how we can work with the schools, the city, and First 5 to benefit the most vulnerable," said Dong.

Last year, about 88 percent of the kids in First 5 programs weren't in any daycare or preschool program, according to Malia Ramler of First 5.

The honorees were all lauded



PHOTO COURTESY OF FIRST 5

Toddlers and their parents had some fun in San Leandro as part of a First 5 playgroup, which helps young kids get ready for kindergarten. Last week, the San Leandro library and the city's recreation and human services department were honored by First 5 for their children's programs.

for their hard work, but Ramler pointed out that everyone, even those not directly involved in education, have something to contribute to the young children in their lives.

The few hours spent playing and learning in First 5 classes is great, but there is an even larger

benefit if adults and kids take

what they've learned and continue to learn at home by talking,

reading, and singing.

"That's the big win," said Ramler.

Bonta to Speak at Demo Meeting

The San Leandro Democratic Club will meet on Thursday, May 25, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. The guest speaker will be state Assemblyman Rob Bonta.

Eden: New CEO

continued from front page

Mahadevan came to the East Bay over 40 years ago with a degree in chemistry from Loyola College in Madras, India. He had a short stint working in Hawaii and then San Francisco in the early 1970s and has worked for various health districts since, including jobs with Kaiser and the West Contra Costa Healthcare District.

From 1975 to 1992, Mahadevan also was a CEO and CFO of the Eden Health District when it owned Eden Hospital.

Mahadevan said one thing that stood out for him during his most recent stint with Eden was "trying to keep some sanity" during the struggle to keep San Leandro Hospital open.

"There was a tremendous amount of pressure – from San Leandro primarily, people and various officials – to keep the hospital open," said Mahadevan. "We did it, but it cost a tremendous amount of money."

Mahadevan has lived in Castro Valley for 30 years and his children live nearby. In retirement, he plans to work on his golf game and try his hand at writing both fiction and non-fiction.

Mahadevan helped get the "Run to the Lake" at Lake

Chabot off the ground over 30 years ago and he says he hopes to work with EBMUD and the parks district to plan a similar fun run this fall at Chabot Park in San Leandro.

"I feel very fortunate having arrived here as an immigrant with negative equity in 1970," said Mahadevan. "I feel very fortunate to have had the life I've had."

Mahadevan's last day on the job is June 30. Last week, the EHD board voted unanimously to hire Michael Mahoney as EHD's new CEO.

Mahoney previously worked as CEO of St. Rose Hospital and in 2012, Mahoney stepped down from that position with a \$1.2 million severance package. He was criticized at the time by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors for not being forthcoming about the Hayward hospital's money troubles.

After his time at St. Rose, Mahoney worked for a non-profit recycling company in Union City which was founded by Alameda County Supervisor Richard Valle.

Under his new one-year contract with EHD, Mahoney will be paid \$145,000 for 30 hours of work per week and get 20 vacation days, with 60 days pay as a potential severance package.

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AUTOMOTIVE

Kia Introduces All-new Niro Hybrid

By Steve Schaefer
San Leandro Times

You may think you know what a hybrid car looks like. But with the all-new Kia Niro, you're wrong. Eschewing the hunkered down Prius look, the Niro is a remarkably handsome compact crossover, but still earns the kind of fuel economy numbers that are the reason why people buy hybrids.

This new car fits right in with the other Kias, from tiger nose grille floating in a dark surround to the alert, swept-back headlamp pods to the vents on the front wheelwells. Along the sides, a gentle lower half slice adds strength and movement. The roofline stands clean and uncomplicated. The rear flows from convex to concave, with the horizontal taillamps pulled just out from the surface for definition.

The inside complements the outside with simplicity and cleanliness. The grained plastic sports

a little bit of padding, to keep it from feeling cheap. In my Silky Silver top-level Touring model, the leather seats were heated and cooled, and the armrests, seats and leather wheel all featured stylish stitching. It's a dignified, classic look, welcome to the eye when compared to some of the more radical approaches today.

Every Niro, from the entry level FE to the LX to the EX to the Touring, gets the same combination of a 1.6-liter gas engine, 43-horsepower electric motor, and 6-speed dual clutch automatic transmission. These components are mounted together and provide 139 horsepower and 195 lb.-ft. of torque to motivate the 3,274-pound Niro.

