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Well-known San Lorenzo UPS driver Keith Barros, known as “The Mayor of San Lorenzo,” retired from the job this month.

‘Mayor of San Lorenzo’ Retires from Route

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

After more than 30 years on his San Lorenzo route, United Parcel Service (UPS) delivery driver Keith Barros is hanging up his brown uniform and retiring.

Barros is sometime called the “Mayor of San Lorenzo” because he’s so well known

around town – both for delivering his packages along Hesperian and Lewelling boulevards and for being a frequent speaker at San Lorenzo Village Homes Association meetings.

“For better or worse, I’m probably the most recognized person in the zip code,” said Barros. “People are always very friendly.”

Barros, 65, delivered his last package earlier this month after more than 30 years with UPS and 25 on the San Lorenzo route.

“There could have been no better job for me,” said Barros, who applied to UPS back in 1982 because a friend of his recommended it as a good place to work. “The rest is

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Dems Rally Against Trump Policies

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

A San Leandro contingent joined towns across the country last Friday to protest the election of President Donald Trump.

A crowd met at the San Leandro BART Station and marched to City Hall for a rally organized by the San Leandro Democratic Club, along with the Democratic clubs from Hayward and Castro Valley. A second march arrived from San Leandro High to bolster the rally.

Former City Councilman Jim Prola told the crowd that since

Trump supports more coal-fired power maybe he’s in favor of asthma. Prola then reminded the crowd that the president had said the election is rigged.

“Yeah it was,” Prola said. “By the Russians and Trump.”

Prola told the crowd, if you want a more progressive policies, get active, attend town hall meetings, apply for boards and commissions, and run for office.

City Councilwoman Corina Lopez spoke about San Leandro

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PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Despite the rain over a hundred people turned out for the march and rally in protest of President Trump.

Davis Street Repays City Loan

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

The Davis Street Family Resource Center has paid off the \$1.5 million it owed the City of San Leandro for a loan that came due last summer.

The city gave Davis Street the loan in 2014 to help Davis Street start a medical clinic for the needy. The due date for the loan to be repaid was last June, but Davis Street only paid back the interest.

The city subsequently offered Davis Street an extension to Oct. 31, a deadline that passed with no repayment.

City manger Chris Zapata praised Davis Street’s charitable works, but said that because the loan comes from taxpayer dollars, the city had to insist on repayment.

ple in the community.

Johnson said she was overly optimistic about how long it would take to get the clinic up and running. The original plan was for the city to front the cash and for

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No Change To Honors Classes at SL High

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

Honors classes will continue to be offered at San Leandro High despite a rumor that spread on social media that said the classes were being eliminated.

Each year, the teachers consider various options for classes in the next year’s curriculum

The English department recently discussed whether honors English is necessary if advanced placement (AP) English was also being offered, according to Dr. Rosanna Mucetti, the San Leandro school district’s deputy superintendent.

Ultimately, they decided to keep the courses as they are, including honors English. But the rumor spread to students,

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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.

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SLZ Library Poetry And Prose Contest Invitation to Writers

The San Lorenzo Library, 395 Paseo Grande in San Lorenzo, is seeking submissions for an reading in March: "Now That's What I Call Writing!"

Send your best poetry, creative nonfiction or fiction. While excerpts of longer pieces are welcome, please keep your submission to 1,500 words. If you are sending poetry, please send two to four pieces.

Winners will be invited to read at the San Lorenzo Library on Sunday, March 12, from 2 to 4 p.m., alongside the Library's Peer Writers' Group leader, Rosa del Duca, and featured local author, Juan Alvarado Valdivia.

Email your work to slzka-leidoscope@gmail.com making sure to put "March Reading Submission" in the subject line. All submissions received will be read.

In the interest of fairness, please ensure there is no identifying information on the document you attach to your email. Make sure to submit a .doc or .docx format.

If you are sending poems, put them in one document. Work will be accepted through Feb. 1.

For more information, call the San Lorenzo Library at 284-0640 or visit aclibrary.org or facebook.com/sanlorenzolibary.

Pasta Dinner to Benefit School Theater Programs

The Under The Big Top Annual Dinner & Auction to benefit San Leandro school district theatre programs will be this Saturday from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Banroft Middle School gym.

The evening will be full of entertainment and fun the whole family can enjoy. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door for all-you-can-eat pasta, salad and bread.



The Harmony Fusion Chorus will host an open rehearsal for women singers.

Women's Chorus Welcomes Singers To Come to an Open Rehearsal

Harmony Fusion Chorus will host a special open rehearsal night as part of SAI's Global Open House Month on Monday, Jan. 30, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Hill and Valley Women's Club, 1808 B St. in Hayward.

The chorus is looking to add women who love to sing and are enthusiastic about competing and improving their vocal skills. This special rehearsal is open to interested singers 14 and over of all ages, backgrounds and singing

ability. Any woman of average singing ability, with or without vocal training, will find a part that fits her voice range with the help of the chorus' musical leaders and director.

Harmony Fusion Chorus is an award-winning women's acapella barbershop show chorus and a chapter of Sweet Adelines International (SAI), an organization of nearly 23,000 women worldwide who sing four-part a cappella harmony in the barbershop style.

The chorus meets every Monday (except most holidays) from 7 to 10 p.m. in Hayward. Rehearsals are always open to visitors but January 30 is set aside as a special open rehearsal.

For more information about the open rehearsal night, call Joanne Morrison at (925) 373-0210. More information about the Harmony Fusion Chorus is available on its Facebook page @harmony-fusionchorus or the chorus website at www.harmonyfusion.org.

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Smoke Sparks Fire

Alameda County firefighters quickly contained a one-alarm fire in a home on Portofino Circle in San Leandro last Friday before 10 a.m. The damage was minimal and there were no injuries. The cause of the fire was a cigarette that hadn't been disposed of correctly, according to the fire department.

District Attorney's Office Launches Annual Campaign Against Human Trafficking

Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley recently introduced 2017's public awareness campaign that directly confronts the buyers of child sex trafficking victims and the need for men to fight child exploitation.

This campaign, timed to coincide with National Human Trafficking Awareness Month, marks the third year in which a billboard campaign raises awareness of the commercial sexual exploitation of children in Alameda County, the region and the state.

"I remain dedicated to fighting the epidemic of commercial sexual exploitation. One clear fact is that the singular driving force behind sex trafficking is demand. We hope that the messages on the billboards will highlight this stark reality and engage more people to join our effort to put a stop to this crime," said O'Malley.

With increased community awareness and a focus on the buyers who purchase trafficking victims, the campaign hopes to make clear the fact that men must be a partner in the effort to stop commercial sexual exploitation. Without people willing to pay for sex, traffickers have no incentive to lure vulnerable men, women and children into the illegal sex trade. Remove the buyers, and the whole system stops.

Much of the demand-reduction work done in Alameda County is in collaboration with The CEASE (Cities Empowered Against Sexual Exploitation) Network, a collaboration of 11 cities nationwide committed to reducing sex-buying by 20 percent in two years.

PG&E Offers Tips to Keep Safe During Storm Season

During the storm season, PG&E's most vital safety tip is to learn how to react to downed power lines.

Consider downed power lines still active. Stay away from the lines and keep others away from them. Call 911 immediately to report the location of a downed line. After reporting the downed line, call the 24-hour service center at (800) 743-5000.

- Avoid flooded locations and areas with downed trees. Both are typical places for downed lines to occur. Remember, call 911 first to report downed lines.

- Hire a licensed electrician to install your generator. Improperly installed generators can be dangerous for you, your family and PG&E crews.

- Unplug or turn off all appliances during an outage to avoid overloading circuits when the power is restored.

- Leave a single lamp on to

The billboards offer a resource for people to learn how they can reduce demand for sexual exploitation. For more information, visit stop-it-now.org.

To report suspicious activity, call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center 24-hour hotline at 888-3737-888.

alert you when the power returns. When the power is restored, you can turn the rest on.

Man in Critical Condition After Being Shot at House Party in Heron Bay

A man was shot and seriously injured during a party at a home in the Heron Bay neighborhood early Sunday morning.

Police were called to the home on the 15600 block of Anchorage Avenue for a noise complaint at around 1 a.m. on Jan. 22.

