



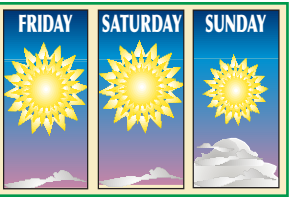
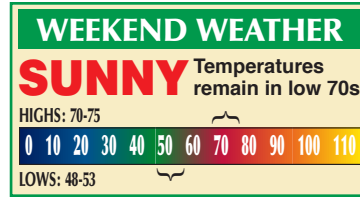
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## Send It Back

San Leandro No. 1 doubles player Ghyle Nebril returns a shot against Encinal on Thursday. Nebril and teammate John Cristobal went to a tie-breaker in the second set but held on to win their match. *See Sports, page 16.*

## Cutter: 'City On Forefront Of Prosperity'

By Amy Sylvestri  
San Leandro Times

When the President gives a State of the Union address, there's a bunch of political opinions flying, rebuttals, and skeptical commentators.

When the mayor of San Leandro gives a State of the City Address, there is a lot of polite applause.

Mayor Pauline Cutter gave her State of the City Address Monday night to a crowd made up mostly of fellow local politicians and Chamber of Commerce members. It was mostly a positive message about some of the things that have happened in San Leandro in the past 12 months and some things she and her staff would like to see happen in 2017.

"These are exciting times," said Cutter. "Our city is at the forefront of economic prosperity."

Just as in the past several years, Cutter said San Leandro is on the cusp of taking off big in the technology sector.

The tech campus opened this year with OSISO as its first tenant. Construction on phase 2 is set for later this year, though no other tenant has yet been announced. There is discussion about 196 units of housing to be built on a portion of the site, which is located across from the downtown BART station.

The Georgia Pacific and Kraft factories are being vacated, but Cutter said they are out on the market and will be places for other things to open in the city.

Cutter said that the city's biggest project in 50 years will be the development of the marina, which is set to kick off soon. *see ADDRESS, page 16*

## Tenant Move Bill Revised By Council

By Amy Sylvestri  
San Leandro Times

The City Council Rules Committee has sent a proposed ordinance that would require landlords to assist displaced renters back to the drawing board for a third time, saying it's not ready yet for a vote by the City Council.

The program would have landlords pay three month's rent and moving expenses for tenants who lose their place for a "landlord-caused" reason, which usually means rent hike.

The city says the ordinance will help a vulnerable population, but some tenants say the program would do little more than offer landlords an easy way to pay a small amount in moving assistance and recoup the cost by significantly raising the rent on the next tenant.

And with the lack of affordable housing in San Leandro and the Bay Area in general, *see ORDINANCE, page 14*

## County to Decide on Eden Healthcare

By Amy Sylvestri  
San Leandro Times

The county is one step closer to making a decision on the future of the Eden Township Healthcare District (ETHD), as a draft of the final study of the district has been submitted to the Alameda Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo).

LAFCo commissioned independent urban policy analysts Berkson Associates to review the services provided by ETHD after politicians ranging from county Supervisor Wilma Chan to State Assemblyman Rob Bonta called for the district to be disbanded.

After nearly 70 years in operation, ETHD has been hit with claims from Chan, Bonta, and others that the district is redundant and its function and funding

could be better handled by the county. The cities of San Leandro and Hayward also submitted resolutions in favor of dissolving the district.

But many people, especially residents of the unincorporated areas have supported keeping ETHD, as it earmarks funding for the Eden area. If Alameda County absorbs the money, it could be used anywhere in the county.

The final draft prepared by Berkson concludes that ETHD provides a vital service to the community, but that changes could be made to run it more efficiently. Berkson says that the district's work should continue in some capacity even if the district is dissolved. *see EDEN, page 14*



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The Eden Township Healthcare District owns three medical buildings, including the Medical Arts Building near San Leandro Hospital.

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

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## Tickets on Sale for Annual Trivia Bee for Project Literacy

Ticket are on sale at the Main Library for the annual Trivia Bee on Saturday, April 8, the San Leandro Public Library's Project Literacy annual fundraiser.

This fun-filled event will be held on Saturday evening, April 8, at the Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. The doors will open at 6 p.m. The buffet dinner and raffle begins at 6:30 p.m. and the Trivia Bee starts at 7 p.m.

Support and increase family

and adult literacy by helping to raise funds for this worthy cause through the purchase of raffle tickets at \$1 each, a sit-down dinner at \$25 each, or sponsor a Trivia Bee team for \$350.

It is truly an experience to be part of the cheering audience while watching a large number of teams go through one round after another of answering challenging trivia questions while enjoying a catered dinner.

Watch in suspense as one team after another gets eliminated until only team remains to become the 2017 San Leandro Trivia Bee Champions.

To purchase raffle tickets, dinner tickets, to sponsor a trivia bee team, or to make a donation for this good cause, go to the Main Library or call Cinda Mariscal, the Project Literacy Coordinator, at 577-3944.

Act now as tickets will not be sold at the door.

## Library's Annual Spring Book Sale this Weekend

The Friends of the San Leandro Library will hold their Spring Two-Day Book Sale on Saturday and Sunday, April 1 and 2, at the Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. with a fantastic selection of over 10,000 quality books at bargain prices.

The sale is open to the public on Saturday, April 1, from 11

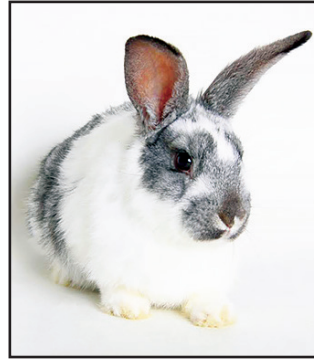
a.m. to 4 p.m. But by joining the Friends of the Library, you may attend the "Members Preview" during the first two hours from 9 to 11 a.m. to get the best pick of the books. Then on Sunday, April 2, the Friends will be hosting an all-day bag sale at \$2 a bag from noon to 3 pm.

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Library membership is \$10 for an individual \$15 for a family. You can register or renew your membership at the door on the day of the sale or pick up a membership application at the Main Library.

For more information, call the San Leandro Library Information Desk at 577-3971.

## Pets of the Week



Babe Ruth



Liberty

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter are Babe Ruth the bunny, and Liberty the dog.

**Babe Ruth** is a young, super friendly, easy to handle bunny. He loves having "hop time" outside his kennel, and snacking on parsley, and he's neutered.

**Liberty** is 9 years old and full of joy. She practically skips wherever she goes. She loves attention from people and short walks. Spayed. Best with kids 10 and older.

For more information on Babe Ruth or Liberty, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at 293-7200.

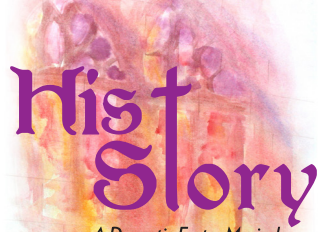
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### Opening on the San Lorenzo School Board

An opening on the San Lorenzo Unified School District's board of trustees needs to be filled. The school board will interview candidates and hold a special meeting on April 11 at 6 p.m. where the public can comment and then the board will select one of the candidates. Candidates must be a resident and registered voter of the San Lorenzo school district, be at least 18 years old, and not an employee of the school district at the time of appointment. The deadline for applications is Monday, April 3, at 5 p.m. For an application form, go to <https://goo.gl/mQGBvQ>.



