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Three Dog Day

Roz Edelson took three dogs for a walk recently when the rain let up. This week San Leandro has enjoyed spring-like weather as the next rain appears to be holding off until Sunday or Monday.

San Lorenzo Village Plan Approved

Art deco apartments and shops to fill longtime vacant lot

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

The Alameda County Planning Commission voted this week to approve a new apartment complex with retail stores in San Lorenzo Village, despite a last-minute push from a trade union group opposing it.

But some San Lorenzans are happy to see any development on the site, which has been empty in the middle of town for the past 25 years.

Developer Demmon Partners got the go-ahead to build an art deco style mixed-use project with 163 market-rate units in five buildings along Hesperian Boulevard and Via Arriba at the old Mervyn's site, which has been empty since 1994.

The 5.1-acre parcel would be developed with three- and four-story apartment buildings, a pool, dog park, and a shuttle to BART.

There will be 12,000-square-feet of retail space on the corner of Hesperian Boulevard and Paseo Grande, with room for at least six different shops ranging from 1,300 to 2,600-square-feet. As part of the project, developer Terry Demmon said they will also remodel the marquee on the Lorenzo Theatre across the street.

The Planning Commission approved the project by a 4-1 vote, with Commissioner Jim Goff dissenting. Goff said he wasn't completely satisfied that

the project was best for the area and thought San Lorenzans might want more of a community hub in the centrally-located site.

"I tried to get a vision of what the community is looking for," see SAN LORENZO, page 5

Rousseau Remembered For Cards, Compassion

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

Tom Rousseau, a staple in San Leandro who sold greeting cards from his electric wheelchair, passed away earlier this month at the age of 87.

Rousseau had cerebral palsy and could be seen driving down the streets with a sign which read "I sell cards for all occasions." He was such a well-known figure around town that in 2014, the city made a proclamation declaring Dec. 31 "Tom Rousseau Day."

Rousseau began his greeting card business as a teen in New Bedford, Massachusetts in 1946, selling cards out of a little red see ROUSSEAU, page 16

Why the Difference Between Garbage Bills?

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

Lorane Caison's garbage bill for three months is \$72.03.

So she's wondering why her neighbor's bill comes to \$31.50, also for three months.

Caison has three containers – a 20 gallon garbage bin, plus a recycling bin and an organics bin. And her neighbor has the same three bins.

"So what is it?" Caison asks. "Why are the bills so different?"

There are a couple of reasons, it turns out. First, there are two garbage contractors in San Leandro – Alameda County Industries (ACI), and Waste Management.

ACI covers the area administered by the City of San Leandro, and Waste Management covers the area that's part of the Oro Loma Sanitation District.

Part of the reason the Waste Management bill is lower is because Oro Loma adds a bill on the tax roll of \$55.20 a year (\$13.80

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PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

A San Leandran wonders why the difference in bills for the same three containers.

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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.

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.



Pets of the Week



Momo



FeeFee

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are MoMo the cat and FeeFee the cat.

Momo and FeeFee, who are 7 years old, are a brother and sister pair. Both are sweet, laid back and seem to be okay with other cats.

Both love attention from people. Momo enjoys cheek and neck rubs but prefers people not to pet her back end. FeeFee meows for attention and loves behind the ear scratches.

For more information on Momo and FeeFee, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at 293-7200.

Airliners to Use North Field Runway on Sunday Night

Oakland Airport will close Runway 12/30 on Sunday, Feb. 24th from 10:30 p.m. to 6 a.m. on Monday to remove tire rubber from the pavement.

Runway 12/30 is where the large airliners usually land and takeoff. During this time, those airliners will use the North Field runways, the runways normally

used by smaller airplanes.

Aircraft may overfly residential areas in San Leandro during the time they're using the North Field runways.

The Port of Oakland apologizes in advance for any disturbances. Aircraft noise concerns may be directed to Noise Hotline at 563-6463.



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To apply, call R.L. Darcey at Aerotools at 727-1263.

Seniors Invited to Join Class in Writing Memoirs

The Arts Commission of the City of San Leandro is sponsoring through its Grants Program "Arts in Memoirs," a free series of four classes for seniors to write their memoirs.

The memoirs can be written in English or any other language.

The one-hour classes will on Saturdays in March and April, guided by a retired teacher, Kathleen McCabe-Martin. The venue is yet to be determined.

If you are interested, email Project Coordinator Bella Comello at bellacomelo@hotmail.com.

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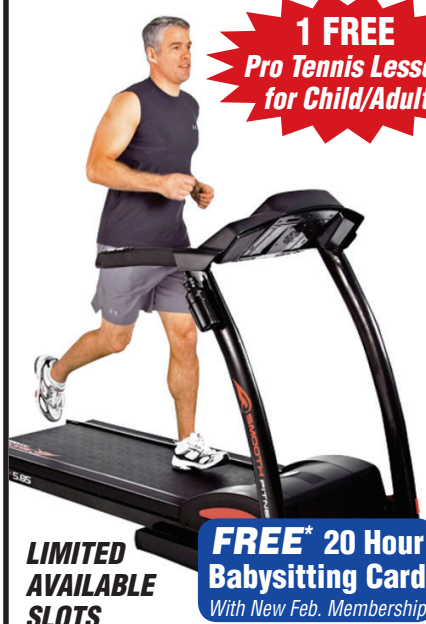
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POLICE & FIRE



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Fire at Georgia Pacific Paper Plant

A three-alarm fire broke out at the Georgia Pacific paper plant on the 2800 block of Alvarado Street last Thursday shortly before 6 p.m., according to the Alameda County Fire Department. The fire was caused by an electrical problem in a machine that applies wax to cardboard boxes and firefighters were able to confine it to a rear warehouse where the machine was located. There were no injuries.

Woman Ejected from Car in Fatal I-880 Collision Tuesday

A 20-year-old woman was killed when the car she was a passenger in collided with a big-rig on I-880 Tuesday morning, according to the California Highway Patrol.

The crash was reported at around 11 a.m., when police dispatchers received calls that a collision occurred in the south-bound lanes of the freeway just north of the Floresta overpass.

Witnesses told the CHP a Honda had been changing be-

tween the number one and number two lane at a high speed and apparently lost control and swerved across all five lanes to the far right lane, where it struck a big-rig truck which was parked on the shoulder.

The impact tore the Honda's front passenger door off, which ejected the passenger into traffic. The passenger has been identified as Karen Perez of Oakland and she was pronounced dead on the scene.

The driver of the Honda, a 20-year-old man from Oakland, was taken to Eden Hospital in Castro Valley with complaints of pain. The driver of the truck was not injured.

The CHP issued a sig-alert at around 11:20 a.m. and the right three lanes were closed until 2:20 p.m.

The collision is under investigation and the CHP asks anyone with information to call their Hayward office at 489-1500.

Stolen iPad Leads Right to Thieves

A pair of burglary suspects were arrested last Wednesday after an iPad they allegedly stole from a home in the Lower Bal neighborhood turned out to have a tracking feature which led police straight to their location.

On the afternoon of Feb. 13, a resident on the 1200 block of Dorothy Avenue called police to say her home had been burglarized and it must have happened within the past hour because that's how long she'd been away from home.

When cops arrived, they discovered that several items including jewelry and electronics were stolen, said Lt. Issac Benabou of the San Leandro police in a press release.

One of the items stolen was the victim's iPad. The victim was able to sign into her Apple account and "ping" the location of her stolen iPad, Benabou said.

The victim noticed that the iPad's location was a few miles away in Washington Plaza.

Officers downtown were able

to pinpoint a vehicle that was moving at the same pace as the tablet and stopped the vehicle. The stolen iPad was seen on the floor between the driver's feet. The female passenger was also wearing several pieces of the victim's stolen jewelry.

The occupants were identified as William Kennedy, 40, and Wanda Scott, 42, both of Petaluma. Kennedy and Scott were both arrested and later charged with possession of stolen property and suspicion of burglary.

Closures Due to Weather at Regional Parks

With the recent weather, several parks, trails, and areas have been closed within the East Bay Regional Park District. Before you plan an excursion, check out the district's Park & Trail Closure page for up to date information at www.ebparks.org under the "news" tab.

Local parks with partial closures this week include Anthony Chabot Regional Park for flooding and trees down on the trail, Del Valle for flooding, Diablo Foothills for a landslide, the Alameda Creek Regional trail for flooding, Shadow Cliffs due to terrain damage. Fire restrictions also remain in place at all regional parks.

For updates, visit the parks closure web page or call (510) 881-1833.

