

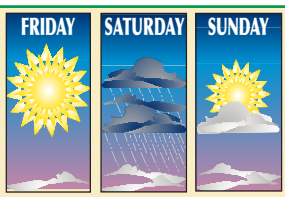
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Lines Down on Doolittle

A vehicle crashed into a utility pole around 8 a.m. on Monday and brought down a power line and closed Doolittle Drive between Davis and Williams streets. Doolittle was later reopened with one lane in each direction as a PG&E

crew repaired the line. Power was out for about 200 customers in the area. All the power was restored by 10 p.m. PG&E reminds people that if you see a downed power line, assume it's a live wire. Don't touch it, and call 911.

City Council Declares Sanctuary

Declaration of 'sanctuary city' doesn't change any policy

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

After over two hours of public comment, the City Council unanimously adopted a resolution to declare San Leandro a sanctuary city at their Tuesday night meeting.

A rabbi spoke, likening the rounding up of undocumented immigrants to the Nazi treatment of Jews. Several people told tearful stories about times they'd been mistreated because of their ethnicity. One man sang a song, declaring that all are welcome.

The new resolution doesn't change the city's existing policy. City Attorney Richard Pio Roda said that there is no specific definition of a sanctuary city and in fact San Leandro could be considered a sanctuary jurisdiction without any kind of formal declaration because of its existing practices in dealing with undocumented people.

San Leandro police chief Jeff Tudor said that his officers are concerned with public safety, not immigration and that his department doesn't work directly with federal immigration enforcement, because the San Leandro jail is a temporary holding facility where people arrested are either cited and released or turned over to the county jail.

"California law enforcement has a history of supporting the undocumented community," said

Tudor, pointing out that police groups have supported driver's licenses for undocumented citizens and also worked to ensure victims of human trafficking who have

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Fairmont Drive Set for Resurface

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

The stretch of Fairmont Drive that runs between I-580 and over the hill to Lake Chabot will be getting an estimated \$2 million resurfacing this summer.

The Alameda County Public Works Agency is currently accepting bids for contractors to resurface a 1.8 mile segment of Fairmont Drive from Foothill Boulevard to Lake Chabot Road in unincorporated San Leandro.

The bids will be accepted in March and construction is expected to begin in June and last through the summer, according to the public works agency.

The road is currently a patchwork of previous minor repairs

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Cabbies Swamped by Insurance Costs

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

Taxi drivers in San Leandro say it's not fair.

To operate in the city, they have to get all sorts of permits and pay fees that aren't required of Uber drivers.

Taxi drivers have to get an annual vehicle inspection, pay for a permit, a business license and pay to renew it every year. Plus they say they're required to have so much insurance that it costs them \$6,500 a year.

"My business is dead," says taxi driver Kashmir Singh, waiting for a fare at the San Leandro BART Station.

To drive a taxi in the City of San Leandro, a driver has to have a permit issued by the police department, and a city business

license. These days, most of the taxi drivers own their own cars, so they operate as a small business, which requires a business license.

Taxi drivers say renewing the licenses and permits costs \$500 a year. But that's not their main complaint. It's the insurance that costs each driver so much. With Uber, the company provides insurance for \$1 million for both liability and uninsured bodily injury when a passenger is on board, so the drivers don't have to pay as much as taxi drivers.

Taxi drivers say the insurance requirements are lower in other cities such as Fremont, and they're asking City Hall to consider changing the requirement.



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Kashmir Singh and other San Leandro taxi drivers hope for relief from the high cost of insurance.

Some of the drivers spoke to Mayor Pauline Cutter last week. Cutter said that the city is looking into it, comparing the requirements in San Leandro with other cities.

Cutter pointed out that San

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Pets of the Week



Jersey



Bunita

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

Jersey is a friendly, social young pup. She loves attention and playtime. She's a bit shy when you first meet, but warms up quickly. Good with kids 8

and older.

Bunita is a spunky bunny who likes to rearrange things in her kennel. She's a bit wiggly with handling, but good with people. She enjoys snacking on timothy hay and greens.

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

Kindergarten Information Nights Set for SLZ Schools

The San Lorenzo Unified School District is having Kindergarten information nights to meet teachers, principals and staff and get information. The information nights for each elementary school are on the following dates:

Bay School, March 15 at 6 p.m.

Colonial Acres School, March 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Corvallis School, March 28

at 6 p.m.

Dayton School, March 8 at 5:30 p.m.

Del Rey School, March 22 at 6 p.m.

Grant School, March 1 at 6 p.m.

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Are you suffering from back pain or sciatica? Then it's likely your biggest problem is pain. But there's another major problem: bad information.

To end sciatica misery, you must have the right information. Pay close attention because I'm going to destroy sciatica myths and give you the facts.

MYTH: Sciatica will just "go away" with some rest.

FACT: If you are dealing with back pain, buttock pain or leg pain, then you must seek help from a sciatica specialist immediately. Left untreated, sciatica can lead to permanent nerve damage - and lifelong pain.

MYTH: Pain is the only problem associated with sciatica.

FACT: In severe cases, sciatica can be associated with inability to control your bowels or bladder - leading to embarrassing situations.

MYTH: You must take pain medications to deal with sciatica.

FACT: Drugs like muscle relaxants, pain killers, narcotics, antidepressants, and anti-seizure medications have serious potential side-effects and do not cure the root cause of sciatica.

MYTH: "I must have done something wrong to get sciatica."

FACT: Physical work or simply sitting at a desk for long periods can lead to sciatica. Accidents and trauma can also be the culprits. Pregnancy can cause sciatica. Sciatica can affect anyone - including super-fit celebrities like

Tiger Woods, Sylvester Stallone, and British Olympic medalist Ian Wynne.

MYTH: Stop exercising and get several weeks of bed rest to overcome sciatica.

FACT: Staying active can help to relieve sciatic pain and prevent the pain getting worse. Staying inactive in bed could be the worst advice - based on a recent study in the Netherlands.

MYTH: Sciatica requires surgery.

FACT: NO! There's been a huge breakthrough in the treatment of sciatica and lower back pain. It's a procedure called Non-Surgical Re-Constructive Spinal Care. The excellent results from this treatment have been published in major medical journals. Success rates are up to 90%.

MYTH: "There's nothing anyone can really do. I'm just stuck with this for the rest of my life."

FACT: With the correct treatment from a healthcare professional who specializes in sciatica, you can find relief from the core cause - and the symptoms.

MYTH: Getting sciatica properly diagnosed is expensive.

FACT: Not true. Intero Chiropractic in Pleasanton is currently offering an initial consultation for **Just \$20**. Dr. Jerry Hsieh and his team of fully-trained spinal care specialists have helped numerous patients find relief from agonizing back pain and sciatica.

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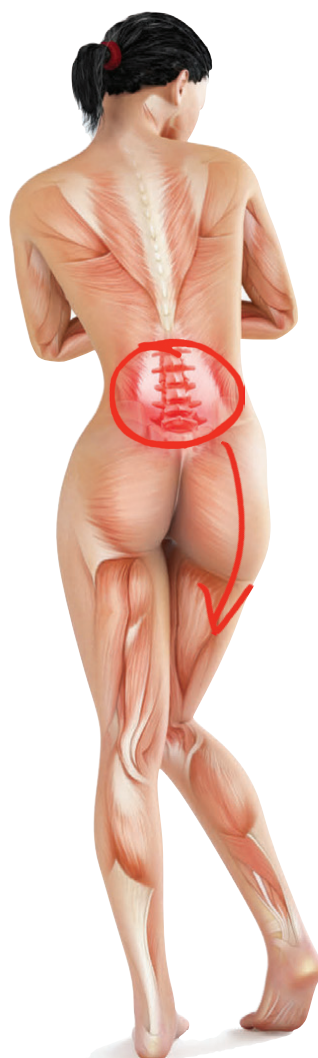
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Musicians perform on stage at a past performance of the Interact benefit show.

Interact Presents Zootopia At SLHS this Friday Night

The Interact clubs at local high schools will present a benefit show, *Zootopia*, on Friday, Feb. 25, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the San Leandro High School Performing Arts Center, 2250 Bancroft Ave. Tickets are \$12 at the door, or \$10 in for preorders for students.