As a hybrid, the Niro uses battery storage for the electricity it regenerates from braking. There's no place to plug in, but the 1.56 kW battery, tucked under the rear seat, doesn't get in the way of people or stuff, and works hard enough to give the car its excellent fuel economy. Numbers

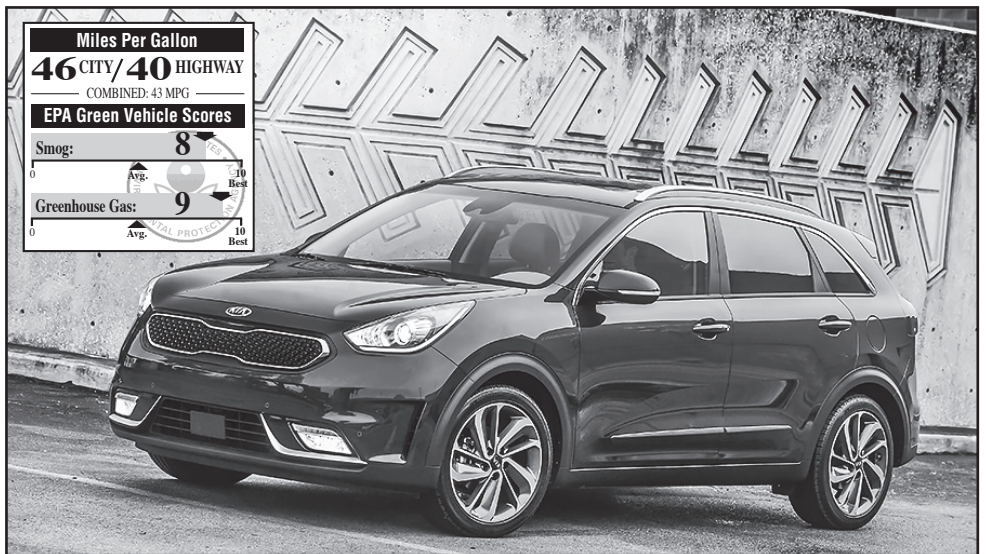
wise, with carbon emissions of 207 grams per mile, the Niro has half the environmental impact of the average vehicle.

Fuel economy numbers for the Touring are impressive. My test car carried EPA ratings of 46 City, 40 Highway, and 43 Combined. Do you know what I got for a week's worth of driving? 43.8 mpg! The FE model, lighter and more efficient, earns an even 50 mpg Combined.

The EPA green scores are 8 for Smog and 9 for Greenhouse Gas. Granted, the fuel economy numbers are a little below a Prius, but it sure is pretty looking, and with its crossover proportions, the Niro can carry 54.5 cubic feet of cargo and some pretty comfortable passengers, too.

My topline tester featured a crisp sounding Harman Kardon premium audio system, made more accessible with your choice of Android Auto or Apple CarPlay. High-tech electronic equipment includes blind spot detection, rear cross traffic alert, and a front and rear parking assist system.

Kia brags that this is a "fun" car to drive, and compared to a regular hybrid, they're not kidding. Although the new Prius features an all-new platform and has more responsiveness today, the Niro doesn't feel like driving a hybrid. The engine and motor provide adequate oomph and don't make a racket doing it, the steering feels responsive, and the dual-clutch transmission shifts quickly. There's a Sport mode that allows a little delayed shifting for when you get off the free-



The all-new 2017 Kia Niro's profile is distinguished by its strong shoulders, defined wheel arches, rocker-panel cladding and roof rails.

way and onto the quieter, curvier back roads.

This isn't a luxury car, but it's remarkably quiet. Kia spent time and energy insulating the cabin, and with more than half of the frame in Advanced High Strength Steel, weight was kept down. Some visible and hidden aluminum components also reduce pounds.

Some Kias are now assembled in the U.S., but the Niro hails from Hwaseong, Korea. However, the design originates from Kia's Irvine, California studios, which may explain why the Niro looks so right on American roads.

You can pick up the FE for as little as \$23,785, but my top-level Touring came to \$30,545, with "Inland Freight and Handling" added in.

Kia has created a sub brand called EcoDynamics to encompass its green offerings, and plans to release lots more mem-



In addition to spaciousness and comfort, ensuring a quiet interior environment was also a key development focus for engineers.

bers of the collection, which now includes the Optima Plug-in hybrid and Soul EV all-electric model. They plan to offer a plug-in hybrid Niro, which could double the hybrid's fuel economy number, if my experience with other plug-in hybrids is any guide.

Interestingly, the Niro received a Guinness World Record last December for the lowest fuel

consumption driving across the United States (hybrid car). Two guys from Carlsbad, California and Williamsburg, Virginia drove a standard, unaltered Niro 3,715.4 miles and used only 48.5 gallons — just over 4 tankfuls.

The Niro is another step forward for Kia, which has come a very long way and is heading strongly into the future with more alternative technology offerings.

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HEALTH & FITNESS

Current Scientific Data Debunks Claims of Sunscreen Being Toxic

By Henry W. Lim, M.D.

