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Poppies Growing Popularity

California poppies, the state flower, are blooming all over the place and a good number of San Leandrans are growing the poppies in their yards this year.

Marea Alta Housing Project Opens with Ribbon Cutting; Senior Housing Next Step

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

After nearly a decade of planning, the ribbon was finally cut to open the Marea Alta affordable housing project across from the downtown BART station on Wednesday morning.

Over 18,000 people applied for 115 apartments at the complex at 1400 San Leandro Boulevard, showing the need for affordable housing in San Leandro and the entire state.

The tenants were picked by a lottery. One of the lucky ones, Jessykah Pierce-Johnson, moved in recently with her husband and three kids.

"We are so excited to be a part of this community," said Pierce-Johnson. "Being able to have our own place and just being able to tell my son to go to his room when we used to all be in see APARTMENTS, page 5



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Residents have moved into the new Marea Alta apartments on San Leandro Boulevard across the street from the San Leandro BART Station.

School Board OKs Mail Ballot For Parcel Tax

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

The San Leandro School District will hold a special mail-in election this August, asking voters to approve a new parcel tax.

The new parcel tax would replace the school district's current \$39 parcel tax, which is due to end in 2018.

The new parcel tax would be assessed at \$78 per parcel annually for a period of 14 years, which would bring in a total of about \$1.5 million annually to the district beginning in the 2018-2019 school year.

In order to pass, the parcel tax must have two-thirds of ballots returned voting in favor of the tax by Aug. 29.

The senior vote is vital in passing the tax, as 46 percent of San Leandro's registered voters are over the age of 65. And like the current parcel tax, the proposed tax would have an exemption for seniors so they could vote for it and never have to pay it.

Larry Tramutola, the consultant the district hired to help pass the tax, said that seniors are more likely to vote in mail-in elections and estimated that around 9,000 people will vote in an August mail-in election.

At a school board meeting last week discussing the tax, public speaker Richard Mellor argued that the district was hurting the average San Leandran by being one of many entities demanding money from people who are struggling financially.

"This is a tax on the workers

and the poor," said Mellor. "I'm a senior citizen, I won't have to pay it. You are trying to get me to tax young people who have somehow scraped enough together to get a home. One way or another you see TAX, page 16

Lee Knocks Sessions' Drug War Guidelines

Congresswoman Barbara Lee said last week that Attorney General Jeff Sessions' new drug sentencing guidelines for federal prosecutors are misguided.

"Today's announcement marks another distressing chapter in the Trump Administration's misguided 'law and order' agenda," Lee said in a statement sent out by her office. "The guidance issued by the Department of Justice will do nothing to make communities safer and will only deepen the distrust between law enforcement officials and the communities they serve."

The congresswoman from California's 13th Congressional District, which includes San

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Tell a Story in 'Readers Remember'

Dig up an old photo and share your memories with your fellow San Leandrans in the "Our Readers Remember" section that will appear on July 13.

It could be a photo of your band, your first car, your prom night or when your house flooded, or anything at all.

You can write a story to go with your photo, or just put down the bare facts.

Drop by or send it to our office at 2060 Washington Ave., San Leandro CA 94577, or email to jimk@ebpublishing.com.

Rules Committee To Meet Monday

The City Council Rules Committee will hear a presentation on proposed options for a "Tenant Relocation Assistance Program" at its meeting on Monday, May 22, at 8:30 a.m. in the Sister Cities Gallery of City Hall, 835 East 14th St. Anyone with questions or comments is welcome to speak at this public meeting. For more information, contact Deputy Community Development Director Tom Liao at 577-6003 or at tliao@sanleandro.org.

Hayward Museum Not So Proudly Presents Our Embarrassing History

The Hayward Area Historical Society (HAHS) presents "Unmentionable: The Indiscreet Stories of Artifacts" now through October at the HAHS Museum of History and Culture at 22380 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward.

This original exhibition explores all the unusual, icky, scandalous, disturbing, awful, discriminatory, uncomfortable and surprising artifacts in the HAHS collection.

Museums, like the Hayward Area Historical Society, collect a wide assortment of artifacts that tell a story about a moment in time, a place, person or idea. While the physical artifact stays the same, the meaning and significance of that artifact can change depending on what's happening in the world.

With that thought in mind, the artifacts in this exhibition tell some not-so-great, but very important stories. Some of the items themselves are difficult to look at while others represent an idea or moment in time that is hard to comprehend in relation to our modern society and modern thinking. Other items may not seem so scandalous now but were at one time.

"This exhibition is really



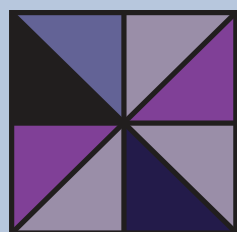
Curator Diane Curry and Associate Archivist John Christian during install items for the exhibit at the Hayward Area Historical Society, *Unmentionable: The Indiscreet Stories of Artifacts*.

about looking at artifacts in a different way," said Curator Diane Curry. "Acknowledging that all these artifacts help tell the history of a community in some way but also recognizing that the story

is not always a pleasant, happy one. Conversely, some artifacts are just downright gross, uncomfortable or controversial and rarely, if ever, displayed because of that. All together in one place,

these artifacts make an intriguing statement about our history and how and what museums collect."

For more information, call 581-0223 or visit www.hayward-areahistory.org.



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Speaker Series Featuring Ron Davis

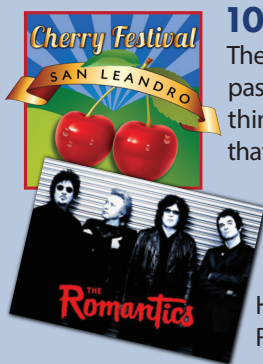
Monday, May 22 • 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Creekside Community Church



*A Conversation on
Community Policing
& Reform*

The San Leandro Speaker Series was launched by Mayor Cutter and the City Council with the goal of bringing thought-provoking, nationally recognized speakers to San Leandro as a way to engage the community through communication and dialogue. Our featured speaker, Ronald (Ron) L. Davis is the immediate past Director of the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) of the U.S. Dept. of Justice. Davis also led President Obama's 21st Century Policing Task Force that developed concrete recommendations to improve community trust in the police while enhancing public safety.

The event is free and open to the public but RSVP is requested. For more information and to RSVP, please visit: www.sanleandro.org



108th Cherry Festival Set for Saturday June 3rd

The San Leandro Cherry Festival is a long-standing tradition celebrating our past, present and future! Many things have changed over the years but one thing that remains the same is the strong sense of community and pride that the Cherry Festival brings to our City.

The day kicks off at 10:00 am with a parade that commences north along San Leandro Blvd. from the intersection at Marina Blvd. The festival will then take place downtown from 11:00AM - 6:00PM. Headline entertainment includes the American rock band, The Romantics. Visit: www.sanleandro.org/cherryfestival for more details.

City to Launch "Community Care"

At the 2016 District town hall meetings, residents voiced concerns that maintaining community standards needs to be a top priority. The City recognizes that seemingly small concerns like weeds, junk, debris and graffiti can turn into bigger problems if left unchecked. With that in mind, the City Council committed \$1 million over the next two years to expand our ability to address code compliance and maintenance issues through a new "Community Care" initiative.

In the meantime, please report any city related issues through our new customer service website at www.my-sl.city or download the mobile app. We will announce details about the new program in the months to come. Stay tuned!

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Photo of Fruit Seller Cuffed by Deputy in SLz Sparks Anger

On May 9, a passerby took a photo of a man who had been selling fruit on the street at the corner of Delano Street and Ashland Avenue in San Lorenzo and had been handcuffed by a deputy who was rifling through his belongings.

The photo sparked immediate outrage, with over 3,000 comments on the Alameda County Sheriff's Facebook berating the law enforcement agency and accusing them of everything from having nothing better to do than

hassle a man trying to make a living to outright racism.

The sheriff's office responded with the explanation that the man was selling the fruit illegally and that the fruit hasn't been inspected and could be potentially dangerous.

The sheriff's office added that, when the deputy stopped and questioned the man, he began to run and he was later found to be on probation for a crime they did not disclose and was in violation

of that probation.