Everyone of all ages is welcome. A variety of entertainment will be presented, singing and dancing to games and raffles. The money raised will go toward two projects: *Me the Human* and *Circle of Love*.

Me the Human works with organizations that provide aid for refugees in response to the

Syrian Refugee Crisis. *Circle of Love* revolves around raising awareness for mental illness and developing self-love to-

wards oneself.

More information about these projects can be found here: <http://www.interact5170.org/>.

Share Ideas at Bicycle And Transit Open House

An open house meeting on walking, bicycling and public transit in San Leandro will be held on Thursday, Feb. 23, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Sister Cities Gallery Room at City Hall, 835 East 14th St.

The Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) meeting is a chance to share ideas for planning San Leandro's future. The family-friendly event will also feature snacks and children's activities.



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Dryer Fire Damages Home

A dryer sparked a fire at a home on the 600 block of Tulsa Street in San Lorenzo at around 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 15. Fire crews were able to control the blaze within 10 minutes and were able to contain it to the home's garage. No one was injured and the rest of the home was inhabitable as soon as PG&E turned the utilities back on.

SL Women Arrested in Connection to Murder

A San Leandro woman has been charged with murder in the death of her female friend who was killed in her home near Piedmont last November.

Adriana Falcon, 22, is accused of killing her friend Coshious Frazier, 27. And Mercedes Morgan, 22, allegedly aided Falcon.

On Nov. 12, Frazier was shot at her home in Oakland and died from her injuries on Nov. 24.

Oakland police say that Morgan witnessed the crime and drove Falcon away from the scene.

Witnesses identified both women, police say.

Both Falcon and Morgan

were arrested at the home they shared in San Leandro on Jan. 25 and charged by the Alameda County District Attorney's office on Jan. 27.

Their next scheduled court

date is this Friday, Feb. 24, when both women are due to enter their pleas.

Falcon is currently being held without bail and Morgan in lieu of \$20,000 bail.

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Police Release New Details In Murder, Kidnapping Cases

Last week, the San Leandro police released updates in two major cases.

Police are looking for information about a minivan that may have been involved in a Feb. 12 homicide.

Wardell Taliaferro, 45, was shot and killed by an unknown suspect after a confrontation on Marina Boulevard. Police are asking the public's assistance in identifying the van.

Police say they have surveillance footage of the shooting, but are not releasing it as it is part of an ongoing investigation.

The image shows the white, American-made mini-van with a custom, conversion-style roof that appears to be six to eight inches taller than the standard height of most vans. The wheels appear to be black in color and the hubcaps may be removed.

"We don't know what involvement, if any, that the van and its occupants play in this investigation," said Lt. Robert McManus in a written statement. "Based on the video, we do know that they could hold the missing link to solving this tragic incident."

Detectives are asking anyone with information about the van, its owner, or who was in it when the homicide occurred to contact them immediately.

Police also released the name of the man suspected on attempting to snatch a woman off the street last July.

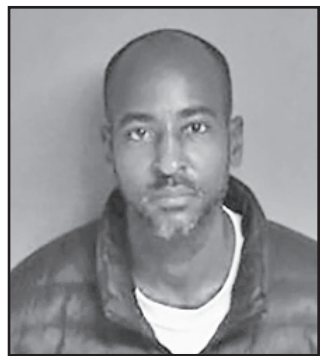
James Jenkins, 43, of Laguna

Nigel, California was arrested last September for trying to force a woman into his vehicle on Washington Avenue last summer.

The woman was saved when Good Samaritan who was passing by intervened and fought off the attacker.

After releasing photos of the suspect's car, police discovered that it had been abandoned near the Oakland airport. Police recovered the car, which led them to Jenkins, who had flown from Oakland to the Detroit area hours after the crime.

Jenkins was arrested in early September by the US Marshals. Jenkins remains in custody at



James Jenkins

Santa Rita Jail in Dublin in lieu of \$595,000 bail. He is next scheduled to appear in the Alameda County Superior Court in Hayward on March 8.

Man Killed in Doolittle Crash

A man from Hayward died last Friday when his car left the road on Doolittle Drive near the Oakland airport and landed upside down in about 12 feet of water and 20 feet out from the shoreline at just after 8 a.m. on Feb. 17, according to the Alameda County Fire Department.

The incident occurred near the intersection on Doolittle Drive and Langley Avenue. A cab driver drove off the road and died in the water at the same spot on Jan. 9.

The man's name has not yet been released by authorities and the cause is under investigation.

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NEIGHBORS



St. Leander Wins Metro Title

St. Leander's 7th grade girls volleyball team won Metro League playoffs, beating Assumption 25-10 in the first set and 25-14 in the second set. Top row: Abigail Sanchez, Jathziry Esquivel, Angel Oviedo, Maribel Romero, Kaylie Gomes. Bottom row: Parris Bates, Kendal Kibanoff, Ysabella Lucero, Myah White. Not pictured head coach Fredy Oviedo and asst. coach Kathy Feder.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

❖ C.V. Center for the Arts

Gina Eckstine, daughter of famed bandleader and singer Billy Eckstine, brings her own style to the music scene at the Castro Valley Center for the Arts, 19501 Redwood Road in Castro Valley on Saturday, Feb. 25, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are from \$17 to \$25 and may be purchased online at www.cvarts-foundation.org; or at the Center Box Office, 19501 Redwood Road, Thursdays and Fridays 3 to 5 p.m., phone 889-8961; or at the Castro Valley Adult School, 4430 Alma Ave.

❖ Chanticleers Theatre

Neil Simon's wonderfully funny farce *Rumors*, about four nouveau riche couples at a party, is now playing at Chanticleers Theatre at 3683 Quail Ave. in Castro Valley and runs through Feb. 26. Curtain for Friday and Saturday evening shows is 8 p.m. Sunday matinees start at 2 p.m. (no matinee on opening weekend). Tickets cost \$25 for general admission; \$20 for seniors, students and military. To purchase tickets or for more information, visit chanticleers.org or call 510-733-5483.

❖ 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. Performances are at 8 p.m. on Feb. 24, 25 and at 2 p.m. on Feb. 25. Tickets are \$29 and may be purchased by calling 881-6777 or visiting www.dmtonline.org.

❖ The Maltese Bodkin at SL Museum

The San Leandro Players present *The Maltese Bodkin* on Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. from March 11 to April 9, and Fridays from March 31 to April 7, at the San Leandro Museum/Auditorium, 320 West Estudillo Ave., in San Leandro. Written by David Belke and directed by Sage Hindley the play follows the intrepid gumshoe as he solves the mystery of the deadly bodkin amid savory and unsavory characters from the realm of Shakespeare. Tickets are \$20, or \$15 for seniors, TBA members, under 12 and students. For more information or reservations, call 895-2573. Order tickets online at www.slplayers.org.

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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Your ideas are finally reaching those who can appreciate them. But don't expect any immediate reactions. That will come later. Meanwhile, a personal matter needs your attention.



TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Your energy levels are rising, and you're feeling restless and eager to get into some activity, whether it's for profit or just for fun. In either case, the aspects are highly favorable, so go for it.



GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): A relationship seems to be winding down from passionate to passive. It's up to you to decide what the next step will be. But don't wait too long to take the initiative. Delay could create more problems.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): A decision looms. But be very sure that this is what you really want before you sign or say anything. Once you act, there'll be little or no wiggle room for any adjustments.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): Money matters improve, but you still need to be cautious with your spending. Also, set aside that Leonine pride for a bit and apologize for contributing to that misunderstanding.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): A tempting financial situation could make the usually unflappable Virgo rush in before checking things out. Be alert to possible hidden problems. Get the facts before you act.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): It's nice to know that you're finally getting due credit for your efforts. You also should know that new opportunities will follow. A family member brings important news.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): Any uncertainty that begins to cloud an impending decision could signal a need to re-examine your reasons for wanting to take on this commitment.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): You benefit from taking time out of your currently hectic schedule to do more contemplation or meditation. This will help re-energize you, both in body and soul.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Nursing hurt feelings can zap the energies of even the usually self-confident Sea Goat. Best advice: Move forward. Success is the best balm for a painful ego.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): A display of temperament surprises you, as well as those around you. It could be all that pressure you're under. Consider letting someone help you see it through.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Some things don't seem to be working out as you'd hoped. Don't fret. Instead, take some time out to reassess your plans and see where changes could be made.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

❖ Community Read at SL Main Library

The San Leandro Public Library presents its first Community Read, *Read the Book - Join the Conversation 2017* on Saturday, Feb. 25, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Lecture Hall of the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. The event will kick off the community experience of the book, *Brother, I'm Dying* by Haitian-American author Edwidge Danticat. The kickoff event will screen *Stones in the Sun*, a film by Patricia Benoit that vividly illustrates the horrific legacy of the dictatorial Haitian regime and the travails of several Haitian émigrés living in 1980s-era Brooklyn. Copies of the book will be available for a \$10 donation.