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Apple iPads Presented to Hayward Rotary Scholars

St. Rose Hospital President and CEO, Aman Dhuper presented Apple iPads to the 2018 Hayward Rotary Scholars on Wednesday, Jan. 23. The Hayward Unified School District (HUSD) students were honored at the HUSD Board Meeting for achieving perfect test scores, attendance, and citizenship.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

❖ **Douglas Morrisson Theatre** *Ah Wilderness*, a nostalgic coming-of-age story by Eugene O'Neill that introduces the Miller Family on the 4th of July in 1906, will be presented by the Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 N. Third St., Hayward through March 3. The play offers a back-

ward glimpse into middle-class family life in turn-of-the-century America, providing a tender, retrospective portrait of small town family values, teenage growing pains, and young love. Showtimes are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. on Sundays and on Saturday, March 2. Tickets are \$29, senior discounts

available. To purchase tickets, call 881-6777.

❖ **Chanticleers Theatre** *The 39 Steps*, runs through Feb. 24 at Chanticleers Theatre, at 3683 Quail Ave. in Castro Valley. This comedy, farce, melodrama and mystery are all mixed in this hilarious stage adaptation of the 1935 Alfred Hitchcock movie. The ingenious assortment of hilarious slapstick shenanigans and creative devices keep the laughs rolling from beginning to end. Curtain time for Friday and Saturday evening shows is 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees start at 2 p.m. For tickets (\$25 general, \$20 seniors/students, \$18 Bargain Night Feb. 2), call 733-5483 or visit chanticleers.org.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR



❖ Sulphur Creek Nature Center

Enjoy a tree frog serenade on Saturday, Feb. 23, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at Sulphur Creek Nature Center, 1801 D St. in Hayward. Discover why these amphibians sing, how they can out-smart their enemies, and how they inform scientists about their environments. You can meet some of Sulphur Creek's native frogs and salamanders at this special adult nature program. To register (required) for Program No. 7065 (\$20), visit www.HaywardRec.org/register or call 881-6700.

❖ 4th Sunday Breakfast for Veterans

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

❖ Social Diversity Talk at SLZ Adult School

San Lorenzo Adult School's CTE program presents "Social Diversity in the Workplace: A Conversation with Kino Carson," on Tuesday, Feb. 26, from 6 to 7 p.m. in the College & Career Service Center of the Adult School, 820 Bockman Road in San Lorenzo. In this discussion, Carson will examine the complexities of social diversity in the workplace, how to be more inclusive in the workplace, why the word "tolerant" is problematic, and more. The talk is free and open to the public.

❖ San Leandro Readers Roundtable

The San Leandro Readers Roundtable will meet on Saturday, March 2, at 2 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. The book up for discussion will be the *History of Wolves*, Emily Fridlund's suspenseful novel about a teenage girl's coming of age. All are welcome, and all books discussed are available for purchase in the Library's Booktique bookstore.

❖ Consultant Konmari at Manor Library

Emi Louie, a Certified Konmari Consultant, will discuss Marie Kondo's popular Konmari Method on Saturday, March 2, from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd. in San Leandro. Learn how to sort through your possessions and learn what to keep, how to clear the clutter, and fill your life with joy. If you've watched the new hit series on Netflix, *Tidying Up with Marie Kondo*, here's your next step. Attendees may bring 1 box of papers to sort for hands-on Konmari practice.

❖ Piano Concert at Faith Lutheran Church

International First Lady of Piano Dr. Teresa Walters will perform works by Franz Liszt and J.S. Bach on Sunday, March 3, at 2 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church of Castro Valley, 20080 Redwood Road in Castro Valley. All are welcome. Suggested donation \$20.

❖ Buon Tempo Club Family Dinner

The Buon Tempo Club will have a family dinner on Tuesday, March 5, at 7 p.m. at the Transfiguration Church, Mt. Tabor Hall, 4000 E. Castro Valley Blvd. in Castro Valley (across from the 580 Marketplace). Everyone is invited to attend. Chef Joseph Sotello and his crew will serve a five-course family style dinner of corned beef and cabbage. Red and White Wine and soda are also included. Happy hour is at

6 p.m. The dinner is \$15 for members, and \$20 for non-members. Make reservations by Friday, March 1 by calling the Buon Tempo dinner line at 483-6929. For more information about events or membership go to www.buontempo.org.

❖ East Bay Flag Football Registration

East Bay Flag Football is registering players for the upcoming season, March 9 to May 18, on Saturdays at Burrell Field. The league will have six age divisions for players age 5 to 15. For registration or more information go to www.eastbayflag.com.

❖ SL Kiwanis Club Saturday Social

The Kiwanis Club of San Leandro invites you to a Saturday Social on Saturday, March 9, from noon to 6 p.m. at Cleophus Quealy, 448 Hester St. in San Leandro. Raise a pint (or two) and raise money for Pediatric Trauma Prevention (PTP).

❖ Drawing Class Offered in SLZ

A drawing class is offered for the spring quarter, at San Lorenzo Adult School, 820 Bockman Road in San Lorenzo. The teacher provides instruction and guidance in use of various materials and principles. The class runs from March 11 to June 7 on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to noon, or from 6 to 9 p.m. All artistic levels and abilities welcome. The fee is \$75 for the whole spring session. Register now or anytime throughout the course. For more information, call 317-4200.

❖ SL Kiwanis St. Patrick's Day Dinner

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

❖ Neuropathy Support Group

The Neuropathy Support Group meets on the second Wednesday of the month from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Hayward, 2490 Grove Way in Castro Valley. Neuropathy is the tingling, numbness, burning pain in your feet, legs and or hands. There are 123 different illnesses that cause neuropathy. Let's talk. Join the discussion and learn multiple ways to deal and live with neuropathy. For more information, call Joy at 842-8440 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

❖ San Leandro LeTip Meeting

Come see how LeTip can help your business sales grow. Meetings are held every Thursday at 7 a.m. at Denny's Restaurant, 1803 Marina Blvd. in San Leandro. LeTip is a professional organization whose purpose is the exchange of business leads. Each business category can only be represented by only one person. For more information, call Robert West at 912-0555.

❖ Prostate World Group Meetings

Prostate World, a support group for men and their significant others, holds meetings the first Wednesday of the month, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Washington Hospital, room C, 2500 Mowry Ave. in Fremont. Guest speakers present the latest information on prostate cancer. For more information, call 783-5121.

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San Lorenzo: Sheet metal workers oppose non-union project

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said Goff. "I love the project, but it needs more of a downtown atmosphere, more of a community feeling."

Public speaker Randy Wage suggested that more of the community could benefit from the project if it had more retail, but Demmon said that traditional brick and mortar stores are dying out and he wasn't comfortable with adding even more retail space. He originally approached the county with under 10,000-square-foot of retail plans, so he said he already made a compromise.

"It's been about three years that we've worked on this project," said Demmon. "We've tried to reach out as best we can to get community input."

A few speakers addressed the Planning Commission in support of the project, saying they are tired of the central part of their town sitting empty so long.

"I'm living in an area that's become almost a ghetto," said San Lorenzo resident Mario Caserías. "It's been eroding throughout the years. When someone wants to build something nice, people come out and oppose it."

The opposition at Tuesday night's meeting didn't come from neighbors, but from union representatives.

Demmon said that he worked for months to try to reach an agreement with the trade unions, but could not.

John Dalrymple, political affairs consultant with Sheet Metal Workers Local 104, said that Demmon was looking to hire workers who make in the range of \$33,000 per year, while the union workers make \$45,000 annually.

Sarah Dudley of the Alameda County Residents for Responsible

Development, a labor union coalition, urged the Planning Commission to reconsider the project's environmental impact report (EIR).

But the Planning Commission said the EIR was valid and the project could go forward.

Demmon Partners said that the unions were trying to stop the project not out of legitimate concern, but because it was non-union.

In the end, the Planning Commission decided to approve the Village Green and Demmon estimates that construction will take about two years.



An art deco apartment building will be built in the long vacant space in San Lorenzo Village where the Mervyn's was torn down 25 years ago. The 5-acre parcel will have apartments, a pool, dog park and a shuttle to BART.



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/s/Connie Joan Clark
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/s/Angell Rivera
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/s/CCSAC, Inc.
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The name of the business:
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/s/DSWC, Inc.
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/s/Roger Conte
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/s/Benjamin C. Guinto
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/s/Power Nex Construction INC
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/s/P & G Power Corp
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/s/Sanh Nguyen
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/s/Camvan Thi Duong
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The name of the business:
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/s/Gino Bossetto
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AUTOMOTIVE

Lexus Rolls Out Fuel-Sipping Flagship Sedan

By Steve Schaefer
San Leandro Times

The Lexus LS 500 is a big, bold, beautiful flagship sedan, which competes with cars like the Mercedes-Benz S-Class and BMW 7 Series. Redone in 2018, it moves into 2019 with a few small updates. You can choose from the “regular” LS 500 or the hybrid LS 500h.

