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## Scientist Ferrets Out Creepy Crawlers

Entomologist to speak next week in CV

By Tucker Hiatt  
Special to the Times

Vernard Lewis has some rude, low-life friends.

In fact, he may know creepy-crawly, six-legged, home-invaders as well as any two-legged Earthling. Dr. Lewis is a Ph.D.-toting entomologist who has studied – and fought – insect infestations around the world.

Lewis will present “Insects: the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly” on Wednesday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m. at Castro Valley High School. This free presentation is sponsored by three community organizations: Castro Valley Education Foundation, Castro Valley Science, and Wonderfest, the nonprofit “Bay Area Beacon of Science.”

For 26 years, Lewis was a cooperative extension specialist in urban entomology at UC Berkeley’s Department of Environmental Sciences, Pol-



PHOTO BY ROBIN TABUCHI

**Dr. Vernard Lewis, who has been on his hands and knees collecting bugs since he was a kid, will give a talk on insects on March 13 at Castro Valley High.**

cy, and Management. He retired from that position last year, but has retained emeritus status as his passion for insects and public science outreach continues.

Lewis’s history with bugs runs deep. When he was 4, his adoptive parents in Minneapolis sent him to live with grandparents in Fresno. He hunted

grasshoppers and fed them to harvester ants. He would trap bees, butterflies, and black widows. Upon bringing some

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## Council Puts Off Vote on Mobile Home Park Rent

By Amy Sylvestri  
San Leandro Times

The City Council put off a decision on a mobile home rent protection ordinance this week after over a dozen speakers told the council it simply wasn’t ready as proposed.

The mobile home rent stabilization ordinance would have allowed a renter to have their rent reviewed by a city staff member on increases over 4 percent annually.

The ordinance will be similar to the city’s rent review policy for apartments, which offers mediation between tenants and property owners on disputes once rent is increased by a certain threshold.

But it has no power to prevent landlords from raising rent. There is no rent control in San Leandro. It’s just a way to help mediate a dispute.

The ordinance would apply to the city’s nine mobile home parks with 855 spaces.

But the council postponed the vote in order to reevaluate the ordinance.

The council said that the ordinance must strike a balance: if rents aren’t capped, many people could lose their homes; but higher rents are sometimes necessary for upkeep. And if they can’t make money, some landlord will sell the property to someone who may raze the park, which would leave renters without recourse.

Doug Johnson, a representative of the Western Manufactured Housing Association, told the City Council he’d spoken to all

but one of the city’s mobile home park owners and they’ve agreed to a voluntary 90 day moratorium on any rent increase so that the ordinance could be improved.

Mayor Pauline Cutter and  
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## Farrelly Pool to Open In 2020

By Amy Sylvestri  
San Leandro Times

There will be no swimming in Farrelly Pool this summer for the fourth year in a row, but construction on an upgrade to the facility is expected to begin in June and be completed by the summer of 2020.

The pool’s fiberglass lining was set to be replaced a couple of years ago as a routine maintenance matter. But when the city started on that project, they discovered that Farrelly is no longer up to county code because of an internal wall in the pool that separates the deep end from the shallow end, so the project became more complex and expensive.

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## Boys & Girls Club’s Renovation Campaign on the Home Stretch

By Jim Knowles  
San Leandro Times

The San Leandro Boys & Girls Club’s campaign to overhaul its building on Marina Boulevard is now in the home stretch.

The club embarked on a campaign a year ago to raise \$10 million to bring the building up to date and fit the needs of its new programs. An unidentified donor contributed almost half the amount, on the condition that the rest of the money would be committed by April 30.

“So we have two months to go,” said Boys & Girls Club director Bob Glotch.

The club’s capital campaign has raised 87 percent of the total amount, with \$1.3 million left to go, Glotch said.

Since the club is 50 years old, it came time for more than a Band-Aid fix, Glotch said. It needed a complete overhaul.

The main room at the club will become more of an education center, in the proposed renovation plans.

“Everything will be upgraded,” Glotch said. “We’ll still have a gym and a commercial kitchen, but all the other space will be starting over from scratch, inside and out. The front parking lot will be green space.”

Gardening programs are part of the club’s new focus, tied in with classes on preparing healthy food, which Glotch says is popular with the kids.

A new emphasis will be programs for teenagers, he said. The club has heard from the community that it needs to offer more for teens.

“The after-school programs have been more for elementary and middle school students, not



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**Kids come for the after-school program at the gym at the Boys & Girls Club on Marina Boulevard.**

high school,” Glotch said. “So we made an effort to bridge the gap and have a facility that meets the needs of teens.”

The anonymous lead donor

contributed \$4 million, Glotch said. The campaign has also received generous donations from the Braddock Foundation

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## MEETING SCHEDULES

### CITY COUNCIL

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

### SAN LEANDRO SCHOOL BOARD

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



## PETS OF THE WEEK



Jefferson



Cookie

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are Jefferson the dog and Cookie the dog.

Jefferson is a small pup who's shy with new people. He likes attention once he knows you. He loves toys and comes out of his shell around other dogs.

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Cookie is an energetic 10-month-old, working on his obedience skills. He loves squeaky toys and people. OK with teens or a family with big dog/pit bull experience.