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## San Lorenzo Student Succeeds

Savina Romero (right) has been selected to receive the Every Student Succeeding Award in the San Lorenzo School District. The Bay Elementary fifth grader was nominated by her teacher, Lya Pires, and recognized by the school board earlier this month. Romero will now go on to be considered at the regional level by the Association of California School Administrators.

## Townhouse Fire Contained to Garage

Alameda County firefighters were able to contain a fire to the garage of a townhouse on the 14000 block of Reed Avenue early last Saturday morning. The one-alarm fire broke out at around 4:30 a.m.

No one was injured and the cause of the fire is under investigation.

## DA Wins Environmental Lawsuit

Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley was recently awarded \$3 million in civil penalties from Golden Gate Petroleum for underground fuel storage tank violations.

The penalties are to be paid by the defendants, the owners and operators of underground storage tank systems at retail gasoline stations in several counties in Northern California.

After recent inspections of facilities throughout the state, it was found that the defendants were in violation of environmental laws in counties throughout California.

In Alameda County, it was discovered that Golden Gate Petroleum did not comply with environmental requirements at three facilities located in Hayward and Oakland.

## CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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## Man Arrested for Attempted Murder in Car-to-Car Shooting

A man has been arrested on suspicion of attempted murder following a shooting last Friday night.

The suspect was driving in the area of East 14th Street and Fairmont Drive in the early morning hours of March 24 when he opened fire and struck another driver, according to Lt. Isaac Benabou of the San Leandro police.

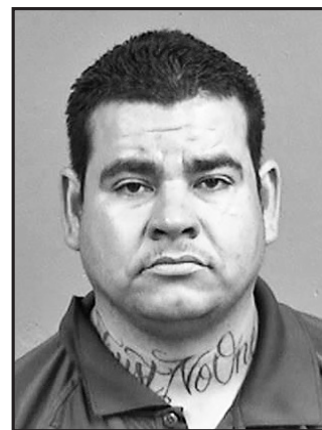
The suspect then fled the scene.

Police say they collected evidence and witness statements that led them to Antonio Artiga,

35, of Oakland. He was arrested at 8 a.m. as he arrived for work at a trucking company on the 3000 block of Alvarado Street.

At the time of his arrest, Artiga was allegedly in the vehicle he used in the shooting. Inside the vehicle, police found a loaded stolen gun which they believe was used in the crime.

Artiga is currently being held without bail at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin on suspicion of attempted murder and gun charges. He is scheduled to be arraigned today at the Hayward Hall of Justice.



Antonio Artiga

## Two Cold Case San Lorenzo Murders

The Alameda County Sheriff's Office is asking for the public's help on two cold case murders in San Lorenzo.

In the first case, Guillermo Deleon, 22, was stabbed to death in the parking lot of the Black Angus restaurant on Hesperian Boulevard on March 24, 1988.

Deleon had been at the restaurant with several friends. When they left at around 1:40 a.m., a fight broke out in the parking lot among several patrons.

Witnesses said that the suspect called Deleon over to him and they began to fight, and Deleon was stabbed and killed. The suspect is described as Hispanic, 20-22 years old, with black hair, about 5-foot-6 and 160 pounds.

In the second, unrelated, case,

## Car Found In Marina

A car was spotted mostly submerged in the water at the San Leandro marina early Wednesday morning.

A fisherman spotted the red Buick at about 5:40 a.m. The car had temporary paper plates on it and police are looking into whether the car was stolen. No one was found in the car or nearby.

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## NEIGHBORS



Members celebrated the Hill &amp; Valley Club's 107th birthday party in March.

## The Hill & Valley Woman's Club in Hayward Celebrates 107 Years

The Hill & Valley Club celebrated their 107th year on March 20 with a birthday party with cake, balloons and entertainment by the Golden Follies Dancers.

Hill & Valley members are an amazing group of women, carrying on the traditions of the women in Hayward that had a vision to form this federated club. Following in the footsteps of the founders, the members donate time and fundraising monies to

many worthy causes in the community. The club members find the work fulfilling and rewarding and enjoy what they do for others.

The following people received special recognition and a red rose the club flower at the 107th anniversary party: Five past presidents: Barbara Burgard, Carol Crossett, Mary Jo Henninger, Barbara Kuhns, Lola Silvestri. Eight honorary members (over fifty years of

membership): Carmen Avelar, Barbara Burgard, Alain Hanke, Mary Jo Henninger, Lucille Lorge, Yvonne Mooney, Nola Pigott, June Rigley. Seven new members: Carol Ann Bigelow, Joan Boyd, Pat Keathley, Wanda Pezzaglia, Loretta Siegel, Joan Starchurski, Judi Tehada. Five Alameda District officers attended: Cora Ariosa, Choling Cordero, Elisa Ducusin, Ruby Munoz, Michi Yee.

## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

### ❖ The Maltese Bodkin at San Leandro Museum

The San Leandro Players present *The Maltese Bodkin* on Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. through 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](http://www.slplayers.org).

### ❖ Morrisson Theatre

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

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**ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** Put your restlessness to good use by indulging the Arian love of exploring new places and seeking new challenges. There also could be a new romance waiting to be "discovered."



**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** A surprise message from someone in your past could lead to a long-awaited reunion with a once-close friend. Also, look for a workplace problem to be resolved in your favor.



**GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** Your self-confidence is rising, and that should be a significant factor in helping you adjust to a new social situation, as well as adjusting to a series of changes in the workplace.



**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** Turnabout could be lots of fun when someone who previously accepted your tender, loving care without question now suggests that he or she wants to start taking care of you.



**LEO (July 23 - August 22):** Put the lessons you learned from past disappointments to work in planning your future. The way ahead opens to opportunities "purrrfectly" suited to the adventurous Lion.



**VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22):** This is a good time to renew contacts with family members and/or old friends who somehow slipped off your personal viewing screen in recent years. Travel also is favored.



**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22):** Most problems surrounding that recent personal situation have been resolved, and that means you should move on to other things that are important to you.



**SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21):** Spend this weekend recharging your physical and spiritual energies. When you return to your workaday world, you'll be ready to take on that new project.



**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** Be careful how you advise a troubled friend. Even your wise counsel could be misunderstood. Better to suggest that he or she seek professional help.



**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** Family problems once again dominate and, once again, everyone seeks your guidance in these matters. Later, you can indulge in some much-needed relaxation.



**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** Some mixed signals create confusion in the workplace. Best advice: Ask for explanations before you attempt to deal with any of these matters on your own.



**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** A patch of rolling water in the workplace could be threatening, but stay the course and you'll soon be clear of it. Then go out and have a great time with loved ones.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### ❖ San Leandro Democratic Club

The San Leandro Democratic Club and Sheet Metal Workers' Local 104 invite everyone to a community cleanup on Saturday, April 1, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Downtown Plaza (meet in front of the Sizzler). Gloves and T-shirts will be provided to volunteers who help clean up the plaza. For more information, call Bryan Acevedo at 706-3125.

### ❖ Community Garden Open House & Seminar

Come see what your neighbors are growing on Saturday, April 1, at Paradise Community Garden, 20095 Mission Blvd. in Hayward. Open house hours are from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with the seminar starting at 11 a.m. till noon. *Urban Farming - Community and Design: What's going on in the Eden Area* will be the topic of the seminar. This is a free event sponsored by the Eden Area Food Alliance and Eden Urban Farms. Native plants will be for sale. For more information, call Rick Hatcher 909-4077.