The wide-mouthed spindle grille and sharp details evoke a certain “Lexusness” that stands out well against the recognizable flavor of those German luxury leaders. Coming from the company that gave us the Prius hybrid, though, the LS 500h, while not a “green” car like a Tesla, does deliver significant fuel economy improvements.

The non-hybrid LS 500 uses a 3.5-liter twin-turbocharged V6 to provide 416 horsepower and 442 lb.-ft. of torque, for a 4.6-second zero-to-sixty time. Its EPA mileage numbers are 19 City, 29 Highway, and 23 Combined. The available all-wheel-drive model posts slightly lower numbers.

Compare that to the hybrid LS 500h, which uses a naturally-aspirated 3.5-liter V6 and two electric motor-generators powered by a compact, lightweight lithium-ion battery. The battery is charged up by regenerative braking. This model is a

trifle slower from zero-to-sixty, at 5.1 seconds, but pushes the EPA fuel economy to 25 City, 33 Highway, and 28 Combined. It also boasts EPA green numbers of 7 for Smog and 6 for Greenhouse Gas. Range is an impressive 622 miles (varies depending on speed, weather, etc.).

That means that the hybrid version of Lexus’ massive, 2-1/2-ton flagship car gets better fuel economy numbers than Lexus’ non-hybrid smaller ES (26 mpg combined) and IS (24 mpg combined) sedans!

Naturally, there’s room for five, and the LS 500h offers every amenity imaginable when you factor in the vast menu of options. Most notable is the Executive package, which adds the price of a base-model Camry to the total (\$23,080). But what you get is remarkable. Most visually striking is the first use of beautiful Kiriko glass in a car, on the doors. It gives the interior a shimmer, especially against the beautifully hand-pleated door trim with “floating” armrests that are back-lit at night.

The supremely comfortable quilted-leather seats offer an amazing 28-way power-adjustable driver’s seat with multi-function massage. The rear seats recline, there’s a four-way “climate concierge,” and power side window shades.

Going along with the theme of large numbers, the stunning Mark Levinson audio system (\$1,940) features 23 speak-

ers and 2,400 watts of power! The head-up display (\$1,200) stretches 24 inches across the left half of the lower windshield.

Lexus uses a touchpad to control the numerous options on the large center display screen. I got pretty good at sliding and flicking my fingers to adjust things like the level of seat heating or audio selections. My car had Apple CarPlay integration, a handy feature that projects your phone content onto the main screen. You can use Siri to do verbal texting, phone calls, and other interactions. This car also had Alexa compatibility, but I didn’t use it.

The Lexus Safety System is a \$3,000 option as well, although many safety features are part of every Toyota and Lexus today. I was saved by the pre-collision active braking. One night, as I backed out of a dark driveway, the car stopped suddenly, and red capital BRAKE flashed on the head-up display. Yes, there was a parked car behind me that I couldn’t see. The cross-traffic alert notifies you of cars moving across your path ahead with bright green arrows moving in the long head-up display area. That’s why they made it two-feet long.

There’s more! The wheels on my car were upgraded to 20-inchers (\$2,450), and the Manganese Luster paint added an additional \$595.

The LS 500h is a smooth riding limo, especially with the



The LS 500h uses a naturally-aspirated 3.5-liter V6 and two electric motor-generators powered by a compact, lightweight lithium-ion battery.

optional adaptive variable air suspension (\$1,500). I can’t say I thought much about it, but traveling was serene under any circumstances. If you want to configure your experience, on one of the two “horns” on the instrument panel you can twist to “ECO,” comfort, and two higher-performance drive modes—Sport and Sport +. I stayed mostly in ECO mode, but sampled the others briefly. If you want to open up the LS 500h on a winding back road or on a freeway entrance ramp, the Sport settings will let you unleash yourself.

More big numbers come when pricing this special car. The base price is \$79,710, plus \$1,025 for delivery and handling. But with the long list of options, my car topped out at a knee-weakening \$118,010. But

it’s hard to imagine how you could pack more content and driving pleasure into a luxury sedan. While many people are moving to crossover sport utilities, there’s still a viable sedan market, and the LS 500h is one

of the fanciest ones you’ll find, while still providing decent fuel economy.

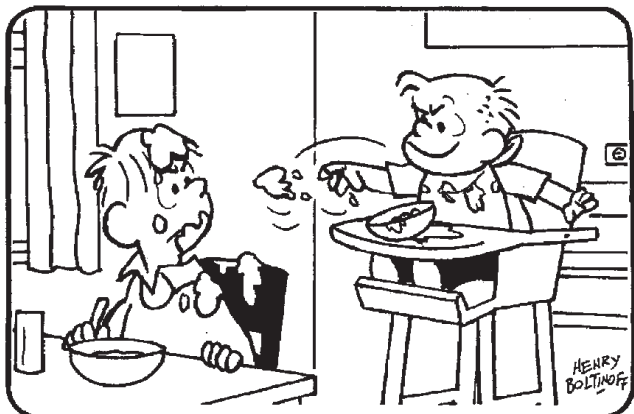
Steve Schaefer lives in Castro Valley. He has been reviewing new cars in the Times for 27 years.



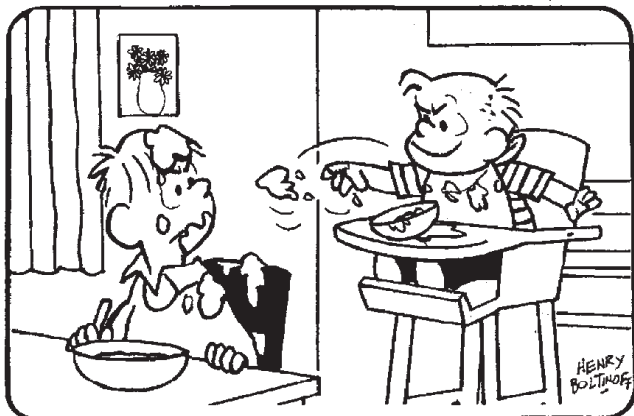
The interior of the LS is inspired by the omotenashi principle that welcomes and envelops passengers.

HOCUS-FOCUS

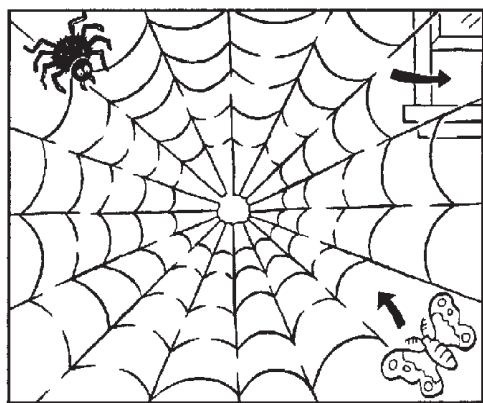
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Baby's shirt has stripes. 2. Picture is different. 3. Curtain covers window. 4. Boy's bowl is larger. 5. Wall outlet is missing. 6. Boy's glass is missing. 7. Shattered.



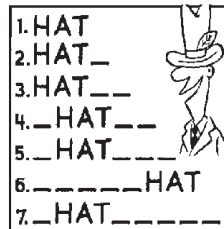
THE SILKEN MAZE! See if you can help this fly get through the silken maze, and out the window, before Spidey pounces on him.

LUNCH BREAK TROUBLE! Henry was supposed to buy 4 hamburgers and 3 sodas for \$14.50. Instead, he bought 3 hamburgers and 4 sodas for \$13.50. What was the price of a single hamburger? A single soda?

Answer: One hamburger cost \$2.50. One soda, \$1.50.

A HAT OF MANY SIZES! In this puzzle, all of the words we are searching for contain the word “HAT.” The following hints should help “crown” you with success:

1. HAT (given).
2. To greatly dislike.
3. A ship opening.
4. Old type of roofing.
5. A French castle.
6. Casual conversation.
7. Broken into many pieces.



Answers: 1. Hat. 2. Hate. 3. Hatch. 4. Thatch. 5. Chateau. 6. Chitchat. 7. Shattered.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

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LOOKING FOR LINCOLN!

Hidden in the diagram above are 17 words associated with the 16th president of the United States, Abraham Lincoln. They can be found by reading up or down, or side to side. You’ll even find them diagonally going up or down. Letters can be used more than once. Listed below are the words you’re looking for:

Able	Douglas	Lincoln
Booth	Gettysburg	Memorial
Cabin	Holiday	President
Civil War	Ideals	Slender
Command	Lawyer	Theatre
Debate	Leader	

LIFESTYLE

There's More to Avocados than Guacamole



Most fruits and vegetables must be picked within a few days of reaching maturity, no matter what price they will bring. However, a ripe avocado can hang on the tree for six to eight months, just waiting for the right market.

