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## Timber!

A few more eucalyptus trees fell in San Leandro Creek as the flow of water erodes the banks. A group of three or four trees came down together last week near East 14th Street.

## Innovative Spirit Alive and Well

By Jim Knowles  
San Leandro Times

Yves Perrenoud showed off his company's bicycle lock, which leaves an impression.

The lock, made by Skunklock Inc., is black with white stripes, of course. If you try to cut through it with a power saw, you'll get the full skunk effect – a putrid spray that will ruin your day.

The lock is filled with a secret ingredient, a smelly liquid under pressure.

"It uses the compounds that produce the smell in human vomit and body odor, but it's highly concentrated," Perrenoud said proudly.

Perrenoud had a power saw, but it wouldn't have been appropriate to demonstrate how the lock works when cut right there at the Zero Net Energy Center.

Perrenoud did have a video

showing the bike lock being cut on the sidewalk and the guy with the saw getting blasted with the skunk spray.

"If you keep cutting, it sprays you more, and if you pull the saw out, the entire contents will be let loose," he said. So either way, it's a deterrent to bicycle theft.

### Convention for Hardware Startups

But the Skunklock was just one of many new products on display at Hardwarecon, a convention for hardware startups, held on March 24 and 25 at the Zero Net Energy Center in San Leandro.

Entrepreneurs came to town to learn how to take their product to the next level by figuring out their sales strategy and how to



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

The SkunkLock Inc. display features a video showing what happens when you try to saw off the lock.

best use manufacturing, and distribution. Hardware experts and people from Google and Amazon and many other companies were on hand to offer tips.

### Smart Watch for Kids

Patrick Muggler is hoping parents will go for his company's fun kids' smart watch. It not see INNOVATION, page 5

## New Plans For Marina: Move Inland

By Amy Sylvestri  
San Leandro Times

Plans for the San Leandro Marina development have been changed, with construction forced inland by the state agency that controls development around the bay.

And the large office building that was to have been built at the marina is no longer in the plans, as the developer says there is currently no market for the office space.

The City Council got an update on the marina development on April 3 – the 78th public meeting on the shoreline, including workshops and meetings of the citizen's advisory council.

It's been nearly a decade since the City Council selected Cal-Coast to develop the marina. At this most recent meeting, Cal-Coast CEO Ed Miller said that at one point, he was worried that the marina development simply would not happen.

"Frankly, at the time, I was concerned there wasn't going to be a project," said Miller.

The Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC), the state regulatory agency with authority over the bay shoreline, has a standard that building construction must be safe for up to 65 inches of sea-level rise.

Miller told the council that it would cost up \$22 million in order to comply, so instead of dealing with the BCDC's regulations, Miller had a different idea – just move out of their jurisdiction.

The BCDC has the authority over water, so Miller's new plan is to move construction inland and away from the basin.

That means that the proposed see MARINA, page 16

## Woman Killed by Car Downtown

By Amy Sylvestri  
San Leandro Times

A San Leandro woman was struck and killed by a car as she crossed East 14th Street on the afternoon of March 31.

Helen Lally, 75, was walking in the crosswalk at the Juana Avenue intersection at around 5 p.m. when she was hit by a car driven by a 74-year-old woman, also a San Leandro resident, according to Lt. Robert McManus of the San Leandro police.

Lally was taken to the hospital by paramedics but died from her injuries shortly after arrival.

The driver was making a left turn when she struck Lally. Police have ruled out drugs or alcohol as a factor in the collision.

McManus said that the driver has been cooperative, but the police investigation remains open because no witnesses other than see KILLED, page 5

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## MEETING SCHEDULES

### CITY COUNCIL

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

### SAN LEANDRO SCHOOL BOARD

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



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## Pets of the Week



Kwasi



Phoenix

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are Kwasi the cat and Phoenix the dog.

Kwasi is a quiet kitten who likes soft places to nap. He's a bit shy when meeting new people, but warms up once he gets to know you. Best in a home with no dogs.

Phoenix is a sweet, shy 3-year-old girl who had a rough

past. She's sensitive to loud noises. She enjoys being close to her person and being petted. Good with kids 10 years and older.

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

## Mustang Club to Get On the Road Monday

The Bay Area Mustang Association is having a tour leaving at 9 a.m. on Monday, April 17, from the Castro Valley Park and Ride on Center Street to Amador Valley Community Park in

Pleasanton where there will be a picnic. The route will take back roads through Niles Canyon and city streets. For more information, call Madeline Streeter at 909-4361.



The Aswat Women's Choir will be at the Main Library on Saturday, April 22.

## Aswat Women's Choir Coming To the Main Library Next Week

In celebration of Arab American Month, the San Leandro Public Library presents the Aswat Women's Choir on Saturday, April 22, at 2 p.m. at the Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Admission is free.

Aswat is an ensemble for classical and folk Arabic music. It performs Muwashahat (Arabic poetry, sung in the tradition of Andalusia, Spain) as well as traditional and contemporary songs from the Arab World.

Aswat has achieved a professional level of competence and has made appearances in numerous colleges, universities, festivals and conferences in the Bay Area.

The group consists of 20 singers and musicians from different parts of the world and welcomes

anyone who is interested or even curious about Arabic music. Aswat is part of Zawaya, a non-profit forum that provides instruction and presentations of all aspects of the Arabic culture.

For more information, call the Main Library at 577-3971.

## Landscaper to Speak at Eden Garden Club

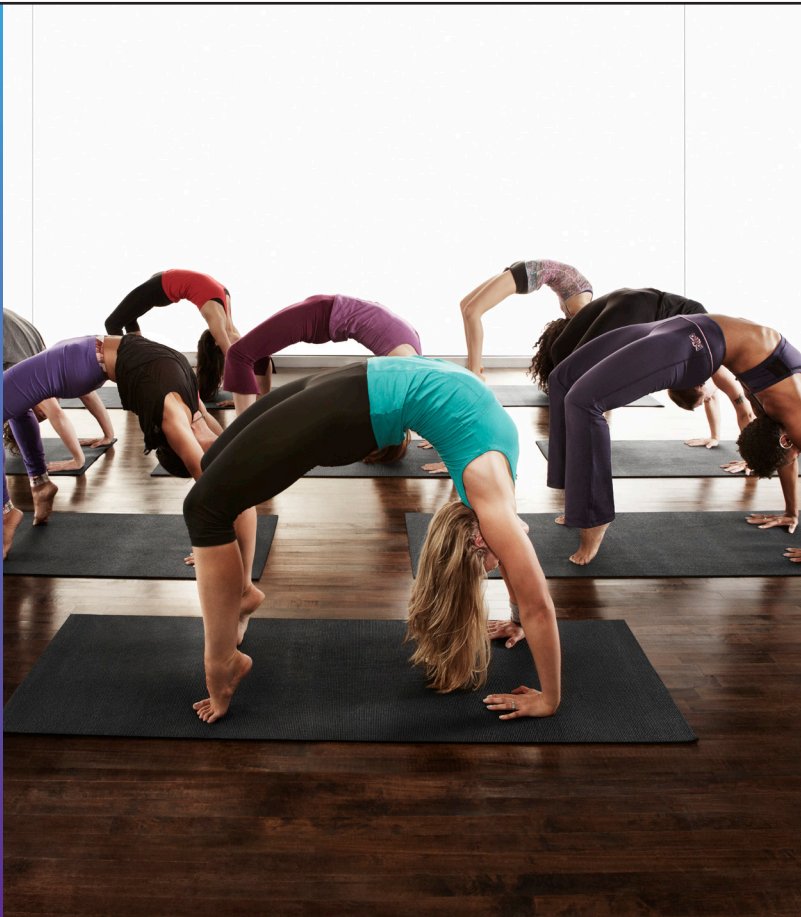
The next meeting of the Eden Garden Club will be Monday April 24, at 9:30 a.m. at the Moose Lodge, 20835 Rutledge Road in Castro Valley.

Retired landscaper, teacher and volunteer Steve Wiley will talk about the San Lorenzo High School native plants garden run by Druids Environmental Club.

He will bring a few examples of the native plants and fliers of their upcoming plant sale.

Meetings are free and guests are always welcome. For more information, call 397-1268.