❖ Zootopia at SL High Performing Arts Ctr.

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❖ Shrimp APeel Fundraising Dinner

The Hill & Valley Women's Club will hold its annual Shrimp APeel fundraising dinner on Saturday, Feb. 25, at 1808 B St. in Hayward. Social hour is at 4:15 p.m. with dinner starting at 5:15 p.m. Menu includes plump shrimp, pasta, green salad, garlic bread and dessert. Tickets are \$25 per person. For ticket reservations, call J. Silveira 785-2053. For more information, call Carol Crossett 206-5467. Proceeds benefit the Painted Turtle program; Paul Newman's fun camp for children with serious medical conditions as well as Sophomore Leadership Seminar for high school students.

❖ Crab Feed Fundraiser

Tickets are available for the upcoming Crab Feed fundraiser benefiting The Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics and MX'ers Against Bullying on Saturday, Feb. 25, from 5 to 10 p.m. at the Veteran's Memorial Building, 22737 Main St. in Hayward. Doors open at 5 p.m. and dinner is served at 6 p.m. with salad, pasta, bread, dessert and all the crab you can eat. No host bar. Live and silent auction items, door prizes and raffle prizes. For tickets, call Theresa Dominguez at 861-5250 or Jerry Dominguez at 566-7227.

❖ Parkinson's Support Group

The San Leandro Parkinson's Support Group will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, March 2, at 10 a.m. at the San Lorenzo Community Church at 945 Paseo Grande in San Lorenzo. Ysela Jimenez with the Alameda County Senior Injury Program will speak on emergency preparedness. For more information, call Lona White at 276-3119.

❖ I.D.E.S. of Saint John Lunch & Bingo

I.D.E.S. of Saint John, 1670 Orchard Ave. in San Leandro, will have a bingo and salad bar luncheon on Saturday, March 4, at noon.

Lunch is \$15 and includes three bingo cards, extra cards are 25 cents apiece. Raffle starts at 2 p.m. Bring along some canned food as there will be a canned food drive. For more information, call Willie Calvo at 635-6326 or Frances Leite at 886-1568.

❖ St. James Lutheran Church

St. James Lutheran Church and Christian Schools, 993 Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro, invites all for an afternoon of popular and inspirational music performed by the Guemmer and Myers Trio on Saturday, March 4, at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$15 (including refreshments) and proceeds will be used to teach children how to care for our planet via our eco-friendly garden and neighborhood herb and fruit trees.

❖ SL High Boosters Coaches' Crab Feed

The San Leandro High School Boosters Coaches' Crab Feed will be held on Saturday, March 4, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Boys & Girls Club of San Leandro, 401 Marina Blvd. There will be a crab feed, silent auction, no host bar, DJ dancing, dessert auction and raffles. Purchase tickets online at www.slhsunitedparents.com.

❖ Alta Mira Club

The Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave. in San Leandro, will have a corned beef and cabbage dinner on Saturday, March 11. The social hour starts at 5 p.m. and dinner begins at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20. For tickets, call 914-5684.

❖ I.D.E.S. of Alvarado St. Crab Feed

I.D.E.S. of Alvarado St. will have its annual crab feed on Saturday, March 11, at the hall on 790 Antonio St. in San Leandro. No host cocktails at 6 p.m. with dinner starting at 7 p.m. Dinner will include crab, pasta, salad, garlic bread and wine. Tickets are \$50 per person and may be purchased by calling 385-2847 or 635-3580 or by mail. Make check payable to I.D.E.S. and send to P.O. Box 781, San Leandro CA, 94577.

❖ Catholic Daughters Salad Bar Luncheon

The Catholic Daughters, Court #2400, will host the 3rd Annual Salad Bar Luncheon and Bingo on Saturday, March 18, at the St. Felicitas Church Msgr. McGinty Hall on 1662 Manor Blvd. in San Leandro. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$15 and proceeds support the Rice Bowl Project. To reserve your seat, RSVP Kim at 940-5949 by Sunday, March 12.

❖ SL High Class of 1987 Reunion

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

❖ The Kiwanis Club Pancake Breakfast

The Hayward/Castro Valley Kiwanis Club will have a pancake breakfast on Saturday, March 18, from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Kenneth Aitken Senior Center, 17800 Redwood Road in Castro Valley. The cost is \$10 per person for adults, \$30 for a family of 4, \$5 for children from 5 to 10. Proceeds go to community projects and scholarships. Come join the fun with a cake walk, basket raffles, silent auction, and door prizes. For more information, call 886-1100.

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Sanctuary: Over 50 people speak at Tuesday's City Council meeting

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been brought to the U.S. illegally aren't treated as criminals.

Councilman Lee Thomas asked Tudor what would happen if an officer knew a person in San Leandro police custody was wanted by federal immigration officers and turned that person in. Tudor replied that if an officer were to "go rogue" in compliance with federal law, he or she would be subject to an internal affairs investigation.

Though the sanctuary city idea was popular with the crowd and the council, President Trump has said he will deny federal funding to cities with a sanctuary status. If that happens, San Leandro could stand to lose millions.

The city is currently benefiting from around \$9 million in federal funding in various forms – a blend of annual funding, one-time grants, and federal money

that has come down from state and county sources.

Excluding state and county money, the city gets about \$3 million in direct funding from the government each year, according to deputy city manager Eric Engelbart.

Federal funding goes to a

“We cherish what this country has given us.”

— Agustín Ramirez

variety of projects, ranging from planning the Bayfair transit and housing project, to traffic lights, to paying for police officers.

The city also anticipates getting another \$2.5 million in future federal grants for flood

protection, literacy programs, and a solar project.

Engelbart said there are many questions remaining about what the federal government can do to pull funding and what could potentially happen to projects that are in progress if funding is lost.

“There are quite a bit of unknowns,” said Engelbart.

Engelbart said that about 35 percent of San Leandrans were born outside of the United States and more than half speak a language other than English at home.

“We cherish what this country has given us and we work hard,” said speaker Agustín Ramirez, who described his family as second and third generation Americans. “So when people tell us we don't belong here, it's heart-breaking.”

Several of the speakers were students from San Leandro High School's Social Justice Academy.

“I don't want this to be about



PHOTO BY AMY SYLVESTRI

The room was packed on Tuesday night as the City Council heard comments on the sanctuary city resolution.

the president because he is just one man,” said student Jordan Woods. “But the fact is there are millions of people who feel the way he does. This is a chance to right the wrongs of San Leandro's past.”

The Social Justice Academy was there to promote their campaign “From Sundown to Safe Town,” referring to San Leandro's past as an all-white town that threatened and intimidated minorities into staying away.

One of the only speakers

against a sanctuary policy was Leo T. West, who said that blue collar workers who've lost their jobs to undocumented workers were instrumental in getting Trump elected and that, despite the strong liberalism of the Bay Area, there is a base of people who are angry and looking for Trump to do something for them.

“If you think you can buck the trend from the White House, well you should ask Hillary Clinton how that worked out for her,” said West.

When the council eventually unanimously passed the resolution, they received a standing ovation from the crowd.

But many speakers asked the council to go one step further and write an ordinance outlining specific policies protecting immigrants and other vulnerable residents. As it stands, Tuesday night's action is simply a declaration “affirming the City of San Leandro's commitment to the values of dignity, inclusivity, and respect for all individuals.”