Special to the Times

The American Academy of Dermatology, in a statement last week, emphasized that sunscreen remains a safe, effective form of sun protection. As one component of a daily sun-protection strategy, sunscreen is an important tool in the fight against skin cancer, including melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer.

Current scientific data does not support claims that sunscreen ingredients are toxic or a hazard to human health. Rather,

evidence supports the benefits of applying sunscreen to minimize short- and long-term damage to the skin from the sun's harmful ultraviolet rays.

Sunscreen products contain one or more active drug ingredients — compounds that absorb, scatter or reflect UV light — and are regulated as over-the-counter drugs by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

The FDA has several safety and effectiveness regulations in place that govern the manufacture and marketing of all sunscreen products, including safety data on its ingredients.

To reduce the risk of skin cancer and premature aging, dermatologists continue to recommend generously applying a water-resistant, broad-spectrum sunscreen — that protects against both types of ultraviolet radiation (UVA and UVB) — with an SPF of 30 or higher, in conjunction with other sun-safe practices such as limiting sun exposure, seeking shade, and wearing sun-protective clothing, hats and sunglasses.

To ensure the most effective protection from sunscreen, you should apply enough sunscreen to cover all exposed skin —

Sunscreen should be applied 15 minutes before sun exposure and reapplied every two hours, when outdoors, or after swimming or sweating.



Melanoma Rates Doubled in the Past 30 Years

Skin cancer is the most common cancer in the United States. It's estimated that one in five Americans will develop skin cancer in their lifetime.

It is estimated that nearly 9,500 people in the U.S. are diagnosed with skin cancer every day.

Researchers estimate that 5.4 million cases of nonmelanoma skin cancer, including basal cell carcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma, were diagnosed in 3.3 million people in the United States in 2012.

Melanoma rates in the U.S. doubled from 1982 to 2011.

Caucasians and men older than 50 have a higher risk of developing melanoma than the general population.

The incidence in men ages 80 and older is three times higher than women of the same age.

In people of color, melanoma is often diagnosed at later stages, when the disease is more advanced.

Before age 50, melanoma incidence rates are higher in women than in men, but by age 65, rates are twice as high in men.

● Survival rates

Basal cell and squamous cell carcinomas, the two most common forms of skin cancer, are highly curable if detected early and treated properly.

The five-year survival rate for people whose melanoma is detected and treated before it spreads to the lymph nodes is 98 percent.

The vast majority of skin cancer deaths are from melanoma. On average, one American dies from melanoma every hour. In 2017, it is estimated that 9,730 deaths will be attributed to melanoma — 6,380 men and 3,350 women.

● Risk factors

Exposure to natural and artificial ultraviolet light is a risk factor for all types of skin cancer. Avoiding this risk factor alone could prevent more than 3 million cases of skin cancer

every year.

Research indicates that UV light from the sun and tanning beds can both cause melanoma and increase the risk of a benign mole progressing to melanoma.

Even one blistering sunburn during childhood or adolescence can nearly double a person's chance of developing melanoma.

In 2010, new research found that daily sunscreen use cut the

incidence of melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, in half.

Risk factors for all types of skin cancer include skin that burns easily; blond or red hair; a history of excessive sun exposure, including sunburns; tanning bed use; immune system-suppressing diseases or treatments; and a history of skin cancer.

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REAL ESTATE GALLERY



Top 10 Reasons Lenders Fail To Close on Time

By Carl Medford, CRS
Special to the Times

With lenders boasting 15-to-21-day closings, sellers are shocked when escrows fail to close on time. Since delays are usually loan-related, here's our Top 10 Reasons lenders fail to deliver:

10. Quitting jobs: Strange but true, buyers must be employed up until the day escrow closes, and your employer should not know you are quitting.

9. Switching jobs: Any change in your occupation during escrow will result in a minimum two-week delay.

8. Acquiring new debt: Buy-

ing furniture, a new car or even another property will change your debt ratios and could scuttle your existing deal.

7. Losses taken as write-offs: Self-employed individuals writing off losses frequently fail to understand that this lowers their gross income by the same amount. Write off too much loss and your income might no longer qualify.

6. Overestimating income: All income from all sources needs to be correctly documented and seasoned. If not, it will not qualify and your anticipated loan amount could drop substantially.

5. New construction: If your purchase is new construction,

any number of things can cause delays: city inspections, certificates of occupancy, PG&E, water and HOA issues are some of the potential disrupters.

4. Pregnancy leave: Couples frequently count the wife's income while on maternity leave, but fail to understand that a lender will not allow for that income until the wife has been back to work and collected at least one full-time pay stub. The reason is obvious: some mothers see life differently after junior arrives and elect to take more time off or even quit.