Avocados are, of course, year-round fruits, but the peak supplies are in the spring and early summer and that's when the prices are lowest. Nearly all are raised here in California in small groves averaging less than 10 acres each.

One medium size avocado is rich in nutrients with more than 10 essential vitamins and minerals. It also has about 300 calories, the majority of which are from fat, which gives it an unmistakable buttery texture. Fortunately it is mostly monounsaturated, which is the "healthy" kind of fat.

AVOCADO-GRAPEFRUIT SALAD

Bibb Lettuce
Watercress
2 ripe avocados, peeled and sliced
2 cups grapefruit sections
1 cup fresh raspberries
Prepared sweet vinegar and oil dressing

Line serving platter or individual salad plates with lettuce and watercress. Arrange avocado, grapefruit and raspberries over and sprinkle with dressing. Serves 4.

MEXICAN GUACAMOLE

2 ripe, fresh avocados, halved and pitted
1 teaspoon minced serrano chile, seeded
1/2 medium tomato, diced
1-1/2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
1-1/2 tablespoon red diced onion
1/2 fresh lime
1/4 teaspoon Mexican oregano, crushed
Salt and white pepper to taste

Scoop avocado into a medium mixing bowl. With a fork, coarsely mash. Add other ingredients except the lime. Lightly blend. (Mexican guacamole is chunky,

not puréed.) Squeeze in lime juice and mix gently. Taste for seasoning adjustment. Makes 1 serving.

AVOCADO STUFFED BAKED POTATOES

3 potatoes
1 cup sour cream
1/2 cup diced ripe avocado
2 teaspoons salt
Fresh ground black pepper
Butter

Bake potatoes till done. Halve the potatoes lengthwise and scoop out the insides carefully, retaining the skins. Whip the potato pulp with sour cream, avocado dice, salt and pepper. Fill the potato skins. Add bits of butter on top and bake in preheated 375°F oven for about 10 minutes or until lightly browned. Serves 6.

AVOCADO PUDDING

3/4 cup instant dry milk
3 tablespoons sugar
3 tablespoons cornstarch, measured without packing it down
1/4 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup milk
1-1/4 cups water

pudding to this mixture and stir. Return mixture to saucepan and whisk until blended. Whisk in butter bits. Pour into 4 individual serving dishes. Cover with plastic wrap and chill.

AVOCADO PIE

1 ripe, avocado, seeded, peeled and mashed
1/2 cup lemon juice
Lemon zest to taste
1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
1 (9-inch) prepared graham cracker pie crust
Whipped cream, for garnish
Sliced almonds, for garnish

Blend avocado, lemon juice, lemon zest and sweetened condensed milk until smooth.

Pour mixture into prepared pie crust. Top with whipped cream and sliced almonds, if desired. Place pie in refrigerator for 3-4 hours and allow to set.

Slice and serve. Yields 8 to 10 servings.

AVOCADO CAKE

1-1/3 cups sugar
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter
2 eggs
1-1/2 mashed avocados
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon allspice
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon salt

Making the Most of Your Avocados

Avocados ripen best off the tree and are picked when they are quite firm.

To choose a ripe avocado, give one a gentle squeeze; if it feels soft its ready to eat. If you find all of them hard, just store one in a paper bag with an apple at room temperature and it will be ripe in a day or two.

An uncut ripe avocado can be stored in the refrigerator for up to a week.

Cut the ripe avocado in half by running a sharp knife around the circumference of the fruit, beginning and end-



ing at the stem. Then, holding the fruit firmly in your hands, twist the two halves in opposite directions to separate them.

1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 cup buttermilk
1/2 cup chopped dates
1/4 cup raisins
1/2 cup chopped walnut
1-1/2 cups flour

Cream sugar, butter, eggs and avocado until light and fluffy. Beat in cinnamon, allspice, nutmeg, salt and baking soda. Add

buttermilk, dates, raisins and walnuts and mix well. Stir in flour until thoroughly mixed. Batter will be quite stiff.

Spread in greased 9-inch-square glass baking dish. Bake at 300°F until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, about 1 hour. Cool and serve plain or with whipped cream. Yields 6 servings.

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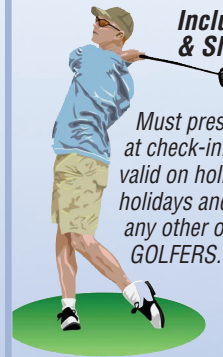
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Selling or Refinancing Your Home When Your Spouse Can't Sign

By Gene L. Osofsky, Esq.
Special to the Times

Q My husband has dementia and I wonder about my ability to refinance or even sell the home, as he cannot sign. The home is held in a Living Trust. Can you advise?

A The short answer is that, under these circumstances, it may be easier for you to sell the home than it would be to refinance. Here's why:

Sale of Home: Your Living Trust probably provides that both of you are co-trustees, but that when one of you dies or becomes incapacitated the other becomes

the sole trustee with full power to convey trust assets.

So, assuming that you can document your husband's incapacity as required by the terms of the trust, the trust terms would then typically permit you, as sole Successor Trustee, to convey clear title to the buyers on your signature alone. Then, as Successor Trustee, you would usually then be able to sell your home.

In these situations, title companies are usually willing to insure the passage of title to your buyer.

Refinance: However, if your goal were to refinance an existing loan on your home, this could be problematic.

Many lenders require that the home be removed from trust during the loan escrow and require that all loan documents be signed by both homeowners as individuals, rather than as trustees. Once removed from trust, your authority to sign would no longer be governed by the trust instrument.

Instead, it would be governed by a Durable Power of Attorney (DPOA) if one exists. However, your lender may not accept that DPOA, if, for example, it had been signed long ago, or it does not adequately identify your home, or it does not clearly give you authority to encumber the home to secure the loan.

Also, the lender may require

that you obtain physicians' letters certifying both (a) that your husband had full capacity when the DPOA was originally signed years ago, and (b) that he currently is incapacitated. A letter certifying your husband's capacity years ago could be a problem if, for example, your husband's then physician is now unavailable.

Even lenders who do not require that the home be first removed from trust, may still require signatures by both the acting trustee and by both homeowners as individuals. This appears especially true with regard to Reverse Mortgages.

So, again, even in this situation you may need a "friendly" lender and a DPOA that is acceptable to the lender.

Possible Work-arounds:

Suggestions if you wish to refinance and encounter lender resistance: (A) shop around: some lenders, such as credit unions, may have more relaxed standards. For example, some may not require that you remove the home from trust in order to refinance and may accept your signature, alone, on all loan documents as sole successor trustee; and/or (B) consider a Petition to the Superior Court asking the judge to issue an



order which substitutes for your husband's signature.

This procedure is available in California under what is called a Petition for Substituted Judgment, so named because it asks the court to substitute its judgment for that of your husband. In most cases, the lender would then accept the resulting court order in lieu of your husband's signature.

Whether you seek to sell, or refinance, I recommend checking out these issues with one or more title companies and/or lenders early on and before you get too committed to a specific course of action.

Gene L. Osofsky is an estate planning and elder law attorney in Hayward. Visit his website at www.LawyerForSeniors.com

Do I Need to File a Tax Return This Year?

By Jim Miller
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Whether or not you are required to file a federal income tax return this year actually depends on several factors: how much you earned last year (in 2018); the source of that income; your age; and your filing status.

Here's a rundown of this tax season's IRS tax filing requirements.

For most people, this is pretty straightforward. If your 2018 gross income – which includes all taxable income, not counting your Social Security benefits, unless you are married and filing separately – was below the threshold for your filing status and age, you may not have to file. But if it's over, you will.

- Single: \$12,000 (\$13,600 if you're 65 or older by Jan. 1, 2019).
- Married filing jointly: \$24,000 (\$25,300 if you or your

spouse is 65 or older; or \$26,600 if you're both over 65).

- Head of household: \$18,000 (\$19,600 if age 65 or older).
- Qualifying widow(er) with dependent child: \$24,000 (\$25,300 if age 65 or older).

To get a detailed breakdown on federal filing requirements, along with information on taxable and nontaxable income, call the IRS at 800-829-3676 and ask them to mail you a free copy of the "Tax Guide for Seniors" (publication 554) or see IRS.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p554.pdf.

Check Here Too

There are, however, some other financial situations that can require you to file a tax return, even if your gross income falls below the IRS filing requirements.

For example, if you earned more than \$400 from self-employment in 2018, owe any special taxes like an alternative minimum tax, or get premium

tax credits because you, your spouse or a dependent is enrolled in a Health Insurance Marketplace (Obamacare) plan, you'll need to file.