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



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The batty J. Thaddeus Toad (James Paul Gregory, center) tries the patience of (from left) Rat (Benjamin E. Latham), Mole (Justin Lopez), Miss Hedgehog (Samantha Rasler), Badger (Wayne Steffen) and Eliza (Shauna Satnick) in East Bay Children's Theatre production of the musical *The Great and Glorious Mr. Toad*.

## EBCT Presents Glorious Mr. Toad

East Bay Children's Theatre will present a musical comedy, *The Great and Glorious Mr. Toad*, on Saturday, March 16, at 1 p.m. and at 3 p.m. at the Douglas Morrison Theatre, 22311 N. Third St. in Hayward.

When the batty J. Thaddeus Toad is overtaken by motor mania, everybody had better dive for the ditches! Cantankerous Badger, philosophical Rat and wide-eyed Mole vow to save their friend from himself, but how can Toad resist the lure of the open road? Adventure awaits just around every bend...along with a desperate jailbreak, a band of bumbling bobbies, and a pack of felonious weasels.

Bay Area composer and playwright Ron Lytle has polished up

this venerable vehicle with eight sparkling tunes, plenty of laughs, and daffy new characters for this world premiere production.

Tickets are \$12-\$20, and may be purchased online at: [www.EBCTonline.org](http://www.EBCTonline.org).

East Bay Children's Theatre is the Bay Area's oldest continuously operating theatre company (since 1933). EBCT is an Adult Company performing for children and families in Title 1 Elementary Schools (free of charge), and in various public (ticketed) venues.

For more information, contact: [ebctheatre@gmail.com](mailto:ebctheatre@gmail.com) or visit [www.ebctOnline.org](http://www.ebctOnline.org).

## Cherry City Toastmasters

The Cherry City Toastmasters Club meets every Tuesday from 12:05 to 1:05 p.m. in the Trustees Room on the first floor at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Public speaking is said to be

the number one fear in America. If this sounds familiar, you are not alone.

The club offers a safe, supportive environment to grow your public speaking and leadership skills.

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## Learn to Paint with Watercolor

San Lorenzo Adult School is offering a 12-week watercolor painting class with instructor Monica Satterthwaite on Wednesday mornings beginning on March 13.

All levels are welcome, be-

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For more information, call 317-4200.

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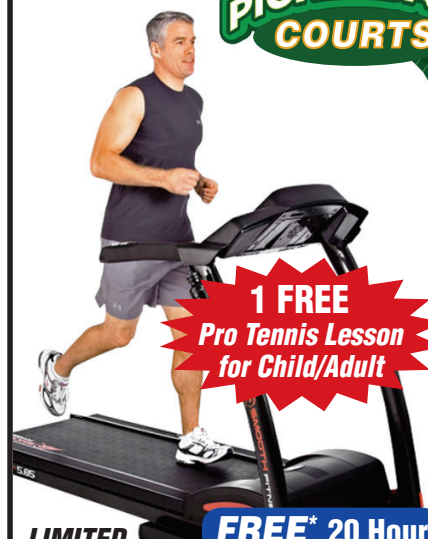
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# POLICE & FIRE



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## Your Amazon Package Might Be a Little Late

Alameda County Fire Department Engine 13 was involved in a traffic collision with an Amazon Prime delivery van at the intersection of Via Lucas and Channel Street in San Lorenzo last Saturday at around 4 p.m. At the time of the crash, Engine 13 was en route to a nearby hospital to pick up their paramedic, according to a fire department spokesman. There were no injuries to firefighters or the driver of the Amazon van. The cause of the collision is under investigation by the Castro Valley branch of the California Highway patrol.

## San Leandro Men, Woman Shot And Wounded In Oakland Bar

Four people – three who are residents of San Leandro – were shot and wounded at a downtown Oakland sports bar early last Sunday morning.

### SL Man Killed in Oakland

A San Leandro man was killed in a shooting that injured three others in East Oakland last Thursday at around 5 p.m.

Oakland police responded to a call about a shooting on the 9700 block of Edes Avenue and found two men and two women with gunshot wounds.

The San Leandro man died at the scene. His name has not yet been released by authorities.

The three other shooting victims were taken to the hospital and their injuries were not life-threatening.

Anyone with information about the case is asked to call the Oakland Police homicide division at 238-3821.

Two San Leandro men (age 25 and 29) and a 26-year-old San Leandro woman and 26-year-old Hayward woman were injured but their wounds were not life-threatening and one was released from the hospital the same day, according to Oakland police.

The shooting occurred at the Halftime Sports Bar, 316 14th Street at 12:30 a.m. where the victims were attending a birthday party when an argument between the 29-year-old man and the shooter broke out and escalated, police said.

It is not clear if the two men

previously knew each other or if the gunman had been attending the party, police said.

The gunman fled in a car after the shooting and is still at large. A 38-year-old Oakland man was detained for questioning about the shooting, but was later released.

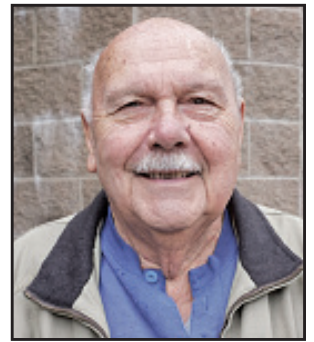
Police and Crime Stoppers of Oakland are offering up to \$20,000 in reward money for information leading to the arrest of the gunman.