The officers said that there were around 50 people at the house party in their late teens and early 20s. Word of the party spread on social media and it was thrown by the adult son of the homeowners, who were out of town, according to Lt. Robert McManus of the San Leandro police.

About 30 minutes after the initial complaint call, officers were dispatched back to the residence after several people called 911 to report gunshots coming from the party.

Officers returned to the scene and found a man suffering from gunshot wounds. Paramedics arrived and treated the victim, who was transported to a local trauma center for advanced care.

A cop saw a car driving away from the neighborhood and tried

to stop the vehicle to investigate, but the driver fled at a high rate of speed.

Officers pursued the car into San Lorenzo, where it crashed on Via Alamos. Four people in the car, ages 16 to 20, fled on foot. Three were arrested by the San Leandro police, and the fourth was apprehended by Alameda County Sheriff's deputies about an hour later.

The four are being held by San Leandro detectives on suspicion of their involvement in the shooting.

The victim was left in critical condition.

Detectives are searching the neighborhood for surveillance video, which could provide further evidence in the investigation.

Police are not releasing the names of the victim or suspects at this time because the investigation is ongoing. A motive for the shooting has not been determined.

Police ask that anyone with information about the crime to call 577-2740 or the anonymous tip line 577-3278.

Few Details in Teen's Killing in Cherryland

A 16-year-old boy was shot and killed near Cherryland on Monday evening.

When Alameda County Sheriff's deputies arrived on the scene at Princeton Street and Smalley Avenue in unincorporated Hayward at 6:45 p.m., they found Lamar Murphy suffering from gunshot wounds, according to Sgt. Ray Kelly.

Murphy was pronounced

dead at the scene by paramedics.

Witnesses reported hearing several gunshots and a vehicle may have been involved, making the homicide a possible drive-by shooting, but that is not confirmed, Kelly said.

That's all the information the sheriff's office is releasing at this time.

Anyone with information is asked to call 667-3636.

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Raiders Reach Rarefied Air
BY GREG BENSON • SAN LEANDRO TIMES • 11-10-16

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

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

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NEIGHBORS



Emilie Fellner celebrated her 100th birthday in December with some of her close friends and relatives.

A Happy 100th Birthday for Emilie Fellner

Emilie Fellner of San Leandro turned 100 in December and her friends held a party for her at Horatio's restaurant at the San Leandro Marina.

Emilie's friends from San Leandro came to the party, along with Mr. and Mrs. Schaefer of New Hampshire, Susie Baum of Kan-

sas City, and Ginzy Schaefer of Washington, D.C.

Emilie was born in Chicago on a day that was 50 below zero. In 1939, she moved to Hollywood, California. She was happily married to Van Fellner for 47 years, and the couple were world travelers.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

❖ *Rhythm of the North*

A celebration of the 50th state – Alaska – will be presented on Saturday, Jan. 28, at 7:30 p.m. at the Center for the Arts, 19501 Redwood Road in Castro Valley. Take this boogie-woo-

gie joy ride with John Bushell (Bishop O'Dowd Class of '70) when he presents this fast-paced, multi-media sensation, with stunning images, sizzling piano and hilarious stories to fill out the evening. (Audiences know

him as "Johnny B.") Tickets are \$20 are available online at www.cvarsfoundation.org; or at the Center Box Office, 19501 Redwood Road, Thursdays and Fridays 3-5 p.m. phone 889-8961; or at the CV Adult School, 4430 Alma Ave.

❖ Douglas Morrisson Theatre

The world premiere of 'Charley's Aunt '66, a wonderfully silly farce by Scott Munson, comes to the Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 N. Third St. in Hayward, beginning with a preview on Thursday, Feb. 9. Opening reception on Feb. 10. Performances are at 8 p.m. on Feb. 9, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25 and at 2 p.m. on Feb. 12, 19, 25. For tickets (\$10 preview to \$29), call 881-6777 or visit www.dmonline.org.

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TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): The Bold Bovine is tempted to charge into a new venture. But it might be best to take things one step at a time, so that you know just where you are at any given point.



GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): It's a good time to go on that fun getaway you've been planning. You'll return refreshed, ready and, yes, even eager to tackle the new challenge that awaits you.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): The Moon Child loves to fantasize about magical happenings in the early part of the week. But the sensible Crab gets down to serious business by week's end.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): What goes around comes around for those lucky Leos and Leonas whose acts of generosity could be repaid with opportunities to expand into new and exciting areas of interest.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): Your concern about your job responsibilities is commendable. But you need to take some quiet time to share with someone who has really missed being with you.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): Aspects favor getting out and meeting new people. And as a bonus, you might find that some of your newly made friends could offer important business contacts.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): You might take pride in wanting to do everything yourself. But now's a good time to ask family members to help with a demanding personal situation.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Pay more attention to the possibilities in that workplace change. It could show the way to make that long-sought turn on your career path.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Your need to succeed might overwhelm obligations to your loved ones. Ease up on that workload and into some well-deserved time with family and friends.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Love rules for amorous Aquarians who can make good use of their ability to communicate feelings. Don't be surprised if they're reciprocated in kind.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Fishing for compliments? No doubt, you probably earned them. But it's best to let others believe they were the ones who uncovered the treasure you really are.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

❖ Adult School Transitions Center

San Leandro Adult School, 1448 Williams St. in San Leandro, invites the community to learn about its transition services, which include assistance with education, employment and personal support services. Learn about the adult school's transition services at an open house on Thursday, Jan. 26, at 5:30 p.m.

❖ Benefit for Ghost Ship Fire Victims

The Fundudes band will perform to benefit the families and victims of the Oakland's Ghost Ship Fire on Friday, Jan. 27, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Zocalo Coffeehouse, 645 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro. A \$10 donation is suggested.

❖ Hayward Area Historical Society Exhibit

The Hayward Area Historical Society, 22380 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward, is proud to present *Celebrating Community: Black Families of Fairview and Kelly Hill*, guest curated by Karen McHenry-Smith in the Community Gallery through March 5. This local history exhibit depicts the diverse experiences of past and present residents of Fairview and Kelly Hill. For more information, call 581-0223 or visit www.haywardareahistory.org.

❖ A.R.T., Inc. Members Exhibit

Adobe Art Gallery, 20395 San Miguel Ave. in Castro Valley, presents the works of A.R.T., Inc. members in the upcoming exhibit *Looking Forward*, through March 4. The gallery is open Thursday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and by appointment. The exhibit features a variety of media including two and three-dimensional art. Meet and greet the artists at the awards and reception on Saturday, Jan. 21, from 1 to 3 p.m.

❖ 2017 Bone & Joint EXPO

The 2017 Bone & Joint EXPO will be held on Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd. in San Leandro. The EXPO is free and brings presentations, products and services to individuals living with arthritis, bone and joint issues and other chronic health conditions, and gathers medical professionals, patients, caregivers and the health and wellness industry, hosted by the Arthritis Foundation. To register or for a conference agenda, visit www.boneandjointexpo.kintera.org/NOCA or contact Mina Zivkovic at mzivkovic@arthritis.org or 415-356-5488.

❖ Sons of Norway Crab Feed

The Sons of Norway Snorre Lodge 6-61 will host its annual crab feed on Saturday, Jan. 28, at 1808 B St. in Hayward. Doors open at 6 p.m. with a no-host bar and raffle, and dinner starts at 7 p.m., followed by a raffle at 8:30 p.m. Dinner will be spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, crab and dessert. Tickets are \$50 for adults, or \$20 for children age 5 to 12. Send a check payable to Sons of Norway with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Jeannie Thomson, 38159 Eggers Court, Fremont CA 94536. For more information, or to confirm that enough tickets are available, call Jeannie at 656-3549 or email jeannie352@aol.com.

❖ Paranormal Investigation Presentation

The Hayward Area Historical Society (HAHS) Collections and Historic Properties manager Heather Farquhar will give a presentation on paranormal investigation and historic houses at the Hayward Main Library, 835 C St. in Hayward, on Wednesday, Feb. 1, from 6 to 7 p.m. The Meek Mansion in Meek Park and

the McConaghy House in Kennedy Park have both been sites of exploration for paranormal investigators and found to be active sites that includes electronic voice phenomena, cold spots, touches, apparitions and more. Farquhar will show evidence collected by investigators and provide information about how you can get involved.