You'll also need to file if you're receiving Social Security benefits, and one-half of your benefits plus your other gross income and any tax-exempt interest exceeds \$25,000, or \$32,000 if you're married and filing jointly.

To figure all this out, the IRS offers an interactive tax assistant tool on their website that asks a series of questions that will help you determine if you're required to file, or if you should file because you're due a refund. It takes less than 15 minutes to complete.

You can access this tool at IRS.gov/filing – click on "Do I Need to File?" Or, you can get assistance over the phone by calling the IRS helpline at 800-829-1040. You can also get face-to-face help at a Taxpayer

Assistance Center. See IRS.gov/localcontacts or call 800-829-1040 to locate a center near you.

Tax Preparation Help

If you find that you do need to file a tax return this year, you can get help through the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (or TCE) program. Sponsored by the IRS, TEC provides free tax preparation and counseling to middle and low-income taxpayers, age 60 and older. Call 800-906-9887 or visit IRS.treasury.gov/freetax-prep to locate a service near you.

Also check with AARP, a participant in the TCE program that provides free tax preparation at around 5,000 sites nationwide. To locate an AARP Tax-Aide site call 888-227-7669 or visit AARP.org/findtaxhelp. You don't have to be an AARP member to use this service.

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San Leandro Basketball Beats College Park, 78-66

By Andrew Joseph
San Leandro Times

The San Leandro High basketball team beat College Park High of Pleasant Hill, 78-66, on Friday night at home in a Division 1 North Coast Section (NCS) basketball playoff game.

"We have been focused on continuing our season and leaving everything out on the floor," said Pirates' head coach Darnaryl Stamps.

This win, attended by a crowd of hundreds, was instrumental in San Leandro's current road to the 2019 California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) State championship title. They now advance their overall record to 24-4 and 9-1 in league play. It's important to win these early playoff games to get a good seed in the NCS finals.

"The win feels great, we have been working hard preparing for tonight all week focusing on stopping the ball and closing out on shooters," said Pirate's guard Kiki Aguirre.

Ciri Sawyer scored the first bucket for the Pirates, finishing scoring a team-high 21 points and 11 rebounds on the night. Other notable San Leandro scorers include guard Lawrence Long with 16 points, forward Keshad Johnson with 15 points and 9 rebounds, Junior Maile with 10 points, Aguirre with eight points,

and TJ Kilgore who finished with four points.

"What it took to get this win was good defense, staying active, and bringing the dog out," said Johnson. "This win feels good but we still have more games to go."

San Leandro beat the Falcons

"When we knock down threes, get fast breaks and dunks, the energy builds."

— San Leandro High guard
Kiki Aguirre

convincingly enough earlier in the season when they met, 80-65. College Park made it tough for shooters to get open and keep up with the pace in the first period, but that was soon resolved before halftime. Aguirre made the first 3-pointer for the Pirates in the opening minutes of the game.

"The offensive attack that worked well tonight was feeding the ball down low, getting inside-out," said Aguirre. "Once

we started getting baskets inside and making shots we were able to solidify the win."

Long ended the first quarter with a foul during a drive to the bucket and made the free-throw to make it a 3-point play. Their largest lead of the game was 31-14 at the 6:02 mark in the second quarter, and San Leandro never looked back after that. Going into halftime the Pirates led the Falcons 42-23.

"When we knock down threes and get fast break dunks the energy builds and our entire team feeds off of that energy," added Aguirre.

Defense Keeps Game Close Until Offense Warms Up

The defense was instrumental in making stops on the other end during minutes when their offense was rough. Once the offense got going it was hard to stop the Pirates.

"We did a good job of passing the ball, looking for each other, cutting, and posting — once we get all that going we're hard to be stopped," said coach Stamps.

Although the Falcons made a fight to come back going on a 7-0 run to close out the third quarter, San Leandro closed the game out in the fourth quarter proving they are ready to make a CIF title run this year.



PHOTO BY ANDREW JOSEPH

Ciri Sawyers (#20 white jersey) puts back a rebound during the second quarter on Friday night against College Park.

"Our discipline and our intensity helped us stay in this game and close it out for the win," added coach Stamps. "The other team is always going to go on runs, we just need to have longevity to be able to stay in it."

After the league championship, it's the NorCal regional rounds Feb. 26 to March 6 and

then finally the CIF state championship March 8 and 9.

"To beat De la Salle we have to stay disciplined, listen to coach, and take control over the whole game," said Johnson.

San Leandro was scheduled to travel to Concord to play De La Salle (26-3) Wednesday night in the next round of the NCS

playoffs.

The San Lorenzo boys team lost their NCS Division 2 first round matchup on Friday, 58-52, at home against Redwood High School.

The San Leandro girls basketball team lost their second round NCS Division 1 meeting against Heritage of Brentwood, 77-53.



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GUEST COMMENTARY



California Paves the Way for Additional Dwelling Units – Part 1

While showing homes in the Central County, it is not uncommon to come across homes with an additional dwelling tucked away in the rear.

Falling under the names “Granny Flats” or “In-Law Units,” these buildings are called Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and, in many cases, are unpermitted.

Read, “illegal.”

Built to house family members or provide additional rental income, unpermitted units have been a conundrum for years. It has been estimated that LA County alone has up to 50,000 illegal ADUs.

While there are currently no numbers for Alameda County, it is no secret that many illegal units exist, posing serious issues for owners, county and city building departments and potential buyers.

Confronted with an increasing statewide housing crisis, January 2017 saw California enacting legislation reducing restrictions on ADUs and paving the way for both development of new units and

possible permitting of existing, illegal units. Consequently, applications for ADUs have been dramatically increased in many cities across California.

The Community Development Agency for Alameda County has a website dedicated to ADUs.*

It explains, “ADUs are fully independent living quarters, constructed on properties that are already developed with a single family residence, and are subordinate in size, location, and appearance to the main residence on the property. ADUs add to the local rental housing stock, can make home rentals and ownership more affordable, allow opportunities for aging in place and may reduce greenhouse gas emissions when constructed in areas near public transit and services.”

While a path has been cleared to allow for new ADUs, it goes without saying that properties must meet specific criteria before a unit will be allowed. Proposed units also face size restrictions.

All of which brings up the question, “What about exist-

ing illegal units?”

While possible to legalize some existing ADUs, many have been constructed outside the acceptable parameters and can never be legalized. Anyone owning a home with an illegal ADU can be forced by county or city officials to remove the unit.

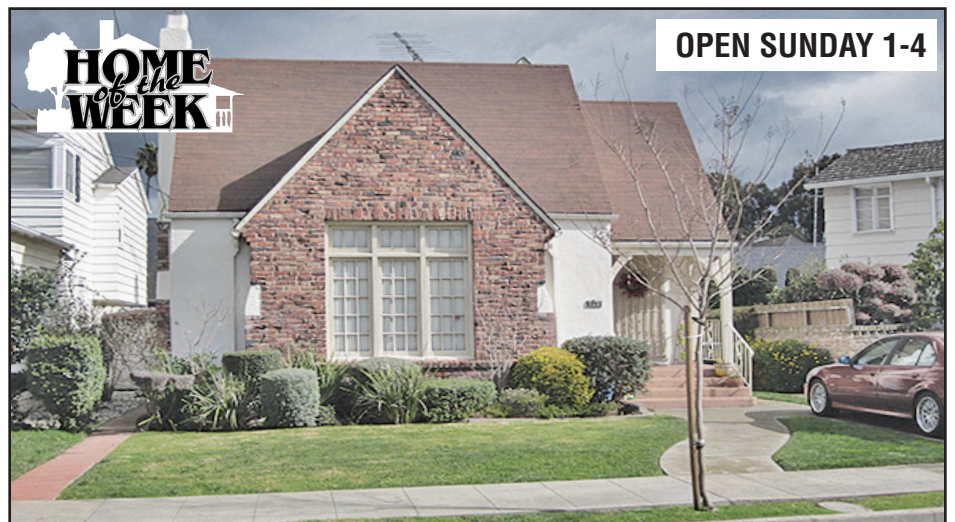
These units often come to the attention of local officials when a permit is pulled to upgrade a property, a neighbor complains or is noticed when officials visit nearby properties or view satellite pictures.

Looking to buy a home with an ADU? Check with local officials to make sure it's permitted. If not, you may get additional square footage, but will also incur significant liability. It is classic caveat emptor: buyer beware.