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## Practicing Water Rescues

Members of the Alameda County Fire Department recently took to the water at the San Leandro marina for some specialized training. They focused on water rescue and recovery using the "Protector" rescue boat and a flat-bottom mud boat.

## Patrolling for Some Easter Eggs at Meek

Kids braved a gray and rainy day to capture the elusive golden egg and to meet the Easter Bunny at the Cherryland Community Association's 9th Annual Easter Eggstravaganza held at Meek Estate last Saturday.

Alameda County Sheriff's Explorers and Cadets (right) were on hand to ensure the community egg hunt went off without a hitch.



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## Cold Case

The Alameda County Sheriff's Office is seeking the public's help in solving a cold case murder.

On April 4, 2005, Kente Jones, 24, was shot and killed outside the Quart House Liquors store at 22596 Center Street in unincorporated Hayward.

Witnesses described his assailants as two black males who fired multiple shots before fleeing the scene.

Anyone with information is asked to call 667-3661 or the anonymous tip line at 667-3622.

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## Over \$2 Million in Cash and Pot Found Following Traffic Stop

A traffic stop lead to the discovery of more than \$1 million in marijuana and \$1 million more in cash last Saturday in Castro Valley.

A California Highway Patrol officer tried to pull over the driver of a van on I-580 for a cell phone violation, when a sedan cut off the officer to create a distraction so the van's driver could get away, according to Sgt. Ray Kelly of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office.

Both vehicles tried to flee the scene but were apprehended. Inside the van, officers found 200 pounds of marijuana and they also found eight pounds of pot in the sedan.

The two drivers were arrested



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on drug charges.

The discovery of the marijuana began an investigation which led to a search of some storage units in Alameda.

The sheriff's department, using a police dog, searched the units and found an additional 100 pounds of marijuana and a suitcase filled with \$1 million.

## PG&E Warns of Tax Time Scammers

Taxes are due next week and Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) is warning its customers to protect themselves, their families and businesses by increasing their awareness of potential online and in-person scams.

According to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), scammers take advantage of tax season to trick people into giving up their personal and financial information. The IRS saw an approximate 400 percent surge in phishing and malware incidents in the 2016 tax season.

Recent scams have involved imposters posing as PG&E employees, including scammers

pretending to be PG&E utility workers and going door-to-door.

Email scammers send "phishing" emails to PG&E customers, asking them to make a payment.

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# NEIGHBORS



## Happy 100th Birthday Maude Spann

Maude Spann turned 100 on March 17 and celebrated with 65 friends and family at the Alta Mira Club. Maude has been a resident of San Lorenzo for 65 years. She has two children, Carol and Larry, five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and two great- great-grandsons. And they were all there at her birthday party.

## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

### ❖ Chanticleers Theatre

*Wait Until Dark* runs through April 30 at the Chanticleers Theatre, 3683 Quail Ave. in Castro Valley. The play is a slow burn that builds in menace until the gripping climactic confrontation, authored by Frederick Knott, who also penned *Dial “M” for*

*Murder*. 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](http://chanticleers.org).

### ❖ Morrisson Theatre

The Douglas Morrisson Theatre,

22311 N. Third St. in Hayward, presents *Side by Side by Sondheim*, a musical revue featuring the earlier songs of one of the greatest composers of American musical theatre. The musical opened on Friday, April 7, and runs through April 23 with shows on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$29 with discounts available for seniors, under 30s, students and groups of 10 or more. For tickets, call the box office at 881-6777 or visit the website: [www.dmtonline.org](http://www.dmtonline.org). DMT’s production of “Side by Side by Sondheim,” is directed by Michael Ryken, with music direction by Dean Starnes, and features a talented ensemble of Bay Area performers: Tielle Baker, Brian Couch, Christine Macomber and Jenny Matteucci.

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**ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** Avoid having someone else take credit for the project you started by finishing it yourself. Then it will be you lovely Lambs who will be wearing those well-deserved laurels.



**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** The facts about a new opportunity are still emerging. Wait until they’re all out in the open, and then use your keen business sense to help make the right decision.



**GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** You might feel confused, even hurt by a friend who suddenly puts distance between you. If she or he won’t discuss it, don’t push it. An explanation should come in time.



**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** Your willingness to be part of the team opens doors that had been shut to you. Keep them open by keeping your promises even when your commitment seems to be wavering.



**LEO (July 23 - August 22):** Congratulations. You’re really getting things done to purr-fection. And don’t forget to take a catnap now and again to keep those energy levels up and bristling for action.



**VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22):** Your “plain-talking” honesty is admirable. But sometimes sharp words can leave painful scars. Be careful that what you say doesn’t come back to hurt you.



**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22):** A stress-filled period takes a positive turn as you deal with the underlying problem. Act now to avoid a recurrence by changing some basic rules in your relationship.



**SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21):** Your rising energy levels make it easier for you to achieve some important objectives. This could lead to a big boost in how you’re perceived, both at home and on the job.



**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** A changing picture begins to emerge as you learn more about an offer that seemed so right but could be so wrong. Look to a trusted adviser for guidance.



**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** Spiritual aspects are strong. Take time to reflect on the path you’re on and where you hope it will lead you. It’s also a good time to reach out to loved ones.



**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** You could be assuming far too many responsibilities, whether it’s at work or in personal matters. Be careful that you’re not weighed down by them.



**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** You’re getting closer to your goals. And since nothing succeeds like success (or the promise thereof), don’t be surprised to find new supporters swimming alongside you.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### ❖ Open House for Redwood 4-H Club

Come see what 4-H is all about at the open house information night Thursday, April 13, at 7 p.m. at Canyon Middle School, 19600 Cull Canyon Road in Castro Valley. Besides animal projects (swine, horse, sheep, poultry), there will be needle works, archery, fishing, dog training and a few more. The program has taught responsibility, organization and leadership for over 100 years. Other opportunities include involvement for the whole family, lifelong friendships, weekend retreats about government and leadership, summer camp, teamwork, public speaking, county fair showings, and volunteerism. For more information, call Karen at 566-3672

### ❖ Ecumenical Good Friday Service

All are welcome to an Ecumenical Good Friday Service on Friday, April 14, at noon. The gathering will be hosted this year at All Saints Episcopal Church, 911 Dowling Blvd. in San Leandro. This service will include familiar hymns and reflections on Christ’s “Seven Last Words” by clergy from different congregations throughout San Leandro as well as from the CEO of Davis Street ([www.davisstreet.org](http://www.davisstreet.org)), Rose Padilla Johnson. A special collection will be taken to support Davis Street’s services to low income residents of our community.

### ❖ Easter Services at All Saints Episcopal Church

All Saints Episcopal Church, 911 Dowling Blvd. in San Leandro, will hold its first of three Easter Services on Saturday, April 15, at 7 p.m. The Great Easter Vigil beginning on Saturday evening evokes fire, water, spirit, and incense in a dramatic celebration of Jesus Christ’s Resurrection from the dead. The church will also hold Easter Sunday services on April 16, at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. No matter who you are or where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome at All Saints. For more information, visit the website at [www.saintsalive.net](http://www.saintsalive.net).

### ❖ Egg Hunt at The Casa

The San Leandro Improvement Association (SLIA) will host an “Egg Hunt at The Casa” on Saturday, April 15, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the grounds of Casa Peralta, 384 W. Estudillo Ave. The family-friendly event will feature two egg hunts, face painting, music, story time, family friendly activities and a petting zoo with chicks and bunnies for the kids and adults to play with. The egg hunt for kids 3 and under will be at 11:15 a.m.; and for kids 4 and up at 11:45 a.m. Kids can bring a basket for the egg hunt. The event is hosted by both the SLIA and the Community Impact Lab (CIL), a non-profit organization focused on empowering women and families to do good, learn, and build strong communities.

### ❖ East Bay Rose Society

Learn how to do show stopping displays of roses for home or exhibition at the East Bay Rose Society’s meeting on Wednesday, April 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave. in Oakland. You can make a display that will showcase the beauty of your roses with a bouquet, a bowl, or even a teacup. There will be demonstrations and how-to tips by EBRS members and consulting rosarians. Enjoy snacks, meet people who talk roses and enjoy the show. For more information, go to [www.eastbayroses.org](http://www.eastbayroses.org).