❖ San Leandro Parkinson's Support Group

The San Leandro Parkinson's support group will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, Feb. 2, at 10 a.m. at the San Lorenzo Community Church, 945 Paseo Grade in San Lorenzo. Speech therapist Stephanie Johnson will be the speaker. For more information, call Lona White at 276-3119.

❖ Readers Roundtable

The Readers Roundtable will meet on Saturday, Feb. 4, at 2 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. *The Green Road* by Irish author Anne Enright, will be discussed. All are welcome.

❖ Jazz & Pasta Dinner

The Arroyo High School Instrumental Music Department presents "A Night in Paris - Jazz 'n' Rendezvous" - pasta dinner and musical performance fundraiser on Friday, Feb. 10, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Arroyo High School cafeteria, featuring the Oasis Jazz Band and the Arroyo High School Jazz Ensemble. Tickets in advance are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and students, and \$10 for children. Prices are \$5 higher at the door. All proceeds benefit the AHS Instrumental Music program.

❖ St. Leander's Valentine Crab Feed

The St. Leander's Church will have its Valentine crab feed on Saturday, Feb. 11, at the Ryan O'Connell Hall, 550 West Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro. No-host bar at 5:30 p.m. with dinner being served at 6:30 p.m. The cost of the dinner is \$45 per person and includes crab, salad, pasta and bread. Purchase 20 or more tickets at one time and receive a 10 percent discount. This event is assigned seating. In addition to the dinner there will also be a dessert silent auction and a sports memorabilia silent auction. Last day to purchase tickets is Tuesday, Feb. 7. For more information, call the parish office at 895-5631.

❖ St. Felicitas Valentine Luncheon

Tickets go on sale today for the St. Felicitas Parish, 1662 Manor Blvd. in San Leandro, for its monthly Young at Heart Luncheon on Wednesday, Feb. 15. Salad, pasta with red sauce and meatballs, garlic bread, dessert, coffee or apple cider being served. Doors open at 11 a.m. and lunch is served at noon. Tickets are \$6. Entertainment and door prizes at each luncheon. Tickets on sale as of Oct. 3 and must be purchased no later than the Monday before the luncheon. Tickets available at the parish office Monday through Thursday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

❖ Mulford Gardens Art School Classes

The Art School of Mulford Gardens, 13055 Aurora Drive in San Leandro offers Art 101, taught by Allison Modifer, a class perfect for the adult artist wanting to get back-in to painting or drawing. The four class sessions meet on Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and cost \$120. Classes are ongoing so you can start up at anytime. Basic art supplies for in-class use will be provided but you are welcome to bring your own supplies. For more information, call 798-4297.

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.

AUTOMOTIVE

Pop, Lounge or Trek in Fiat's 500X

By Steve Schaefer
San Leandro Times

The 500X is Fiat's entry into the red-hot world of subcompact crossover vehicles. The "X" in the name means crossover, and the "500" part means cute, zippy Italian car.

The new model wears some of the 500's distinctive touches, like the rounded "eyes", "whiskers" on the nose, and clamshell hood. In a way, the 500X looks like someone attached a pump to the car's tailpipe and inflated it an extra 20 percent. But if you see one on the road, particularly next to the diminutive 500, you can tell there's a big difference.

You can go three ways with the 500X. The entry-level Pop comes with a 1.4-liter Multi-air engine that puts out 160 horsepower and 184 lb.-ft. of torque. You can get this model only with a manual six-speed transmission. This is the cheap fun seeker's choice.

Opt for the Easy, Lounge,

Trekking or Trekking Plus models, and you've got the other package, with a 2.4-liter Multi-air Tigershark inline four with 180 horsepower and 175 lb.-ft. of torque. That one arrives with only a nine-speed automatic. With so many gears, you should get a nice low for initial acceleration but multiple overdrive gears for better fuel economy.

You can add all-wheel drive to any model for \$1,900.

My test car arrived in brilliant (and optional) Giallo Tristrato — Tricoat Yellow (\$1,000), so if I wanted attention, I think I got it. Strangely, this car blends in just fine.

As with other compact crossovers, the size is useful and comfortable, with the handiness of higher ride height to slide right in. The rear hatch and quick-folding rear seats let you carry lots of your favorite cargo effortlessly.

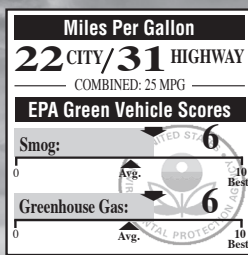
Being a Fiat, the interior is rounded, padded and colorful. The curling, curving forms are deep and eye-catching. The black

and brown interior offers cushy armrests and door panels. The metallic center console adds style and an upscale feel. Gleaming nickel finish trim inside and out feels classier than chrome. The smooth leather on the steering wheel and shift knob adds tactile enjoyment, like a finely crafted pair of Italian gloves.

Fiat's entertainment system is one of the easiest and most pleasant to use. The screen's not the largest, but it's understandable without consulting the owner's manual. And, like all Fiat-Chrysler vehicles, you get those ingenious audio buttons on the back of the steering wheel.

If you favor the Fiat 500, you should enjoy the 500X, too. It gives you more room to spread out, and the extra power lets you move along in traffic without thinking too much about it. My model, a Trekking with the Trekking Plus Collection 2 package, was top level, so it came with the extras you'll appreciate. That package adds safety features, including Lane Departure Warning and Full Speed Forward Collision Warning Plus. It also throws in handy stuff like the enormous dual-pane sunroof, automatic high beams and rain-sensing wipers.

The car weighs between 2,967 and 3,278 pounds, depending on engine and all-wheel drive, so it's relatively light on its feet. Fuel economy is decent, at 22 City, 31 Highway, and 25 Combined for my car. I averaged 22.1 mpg in my usual week of commuting and around-town errand running. EPA Green scores run 6 for Smog and greenhouse Gas.



The 2016 Fiat 500X is available in five trim levels: Pop, Easy, Lounge, and for a more athletic look, Trekking and Trekking Plus.



Designers at Centro Stile in Turin, Italy leveraged the character and iconic features of the Fiat 500 into a larger and more mature package for the all-new 2016 500X.

The base model with manual earns better fuel economy numbers — 25/34/28, respectively — and sounds like it might provide a bit more of the tossability of the standard 500 coupe. It also has the most accessible price, starting at \$20,995, including shipping. My test car, a Trekking Plus with the dayglo paint and above-mentioned option package, came to \$31,805. You could grab a nice Lounge for \$24,945 and split the difference.

The 500X has a sibling that may be stealing sales — the Jeep Renegade. Having tested both, I can say that they drive similarly, although they use different engines. Styling is almost totally different between the two as well, and, at this point, Americans seem to like the way Jeeps look tough more than they savor the 500's rounded cuteness. There's power in brand identity, and Fiat is still building back its reputation here, despite its huge sales abroad.

The Italy-built 500X is a great idea, but is not a leader in the compact crossover field right now. There's fierce competition from better known brands, including the Renegade sibling, the new Honda HR-V and freshened Chevrolet Trax. There may still be some residual negativity around the Fiat brand.

The 500X isn't the smoothest driving or the quietest riding, either. However, if you relate to its unique Italian charm, the 500X could be the answer to your needs. In one of the 12 available shades (including French's mustard yellow), you won't have much trouble finding your car in the shopping center parking lot.



The purposeful and distinct Italian design carries through to the interior with clever storage, body-color instrument panel, a circular cluster display and iconic door handles.