3. Disability leave: The same as above. If it's a long-term disability, then lenders question whether the person will return to work at all. Lenders will require both a clearance to return and a full pay stub to count the income.

2. Failing to sign disclosures on time: Many buyers think the disclosures are contract docs and want to examine them in detail. Any delays in returning the disclosures guarantees a delay in the loan process.

1. Delays in submitting required documentation: Tax returns, pay stubs, bank statements — when a lender asks for docs, see REASONS, page 11



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How do I clean grilling grease stains from my patio bricks?

By Samantha Mazzotta
Special to the Times

Q The patio bricks underneath my grill tend to catch a lot of grease and oil drippings. I clean up after every barbecue, but there are still stains on the brick from the grease. How can I get these up without bleaching out the spots?

A With porous surfaces like brick and concrete, oil stains can set in and

be tough to get out. Your instinct to avoid using bleach or another type of acid to clean up the stains (like lemon juice) is right on. These can just make things worse and can discolor some types of paving.

Clearing the grease stain may take a few attempts with a number of cleaning agents. Start with the least harmful materials, most of which can be found in your kitchen or garage.

First, fill an old coffee mug



Use a grilling mat to help prevent grease from staining your patio surface.

with warm water, a couple of tablespoons of dish soap and a teaspoon of salt. Grab a clean synthetic scrubber brush (like a dishwashing brush). Scrub the stain with the soapy water and rinse with warm water, repeating a few times and letting the bricks dry out to see the results in between each try.

If that doesn't clear the stain, you can try an oil-stain cleaner purchased at your local home-improvement store. Some DIYers recommend applying an engine degreaser and letting it sit for about an hour, but test any cleaning agent or degreaser on an inconspicuous spot first.

The sad truth is that it's unlikely any cleaner, commercial or homemade, will completely clear away the grease stain. More powerful or acidic cleaning agents could damage the brick, so they should be avoided. If the stain is really bad, consider replacing the brick. If it's not too bad, clean the area as best you can and cover it with a grill mat to prevent further staining.

Home Tip: To prevent your grill's grease and oil drips from staining your patio or deck surface, place a grill mat underneath, and clean up spills promptly.

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Blueberry Plants Have Yet To Produce Any Berries

By Buzz Bertolero
The Dirt Gardener

Three years ago, we were given several blueberry plants that we planted in containers. So far, they have yet to produce any berries. How long do we have to wait until the plants start producing and when should they be pruned?

Blueberry plants produce berries at an early age, so you should have had a crop by now.

For berries to form, the plants must flower and the flowers need to be pollinated. There are early-flowering, mid-season and late-blooming varieties. They must be pollinated by another variety from the same blooming period.

Blueberries are also grouped according to their winter chill requirements. Because of our mild winters, the Southern Highbush, which are the low-chill varieties, are the best-suited blueberries for Bay Area gardens.

Knowing the variety name would answer a lot of questions but I'm going to assume that they are unnamed. So, that leaves you with two options. You can wait another year to see if the plants bloom at the same time. If so, then the problem is that the va-

rieties are not suited for our climate or they are the same variety. You need two different varieties, with a similar blooming period. If the varieties bloom at different times, you could replace one with another variety or increase the number of blueberry plants in your containers. The second option would be to replace both varieties now and save a year.

A good selection of blueberries are now available at your favorite garden center. I might suggest Bountiful Blue or Sunshine Blue as they are self-ferule and you will avoid the pollination problem altogether. This would be my preferred option.

Blueberries are pruned annually in February before the flush of new growth. Excessive pruning should be avoided because it greatly reduces the crop for that year.

Keep the plant(s) fairly open by cutting out weak and/or older non-producing stems down to the ground. You should also remove all the dead or dying branches. As a general rule, keep four to six of the vigorous, older stems and one to two strong new shoots per bush. The new shoots will eventually replace the older stems.

Another reason for pruning is that it limits the plant from over producing. If all the flowers are



A good selection of blueberry plants are now available.

left to develop into berries, the berries will be small, ripen later than normal, and the plants will have little new growth.

Buzz Bertolero is an Advanced California Certified Nursery Professional and Senior Gardening Professional at Sloat Garden Centers. His web address is www.dirtgardener.com. Email questions to dirtgarden@aol.com or go to [Facebook.com/Buzz.Bertolero](https://www.facebook.com/Buzz.Bertolero).

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Ordinance: Committee sends ordinance to council

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Under the proposed ordinance, a provision from a previous draft that tenants be in residence for five years has been removed. Many people argued that this would just cause landlords to evict people at the four-year mark.

In the latest version of the ordinance, the threshold for the rent hike has been lowered from 20 to 15 percent and the total amount of relocation assistance is capped at \$10,000.