### ❖ San Leandro Garden Club

San Leandro Garden Club will have its annual

spring fundraiser on Saturday, April 22, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Senior Center, 13909 East 14th St. in San Leandro. Lunch will be served at noon. There will be a pick-your-prize, previously loved treasures and jewelry, a plant table with a wide selection of plants, as well as the delicious salads. For tickets or more information, call Sharon at 785-2057.

### ❖ Fundraiser at Cafe Bethel

Cafe Bethel at Bethel Community Presbyterian Church, 14235 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro, will have its annual fundraiser for the April Showers program on Saturday, April 22, at 5 p.m. with music by the bands Purple Smoke and Circle Soul, plus The Gnarly Men, the Oakland East Bay Gay Men’s Chorus, and more. The April Showers program provides showers and clean clothing to local homeless people on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month. Suggested donation to the fundraiser is \$10 and a pair of new athletic socks.

### ❖ SL Multi-Cultural Celebration

San Leandro High School presents a Multi-Cultural Celebration on Wednesday, April 26, at the school’s Performing Arts Center, 2250 Bancroft Ave. A food fair begins in the lobby at 5 p.m. and the show starts at 6 p.m. Come and taste food from around the world, and then see a variety show of dancing, poetry, music and skits. Student clubs performing will include Latinos Unidos, the Filipino Club, the African American Student Council, plus a performance by Ballet Folklorico. Tickets are \$4.

### ❖ Chinese Calligraphy on Display

Chinese calligraphy, brush painting, mixed media and craft - the work of art students of MERC Hayward Chinese School is on display through April 26, at The Alameda County Law Library, 125 12th St. in Oakland. The Law Library is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### ❖ 3K Color Run Fundraiser

John Muir Middle School PTO is hosting Color Run to raise funds for the school and promote fitness on Saturday, April 29, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (registration opens at 10 a.m.) at Marina Park, 13801 Monarch Bay Drive in San Leandro. Color Run is a 3K (1.8 miles) where participants run/walk/dance through the course and get color-blasted in safe, eco-friendly, plant-based powdered dye at every zone, turning them into a moving target of fun. After the race, participants jam out to music at the after-blast party. Advance registration is \$25, registration at the event is \$30. To register, plus a T-shirt and color pack, visit <https://squareup.com/store/JMMS-PTSO>. For more information, call contact Regina Chennault 456-5860 or email [leadership@john-muir-ptso.net](mailto:leadership@john-muir-ptso.net)

### ❖ San Leandro Art Association

Paintings and various art works by members of the San Leandro Art Association will be on display during regular library hours through April 28 at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave.

### ❖ 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.

Calendar items should be submitted at least one week prior to the desired edition of the Times, which is published Thursdays. Space limitations require we print items of the most general interest.



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## Innovation: New ideas pitched to the pros

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only gives the kids a reminder of things to do during the day but it lets hovering parents keep track of kids whereabouts on their phones, and text their kids.

A big problem with gadgets is connectivity, said Muggler, founder and CEO of AmbyGear. A product looks great, but then people find out that it's a hassle connecting it to their other devices.

"With watches and fitness bands, the No. 1 problem is still connectivity," Muggler said.

So with AmbyGear it's all built in, everything works right out of the box, Muggler said. The SIM card installed works in

100 countries around the world. The watch syncs with your other devices, no matter what carrier you have.

Because it's a kids watch, it's durable, thick and rubberized, almost impossible to damage, and waterproof. It charges wirelessly. There are no connections, everything is sealed.

Another point of Muggler's — the watch has unlimited data for just \$15 a month. He keeps the cost down by eliminating things like video which uses a lot of bandwidth.

### The Ultimate Cushion

John Ham and T.K. Chun came all the way from South



PHOTOS BY JIM KNOWLES

**Yves Perrenoud explains the SkunkLock he invented at the Hardwarecon conference in San Leandro.**

Korea to demonstrate their product, which might be the most advanced mattress in history. Their company, SOLUID (solid plus fluid), makes cushions made up of cells.

When more pressure is applied to a certain area, it gives, sending the pressure throughout the rest of the cushion. It's based on Pascal's Principal, Chun said.

To demonstrate, they let you lie on a mattress with a tennis ball in the middle. On a regular mattress, you would be uncomfortable with the tennis ball jabbing you in the back. But on their mattress you barely feel the ball. The mattress gives, so it's contoured to your body, so it's ideal for a pregnant woman, Chun said.

### World's Safest Backpack

Gandharv Bakshi, CEO and co-founder of Lumos Design Technology, unveiled what he calls the world's safest bicycle backpack at a presentation. The backpack looks like something from NASA. It has built-in turn signals, brake lights that go on

when it senses deceleration, and crash-sensor alert.

Bakshi said his company designed the Aster backpack to solve the problem of bicycle safety and part of the proceeds go to bicycle coalitions and bike safety advocacy.

### Show Up and Make Sure It Works

In one panel discussion, top executives from tech firms gave a few pointers. Some of the advice would apply to any business — things like paying attention to the little details, and not missing your appointment.

"You're given time with Amazon, and you're not there?" said one expert.

Another pointer was to make sure your invention works when you show it. Even the sharpest people in the high tech field mess things up. You'll have the attention of a company like Google, and then...

"It just doesn't work," said Dan Feld, head of developer relations, strategy and VC programs at Google. "And they'll say, 'Oh, this never happens!'"

## Bands to Play at Cafe Bethel Fundraiser

Cafe Bethel at Bethel Community Presbyterian Church, 14235 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro, will have its annual fundraiser for the April Showers program on Saturday, April 22, at 5 p.m.

Come and hear the music by a wide variety of bands, including Purple Smoke and Circle Soul, plus The Gnarly Men, and the Oakland East Bay Gay Men's Chorus, and more.

The April Showers program provides showers and clean clothing to local homeless people on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month.

Suggested donation to the

fundraiser is \$10 and a pair of new athletic socks.

## County Library Installs Kid-Friendly Learning Tablets

Alameda County residents can now check out kid-friendly learning tablets called Playaway Launchpads at the Alameda County Library.

The tablets, designed for kids 3 to 10 years old, are pre-loaded with ad-free apps that are educational and fun. The tablets provide children and families with an interactive curriculum that fosters early learning and literacy.

The pilot program is funded by the Alameda County Library Foundation and is available at the Alameda County Library's San Lorenzo branch, 395 Paseo Grande.

Library cardholders can borrow the tablets for three weeks, at no cost. The pre-loaded tablets are designed for libraries and

don't require an internet connection for use. Each tablet has a protective rubber bumper to ensure durability and withstand use by multiple users.

The learning tablets are the latest of many technological offerings available to library patrons. Just last month the library launched a new wi-fi hotspot lending program that provides unlimited, high-speed Internet service anywhere AT&T provides data coverage.

The Hotspot lending program is perfect for families and students without Internet access at home. The Playaway Launchpads now join the iPads and laptops that patrons can use at several branches of the Alameda County Library.

## City's Easter Egg Hunt Set for April 15

The City of San Leandro will host its annual Egg Hunt for children ages 10 and under on Saturday, April 15, at 10 a.m. sharp at Marina Park, rain or shine.

The egg hunt is free and open to the public. Children should arrive with their own basket. Egg hunts will be divided into age

appropriate groups. A visit from the bunny is expected, so bring a camera for photos.

This egg hunt is being made possible by a donation from the San Leandro Optimist Club.

For information, call the Recreation and Human Services Department at 577-3462.

## Killed: Middle of downtown and no witnesses

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the driver have given the police an account of the collision.

The incident took place in daylight at one of the busiest intersections in downtown San Leandro. Police are looking for

anyone who witnessed the collision or who has cell phone or security footage that may have captured the incident.

Anyone with information is asked to call Officer Chris Albert at 577-3208.



**SOLUID general manager T.K. Chun demonstrates the company's innovative mattress.**



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# AUTOMOTIVE

## Sonata Sports Affordable Midsize Style

By Steve Schaefer  
San Leandro Times

**T**he Sonata is Hyundai's midsize sedan, and, in its seventh generation, has become a popular option for folks willing to stray from the longtime midsize champs from Japan — the Honda Accord and Toyota Camry. My Shale Gray Metallic tester kept a low profile. Since moving from the flashier styling of the last generation, the car is in stealth mode as it prowls our roads and highways. The Sport model does flaunt a sport-tuned suspension and good-looking 18-inch alloy wheels.