Taxis: Transit double standard

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Leandro is jointly insured with other cities in the area, so the finance department is looking into whether San Leandro can offer the same thing as the other cities.

“We will compare it with cities around here,” Cutter said. “We're trying to find ways to ease their pain. We told them we would know in about two weeks.”

As the taxi drivers were speaking to the San Leandro Times at the BART station, they pointed to a car pulling up with an Uber sign and dropping off a passenger.

“That's what's taking our business,” a driver said. “They get 10 passengers to every one we get.”

Ride services like Uber and Lyft are supposed to have a business license to work in San Leandro, just as taxis do. But the City of San Leandro hasn't received any applications and hasn't issued any business licenses to them.

“It's a small segment of the economy, so we don't focus a lot of attention on it,” said David Baum, the city's finance director. “They're mobile, they're generally on the honor system. But if they're working, making money in San Leandro, they should have a business license. For taxis, it's required.”

For taxis, the forms and re-

quirements are pretty extensive – including fingerprints and checks by the police department, and the costs of those permits and fingerprints each year.

“The insurance costs in Fremont are a lot less and Fremont is a much bigger city,” said taxi driver Priam Brar. “This is a smaller town, but the requirements are so high.”



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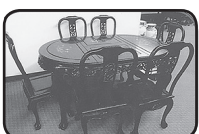
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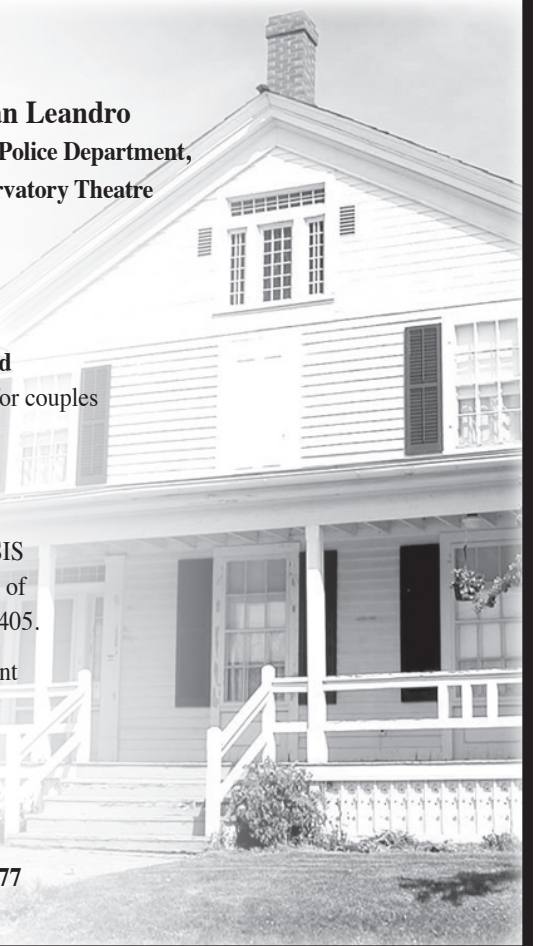
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AUTOMOTIVE

Ford Updates Popular Escape Crossover

By Steve Schaefer
San Leandro Times

The Ford Escape is a hit. Since 2001, it's been a major factor in the car buying public's move to compact crossovers. In fact, it's Ford's second-best-selling product, after the always number-one Ford F-150 pickup truck! Ford sold an amazing 307,069 Escapes in the U.S. last year.

So, what to do to improve it? Well, they gave it a new hood and grille to make it fit in with the latest models, such as the all-new Edge. They improved the fuel economy and environmental impact with standard auto start/stop for all models. The Escape is also the first Ford to offer Apple CarPlay and Android Auto.

Ford cleaned up the interior, too, including a roomier center console a new, compact electric parking brake that frees up more space there. The design, though, still uses lots of energetic shapes — a leftover from earlier gener-

ations. Pluses: The armrests are soft and the audio shows the entire song title for Satellite radio. Minus: Although my car came in a stunning Canyon Ridge Metallic paint, the interior was a sober black and gray.

One upgrade that you'll find across Ford is the new Sync3 interface, which makes using the center screen faster and more intuitive than the old version. The climate controls are pulled out of the screen to a traditional separate location below, with manual dials and buttons. In Sync2 you touched the corners of the home screen to view a particular area, such as audio or phone, but now it's a series of buttons along the bottom. Easier! And, there's an audio VOLUME knob. What could be friendlier?

If you order the optional Sync Connect, you can start, lock, unlock and locate your car with your smart phone and the FordPass app. In my car, it was part of the SE Technology Package (\$1,395), which also included

a handy reverse sensing system and Blind Spot Info System (for safety) and sturdy roof rails.

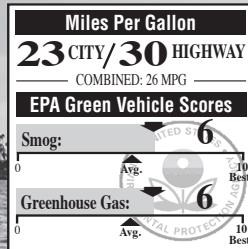
The Escape comes in three flavors — S, SE and Titanium. Mine was a midrange SE, and had the 1.5-liter EcoBoost inline four-cylinder engine. This small powerplant is good for 179 horsepower and 177 lb.-ft. of torque.

In the SE or Titanium, you can also specify the 2.0-liter EcoBoost, which, thanks to a twin-scroll turbocharger, gets a whopping 245 horsepower and 275 lb.-ft. of torque. Considering the car weighs 3,500-3,600 pounds, that should make a big difference. My car was a bit buzzy on acceleration.

The base S model comes with a 2.5-liter non-EcoBoost engine, with 168 horsepower/170 lb.-ft. respectively. All engines flow through a six-speed automatic transmission.

The difference between the 2.5 and the 1.5 is shown in the fuel economy numbers. Even with a little more power, the smaller engine averages two mpg better overall, at 23 City, 30 Highway, and 26 Combined. I averaged 19.6 mpg, much less than the EPA's number, so I must have felt especially lead-footed during the test week, or Ford was testing with a tailwind.

EPA Green numbers are 6 and 6 for Smog and Greenhouse Gas for the 1.5-liter EcoBoost. The 2.5-liter gets a 5 for Greenhouse Gas, and the Smog number isn't available yet. Bottom line: EcoBoost is a bit better, but not hugely so. The car emits 342 grams of CO₂ per mile versus the 2.5's 369.



The redesigned hood and raised trapezoidal grille of the 2017 Ford Escape evoke a more prominent feel.



You can also order all-wheel drive on an SE or Titanium model. Of course, when crossovers were big truck-based SUVs, you'd expect to have this, but today, since crossovers have taken over many standard automotive tasks, you really don't need the extra weight and expense of all-wheel traction unless you live in a climate that makes it a virtue.

Part of being a popular model is being affordable. The base S, including shipping, comes to \$24,495. My SE model, with \$3,980 worth of options, came to \$29,975. Titanium models start at \$30,145, and some items optional in the SE are standard. Choose wisely.

The SE will likely be the volume model, with many features included that you'll want. On top of that, my car had the SE Sport Appearance Package, a \$1,295 investment in cool, with a bump to 19-inch alloys, painted in



Changes to the interior begin with a new push-button electronic parking brake that replaces the large hand-actuated parking brake.

trendy black, and, inside, a leather-wrapped steering wheel.

There's plenty of people carrying and cargo hauling capacity. The Escape can handle 34 cubic feet of gear with the rear seats up and a generous 68 cubic feet when you drop it. The Escape has grown a little over time, so people will be comfortable, too.

America, this is one of your favorite vehicles, assembled in Louisville, Kentucky. This is where we're moving to from midsize cars — for style and greater practicality. And, the Escape soon will have the smaller EcoSport sibling. But, for now, it's occupying ground zero in the American car market.