Landlords would also be allowed to subtract any rent due to them from the previous 12 months from the relocation assistance that they are paying.

In special circumstances such

as homes with a child under 18, a senior citizen, or someone with certain disabilities, the landlords must pay an additional \$1,000. That's a one-time per household payment, so if there are multiple children, it's still only \$1,000.

Many renters have said that they are grateful that the city is trying to put some protections for renters in place, but that the relocation assistance program does little more than give a landlord an easy way of paying off a tenant and replacing them with someone who will pay higher rents.

"I'm just concerned that this is permission for landlords to price residents out," said Sam Cooper, who addressed the Rules Committee at the meeting. "I

want to see residents be able to stay in their homes and this seems like kind of a token (gesture)."

Renter Says Ordinance Would Encourage Landlords to Evict Sooner

Virginia Madsen, who has spoken to the city many times on renters' rights said that she is afraid that if the ordinance is passed, landlords will act to evict tenants before it gets enforced.

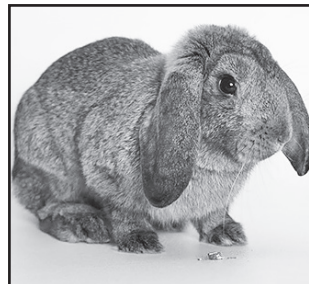
"Everybody's afraid that, if this gets passed, there will be thousands of 60 day notices on doors before this goes into effect," said Madsen. "It's punitive. I can tell you that housing insecurity kills. There's lots of people out there who this will affect."

The relocation ordinance had been in the Rules Committee for months until it passed this week. Rules Committee members Mayor Pauline Cutter and councilmen Pete Ballew and Lee Thomas said they wanted it to be put to a vote of the entire council as soon as possible.

"It's not a perfect ordinance, but if anything else needs to be hashed out, let it be hashed out in front of the entire council," said Thomas. "Let's get this thing running and then see what data comes in."

The ordinance is tentatively scheduled to go before the City Council at their June 19 meeting, 7 p.m. at City Hall, 835 East 14th Street.

Pets of the Week



Petey



Pupperz

The Pets of the Week from the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are Petey the bunny and Pupperz the dog.

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greens and Timothy hay.

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LOCAL DEATHS

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SANTROCH, Fama
SNYDER, Ellouise M.
STOKES, Donna Pearl

■ Rose Mary E. Escobar passed

away on May 20, 2017 at the age of 93. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, May 31, at Santos-Robinson Mortuary, 160 Estudillo Ave., in San Leandro from noon to 4:30 p.m. The vigil service will be on Wednesday evening, May 31, at Church of the Assumption, 1100 Fulton Ave., in

San Leandro beginning at 7 p.m. The Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, June 1, at Church of the Assumption beginning at 10 a.m. Interment will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward. Arrangements made by Santos-Robinson Mortuary (www.santos-robinson.com, 510 483-0123).

■ Mary Richards, a resident of San Leandro, passed away on May 16, 2017 at the age of 85. Mary was a native of New York and interment will be in New York. Arrangements made by Santos-Robinson Mortuary in San Leandro (510-483-0123, www.santos-robinson.com).

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David Evans, Jr.

aka "Dancin' Dave", died unexpectedly but peacefully on May 17, 2017 in Oakland at the age of 84. A viewing is scheduled for Monday, May 29, at Garden Chapel, 885 El Camino Real, in South San Francisco from 4 to 8 p.m. Funeral service will be on Tuesday, May 30, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the same location. A military burial ceremony will take place on Wednesday, May 31, at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend and to bid a fond, if tearful, farewell.



Fama Santroch



Fama Santroch, 94, of San Leandro, passed away on May 7, 2017 in her sleep. She is survived by William Wasson, Debra Edwards, Annette Bicha, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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Ellouise M. Snyder

Ellouise M. Snyder passed away on May 17, 2017 at the age of 95. She was born and raised in Oakland and lived in San Leandro for 67 years.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Antone and Louise Francis; brother, Donald Francis; sister, Lorraine Owings; and husbands, Walter Delgado, Walter Bjorkman and Donald Snyder.

She is survived by her children, Douglas Delgado (Ramona) and Diana Osheim (Steven); her grandchildren, David Delgado, Delora Delgado, Katherine Bamford (William), Elizabeth Owens (Jason), Richard Osheim (Darcy); and 7 great-grandchildren.

Ellouise graduated in June, 1940 from Castlemont High School and was a member of Block C, the girl's athletic association. She continued her love of sports after high school, playing softball and volleyball into the early 1950s.