Inside, you enjoy silvery accents on high-quality plastic panels, a smooth, sensuous D-shaped steering wheel, and sit in generously proportioned leather chairs with "Turbo" embossed into their upper cushions. The instrument panel, with simple white-on-black letters and numbers, glows a sharp, clear

blue — easy for those of us with a little red/green colorblindness to read. Looking out over the cleanly styled dash, you may not notice — but will appreciate — the virtually invisible windshield wipers.

The Sonata, like other Hyundais I've tested, connected to my phone with Bluetooth quickly and easily. A heated steering wheel was welcome on cold mornings. Smart cruise lets you set a specific following distance from the car ahead, and the Sonata slows down and accelerates to maintain the distance. It's a great answer to the kind of inattention that automated features can bring. You can see it as another way that cars are getting more autonomous.

All Sonatas come with four-cylinder engines. The standard engine is the 2.4-liter Theta II GDI engine, which puts out a reasonable 185 horsepower and 178 lb.-ft. of torque. There's a 1.6-liter turbo in the Eco model, which gets the highest fuel

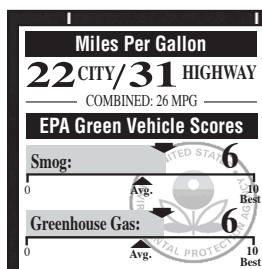
economy numbers. But my Sport test car had the 2.0-liter turbocharged four, which hustles the car down the road with 245 horsepower and 260 lb.-ft. of torque.

The 2.0-liter turbo comes in a Sport or the Limited model. The latter contains more luxury and features, at nearly \$8,000 more on the price tag, which makes the Sport a more "sporting" proposition. It may be the midrange choice but it's loaded with premium stuff, such as chrome outside door handles with lights, rear diffuser and quad chrome tailpipe finishers, dual automatic climate control, aluminum pedals and fancy door sill plates.

This engine, along with the standard 2.4-liter, comes only with a six-speed SHIFTRONIC automatic. Years ago, midsize cars occasionally offered manual transmissions in their sportier models, but those days are long gone. Who would those few buyers be? The automatic is, as you'd expect, unobtrusive.

Midsize cars get reasonable fuel economy. The latest data you'll find on fueleconomy.gov says that my Tester was rated at 22 City, 31 Highway, and 26 Combined by the EPA. The website also showed that the original rating of 23, 32, and 26 was slightly downgraded — a news story you may have heard about when it happened. In my week of driving, I achieved a more than acceptable 24.9 mpg.

On one 85-mile freeway excursion, I averaged 29.9 mpg — quite excellent considering



The 2017 Sonata starts at \$21,600, excluding the \$835 freight charge,

which is \$150 less than last year and makes it the most afford-

able midsize sedan (when compared with competitors

equipped with some form of automated transmission).



the Sonata's huge passenger and cargo capacity. It may be a midsize, but it has full-size room, according to the EPA — 106 cubic feet of passenger space and 16 cubic feet of cargo capacity. These EPA figures are much more like subcompact car numbers. EPA Green scores are 6 for Smog and 6 for Greenhouse Gas. The Sonata with the standard 2.4-liter four improves on these, with a pair of 7s, and earns the EPA's Smartway designation. That's not the car I tested, but you do have that option.

The Sonata contains nearly half U.S. and Canadian components, and it's also assembled right here in the good old U.S.A., in a plant in Montgomery, Alabama. Significantly, the engine and transmission — the heart of the car — are part of that 48 percent North American content.

This tester was a late 2016 model, the second year of the 7th generation, so not much was changed from the '15s. It did include enhanced safety with the



The 2017 Sonata is available with many comfort and convenience features like the 8-inch navigation display.

Automatic Emergency Braking system. Now, instead of simply being warned that a collision is imminent, the car steps in to help prevent it.

For '16, the firm suspension uses more aluminum components for improved handling. Hyundai added a 7-inch color touchscreen display, with Android Auto, too.

The 2017 models are out now, and, though little changed, do include the new Dynamic

Bending Light (DBL) headlamps, which help illuminate what's around curves and corners when you're on the road at night.

My Sport 2.0T, with only carpeted floor mats as an option, came to \$29,885. Pricing for '16 models started at \$22,585 for the SE and moves up to the Limited, at \$34,990, putting the Sport right in the middle. All prices shown include destination charges.

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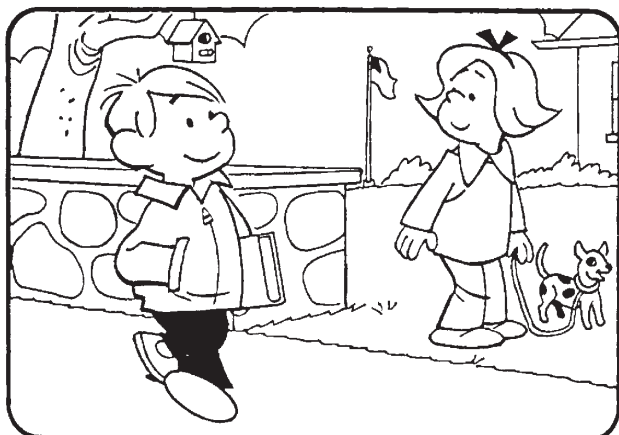
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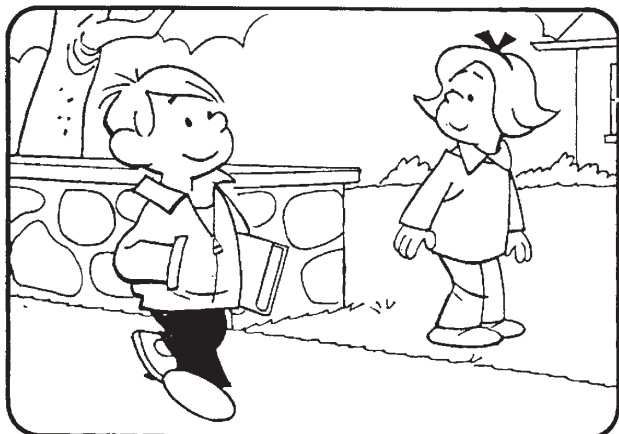


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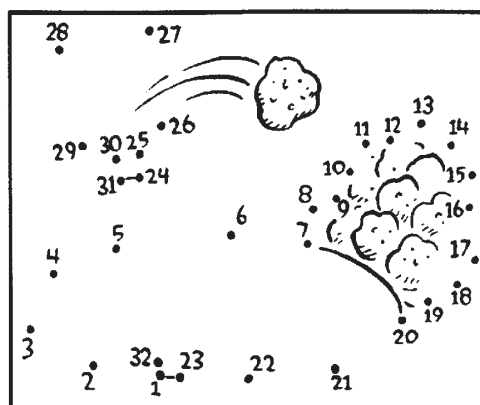
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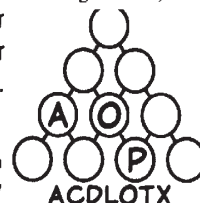
CONNECT THE DOTS and find out what grows bigger the more you take away from it.

Answer: A hole in the ground.

**TRY MOWING DOWN THIS PUZZLE!** Replace the letters in this AlphaMath puzzle with the digits 0, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 so that you have a correct addition problem. The same letters get the same digits. Can you get a higher total than we did?

Our Answer: S=1, E=9, D=0, F=2, A=5, I=8, N=6, L=4, W=7, (1990 + 2586 = 4576).

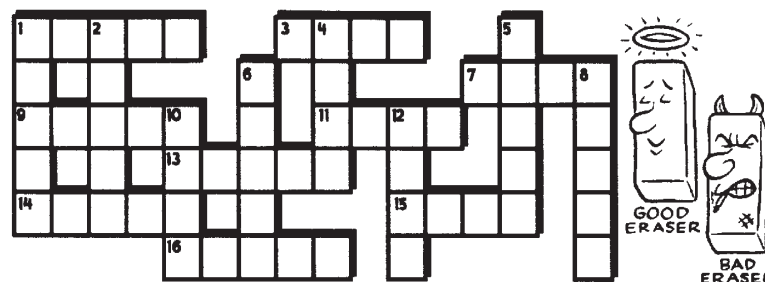
**CHAIN REACTION!** Take the seven letters printed below our diagram and place them in the circles so that eight four-letter words can be read top to bottom along the connecting lines. All the words will begin with the letter in the top circle.