### ❖ I.D.E.S. of Saint John Pancake Breakfast

I.D.E.S. of Saint John, 1670 Orchard Ave. in San Leandro, will have a pancake breakfast and bingo on Saturday, April 1, at 9 a.m. Breakfast is \$10 per person and includes three bingo cards, extra cards are 25 cents apiece. Please bring canned food for the food drive. For more information, call Willie Calvo at 635-6326 or Helder Quadros at 357-5846.

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### ❖ Soroptimists Yard Sale

The Soroptimists will have a yard sale (weather permitting) on Saturday, April 1, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 3841 Somerset Ave. in Castro Valley, with lots of good stuff, tools, shoes, clothes, sports gear. For more information or to donate, call Lynn Levin at 593-7377. The best

time to drop off donations is Friday evening, March 31, after 5 p.m.

### ❖ Diabetes Support Group

The Diabetes Support Group has been told that it will no longer be able to hold its meetings at the San Leandro Surgery Center, 15035 East 14th St. in San Leandro, since the building was sold to Sutter Health Care. The support group will be suspending its meetings until it finds another venue, but there will be one last meeting at the Surgery Center on Monday, April 3, at 4:30 to thank all those who have supported this free community activity.

### ❖ San Leandro Swim Team Tryouts

The San Leandro Swim Team will hold tryouts for the upcoming season on Monday, April 3, at 6 p.m. at the San Leandro High School Pool, 2200 Bancroft Ave. All swimmers ages 4 to 18 interested in joining the team come prepared to demonstrate your skills. Swimmers should be comfortable in water and able to swim 25-50 yards unassisted. For more information, go to website - San Leandro Drowning Darryls - Team Unify or call 913-0850.

### ❖ San Leandro Parkinson's Support Group

The San Leandro Parkinson's Support Group will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, April 6, at 10 a.m. at the San Lorenzo Community Church at 945 Paseo Grande in San Lorenzo. There will be an open discussion. For more information, call Lona White at 276-3119.

### ❖ Friends of San Leandro Creek Clean-Up

Clean-up of the San Leandro Creek has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Root Park in San Leandro. At 10:30 a.m. Ohlone Elder Ruth Orta will give a short history of the Ohlone People of the East Bay, and bless the work on the creek. Free food, drinks, tools, and gloves will be provided. Please wear sturdy boots and clothes in layers that you won't mind getting dirty. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call or email Susan Levenson Watershed Awareness Coordinator Friends of San Leandro Creek at 577-6069 or [Slevenson@sanleandro.org](mailto:Slevenson@sanleandro.org).

### ❖ St. Gerard Women's Club Bake Sale

The members of the St. Gerard Women's Club of St. John's Church will have its annual Easter bake sale and raffle on Saturday and Sunday, April 8 and 9, starting after the Saturday 4:30 p.m. Mass at 264 East Lewelling Blvd. in San Lorenzo. There will be a continental breakfast offered after all the Masses on Sunday, April 9. It is a great weekend celebration with lots of baked goods, raffle prizes and trinkets & treasures booth with all the proceeds from the weekend going to St. John's Church. For more information, call co-chairs: Rita Ewing at 278-1283 or Raquel Mallari 877-8159.

### ❖ Watercolor Demonstration

Well known watercolor artist, Carolyn Lord will demonstrate watercolor painting at the next meeting of the San Leandro Art Association on Tuesday, April 11, at 7 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Carolyn Lord is a signature member of both the National Watercolor Society and the California Art Club. To see examples of her work go to [carolynlord.com](http://carolynlord.com).

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# San Leandro High Tennis Team Shuts Out Encinal, 7-0



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

San Leandro No. 2 singles player Ben Duong returns a shot on his way to a 6-1, 6-2 win.

By Jim Knowles  
San Leandro Times

The San Leandro High boys tennis team beat Encinal, 7-0, last Thursday in the middle of the team's best season in years.

San Leandro is on a winning streak, beating Alameda and Arroyo the previous week.

All the Pirates singles players and doubles teams won on Thursday, but the No. 1 doubles duo just about didn't keep the shutout going.

John Cristobal and Ghyle Negril took the first set, 6-0, against Rich Owens and Sam Brodnitz of Encinal. But in the second set, Encinal gave them a run for their money, before the Pirates team

**"If a shot goes by me, he saves it."**

— San Leandro High tennis player Ghyle Negril on his doubles partner John Cristobal.

came back to eke out a 7-6 set score to win the match.

"We need to step up," Cristobal said after the match. "We got too comfortable and lost our focus."

Cristobal said teamwork was another factor.

"I was going after every ball," Cristobal said. "I had to let him

take the shots he could."

Negril said they started playing better as a team by trusting each other to get the shot if one of them couldn't reach the ball.

"He comes though," Negril said. "If a shot goes by me (at the net), he saves it."

In the No. 2 doubles match, Diego Mejia and Miguel Reyes of San Leandro beat Christian Collins and Ethan Filkins 6-2, 6-0.

In No. 3 doubles, Wauson Liang and Sonny Lew of San Leandro beat Tristan Hilarip and Jacob Levine 6-2, 6-1.

San Leandro also swept the singles matches. In the No. 1 singles match, Jefferson Lei of San Leandro beat Lam Tran 6-1,

6-0. In No. 2 singles, Ben Duong of San Leandro beat Yael Munoz 6-1, 6-2.

In No. 3 singles, Yuyi Cai of San Leandro beat Theo Wismar 6-3, 6-2. And in No. 4 singles, Wesley Tat of San Leandro beat Dayne McDaniel 6-1, 6-0.

The win gave San Leandro a 5-2 league record, first place in the Shoreline Division of the West Alameda County Conference (WACC).

A lot of seniors are on the team this year who have played for the Pirates for four years.

"The players are looking forward to going to the playoffs," said San Leandro tennis coach Lisa Maral.

## HARD Seeking Advisory Committee Members

The Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (HARD) is accepting applications from interested residents of Hayward, Castro Valley, San Lorenzo and unincorporated Alameda County for committee positions on the Districts' Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC).

This committee meets four times per year and provides advisory recommendations to the district board of directors,

reviews district programs, park design projects and works on specific board directed projects.

To obtain a CAC application or for more information, call 881-6704 or visit [www.haywardrec.org](http://www.haywardrec.org) to download an application. Applications will be accepted until appointments are approved.

To learn more about the advisory committee, go to [www.haywardrec.org](http://www.haywardrec.org).

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## AUTOMOTIVE

## Mazda CX-3 Is Poised to Pounce

By Steve Schaefer  
San Leandro Times

**T**he 2017 CX-3 is Mazda's entry-level car — it's a cute ute. Sitting below the Mazda3 wagon and the popular CX-5 crossover, it offers a fun little runabout with lots of practicality and efficiency, at a low price. With loads of competition now, it flaunts its Mazdanness to compete.

Mazda has featured some overall styling themes over the years. The latest is called Kodo-Soul of Motion, and the CX-3, new last year, displays it like a poster child. The look is active and sporty, with boldly drawn curves that evolve into sharper edges in strategic places. With a 168-inch length sitting on a generous 101.2-inch wheelbase, and minimal overhangs, the CX-3 looks poised to pounce. The side panels sweep up with a feel of controlled motion, and the taillamps mirror the slim peepers up front.