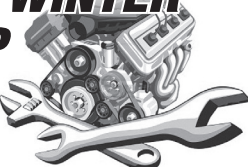
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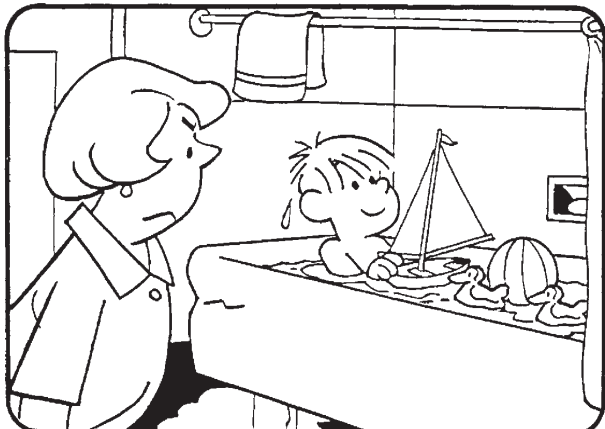
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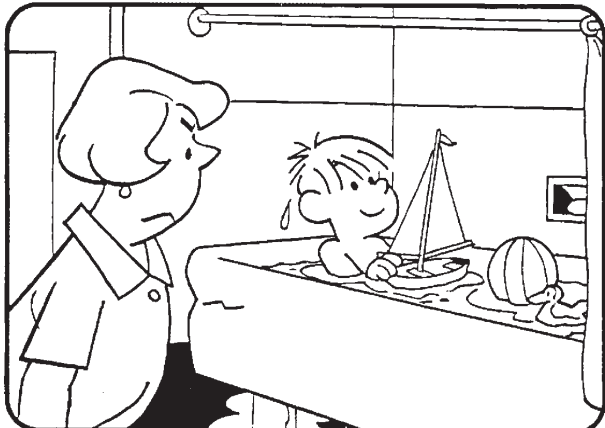


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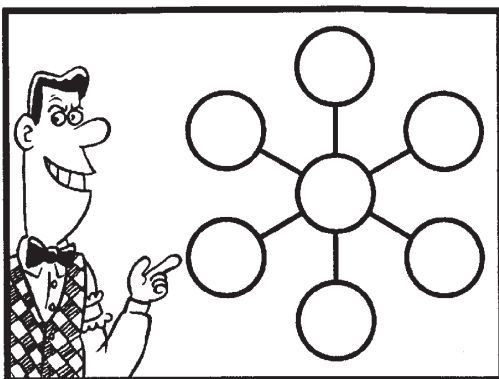
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Hair is different. 2. Towel is missing. 3. Towel is shorter. 4. Puddle is smaller. 5. Sail is smaller. 6. Rubber duck is missing.



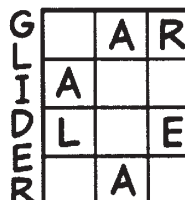
WHEELER DEALER! Can you deal the numbers 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 into the seven circles above so that the totals of the numbers along any of the three lines will be 42.

Answer: Starting with the top circle, going around clockwise: 11, 12, 13, 17, 16 and 15. Number 14 goes in the center.

THE WISE SHOPPER! Mr. Johnson went to the hardware store and bought something for his house. Now, one cost 20 cents and 12 cost 40 cents. He asked for 110 and paid the man 60 cents. What did Mr. Johnson buy?

Answer: He bought house numbers.

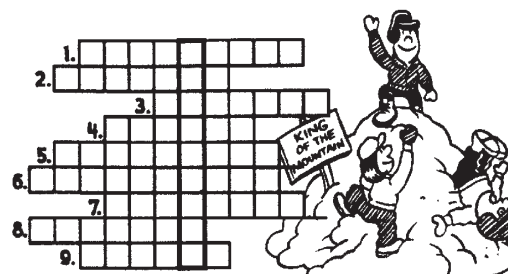
FIND THE SEVEN WORDS PUZZLE! In the word square at the right, we've removed six of the letters to spell out the word "GLIDER." Can you replace these letters in the squares so that you will have four 3-letter words across and three 4-letter words down? Time limit: 60 seconds.



Answers: (Across): Gar, are, lie, lad. (Down): Gall, ara, read.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



WINTER FUN IN THE NORTH!

Are you ready for some fun in the snow? In our puzzle grid there is room to list nine wintertime words. The following hints should thaw out the answers.

1. A winter breakfast treat.
2. Found in many front yards.
3. Loves a strong wind.
4. This activity has checks and balances.
5. Off to a fast downhill start.
6. Great fun in the evening.
7. Easily holds three or four.
8. You can't stay out long without them.
9. A warm place at the end of the day.

There's a dark frame around one of the columns. If you correctly find all the words, the letters in this frame, top to bottom, will spell out the name of a winter visitor.

Answers: 1. Flapjacks. 2. Snowman. 3. Iceboat. 4. Hockey. 5. Belly flop. 6. Sleigh ride. 7. Toboggan. 8. Mittens. 9. Hearth. The name of our winter visitor is Jack Frost.

Pirates Defense Steps Up To Hold Off Mt. Eden, 63-51

By Chris Peterson
San Leandro Times

Of the many hats the San Leandro High School boys basketball team has worn this season, that of a defensive enforcer has yet to be one of them.

But on Friday night, the Pirates picked up the perfect hat for the occasion as they topped the Mt. Eden Monarchs in convincing fashion, 63-51.

Starting off slow, San Leandro allowed the Monarchs to go on an early 12-3 run in the first three minutes of play.

But the Pirates would quickly adjust defensively, forcing Mt. Eden to take closely contested shots from that point of the game forward.

Three-point attempts that were wide open to begin the game, soon came accompanied by an opposing hand in the shooter's face. And lanes to the basket that used to allow easy layups turned into shot blocks and early transition opportunities.

When asked about the defensive mentality for the Pirates, San Leandro forward A.J. Bramah said, "You have to be a bull, and you just have to sit down and lock up. It's what we do."

The Pirates would hold Mt. Eden to a 36 percent shooting percentage from the field in the first half, taking a 35-28 advantage headed into the locker room.

In the second half, the narrative remained the same for the Pirates.

More hard-nosed defense throughout the remainder of the game dropped Mt. Eden's field goal percentage even further.

The Monarchs shot an abysmal 34 percent from the floor making only 11 of their 32 shots attempted, which included going 3 for 19 on 3-pointers for the night.

Although the Pirates only shot 42 percent themselves, they were able to take 11 more shots than Mt. Eden. This stemmed from 13 forced turnovers, including 6 steals.

The only thing that would save the game from getting out of hand and turning into a blowout would be free throws, as Mt. Eden attempted 23 of them.

When asked about some of the foul calls that sent Mt. Eden to the free throw line so frequently, San Leandro center Austin Harris said, "We have to do a better job of sliding our feet and going straight up. We have to do a better job in help the defense too."

Looking forward, the Pirates (12-7) set their sights on a rivalry that goes back several decades as they will go up against the Bishop O'Dowd Dragons (9-8) on the road. The Pirates swept the season series last year against the Dragons and hope to extend the streak to three wins in a row this Friday at 7 p.m. in the O'Dowd gym.

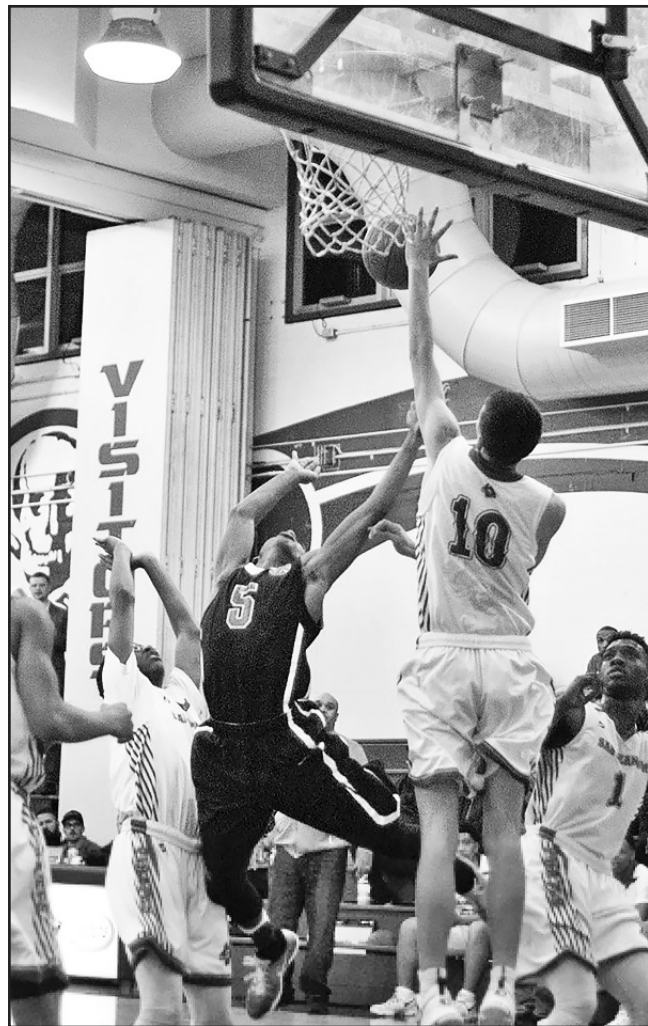


PHOTO BY CHRIS PETERSON

San Leandro High forward Enrique Aguirre blocks a shot against Eden High on Friday night, as the Pirates defense buckled down to hold off Mt. Eden.