Answers: Top to bottom, left to right: Coax, coat, coot, coop, clod, clod, clod, clod.



#### A FILL-IN PUZZLE



Pictured above is a crossword puzzle grid. Below are the 17 words that you'll need to complete the puzzle using the trial-and-error method. Keep a good eraser handy!

AGES	BAKED	ICED
ACHED	BENCH	KEEPS
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Answers: (Across) 1. Badge, 3. Ajar, 7. Ages, 9. Keeps, 11. Iced, 13. Owner, 14. Domed, 15. Bade, 16. Ached, 17. Dream, 2. Dream, 4. Fair, 5. Agate, 6. Bench, 8. Salon, 10. Soda, 12. Ebbs.



## HEALTH &amp; FITNESS



Athlete's foot is a skin disease caused by a fungus, usually occurring between the toes.

## Athlete's Foot: How to Avoid It

**A**thlete's foot is a skin disease caused by a fungus, usually occurring between the toes. The fungus most commonly attacks the feet because shoes create a warm, dark and humid environment which encourages fungus growth.

Not all fungus conditions are athlete's foot. Other conditions, such as disturbances of the sweat mechanism, reaction to dyes or adhesives in shoes, eczema and psoriasis, may mimic athlete's foot.

### Causes

The warmth and dampness of areas around swimming pools, showers and locker rooms are also breeding grounds for fungi. Because the infection was common among athletes who used these facilities frequently, the term "athlete's foot" became popular.

### Symptoms:

- Dry skin
- Itching and burning, which may increase as the infection spreads
- Scaling
- Inflammation
- Blisters, which often lead to cracking of the skin.

When blisters break, small raw areas of tissue are exposed, causing pain and swelling.

Athlete's foot may spread to the soles of the feet and toenails.

It can be spread to other parts of the body, notably the groin and underarms, by those who scratch the infection and then touch themselves elsewhere. The organisms causing athlete's foot may persist for long periods. Consequently, the infection may be spread by contaminated bed sheets or clothing to other parts of the body.

### When to Visit a Podiatrist

If an apparent fungus condition does not respond to proper foot hygiene and there is no improvement within two weeks, consult a podiatrist.

Your podiatrist will determine if a fungus is the cause of the problem. If it is, a specific treatment plan, including the prescription of antifungal medication, applied topically or taken by mouth, will usually be suggested.

Fungicidal and fungistatic chemicals, used for athlete's foot treatment, frequently fail to con-

tact the fungi in the layers of the skin. Therefore, topical or oral antifungal drugs are prescribed with growing frequency.

If the infection is caused by bacteria, antibiotics that are effective against a broad spectrum of bacteria, such as penicillin, may be prescribed.

It is important to keep the feet dry by dusting foot powder in shoes and hose. The feet should be bathed frequently and all areas around the toes dried thoroughly.

If someone in your family

develops athlete's foot, disinfect home showers and tubs after each use to discourage transmission of infection.

### Prevention

It is not easy to prevent athlete's foot because it is usually contracted in dressing rooms, showers and swimming pool locker rooms where bare feet come in contact with the fungus. However, you can do much to prevent infection by practicing good foot hygiene:

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## Let's Have a Tick Talk

**T**he Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that 300,000 people are diagnosed with Lyme disease in the U.S. every year. However, because diagnosing Lyme can be difficult, many people who actually have it may be misdiagnosed with other conditions. Many experts believe the true number of cases is much higher.

Lyme disease affects people of all ages. The CDC notes that it is most common in children, older adults, and others such as firefighters and park rangers who spend time in outdoor activities and have higher exposure to ticks.

Lyme is called "The Great Imitator," because its symptoms mimic many other diseases. It can affect any organ of the body, including the brain and nervous system, muscles and joints, and the heart.

Patients with Lyme disease are frequently misdiagnosed with chronic fatigue syndrome, fibromyalgia, multiple sclerosis, and various psychiatric illnesses, including depression. This may delay the correct diagnosis and treatment as the underlying infection progresses unchecked.

Patients treated with appropriate antibiotics in the early stages of Lyme disease usually recover rapidly and completely.

### How Do People Get Lyme Disease?

Most people get Lyme from the bite of an immature tick about the size of a poppy seed. Not all ticks are infected. Because they are so tiny and their bite is painless, many people do not even realize they have been bitten.

Once a tick has attached, if undisturbed, it may feed for several days. The longer it stays attached, the more likely it will transmit the Lyme and other pathogens into your bloodstream.

If pregnant women are infected, they sometimes pass Lyme disease to their unborn children and, while not common, stillbirth has occurred.

Lyme disease has been found all across the U.S., with a particularly high incidence on the East and West coasts. Rates have increased significantly over time. Some of this increase likely reflects growing public awareness of the disease.

### Symptoms

Symptoms of early Lyme disease may present as flu-like (fever, chills, sweats, muscle aches, fatigue, nausea and joint pain). Some patients may have a rash or Bell's palsy (facial drooping).

A rash shaped like a bull's-eye is considered characteristic

of Lyme disease. However, many people develop a different kind of rash or none at all.

### Preventing Tick Bites

Reducing exposure to ticks is the best defense against Lyme.

While it is a good idea to take preventive measures against ticks year-round, be extra vigilant in warmer months (April–September) when ticks are most active.

Avoid wooded and brushy areas with high grass and leaf litter. Walk in the center of trails.

Use repellents that contain 20 to 30 percent DEET on exposed skin and clothing, and always follow product instructions.

Bathe or shower as soon as possible after coming indoors (preferably within 2 hours) to wash off and more easily find ticks. Conduct a full-body tick check using a hand-held or full-length mirror to view all parts of your body upon return from tick-infested areas.

Examine gear and pets. Ticks can ride into the home on clothing and pets, then attach to a person later, so carefully examine pets, coats, and day packs.

Tumble dry clothes in a dryer on high heat for 10 minutes to kill ticks on dry clothing after you come indoors.

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# REAL ESTATE GALLERY



## REAL ESTATE REALITY

By Carl Medford, CRS  
Special to the Times

GUEST COMMENTARY



### Listing Pictures Cause Buyer Anxiety

In this age of increasing internet transparency, a troubling question is emerging. While appearing simple on the surface, the more you dig in, the deeper the implications become.

The question? What happens to listing pictures after the sale?

An agent called me in a conundrum. He'd pulled out all the stops on a listing for property preparation and photography. When totaled, the bill for staging, pictures and 3D was in the thousands. He'd been willing to pay, knowing, as a business person, the pictures would serve many purposes.

First, they'd help sell the home. Buyer patterns have changed and demand to examine prospective properties online to determine whether they'll visit in person is increasing.

With 3D tours, buyers can "walk through" a home from the comfort of their own living room. By combining 3D with quality

pictures and extensive property prep, you provide a compelling case for buyers to show up.

Second, once the sale is complete, agents and appraisers use the online pictures to establish values for subsequent sales. It's critical to view pictures from previous sales to establish property condition and upgrades. Nothing is more frustrating than to find a comparable property and discover that the interior pictures have been removed.

Third, some agents are willing to spend considerable sums on pictures knowing they'll function as "online billboards," helping secure additional listings.

Prospective sellers look online for pictures of previous area sales to help determine whom they might interview as potential listing agents. With no pictures, an agent might lose an opportunity.

Which brings us back to the listing agent's conundrum.

After the close of escrow, the

buyers contacted him, demanding that all interior pictures from all online portals be removed. They did not want anyone viewing the interior of their home.

The listing agent shared the reasons above and the fact that the previous sales of that home had similar pictures still online. He also pointed out that other identical models in the neighborhood had their pictures still showing as well. He further clarified that the pictures showed the staging and in no way revealed any of the new buyer's belongings. Lastly, he explained that the pictures belonged to him and he therefore had a right to display them.