Inside, you might think you were sitting in a Miata roadster, until you looked around and saw space for passengers behind you. You'd recognize the Miata's sports car hooded instrument panel, and the simple but effective flip-up dash panel that projects a head-up display on the windshield. Choose your entertainment options using the iPad-like touch panel.

One thing you won't find in this car is a manual shifter, as you will in a Miata. I'm sure this is driven by sales statistics and demographics. Only about 18 percent of people can even drive a stick anymore, and the millennial sales target certainly has little use for one. So why complicate things? The shift lever teases you by looking like a standard transmission — sorry, it's not.

Like other Mazdas, the CX-3 features SKYACTIV Technology. Every facet of the car is carefully considered for efficiency. Excess weight is pared away and the engine and other moving parts are fine-tuned. That means lighter

weight and improved fuel economy. It's not revolutionary, but it makes everything a little better. Mazda has no electric or hybrid cars in its portfolio, so they must do something to meet increasingly stringent fuel economy standards.

The sole engine choice is a 2.0-liter SKYACTIV-G inline four, which puts out 146 horsepower and 146 lb.-ft. of torque. That's enough oomph to get the 2,809-pound car down the road with sufficient alacrity to maintain the brand's zoom-zoom reputation. It accelerates with a satisfying growl. As mentioned above, the transmission is a six-speed automatic with Sport Mode and paddle shifters on the steering wheel. It works just fine.

EPA numbers are 29 City, 34 Highway, and 31 overall — nothing to complain about here. As a crossover, all-wheel drive is an option, but if you choose it, the fuel economy numbers drop slightly to 27/32/29. In my front-wheel-drive test car I averaged 29.3 mpg. Green scores are 6 for Smog and 7 for Greenhouse Gas.

The easiest to own CX-3 is the Sport, which comes pretty well equipped with features including 16-inch alloy wheels, power windows and locks, cruise control, air conditioning, and pushbutton start. The seven-inch MAZDA CONNECT screen is your gateway to Bluetooth connectivity for phone and music streaming. You also get a six-speaker audio system with AM/FM/CD player with USB input.

Step up to the Touring model to jump to larger 18-inch alloy wheels, an upgraded audio



The front view of the Mazda CX-3 is designed to present a bold look that suits the model's sporty proportions.

system, heated exterior mirrors with integrated turn signals, fold-down armrest and leatherette seats. You can also opt for more options, including a power glass moonroof. For safety, there are Blind Spot Monitoring and Rear Cross Traffic Alert. These are great in any car, but when you're a smaller one on the road these are essential features.

The top-level Grand Touring, like my Dynamic Blue Mica test car, loads up with leather and Lux Suede seats, LED headlights with the Adaptive Front-lighting System, fog lights, and daytime running lights. You also enjoy a navigation system, Bose premium audio, SiriusXM Satellite Radio, automatic climate control and the head-up display mentioned earlier.

At 60.7 inches high, the Mazda is a little taller than a small sedan, but rear seat room is very tight, and cargo capacity is not that generous for a crossover.



The interior of the CX-3 offers a high-quality and sophisticated feel that complements the exterior design.

There's only 12.4 feet behind the second row, expanding to 44.5 cubic feet with the seats folded. That's plenty for normal living, but you can get more space in competing models.

Pricing begins at \$20,900 for the Sport, bumps up to \$22,900 for the Touring and tops out at \$25,960 for the Grand Touring. All prices include destination charges. My Grand Touring tester had

the I-ACTIVESENSE package (\$1,170), which includes Mazda Radar Cruise Control (MRCC), Smart Brake Support, lane-departure warning, high beam control, automatic on/off headlights and rain-sensing wipers. The package is reduced by \$750 this year. The total sticker was \$27,260.

Fun to drive, great looking, and affordable — Mazda's hoping that's a winning combination.

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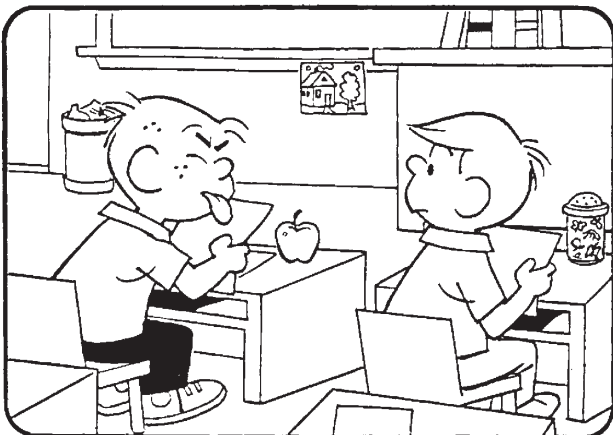
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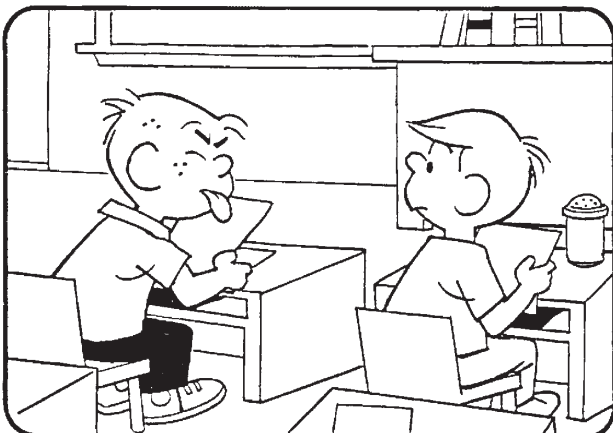


## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY  
HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Wastebasket is missing. 2. Picture is missing. 3. Apple is missing. 4. Arm is moved. 5. Collar is missing. 6. Bug jar is empty.

# CH12ES



**A RASCALLY REBUS!** The little frog in our picture is ready to jump. If you solve the above rebus, you'll know how far he went.

Answer: He went 3 feet (12 in CHES over two feet).

**A REARRANGING CHALLENGE!** The frame to the right contains the numbers 1 through 10. We challenge you to rearrange them so that the numbers along any of the four sides will add up to 18. Time limit: 90 seconds.

1	2	3	4
10			5
9	8	7	6

**DON'T GET STUCK ON THIS ONE!** At the right is a Word Square grid. Can you find the four five-letter words that match the definitions below? All words used must read the same both across and down.

1. An adhesive (in place).
2. A mighty seed.
3. Substantial; hearty.
4. A social organization.
5. Brought to a conclusion.

P	A	S	T	E
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Answers: 1. Paste. 2. Acorn. 3. Solid. 4. Tribe. 5. Ended.

# Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

GREAT INVENTORS OF THE PAST!

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Hidden in the diagram above are the names of 17 great inventors who helped to make the modern world. 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 names you're looking for.

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# SPRING HOME IMPROVEMENT



## Avoid Spring Cleaning Mishaps; Take the Following Precautions

**C**leaning your home from top to bottom this spring? Do so with care. From falls off ladders to muscle pain, heavy-duty chores can be hazardous to your health and wellness if you're not careful.

So, before you roll up your sleeves and get into the thick of it, take a moment to review some essential safety precautions:

### ● Avoid Outdoor Mishaps

When mowing the lawn, wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes. Clear your lawn of stones, toys and other potentially hazardous debris before you begin, to prevent flying objects. Keep children away from your yard while you're mowing.