Anyone with information is asked to call the police at 238-3426 or Crime Stoppers at 777-8572.

### Corti Says Thanks To SLPD

Frank Corti says he wants to thank the San Leandro Police Department for finding his wife last Wednesday. She had walked away when they were going to a store and was found later at East 14th Street and 143rd Avenue.

"I was worried," Corti said. "And I just want to thank the San Leandro police for finding her."



Frank Corti

## Suspects Charged in Drive-By Shooting Death of San Leandro Man

An 18-year-old suspect has been charged by the Alameda County District Attorney with the fatal shooting in January of Sleyter Ramirez-Jimenez, a 22-year-old San Leandro resident.

Walter Calmoperez was arrested in late February for the shooting and appeared in court last Wednesday.

Calmoperez allegedly shot Ramirez-Jimez outside of a house on 22nd Avenue in Oakland where the victim had been attending a baptism party at just before midnight on Jan. 19, according to authorities.

Calmoperez has been charged with homicide, the special circumstance of committing a murder during a drive-by shooting, shooting from a motor vehicle, shooting at an inhabited dwelling, and carrying a concealed firearm in a vehicle.


He is being held in Glen Dyer jail in Oakland without bail and is scheduled to enter a plea at his next court date on April 15.

When Calmoperez was arrested, officers found suspected methamphetamine and a loaded stolen gun on him, according to Oakland police.


A second suspect, Pablo Carrillo, 31, of Oakland, is also


charged with murder in connection with Ramirez-Jimenez's death for driving Calmoperez to the shooting. Carrillo is also being held without bail.

A second San Leandro man, Rigoberto Rico, 26, was killed in Oakland the same weekend as Ramirez-Jimenez. No suspect has yet been identified in Rico's shooting death.



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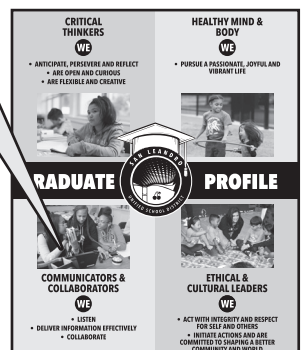
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# NEIGHBORS



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## Handle with Care

A crew loads a mirror onto a truck in Alameda, careful not to make any slip-ups and get seven years of bad luck. All went well and the mirror made it to its new home.

## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

### ❖ San Leandro Museum Auditorium

The San Leandro Players will present *You Can't Take It With You*, one of America's best loved classic comedies, at the San Leandro Museum/Auditorium, 320 West Estudillo Ave., running March 16 to April 14. The show runs Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m., plus two Fridays

at 8 p.m. on April 5 and April 12. Tickets are \$20 general, and \$15 for seniors TBA members, under 12 and students. For information or reservations call 895-2573, or order tickets online at [www.slplayers.org](http://www.slplayers.org).

❖ **Douglas Morrisson Theatre** OnenessButoh and Rain Ensemble will present *Umi: Ode*

to *Minamata and Confluence* on Saturday, March 23, from 7:30 to 10 p.m. and Sunday, March 24, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at the Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 N. Third St. in Hayward. For its 6th Season, OnenessButoh performs the world premiere of *Ode to Minamata*. *Ode to Minamata* is a Butoh dance production performed in collaboration with Rain Ensemble, a Taiko drumming group. Paying homage to the resilient spirit of the Japanese residents of a small seaside fishing village in Minamata, Japan, *Ode to Minamata* shines a spotlight on a catastrophic environmental disaster. Following *Ode to Minamata*, Rain Ensemble premieres *Confluence*, a music concert featuring Taiko (Japanese drums), winds, percussion, gongs and bells. Tickets cost \$25/\$30 at door (cash only). For more information, call 881-6777 or visit the website [\\$25/\\$30 at door \(cash only\)](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4061458).

❖ **Art at the Library** Paintings by Bob Heubel will be on display at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., through March 31. Heubel presents a large collection of vivid landscapes and patterned abstracts with rocket ships thrown in for whimsy.

❖ **Robots & Donuts Art Prints** Artist Eric Joyner's "Robots and Donuts" art prints are on display at The Cooler, 1517 East 14th St., in downtown San Leandro, through April 10. The public is invited to a reception with the artist on Sunday, March 23, from 4 to 6 p.m.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR



### ❖ Sons of Norway Snorre Lodge Crab Feed

Sons of Norway Snorre Lodge 6-61 will have a corned beef and cabbage dinner on Friday, March 8, at 6:30 p.m. at the Hill & Valley Clubhouse, 1808 B St. in Hayward. A Vikings of Bjornstad display will be presented along with weaponry and other arts and crafts items. A \$10 donation would be appreciated. For more information, call Ange Schoaphok 502-2213.

### ❖ East Bay Flag Football Registration

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

### ❖ Book Sale at San Lorenzo Library

Friends of the San Lorenzo Library will have a book sale on Saturday, March 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday, March 10, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the San Lorenzo Library, 395 Paseo Grande. This book sale is a fundraiser for the San Lorenzo Library's community programs. Lots of books, CDs, and DVDs for sale. Most book prices range from 10 cents to \$1 with some specialty books priced individually. Free admission. For more information, email: [kwebb1956@gmail.com](mailto:kwebb1956@gmail.com).