The sheriff's office statement from Sgt. Ray Kelly reads in part:

"Some people have used this photo as an opportunity to criticize law enforcement and drive a wedge between us and our immigrant, minority and low income communities.

"Selling food on street corners violates county ordinances and public health codes. Persistent street vending harms local businesses, especially small, start-up food vendors and poses certain health risks.

"The Sheriff's Office supports every individual's right to make a living. We often use our discretion to not arrest or cite people because it can put a tremendous financial burden on them and their family.

"We would much rather have a positive interaction than a negative one. However, it is also our responsibility to uphold laws and protect the public safety including the safety of the illegal vendor."

Responders on social media weren't happy with the sheriff's office's explanation.

"Arresting a fruit vendor for trying to sell fruit to make ends meet is probably the stupidest thing I've ever seen," wrote one poster on the sheriff's Facebook page. "The 'explanation' was wholly unconvincing. Do some real police work, stop targeting people for petty 'offenses.'"

Another man wrote "You cops ask the public to respect you and this is how you treat the public. This is the exact reason why people don't talk to cops, or have any respect for your officers. It is you who drive the wedge... Low IQs, inflated egos, the sheer craving for power, have taken over any sort of common sense cops have. I have not seen a cop deescalate a situation in years, but I have seen cops purposely escalate."

The man in the handcuffs was arrested for resisting the officer because he tried to run, Kelly said.



PHOTO COURTESY OF ACSO

Someone posted this photo of a man selling fruit on the street in San Lorenzo on social media and thousands responded with outrage to the Alameda County Sheriff's Office, who later reposted it on their Facebook and offered an explanation.

Sheriff's Deputy Killed In Car Crash on I-580

An Alameda County Sheriff's deputy was killed last week in a collision with a commuter bus carrying Tesla employees on eastbound I-580 at the Altamont pass, east of Livermore.

Deputy Sroeuy Khin, was rear-ended by the bus carrying about 50 employees on their way to Stockton at around 7 a.m. on Friday, according to the California Highway Patrol.

Khin was driving to his home in the Central Valley following an overnight shift at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin.

The father-of-four was a 10-year veteran of the sheriff's office who would have turned 51 the day after the fatal crash.

The CHP said Khin was driving slowly or possibly stopped in the number two lane when his Volkswagen Beetle was hit by the bus, which was estimated to be traveling at around 65 m.p.h.



Deputy Sroeuy Khin

The bus driver is cooperating with the ongoing investigation of the collision and at this time drugs or alcohol are not believed to have been a factor.

Anyone with additional information about the crash is asked to call the CHP's Dublin office at (925) 828-0466.

Man Arrested for Lewd Public Act and Indecent Exposure at Bayfair BART

A man was arrested for allegedly committing an indecent public act at the Bayfair BART station last Saturday morning.

A station agent saw the suspect, 23, masturbating at the station at around 11:30 a.m. on May 13 and called for police, according to BART police.

Officers arrived and detained the man and found he was on probation for a previous undisclosed sex offense.

Police are also investigating him in relation to a petty theft allegation.

He was arrested for suspicion of lewd conduct and indecent exposure and is currently being held at Santa Rita jail in Dublin

Santa Rita Inmates Receive Diplomas

It's graduation season and last Friday, the Inmate Services Unit at Santa Rita jail held their 61st inmate graduation ceremony with 56 inmates recognized for completing a course, including four who received a high school diploma.

The program's mission is to create a pathway for those currently incarcerated to acquire the skills, attitudes, and values needed to find and hold jobs, become socially responsible, and make positive contributions to their families and the community.

The educational and vocational programs include: adult basic education, anger management, baking, computer coding, parenting, environmental literacy

and job readiness, and substance abuse classes.

Additionally, Adult Secondary Education is offered, which affords people the opportunity to earn a high school diploma.

The Inmate Services Unit

thanked the families that attended the ceremony in support of their loved ones and offered a special congratulatory note to the formerly incarcerated graduates who are making positive impacts on their families and community.



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L. Karen Monroe, Superintendent

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Thursday, May 25, 2017 from 6 - 8:30pm

313 W. Winton Ave. Hayward, CA 94541

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Alameda County Department of Environmental Health NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING Davis Street Transfer Station Solid Waste Facility Permit Revision

DATE AND TIME:

Thursday, June 1, 2017, 3 P.M. to 5 P.M.

LOCATION:

Marina Community Center - Patio Room, 15301 Wicks Blvd., San Leandro, CA 94577

PROJECT:

Revised Solid Waste Facility Permit
Davis Street Transfer Station (SWIS No. 01-AA-0007) • 2615 Davis Street, San Leandro, CA 94577

FACILITY PROJECT CONTACT:

Shawn Tackitt, Field Director of Operations, (480) 291-3995
Waste Management

LEA CONTACT:

Arthur Surdilla, Senior Registered Environmental Health Specialist
(510) 567-6868, Arthur.Surdilla@acgov.org

An application for a Revised Solid Waste Facility Permit (SWFP) for the handling of Compostable Materials for Davis Street Transfer Station (DSTS) was deemed complete and correct and acceptable for filing on April 14, 2017 by Alameda County Local Enforcement Agency (LEA). This meeting is for all interested parties to provide comments on the proposed SWFP. No official decision will be made at the meeting regarding the formal determination on the SWFP application.

Proposed changes to the permit include the following:

- Inclusion of the Organics Material Recovery Facility (OMRF) and Organics Material Composting Facility (OMCF) within the existing SWFP;
- Phase 1: Construction of Organics Materials Recovery Facility building;
- Phase 2: Construction of Organics Material Composting Facility building;
- Phase 3: Construction of Anaerobic Digester tunnels (within the OMCF);
- There will be no increase in the existing permitted tonnage of 5,600 tons per day;
- There will be no increase in vehicle trips from the maximum permitted traffic volume of 5,761 vehicle trips per day.
- Hours of Operation: OMRF and OMCF: Monday - Saturday, 4 A.M. to 11:59 P.M. These facilities are not open to the general public.

Please visit our website at http://www.acgov.org/aceh/solid/solid_waste_program.htm for additional information regarding this public hearing. If you would like to submit comments on this project, please send them to Arthur Surdilla via email (Arthur.Surdilla@acgov.org) or fax (510 337-9234), **no later than June 5, 2017**. Documents pertaining to this project are also available for review at our office.

Any appeal will be processed in accordance and pursuant to Public Resource Code sections 44307 and 44310 (PRC §44307). Appeals can only be made after the decision to issue or deny the permit has occurred. For additional information you may contact the LEA or review regulations on-line at http://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=PRC§ionNum=44307.

If you need special accommodations due to physical disabilities or need translation services, please contact our office at (510) 567-6790 within five working days in advance of this meeting.

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Ann Steppan Honored at Woman’s Club in April

The California Federation of Women’s Clubs held its annual convention on April 27 at the Hill & Valley Clubhouse in Hayward. Ann Steppan a 65-year member of the Montclair Woman’s Club and California Federation of Woman’s Clubs, was honored at the meeting. Standing from left to right: Gloria Santiago, District A vice president; Alice Enriquez, District A recording secretary, Cora Aroisa, District A president, Deborah Bushnell, District A Area vice president, and Joann Silveira, convention chairman. Seated is the guest of honor Ann Steppan.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

❖ **The Musical *Mary Poppins* at Principled Academy**
The Principled Academy Performing Arts Club will present the musical *Mary Poppins* on Friday and Saturday, May 19

and 20 at 7 p.m. at the Principled Academy, 2305 Washington Ave. in San Leandro. Tickets are \$5 each (children under 3 are free). For more information, call 351-6400.

❖ **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): You Ewes and Rams will find your ideas cheered by a mostly receptive flock. Those few dissenters could well be turned around by your charm and powers of persuasion.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): It's time for the bold and beautiful Bovine to shake off the dust of the past and shape up with new ideas for the future. This could surprise some folks, but they'll soon adjust.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Those nagging new doubts about an upcoming decision should alert you to step back (at least temporarily) so you can reassess its potential impact from a new perspective.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): That unpleasant situation you hoped would go away by itself needs immediate attention before it affects an upcoming decision. Expect your supporters to rally around your cause.