Reduce the risk of a ladder fall by always using a stable ladder. Be sure to use the correct

height ladder for the job and follow all weight restrictions. Only set ladders on level surfaces. Pay close attention to what you're doing and climb up and down the ladder slowly and deliberately.

### ● Treat Muscles Right

From lawn work to scrubbing floors, unusual repetitious motions can really take a toll, resulting in muscle pain or bruising. Treat your spring clean like a workout and stretch your major muscle groups before you get started.

When lifting those boxes in your basement and any other objects with heft, bend at the knees to avoid throwing your back out. If a chore is causing you pain, stop what you're doing.

"Start out slowly to avoid placing a sudden demand on your muscles that are not use to this activity," says Anne Meyer, M.D., who focuses on sports re-



**By following a few safety measures, you can make your spring clean a rejuvenating experience.**

habilitation medicine.

If you feel stiff or sore after a long day of reaching, bending and lifting, Dr. Meyer recommends minimizing physical activity and elevating an aching arm or leg.

Remember to take frequent breaks. And, end your long day

with a relaxing bath.

### ● Clean Safely

Cleaning products can be extremely stringent, causing irritation to eyes, nose and throat. If opting for natural alternatives, such as vinegar or lemons is not an option, use harsher stuff with care.

Open all windows when using harsh cleaning products, especially ammonia. Wear gloves and consider protecting your nose and mouth with a surgical mask. Place products out of reach when you're not using them if you have pets or small children.

—StatePoint

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## How to Paint Like the Pros

By Samantha Mazzotta  
 Special to the Times

**P**reparation is the biggest part of painting. It can be maddening getting everything ready to paint. But, if you do it right, putting down each coat is really satisfying. You'll doubtlessly hear much more ad-

vice from friends and relatives on how to do the best job, but here are some key checkpoints:

✓ Get clearance from the landlord or building management before painting. Just as importantly, pay attention to — and follow — any specific instructions, such as which colors to use.



✓ Prepare the room(s): Remove as much furniture and stuff as possible. Move what remains to the center of the room and cover with dropcloths or old sheets. Cover the floor or carpets with overlapping dropcloths.

✓ Prepare the walls: Take down pictures and carefully remove nails and screws; fill the small holes with spackling compound and let dry for 24 hours before sanding smooth.

✓ Remove cover plates from wall switches and outlets; cover window and door hardware with plastic or remove the hardware (if it's easy to put back on). Cover light fixtures with plastic shopping bags and secure with masking tape.

✓ Brush away loose plaster, cobwebs, dirt and peeling paint. Sand bumpy areas smooth using fine-grit sandpaper. Wash the walls with a sponge dampened in a light soap-and-water mix or wall-cleaning product, and let dry.

✓ Use blue painter's tape (which is less sticky than masking tape) to mask off window and door trim, and other areas where you don't want paint to go.

✓ Assemble all the stuff you need to paint: Not just an assortment of brushes and rollers, but paint trays, stirring sticks (usually available free with paint purchase)

see PAINT, page 9

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Typical windows block as little as 25 percent of UV rays which, if left unchecked, can damage skin, including premature aging, wrinkles and even skin cancer. Additionally, the UV rays may acceler-

ate the fading of furniture, flooring and other décor.

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Installing window film can also have a positive affect on energy costs, because it can help regulate room temperatures, thus lowering energy bills during warm and, in some cases, even cold weather.

Learn more at [www.iwfa.com](http://www.iwfa.com).

— North American Precip Synd., Inc.

## Paint: Only buy what you need

continued from previous page chase) and old rags or towels for cleanup.

✓ Save money not by picking the cheapest paint, but by purchasing the exact amount you need. How to do that? Measure the square footage of each wall (length times height) and total the numbers.

✓ Use primer if you don't know what type of paint is currently on the walls, or if you're covering glossy paint with matte paint or vice versa, or if the old paint is darker than the new paint.

Once prepped, you're ready to paint! Follow some tried-and-true methods for laying down paint: Start high and work on one wall at a time. Use a foam edger or a brush to paint a border, about three inches wide, where the wall meets the ceiling. Then start roll-

ing on paint, using a "W" pattern in various directions until the wall is covered. Once the walls are done, paint the trim, windows and finally the doors, if you're painting them.

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## Increase the Value of Your Home

According to Homes.com, the top projects that improve home equity are:

### Bathrooms

If adding an additional bathroom isn't an option, upgrade existing ones.

Adding a dual vanity to a master or secondary bath improves functionality, allowing multiple people to use the space. Change out fixtures like faucets and shower doors to increase aesthetic appeal. If you're on a budget, replace light fixtures or switch plates to help refresh the space.

### Kitchens

Kitchen remodels can cost anywhere from \$20,000 to \$40,000 and more. If that's not in your budget, upgrading cabinetry and paint does wonders to liven up even the most outdated spaces.

Add crown or decorative molding to "shape out" the kitchen cabinets and modernize the space. Repaint cabinets, or add new hardware to add visual interest and brighten dark spaces.

### Outdoor Spaces

Curb appeal adds immediate interest to any home's exterior. According to Remodeling Magazine, improving outdoor spaces can increase a home's resale value dollar-for-dollar.

Frame the front walkway with items that add visual interest, like flowers, potted plants, large rocks

of various sizes and solar-powered lights. If yard space is scarce, hanging plants are another great, low-cost option.

Extend outdoor projects to the backyard — power-wash decks or patios and clean screened-in areas.

### Basements

Basement improvements can optimize livable space and protect the home from extreme weather, mold, moisture damage and mites. Whether transitioning the basement to a home gym, office or family room, the basics remain the same: insulate well and waterproof.

Maximize space by including shelving and storage units. If the opportunity exists, make the space feel open and inviting by creating an open stairwell, a trick that visually connects the upper part of the house with the lower, and filters natural light into the space.

Making homes stand out in a sea of real estate listings isn't always easy. For more tips, visit: [www.homes.com](http://www.homes.com).

— StatePoint



Adding dual vanities to a master bathroom improves functionality, allowing multiple people to use the space.

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# REAL ESTATE GALLERY



## A Requiem for Open Houses

By Carl Medford, CRS  
Special to the Times

I recently spotted an article proclaiming, "Open houses are dead!" However, agents in my neighborhood didn't get the memo — I passed about 40 signs on my two-mile trip home from church last Sunday.

Truth is, open houses are alive and fulfilling a vital role in today's dynamic market. Their methodology, however, has significantly changed.

Back a few years, with a copy of the newspaper real es-

tate section in hand, potential buyers searched for open house signs. If they spotted signs for a home that wasn't listed, they'd visit anyway just to see inside.

Everything has changed. Open house signs are no longer necessary. Today's buyers search for homes on their smartphones and, if they like what they see, verify when it's open, hit the address link and let their phones lead them to the front door.

We've held successful open houses with no corner signs at all — with the open house post-

ed online, buyers come like bees to a picnic.

Why are signs still out? For potential sellers. Nothing promotes an agent better to someone interested in selling their home than a passel full of signs cluttering every corner around their house. Some agents even utilize drivers who spend week-end mornings littering the landscape with signs.

Another change is the frequency of open houses. You'd think that in a hot market homes would sell themselves, therefore open homes numbers would go down.

The opposite is true. Realizing the more traffic they can get through a front door, the higher the chance of multiple offers, listing agents hold as many open houses as they can. Buyer's agents, recognizing that most homes are open on weekends, instruct buyers to go to as many as possible without them. They then focus on providing their clients access to the few homes *not* open. If a buyer wants to write an offer, then their agent will visit.