### ❖ SL Kiwanis Club Saturday Social

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

### ❖ Alta Mira Club St. Patrick's Day Dinner

The Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave. in San Leandro, will host a St. Patrick's Day dinner on Saturday, March 9, with a social hour and drawings at 5 p.m. and dinner served at 6 p.m. Corned beef and cabbage, carrots, potatoes, Irish soda bread and dessert. Tickets are \$25. Beer and wine for sale, corkage fee \$5. For tickets, call Susan Patrick at 569-1092.

### ❖ The Eagles St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

The Fraternal Order of Eagles Eden Auxiliary 1139 will have its St. Patrick's Day luncheon on Monday, March 11, at noon at the Eagles Hall, 21406 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward. The luncheon will consist corned beef, cabbage and all the extras, rolls, dessert, coffee and tea. A donation of \$8 will include one bingo card. Bring a couple friends for a fun afternoon. For more information, call Glenda at 584-1568.

### ❖ Soccer League Registration

The Southern Alameda County Youth Soccer League will hold registration at the Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd. in San Leandro, on Wednesday, March 13, from 7 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, March 23, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Wednesday, April 10, from 7 to 9 p.m.; and Saturday, April 27, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration fees are \$100 to \$205 depending on age group. \$15 off during March. Cash or check. Birth certificate required. For more information, call 278-SOCR or visit [www.sacysl.com](http://www.sacysl.com).

### ❖ I.D.E.S. St. John Pancake Breakfast

I.D.E.S. St. John, 1670 Orchard Ave. in San Leandro, will have a pancake breakfast and bingo on Saturday, March 16, at 9 a.m. Breakfast

tickets are \$10 and include four bingo cards. Extra cards are 25 cents each. There will also be a 50/50 raffle. For tickets, call Darlene at 589-6536, Willie at 635-6326 or Frances at 886-1568.

### ❖ SL Kiwanis St. Patrick's Day Dinner

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

### ❖ Drawing Class Offered in SLZ

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

### ❖ Insects: The Good, the Bad & the Ugly

Longtime UC Berkeley entomologist Dr. Vernard Lewis will speak and display his collection of insects on Wednesday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the Castro Valley High School multi-purpose room. Lewis's lifelong study of bugs has taken him to 40 countries to study and advise on insect infestations. His study began as a kid when he would catch grasshoppers to feed to harvester ants, and trap bees, butterflies and black widows. He will present the latest research on the biology, detection and control of the villainous house guests that occupy the crevasses of our homes.

### ❖ St. Patrick's Day Dinner at Assumption

Everyone is invited to the Church of the Assumption Annual St. Patrick's Dinner on Sunday, March 17, in the school gym, 1100 Fulton Ave. in San Leandro. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. and includes a no-host bar. Dinner will begin at 5:15 p.m. and includes a traditional Irish feast with corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, salad, bread, dessert and coffee. The evening includes entertainment, a 50/50 lucky raffle, kids' crafts, fun photo booth, dessert contest, and a no-host Irish coffee bar. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Deadline to purchase tickets is Wednesday, March 13. Dinner tickets are \$18 for adults, \$12 for seniors over 60, and \$10 for kids 12 and under. Feel free to bring a dessert to share with others. For more information and to purchase tickets, call the parish office at 352-1537.

### ❖ Science Night at Bancroft Middle School

Everyone is invited to the annual Family Science Night at Bancroft Middle School, 1150 Bancroft Ave., on Thursday, March 21, from 6 to 8 p.m. Science demonstrations and interactive fun will include topics on energy, chemistry, engineering, experimentation, and invention. Come see the Science Magic Show and enjoy liquid nitrogen ice cream. A Taco Truck will be on location. This event is co-sponsored by Xtreme Science Magic, The Lawrence Hall of Science, and The American Chemical Society.

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**ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** Although you tend to bore easily and leave others to finish what you start, this is one time when you'd be wise to complete things on your own. Then you can move on to something new.



**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** Your indecision about a personal situation might come out of those mixed signals you're getting. Best not to make any commitments until you have a better sense of how things are going.



**GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** A dispute appears to be getting out of hand. But you should be able to step in and bring it all under control soon. Be patient. News about a potential career move might be delayed.



**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** Career obligations could interfere with important personal plans. But using a combination of common sense and compromise helps resolve the dilemma to everyone's satisfaction.



**LEO (July 23 - August 22):** A stressful situation drains some of your energy reserves. But you soon bounce back in time to finish your tasks and enjoy a well-deserved weekend getaway.



**VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22):** This is a good time to throw a party for friends and colleagues, and surprise them with your dazzling domestic skills. You also might want to reconsider that career move you put on hold.



**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22):** A sudden change of mind by someone you relied on could cause a delay in moving ahead with your plans. But those whom you've helped out before are prepared to return the favor.



**SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21):** You start the week feeling too shy to speak up in front of others. However, your self-assurance soon takes over, giving you the confidence you need to make yourself heard.



**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** One way to deal with a pesky personal dilemma this week is to meet it head-on. Insist on an explanation of why the situation reached this point and what can be done to change it.



**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** The creative Capricorn finds several outlets for her or his talents this week. Also note that while a romantic connection looks promising, remember to allow it to develop on its own.