LEO (July 23 - August 22): You're moving up and away from that recent setback. But remain cautious about finances. An exercise in thrift today helps cushion a possible end-of-the-month money squeeze.

VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): You're still dealing with overtones of pessimism that cause you to doubt your ability to make some needed changes. But the negative pressures will ease up by week's end.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): There could be some fallout from the way you handled a recent family problem. But those who know that you were in the right won't hesitate to step in on your behalf.

SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): Financial strains ease by week's end. Meanwhile, focus on cultivating that new relationship if you hope to have it blossom into something more meaningful.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Health matters once again dominate the week. Be careful not to ignore recurrences of an old problem. An almost-forgotten commitment resurfaces.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): The emergence of an unusual selfish streak could dismay those close to you. Defy it -- don't justify it -- so you can become your gracious self again.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Reassess your decision to stay with the status quo. It might seem like the sensible thing to do right now, but changes around you could make that choice a risky one.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Move decisively but cautiously when dealing with a delicate personal matter. The fewer mistakes you make now, the less likely it is that the problem will recur later on.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

❖ **Eagles Auxiliary Spring Breakfast**
The Fraternal Order of Eagles Auxiliary 1139 is having a spring breakfast on Saturday, May 20, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Eagles Hall, 21406 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward. The breakfast consists of scrambled eggs, ham, hash brown casserole, toast, juice, fruit, coffee and tea all for \$10. Proceeds will go to benefit several local charities.

❖ **I.D.E.S. of Alvarado Street**
I.D.E.S. of Alvarado St. will have its annual Holy Ghost Festival on Saturday, and Sunday, May 20, and May 21, at the hall on 790 Antonio St. in San Leandro. Saturday's program begins at 5 p.m. with a bazaar, traditional Portuguese folklore and concert by a marching band. Sunday's festivities begin at 11 a.m. with a parade. At 1:30 p.m. a traditional Portuguese meal of sopas de carne will be served. A dinner and dance starts at 7 p.m. and includes beef stew, wine, and sweet bread. Tickets are \$15 per person. For tickets call 385-8247 or 635-3580.

❖ **Eden Garden Club Plant Sale**
The Eden Garden Club Annual Plant Sale will be on Saturday, May 20, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Moose Lodge parking lot, 20835 Rutledge Road in Castro Valley. Lots of plants, annuals, perennials, bulbs, succulents and vegetables grown by club members, garden art, and baked goods. For more information, call 537-1268.

❖ **Shrimp Fest at the Alta Mira Club**
The Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave. in San Leandro, is having a shrimp fest on Saturday, May 20, with a social hour at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$35 and includes all-you-can-eat shrimp, pasta, salad, bread and ice cream. Plus a drawing for a 7-night stay at the Maui Lea Resort. Proceeds benefit the Alta Mira Club's charitable purposes. For tickets, send a check to the Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave., San Leandro CA 94577. For more information, call 614-9680.

❖ **Davis Street Gala**
The 2017 Davis Street Family Resource Center Gala will be held on Wednesday, May 24, at the Sequoyah Country Club, 4550 Heafey Road in Oakland. Cocktails at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. Black tie optional, mask included with each ticket. To purchase tickets, go to <https://davisstreet.givezooks.com/events/copy-of-2017-davis-street-gala>.

❖ **San Leandro Democratic Club**
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.

❖ **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.

❖ **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.

❖ **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 (formerly 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.

❖ **Caregiver Support Group**
Join Geriatric Care Managers from Sutter Care at Home and peers to exchange ideas, share resources, have a laugh and vent to those who understand what you are going through. The group meets on the first Tuesday of the month at the San Leandro Community Senior Center, 13909 East 14th St., from 9 to 10 a.m. A one-on-one consultation can be arranged after the meeting. For more information, call 577-3462.

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Lake Chabot Challenge Beckons Premier Runners to Weekend Joggers

Apartments: Original plans scaled down

By Lowell Hickey

Special to the San Leandro Times

Rated the second most scenic race in the United States by Trail Runner Magazine, the Lake Chabot Trail Challenge beckons premier runners, weekend joggers and even walkers out for a Sunday morning stroll.

The more ambitious are invited to try the half marathon (13 miles), while others can participate in the 5K (3.1 miles) at the 34th annual Trail Challenge, which begins and ends at the Lake Chabot Marina.

Race day is Sunday, June 4, with the half marathon beginning at 8 a.m. and the 5K going off at 8:30. Bib pickup and race-day registration starts at 6:30 a.m.

Runners in both divisions will be treated to ridge-line views looking down upon scenic Lake Chabot with surrounding grassy slopes and eucalyptus groves. The half marathon course is a hilly loop, mostly on dirt fire roads, while the 5K offers gentle, rolling hills on paved surfaces.

With the discontinuation of the Eden Hospital "Run to the Lake," the Trail Challenge is the only public cross-country event now offered in Castro Valley. It is the second leg of the East Bay Triple Crown, which includes the Tilden Tough Ten (May 21) and the Woodmonster (June 25).

"Participate in all three and become master of the East Bay Hills," said Jim Phillips, presi-



TIMES FILE PHOTO

The Lake Chabot Trail Challenge is a very scenic route for both serious runners and just weekend joggers.

dent of the Castro Valley Track Club, which is the beneficiary of the Trail Challenge.

The CV Track Club, in its 33rd season, has been a successful "feeder program" for Castro Valley High cross country and track and has produced numerous athletes who have gone on to compete at the college level.

Not only will entrants in the Trail Challenge be supporting the CV Track Club, they'll be treated to numerous "extras" like free

bagels, fruit, sports drinks and quality T-shirts. Also, medals will be awarded to the top three finishers in each age division, as well as finishing medals. In past years, ages have ranged from 5-years-old to 85.

Hoping to attract runners from the previous "Run to the Lake," in addition to Trail Challenge regulars and newcomers, race officials expect a field of approximately 500 for the June 4 event.

From now through June 1, the entry fee is \$50 for the half marathon and \$35 for the 5K. Beginning June 2, those fees go to \$65 and \$40, respectively.

To register online, go to www.cvtrackclub.com and click on the "Lake Chabot Trail Challenge" link.

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the same room, that's a blessing."

The monthly rent on the Marea Alta apartments ranges from one bedroom units for \$505 to three bedroom units for \$1,245. Annual household incomes are about 30 to 50 percent of the area median income.

There are more units available at the higher end of those monthly rents than at the lower end. The rent includes trash and water, but other utilities including electricity are to be paid by the tenants.

In addition to the ribbon cutting, there was a ground-breaking on another building behind the Marea Alta site on Wednesday for 85 senior apartments. Senior residents there will pay no more than 30 percent of their monthly income toward their rent.

When the project was in its early stages back in 2009, up to 700 units of both affordable and market rate housing were planned. The recession, coupled with years of meetings and public outcry whittled the project down.

At the time, a group called "Save San Leandro" was formed to oppose the construction, with many saying they approved of the idea of affordable housing, but not this specific project.

In a recent survey of contractors by the National Housing Institute, 70 percent reported experiencing opposition when building affordable housing, the vast majority from neighboring residents who cited safety, tax burdens, traffic, and crowded schools as the reason they didn't want the apartments.

The city estimates that 1,500 new housing units will be built in the next few years, but that is not much considering the city also estimates that 15,000 people will be moving to San Leandro in the next 20 years.

Everyone agrees that there needs to be more housing in the Bay Area, but when developments are planning the "not in my backyard" brigade often shows up.

Last year, residents in the Estudillo Estates neighborhood were outraged when they heard plans for an apartment building on the corner of Bancroft and Estudillo avenues. They convinced the city to not allow a 5-story apartment building that was planned.

Because of zoning restrictions and outcry from neighbors there aren't many places to build apartment buildings anymore.

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Lee: 'Mass incarceration of people of color for low-level crimes'

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Leandro, said forcing judges to impose mandatory minimum sentences does more harm than good.

"Mandatory minimums promulgated by the failed War on Drugs have caused irreparable damage to communities of color

across the country," Lee said. "In the California legislature, I strongly opposed the 'Three Strikes Law' which has contributed to the mass incarceration of people of color for low-level crimes. By returning to these failed policies, Attorney General

Jeff Sessions is effectively endorsing institutional racism.