She worked for the San Lorenzo Unified School District as a cafeteria cook at Fairmont Elementary School. She was also employed by the Federal Government at Alameda Naval Air Station where she served as a procurement supervisor. After 20 years, she retired and enjoyed traveling and volunteer work.

She loved to dance and was a regular at the Wednesday afternoon dances at the San Leandro senior center.



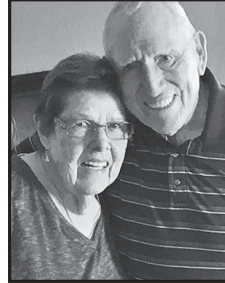
Donna Pearl Stokes

Donna Pearl Stokes, age 89, went to be with her Lord on May 16, 2017, surrounded by her family in San Leandro. She was born September 7, 1927, in Salt Lake City, Utah to Samuel and Elizabeth Hanni. She was the youngest of 10 children. All her siblings have preceded her in death.

Donna lost her mom at an early age and stayed with different family members throughout her childhood. At the age of 19, she and a friend traveled to San Francisco. There, she met her husband, John, within the month, and the two married three months later on December 13, 1946. Together, they raised three children. Donna and John enjoyed many happy years together. Donna spent most of her time as a homemaker. She was an amazing cook, whether it was preparing a family favorite or trying something new. She was a member of Hope Lutheran Church for over 20 years. She was an incredible seamstress, loved to do daily word puzzles and play her favorite game "Aggravation". Her favorite color was pink — so much so, she drove around in a pink 1972 Pinto for many years.

She is survived by her loving husband of 70 years, John; their children, Carolyn (Ron, preceded in death) Lamb, John (Debbie, preceded in death) Stokes, and Jill (John Baumgartner, preceded in death) Stokes; five grandchildren, Sam (Lynda) Lamb, Pamela (Thomas) Negd, Jennifer Stokes, Stephanie Stokes and Shawn Stokes; one great-grandchild, Olivia Lamb; and several nieces and nephews in Utah, Nevada, Arizona and California.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, May 30, at 11 a.m. at Hope Lutheran Church, 1801 Manor Blvd., in San Leandro with the Rev. Luther Werth officiating. Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. until service time. The family requests all attending to consider wearing pink in Donna's honor. There will be lunch immediately following the service. Burial will follow the lunch at Lone Tree Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Donna's name to Hope Lutheran Church.



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Virginia Soldati Douglas

Virginia Soldati Douglas, or Ginnie Douglas (Virginia Marie Soldati) of San Leandro, passed away on May 19, 2017, after a long illness. She was born in San Francisco on January 6, 1931, the youngest of three siblings — Rosalie and Ernest (Bud) Soldati who preceded her in death.

After graduating from Oakland Technical High School, she went to work at Pacific Bell. After more than 40 years at what became AT&T, she retired and enjoyed travelling and gardening. She especially loved caring for her grandchildren prior to their start at pre-school. She was immensely proud of her Italian heritage and was thrilled for the opportunity to visit her ancestral village, Sonvico, especially the church and home of her granduncle, who was the local priest.

Ginnie was a member of the Colombo Club Women's Auxiliary and a regular volunteer at San Leandro Hospital. She was devoted to her daughter Alisa, her husband Erik, and her two grandchildren, Caleb and Sydney. She is also survived by nephews, Stanley Bowers, Ronald Bowers and Brian Soldati; and her niece, Sharon Bowers Marshall.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Friday, May 26, at 11 a.m. at Church of the Assumption, 1100 Fulton Ave., in San Leandro.



Robbery: Bandit in ski mask

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The suspect was described as an African American male with a thin build, who was wearing a ski mask, according to San Leandro police. Anyone with information about the crime is asked to all the San Leandro police at 577-2740 or the department's anonymous tip line at 577-3278.



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

The popular Sam's Burgers was hit by an armed robber wearing a ski mask at 3 a.m. Tuesday.

NEWS BRIEFS

Eden Japanese Center Annual Bazaar

The Eden Japanese Community Center, 710 Elgin St. in San Lorenzo, will have its annual bazaar on Saturday, June 10, from 3 to 8 p.m.; and Sunday, June 11, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. with barbecued teriyaki chicken and rib dinner, sushi udon, chicken curry and shaved ice, plus raffle, bingo and games.

Swing by, have some food and learn more about the programs the community center offers.

Free Workshop For Fall Prevention

A free workshop in fall-prevention for seniors 60 and older will be held at the San Leandro Senior Center, 13909 East 14th St., from June 12 to July 31 on Mondays from 9 to 11 a.m. Register at the Senior Center by May 31. Openings for 15 people. The workshop by Spectrum Community Services is for anyone concerned about falls, or has fallen in the past, and is interested in improving balance, flexibility and strength.