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

A tree fell over across the sidewalk on Estabrook Street last week.

Tree Topples on Estabrook

A tree fell over last Thursday afternoon in front of the Regency Apartments at 156 Estabrook St.

Apartment manager Lee Irwin said a tenant called him to let him know. It's not a city tree, it belongs to the apartment building, so Irwin called someone to have the fallen tree removed.

"A tree guy is coming from

Fremont—he's on his way," said Irwin last Thursday.

Meanwhile the tree blocked the driveway to the building's basement parking lot.

"I got people wanting to get in and people who can't get out," Irwin said.

The tree was removed later that afternoon.

— By Jim Knowles

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Loan: No late fee assessed on loan

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federal and state funding to come in once the clinic was operating.

"The difficulty we experienced was the result of timing," said Johnson. "Originally I should have asked for 10-year loan to allow for ramping up. Ever the optimist, I believed we would have paid it off within the two-year term."

Johnson said the clinic is now successfully serving patients—nearly 3,000 San Leandro residents have visited the clinic. Davis Street has also added nutritional and ophthalmological services.

Johnson says that now that the loan has been repaid to the city, she wants to focus on the work that Davis Street does.

The city has a long history

of working with Davis Street and says that granting any future loans to Davis Street or any other organization will be determined on a case-by-case basis by the City Council, according to deputy city manager Eric Engelbart.

The city did not assess any penalty for the late payment, but did continue to charge 4 percent interest until the loan was repaid on Jan. 19.

In total, Davis Street paid the principal of \$1.5 million and an additional \$168,750 in interest for the loan.

According to Davis Street's most recent financial audit, in the 2016 fiscal year Davis Street had \$9.2 million in total revenue—\$6 million of which was from federal, state, county, city, and regional sources. Davis Street

reported a \$1.1 million net loss in 2016 with \$10.3 million in total expenses, including \$3.8 million in salaries and benefits.

County Grants For the Arts

The Alameda County Arts Commission announces the 2017 ARTSFUND Grants Program for Alameda County-based nonprofit organizations. Information can be found at the Arts Commission website www.acgov.org/arts (click on "Programs"). Standard grants awards are \$1,000 to \$2,000 each. The application deadline is March 1.

The ARTSFUND Grants Program supports all types of arts programming such as dance, literature, media arts, music, theater, visual arts, and multidisciplinary arts programs presented in Alameda County by Alameda County nonprofit organizations.

The Alameda County Arts Commission's goal is to nurture a thriving environment for the arts, promoting economic opportunities for Alameda County's artists and arts organizations, and encouraging public participation in the arts.

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Barros: Sang at teamsters convention

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history. This has been the job of a lifetime."

Barros said that the job was challenging, but rewarding. People were always happy to see him because he usually was bringing them something they wanted or needed.

Things have changed over the past three decades. When he started, Barros said those familiar brown UPS trucks didn't have automatic transmissions, power steering or even sun visors. Now, the whole system has been streamlined and automated. It's a good thing – with the increase in online shopping, delivery drivers are busier than ever.

"It's like night and day, the volume since online shopping," said Barros.

Averaging about 250 deliveries a day, Barros had plenty of opportunity to deliver unusual items.

One that stands out in his memory is the time a box full of live frogs somehow got opened

en route for delivery.

"Many years ago I was arranging the packages and I could hear something moving in the back of the truck," said Barros. "That was a surprise."

And often people would ship toys that would turn on and start playing music, which could give a driver a scare. But Barros said the strangest encounter during his time delivering was when Orchard Supply Hardware was supposed to take delivery of some boxes of ladybugs.

One of the boxes opened and about 30,000 of the insects got loose in the back of a truck. When they opened the truck, the ladybugs were covering every single surface.

"It was like a movie, they were everywhere," said Barros.

And the "Mayor of San Lorenzo" has met some famous faces during his time on the job. He got an autograph on a delivery slip from legendary 49ers running back Roger Craig when the athlete was doing a photo shoot at a studio in San Lorenzo.

Barros ran into one of the Temptations at Rasputin Records on Hesperian Boulevard and musician Shelia E. at a recording studio in Oakland. Her signature stood out to him because she signs her name backward like a mirror-image.

At his retirement party, Barros sang a song he wrote called "The Retiring UPS Driver's National Anthem" to the tune of "New York, New York," and his coworkers and friends loved it.

Barros loves to sing his original parodies – he did one at a Teamsters convention in Las Vegas that brought the house down.

"And let me tell you, 400 Teamsters are a tough audience," joked Barros.

Now that he's retired, Barros says he'll have more time to enjoy San Lorenzo, the place he has lived for the past 40 years. And he wants to fix up his home, travel, hit the gym, and spend time with family and friends.

"I'm looking forward to savoring each day," said Barros.

Rally: Rain doesn't dampen march

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becoming a sanctuary city, reminding the crowd that the issue will come before the City Council at the Feb. 21 meeting at 7 p.m.

Lopez said people say that becoming a sanctuary city, which goes against federal law on immigration, could cause San Leandro to lose federal funds.

"I say, so what?" Lopez said.

Former mayor Stephen Cassidy said that Trump is legally our president but not legitimately our president, borrowing a line from Congressman John Lewis. He told the crowd to protest and agitate as did the suffragists and the Tea Party.

"If they can do it, we can," Cassidy said.

A San Leandro High student spoke in support of the sanctuary city. The high school's Social Justice Academy has an online petition to make both the city and the schools a sanctuary – so as to not cooperate with federal authorities if Washington decides to deport people who aren't in the



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

A group from San Leandro High arrived at City Hall to join the rally in protesting the president's policies.

country legally.

"Go to your phone and type www.tinyurl.com/slsanctuary," said the student, giving the link to the online petition. "Being undocumented is not a crime."

Other speakers led the group in singing "We Shall Overcome" and "Reach Out and Touch Some-

one." And then a speaker led the crowd in a call-and-response, "When I say 'people,' you say 'power.'"

Giving the power to the people is the same theme as the Trump campaign. So it turns out, we're all in agreement, the country is united.

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Ramana Vieira Will Sing Saturday

Ramana Vieira will perform this Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Piedmont Piano Company, 1728 San Pablo Ave. in Oakland. She will perform music from her new album, "Fado da Vida," with Brad Bivens on classical guitar, John Clark on standup bass, and Ela Polak on violin. Tickets are \$20. To reserve tickets, call 547-8188. Vieira, a San Leandro resident, is known around the world as an exceptional fado singer who blends classic fado with contemporary sound.

Pets of the Week



Liam



Artemis

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

Liam is a neutered bunny who's laid back and easy to handle. He enjoys exploring, finding soft bedding to lay in, and snack-

ing on dark leafy greens.

Artemis is a 6 year old boy with a gentle disposition. He's been waiting for a loving family since last May. He loves head-to-tail pets and sitting on laps.

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

Apply for Eden Health District Advisory Committee

The Eden Health District invites people to join its Community Health Advisory Committee to act as a sounding board and assist with long-range planning and financial issues for the district.

Committee volunteers should have an interest in health, in representing the community's interests on the committee, and helping to communicate with the public.

Committee members must be residents within the district boundaries (Castro Valley, San Leandro, Hayward, San Lorenzo, and Ashland/Cherryland areas)

and be available for one monthly meeting. Currently the Community Health Advisory Committee has members from the Castro Valley and San Leandro areas and representation from the Hayward area would be encouraged.

Those interested in becoming a committee member should submit a statement of qualification by Feb. 15 to: Eden Township Healthcare District, 20400 Lake Chabot Road, Suite 303, Castro Valley, CA 94546

For more information, call Dev Mahadevan, Eden Health District CEO at 538-2031.