Part 2 Next Week

*www.acgov.org/cda/planning/landuseprojects/secondary-units.htm

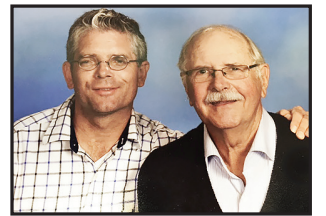
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Every digging project, no matter how large or small, warrants a free call to 811. Installing a mailbox or fence, building a deck and landscaping are all examples of digging projects that should only begin a few days after making a call to 811. Calling this number connects you to your local one-call utility notification center.

According to a recent phone survey, many homeowners will likely do DIY projects involving digging this year, but 36 percent of them said they did not plan to make a free call to 811 before digging.



Extrapolated to the full population of U.S. homeowners, approximately 48.3 million people will dig this year without first calling 811.

A utility line is damaged every nine minutes in America because someone decided to dig without making a call to 811 to learn the approximate location of buried utilities in their area.

Unintentionally striking one of these lines can result in inconvenience

outages for entire neighborhoods, serious harm to yourself or your neighbors, and significant repair costs.

As a result, the Common Ground Alliance offers the following tips to make sure you complete your project safely and without any utility service interruptions, so you don't become a statistic.

1. One free, simple phone call to 811 makes it easy for your local one-call center to notify appropriate utility companies of your intent to dig. Call a few days prior to digging to ensure enough time for the approximate location of utility lines to be marked with flags or paint.

2. When you call 811, a representative from your local one-call center will ask for the location and description of your

see *DIGGING*, page 11

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Deep-rooted dandelions are just one of many common weeds that invade backyard vegetable gardens each year.

Using Organic Weed Controls For Your Vegetable Garden

By Buzz Bertolero
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Q I'm going to plant a small vegetable garden in April or May. A field of weeds nearby is a big headache. I'd like to wipe them out with a natural herbicide. Do you know of any?

A I'm not sure of what types of weeds are growing, so controlling the unwanted vegetation is a difficult question to answer.

The easiest solution is to plow the growth under before they go to seed. Another option is to mow them periodically and wait for them to die once the rainy season concludes. I'm assuming the field isn't irrigated, so the unwanted vegetation will die in the late spring and shouldn't return until it rains in the fall.

You can find several organic herbicides that kill the actively growing vegetation or the dormant seeds but not necessarily both. There is a non-selective, natural citrus oil product for the actively growing weeds while corn gluten is used as an organic pre-emergent herbicide.

They're effective in killing

the seasonal shallow rooted grasses and weeds while iffy with deep-rooted perennials such as Bermuda Grass.

In your vegetable garden, hand cultivating and mulching is a very effective method of controlling weeds especially while they are tiny. I'd consult the nursery professional at your favorite garden center for a specific recommendation.

Buzz Bertolero is an Advance California Certified Nursery Professional. The Dirt Gardener's website is www.dirtgardener.com and questions can be sent by email to buzz@dirtgardener.com or on Facebook at [Facebook.com/Buzz.Bertolero](https://www.facebook.com/Buzz.Bertolero)



Digging: Call 811 first

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digging project.

3. Your local one-call center will notify affected utility companies, which will then send professional locators to the proposed dig site to mark the approximate location of your lines.

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Fixed-Rate Mortgages

Fixed-rate mortgages fell last week to the lowest levels since early 2018, according to Freddie Mac's weekly nationwide survey.

"The combination of cooling inflation and slower global economic growth led mortgage rates to drift down to the lowest levels in a year," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's chief economist.

Thirty-year fixed-rate mortgages averaged 4.37 percent last

week, down from 4.41 percent a week earlier. A year ago at this time, the 30-year FRM averaged 4.38 percent.

Fifteen-year fixed-rate loans averaged 3.81 percent, down from 3.84 percent.

Five-year hybrid adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 3.88 percent, down from the week before when it averaged 3.91 percent. A year ago at this time, the 5-year ARM averaged 3.63 percent.



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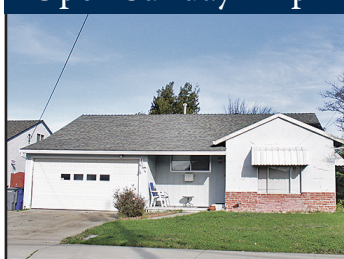
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Ukulele Jam Held on Wednesdays at Senior Center

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

The drop-in fee is \$1. The jam is for anyone who already plays the ukulele or if you're just learning and want to experience how awesome it is to play with others.

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

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Corbett Named VP of EB Parks Board

The East Bay Regional Park District Board of Directors inducted new leaders for 2019. Ayn Wieskamp of Livermore will serve as president, and former San Leandro Mayor Ellen Corbett will serve as vice president.

Dee Rosario of Oakland will serve as treasurer, and Colin Coffey of Hercules will serve as secretary. Other board members are Whitney Dotson of Richmond, Dennis Wespel of Castro Valley, and Beverly Lane of Danville. Leadership positions rotate annually.

Corbett was elected to the board in 2016 and will serve as chair of the board's operations committee. She was the majority leader of the California



Ellen Corbett

San Leandro City Council member and mayor of San Leandro. Director Corbett's term expires in 2020.

The board meets the first and third Tuesdays of every month. Members are elected to four-year terms and are elected by district to represent different geographic areas of the East Bay.

The East Bay Regional Park District is a system comprising of 121,000 acres in 73 parks including over 1,250 miles of trails for hiking, biking, horseback riding and nature learning.

State Senate, representing the 10th District from 2006 to 2013. Previously she was a member of the California State Assembly, a

LOCAL DEATHS

Angela Banuelos Cortez

October 25, 1927 – February 6, 2019



Angela passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Feb. 6, 2019, at the age of 91. She is survived by her children, Sandra, Richard, and Linda Cortez, granddaughter Alyssa Cortez, "adopted" daughter Michelle Iwai, brother Fernando Banuelos, other family members and many good friends.

Angela retired from the San Lorenzo Unified School District after 29 years. She was always very active in school, church and social activities. She loved her family very much and always cherished her role as a mother and grandmother. Angela was very caring, giving and will be greatly missed by her family and many friends.

A private burial with family will be held at a later date.

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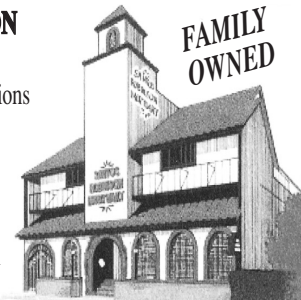
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Edward G. Oberti

August 10, 1930 - February 14, 2019

For all of our family and friends, we lost the patriarch of our family on February 14, 2019, following his courageous battle with cancer. Edward G. Oberti, 88 years old, joins his valentine and beloved wife of 62 years, Madeline, who preceded him in 2017. Nono, great Nono, father, uncle, brother, brother in law and friend of so many, lifelong resident of San Leandro and San Lorenzo and honored Korean War veteran. Born on August 10, 1930, Edward was the only son of Ben & Erminia Oberti. He grew up working on the family's lettuce farm in Niles. He proudly served his country as a medic, earning recognition before returning home to embark on new adventures. Edward was a partner of Oakland Scavenger and built a legacy until his retirement in 1993. He and his wife, Madeline, also owned Creekside Creamery and cherished the time they spent with friends and neighbors. Edward did not lack for talent. He was known for his homemade pasta gravy, his love of gardening and the ability to fix just about anything. He was a kind and thoughtful man who will be deeply missed.



Edward leaves behind his two precious daughters and sons in law, Maureen and Ed Shapiro and Susan and David Calvao, who were at his side for his final breath; sister, Verna Glass; sister in law, Diane Delucchi; grandchildren, Nicholas (Amber) Shapiro, Josh Shapiro, Ben (Elianne) Shapiro, Jenna Calvao and Jeffrey Calvao; great-grandchildren, Carrie, Briella, Olivia, Clayton and Alyssa and his schnauzer, "Lady", that all were blessed with his strong spirit and love.

Visitation for Edward will be 4 pm to 8 pm on Monday, February 25, 2019 at Grissom's Chapel & Mortuary, 267 E. Lewelling Blvd., San Lorenzo. The vigil service begins at 7 pm. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at St. Felicitas Catholic Church, 1662 Manor Blvd., San Leandro. Edward will be laid to rest with military honors at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

As so many people have been so kind, we give thanks to the guardian angels of Vitas hospice and the community and staff of Byron Park assisted living of Walnut Creek. Donations in Edward's memory are preferred to Vitas Hospice, 355 Lennon Ln #150, Walnut Creek, CA 94598.

Floyd Kenneth Timmons

July 9, 1940 - February 2, 2019

Floyd Kenneth Timmons died February 2, 2019 in San Leandro, CA at the age of 78. He had a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease and is now in a better place. Floyd, also known as Ken, was born on July 9, 1940 to Floyd and Dina Timmons in Sioux City, Iowa.