The buyers, undaunted by his explanations, remained adamant in their demands, citing personal reasons and potential safety concerns.

If you were the listing agent, what would you do?

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## Prepare Now for Natural Disasters

By Jason Alderman  
Special to the Times

Next Tuesday, April 18, will be the 111th anniversary of the great San Francisco earthquake.

Natural disasters are inevitable, unpreventable and often come without warning. No part of the world seems to be spared, whether it's a hurricane, earthquake, tornado, drought or flood.

Even though such catastrophes can't always be predicted, their likely aftermaths often can, including property loss, power or water service disruption, scarcity of food and supplies or overtaxed relief organizations.

By planning ahead and knowing what you might need under dire circumstances, you can save yourselves a lot of time, money and grief.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) offers great suggestions for developing a family emergency plan, building an emergency supply kit, and learning what to do before, during and after emergencies — even a plan for family pets ([www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)).

Once your physical safety has been assured, you'll inevitably need to access important financial and legal records, whether to file insurance claims, apply for loans or simply withdraw cash. Taking these few steps now will make accessing such information much easier when the time comes:

Create a log of all account numbers, toll-free emergency numbers, contact information and passwords for your bank and credit card accounts, loans, insurance policies, utilities and other important accounts.

Update it regularly and save copies in secure, offsite locations such as a safety deposit box or with a trusted friend living in another area. You can also email the list to yourself in an encrypted, password-protected file, save it on a CD or USB drive, or use a cloud-based storage service like Dropbox that will let you access it from any internet connection.

Make PDF copies of tax returns, insurance policies and legal documents and save offsite in the same manner as above, in case your files or computer are destroyed by fire or flood. Also make digital copies of invaluable family photos, documents and memorabilia that money can't replace.

Document your possessions. If you should ever need to file an insurance claim or claim a tax deduction for lost, stolen or damaged property, it'll be much easier if you have an inventory of everything you own — photos or videotape are even better. Here are a few available tools:

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# Worms Riddle Radishes; Lavender Thrives on Neglect

By Buzz Bertolero  
The Dirt Gardener

**Q** How do I get rid of the worms in my radishes? They've been a problem the last couple of years.

**A** The Vegetable Root Maggot is the white worm that attacks radishes, turnips, carrots and onions in addition to cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower and Brussels sprouts.

With the root crops, the maggots bore into and damage the edible part of the plant. With above-ground crops, they tunnel into the below-ground stems and larger roots, severing the supply of water and nutrients to the plant(s).

Yellow or wilted leaves are often a sign of the problem; however, by then, it's usually too late to save the plants.

The maggots thrive in cool, moist weather so it's a problem in the early spring as the rainy season concludes, and again in the late fall. They can overwinter in the soil in the pupa stage. In the spring, the adults emerge and lay their eggs at the base of the host plant(s) and are very good at detecting newly planted areas.

The adults are a dark ash-gray color, about one-quarter of an inch long, and look like the common housefly, only smaller.

Thankfully, they can be controlled in a number of ways without having to use any chemicals.

Radishes are a short-term crop, usually maturing in 30 days, so there is a simple solution.

You can avoid the problem by postponing the planting until mid-spring when the rainy season has concluded. Also, never plant when the yellow mustard is blooming. This is when the adult fly is emerging from the ground.

With other longer-maturing crops, rotate the plantings to a different location each season and apply beneficial nematodes to the soil. The nematodes will seek and destroy the soil pupa and or maggots.

Plant debris should be removed and or rototilled under immediately after harvesting to destroy the overwintering site.

Another option is to place Yellow Sticky Traps in the area. The traps will capture many of the adult flies before they can mate and lay eggs.



Lavender plants typically have a short life span of five years.

**Q** Three years ago, we planted several English lavender plants. They are full and bushy but they get no water except when we periodically drag a hose to them. Right now, they get a lot of wear and tear from neglect. Should the flowers be trimmed off after blooming, and when is the best time to shape these plants?

**A** The old, spent lavender flowers should be removed along with the stems after blooming. The plant then could be lightly trimmed with a pair of hedge shears but don't prune them back to bare stems.

In most gardens, lavender plants have a short life span of no more than five years.

In our clay soil, the primary problem is the companion plants mixed with the lavenders. These plants require much more water and fertilizer while lavender plants thrive on neglect. So, I wouldn't change a thing you are currently doing or suggest anything different.

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- Document any damage with photos or video before you start cleanup or repairs.

- Keep track of expenses you incur to prevent further damage, for temporary housing or to move your possessions for safekeeping, as they may be reimbursable.

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# City to Spend Extra \$1 Million to Clean Streets

By Amy Sylvestri  
San Leandro Times

The streets of San Leandro may look a little neater in the coming months, as last month the City Council unanimously approved spending \$1 million over the next two years to create a program that will focus on fixing some daily annoyances around town.

The “Community Care Initiative” will divert funds to combat and clean up graffiti, broken sidewalks, and illegally dumped trash, among other blights, according to Jeff Kay, San Leandro’s assistant city manager.

Kay said that the \$1 million will be well spent, as the physical appearance of the city is a top

priority for many citizens, who are vocal when they see garbage or broken items.

“The Community Care Initiative is something different than what we’ve done and a bit unusual,” said Kay. “It really gets down to how our community looks.”

Kay recently told the City Council that the initiative will promote economic development, because the better the city looks, the more attractive it is to incoming businesses and residents, a problem he’s had when showing prospective businesses around town.

“There is no bigger problem than trying to convince a business owner to be here and seeing a broken window,” Kay said.

The project will be funded for the next two years, beginning on July 1 – the first day of the city’s fiscal year. If it proves successful, more money could be allotted in future budgets.

## App Created to Notify City Hall

Kay says that if the city isn’t aware of an issue, they can’t fix it. So, a major factor in the initiative is having the public let the city know what’s bothering them.

To that end, the city created the “MySL” app and website in January. You can download the application to your phone or visit the website (www.sanleandro.org).

People can take a picture of a

pothole or patch of weeds and tell the city the location easily, or do it the old-fashioned way by just calling on the phone.

Since the MySL application was launched, there have been about 250 accounts created and over 1,000 requests for assistance. The most common complaints are debris on the streets, streetlights out, pothole repairs, abandoned shopping carts, and illegal parking, according to the city.

About 80 percent of those complaints have been successfully addressed, according to Kay.

“My hope is that six months from now, we’ll be able to drive around the community and see the improvements,” Kay said.

# Eden Healthcare District to Stay In Operation

Move to dissolve Eden by politicians opposed by public

By Amy Sylvestri  
San Leandro Times

The Eden Healthcare District (EHD) will not be dissolved, having won a narrow 3-2 vote from the Alameda County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) on Tuesday night.

The LAFCo is an agency with county-wide jurisdiction that regulates changes proposed by other public agencies. The LAFCo board voted to accept a study they had commissioned on EHD and also not to take any action to dissolve the district.

But they asked the county staff to look into a way to stream-

The Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council went so far as to make a resolution to change the boundaries of the EHD to exclude San Leandro and Hayward and include only the unincorporated area – but that idea was dismissed by the LAFCo board.

In the end, two LAFCo members – Scott Haggerty and Sblend Sblendorio – voted against the motion to accept the EHD study and to not dissolve the district. They both said they didn’t want EHD’s cash to simply go to the county hospitals, but the district’s operations should be modified, not just discussed.

“I want to explore a more efficient way of delivering these services,” said Sblendorio. “But if dissolution means the money goes just to the hospitals, I won’t support that.”

LAFCo board member Ayn Wieskamp said that county and Eden staff need to come up with a solid plan that the LAFCo can support, since they both provide health services to Eden residents.

“I do believe the county could work more with Eden,” said Wieskamp. “You have the

“I don’t think that the district warrants dissolution.”

— Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley

line the services EHD provides and possibly work in some way with the Alameda Health System.

“I don’t think the district warrants dissolution,” said LAFCo board member Nate Miley. “But I do think a sphere of influence review is warranted.”

The scrutiny of EHD began when Alameda County Supervisor Wilma Chan, State Assemblymen Rob Bonta, and the City Councils of both San Leandro and Hayward petitioned for the dissolution of EHD, saying its services are redundant.