A final change is *which* homes get visited. Increasingly, fussy buyers sort homes online *see REQUIEM, page 11*



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## Plant Tomatoes with Meals in Mind

By Melinda Myers  
Special to the Times

Tomatoes are a favorite and versatile vegetable that taste best when grown and harvested from your own garden.

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Indeterminate tomatoes continue to grow throughout the season, producing flowers and fruit until frost kills the plant or you prune off the growing tip found at the end of the main stem(s). Stake or tower the plants to save space, reduce disease and insect problems, and make harvesting convenient.

Grow varieties best suited to the intended use. Save time and do a bit of research before visiting the garden center.

Bite-sized tomatoes are great for salads, relish trays, and snack-



Cherry tomatoes are great for salads and snacking.

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# Abandoned Bee Hive Found; Pea-size Limes Drop Off

By Buzz Bertolero  
The Dirt Gardener

**Q** Last year, I discovered a bee hive in a juniper bush. In January, I hosed it down with a high-pressure nozzle. I think I destroyed the hive or maybe it got too cold as I see no evidence of any activity. What can I do to make sure they don't return and reestablish the hive?

**A** Honey and bumble bees, along with wasps, are inactive during cool, wet weather. But, if disturbed, they will fly around and sting. On the other hand, a yellow jacket hive is empty or abandoned.

In late November, the worker and male yellow jackets, after mating with the queen(s), die. Shortly thereafter the queen(s) abandons the old hive and hibernates in the bark of trees and/or logs. So, I believe you had a yellow jacket hive.

It maybe a bit early, but the queens should emerge from hibernation and start looking to establish new nesting areas within the next three weeks. Also, there is almost no chance of a queen recouping an old site.

Yellow Jackets establish hives under the ground in abandoned gopher or other rodent holes. The above-ground nests are close to structures, like under the eaves of a house or in ornamental bushes

## Tomatoes: Get growing

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tomatoes. It's best to stake or cage these tall plants and grow them in a 24-inch-diameter pot.

Paste and sauce tomatoes have meatier fruit, making them perfect for sauces, soups and preserving. Roma is the traditional favorite. The egg-shaped fruit has thick walls and few seeds.

Grow a few slicing tomatoes. Look for large, juicy tomatoes to enjoy on sandwiches and salads. Solar Flare and Creole are heat-tolerant and keep producing despite high summer temperatures.

So, gather your favorite recipes and create a list of both long-time favorites and new tomato varieties to include in this year's garden.

Melinda Myers has written over 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening* and *Midwest Gardener's Handbook*.

like junipers. The hives start slowly, reaching their peak in September/October.

Yellow jackets rarely are a problem around Memorial Day. They're more problematic by the 4th of July, and a huge nuisance by Labor Day. In the fall, they're easily agitated as mating season approaches.

The hives remain active until November, when the process begins or ends again, depending on how you look at it.

Your best defense against a yellow jacket establishing a hive

in your yard is to trap the queens early on. I'd reuse my yellow jacket traps from previous years. But first wash them out with warm, soapy water before adding any new attractant.

Because of the very wet January and February here in the Bay Area, I expect the yellow jacket population to be smaller than previous years, as a significant number of queens did not survive.

**Q** My 20-year-old lime tree used to produce a fair crop years ago. The



Yellow jackets are typically most active in the fall.

leaves and bark look fine, and I fertilized with citrus fertilizer. Each year, there are a thousand blossoms but the limes fall off when they get about pea size. What else should I be doing to get more limes?

**A** Fruit drop on citrus is a common problem with container plants and unusual with those in the ground. Irregular watering is the primary cause of the problem.

The fruit drop is in response to water stress.

The drought may have contributed to the problem; however, water shouldn't be a problem this year. So, I'd construct a watering basin around the lime. It should be six to eight inches high and extend from the trunk to a foot beyond the drip line.

Every time you water, fill the basin up several times. I'd water weekly once the rainy season concludes and more often when the temperatures are 90°F and above.

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## Requiem: New rules

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and if a home doesn't sparkle, they won't come, regardless of how many signs are out.

If they're driving and spot an open house they're not aware of, they might stop in front and view the interior on their phones. If they don't like what they see, they won't enter. Sellers who don't

understand the new rules may be very disappointed with the results. Time to sing a requiem for open houses? Not quite yet.

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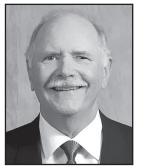
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## Ordinance: Adjustments made

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where are the displaced tenants supposed to go?

In the latest version of the ordinance, the threshold for the rent hike has been lowered from 20 to 15 percent.

Originally, the tenant would have had to be in residence for five years in order to qualify for the assistance. Many people argued that this would just cause landlords to evict people at the four-year mark. So the length-of-residency

clause has been eliminated from the ordinance.

Also removed from the current draft of the ordinance was a clause that would have allowed landlords to deduct any past unpaid rent from the assistance money.

And, in as sign of the times, the city has also added a line to the ordinance saying that "A landlord shall not attempt to influence a tenant to agree to relocation assistance different than as pro-

vided in this section... including, but not limited to, threats based on immigration status."

After further adjustments, the ordinance will be back in front of the Rules Committee in April or May, according to Steve Hernandez, the city's housing specialist. Once the Rules Committee – which includes Mayor Pauline Cutter and councilmen Pete Ballew and Lee Thomas – has a draft they like, it will be voted on by the City Council.

## Eden: Healthcare district's three buildings assessed at \$31 million

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district itself doesn't continue in its current form.

"Dissolution of the district without continuing its services is unwarranted," the report reads. "Dissolution and naming a successor agency to continue services could reduce certain costs and improve decision-making."

ETHD distributes an average of \$640,000 in grants and schol-

arships annually. The report said the district had the transparent financial practices, but said that they could better integrate their work with other agencies.

"The district's grants and sponsorships are generally consistent with health care needs identified by assessments prepared by other agencies, however, coordination with other county agencies could be improved," the report said.

Additionally, the district has real estate holdings of three medical office buildings valued at \$31 million.

Local politicians have indicated they'd like to see ETHD's money go to "safety net" hospitals in the county including San Leandro Hospital and Highland Hospital. The report cautioned that using the district's money for a one-time boost could be ultimately less wise than keeping the real estate as an investment.

"The sale of district buildings (e.g., in the event of dissolution) would result in less revenue available for health care purposes

over the long-term," the report reads. "Dissolution of the district without continuing services could provide needed one-time funding for hospitals, however, this would eliminate a future, ongoing source of funding unless the buildings were operated by another agency."

Now that the report is complete, the fate of the ETHD is in the hands of the LAFCo board, whose members include Alameda County Supervisors Nate Miley and Scott Haggerty, Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne, Livermore Mayor John Marchand, East Bay Regional Parks board member Ayn Wieskamp, Castro Valley Sanitary District president Ralph Johnson, and public member Sblen Sblendorio.

The future of ETHD will next be discussed at a special meeting of the LAFCo on Tuesday, April 11, at 6 p.m. at the Castro Valley Library, 3600 Norbridge Avenue.

You may read the final draft of the study in its entirety at [www.acgov.org/lafo](http://www.acgov.org/lafo).