**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** You stand out this week as the best friend a friend can have. But be careful that you don't take too many bows, or you might see gratitude replaced with resentment.



**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** What seems to be an ideal investment should be checked out thoroughly before you snap at the offer and find yourself hooked by an expensive scam.



# Bugs: Scientist's counselor told him he wasn't college material

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critters home, his grandmother told him to "release those creatures." Lewis did – on the living room floor. His defiance earned him a spanking, but that didn't stop him.

Six years later, Lewis returned to Minneapolis to a home where he was the eldest of 10 children.

"I remember six in a bed. Had to walk 'em to school when mom and dad were working, and cook their dinner," Lewis says.

After Lewis graduated from high school, a guidance counselor told him he wasn't college material.

"I asked the counselor what was the best university in the



Lewis's study of insects has taken him to over 40 countries to study and advise on insect infestations.

land, and he said UC Berkeley," Lewis said. "So, on the last day of August 1969, I got a one-way ticket to San Francisco, \$300 in my wallet, a suitcase, and a box of clothes. I was outta there."

Lewis couldn't get into Berkeley, so he enrolled at Laney College. He lived with his Aunt Ethel in West Oakland, sleeping on her couch. After two years, Lewis transferred to Cal, and ultimately earned three degrees, including a Ph.D. in entomology.

Lewis ran his own pest control business for a time, visited 40 countries to study and advise on insect infestations, and even survived the 2011 Japanese earthquake and tsunami while

*"I asked the counselor what was the best university in the land and he said UC Berkeley."*

— Dr. Vernard Lewis

on sabbatical from Cal.

Lewis's successful life in entomology has focused on eradicating structural pests – mostly termites, bedbugs, and beetles. Over the years, he has published some 150 papers, given over 600 presentations, and chaired the

United Nations' termite dream team: the Global Termite Expert Group.

In 2017, Lewis was inducted into the Pest Management Professionals Hall of Fame. He is one of the rare African-American entomologists in North America and the first at UC Berkeley.

The public in and around Castro Valley will get to meet Dr. Lewis – along with his collection of good, bad, and ugly insects, both dead and alive, on March 13.

To learn more and to register, visit <http://bit.ly/cvbugs1>. Registration is recommended but not required to attend.

Tucker Hiatt is the executive director of Wonderfest.

# Rent: Investor groups setting sights on mobile home parks

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the council eventually agreed to the voluntary moratorium, which she termed a "gentleman's agreement." The agreement with the landlords isn't legally binding, but the council voted 7-0 to continue the discussion of the ordinance at a later date.

A handful of mobile home park landlords and their representatives told the council that the ordinance limited the owners' ability to make a living, while

*"I want to thank you for putting together this ordinance."*

— Jeromey Shafer, rent control advocate

tenants pled for strict rent limits during over three hours of public discussion.

The proposed ordinance would cap annual rent increases at either the increase to the Consumer Price Index or 4 percent, whichever is lower. Landlords would be able to raise rents past the cap when there's a new tenant.

Speaker Jeromey Shafer warned that that could be a major loophole – landlords might use retaliatory measures to evict

people so they could be replaced with higher-paying tenants.

"I want to thank you for putting together this ordinance," said Shafer. "I'm eager to see this go through. However, it leaves out needed eviction restrictions. If a park owner can't raise the rates without a new tenant, what will stop them from kicking out the old tenant?"

The rent stabilization process would be overseen by a city staff member acting as a rent review

*"This ordinance is hastily drafted and unnecessary."*

— Margaret Nanda, a lawyer for Mission Bay owners.

officer. In the case of a rent appeal, 25 percent of the affected mobile homeowners would have to sign the appeal, which would then be passed along to a third party selected by the state Office of Administrative Hearings for review.

Implementing the ordinance would cost up to \$75,000 annually in city administrative costs, which could be recovered with an annual rent stabilization fee, typically a per space charge to landlords.

see RENT, page 16



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The name of the business:

Power Nex Construction INC located at 375 Santa Paula, San Leandro, CA 94579, in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Power Nex Construction INC, 375 Santa Paula, CA 94579. This business is conducted by a corporation. This business commenced on N/A.

/s/Power Nex Construction INC

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P & G Power Corp. located at 375 Santa Paula, San Leandro, CA 94579, in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): P & G Power Corp., 375 Santa Paula, San Leandro, CA 94579. This business is conducted by a corporation. This business commenced on October 2014.

/s/P & G Power Corp

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The name of the business:

Lynn's Nails located at 925 Manor Blvd., San Leandro, CA 94579, in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sanh Nguyen, 1621 Arena St., San Leandro, CA 94579. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced on April 18, 2000.

/s/Sanh Nguyen

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Elegant Nails located at 15676 E 14th Street, San Leandro, CA 94578, in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Camvan Thi Duong, 1515 172nd Ave., Hayward, CA 94541. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced on Nov. 2002.

/s/Camvan Thi Duong

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Stellar IT Solutions located at 2330 Vestal Street, Castro Valley, CA 94546, in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Gino Bossetto, 2330 Vestal Street, Castro Valley, CA 94546. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced on Dec. 27, 2004.

/s/Gino Bossetto

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Ben's Sign Co. located at 4217 David Street, Castro Valley, CA 94546, in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ben M. Gurule, 4217 David Street, Castro Valley, CA 94546. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced in 1959.