As a young child he moved with his family to Alameda, CA. When he was a teenager, Ken met his future wife Elaine in school. Rumor has it he came home from school one day joyfully telling his mom that there was a new pretty girl in his class that had a funny Irish accent. The rest is history. Ken and Elaine were married on May 5, 1959 and would have celebrated their 60th anniversary this May. Ken graduated from Alameda High School, he worked for AT&T and was very proud of his service in the Marine Corp. He loved to fish and hunt, loved corvettes and most of all loved his wife and children.

Ken is survived by his wife Elaine, two sons, Ken and Eric, Grandsons Ken and Eric Jr., brother Danny and Sisters Alida and Adreanna.

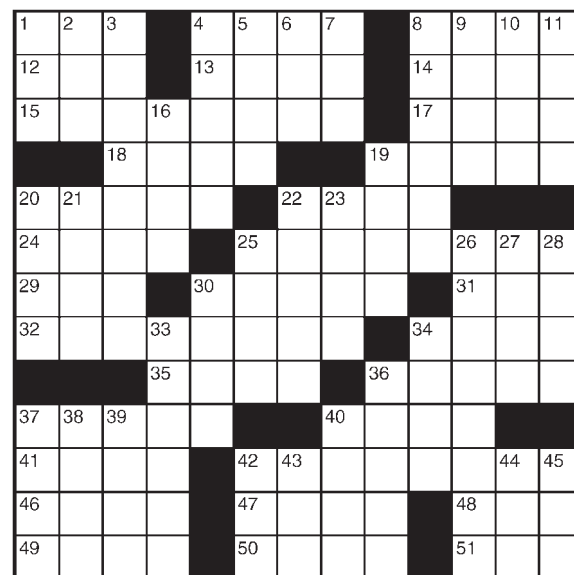
At his request, no services will be held. Santos-Robinson Mortuary, 510-483-0123.

Richard "Dick" Sofield

Richard "Dick" Sofield passed away February 12, 2019 two days before his 87th birthday. He is survived by his wife Pat Sofield, the love of his life. They were married for 36 years. He was preceded in death by his parents Harry & Laura Sofield and his sister Norma Emerson. He is also survived by his granddaughter Rachel Arriola of Seattle, Washington. He was very proud of her and all of her accomplishments. He loved her dearly. He is also survived by his niece Diane Varni of Florida. A very important part of his life was his precious peekapoo named Lil D. You seldom saw one without the other. They were inseparable. He was born and raised in Oakland, California. He graduated from Oakland Technical High School in 1950. He also attended Chapman College. Dick was a lifelong bowler. He was most recently a member of SIRS at Manor Bowl. He worked for USPS as a letter carrier in San Leandro and Fremont before he retired.

A celebration of his life will be held Friday, February 22, 2019 at 11:00 am at St. Felicitas Church in San Leandro.

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Times Not Giving Equal Billing To Girls Sports

Editor:

Regarding "Pirates Beat Granda in Basketball Playoffs" and "San Leandro Girls Beat Dublin" (Page 16, The Times, Feb. 14), I was excited to read the San Leandro Times coverage about the San Leandro High School basketball teams and their NCS first round playoff wins!

An observation: The boys received four times as many words plus a big picture. The girls received three sentences and no picture. I believe that both teams should have received equal billing.

I posed this thought on my Facebook feed. A friend offered that perhaps the boys got more coverage because one of the boys, Keshad Johnson, is a "big-time college recruit" and that I'm biased because my daughter plays for the girls' team.

To be clear, I think Keshad and the other SLHS boys are *amazing* and the SL Times should absolutely write a feature story about Keshad! And yes, I'll concede that I'm a little biased. But not just because my daughter plays for the girls' team, but because as a woman I notice instances of gender inequality.

The SLHS girls basketball team especially deserved equal billing this week/game. The girls came back from a 16-point deficit to win the game, Bebe Bradley scored 16 points including the 3-point shot to take the lead, Tovale Tupouata and Janessa DeFranco together had 27 rebounds and 7 steals, both Mykala Pakeman and Jayonnah Carter made clutch free throws to seal the deal, and the 11-player varsity team includes 5 freshman and 3 sophomores.

That's exciting stuff! #girlshoopoo #girlssportsmatter

—Carol Pollard
San Leandro

To Traffic Citation Complainer: 'Stop Sign Means Stop!'

Editor:

Ms. Turner ("Photo Enforced" Traffic Violations Called Underhanded Trap," Letters, Feb. 14), you asked the question. Yes. You were at least \$500 dollars wrong.

As someone who was hit in a cross-walk last year by a driver who said 'I looked left' and then turned right without stopping, the risk of killing another person was not enough of a deterrent risk apparently. I was bruised and my wife lay screaming in the street. She was hurt bad enough to fracture her leg and spent a year in physical therapy to regain her ability to walk without pain. So \$500 seems actually low to me. We suffered because someone like you in a 3,000-pound killing machine couldn't spare 2 seconds out of their day to stop.

Then you make a dumb statement about wanting to live in a Nanny State that has to post signs at ever intersection to warn you about fines for breaking laws. You whine about the

motives of the City. The intersection you entered was determined to need a stop sign by traffic engineers (smarter than you). The fine is a deterrent to breaking the rule and proportionate to the damage you could do to another driver or pedestrian. The stop signs mean stop your car, fully. If you can't follow the rules or pay the fine, just stop driving for the safety of the rest of us.

Questions answered.

—John Clouston
San Leandro

Time to 'Get On with Building Transit Oriented Housing'

Editor:

Wow, according to Rose Riskind ("Senate Bill 50 'Utterly Fails to Protect Renters,' Letter, Feb. 14) all of our homes are going to be razed by greedy developers moving into San Leandro with the maniacal purpose of tearing down single family homes and replacing them with luxury towers. We should be so lucky. Actually this is a figment of Ms. Riskind's overactive imagination.

The sole purpose of SB50 is to put NIMBY's like Rose out of the housing debate once and for all and let us get on with building transit oriented housing. There is a Rose Riskind in every town in California apparently. This debate has been taken over by people who hate any and all new housing because it will dilute their backward thinking influence at city hall. New people to a city usually bring new ideas and new energy. All you have to do is look at downtown Oakland's vibrant economy and abundance of new restaurants to see evidence of that.

So, do we stay mired in the past with Ms. Riskind's view of San Leandro or do we move forward in a positive direction? Should we allow a small, loud, group of NIMBYs to hold San Leandro hostage to their backward thinking? I think not.

—Gary Langbehn
San Leandro

Says MAGA Cap-Wearers 'Being Husted by Evil Clowns'

Editor:

In response to Mr. Luke O'Leary's letter ("Says Building the Wall is Important, But Not Enough," Letters, Feb. 14), Mr. O'Leary brings to mind several connected ideas:

1. O'Leary mentions fentanyl and methamphetamines; both of which are created right here in the good ole' U.S.A.; hence those drugs don't have to cross any border at all.

2. We all know someone who has died or is still suffering from their own addiction. It's everywhere. Have you been on a B.A.R.T. platform lately? My question: Why does the writer choose to spew the same lies Trump feeds to his "base," but doesn't address the permanent damage his policies have had on all the innocent children ripped from their families with no accountability or tracking as to where these children have been sent, or

worse, ways to re-trace them in order to re-unite them with their families. That crime, in my opinion trumps (pun intended) any issue relative to any stupid wall that could pretend to stem the flow of illegal dope and weapons coming across the border illegally.

Be ashamed, Mr. O'Leary, by the actions of our inept "acting" administrators of one branch of the Trump-Pence carnival or the other. You have been hustled. Just like the folks tricked by wearing the M.A.G.A. hats you have been hustled and fooled by the evil clowns, who'll soon be banished from having any power (God willing) over anything for the rest of their lives.

Do not despair Mr. O'Leary, soon we're all going to witness this Buffoon implode, no explode! Like the over-filled gas inflatable that is Donald Trump!

Please fasten your seat-belts.

—Richard Mercouris
San Leandro

Thanks to Those Who Recognize Congress is Shirking its Duty

Editor:

Many thanks to all of our legislators that joined Congresswoman Barbara Lee CA-13 and co-sponsored the bill that she just introduced on February 14 to repeal the 2001 Authorization of Military Force. There were 46 bi-partisan co-sponsors that include this contingent from California: Jared Huffman CA-2, Mike Thompson CA-5, Mark DeSaulnier CA-11, Ro Khanna CA-17, Mark Taharo CA-41, and Maxine Waters CA-43.

Basically, the 2001 AUMF authorizes the use of military force against those responsible for the 9/11 attacks and those countries harboring such individuals-not for the use of force in countries, and against persons, far beyond that text and purpose. Just in the last two years the U.S. has conducted counter terrorism operations in 80 countries, including combat operations in 14.