## LOCAL DEATHS

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### Vivian Ruth Hunter

On March 10, 2017 Heaven opened its door to an angel, Vivian Ruth Hunter, at the age of 91. She was born in Sheboygan, Wisconsin on Jan. 20, 1926.

She was predeceased by her husband, John J. Hunter, 2 sisters and one brother. She was a wonderful mother "to her girls", Debra Miller, Toni Zirkle and Cindy Burke, grandmother to Sara Reed and great-grandmother to Callan Reed.

She retired from Sears and was able to spend lots of time with her granddaughter. She loved volunteering at Eden Hospital and working at the Oakland Coliseum.

Her memorial service will be on Wednesday, April 19, at 1 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church, 17200 Via Magdalena, in San Lorenzo. She will be buried at Golden Gate National Cemetery alongside her husband. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked for donations to Calvary Lutheran Church or Bethesda Home, 22427 Montgomery, Hayward, CA 94541.



### HERNANDEZ, Alice A. KAHN, Jeffrey David

■ **HERNANDEZ, Alice A.**, passed away on March 19, 2017 in Sonoma, California at the age of 85. She formerly lived in Hayward for many years. Alice leaves her beloved husband of 65 years, Genaro (Geno) Hernandez. He was a former resident of San Leandro and a well-known barber there for many years. Alice also leaves two sons and their wives, three grandchildren, two

brothers, and many relatives and friends. She will be dearly missed by all. A celebration of her life to be held at a later date.

■ **KAHN, Jeffrey David**, a resident of San Leandro, passed away on March 22, 2017. Visitation will be held at Santos-Robinson Mortuary, 160 Estudillo Ave., in San Leandro today, March 30, from noon to 8 p.m. with a vigil service beginning at 7 p.m. The funeral liturgy will be on Friday, March 31, at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 2500 Bremuda Ave., in San Leandro. Burial is private.

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### Teresa Elsie Aletto

was born on October 29, 1927 in Richmond, California, and passed away peacefully on March 22, 2017 in Napa, California, after a brief illness. A long-time resident of San Leandro, she was the only child of Martina Baroni and Eugenio Sbafo, who emigrated from the Piedmont region of Italy.

Teresa attended Presentation High School in Berkeley and went on to work at the Mechanics Bank headquarters in Richmond. She married and raised her family in San Leandro, and later worked until her retirement as the Mass Communications Department Secretary at California State University at Hayward. Four years ago, she moved to Napa to be near family.

Teresa was predeceased by her husband, Frank Aletto; daughters, Diane Dolan and Annette Aletto; dear companion, Isadore Cantrock; and cherished canines, Heidi, Max and Buddy. She is survived by her daughter, Linda Blank (Donald); granddaughter, Erin Dolan Dorff (Justin); grandsons, Christopher Blank and Daniel Dolan; great-granddaughters, Lucy and Lilah Dorff; son-in-law, Richard Dolan; niece, JoAnn Aletto; and numerous loving cousins, long-time friends in the East Bay and new friends in Napa. Memorial will be private.



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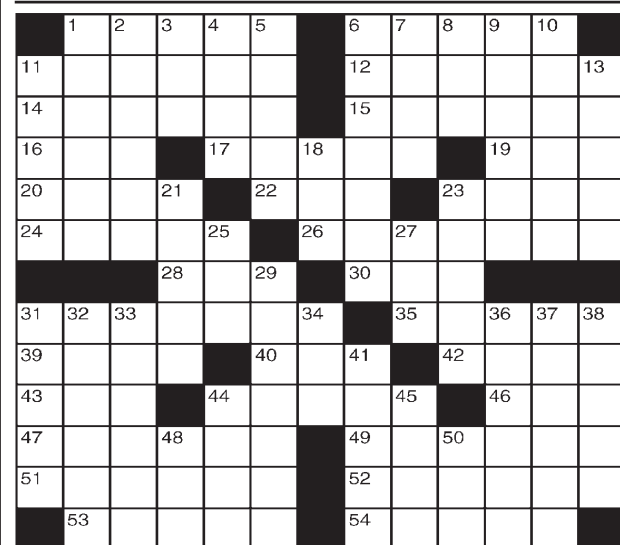
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## Hit-and-Run Accident Victim Seeks Public's Help

Editor:

I am a grandmother of a child enrolled in Hesperian Elementary School.

On Thursday, March 16th, I was standing on the corner of Mills and Wagner with my yellow sign asking the cars to drive slowly in the school zone. This is the second year I have done this voluntarily every morning I am physically able to.

That morning a driver was going very fast and I waved my sign. He stopped and started yelling at me then he took off.

A few minutes later my daughter was driving me and this driver side-swiped us on Hesperian Blvd. and took off. We ran into the women in front of us. Luckily no one was hurt. There is more to this accident but I won't go into it here. This was clearly a hit and run.

I cannot do my sign anymore because I am afraid this guy will come back and harm me. I am sorry to all the parents that supported me and appreciated my being out there making sure their children got to school safely. I miss all the parents and children that I used to say good morning to and I always tried to have a smile for everyone.

I need to know if anyone saw the accident and if they did could they please contact me through this paper. I would appreciate anyone that saw the accident calling me.

—Melanie Kouts  
San Lorenzo

## Another Voice Supports Saving the Marina

Editor:

First, I would like to say kudos and applaud Julie Head and her March 9 letter, "Wants San Leandro to Maintain Marina and Rebuild Ferry System."

San Leandro is a lovely place to live. Let's make our city a jewel in the bay with a savvy state-of-the-art water transportation system, good schools, destination restaurants and fabulous open space to run, walk, bike and play.

Why let our lovely Marina become a relic of the past? The amount of open slips is shameless not to mention lost revenue for the city.

Yes, dredging the channel is expensive, but let's think outside the box and explore the option of fast and safe navigation in shallow waters. The Safe Passage And Navigation (SPAN) project is a safe navigation system allowing high speed in shallow waterways for fast twin hulled vessels.

San Leandro has a strong Portuguese heritage and by golly if there isn't a Portuguese company employing this technology, Transtejo Transportes Tejo. It operates a ferry service across the Tagus River in Lisbon, has a daily carrying capacity of 100,000 to 150,000 commuters

and has increased needs in safe craft maneuverability at high speeds in narrow channels where excessive wash is also a problem. It can be done.

Urban development should have long term goals and be inclusive for all stakeholders. After all, don't we have enough dense housing developments?

Next, I also want to applaud Lois Cox and her March 23 letter, "PG&E Bill Doubles Since the First of the Year."

—Erika Bruce  
San Leandro

## About Those PG&amp;E Bills...

Editor:

The way Californians are being charged for energy is changing and customers may have questions. We're here to answer those questions, help you avoid bill surprises and take control of your energy use.

The rate changes that took effect on March 1 — developed jointly between PG&E, the CPUC, and many consumer groups — align customers' bills with the cost of service being provided and encourage extremely high energy users to conserve energy.

Additionally there was a 2.1 percent increase in electric rates for residential customers, and a decrease in the California Climate Credit, a state program that is fighting climate change.

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—Daina Charland-Sulaver  
Senior Manager  
PG&E Mission Division

## Looks to California's Senators To Save Important Programs

Editor:

It is utterly absurd that this proposed presidential budget decimates programs aimed at helping the oldest, youngest, and neediest among us.

I hope Senators Feinstein and Harris do all they can to protect the WIC programs, meals on wheels, PBS programs that provide so much for young children, and science and medical research programs that could save so many lives. And work to make sure all of these programs remain in the budget.