"As a member of the Congressional Black Caucus and a senior appropriator, I will do everything within my power to resist the Trump Administration's push to revive the failed War on Drugs."

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AUTOMOTIVE

Kia Forte Challenges Corolla, Civic

By Steve Schaefer
San Leandro Times

Despite all the excitement over crossovers these days, many people still want a reasonably sized, economical sedan that's big enough to have road presence and safety but doesn't break the bank, either. The Forte offers a rich mix of features for day-to-day living, five-star government safety ratings and affordability.

Competing directly with the extremely popular Honda Civic and Toyota Corolla, the Forte gets some improvements on an already compelling package. The nose and tail receive upgrades for a more smoothly integrated appearance. More noteworthy, the base engine bulks up to a more powerful 2.0-liter multi-point fuel injected four, with 147 horsepower and 132 lb.-ft. of torque. Additional high-tech safety features arrive as part of an optional package.

Situated between the compact Rio and larger Optima, the Forte offers three trim levels — LX, S and EX. The LX already brags of many worthwhile features, and is the only trim level that offers a manual six-speed transmission, should you want one. The S provides more: a sport-tuned suspension, 16-inch alloy wheels, LED positioning lights, a rear spoiler and a chrome exhaust tip. The top-level EX, like my Silky Silver test car, boasts leather seats, heated up front. Also, you get LED taillamps, a smart key and larger 17-inch alloy wheels.

The EX also motivates itself with a more powerful engine — Kia's Gas Direct Injection four, which puts out 164 horsepower and 151 lb.-ft. of torque. That moves the 2,908-pound car down the line with more vigor. One can speculate on how that six-speed manual might handle the extra power, but you can't get that configuration now (how about a Forte GT, Kia?).

The EX's engine earns EPA

numbers of 25 City, 33 Highway, and 28 Combined. I averaged 25.4 mpg during my test week, although much of my driving was on the freeway. The green scores come in at an above-average 8 for Smog and 6 for Greenhouse Gas. The less powerful engine in the S and LX earns EPA SmartWay status with its 7 and 7 scores respectively — but the EX is right behind.

Some cars build their reputations with flashy styling or luxury appointments, but the Forte is in there for the daily ride and drive. The body proportions are pleasing, and not as extreme and polarizing as the class-leading Honda Civic.

Comparing the Forte and Civic, the Forte stretches 2.8 inches shorter nose to tail, .7 inch narrower, half an inch taller, and rides on an identical wheelbase. They both weigh within 10 pounds of each other. But their personalities are very different.

The Forte's interior features a pleasant scallop motif and feels smooth and solid. The accommodations feel adequately roomy for extended seat time. There's a roll-top bin in the console, and the plastics covering the dash, doors and trim don't feel low-budget. You get dual-zone climate control, and leather on the seats, steering wheel and shift knob.

There's plenty to do inside the car. Apple CarPlay and Android Auto allow smartphone users to manage their apps and functions, as well as phone directly from their dash screen — or using voice commands.



The 2017 Kia Forte dons a new front bumper and "tiger nose" grille that has been extended to connect with its newly designed headlights.

Bluetooth connects your phone as well, and you get Kia's UVO eServices Infotainment system too. SiriusXM Radio comes with it, as well — but that's normal for a car these days.

My tester packed in the EX Premium Plus Package, with a long list of safety and convenience features. For \$4,490, you get everything from an upgraded instrument panel display to a power sunroof, power seats, ventilation on the heated seats and an auto-dimming mirror.

For safety, drive with confidence with autonomous emergency braking, forward collision alert, lane keep assist, lane departure warning, rear cross traffic alert, and more. This package elevates a regular car into a fine one. The Forte receives a five-star safety rating (the top level) from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

The Forte rolls out of a plant



Depending on trim, the Forte also comes with Kia's latest navigation system and Drive Mode System, which allows the driver to change the driving experience based on their preference: Normal, Eco or Sport.

in Mexico, and you'll find 88 percent Mexican content, including the engine and transmission. Take that, Mr. President! The rest has its origins in Korea, not unexpectedly.

My tester came to \$26,540, including shipping. The Forte LX starts at just \$17,450.

It may not be new anymore, but Kia's 10-year, 100,000-mile limited powertrain warranty was

a blockbuster when it debuted. You get five years or 60,000 miles of free roadside assistance, too.

The Forte serves as the "little big man" of the Kia brand. Today's compact sedans have grown enough to gain midsize designation by the EPA. This is your chance to score a deal on a car that'll carry a small family with ease.

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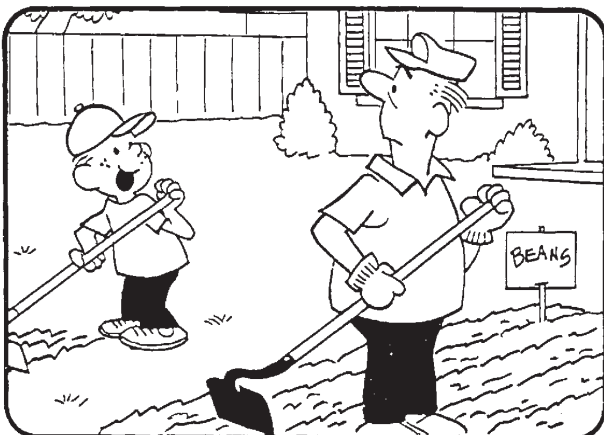
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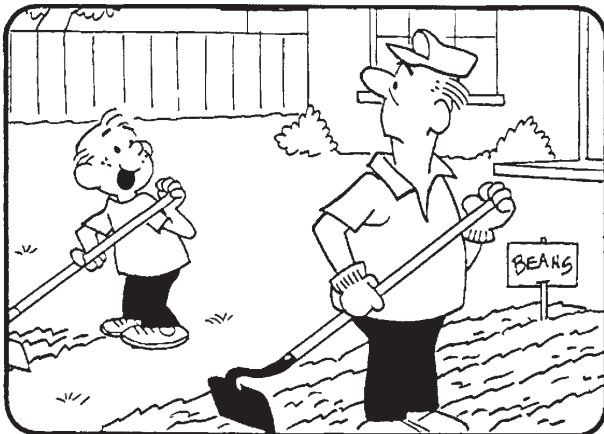


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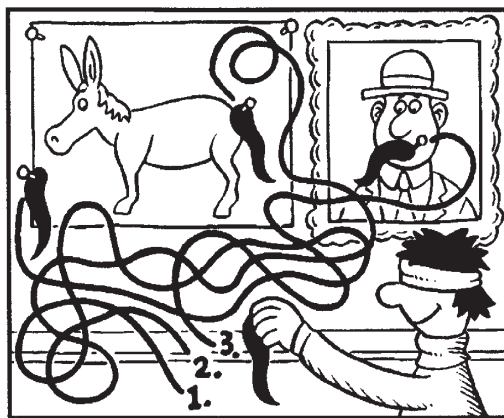
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Cap is missing. 2. Shrub is smaller. 3. Shuttles are missing. 4. Arm is moved. 5. Sign is smaller. 6. Sign is smaller. 7. Sign is smaller. 8. Sign is smaller. 9. Sign is smaller. 10. Sign is smaller.



A TICKLISH TAIL! Can you guess on which try Henry managed to stick the tail on the donkey?

Answer: On try number two.



FIG. 1

DOODLE PICS! The two pictures shown here are graphic presentations of familiar words, phrases or names. You have one minute to identify both.



FIG. 2

Answer: 1. Fool's gold. 2. Dead heat.

Illustrated by David Coulson

CALLING ALL PUZZLEBOTS! At the right is a Word Square grid. Can you find the four five-letter words that match the definitions below. All words used must read the same both across and down.

1. A mechanical device (given).
2. A color and a fruit.
3. What a puppy is.
4. Found in bakeries.
5. Brief and to the point.