/s/Ben M. Gurule

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Rose Garden Restaurant located at 15754 E. 14th Street, San Leandro, CA 94578, in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Wei Zhong Guo, 1383 Chapel Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94579. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced on 06-01-2002.

/s/Wei Zhong Guo

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/s/Michael J. Herrera, Edelmira Herrera

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Nate's Electrical Services located at 812 Adeline Street, Hayward, CA 94544, in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Nate Munoz, 812 Adeline Street, Hayward, CA 94544. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced on 05-20-09.

/s/Nate Munoz

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The name of the business:

East Bay Frame & Axle located at 1366 Doolittle Drive #3, San Leandro, CA 94577, in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): EBF Holdings, LLC, 15768 Washington Avenue, San Lorenzo, CA 94580. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. This business commenced on N/A.

/s/EBF Holdings, LLC

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The name of the business:

Star Transit located at 16859 Train Station Court, Lathrop, CA 95330, in San Joaquin County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Goswami Son's Inc., 16859 Train Station Court, Lathrop, CA 95330. This business is conducted by a corporation. This business commenced on N/A.

/s/Goswami Son's Inc.

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The name of the business:

BD Consulting Services located at 961 Lee Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94577, in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Bettina Sanchez Barreal, 961 Lee Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94577. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced on N/A.

/s/Bettina Sanchez Barreal

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## AUTOMOTIVE

## BMW i3s Designed as Little Quicker, Sportier EV

By Steve Schaefer  
San Leandro Times

**A**round since the 2014 model year, the BMW i3 has been the leader in the luxury small EV market, although the Tesla Model 3 is now marking its territory. The i3 hasn't changed much over the years except for colors and one upgrade to its modest range, from just 81 miles to 107 miles for the 2018 model I just tested.

But 2018 did bring some good news in the form of the new i3S Sport model. The most important performance feature of this new variant is a boost to 184 horsepower from 170, and a jump to 199 lb.-ft. of torque, dropping the 0-60 time from 7.2 to 6.8 seconds.

Drivers will enjoy the sport suspension, with specially developed springs, dampers, and anti-roll bars, all sitting 10-mm lower. The standard 20-inch alloy wheels provide a more rakish profile. Use SPORT mode to turn on a more direct accelerator response and tighter steering characteristics.

As before, there's a tiny two-cylinder gasoline-powered range extender available, but my Imperial Blue Metallic example didn't have it—we were all electric.

As the i3s appears essentially the same as the i3, you have to look at the front fascia

and rear apron to see the differences. Up front, both the regular i3 and i3s now come with full-LED headlights and turn signals.

We're getting more used to the tall, narrow proportions of some EVs, but BMW's LifeDrive vehicle architecture, with its carbon fiber-reinforced plastic passenger cell, feels open and airy, perhaps in part due to the odd and sudden dip of the window line past the door. The car employs backhinged "suicide doors" for rear seat entry, which can be a tight squeeze in narrow parking spaces.

The intentionally cutting-edge interior is beginning to look more normal. Its "wrapped" door design folds and runs across the panels while the two rectangular information screens sit on stands in front of the driver and in center position. The upper dash panel in my car wore a matte-finish silver rather than the light woodgrain I'd seen before, but that may be seen as "sportier."

I have always felt that the i3 was designed to look weird so people wouldn't confuse it with "the ultimate driving machine." But driving it, you can still sense the BMW solid goodness that feels more premium than a Nissan Leaf. Steering is firm, the suspension does its job well, and the dash, although the top half looks like

it's missing, still feels more like the Bavarian blast we expect from cars wearing the blue-and-white roundel logo.

Electric cars are potent, with instant torque at any speed. The i3s jumps forward when you press the accelerator and feels taut and secure in transit. You get "one-pedal driving" standard, where you lift off the right pedal to slow down and press it to accelerate.

The i3 feels a little low rent, mainly because of the recycled and renewable materials inside, especially in the front section of the dashboard. It looks utilitarian but makes a statement about reuse and recycling that's appropriate for an all-electric vehicle.

The BMW iDrive 6 interface works more easily now, with tiles you can select or slide over to view others. Selections include Media, Communications, Navigation, and Notifications. You click the dial mounted between the seats to select items on the screen.

EPA MPGe numbers for the i3s are 126 City, 99 Highway, and 112 combined. Use these to compare to other electric vehicles. The EPA green scores are perfect 10's.

Pricing is BMW-level, with a starting retail base of \$47,650, plus \$550 for the upscale paint, \$300 for bright blue seatbelts, \$750 for the park distance system, \$300 for Apple CarPlay compatibility,



The BMW eDrive technology enables drivers to enjoy emission-free mobility with instantaneous power delivery, efficient use of energy, and an optimized range for everyday practicality.

and \$995 for shipping bringing the grand total to \$53,045. That places this five-year-old design in the territory of the new Tesla Model 3.

A note regarding the 2019 model—it gets a more potent battery, and range gets a nice bump to 153 miles, which is a much happier proposition. Not much different besides that, but it could mean you'll want to grab a 2019.

The i3 is something of a bargain as a used car. A sharp-looking 2014 base car without the range extender runs \$14-16,000, with 30-50,000 miles, according to a quick search on cars.com of vehicles in the San Francisco Bay Area. That's about a third of the original price when sold five years ago.