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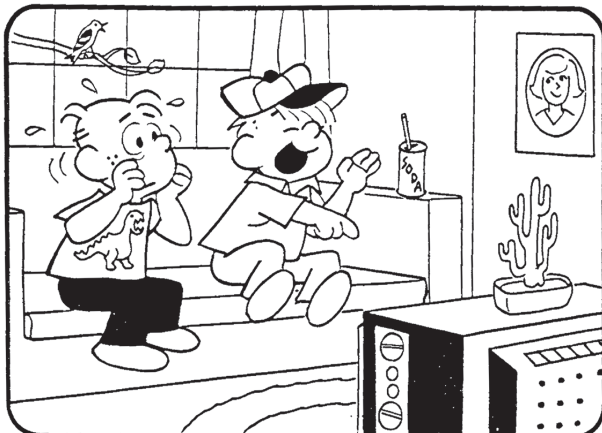
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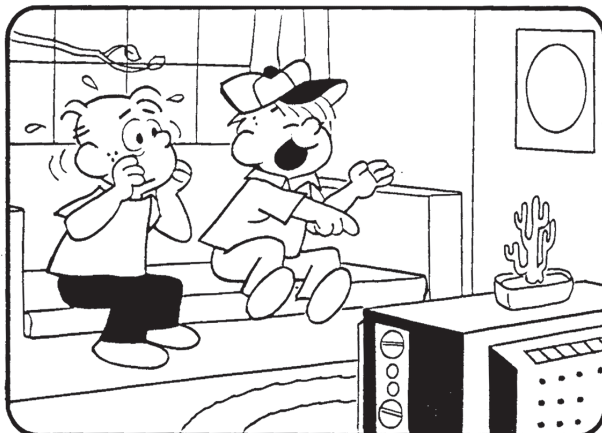


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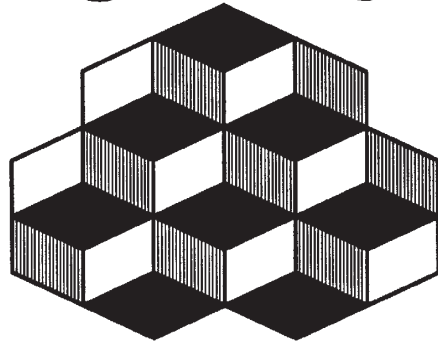
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Bird is missing. 2. Dinosaur is missing. 3. Arm is moved. 4. Soda can is missing. 5. Portrait is missing. 6. Plant is different.

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OPTICALS



AN EYE TEST! Look at the above drawing and count the number of cubes. Are there six, or seven?

Answer: Look at it long enough and you'll see both six and seven.

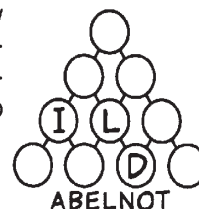
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FIND THE HIDDEN CITY in this man's sentence.

Answer: The city is Toronto (... motor on to ...)

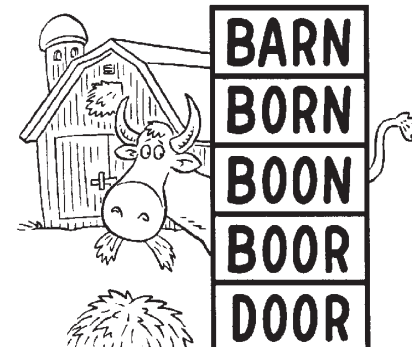
CHAIN REACTION! Take the seven letters printed below our diagram and place them in the circles so that eight four-letter words can be read, top to bottom, along the connecting lines. All the words will begin with the letter in the top circle.



Answers: Top to bottom, left to right: Bait, ball, bald, ball, ball, ball, bold, bond, bone.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



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Try to solve these five Ladder Puzzles before Bossy finishes her evening meal. You are given a word that must be changed into another word in a series of moves. During each move, you must change one letter in the previous word, so as to form a new word. In our example, we changed BARN to DOOR in four moves. See if you can change the following words in four moves each:

1. COOK to WARE
2. HAND to SOME
3. LAME to DUCK
4. MENU to FOOD
5. PARE to DOWN

Answers: 1. COOK, CORK, WORK, WORE, WARE. 2. HAND, SAND, SANE, SOME. 3. LAME, LACK, LUCK, DUCK. 4. MENU, MEND, FEND, FOND, FOOD. 5. PARE, DARE, DARN, DAWN, DOWN.

HEALTH & FITNESS

Mexican Officials Report Zika Transmission in Ensenada

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) reminds winter travelers to protect themselves from mosquito bites when traveling to areas with known transmission of Zika virus, including Mexico. Mexican officials this week confirmed a case of local transmission in Ensenada, Baja California, a coastal city in Mexico. Ensenada is approximately 85 miles south of San Diego, making it a popular destination for California travelers.

"Many Californians enjoy spending time in Mexico, and this news about local transmission just across the border emphasizes the importance for travelers to take precautions against mosquito bites," said CDPH Director and State Public Health Officer Dr. Karen Smith. "In particular, pregnant women and couples considering pregnancy need to be cautious because Zika virus can cause severe birth defects. Pregnant women are urged to avoid travel to areas with known Zika transmission if at all possible. If travel is necessary, it is extremely important to prevent mosquito bites by using mosquito repellents and wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants."

Many areas of Mexico continue to experience transmission of the Zika virus, including states with popular tourist destinations. In addition to Baja California, the states of Baja California Sur, where Cabo San Lucas is located, and Sonora, which borders Arizona, have also reported local Zika virus transmission. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) considers any travel to Mexico to be a potential risk for Zika virus infection.

While there has been no local transmission of Zika virus in California to date, CDPH has confirmed 486 cases of travel-associated infections in the state. Florida and Texas have experienced locally transmitted cases of Zika.

Zika virus is spread primarily through mosquito bites and can also be transmitted by both men



To reduce your risk of contracting and spreading the Zika virus, it is extremely important to prevent mosquito bites.

and women during sex. Most people who are infected with Zika do not experience any symptoms, but should take precautions to avoid sexual transmission, even if they never had symptoms. All individuals, particularly women of childbearing age, should take steps to protect themselves against mosquito bites while traveling and when they return home. Sexually active people who travel to areas with Zika transmission should use condoms or other barriers to avoid getting or passing Zika during sex.

Couples planning pregnancy when either partner has been ex-

posed to Zika virus should speak with a health care provider about a safe time to try to get pregnant. Health care providers can recommend effective birth control methods to use while waiting to conceive. Men should wait six months to conceive a child with a partner after Zika exposure. Women who have been exposed should wait a minimum of eight weeks before becoming pregnant.

The mosquitoes that can carry Zika virus and infect people live in many areas of California.

"To protect others from the Zika virus, we ask people traveling to Mexico, or any other place

where Zika exists, to take steps to prevent mosquito bites for three weeks after a trip, even if you don't feel sick," said Dr. Smith. "If one of these mosquitoes bites an infected person, it can spread the virus by biting another person."

Though most people who are infected with Zika do not experience any symptoms, symptoms of infection can include fever, rash, joint pain and conjunctivitis (red eyes). The illness is usually mild with symptoms lasting for several days after being bitten by an infected mosquito. There is currently no vaccine or treatment for Zika other than rest, fluids and fever relief.

More information about Zika can be found in the February 2017 CDPH Health and Travel Advisory, and on the CDPH and CDC websites. In addition, the Mexico Ministry of Health website contains more Zika-related information.

Influenza Q&A

Is It a Cold Or the Flu?



The flu and the common cold are both respiratory illnesses but they are caused by different viruses.

Because these two types of illnesses have similar symptoms, it can be difficult to tell the difference between them based on symptoms alone.

In general, the flu is worse than the common cold, and symptoms are more intense. Colds are usually milder and generally do not result in serious health problems, such as pneumonia, bacterial infections or hospitalizations.

Flu can have very serious associated complications. Special tests that usually must be done within the first few days of illness can tell if a person has the flu.

Children experience similar symptoms to those in adults. However, children tend to have higher temperatures than adults and they may also have nausea and vomiting or stomach pain.

Any illness that causes nausea, vomiting or diarrhea may be called the "stomach flu," but if these are your main symptoms, the influenza virus is not the cause.

Adults 65 years and older, children younger than 5 years old, and people with ongoing health conditions such as diabetes, asthma, COPD, heart failure or kidney problems are at highest risk.

If you have difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, have pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen, and/or experience sudden dizziness or confusion, you should seek emergency care.

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Tiffany Hollingsworth from San Leandro turns a double-play for the Lumberjacks in a recent game.