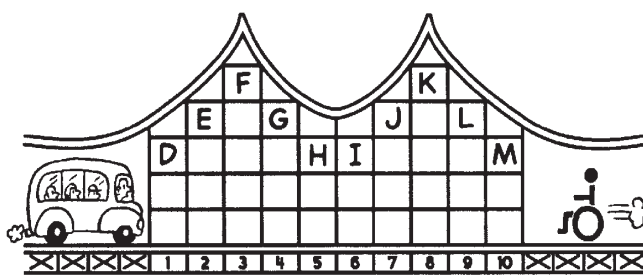
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Answers: 1. Robot. 2. Olive. 3. Biter. 4. Ovens. 5. Terse.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

A WORD BRIDGE



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

1. To tap gently; pat.
2. What a high tide does.
3. A type of witty play.
4. To stare or gape stupidly.
5. An evil spell; a curse.
6. To irritate or vex.
7. To tease good-humoredly.
8. Small, flightless birds.
9. A business trademark.
10. To make exaggerated facial expressions.

Answers: 1. Dab. 2. Ebb. 3. Kiwis. 4. Logo. 5. Hex. 6. Ink. 7. Josh. 8. Kiwis. 9. Logo. 10. Mug.



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Guard Against Medicare Fraud

By Jim Miller

Special to the Times

Medicare fraud costs taxpayers more than \$60 billion every year, making it one of the most profitable crimes in America.

Here's what you should know, along with some tips for preventing, detecting and reporting it, if it happens to you.

■ What is Medicare fraud?

In a nutshell, Medicare fraud happens when Medicare is purposely billed for services or supplies that were never provided or received. Here are a few examples of some different types of Medicare fraud that's out there:

- A healthcare provider bills Medicare for services you never received.
- A supplier bills Medicare

for equipment you never got.

- Someone uses your Medicare card to get medical care, supplies or equipment.

- A company offers a Medicare drug plan that has not been approved by Medicare.

- A company uses false information to mislead you into joining a Medicare plan.

■ What You Can Do

The best way for you to spot Medicare fraud is to review your quarterly Medicare Summary Notices (MSN) or your Explanation of Benefits (EOB).

Be on the lookout for things like charges for medical services, medications or equipment you didn't get, dates of services and charges that look unfamiliar, or if you were billed for the same thing twice. You can also check your Medicare claims early on-

line at MyMedicare.gov (you'll need to create an account first), or by calling Medicare at 800-633-4227.

If you do spot any unusual or questionable charges, your first step is to contact your doctor or health care provider. The charge may just be a simple billing error. If, however, you can't resolve the problem with the provider, your next step is to report the questionable charges to Medicare at 800-633-4227, or to the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General Fraud hotline at 800-447-8477.

When you call in, have the MSN or EOB with the questionable charges handy because you'll need to provide them with the following information: your Medicare card number; the physician, supplier and/or facil-

Medicare fraud is one of the most profitable crimes in America. If suspicious activity you report turns out to be fraud, you may be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000.



ity name where the service was supposedly provided; the date the service was rendered; the payment amount approved and paid by Medicare; as well as the rea-

son you think Medicare shouldn't have paid.

As an incentive, if the suspicious activity you report turns out to be fraud, you may be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000.

If you need help identifying or reporting Medicare fraud or resolving your Medicare billing errors, contact your state Senior Medicare Patrol program, which provides free assistance. Go to smppresource.org or call 877-808-2468 for contact information.

■ Protect Yourself

To help you protect yourself from becoming a victim of Medicare fraud, you need to guard your Medicare card like you would your credit cards, and don't ever give your Medicare or Social Se-

curity number to strangers.

Also, don't ever give out your personal information to someone who calls or comes to your home uninvited to get you to join a Medicare plan. Medicare will never call or visit your home to sell you anything.

It's also a smart idea to keep records of your doctor visits, tests and procedures so you can compare them with any suspicious charges on your MSN or EOB.

For more tips and information on how to protect yourself from Medicare fraud, visit StopMedicareFraud.gov.

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Who Is Entitled to Trust Information?

By Gene L. Osofsky, Esq.

Special to the Times

Q My sister just passed away and had previously appointed me as trustee of her trust. She was estranged from one of her sons and left him nothing on purpose. However, I anticipate that he will demand a copy of the trust and information about her estate. Am I legally obliged to share any of that information with him?

A Here are the short answers: Yes, on a copy of the trust; No, on information about the estate. Here's the explanation:

Copy of the Trust: California law provides that, upon the demise of a trust-maker (aka, a "Settlor"), formal notice must go out to all of the Settlor's beneficiaries AND heirs at law.

Beneficiaries are persons or organizations named in the trust to receive a bequest; they may, or may not, also be family members. Heirs are close family members whose status is measured by bloodlines and who may, or may not, also be named as beneficiaries.

This formal notice advises both named beneficiaries and unnamed heirs that they are entitled to a copy of the trust and that, if

they wish to challenge its legal validity, they must do so within a prescribed period of time.

The law's rationale appears to be the following: Heirs, who may have been left out entirely, as in your sister's case, or who may feel that they were "short-changed" on their anticipated inheritance, should have the right to challenge the trust by, for example, proving to a judge that your sister was of unsound mind when she signed the document.

To challenge the trust, the law understandably affords them an opportunity to obtain a copy of the trust instrument upon formal request.

Information About the Trust Estate: By comparison, however, only a beneficiary is entitled to information about the trust estate, including an accounting of the trust assets, income and expenditures.

In this sense, beneficiaries would include both primary beneficiaries and contingent beneficiaries, the latter being persons who would take in the event that the primary beneficiaries predeceased them or disclaimed their bequests.

Other Options: Sometimes, clients with estranged family members balk at having to formally notify them of the commencement of formal trust administration following a settlor's

death. These families are concerned that the estranged heirs may make trouble, especially when offered the right to a copy of the decedent's trust.

Unfortunately, if the decedent's assets are held in a trust, there is really no way around the formal notice requirement required by California law. However, if we are consulted in advance, say, at the time the Settlor is designing his or her estate plan, there are sometimes alternative arrangements that can avoid the necessity of formal notice.

One option: Instead of placing assets in a Living Trust, many kinds of assets can be held in Beneficiary Form, so that the particular asset goes automatically to the designated beneficiaries upon the owner's death and without probate or formal trust administration.

Examples: Pay on Death ("POD") Bank Accounts, Transfer on Death ("TOD") Brokerage Accounts, Insurance and Annuity Policies and even Transfer on

Death Home Deeds.

In connection with trust administration, especially where — as here — you expect difficulty from a disgruntled heir, it is wise to engage the services of an attorney familiar with trust administration to guide you.

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Staging Serves Sellers Well

By Carl Medford, CRS
Special to the Times

With data confirming the positive effects staging has on home sales, the question is not, "Should we stage?" but "How should we stage?"

With various levels of staging possible, sellers can choose the type they feel best suits their needs.

Level 1: Re-organizational Staging

Rather than bring in furniture, pictures and accents, re-organizational staging focuses on moving existing belongings around to maximize spaces. Starting with de-cluttering, the goal is to boost the appearance

of the home for the lowest cost. This type of staging is often done by realtors themselves.

Level 2: Partial Staging

A stager goes through a home and determines what furniture can remain and what should be removed.

Since buyers, especially Millennials, are looking for homes with contemporary looks, the stager will bring in furniture and accents as needed to elevate the overall appearance.

Partial stages are difficult for two reasons: (1) the stager must find items that match the existing décor and (2) while a partial stage is usually as much work as a full stage, sellers expect to pay less. Many professional staging

companies will not do partial stages.

Level 3: Full Staging

This is the level preferred by all if cost is no issue. Once a home has been emptied of its belongings, the staging company has a blank slate on which to perform their art. They bring in a full range of furniture and decorations designed to maximize the home.

Level 4: Virtual Staging

For those who want a full stage but do not have the budget, virtual staging will "fill" the home with graphically generated items.

Realtors send the Virtual Stagers pictures of empty rooms and receive back fully furnished images. Some agents believe this type of staging to be dishonest. "Full staging," they insist, "helps buyers experience the space as it might be. With virtual staging, buyers come because of the pictures and are disappointed or frustrated the rooms are actually empty." See: www.virtualstagingolutions.com.