BMW stands for something

in the market, so every model carries some panache, and all of them drive better than ordinary grocery getters. With the low maintenance of an electric motor, no oil changes, and long-lasting tires and brakes

from using regenerative braking, the i3 and i3s are quite cheap to operate.

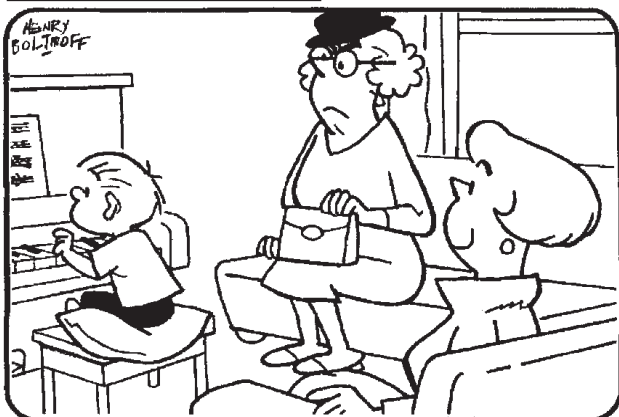
Steve Schaefer lives in Castro Valley. He has been reviewing new cars in the Times for 27 years.



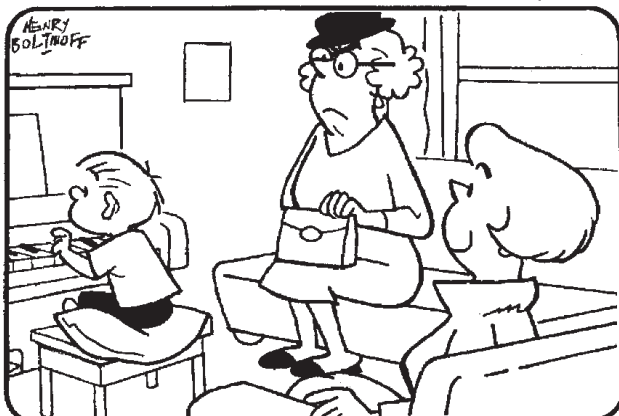
Over 80 percent of the interior surfaces visible to passengers are made from recycled materials or renewable resources.

## HOCUS-FOCUS

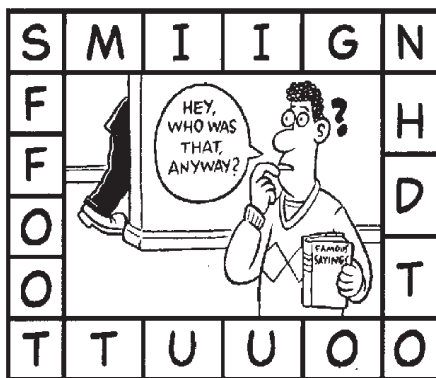
BY  
HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Visitor's shoes are different. 2. Sheet on piano is blank. 3. Mom's hair is longer. 4. Picture is added to wall. 5. Window is lower. 6. Visitor's right hand is not visible.



**HIDDEN** in the above frame is a famous proverb. You can find it by reading every other letter as you go around it clockwise. The trick is finding the right first letter.

Answer: Starting with the "O" in the lower right-hand corner: "Out of sight, out of mind."

**WHAT COMES NEXT?** Someone has written a series of letters on this fence. What letter comes next in the sequence?

Answer: The letter "N," which stands for the first letter in "Ninety." The other letters stand for ten, twenty, thirty, etc.

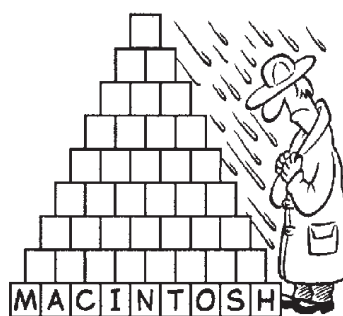
**FIND-A-WORD!** On the top line is our mystery word. You need to fill in the missing letters. Clue words (smaller words contained in letter-by-letter order within the mystery word) are defined below.

1. A vessel containing oil.
2. Found at rock concerts.
3. Found in the ocean.
4. (slang) When crooks run.

Answers: 1. Lamp. 2. Amp (amplifier). 3. Clam. 4. Lam. Mystery word: Clamp (used to grip objects).

## Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



### THE PYRAMID OF WORD POWER!

Starting with the word MACINTOSH at the bottom of our word pyramid, try dropping one letter at a time as you work your way up, so that the remaining letters at each level spell out a new word. The following hints are from the bottom up:

1. A raincoat (MACINTOSH).
2. "The Last of the \_\_\_\_\_."
3. A soft polishing cloth.
4. Coffee/chocolate drinks.
5. A state of great confusion.
6. Money, coins and currency.
7. Type of tree.
8. Expression of surprise.
9. Highest in rank.

Answers: (From the bottom up) Macintosh, Mohicans, chamais, mochas, chaos, cash, ash, ha, a.



## LIFESTYLE



## Rice: The Long and Short of It

Rice has been around for a long time. It dates back to at least 7000 B.C., feeding billions of people and becoming the staple for half the world's population.

It arrived in the U.S. a little over 300 years ago, but it has never earned the respect here that this nourishing grain deserves. For many, it is just a bland side dish that sops up gravy.