Chanticleers Presents Neil Simon's Rumors

Spend a funny evening in the company of four nouveau riche couples romping through Neil Simon's farce, *Rumors*, at the Chanticleers Theatre, 3683 Quail Ave. in Castro Valley, opening next Friday, Feb. 3.

Rumors opens with Chanticleers' traditional champagne gala on Friday, Feb. 3, and runs

through Feb. 26. Curtain for Friday and Saturday evening shows is 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees start at 2 p.m. (no matinee on opening weekend). General admission is \$25; admission for seniors (60+), students and military is \$20.

For tickets, call 510-SEE-LIVE (733-5483) or go to chanticleers.org.

Library Hosts Fashion Show of Traditional Chinese Costumes

The Asian Community Cultural Association (ACCA), Desan American Academy and the San Leandro Library will present a display of 56 traditional costumes from the minority groups of China.

Twenty-four of the colorful costumes and head pieces will be hung on the second-floor walls of the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., from Jan. 26

through Feb. 20.

The remaining 32 costumes and head pieces will be featured in a fashion show on Saturday, Feb. 4, from 1 to 1:45 p.m. prior to the Lunar New Year celebrations.

Come see the beautiful costumes and learn from acclaimed local author Pam Chun as she shares information about the 56 minority groups. There will be limited seating at this free event.

Find Out if Hayward Mansions Contain Paranormal Activity?

Hayward Area Historical Society (HAHS) Collections and Historic Properties Manager Heather Farquhar will give a presentation on paranormal investigation and historic houses at the Hayward Main Library, 835 C St. in Hayward, on Wednesday,

Feb. 1, from 6 to 7 p.m. The Meek Mansion in Meek Park and the McConaghy House in Kennedy Park have been sites of exploration for paranormal investigators and found to be active sites that includes electronic voice phenomena, cold spots and apparitions.



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GUEST COMMENTARY



Baby Boomer Needs Prompt New Home Designs

As full-fledged members of the baby boomer generation who've already purchased the home in which we plan to retire, my wife and I spent lots of time prior to purchasing researching criteria for a home in which we can age gracefully.

Many our age are contemplating the same thing: While we're nowhere near retirement, we want homes that will accommodate active lifestyles for years to come.

As boomers (55+) age, their criteria for homes changes dramatically. With kids gone, numerous bedrooms are no longer necessary and large maintenance-intensive yards are low on their wish lists.

Access to medical care is important, along with proximity to shopping and access to transportation hubs such as airports.

New home builders have been aware for some time that the aging population will have needs different from other ages of buyers. For this reason, at the 2017 International Build-

ers' Show recently hosted in Orlando, Florida, the National Association of Home Builders spent considerable time teaching builders how to cater to this emerging market.

Their conclusions?*

1. Repurpose traditional spaces. As an example, as children leave home, laundry needs diminish. Instead of having a large room dedicated to laundry, design space that could function as areas for arts-and-craft, pet care, exercise or other age-specific activities.

2. Increase the lighting. Medical research shows that 60 year olds need as much as six times the light of younger 20-somethings. Increase the window areas and install more lights, including areas that are typically dark, such as closets, cabinets and drawers.

3. Add accessibility features. While few want to think about aging, many like the practicality of grab bars in bathrooms. Level floors are critical throughout, ensuring smooth transitions from one area to the next.

4. Keep everything low maintenance. While yards may be the first thing that comes to mind, the entire home should be designed with minimal maintenance in mind. Stain-free counters, low-maintenance flooring and stucco exteriors are great choices.

5. Keep stairs to a minimum. Since stairs are the No. 1 cause of emergency room visits for all ages, limit them to spaces infrequently accessed. Bedrooms for visiting family could be on another level with the master bedroom on the main level. No steps from garages or entries are important.

Since boomers consider themselves immortal, they want homes they can live in now until the day they finally move out... in a box.

*5 Home Design Needs for Your Boomer Clients, by Meg White, Daily Real Estate News.

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Is a Tankless Water Heater Right for Your Home?

By Samantha Mazzotta
Special to the Times

If you're thinking of switching from a traditional hot water heater to a tankless water heater there are some things you should consider.

While I like the concept of tankless water heaters — they provide hot water on demand, rather than storing water in a tank

and keeping it warm — it's really important for homeowners to do their research before deciding to jump to this system.

Electric tankless heaters, for example, look like a good deal up front. They cost about a third to one-half as much as gas tankless heaters. However, installation can be expensive: most electric heaters require a dedicated 30-amp circuit, meaning an electrician will have to come in to properly wire the house. In older homes, the installation can be pretty painful on the wallet.

Gas tankless heaters cost more up front, but installation may not be as expensive. A qualified installer will need to set up the gas connection, and your gas system may need some modification.

With either type, you still will have to deal with the problem of adequate hot-water supply. Placing high demand on the heater — such as running a shower, the dishwasher and the hot water tap in a sink at the same time — will make it more difficult for the unit to heat wa-

ter to the correct temperature, meaning everybody starts getting tepid water.

Homeowners I've spoken with who have tankless heaters are generally pretty happy with them. But they have experienced a few issues, such as not knowing they need to flush the heating system once per year (and more often in a hard-water environment).

None complained about having inadequate hot water — either they selected the right-size system for their house, or they adjusted their water use to the rate at which the water gets heated.

Because of the expense involved, find out how much water your family uses and track how much hot water is used during each day. Talk with the tankless heater dealer about the right system based on your needs, compare average annual costs (in electricity or gas) of the system compared to a traditional tank heater, and make sure you know up front what installation will entail and how much it will cost.

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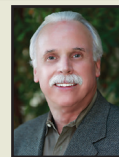
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Liquidambar Drops 'Pokey Seed Pods'

By Buzz Bertolero
The Dirt Gardener

There is a tree in my front yard that drops thousands of pokey seed balls all over the sidewalk every winter. I've almost broken my ankle on them! How can I get rid of the balls without getting rid of the tree?

The American sweetgum or liquidambar produces these messy seed balls. Liquidambar trees are a graceful, elegant, columnar tree with beautiful fall color that's widely planted. Unfortunately, they produce a seed pod or, as you call them, "pokey seed balls" every year that are a messy nuisance... and a hazard.

You have one opportunity to avoid or abort the problem by spraying the trees when they are in bloom. Yes, liquidambar trees do bloom. This is how and why the seed pods form. The flowers are not showy at all and they produce separate male and female flowers (see the footnote).

Flowering occurs at or

about the time the new leaves are emerging, which is in early March.

The female flowers are sprayed with Florel Fruit Eliminator from Monterey Lawn and Garden to abort the formation of the seed pods. It's widely available at garden centers and other retailers of lawn and garden products.

Several applications may be necessary since the flowers open progressively. Florel is not an insecticide, fungicide or miticide. It is a plant growth regulator. It's also applied to olives, flowering plums, crabapples and other plants that produce a messy fruit.

Again, it is critical that the application(s) is made while the tree is blooming; otherwise, the results are spotty. Rain during the blooming cycle is Mother Nature's method of disrupting the seed formation.

When the tree(s) is small, you can be successful spraying it with a hose-end sprayer. It becomes more problematical reaching the top of the tree as it grows, even with a ladder.



The seed pods of American sweetgum or liquidambar trees can be a major problem for homeowners.

So, you are faced then with other choices: living with the problem by spraying only a portion of the tree or removing it.

Note: The following website has some great images of the male and female liquidambar flowers: <http://bobklips.com/treeflowers6.html>. The male flowers are called staminate while the females are referred to as pistillate. Also, disregard the

dates shown in the photos as the images were taken in Ohio. Liquidambar blooms much earlier (March) in the Bay Area.

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WEEKEND GARDENER

Assessing Your Soil

Planting instructions usually say: "Place in soil with good drainage." But, how do you know whether or not your soil drains well? If water forms puddles in your flower beds and stays there for a time after a rain, it is *not* draining well. Another test: Dig into the soil within 48 hours after a normal rain. If the soil breaks up without clumping, then it has good drainage. But, if the soil sticks together like Silly Putty, the drainage is poor. You can increase drainage in heavy soil by adding compost or peat moss. Building a raised flower bed will also work.