Hollingsworth Making Waves at Humbolt State

Humboldt State senior Tiffany Hollingsworth of San Leandro was named the Louisville Slugger/National Fastpitch Coaches Association Division II National Player of the Week on Feb. 8.

"This is a great honor for Hollingsworth," said HSU Head Coach Shelli Sarchett. "There is a lot of pressure on her being in the third spot in the lineup. It doesn't seem to faze her one bit. She just goes out there and does her job day in and day out."

The shortstop from San Leandro, Calif., anchored a line-

up that put up 55 runs at the Desert Stinger Tournament. She batted .438 and drove in 9 runs en route to tournament Most Valuable Player honors.

The senior helped HSU open the season with a 5-0 record with four consecutive multi-hit games and three straight games with a home run.

She went 3-for-3 with a double and a home run in the Lumberjacks 12-1 win over Western New Mexico. Hollingsworth hit a 2-run homer in game two. She went 3-for-4 at the dish, drew a

walk and drove in two RBI to go with her third home run of the season. Hollingsworth plated two more runs in game four. Her transition to shortstop was seamless as she recorded 11 assists and four put-outs.

During the preseason, Hollingsworth was named a member of the 2017 Schutt Sports/NFCA Division II National Player of the Year Watch List.

She has earned National Player of the Week honors twice in her HSU career.



PHOTO BY ANDREW JOSEPH

San Leandro took back the momentum in the third period to win the game.

Pirates Beat Liberty, 46-43 In NCS Playoff First Round

By Andrew Joseph
San Leandro Times

The San Leandro High basketball team beat Liberty of Brentwood, 46-43, at home in a North Coast Section Division 1 playoff matchup Tuesday night.

The win sends the Pirates to the next round of the playoffs against De La Salle in Concord on Friday night.

The Pirates won the opening tip and led through the first quarter, though Liberty rallied back in the second quarter to go into halftime with a 27-20 lead. But San Leandro stole the momentum back in the third quarter and won the game with great offensive possessions and stops on defense.

San Leandro's 6-foot-7 senior AJ Bramah proved to be the star of the game, finishing with a team-high 16 points. Six of those points came on three dunks, the last of which tied the game at 35 at the end of the third quarter to give the Pirates momentum

heading into the closing quarter.

"All I was thinking about at that point was to keep going harder and finish the game out," Bramah said.

Pirates' two-sport senior athlete Jahari Kay also played a pivotal role in the win. He finished with 5 points, two of those coming at the free throw line in the closing minutes to put San Leandro up 41-40.

Kay describes his thoughts during those free throws, "We gotta get up and start taking over somehow, some way."

The game's last possession had the Pirates up 46-43 with about 13 seconds to go on defense as Liberty had the ball coming out of a timeout.

When San Leandro head coach Darnaryl Stamps was asked about the plan for that last play he said, "We wanted to get them out of rhythm and force them to take a desperation shot."

The Lions' took that desperation shot, but missed.

San Leandro senior Elijah Jones-Haley added a crucial 11 points in the Pirates' win.

"Looking back at the first-half we played bad," said Kay. "After halftime we started going to the basket and crashing the boards more."

Bramah comments on the Pirates' third quarter comeback mentality, "It's win or go home. Every possession counts so we gotta execute and play hard on defense. We have to get the win because we're at home and they beat us the last time we played them."

Pirates' assistant coach Derek Smith said, "Our guys have been battling all year and they've been playing hard for us."

As they advance in the NCS playoffs, San Leandro's next game comes against the De La Salle in Concord on Friday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m.

Coach Stamps said, "We're going to come out the next game ready to compete and play hard."

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By Carl Medford, CRS
Special to the Times

GUEST COMMENTARY



Bay Area Prices Soar Past Affordability

I received an email last week that highlighted the sad side of the current real estate market boom in the Bay Area.

It was from a person looking to buy her first home and wanting to stay close to family, friends and her job. The question, while sincere, was a bit of a Hail Mary because she'd already done her research, already had a good idea of what the answer would be, but figured it couldn't hurt to ask anyway. She asked:

"Is it possible to buy a home in Fremont for \$300,000?"

Define "home." As of this writing, there was a property in Fremont listed at \$299,950... a 421-square-foot studio. That's

\$712 dollars a square foot.

The next cheapest was a 1-bedroom condo with a list price of \$359,000. Prices go up quickly after that.

Bottom line? Not so much. Which then brings up a question: "If not Fremont, where?"

Turns out, if you are looking for a single-family detached home with a minimum of 2 bedrooms and you're willing to look anywhere in Alameda or Contra Costa counties, there are actually 39.*

I found in Antioch - 7, Baypoint - 1, Bethel Island - 1, Oakland - 12, Oakley - 2, Pittsburg - 1 and Richmond - 15. If you are OK with a condo or a townhouse, there are 27:* in Antioch - 4, Brentwood - 1, Concord - 6, El Sobrante - 1, Hayward - 2, Hercules - 2, Oakland - 1, Pinole - 1, Richmond - 2, San Pablo - 1 and Walnut Creek - 4.

Which brings up yet another question: "What is the median price per city for all types of residential properties?"

Alameda County: Alameda - \$836,000, Albany - \$926,000, Berkeley - \$1,200,000, Castro Valley - \$728,000, Dublin - \$840,000, Emeryville - \$575,000, Fremont - \$880,000, Hayward - \$553,000, Livermore - \$705,000, Newark - \$695,000, Oakland - \$598,000, Piedmont - \$1,488,000,

Pleasanton - \$1,008,000, San Leandro - \$527,000, San Lorenzo - \$541,000, Sunol - \$1,444,000, Union City - \$720,000.

Contra Costa County: Alamo - \$1,600,000, Antioch - \$391,000, Bethel Island - \$451,000, Blackhawk - \$1,340,000, Brentwood - \$550,000, Clayton - \$656,000, Concord - \$491,000, Crockett - \$446,000, Danville - \$1,080,000, Diablo - \$1,510,000, Discovery Bay - \$560,000, El Cerrito - \$835,000, El Sobrante - \$468,000, Hercules - \$468,000, Lafayette - \$1,449,000, Martinez - \$582,000, Moraga - \$851,000, Oakley - \$410,000, Orinda - \$1,125,000, Pinole - \$500,000, Pittsburg - \$387,000, Pleasant Hill - \$705,000, Richmond - \$399,000, Rodeo - \$410,000, Rossmore - \$375,000, San Pablo - \$360,000, San Ramon - \$878,000, Walnut Creek - \$735,000.

If you are a seller, these numbers are solid gold. If you're a buyer, however, especially one at the bottom end of the spectrum hoping to get a home of their own... it's heartbreaking.

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Prepare Tools and Make Plans Now for Spring

By Samantha Mazzotta
Special to the Times

It might be hard to believe, with winter still pounding at our doors, that it's time to start preparing the lawn and garden.

February is an ideal time to get ready for the upcoming growing season.

In some areas, it's not too early to start seedlings. In just a few weeks' time they will be ready for planting, right about the time that the soil and weather

are both warm enough to nourish those plants.

To get ready for spring gardening chores, start planning how you'll begin your seasonal lawn care regime, pick out new plants you'll want for your garden, inventory stored bulbs and seeds, and prep your lawn and garden tools.

Lay out all of your hand tools and check for damage or rust. Clean off rust with a little steel wool, and thinly coat the metal parts with an all-purpose lubricant like 3-in-1 oil or WD-40.

Wooden handles should get a fresh, thin coating of a wood-friendly treatment like linseed oil or butcher block oil.

Unfold the lawnmower and other gas- or electric-powered lawn tools and prepare them for use. Make sure blades and chains are in place, check to make sure spark-plug connections are clean — maybe even give the starting

cord a good tug (in a well-ventilated area) to make sure starting is possible — and electric cords are not frayed.

Don't fill gas-powered tools with gas just yet, but do fill a spare gas can with the correct mixture and store it away from the house — well away from flames and in a well-ventilated area.

Finally, make sure you have all the lawn and garden supplies you need to handle springtime tasks. This includes fertilizer, extra grass seed for bare spots, mulch and any other items that will make outdoor work go faster and easier.