The last 17 years of endless wars have lasted longer than the Civil War, WWI, and WWII combined. They have cost the U.S. over 5.6 trillion dollars and resulted in 500,000 deaths, half of which were civilians.

The AUMF has been interpreted by the last three presidents to provide a blank check to conduct war across the globe without congressional approval. Article I of the Constitution gives Congress the power to authorize and oversee war. Article II of the Constitution allows the President to use force to defend the U.S. against sudden attack without the approval of Congress; but only Congress can allow the president to take the country into prolonged war.

Again, thanks to all involved who recognized that Congress has been shirking their Constitutional duty/authority to vote on war and practice oversight.

—Robert Behr
San Leandro

Appreciates the Many Who Supported Rotary Crab Feed

Editor:

If you like crab, then this must be your favorite time of year! Every Saturday from mid-January to mid-March there seems to be a crab fundraiser being held.

Last Saturday, the Rotary Club of San Leandro held its annual crab feed. Over 480 people gathered at the Boys and Girls Club, threw decorum out the window, and dug into buckets full of crab served by Interact Club high school students.

The funds raised at the Rotary Crab Feed help form the basis of its community grant program. While many may be aware of Rotary's work on an international level – helping to eradicate polio, supporting child and maternal health in impoverished countries, and working to ensure everyone has access to clean water, among other things – Rotary impacts our local community as well.

The San Leandro Education Foundation has been fortunate to receive a Rotary Club grant each year since 2013. These grants have funded school library initiatives, classroom emergency kits, and most recently, Season of Service at both John Muir and Bancroft Middle Schools.

Thank you to the many Rotary volunteers who made Saturday's Crab Feed happen, and to the folks who turned out to support it. Your efforts and your appetite are helping San Leandro's students in the classroom and beyond.

—Morgan Mack-Rose
Executive Director

San Leandro Education Foundation

INQUIRING REPORTER

Are you a leader or a follower?

— Asked around town

A leader. I'm good at reading situations and people and I have a strong sense of right and wrong.

Pam Cavazos
San Leandro



A leader, because I'm well informed. And when I get in a group I like to lead and get going.

Jeff Goldwater
San Leandro



A little of both. Some things I lead. But I don't know everything, so sometimes I listen and let other folks take charge.

Zaira Duncan
San Leandro



Sometimes I'm a leader and sometimes a follower. I'm a leader when helping co-workers on a certain program, for example, but I listen to someone when they give me tips on bowling.

Saida Hogan
San Leandro



I'm a leader. On a team, I'll step back. But if no one leads, I'll step up. I don't mind.

Eve Jones
San Leandro



Senior Center to Host African-American History Event

The San Leandro Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St., invites seniors to an African American History Month event this Friday from 2 to 4 p.m.

This event will feature performances by division winners of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Oratorical Festival and Poetry Slam that took place last month.

Hear command performances by Nyla Parker, Alvin Wong and Deanna Gaines.

There will be light refreshments available and a viewing of *The History Makers: Courage*, a documentary profiling a collection of notable African American figures whose efforts to end inequality altered the course of American history.

The documentary features acclaimed poet-author Nikki Giovanni, blues legend B.B. King, civil rights icon Angela Davis, and more. This is a free drop-in event for adults 50 and over.

For more information, call the San Leandro Senior Community Center Customer Service line at 577-3462.

SL Hospital Auxiliary Accepting Healthcare Scholarship Applications

The San Leandro Hospital Volunteer Auxiliary is now accepting applications for its annual healthcare scholarship program.

Each year, the Auxiliary awards scholarships to college students and graduating high school seniors pursuing medical careers.

To be eligible, these students must live in San Leandro or San Lorenzo and enrolled in healthcare-related studies. Scholarships will be awarded in June for studies starting in the fall.

Since 1972, the San Leandro Hospital Auxiliary volunteers

have donated more than \$512,000 in scholarships. Past scholarship recipients have gone on to become physicians, nurses and health professionals.

Applications are available at the information desk or in the gift shop in the lobby at San Leandro Hospital, 13855 East 14th Street. Students can also request an application from a career counselor at San Leandro or Arroyo high schools. The deadline to apply is April 12.

For more information about the San Leandro Hospital Auxiliary scholarship program or if you are retired and interested in volunteering at the hospital, call 667-4501 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Learn to Draw at SLZ Adult School

A drawing class is offered for the spring quarter, March 11 to June 7, at San Lorenzo Adult School, 820 Bockman Road in San Lorenzo.

The teacher provides instruction and guidance in use of various materials and principles. The class runs from March 11 to

June 7 on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to noon, or from 6 to 9 p.m.

All artistic levels and abilities welcomed. The fee is \$75 for the whole spring session.

Register now or anytime throughout the course.

For more information, call 317-4200.

City of San Leandro's Home Earthquake Strengthening Course

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

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

When: February 28, March 5, 7, and 12

This is a four-day course.

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

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

Cost for City of San Leandro Residents:

\$30.00 for single / \$35.00 for couples

Cost for Non-Residents / Unincorporated

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

Class size is limited.

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Rousseau: Part of the neighborhood

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wagon. In 1951, Rousseau and his family moved to San Leandro.

Rousseau had been an active member of the Church of the Assumption since it was founded and the church installed a special ramp for him long before the Americans with Disabilities Act required it.

Former Mayor Stephen Cassidy said Rousseau would drive down his street on his way to Mass and they often visited.

"Tom was such a part of the fabric of our community," said Cassidy. "The thing about him was that he was a very humble and warm person who inspired kindness and compassion in others."

Cassidy only got to know Rousseau as an adult, but Cassidy's wife Amy grew up here and fondly remembered Rousseau from her childhood.

"My wife told me that the first lessons she received as a child in being a compassionate person were seeing people relate to Tom," Cassidy said. "Her parents would buy cards from him and other parents would as well and children all across San Leandro would see that. Those kids are now adults raising chil-



PHOTO BY STEPHEN CASSIDY

Tom Rousseau frequently rode around the neighborhood selling greeting cards, and rode his wheelchair to church at Assumption parish.

dren of their own, so Tom had a ripple effect across generations of San Leandrans."

Rousseau is survived by family including his sister

Elaine Benevides and cousin Madeline Gomes. A memorial Mass will be held at the Church of the Assumption, 1851 136th Avenue, this Friday at 11 a.m.

Bills: Different pickup schedules, services between ACI and WM

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for three months), according to Jason Warner, director of the Oro Loma Sanitation District.

The \$13.80 explains some of the difference, but what about the rest?

Another difference is that Waste Management picks up garbage every week, but the recycling pick-up is every two weeks. But ACI picks up recycling every week, Warner points out.

San Leandro Deputy Public Works Director Jennifer Auletta confirms Warner's points, and

adds a couple more reasons for the difference in bills.

In the ACI service area, customers can get as many green waste containers as they need. But in the Waste Management area, a second green waste bin is allowed, but no more than that.

ACI also provides free service to public facilities – parks, schools at no charge, and has 150 litter cans on public sidewalks that they collect three times a week at no charge to the city, said Auletta.

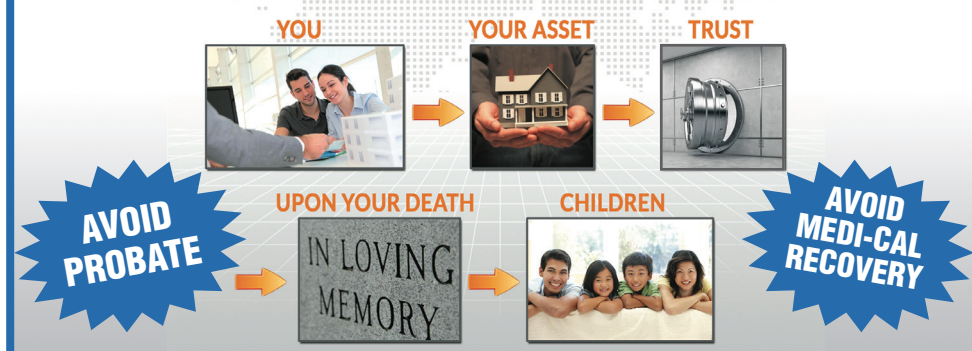
Also, the rates are based on

the size of the garbage container and the two bills being compared both have a 20-gallon garbage bin. On larger sized garbage bins, there would be less difference in the rates, according to Auletta.

One more thing with Oro Loma is that it has always strived for low rates for its customers throughout its history.

"Its rates are unique, and that's their priority, we have other goals like recycling and waste diversion," Auletta said. "But our rates are about average county wide."

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