Level 5: Faux Staging

Instead of real furniture, stagers insert plastic representations that show how a space might be utilized. Rather than showing up with trucks, stagers arrive with bags of items they assemble on site. While the cost is certainly less, the effect can be less effective as well. See: www.vimeo.com/110905750#t=0s

Real or faux, full or partial; now you have choices. Just make sure the level you choose works the best for your target audience.

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Do Your Electrical Outlets Sit Straight?

By Samantha Mazzotta
Special to the Times

When cover plates on electric outlets don't sit flush with the wall, it is likely that the receptacles themselves, or their housing, are misaligned. This can be caused by the screws holding the receptacle in place being loose, or the housing (the junction box) not being properly secured.

Because the receptacle or junction box doesn't sit straight, the cover plate doesn't sit straight, hence, the gap between the cover plates and the wall.

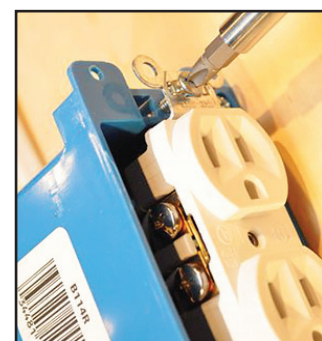
Turn off power to the crooked outlets, at the circuit panel. To make sure power is no longer reaching an outlet, plug a radio or a lamp into each of the two outlets of the receptacle. If they stay off, power is most likely off. However, always treat electrical hardware and wiring as if it is live.

Remove the cover plate and take a look at the small screws on either side of the receptacle. If they're loose, tighten them so that the receptacle sits straight within the metal junction box.

Straightening the receptacle should fix the cover-plate alignment problem. However, if it doesn't, check to see if the junction box itself is straight. It may have been installed at a bad angle.

If this is the case, adjusting the box is more complicated. You'll have to remove the receptacle, disconnecting its wires and labeling them so that you are able to reconnect them correctly. Then you'll have to unscrew the junction box from the stud, use a level to find the correct angle, drill a new hole or holes in the stud, then attach the junction box via the new holes, rewire the receptacle and put it back in place.

This can be time consuming



and frustrating, because you are working in a tiny space. If you've never wired up a receptacle or light switch before, there are several risks involved, from damaging the receptacle to injuring yourself.

In many cases, the first fix — tightening the receptacle screws — generally does the trick. However, if the second issue arises, consider the amount of work involved and whether you're confident in doing it. If you're not sure you can do it, consider having a licensed electrician come in to straighten the junction boxes and give the house's entire electrical system a look over for any other issues.

Home Tip: Use a small appliance, like a radio, lamp or a fan, to test whether power is reaching an outlet, by plugging the appliance into it.

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Photinia Suffers Root Rot; Sod Plan May Be in Jeopardy

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The Dirt Gardener

Q We have a 10-year-old photinia hedge that is approximately six feet tall. Previously, some of the plants died. The leaves began to wilt, then they turned brown and, finally, the whole plant died. They were replaced and we thought the problem was corrected but now it's beginning again. What do we need to do to correct whatever is going on before we lose the whole hedge?

A Photinias that wilt, turn brown and then die are suffering from root rot. Another telltale sign is that, before the foliage wilts, the leaf color fades. Instead of being a bright glossy green, it's a dull, muted greenish-yellow color.

Excessive summer watering, especially following a wet winter, poor drainage and plants that are planted too deep in the ground are the primary reasons for root rot.

Similar problems occur with other ornamental shrubs like junipers, azaleas, ceanothus and grevilleas, along with fruit trees such as cherries, apricots, peaches and others.

Because of the age of the hedge, I'd suspect that excessive moisture is the reason for the decline.

Established photinia do not require constant moisture from frequent waterings. They're waterwise; so, watering once every 10 days to two weeks, depending on the temperatures, April through October, is sufficient.

To accomplish this, you may have to cap off the sprinklers around them and then hand water when necessary.

By changing the watering pattern now, it may be many months before you see a noticeable change, and then again you may not. You need to focus on those plants that look healthy.

With root rot, what's going on under the ground is not always apparent above the ground until later on.

Q I've applied a pre-emergent herbicide to an area where I wanted no vegetative growth. It has done a beautiful job of keeping the area weed free. But now I've changed my mind and I want to plant grass. How long must I wait before sod can be installed?



Photinia hedge

A Pre-emergent herbicides prevent weeds from germinating by killing the seeds with a temporary chemical barrier. The barrier remains effective for varying periods of time. This information is found on the product label.

In addition, you can physically break the barrier by cultivating or tilling. You'll then need to amend the soil prior to planting. This should do it. There is no waiting period after the barrier has been broken. Hence, you can lay sod immediately afterward.

Also, sod is grass plants with roots. Pre-emergent herbicides will not harm rooted plants; hence, it's applied directly to desirable plants. It would be a different story if you were sowing seed.

Again, pre-emergent herbi-

cides control the seeds of desirable and/or undesirable plants.

My biggest concern is not knowing what product you used because there are some combination products available that contain a soil sterilant. These products kill the dormant seeds along with the actively growing roots of plants. Tilling or cultivating will not eliminate this barrier.

These products will dissipate over time, but it usually takes 12 to 18 months. This information is critical to know so you can avoid making an expensive mistake.

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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- The best way to adjust pH is gradually, over several seasons.

Sources: www.thegardenhelper.com/acidsoil

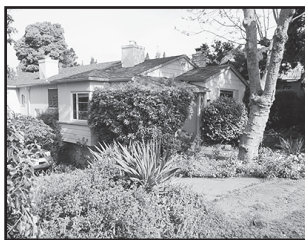
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Apartments: Forced into 'transit hubs'

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The trend for now is to build apartments away from the outer suburbs and near transit hubs, according to BART director Rebecca Saltzman. The Marea Alta is built on BART-owned land and

BART parking is located under the building.

"We want to see this replicated throughout the system," Saltzman said. She added that BART will require all future projects on their property to have at least 20

percent affordable housing.

Ben Metcalf of the California Department of Housing and Community Development, said the Marea Alta is a project that will be looked at by the entire state.

"Let's get more of these to happen," said Metcalf. "We are going through a time of the hollowing out of the middle class. This project is an example of how every community can retain their vibrancy and diversity."

LOCAL DEATHS

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COSTA, Agostinho M.
HARRISON, Dennis D.
NUÑEZ, Dolores Galindo
PERRY, Dr. Leroy R., Sr.

■ **Agostinho M. Costa** passed away on May 13, 2017 at the age of 79. He is survived by his wife, Maria Costa. Visitation will be held today, May 18, at Santos-Robinson Mortuary, 160 Estudillo Ave., in San Leandro from 2 to 8 p.m. with a vigil service beginning at 7 p.m. The Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, May 19, at St. Leander Cath-

olic Church, 550 W. Estudillo Ave., in San Leandro beginning at 10 a.m. Interment to follow at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward. Arrangements made by Santos-Robinson Mortuary (510-483-0123, www.santos-robinson.com).

■ **Dennis D. Harrison** passed away on May 12, 2017 at the age of 68. He was a lifetime resident of San Leandro. Dennis is survived by his wife, Annette; and children, Joseph and Jennifer. There will be a private family burial at sea and a celebration of life BBQ at a later date. Arrangements made by Santos-Robinson Mortuary (510-483-0123, www.santos-robinson.com).



TIMES FILE PHOTO

Food trucks, beer, wine and live entertainment will be on hand every fourth Thursday.

'Truth Thursdays' Opens at Tech Campus

The San Leandro Improvement Association will kick off "Truth Thursdays," starting on May 25 under the "Truth Is Beauty" statue at the OSISO building on the San Leandro Tech Campus, 1600 Alvarado St.

Food trucks, beer, wine live entertainment will be on hand from 5 to 9 p.m. every fourth Thursday of the month. Bocce ball and other recreational games will be played out on the grass.

Everyone is invited to the event, said San Leandro Improvement Association president Gordon Galvan.

"We invite all of San Leandro, BART commuters, Bay Area residents, and visitors to come and unwind after a long day with some good food, drink and music under Truth is Beauty," Galvan said.

The San Leandro Improvement Association (SLIA) is a non-profit corporation that's run by a board consisting of property owners, residents, community members and businesses to improve the downtown. Its operating budget comes from a special tax on downtown property owners that raises around \$400,000 a year.