Landscape

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- 31 Hockey legend Phil, to fans
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- 40 Kanga's kid
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Meeting Called to Examine Eden Health Care

The public is invited to a special meeting that will examine a study of the Eden Township Healthcare District (ETHD) at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 31, at the Castro Valley Library, 3600

Norbridge Ave. in Castro Valley. The meeting agenda is available on the Alameda Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) website, www.acgov.org/lafco. The draft study, issued

in December, is also available online for public review and comment.

The study reviews the services ETHD currently provides, its financial position (including future obligations), and provides a fiscal analysis of various governance options, including dissolution.

A consultant who authored the draft study will present an overview at the meeting, and people may offer comments to be considered in the creation of a final draft.

Written comments can also be submitted online on the LAFCo website, or directly to Mona Palacios, LAFCo Executive Officer, at mona.palacios@acgov.org or via US Mail at: 1221 Oak Street, Room 555, Oakland, CA 94612. Comments submitted by Feb. 3

will be considered in the development of the study's final draft.

In developing the draft study, LAFCo hosted three public meetings in October and November to allow constituents to express their views about the public value of the ETHD, what needs and priorities the district should address, and whether the district's functions should be provided by another entity in the future.

ETHD formed in 1948 to finance, construct and operate Eden Hospital in Castro Valley, but the district no longer owns and operates the hospital. Currently ETHD provides grant funding to health-related organizations, oversees an investment fund, and owns three office buildings where it leases office space to healthcare providers.

The district covers Eden

Township, which includes the unincorporated areas of Ashland, Castro Valley, Cherryland, Fairview, and San Lorenzo, and the cities of Hayward and San Leandro. It collects no tax revenues, and derives its revenue from net income from its office buildings. More information about the district is available at <http://ethd.org/>.

In recognition of the need for a more coordinated and efficient public service structure to support California's anticipated growth, the state legislature established local agency formation commissions (LAFCos) in the mid-1960s.

Among other duties, LAFCos are responsible for periodically reviewing the municipal services provided by local agencies under LAFCo jurisdiction. These ser-

vice reviews, known as "Municipal Service Reviews" (MSRs), help LAFCo, other agencies and the public better understand the municipal service structure. In 2013, Alameda LAFCo completed an MSR of ETHD that concluded the district should continue in its current form.

Critics, including the Alameda County Grand Jury, have recently asserted that ETHD should be dissolved. Earlier this year, legislation was introduced in the state assembly affecting the district, including one bill signed into law (AB 2737) that imposes spending requirements on healthcare districts such as ETHD. At a meeting last July, Alameda LAFCo approved a request from the City of Hayward to prepare a "Special Study" to help determine the future of ETHD.

A final draft of the special study should be released next month, after which additional public comment will be allowed in the development of a final study.

After the study is finalized, LAFCo commissioners will consider action that could include amending the district's sphere of influence, and/or initiating a reorganization or dissolution of the District.

Temporary Runway Closure Diverts Airliners

If you noticed more big jetliners flying over San Leandro around noon on Wednesday, there's a reason.

Some unscheduled repair work had to be done on the main runway at Oakland Airport, the runway where the large airliners land and takeoff. The work was done between noon and 2 p.m. on the 10,500-foot runway.

During that time, the airliners landed on the runway at Oakland Airport's North Field, where the smaller airplanes land. One of the North Field's runways is 6,200 feet long, so it can handle most large aircraft.

After the repair work was done, around 2 p.m., air traffic went to its normal landing patterns.

— By Jim Knowles

LOCAL DEATHS

Lois Allott

Lois Allott passed away January 16, 2017 at age 88. Lois was preceded in death by her parents, Ray and Genevieve Allott. Lois leaves her companion, Shirley Sell of Castro Valley, and her dog, Jack.

Lois was born in Wilmington, Illinois; and, for the past 53 years, has lived in Castro Valley. She took her nurses training at Silver Cross Hospital in Joliet, Illinois. She had the opportunity to continue in surgery and helped setup the Surgery Department at San Leandro Hospital. She spent the next 30 years there, first as Head Nurse and then as Director of the Surgery Department. She retired in 1990.

Lois joined Senior Friends/ Friendly Connections organization serving as Volunteer Trip Escort for 9 years and as vice president for 6 years. She was also a member of Ladies Auxiliary Fraternal Order of Eagles, Aerie No. 1139, and was also a member of Faith Lutheran Church.

Interment will be at Chapel of the Chimes in Hayward. Viewing on Sunday, Jan. 29, from 5 to 7 p.m. Funeral service is on Monday, Jan. 30, at 10:30 a.m. in the Chimes' small chapel.

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■ CASTILLO, Phillip "Babe", March – November 22, 2016, a resident of Hayward, passed away surrounded by his loving family. A celebration of life will be held by the family on Saturday, Jan. 28, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at San Leandro Boys & Girls Club, 401 Marina Blvd., in San Leandro.

■ DONOVAN, Frances L., passed away on January 20, 2017. Visitation will be held at Santos-Robinson Mortuary, 160 Estudillo Ave., in San Leandro today, Jan. 26, from noon to 8 p.m. with a vigil service beginning at 6:30 p.m. The Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, Jan. 27, at Church of the Assumption, 1100 Fulton Ave., in San Leandro beginning at 11 a.m. Interment to follow at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward. Arrangements made by Santos-Robinson Mortuary (510) 483-0123 www.santos-robinson.com.

■ PEDERSON, Kimberly Renee, of San Leandro passed on December 28, 2016 at age 53. She is survived by her life-long partner of 35 years, David Herrera; children, Alicia, Amber, Alyssa, Alex, Joseph and Jacob — all of San Leandro. No service as was her wish.

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A U.S. Navy Veteran of the Persian Gulf War, Jerry was the recipient of the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the Air Force Achievement Medal, Navy Good Conduct Medal, Navy Reserve Meritorious Service Medal, National Defense Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Expert Rifle and Expert Pistol medals, plus many other awards.

He served in the United States Navy for more than 23 years — his last assignment as Command Senior Chief, Navy Cargo Handling Battalion 14, Port Hueneme, California.

In addition to his Navy duties, Jerry was employed by CALTRANS at various locations throughout California. He retired from CALTRANS as Superintendent 3, shop 4, San Leandro.

Jerry was an active member of American Legion Memorial Post 117, San Leandro, Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Post 819, San Leandro, and 40/8 Voiture 257, San Leandro.

He leaves behind his loving wife, Lanie; his 3 daughters, Jennifer, Carrie and Kimberly; his son, Jerry Junior; his mother, Louise; his sister, Carol; his brother, Glenn; 8 grandchildren, ETN3 Nicholas Crowley, USN, Riley, Abby, Leah, Ally, Sadie, Colt and Charlee Ann; plus many nieces and nephews.

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'No Laws to Help the Unfortunate Folks Living at Trailer Haven'

Editor:

The unfortunate folks living at the Trailer Haven park are not alone in being squeezed between the forces of greed and government indifference. They, however, seem to be in need of a lesson in Civics.

First and unfortunately foremost, they should have known that the City, County, State, and Federal officials can only enforce laws and statutes that are on the books. There are no laws in existence to help these folks. There will be no laws to help folks like these in the conceivable future.

Society's most vulnerable are easy to marginalize, denigrate and ignore, until you become one of them.

—Vernon S. Burton
San Leandro

City Should Replace Timed Signals with Traffic Sensors

Editor:

I agree with Don Desrochers letter "Calls for Elimination of Left-Turn Signals to Improve Traffic Flow," Letters, Jan. 19) except I feel there is an even better solution.

San Leandro should eliminate all of the 2-minute timed traffic signals in town and replace them with traffic sensors in every direction.

How often do you sit at a stop light, watching your clock or watch, to see if the signal will actually change in 2 minutes? How often do you sit there waiting for the light to change with no other traffic in sight? How often have you been waiting at the light only to watch somebody make an illegal left turn through their red light because they were tired of waiting?

I have personally had all these experiences in San Leandro, particularly at the corner of 139th and 14th, which includes the hospital traffic that should never be delayed.

It seems the traffic would flow more smoothly if the lights were sensitive to the traffic waiting. It would certainly equalize the flow appropriate to the abundance. It is time for San Leandro to modernize its system by making this change.