They wanted EHD’s funds – including \$31 million in real estate holdings – to be put into the county health system to shore up “safety net” hospitals including San Leandro Hospital and Highland Hospital.

At their prompting, as well as that of the Alameda County Grand Jury, LAFCo commissioned the study, which concluded that EHD provided a valuable service to the community, but could work more efficiently.

Response from the public – especially those in the unincorporated areas – has been soundly in favor of keeping EHD running as is, with many speakers stressing how important it is for the district to represent them, as they do not have the same representation or earmarked funds as cities.

“It’s insulting that (EHD) keeps having to justify itself,” said one woman who lives in the Fairview area.

— LAFCo Board Member Ayn Wieskamp

same goals.”

But LAFCo board member Georgean Vonheeder-Leopold was wary of some sort of merger with the county, saying she feared that involvement may make EHD’s operations more complicated, rather than less.

“The district is providing a service that may be diluted at the county level,” said Vonheeder-Leopold. “It always concerns me when a larger agency takes over because there is red tape.”

The results of the EHD’s upcoming discussions with the county will be presented to the LAFCo board, likely at its July meeting.

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■ Raul Valdivia (Oct. 9, 1925 – Apr. 8, 2017), 91, a longtime resident of Union City and Castro Valley, passed away on April 8. He will join his loving wife, Carmen, in heaven who passed away in 2015. Rudy is survived by his 3 sons, Carlos, Raul Jr. and Eddie; 3 daughters, Yolanda, Donna and Tisha; 2 daughters-in-law; 1 son-in-law; 9 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren. Services and viewing will be private. Donations can be made to Catholic Charities of the East Bay in his name.

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Frances was born on March 5, 1916 to Emilie and John Kozel in Pierce, Nebraska. Frances was the second born of four siblings, the late Bill Kozel, her loving brother, Joe Kozel of San Leandro and the late Ed Kozel.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bryan Carter; and her daughter, Patricia Shope. Frances is survived by her cherished grandson, Michael Shope, and her loving stepdaughter, Barbara Sherman. She is also lovingly remembered by many nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, and great-great nieces and great-great nephews. She leaves behind her very best friend, Diane Eatherly.

On September 19, 1943, Frances married Bryan Carter and lived in places from Hawaii to Germany. She resided in Texas for many years until Bryan’s passing on May 26, 1993. She later moved to San Leandro to live near her two brothers Joe and Ed.

Frances was active in the San Leandro Senior Center, where she belonged to the Sunshine Seniors and attended twice a week for 15 years for parties and activities. She also enjoyed many day trips around the Bay Area with the Travel Troupe. Frances loved being on the go, playing bingo, doing art projects and participating in exercise classes.

Frances lived a long and loving life and lived to be 101.

A Memorial Mass honoring her life will be held on Monday, April 24, at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Grace Church, 3433 Somerset Ave., in Castro Valley. Donations may be sent to the Susan G. Komen Cancer Foundation, Dept. 41831, P.O. Box 650309, Dallas, Texas, 75265 or [www.women.org](http://www.women.org).



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**'Shoreline Development: Perfect From Afar, Far from Perfect'**

Editor:

How unfortunate that very few people witnessed the blissful April 3 City Council meeting. Community members were given notice that the main topic of conversation would be the status of the shoreline development.

How amazing it was to witness the players: Cal-Coast Development (Ed Miller), community development director, the mayor, the city manager, and city council members. As a matter of fact, the only thing missing was a buffet dinner accompanied by strolling violins.

To conclude – Shoreline Development:

- Perfect from afar but far from perfect.
- Community Advisory Committee (CAC) possibly ruled in favor of the boats and not the development?
- Donations to council members from Cal-Coast Development to rule in Cal-Coast's favor?
- Will proposed changes from Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) generate a revised EIR? If not, why not?
- Once finalized, whenever that is, will the "conditions of approval" be made public?
- With the development, community subjected to noise, traffic, pollution, etc. The loss of a piece of serenity.
- Transparency?

—John Manuel  
San Leandro

**'Sea Level Rise Takes a Back Seat To Commuter Transportation'**

Editor:

Mr. Shoreline Development Cal Coast CEO, the fabulous Ed Miller, has made yet another of his copious appearances before the City Council. Reluctantly this time redesigning Shoreline Development with a sea level rise motif. After all, sea level rise is exponential and unstoppable.

Listen Ed: Since change is in order, we'd like you to design that pedestrian/car bridge over the entrance to the marina retractable so I can get my yacht in a boat slip. Oh that's right! Our once great, "Jewel in the San Leandro Crown" marina is being dismantled, removed forever, and left as a large saltwater tidal pond.

How could that be? Desperate measures in a desperate time.

I really want this latest incarnation of Shoreline Development to work Ed. Otherwise, without you, I fear all the City Council will be able to afford is a few new townhouses and a Denny's on the corner.

Sea level rise, as real as it is, takes a back seat to the needs of commuter transportation.

In light of our Bay Area's severe commuter crisis, don't be surprised when Governor Jerry Brown requires the use of the San Leandro Maltester Channel as necessary commuter traffic mitigation—using small personnel catamaran ferry transportation across the

bay. The upside is the federal government is required to dredge the channel entirely on its own dime.

Considering commuter traffic dire straights, it would almost be criminal not to include this in the plan.

Stay tuned, ladies and gentlemen, for the continuing saga of Shoreline Development. What a thing.

—Dwight Pitcaithley  
San Leandro

**Says Tenant Relocation Program Bad for Low-Income Tenants**

Editor:

In response to the letter by Mr. West ("Time to Expedite Tenant Relocation Assistance Program", *Letters*, April 6), I would like to explain why I believe TRAP (Tenant Relocation Assistant Program) is bad for tenants, in particular low-income tenants.

The proposal by City Councilman Lee Thomas and Tom Silva, a landlord lobbyist who has received thousands of city dollars through the "Homeless Compact" program, will have the effect of accelerating evictions. In particular, in the area near Bayfair, this fact is acknowledged by the city in the draft environmental report for the redevelopment of the mall.

The reason why this proposal will result in more tenants moving out is because it does not provide any protections against no-fault evictions. Meaning that landlords can and will continue to use math to figure out if evicting someone is more profitable than allowing them to stay.

Any proposed payments will not cover the cost of moving to a comparable unit, forcing families to relocate out of the city, thus creating a brand-new concept "Landlord Caused Eviction." Current state law makes it legal to put someone out for no reason. This proposal does not change that.

What Mr. West and Lee Thomas get completely wrong is that they both equate just cause with rent control. Those are simply two different ideas all together.

Just cause only means that tenants have the security of knowing they cannot be evicted from their home unless they break the lease or don't pay the rent.

Just cause does not require the city to spend any money—there is no rent board to file paperwork with, it simply allows tenants a day in court where a judge can look at the facts.

There is one thing I want to get off my chest: Leo West has a well-earned reputation as his past statements in public and in this paper have been bigoted and repulsive.

I suppose I can count myself lucky that I was only attacked as a "Democrat." Well, I want to take this moment to thank everyone in District 18 for electing me as your representative in the Alameda Democratic Central Committee, where I speak for tenants, and have succeeded in passing a resolution affirming that Democrats believe in rent control and just cause.

—Guillermo Elenes  
San Leandro

**Healthcare: Calls for Public to Support State Senate Bill 562**

Editor:

The Republican's failed attempt to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act is an insult to the American people.

The Congressional Budget Office estimated as many as 20 million people would have been without healthcare by 2020. Retired folks with an income of \$26,500 would have paid over half their yearly income in premiums while the wealthy would have had their taxes significantly reduced.

House Majority Leader Paul Ryan had the temerity to call this an act of mercy and a fight for freedom.

Yet, the ACA is not really, nor ever has been, the answer. In 2015 under the ACA, 29 million people did not have healthcare coverage while another 31 million were under-insured. High deductibles and high copays prevented them from seeking care.

Despite this, 62 percent of all bankruptcies were due to medical debt with 75 percent of those being people with healthcare. America, with its vast wealth, ranks 37th in healthcare outcomes behind Slovenia. We pay more than our European counterparts and receive far less with worse results. Our infant mortality is the highest of any industrialized nation.