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Dolores Galindo Nuñez


passed away peacefully in her San Leandro home surrounded by family on Wednesday afternoon, May 10, 2017 at age 91. Dolores was born on February 23, 1926 in Autlán de Navarro, Jalisco, Mexico.

Dolores was preceded in death by her husband, Salvador Joseph Nuñez; and brother, Angel Galindo.

She is survived by her brother, Marcelino Galindo (wife Socorro); children, Patricia Nuñez-Rabelo (husband Ray), Deborah Nuñez (Ramon) and Sal M. Nuñez (wife Lisa); step-children, Rick Nuñez (wife Evelyn), Roxanne Botai, Cathy Trujillo (husband Rick), Victoria Molina and Gael Antognini; grandchildren, Ricardo, Anthony, Danny, Joaquin and Alyssa; step-grandchildren, Lenny, Bernadette, Adriana, Leslie, Celena, Marissa and Christina; great-granddaughter, Leah; and many nieces, nephews and extended family.

Dolores enjoyed trips to Mexico to see her family, playing quarter slot machines in Reno, and doing her word puzzles. She especially loved cooking and being surrounded by her family.

She will be remembered for her kind heart, being a loving mother and grandmother, and for her delicious Mexican cooking.



Dr. LeRoy R. Perry, Sr.
(December 14, 1920 – May 14, 2017)

Dr. LeRoy R. Perry, Sr. passed away peacefully on May 14, 2017. He was the eldest of two sons born to Manuel and Virginia Perry, and was proud of his Portuguese heritage.

Dr. Perry was born in Oakland, and a graduate of Fremont High School. He attended U.C. Berkeley on dual athletic and scholastic scholarships where he was a member of both the track and football teams, and attained his B.S. degree. He subsequently attended UCSF Medical School and taught anatomy at the Oakland Chiropractic College which led to his decision to become a Doctor of Chiropractic in 1948. He practiced for 54 years.

He married Alice M. Andrade on December 28, 1941 and, in 1942, enlisted in the Coast Guard. He became an officer and was a first responder to the Port Chicago explosion in 1944 and served in the landings in Tarawa and Saipan.

He and his wife, Alice, were the proud parents of six children. He is survived by Janice Coleman-Knight, James Perry Esq., Dr. LeRoy R. Perry, Jr., Jerry Perry, and Dr. Judy Alice Day. He is predeceased by his daughter, JoAnn Lenhart. He was loved by 16 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

He was an avid outdoorsman with a passion for hunting, especially in the Alaskan wilderness. He was dedicated to his patients, whom he considered his friends. He is the last survivor of his generation and will not be forgotten by those who he cared for, or by those who knew him.

Friends and family are invited to a Rosary (7 p.m.) and visitation (5 to 8:30 p.m.) at the St. Paschal Baylon Catholic Church, 3700 Dorris Ave., in Oakland on Thursday, May 25, and a Requiem Mass at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 26. The burial ceremony will follow at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, 26320 Mission Blvd, in Hayward. After the ceremony, all are invited to attend a celebratory luncheon.

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San Leandro Players To Hold Auditions for *Arsenic and Old Lace*

The San Leandro Players will hold auditions for *Arsenic and Old Lace* on Monday and Tuesday, May 22 and 23, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Museum Auditorium, 320 West Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro, two blocks east of the San Leandro BART Station.

Read from script. No pay, non-Equity. Roles for 11 males and three females, flexible, all ages, ethnicities encouraged. Rehearsals begin on June 6 on Monday through Thursday evenings.

Performances are Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. July 15 through Aug. 13, plus two Fridays at 8 p.m.

Open call, appointments possible. Men's roles may be filled by women (all ages). Opportunity for stage crew/lights and sound operators.

For more information, call 895-2573 and leave a message or visit www.slplayers.org.

For appointments contact Mark O'Neill at actor.markoneill@gmail.com.

Bancroft Musical Theatre Presents *Singin' in the Rain*

Bancroft Musical Theatre presents *Singin' In The Rain*, continuing this weekend at the San Leandro High School Performing Arts Center, 2250 Bancroft Ave.

Tickets for the opening night gala can be purchased at the door and are \$25 per person and include preferred seating.

Singin' In The Rain runs: May at 18, 19 and 20 at 8 p.m., and May 20 and 21 at 2:30 p.m.

In an effort to make live theatre more accessible to San Leandro families, tickets are only \$5.



Classical Cambodian Dancer to Perform

Dance part of Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month

In celebration of Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month, the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., presents a performance of Cambodian dance by Charya Burt tonight (Thursday) from 7 to 8 p.m. Admission is free.

Burt is an acclaimed master dancer, choreographer, vocalist and teacher of Classical Cam-



bodian Dance who has injected new life into the dance form by creating classically inspired, inventive new works.

Her training began shortly after the fall of Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge Regime with the foremost surviving dance masters of Cambodia at the Royal University of Fine Arts. She eventually served on the dance faculty from

1989-1992. As a member of Cambodia's Royal Dance Troupe, Charya toured nationally and internationally. After emigrating in 1993, Charya has performed throughout the United States, including the Getty Museum in Los Angeles, the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. and as a featured dancer at the San Francisco Ethnic Dance Festival.

SL Chapter of 'Our Revolution' To Meet Next Wednesday

The local San Leandro chapter of the national "Our Revolution" group meets every fourth Wednesday at 7 p.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church, 911 Dowling Blvd. in San Leandro.

At the next meeting on

Wednesday, May 24, Jeremy Schafer, delegate to the Democratic State Convention being held from May 19th through May 21th in Sacramento, will give a report about the convention.

Bonta to Speak at Demo Meeting

The San Leandro Democratic Club will meet 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.

OPINION

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Letters must include the writer's name, address and phone number, and **must be under 300 words**. We reserve the right to edit as necessary. E-mail letters to: letters@ebpublishing.com or fax to: 510-483-4209, or send by mail to: The Editor, San Leandro Times, 2060 Washington Ave., San Leandro, CA 94577.

San Leandro Police Officers Take Serve-and-Protect Oath Seriously

Editor:

I have lived the last 30-plus years of my life out on my horse farm. Rarely have I been in a large city and not one as large as the Oakland-San Leandro area.

All too often, we hear negative stories about the police and the way some have conducted the oath of their office. I wanted to raise people's attention to the fact there are good police that do take the "serve and protect" oath seriously.

While having coffee and a bagel at a café in San Leandro this morning, I had the unfortunate experience of hearing a drunk and disorderly gentleman sitting out on the patio – around the corner from me. I couldn't see the person but I could certainly hear the profanity and vulgar commentaries spewed upon other innocent passing citizens. In fact, he was so loud three San Leandro police officers could also hear the man from 500 yards away.

I assumed he was drunk, even though it was only 10 in the morning along with the random ramblings of his profanity.

The officers observed the situation for about two minutes. After locking up their vehicle, they proceeded across the street and approached the gentleman.

I couldn't hear what they were saying to him but the man did calm down, stopped his profanity, and in the matter of five minutes left the café and started down the street.

The officers stood their ground and observed the man as he walked down the street and away from them. The officers continually glanced around the café and patio area. Always aware of the other patrons on the patio and inside of the café. The officers remained very calm and conducted themselves in a professional and courteous manner.

The two officers I could see from my seated area were non-threatening and kept their composure throughout the incident. This, despite some people passing by making negative remarks about the "po po" that made me very sad. Sad on so many levels. Suffice it to say, the thoughts that ran through my head were a mixed bag of emotions.

Sadness for the people walking by that have become so jaded over the "police" for their own reasons. Sad that most of us sat pulverized to our seats not knowing what to do. For myself, wanting to approach the man to ask him to please stop his profanity, but worried what hostilities that may evoke. Sadness for the others that sat transfixed in their seats waiting for the man to leave or someone to make him leave.

Two gentleman sort of chuckled and looked at each other and shrugged their shoulders. As if to silently say, "What are you going to do?"

Even with the sadness came joy and encouragement.

Joy witnessing a calm and non-confrontational resolution to what could have be-

come a complex situation. Encouragement that there are police officers who take their oath to "serve and protect" seriously.