—Vi Walters
San Leandro

Thanks to All Who Helped with Crow Creek Restoration

Editor:

The Restoration Trust, the Friends of San Lorenzo Creek, and the Alameda Country RCD Hands-on Conservation would like to thank all the hard working volunteers that woke up early and volunteered their Saturday morning on January 14th to help restore a section of Crow Creek.

With the help of more than 30 volunteers, we cleared garbage, removed non-native vegetation, and planted over 4,000 native plants along a stretch of Crow Creek in Castro Valley. This work will help

stabilize the banks of Crow Creek, provide habitat for native wildlife, improve water quality and help reduce flood risks.

We would also like to thank Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley for his assistance planning and implementing this event. We look forward to working with Supervisor Miley and all the hardworking volunteers again next year to continue the Crow Creek restoration efforts.

—Emily Mathews
The Restoration Trust
Oakland

Trump's 'Alternative Facts' Called 'Lies'

Editor:

No argument is too petty for little Donald when it comes to assertions about size.

While photographic evidence confirms the crowd that witnessed his inauguration was half the size that celebrated President Obama's inauguration, Trump chose to claim the opposite and make a fuss about "media bias." His official representative, Kellyanne Conway, went even further, saying Trump's claim is based on "alternative facts."

This is not the first time the blowhard candidate and then president-elect made claims based on verifiable untruths. So let's call "alternative facts" what they are; they are lies.

Now as President of the United States, his lying prevarications pose a direct threat to our free society which depends on engaged citizens informed by true facts. Government officials calling their lies "alternative facts" endangers the very foundation of our democracy.

Patriotic appreciation to news reporters who check the facts and point out the lies.

—Bruce Joffe
Piedmont

Trump Victory 'Brought About By Prayers of Pro-Life Voters'

Editor:

Regarding the so-called Women's Marches: truth is not dependent upon the number of people who believe in it.

Just because the devil inspired the Supreme Court and women to cause the slaughter of 58 million babies since 1973, does not make it a "right" granted by God.

Henry David Thoreau said, "Any man more right than his neighbors constitutes a majority of one already."

They say that "God writes straight with crooked lines." Jesus took a man who denied Him three times and made him the first pope. Nothing can stop Him from using another unlikely source (such as President Trump) to defund Planned Parenthood, select justices to overturn Roe v. Wade, and stop the persecution of people of faith.

These possibilities exist thanks to the miraculous victory brought about

not by Russian hackers, but the prayers of pro-life voters. Health care and immigration issues still need to be worked out, but there is no issue more crucial in the U.S. than preventing the continued execution of thousands of unborn babies each day.

We pro-lifers are not a "majority of one," we are many. I expect that I, too, will suffer a backlash for these statements due to the ignorance of those who are unfamiliar with the laws of God, or find them inconvenient.

I wonder if the secular press will do as good a job covering the March for Life in D.C. on January 27th as they did the anti-life marches.

For the first time in eight years, I am joyfully but cautiously optimistic that my nation may turn from the evil it has been steeped in for far too long.

—Stephanie Choury
San Leandro

Accuses Trump of Spreading 'False Stories' for 10 Years

Editor:

Donald Trump has, for the last 10 years, dealt with fake news on a regular basis. He often said he was sending a group of his lawyers to go to Hawaii to prove his allegations. These fake news stories about President Obama's birth certificate were a fraud.

Trump said Obama was born in Africa and that he would prove it. He spread these false stories even in his run for president. Then he quietly stopped without an apology to President Obama.

Now that some fake news stories about Donald Trump are circulating, we find Donald upset and vindictive about them. He calls the free press liars and spreaders of fake news.

Donald has trafficked in these things long before these other fake stories appeared. What goes around comes around.

During his run for the presidency, he called each of his contenders nasty and insulting names. How can I respect a president with that kind of past?

—Gerald J. Dorn
San Leandro

Trump's Speech 'a Beautiful Departing Kick in Obama's Butt'

Editor:

Donald J. Trump's speech was a beautiful departing kick in Obama's butt, denouncing again the Washington establishment and Obama's eight years of ineptness. Denouncing how armies are being sent to defend other countries' borders while U. S. borders remained unprotected, and how jobs are being shipped abroad or taken by illegals right here and much more.

It was good to see that Trump is going to stick to his campaign program. What needs to be seen is how many enemies he's going to have within the Republican Party who don't want to loose the cheap illegal scabs for the corporations that they represent.

It's my hope that Donald Trump calls the people to rally in Washington to push his program through.

On Saturday the Trumphobia

was rabidly manifested as well; illegals, Islamists, etc. came to listen to millionaire luminaries like Scarlett Johanson, Madonna, the Stalinist-con Angela Davis and others from the fictitious world of Hollywood.

For these sore losers the electoral system was good when the Democratic Party won, but in 2000 Al Gore lost "because of Ralph Nader" and in 2016 Hillary lost "because of Vladimir Putin." This is the twisted logic of these elements who'll have to swallow their bile for the next eight years.

—Leo T. West
San Leandro

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Can you spot fake news?

— Asked around town

A lot of things are on social media and some things are wrong. For example, I read a story that said a person was dead but I knew that person was still alive. Sometimes there's just something fishy about it.

Jessica Gonzalez
Oakland



I just know that Donald Trump shouldn't be president. He's attacking Obama Care but there's people who really need health care. I think he should be more compassionate and show love for the American people. There's people living in tents. We need to build affordable houses.

Beverly Thompson
San Leandro



I have a solution: I don't watch the news. If people talk about it, I hear it that way. The news is focused on things getting damaged or people dying. It seems to build fear.

Jeromie Speros
San Leandro



I can kind of tell by the wording they use, or if it just doesn't make any sense. I heard a story that the bus schedules were going to change, but I Googled it and I didn't see anything about it.

Amenia Pennington
Oakland



If you ask me, it's all fake. They tell you what they want you to know. And, if it's Donald Trump, everything he says is fake.

Loyd Revels
Oakland



City Council to Hold Planning Session Saturday

The San Leandro City Council is holding its annual planning session this Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th Street.

Mayor Pauline Cutter and the City Council invite the public to attend and offer comments. The council will discuss their

plans for the upcoming year with updates on finance, policies, and city projects.

Last year at the planning session, the council went over some topics that became prominent issues in San Leandro, including medical marijuana, housing development, and the city budget.



THE FUNDUDES AT ZOCALO — The Fundudes band will perform to benefit the families and victims of the Oakland's Ghost Ship Fire this Friday from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Zocalo Coffeehouse, 645 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro. A \$10 donation is suggested.

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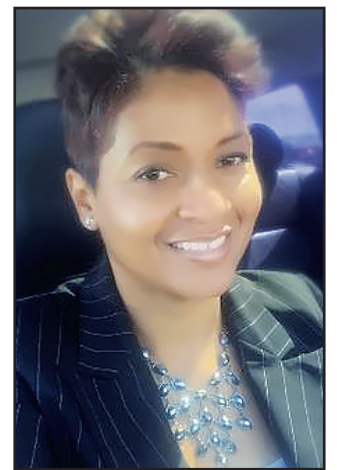
Chamber of Commerce Picks Marketing Manager

San Leandro Chamber of Commerce President Emily Griego announced this week that Nicole Hankton has been named the chamber's new marketing manager.

Hankton has been part of marketing teams with prominent brands such as Gap, Inc. and Marriott International. She will develop the marketing strategy of the chamber and handle the day-to-day operation of implementing and maintaining that strategy, the chamber announced in a press release.

Hankton studied business management at the University of Phoenix while working full-time and raising a family. She enjoys knitting, spending time with her family, watching Warriors' games, and wine-tasting.

Hankton has volunteered for community organizations



Nicole Hankton is the San Leandro Chamber of Commerce's new marketing manager.

and planned corporate volunteer events for the Alameda County Food Bank and Hashtag Lunchbag.

Washington School to Turn 100 on Tuesday

Washington Elementary School, 250 Dutton Ave., will celebrate its 100 birthday with an open house on Tuesday, Jan. 31, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The school invites former Washington students to come and

tour the school.

A gallery of photos and artifacts will be on display, and tea, coffee and food will be available.

For more information about the celebration, call 618-4360, ext. 3333.

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