OPINION

LETTERS to the EDITOR

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Open Letter to City Council Members Regarding Crosswalks

Council Members:

For years, Estudillo Estates residents have begged for a crosswalk (ideally, one with flashing lights, but we'll take anything) on Bancroft at Oakes so that pedestrians can take full and safe advantage of their proximity to Paradiso, Zocalo, and the other small businesses that occupy the Bancroft/Dutton intersection.

I have appealed countless times to the city traffic engineer to no avail. I get the standard, bureaucratic and not very persuasive, argument that "crosswalks create a false sense of security" for pedestrians, and that anyway in California, pedestrians have the right of way to cross, crosswalk or not.

I have at least two rebuttals:

1) if crosswalks are unsafe, why do we have any at all? Obviously there's some justification for these markers. As a citizen, I will vouch for their usefulness.

2) it would seem that having a marker would be a lot more of an effective warning that pedestrians might be crossing than no marker at all. In fact, (like many other drivers), I didn't even know that California pedestrians always have the legal right-of-way with or without crosswalks. Unless there's a designated pedestrian crossing, drivers will look at pedestrians who cross willy-nilly as J-walkers, and why wouldn't they?

There is almost 1/2 mile between Dutton and Callan crosswalks. Over the past 20-30 years, neighbors have played Frogger with their baby strollers to get from east of Bancroft to access the stores on west Bancroft. With the city's recent focus on promoting bicycles and pedestrian access, why are we still in this predicament?

To those of the council who will respond and/or take action regarding your positions, thank you in advance,

—Sarah Nash
San Leandro

Drivers Show No Courtesy to Pedestrians on Estudillo Avenue

Editor:

This morning I was walking and attempting to cross Estudillo Avenue at San Rafael Street around 10:30 in the morning. I stepped off the curb into the gutter on Estudillo Avenue and stood there while 13 cars sped by me without slowing.

I am semi-ashamed to note that I sent the flying bird to the last three cars – no one slowed at all.

Drivers: You are required to stop for

pedestrians once they have stepped off the curb whether there is a marked or unmarked crosswalk (unless there is a sign prohibiting pedestrians from crossing and directing them to a near crosswalk).

Pedestrians have a responsibility not to jump in front of cars, but when a pedestrian steps down – stop! It is a shame to note that I have seen people drive through the marked and flashing lighted marked crosswalk by the library on Estudillo. Please slow down and stop for pedestrians. It only takes a minute.

—Moir Fry
San Leandro

Realigning Electrical Outlets A Job For Electricians

Editor:

As a mostly retired yet still licensed electrician, I am very concerned that Ms. Mazzotta would list a set of instructions for handymen/women to realign their own electric outlet boxes ("Do Your Electric Outlets Sit Straight," by Samantha Mazzotta, Page 10, The Times, May 18).

This work should be performed by someone who has a license to perform electric work and knows how to not get electrocuted. Although she does make a note quite near the end of the article that if the person is not confident in their skill they should contact a licensed electrician, that should be the first order of business when moving junction boxes and "fiddling" with electric wiring.

This is especially true in the older homes in San Leandro. Sorry, it's just not a "DIY" project.

—Bob Ewert
BDM Electric, Inc.
San Leandro

Meat and Dairy Industries Should Take a Cue from Barnum & Bailey

Editor:

This past Sunday, animal rights activists shut down the 146-year-old Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus after years of effectively exposing them for animal abuse. Can the meat and dairy industry be far behind?

The shift toward plant-based eating is everywhere. Fast-food chains like Chipotle, Quiznos, Starbucks, Subway, Taco Bell, and Wendy's offer plant-based options. Parade, Better Homes and Gardens, and Eating Well are all touting vegan recipes.

Indeed, Global Meat News reports that nearly half of consumers are reducing their meat intake. Beef consumption has dropped by 43% in the past 40 years.

Google CEO Eric Schmidt views re-

placement of meat by plant protein as the world's No. 1 technical trend. The financial investment community is betting on innovative start-ups, like Beyond Meat, or Impossible Foods, while warning clients about "death of meat."

Even Tyson Foods new CEO Tom Hayes sees plant protein as meat industry's future. The industry needs to transition to plant-based foods, or shut down like the Greatest Show on Earth.

In the meantime, every one of us can shut the meat and dairy industry out of our own kitchen by checking out the rich collection of plant-based entrees, milks, cheeses, and ice creams in our supermarket.

—Kurt Champller
San Leandro

A President Guided by the Need 'For Attention and Adulation'

Editor:

The President-for-Now gave a speech in Saudi Arabia that was way more moderate than the angry, anti-Islam invective that he has been spewing throughout his campaign and long before as well.