Kudos to these officers with the San Leandro Police Department that made my morning as enjoyable as I set out to accomplish.

— D'Arcy L. Demianoff-Thompson
Sheffield Village

Claims Trump Doesn't Know American History

Editor:

President Trump does not know history. He claims that the American Civil War which started over 150 years ago, could have been prevented if his hero, Andrew Jackson, was president during that period, even though Jackson died in 1845, 16 years before the war.

People should know, before and during his presidency, Jackson was created with racist atrocities toward people of colors in this country during his time in the mid-1880s. As a general in the United States Army, he and his army led an invasion of Florida to try to capture the Black Seminoles and send them back to slavery. When the Black Seminoles resisted, Jackson and the army massacred them at Fort Negro and those who survived were sent back to slavery.

During his presidency, Jackson led the forced removal of American Indians from their homeland in the Southeast to Indian Territory (now Oklahoma) where thousands had died.

When President Trump uses his executive orders creating health problems toward Indigenous Peoples with the building of both the Keystone and Dakota Access Pipeline, he's just following the footsteps of his hero, former president Andrew Jackson.

— Billy Trice, Jr., Oakland

INQUIRING REPORTER

What gives you hope?

— Asked at the Pack 'n' Save on Floresta

My little cousin, because as he grows every day and he's happy that makes me happy as well.

Alex Gutierrez
San Leandro



When I see compassion and love in other people, even in the smallest ways.

Veronica Perin
San Leandro

My daughter, just seeing her grow. All the hope I have for her, and her spunk and the personality she has already.

Danielle Williams, and Zaiya
San Leandro



The fact that I'm living in Mexico. We just came up here for vacation and to visit family. But I have hope because people are good. With the government situation, people just need to speak up and make our voices heard.

MaryAnn Kennedy
San Leandro



Having faith that the president will do the right thing and that the community will work together and people will get along.

Riley Laflaur
San Leandro



Alameda Upsets Arroyo in League Playoffs, 4-1

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

Alameda High made the most of a couple of Arroyo mistakes on Tuesday for a 4-1 win in a game that was a pitcher's duel for the first six innings.

The loss knocks Arroyo out of the West Alameda County Conference (WACC) Foothill division playoffs, but the Dons will be in the North Coast Section playoffs starting next week.

Jordan Kim led off the seventh inning for Alameda, beating out a ground ball, and a few batters later wound up on third. Then a throw to third by Arroyo reliever Jordan Perkins got away from third baseman Josh Romero and two runs scored.

The Hornets added another run on Kyle Quilici's line drive RBI single to left to make it 4-1 Alameda.

"Every pitch matters in play-off baseball, especially when you're playing a great team like Alameda," said Arroyo coach Eric Anderson after the game. "A couple of miscues led to their runs."

The game was scoreless until the bottom of the fifth with Dons' starting pitcher Brian Tan holding Alameda in check, and Alameda starter Brian Woo doing the same.

But in the fifth, Bryan Rosario gave the Dons a 1-0 lead

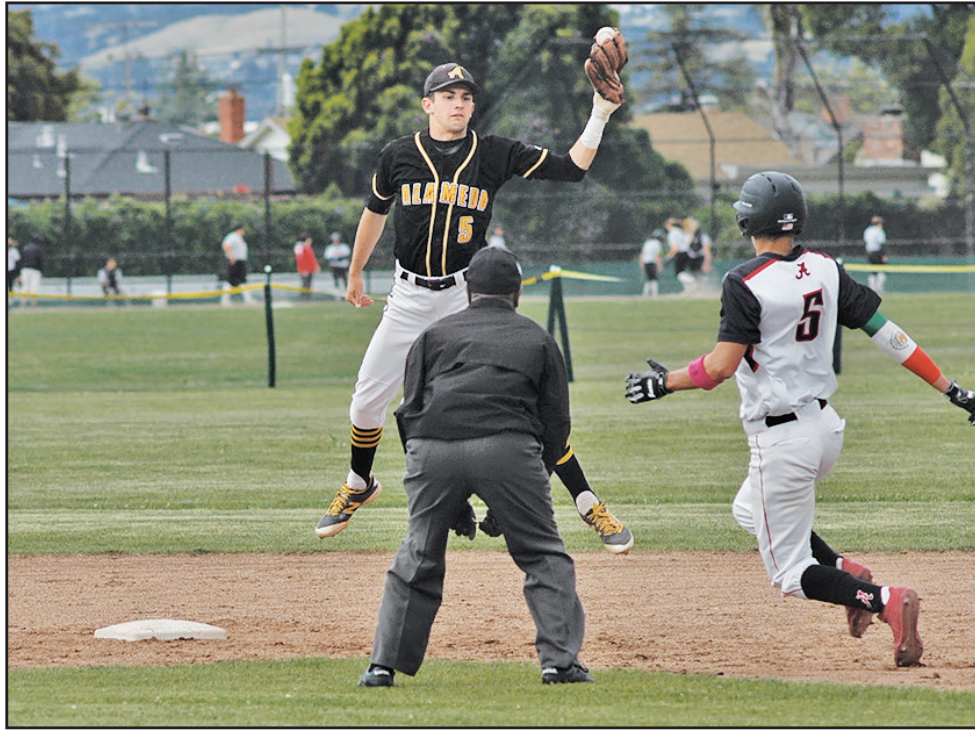


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Arroyo base runner Adrian Padilla heads for a slide into second base, but he was tagged out by Alameda shortstop Tristen Wiley.

with a home run on a drive to the right-centerfield gap. Rosario tore around second base with the crowd yelling "Three!" But third base wasn't Rosario's final destination.

One voice from the stands optimistically called out "Four!" And that's where Rosario was

headed, getting the wave to go

for home from Anderson in the third base coaching box.

"It was a fastball and I wanted to hit it hard," said Rosario, who was just this week named WACC player of the year. "I just started running and coach Anderson waved me home."

The Dons had tried to break the deadlock with a squeeze play

in the fourth inning, but it didn't work. Adrian Padilla had led off the inning with a double to left, Tan followed with a base hit, and Josh Tanguma walked to load the bases.

With Logan Britto at the plate, Padilla broke for home. But the pitch was outside and Britto couldn't get the bat on it for a

bunt. So Alameda catcher Austin Stenstedt tagged out Padilla to end the inning.

Though they didn't score until late in the game, Alameda threatened in the first inning. Max Nyrop led off with a walk, and advanced on a bad throw to first base.

Austin Stenstedt hit a grounder that got through to left field and Nyrop headed home but the throw

from the outfield to Rosario at the plate got him out.

Alameda again threatened in the fifth with runners on second and third. But Tan got a strikeout to end the inning, and a cheer from the crowd in the Arroyo stands.

The Dons next opponent isn't yet known. The schedule for the NCS playoffs will be drawn up over the weekend.



Arroyo second baseman Logan Britto fields a grounder and makes the throw to first base for the out against Alameda High on Tuesday in the West Alameda County Conference (WACC) Foothill Division playoffs.



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Tax: Political operative advises district to target the senior vote

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are acting as agents of the one percent, you turn around to the working class and say 'you've got to pay.' Whether you have good intentions or not doesn't

matter. It's not going to get better, so what's going to happen next time? You'll ask for more."

If the tax passes, the \$78 annual fee will be added to several other revenue measures the

district has assessed in the past several years.

Last November voters passed Measure J1, a \$104 million general obligation bond that has property owners pay \$36 per \$100,000 of their assessed property value.

And San Leandro residents are currently paying for school bonds in the form of the \$109 million Measure B bond, which has been assessed at \$39 per \$100,000 of property value and Measure M, a \$50 million bond assessed at \$25 per \$100,000 of property value.

Some of the bond debt comes from high-interest Capital Appreciation Bonds (CABs). Those CABs have interest rates of up to five times the principal of the loan, though the district has since refinanced a small portion of its CABs.

The district's total outstanding bond debt is \$325 million and \$181 million of that is principal.

Of that, the current debt from CABs is \$91 million, and \$27.5 million of that is principal.

Tramutola's voter poll results showed that, among people who said they would not support a tax, the most common reason was feeling that money was being misspent or mismanaged (31 percent of negative responses) and 25 percent said taxes are already too high.

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