Home Tip: If you didn't have time to start a compost pile last fall, don't fret. You can start composting now with a smaller amount and lots of fresh dirt, then add organic materials and turn as usual.

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1599 Hays Street #204	94577	\$260,000	1 BD - 595 SF - 1965
2373 Marina Boulevard	94577	\$470,000	3 BD - 1,182 SF - 1943
1130 Minerva Street	94577	\$550,000	3 BD - 1,435 SF - 1946
2240 Washington Avenue	94577	\$530,000	4 BD - 2,533 SF - 1930
2250 West Avenue 136th	94577	\$700,000	N/ABD-2,596SF-1942
1768 138th Avenue	94578	\$480,000	2 BD - 960 SF - 1947
1460 142nd Avenue	94578	\$580,000	3 BD - 1,393 SF - 1946
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14423 Kings Court	94578	\$390,000	3 BD - 1,195 SF - 1974
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1665 Renaissance Lane	94578	\$538,000	3 BD - 1,294 SF - 2004
14190 Rose Drive	94578	\$465,000	2 BD - 900 SF - 1942
14948 Saturn Drive	94578	\$400,000	1 BD - 645 SF - 1942
15936 Selborne Drive	94578	\$630,000	2 BD - 1,244 SF - 1948
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14682 Corvallis Street	94579	\$552,500	3 BD - 1,269 SF - 1951
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LOWEST AMOUNT: \$260,000 **MEDIAN AMOUNT:** \$490,000
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LOWEST AMOUNT: \$510,000 **MEDIAN AMOUNT:** \$540,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$660,000 **AVERAGE AMOUNT:** \$555,000

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LOWEST AMOUNT: \$600,000 **MEDIAN AMOUNT:** \$775,750
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$995,000 **AVERAGE AMOUNT:** \$778,893

Gnats Breed Incessantly; Camellias Need to Move

By Buzz Bertolero
The Dirt Gardener

Recently, I purchased a new philodendron plant and now I have little, flying gnats all over the house. In addition, they're in my morning coffee, and going up my nose. What a pain! How do I get rid of them without getting rid of the plant or using any chemicals?

These flying gnats, also referred to as a fungus gnat, are a harmless, non-biting nuisance pest. However, they have nothing to do with a fungus problem.

You usually first notice them when the adults are seen flying around the house, gathering at a nearby window or invading your personal space. The adult gnats are not strong fliers, have a short lifespan and multiply quickly, much like fruit flies. Once you understand their lifecycle, they're very easy to control without chemicals.

The gnats breed and thrive in rich, moist, organic conditions; hence, the top layer of any potting soil is an ideal breeding ground. The adult female lays her eggs in the organic layer which then hatch. The larva feed on the root hairs and other organic materials before they emerge as an adult, starting the lifecycle all over again. The larva feeding on the roots usually don't do much damage.

Interrupting the lifecycle by creating a dry, sterile environment

is your best solution, as it stops the breeding.

First, remove the top quarter to half-inch layer of soil and replace it with Growstone Gnat Nix. Gnat Nix is a recycled glass material that is very porous so water drains and dries quickly. Another solution is to use small decorative or aquarium rock.

Within a few days, the dry, sterile conditions will stop the breeding practices and end the problem.

After removing a couple of trees, I need to relocate two blooming camellias as they're going to receive too much sun. When is the best time of the year to transplant them?

Camellias are best transplanted when they are in bud and bloom and not actively growing. This is when evergreen plants are dormant or in a



Now is the perfect time to transplant your camellias.

resting period. So, now is a perfect time to relocate them.

When transplanting camellias, the mortality rate increases dramatically if they are bare rooted. So, be careful in digging them out of the ground.

Camellias are shallow rooted, so most of the roots will be close to the soil surface. Start digging about a foot or more from the edge of the drip line. The shape of the root ball should be more like

a trapezoid than a cube, to accommodate the surface roots. The new planting hole should also be a trapezoid shape.

Amend the backfill soil with an acid or azalea, camellia and rhododendron planting mix. It could be a 50-50 mixture with the native soil or a 100 percent planting mix.

To allow for settling, place the root ball a half-inch above the soil grade. Then, in about a month, begin your feeding schedule.

After all of this, your camellias shouldn't miss a beat in their new home.

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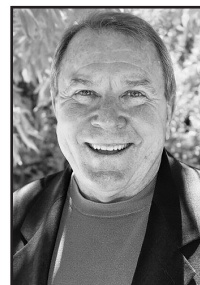
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Fairmont: New surface this summer

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SL Dem Club Meets at Library

The San Leandro Democratic Club will meet tonight (Thursday) from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave.

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■ **HARRIS, Shelton Thomas**, a resident of San Leandro, was a 1976 graduate of Orange High School in Hillsborough, North Carolina. Shortly after graduating high school, Shelton joined the U.S. Navy in 1977. Soon after, he relocated to Oakland, enjoying a long career as a valued member of the Longshoreman Association and Union. Shelton passed away after a courageous battle with cancer in San Leandro. Services will be held Saturday, Feb. 25, at Fuller Funeral Home, 4647 International Blvd., in Oakland.

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Letters Responding to "Calls Korematsu 'a Criminal,' Not a Civil Rights Pioneer," Letters, Feb. 16

Editor:

I can not believe people like Cynthia Melendy still believe people of Japanese ancestry, wrongfully imprisoned during World War II, were criminals. She has either not read or misunderstood the section on this subject in our high school American History books or court cases, all of which found that imprisonment was unjust.

Presidents Ford, Carter, Reagan, Bush I, Clinton, and Obama all recognized the wrongfulness of Executive Order 9066. Korematsu was found guilty for violating Executive Order 9066. Does that make him a criminal? Not so.

Korematsu's conviction has been vacated by the courts. As the courts and historians found, the Japanese Americans were victims of racial prejudice and were not enemy combatants to the State as suggested by Ms. Melendy.

Let me remind Ms. Melendy that as far as I know, in the United States, there was not a single conviction of espionage, spying or terror upon a Japanese American during WW II.

During the war, young Japanese American men from Hawaii and the internment camps either volunteered or were drafted into the military to form a unit called the 442 Battalion. They fought bravely in the European Campaign and were recognized for their heroism by President Truman.

As history has shown, during WWII, Japanese Americans proved time again their loyalty to the United States. Ms. Melendy seems to suggest otherwise. I suggest Ms. Melendy do some soul searching into her motives for writing this letter to the Times and to do some serious research before she decides to engage further into this subject.

—**Takeo Kato**
San Leandro

Interned into Topaz Internment Camp in 1942; served in U.S. Military in 1960

Editor:

I was shocked to read a letter to the editor characterizing Fred Korematsu as a "criminal" rather than a civil rights hero. The letter's argument is based entirely on stereotypes and prejudice.

It argues that the government was right to forcibly remove its own citizens because "the Japanese" could not be trusted. Yet the author fails to point to a single wrongful act by Korematsu or any of the other Japanese-Americans interned during WWII.

Prejudging an entire community based on their ethnic background is the very definition of racism. We owe it to our children, our neighbors and our community to call it out as such.

The letter also attempts to rationalize its racism by characterizing internment as a necessary wartime "sacrifice." However, only hypocrites would ask others to bear sacrifices that they are unwilling to bear themselves. I doubt the author would agree to be forcibly removed from her home, ripped from her community and relocated to another

state. Nor do I think she would agree to have her property stolen, looted, or otherwise confiscated while she was waiting to return home. Internment was not a sacrifice; it was an unjust punishment imposed upon those whose only "crime" was being born of Japanese descent.

We are a country of Due Process and Equal Protection under the law. Sacrificing those principles in the name of wartime hysteria was not patriotism; it was a betrayal of the ideals on which this nation was founded.

There is a reason that the Supreme Court's decision in *Korematsu v. United States* (which upheld internment) has been uniformly discredited and repudiated across the ideological spectrum. We must never let it happen again.

—**Alexis Caloza**
San Leandro

Editor:

If Cynthia Melendy can call Fred Korematsu a criminal and defend Executive Order 9066, the forced internment of Japanese Americans, then wouldn't it have been prudent to put Italian and German Americans in internment camps also during World War II?