None of these things should be in any way negotiable.

Thank you for caring for your constituents.

—Debra Coltoff  
San Leandro

## On San Leandro Streets

Editor:

The deeper the pothole, Drivers must heed.

One driving goal Should be: much less speed.

Fix the holes on our streets, With picks and with axes.

The holes are so deep, And we pay high taxes.

—George Banks  
San Leandro

## Calls for a Hold on Supreme Court Appointment

Editor:

With nearly a year remaining in his presidency, President Obama nominated Merrick Garland to fill the Supreme Court vacancy. Republican Senators refused to even consider the nomination, claiming we were "too far into the election campaign" (9 months until the election). They stole Obama's legitimate opportunity to appoint a Justice.

During that campaign, Trump spewed many lies about Hillary, including saying her presidency would be illegitimate because she was "under investigation" about her emails. Now we know that Trump and his campaign associates are under FBI investigation for possible coordination and collusion with Russia's cyber attack on our country.

Russia's attack included using robot programs (bots) to flood social media with anti-Hillary messages, along with invading DNC computers, stealing and disseminating private emails. Nevertheless, Hillary won 3 million more votes than Trump. Nevertheless, Trump legally became president.

Until and unless the doubt about Trump's involvement is removed, proceedings with his nomination to fill the stolen Justice's seat should stop. Republicans of sincere conscience, along with Democrats, should not approve a lifetime appointment to the Supreme Court until we are certain whether Trump's presidency is legitimate or criminal.

—Bruce Joffe  
Piedmont

## Looking for Support to Fight Keystone Pipeline

Editor:

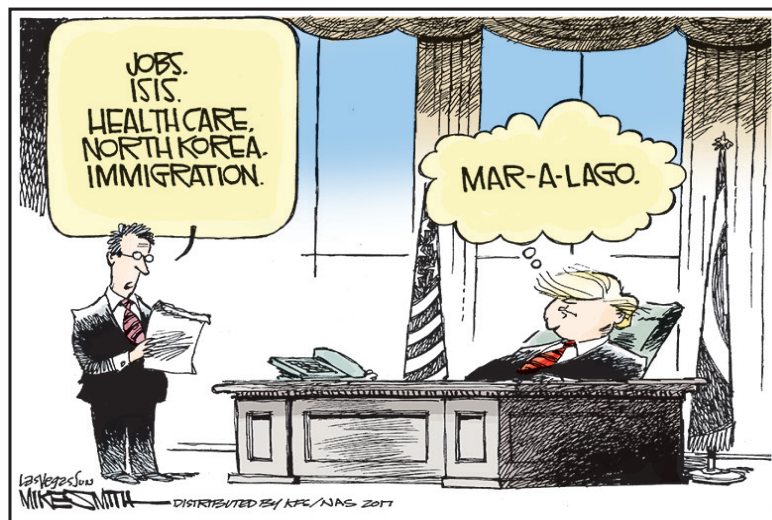
I was watching on CNN, Senator Lindsey Graham speaking at a town hall meeting in his home state of South Carolina, that he will work with President Trump in revising the building of the Keystone Pipeline which will stretch from Canada through the Gulf Coast.

That pipeline will destroy the way of life of Indigenous Peoples who live in areas in which the pipeline will be built.

The majority of Americans don't realize that the pipeline had devastated Indigenous Peoples in Canada. Indigenous Peoples such as the Dene, Cree First Nations and the Metis had suffer illnesses by eating fish that was contaminated by oil from it.

I urge the majority of Americans who are concerned about the well-being of Indigenous Peoples to fight any attempts by President Trump and the Republican Congress to push for the building of Keystone Pipeline.

—Billy Trice Jr.  
Oakland



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## What do you think of the Republican plan to replace Obamacare? — Asked downtown

I think it's dirty and no good. It's going to take health care from 28 million people. Obamacare is good. They should keep it. What are poor people going to do? Paul Ryan and Mitch McConnell should be aced out. Trump too.

**Pauline Moniz**  
San Leandro



I think the new plan is a good deal. Trump said it would be better and I believe him. It's better for the country and it will be better benefits.

**Mike Gurule**  
San Leandro



I don't agree with the new president. It's good to have that Obamacare. Right now, I have insurance at work, but a lot of people get Obamacare and it's fair.

**Raudel Samaniego**  
San Leandro



Obamacare has helped a lot of people get the affordable medicine and treatment they need. To switch it would mostly help people with higher incomes, but it's not fair to the people Obamacare has helped.

**Mary Chelucci**  
Hayward, works in San Leandro



I feel Obamacare is kind of working. I'm cool with change, but I feel you should only change it if you have something better. It's not perfect, but just improve what you have, don't tear the whole thing down.

**Irene Avelar**  
San Leandro







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The Radio Shack in the Downtown Plaza will close at the end of the week.

## End of an Era for Two Longtime Icons

Two longtime San Leandro institutions are closing this week – Best Burger and Radio Shack.

Best Burger, on East 14th Street and Floresta Boulevard, is a local, independent burger place that's been in business for 30 years. For the last 18 years it's been owned by Ed Chittenden.

The closing of the Kraft plant across the street, high rent and other expenses, led to the closure,

Chittenden said, adding that he's at an age where he was getting ready to retire anyway.

Radio Shack is closing stores across the country – including its stores in downtown San Leandro, on Hesperian Boulevard, and in Castro Valley – part of the company's reorganization after it filed for bankruptcy. CNN reported that Radio Shack is closing 1,784 stores.

– By Jim Knowles

## Address: 1,500 units of housing are planned

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There are plans for housing, a hotel, and new restaurants and the eventual transition away from a boat harbor as the mudflat silts up and boats can no longer navigate the channel.

The City Council is expected to get an update on the marina project at an upcoming meeting.

Other 2016 highlights, according to Cutter, were the Homelessness Compact that has enabled several people to find housing, the remodeling of Siempre Verde Park, and public art, including the musical installation downtown and mural project.

Another big development was the declaration of San Leandro as a "Sanctuary City." Cutter said that the decision might not be approved by every resident, especially as it may jeopardize federal funding, but that she and the City Council decided that they had to let everyone know they were welcome here regardless of immigration status.

Cutter also said the city was making headway on the over \$150 million it has in unfunded



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The marina will be allowed to fill in with silt and will be converted into a shallow water lagoon for kayaks and other small boats.

pension debt. They have put \$13 million in funding towards the pension issue this year.

The unfunded liabilities are "one of our biggest challenges," Cutter said.

Another major challenge is housing, with several City Council meeting this year devoted to discussing San Leandroans struggling to stay in their homes as rents and housing prices skyrocket. The Marea Alta affordable housing project opened

just weeks ago and Cutter said 1,500 units of new housing are currently in various states of development, from the planning stages on up.

"We aim to build on the heart and soul of our community and that's our people," said Cutter. "This is a city where kindness matters."

Also speaking at the Monday night address were AC Transit board member Elsa Ortiz, who touted the \$174 million Bus Rap-

id Transit project which broke ground last August. And Alameda Health System chief administrative officer James Jackson, who said that San Leandro Hospital is doing better financially.

Cutter concluded by saying that San Leandro is in transition, but that the future looks bright.

"This is a city that looks and plans ahead," said Cutter. "We are building a city that our children and grandchildren will want to call home."

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