America can do better. The American people deserve better.

As an RN for over 35 years, daily witnessing the suffering caused by such inadequate public policies, I have had enough. The inherent inequality of those who can pay more getting more, versus those who cannot getting far less is an unacceptable reality in American healthcare. Martin Luther King, Jr. stated, "Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in healthcare is the most shocking and inhumane."

Here in California we have the answer, the only moral choice appropriate for all Americans—SB 562. When enacted, it will guarantee that every California resident will receive comprehensive healthcare services. Covered benefits will include preventative services to keep people healthy. All emergency services, surgeries, hospital stays, outpatient doctor visits, home healthcare, hospice, vision and dental services will be covered. This bill has been crafted to care for all Californians in a way that is financially sustainable.

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And, finally, sign up with the Campaign For A Healthy California at [www.HealthyCA.org](http://www.HealthyCA.org). It costs absolutely nothing and will guide you to what you can do. Please join me to help make this a reality for all Californians.

—Lisa LaFave, RN  
San Leandro

**What's Being Done to Bring Sessions and Flynn to Justice?**

Editor:

What consequences does a person face if he/she lies during sworn testimony to the Senate? Do the conse-

quences for perjury apply to government officials, including the chief law enforcement officer, Attorney General Jeff Sessions?

During his confirmation hearing, under oath, he said he had no contact with Russian officials during Trump's campaign, to which he was an advisor. That was untrue. Subsequently, Sessions tried to minimize his perjury by saying he hadn't met with Russians as Trump's representative.

Does subsequent redefining of untrue statements absolve the perjurer from culpability? If not, what is the Senate doing to seek just consequences? If Sessions can lie to the Senate under oath without consequence, then

anyone's oath to tell the truth becomes a meaningless gesture.

Similarly, ex-National-Security-Advisor Michael Flynn broke the law when he failed to disclose his lobbyist arrangement for the Government of Turkey while also serving in an official U.S. government position. After this violation was uncovered, he belatedly submitted a disclosure form.

Does post-factual disclosure absolve Flynn of criminal culpability? If so, then no one would be required to follow the law unless they were caught. If not, what is being done to bring Flynn to justice and consequence?

—Bruce Joffe  
Piedmont

## INQUIRING REPORTER

## Ever worry about a nuclear war?

— Asked at the San Leandro BART Station

Yeah, this week I'm worried.

There are two narcissistic, ill-informed, poor thinkers in charge of two countries with nuclear weapons – North Korea and the United States.

**David Harcos**  
Alameda



Yes, I'm very religious and I believe nuclear war parallels with some of the things that will come to pass, possibly soon.

**Rev. Bridgette Smith**  
San Francisco



No, not that I'm not afraid of it and not that we don't have the most ego-centric president on Earth. It's just that it would be too devastating – the potential for destruction too awful. It's a matter of self-preservation. We wouldn't want it to happen to us.

**Jill Warner**  
Sheffield Village



Somewhat, because our current president is provocative and seems to speak without thinking, therefore he may provoke an unstable leader in a country such as North Korea.

**Rick Shehee**  
Hayward



I'm not sure it's likely but it's definitely a worry. The Bay Area would be a target because of all that we have here.

**Carter Scovill**  
San Leandro





## Marina: Office building out of the picture

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restaurant, hotel, and homes that have long been planned for the shoreline will all be at least 100 feet from the water and the harbor around the marina will be solely comprised of park land, a pedestrian promenade, a boat launch, plazas, and parking spots.

"BCDC did us a big favor as far as I'm concerned," said Councilwoman Deborah Cox, who said the new plan provided park space that her constituents were worried about losing.

The BCDC has been a wrench in the works for the marina project before. In 2012, the BCDC killed Cal-Coast's original plan to build a restaurant on stilts at the marina.

Miller's new plan also does

away with the 250,000-square-foot office building that had been in previous drafts of the shoreline plan, as Miller said that they don't feel there will be interest from tenants for the office space for at least another five or six years.

"The market for the office isn't quite there yet," said Miller.

As in previous drafts of the shoreline plan, there are still plans to reconfigure the golf course and there is \$2 million in next year's city budget for the reconstruction of the Mulford-Marina branch of the library.

Miller also said they will build 150 single family homes east of Monarch Bay Drive, townhouses, and a large apartment complex of up to five

stories near the southern end of the property.

Cal-Coast has a commitment from Hyatt for a 200 room hotel (half extended stay rooms) on the northern end of the marina, near where the El Torito restaurant is today. The El Torito will likely be gone when their lease expires in 2019, according to Deputy City Manager Eric Engelbart.

Also in that area, there will be a restaurant and banquet hall harkening back of the glory days of the Blue Dolphin – the city played up the nostalgia factor, displaying an old menu from the Blue Dolphin restaurant that listed a steak dinner at \$3.

The Marina Inn and Horatio's are staying, and Horatio's management told Miller they may remodel to fit in with the area's

new look.

Miller said there will be parking all around the harbor, most prominently a two-deck parking complex with up to 1,000 spaces.

The City Council also gave Miller a wish list for amenities for the shoreline, including a dog park, roof-top bar, sundries shop, and butterfly sanctuary.

Five years ago at another shoreline update meeting, the city estimated that construction at the shoreline would begin in 2016. On Monday night, Miller told the council he thinks they'll break ground in about nine months. That pleased the council, who all said they are eager to see the marina be transformed.

"We've never been that close," said Mayor Pauline Cutler.



## San Leandran Named 2017 Rowell Rodeo Queen

Megan Stevens, 22, of San Leandro was crowned Rowell Ranch Rodeo Queen Saturday night in a competition based on poise, personality, interview skills and horsemanship. A graduate of Dublin High School, she attended Cal State East Bay. Stevens will receive more than \$1,000 in scholarships and prizes, and will reign over the 2017 Rodeo, which runs May 19-21.

## Redwood 4-H to Host Open House

Redwood 4-H club is having an informational open house on Thursday, April 13, at 7 p.m. at Canyon Middle School, 19600 Cull Canyon Road in Castro Valley (meet in the cafeteria). Many projects will be on display. Come for fun, food and to see what 4-H is all about.

Past and present club projects have included rocketry, vet science, rabbits, beading, swine, public speaking, archery, horse,

dog training/service dog, sheep, baking. Every year is different, based upon adult volunteers.

4-H started over 100 years ago and has become our nation's largest developmental non-profit organization for boys and girls, ages 5-19.

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## San Leandro Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan Update



## Take Our Online Survey!

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Actualización del Plan Maestro Para Ciclistas y Peatones  
Comparta sus ideas e inquietudes sobre caminar, montar en bicicleta y acceder al transporte público en San Leandro.

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**His Story**  
A Dramatic Easter Musical

April 8 & 15  
2:30pm

April 9  
6:00pm

April 13 & 14  
7:30pm

[www.3crosses.org](http://www.3crosses.org)

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at church's Cafe 4. General Seating \$5 (suggested donation).

## Learn to Display At East Bay Rose Society Meeting

Learn how to do show stopping displays of roses for home or exhibition at the East Bay Rose Society's meeting on Wednesday, April 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave. in Oakland. There will be demonstrations and how-to tips. Enjoy snacks, meet people who talk roses and enjoy the show.



Join us for the  
**Community Roundtables**  
about the Community Identifier Projects  
in San Lorenzo & Ashland/Cherryland!

## Attend the Roundtable in Your Community!

Free, open to the public. All ages welcome.

The Community Identifier project involves designing and hand-painting the name of your community along with other simple design elements on a freeway overpass.

**Ashland/Cherryland**  
Wed., April 26, 6:00-7:30pm  
Ashland Place  
16385 E. 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
San Leandro, 94578

**San Lorenzo**  
Tues., May 2, 6:00-7:30pm  
San Lorenzo Library  
395 Paseo Grande  
San Lorenzo, 94580

Everyone is invited! Come to the Roundtable to –

- Hear about the Community Identifier projects
- Share your thoughts about your community and how those should be reflected in the designs of the Community Identifier
- Meet the Artist Semi-Finalists who will make design proposals

For more information, visit: Alameda County Arts Commission at [www.acgov.org/arts](http://www.acgov.org/arts) ("What's New")