—**Ben Levy**
San Leandro

Editor:

Cynthia Melendy's letter on the necessity of the Japanese Internment was filled with a great deal of inaccuracy. I think Ms. Melendy is misinformed and I would like to set the record straight.

The internment was not warranted and it was a gross violation of the civil rights of 117,000 American residents. Over 60% of the internees were U.S. citizens.

As far as "wartime sacrifices," Ms. Melendy should look up the 442nd combat regiment. Made up of Japanese American soldiers, the 442 sacrificed more than any other unit in the history of the U.S. Army.

Ms. Melendy claims that people on the West Coast expected to be invaded by Japan at any moment. She should look up The Battle of Midway which was a victory for the U.S. Navy and a crippling defeat of the Japanese Navy. As of June 6, 1942, it was physically impossible for Japan to invade the West Coast. The full relocation of the Japanese Americans took place in the fall of 1942. While I applaud Ms. Melendy's grandmother's plane spotting service, the U.S. military knew the U.S. had nothing to fear after the Battle of Midway.

Ms. Melendy should also be aware that there were over 160,000 Japanese Americans living in Hawaii at the time of Pearl Harbor. Many of them were working in vital defense industry jobs. Japanese Americans in Hawaii were left unmolested.

Fred Korematsu was a U.S. citizen. Mr. Korematsu was not "easily convicted." He took his case all the way up to the Supreme Court. In 1944, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the Japanese Internment was unconstitutional, however, the justices further

ruled that it was a "wartime necessity." Mr. Korematsu's conviction was voided in 1983 when the U.S. Army admitted that it had lied about the threat posed by Japanese Americans. The Army admitted that it was not prudent and it was not necessary.

The Japanese Internment was based on racism and wartime hysteria. I am hoping that Ms. Melendy's gross misunderstanding of Japanese culture is due to misinformation.

I fear that today's politicians are spreading a great deal of misinformation about the culture of Islam and the threat posed by Muslim immigrants. Every American who values our Constitution should resist any law that is based in prejudice and religious bigotry. We should learn from the mistakes we made in 1942. Let us not give in to fear and hate.

—**Mark Sigmon, Ph.D.**
San Leandro

Editor:

I was stunned to read Cynthia Melendy's letter calling civil rights hero Fred Korematsu a "criminal" and arguing that the Japanese American Internment was "a prudent action."

I wonder if Melendy also believes that the family of Anne Frank should have succumbed rather than resist the Nazis? Were the Franks also criminals by her logic, because they defied unjust orders?

Numerous presidents have declared that the Japanese American Internment was wrong: Ford terminated Executive Order 9066 in 1976, and issued a public apology; Carter's 1980 special commission concluded that the relocations occurred because of "race prejudice, war hysteria, and a failure of political leadership;" in 1988 Reagan authorized financial reparations to surviving detainees that amounted to more than \$1.2 billion.

In 1998, Korematsu received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor, from then-President Clinton.

Though some dinosaurs might cling to the idea that these racist concentration camps were somehow justified, history has loudly spoken otherwise: Fred Korematsu wasn't a criminal, the Japanese American Internment was a crime.

We would all be wise to vigorously oppose the xenophobic Executive Orders today that target our friends, neighbors, and colleagues — otherwise we are bound to repeat the horrific mistakes of our past.

—**Christian L. Frock**
San Leandro

Editor:

I have no doubt and all hopes that my letter is one of hundreds you receive in sadness about the lead letter in today's paper calling Fred Korematsu a criminal. I would ask the writer if losing all you have worked for, having your life savings, property, your children's toys and everything owned except for two suitcases of clothing taken from you with payment of pennies on the dollar or simply lost to theft, is a reasonable sacrifice to your country?

The Japanese were placed in jail without due process of law. While those born in this country were citizens, there were those who were prohibited from applying for citizenship prior to WWII by law so were "enemies" because they were forced to be, but that was not the situation with Mr. Korematsu.

Most people I have spoken with who lived through WWII, including my par-

ents, said everyone sacrificed everything they could for the good of their country up to and including death in combat.

I don't know of anyone who would have willingly gone to jail and lost everything they had worked for with the government stealing what was left under the color of authority and called it "sacrifice."

Had the Japanese been left in their homes they would have gladly suffered the same voluntary sacrifices as everyone did (gas rationing/food rationing/ every penny going into war bonds, and more) and many of the jailed American citizens of Japanese ancestry volunteered from the camps to fight with the U.S. Army even being only allowed to

fight in the European theater because of their ancestry.

One thing which is sadder than the treatment of the American citizens of Japanese ancestry during WWII in the U.S. was the treatment of the same "class" in Canada.

It is also sad that to this day an American citizen would not realize how fragile all of our freedoms are if we allow the government to take them because "it's for the good of the country."

Due process under the law is a Constitutional right which applies to ALL Americans and residents of this country.

—**Moir Fry**
San Leandro

INQUIRING REPORTER

Musical instrument you would like to play?

— Asked downtown

The saxophone. That's the instrument I like. It has a different sound, a soft sound.

Maximo Garcia
San Leandro



Probably the guitar. I just like the way it feels and the way it sounds. Like Johnny "Guitar" Watson.

Vincent Paul
San Francisco



The violin because it's smooth and angelic. I played violin in a symphony in Long Beach.

Messiah Samalaulu
San Leandro



The guitar. I love the sound. My son plays guitar and I like to listen to him. He taught himself. He plays everything from jazz to hard rock.

Melanie Sayne
San Leandro



Book Discussion and Film Explores Haitian-American Experience

The San Leandro Public Library is announcing the opening of its first *Community Read, Read the Book - Join the Conversation* 2017 this Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Lecture Hall of the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave.

The event will kick off the community experience of the book, *Brother, I'm Dying* by Haitian-American author Edwidge Danticat. A family memoir, published in 2007, the book won the National Book Critics Circle Award and was also nominated for the National Book Award.

The kickoff event will screen *Stones in the Sun*, a film by Patricia Benoit that vividly illustrates the horrific legacy of the dictatorial Haitian regime and the travails of several Haitian émigrés living in 1980s-era Brooklyn.

In the midst of increasing political violence, a young couple, two sisters, and a father and son are driven from Haiti to New York and must confront the truths of their pasts.

Following the film there will be a discussion of the reading program and copies of the book will be available for a \$10 donation.

The event gives readers a chance to begin to explore Haitian-America through one of the very few feature films released in the United States that depicts the Haitian-American experience. The event is free and open to all.

Committee to Discuss Relocation Assistance Program

Proposed options for a Tenant Relocation Assistance Program will be presented to the City Council's Rules Committee at the committee's meeting on Monday, Feb. 27, at 8:30 a.m. in the Sister Cities Gallery at City Hall, 835 East 14th St. in San Leandro. Renters, landlords, stakeholders and everyone interested is welcome to attend.

Rent Review Board

The Rent Review Board will hold a hearing on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 835 East 14th St. The hearings will be on two apartments at 2801 Marina Blvd. The board will also hear a correspondence from Joanie Randolph on rent in San Leandro.



The members of the St. Felicitas CYO 7N boys basketball team are (left to right) Isaiah Mills-Terry, Athletic Director Jerry Delos Reyes, Julian Chavez, Allen Duong, Cecil Williams, Kyle Sappington-Garcia, Ignacio Ramirez, Jr., James Sakai, Coach Cecil Williams, Jacobo Lechuga, Jacob Botelho, and Darren Wen.

St. Felicitas CYO 7N Boys Win SAC Championship Game in Overtime

St. Felicitas CYO 7N Boys Basketball Team won the SAC League Championship game in overtime on Sunday, Feb. 18, against undefeated All Saints CYO.

In an intense back-and-forth game between the two rival

schools, Jimmy Sakai and Cecil Williams both scored double figures to help keep pace with All Saints and Julian Chavez had several big steals. Darren Wen and Jacob Botelho assisted with rebounds and free throws.

With seconds left in regu-

lation time, Ignacio Ramirez made a buzzer beater to force the game into overtime. During overtime, Kyle Sappington and Jacobo Lechuga made big clutch baskets down the stretch to seal the game and win the championship.

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