Normalists, who would like to believe that the mendacious narcissist is actually a normal, rational president, are celebrating his reading all the way through the prepared speech without going all wicky-wacky.

The question remains, however, if he can pivot so completely after years of hateful, divisive statements, can one believe that he won't just pivot again, from this apparently normal speech?

At any time, in any moment, he will say whatever he's thinking, with no internal consistency to guide him, except for his narcissistic need for attention and adulation.

—Bruce Joffe
Piedmont

Speaking Up for American Indians In the Bear Ear Region of Utah

Editor:

The Bear Ear Region in Utah is where the cultural sites of American Indians such as the Hopi, Navajo, Ute, and Pueblo People are located. It includes the cliff dwelling, villages, and rock art panels of the Puebloan People. The region is where American Indians look for healing, spirituality, and subsistence.

It is the reason why former president Barack Obama declared the Bear Ear Region a natural monument. So it is outrageous that President Trump signed an executive order that will desecrate it in favor of both oil and gas drilling. He sent his Interior Secretary, Ryan Zinke, to go to part of the region where there will be drilling.

I urge the majority of Americans to stop Trump from desecrating the Bear Ear Region.

—Billy Trice Jr., Oakland

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If you owned the Oakland A's?

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I would definitely keep them in Oakland. I'm a third-generation A's fan. As soon as the Raiders are gone, they'll probably want to stick around even more.

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I would keep them in Oakland and hire the best employees. It's not always about the money. They always say they're just two years away.

Ricky Ricardo
San Leandro

I would keep them in town and refurbish the Coliseum. I think it's a good site. Put up a new stadium if they have to.

Greg Hester
San Leandro



I would keep them here and get a new stadium for them. Or remodel this one. That's it.

Roschelle Camp
Oakland



If I owned them I would quit trading players with potential like Josh Donaldson. Build a new ballpark downtown or at the Howard Terminal site. It would rejuvenate the whole area, be good for Oakland and good for A's fans. They deserve it.

Paul Farro
San Leandro



Last Inning Rebel Rally Comes Up Short

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

A San Lorenzo rally in the final inning fell short by a run as Petaluma beat the Rebels, 5-4, in the first round of the North Coast Section Division 2 playoffs on Tuesday at San Lorenzo.

San Lorenzo trailed, 5-2, going into the seventh inning. With their backs to the wall, Aaron Johnson led off with a sharp grounder fielded deep in the hole by the shortstop that Johnson beat out for a single.

Angel Sanchez stepped up next and sent a shot to center that made San Lorenzo hopes come alive. The ball sailed over the center fielder's head, and on one bounce went over the fence.

Now the Rebels had Sanchez on second, Johnson on third, and the potential tying run at the plate.

Petaluma brought in Connor Richardson to pitch in relief, as Jerick Romer stepped up to the plate for the Rebels. After a couple of pitches, Richardson was called for a balk, advancing the runners one base and cutting the lead to 5-3.

Then Romer sent a fly ball to

center, enabling Sanchez at third to tag and score and cutting the lead to 5-4.

The Rebels hopes were dashed, though, as the next two batters hit the ball sharply, but were both fielded by the shortstop for outs.

"I thought we were going to come back," Johnson said after the game. "We've been a come-back team all season. I wanted to win in my last high school game."

Sanchez, another senior, was also playing his last high school game, and he had that in mind when he stepped up to the plate and delivered the big hit.

"We struggled the whole game and I was thinking this would be my last at-bat," Sanchez said. "I thought the ball was going to go out. I was thinking - we're in this!"

In the third inning, Petaluma loaded the bases on a pair of singles and a walk. That could have resulted in an insurmountable lead, but the Rebels managed to end the inning without a single runner crossing the plate.

Johnson caught a fly ball in left field, and threw home to



PHOTOS BY JIM KNOWLES

Angel Sanchez grounds out in the third inning, but later doubled in the seventh as the Rebels rallied.

prevent the runner at third from scoring. The ball was overthrown at the plate, but pitcher Jonathan Sira was backing up the catcher. Sira fielded the ball off the backstop and tossed it to the catcher to tag the runner out.

Sanchez plans to go to Laney College next year and to continue playing baseball. Johnson has a baseball scholarship to Central

Baptist College in Conway, Arkansas. He intends to play the outfield as well as second base, as he looks to further his baseball career.

"With my height, second base is good for the draft. I'm a utility player," Johnson said.

Arroyo 14, Newark Memorial 1
Arroyo beat Newark Me-



San Lorenzo starting pitcher Jonathan Sira got out of a bases-loaded jam to hold Petaluma in the third inning.

morial, 14-1, in a North Coast Section Division 2 playoff game at Arroyo.

The Dons are scheduled to play on Friday but their opponent is yet to be decided.

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