Grown in nearly every part of the world, it has become an important crop in California, although it has fallen into disfavor among many because of the amount of water required to grow it. Nevertheless, California's harvest has increased the world's supply by 200 percent.

Technically a grass, rice is long-, medium-, or short-grained.

Short-grain rice is high in starch and stickier than other rices and is often used in Asian cooking. Arborio, a prized short-grain rice, is

a mainstay in risotto.

Medium-grain rice is slightly sticky. It cooks up tender and plump with a mild flavor and can be used in a variety of dishes.

Long-grain white rice is the most common variety used in America. It has a neutral taste and firm texture, and remains separate and fluffy when cooked.

Long-grain rices such as jasmine and basmati are aromatic and are good paired with stir-fry and other Asian and Indian dishes, or used in pilafs.

Brown rice only has the hull removed. The bran layers left on the grain give it a tan color, a nutty flavor, and a slightly chewy texture.

Precooked or instant rice is available in both white and brown.

Converted rice is treated by a steam-pressure process before milling to make the white cooked grain extra fluffy.

Wild rice is used like rice but is

the long, dark brown or black, nutty-flavored seed of a marsh grass. There are many varieties.

## CHINESE RICE WITH VEGETABLES

- 1 cup uncooked white rice
- 2 cups water
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 2 cups any combination of:
  - fresh or frozen peas
  - frozen mixed vegetables
  - julienned carrots
  - chopped green pepper
  - broccoli flowerets

Black pepper  
Salt

Combine rice, water, soy sauce and oil in 2 to 3-quart saucepan. Bring to a boil. Stir once or twice. Reduce heat, cover, and simmer 15 minutes. Add vegetables. Cov-

er; simmer 5 minutes or until rice and vegetables are tender and liquid is absorbed. Season to taste. Serves 6.

## MUSHROOM RICE

- 1/2 cup sliced mushrooms
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 cup long-grained rice
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups chicken stock

Cook mushrooms in butter in large, heavy saucepan until tender and any liquid is absorbed. Add rice, salt and chicken stock and stir. Bring to boil, cover lightly and cook over very low heat until rice is tender and stock is absorbed, 15 to 20 minutes. Serves 4 to 6.

## SPANISH RICE

- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 (28-ounce) can chopped tomatoes
- 1 green pepper, finely chopped
- 6 slices bacon
- 1 cup water
- 3/4 cup long grain rice
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 5 drops hot sauce
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- Pinch of ground pepper
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon chili powder

In a large skillet, cook bacon until crisp, then drain on paper towels. Crumble the bacon and set it aside. Save 2 tablespoons of the bacon drippings and add the onion and green pepper. Cook until tender but still crispy. Stir in the can of tomatoes with juice, cold water, long-grain rice, brown sugar, Worcestershire sauce, salt, chili powder, pepper and hot sauce.

Reduce heat to low, cover with a tight fitting lid, simmer 30 minutes until rice is done. Top with bacon.

## DIRTY RICE

- 1/2 pound bacon
- 1/2 pound ground pork
- 1 pound ground chicken livers

- 1 large onion, finely diced
- 1 green bell pepper, diced
- 2 ribs celery, finely diced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/2 teaspoon ground thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 5 cups cooked rice, at room temperature
- 4 green onions, including tops, minced
- 1/4 cup parsley, minced

In a heavy Dutch oven, sauté bacon, pork and livers until very brown. Let the meat stick to the skillet a bit before stirring. Add onion, bell pepper, celery and garlic and cook until they are wilted.

Add chicken broth, bay leaf, thyme, cayenne pepper, salt and pepper. Simmer for 30 minutes. Remove bay leaf. Add rice and toss the mixture until rice is hot. Stir in green onions and parsley. Adjust seasonings. Yields 8 to 10 servings.

## RISOTTO WITH BACON &amp; LEEKS

- 2-2/3 cups long-grain rice
- 1 pound chopped bacon
- 1 (14-ounce) can peeled tomatoes
- 3 teaspoons vegetable oil
- 3-3/4 cups chicken stock
- 4 leeks, cleaned and chopped
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind

Soak rice in cold water for 30 minutes and drain.

In a medium skillet, fry bacon over moderate heat for 6 to 8 minutes or until most of the fat is gone and it is crispy and brown. Remove bacon and set aside.

Add oil to skillet and heat over medium heat. When hot, add leeks and fry for 12 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in rice and fry for 5 minutes, stirring frequently.

Stir in the canned tomatoes with juice, grated lemon rind, cumin, cayenne pepper, salt and black pepper. Pour in the chicken stock and bring to a boil.

Add the bacon back into the mix, then reduce heat to low and let simmer for 15-20 minutes or until the rice is cooked and tender and the liquid is absorbed. Let the mixture cool down for 5 minutes then serve. Serves 4.

## OLD-FASHIONED RICE PUDDING

- 1/2 cup of long grain rice
- 1/2 cup of sugar
- 6 cups whole milk, divided
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 beaten egg
- Pinch of salt (optional)
- Ground cinnamon

Pour hot water over uncooked rice. Drain and put rice into saucepan. Add sugar and 4 cups of the milk and bring to a boil uncovered. Turn heat down to simmer for 45 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Add one teaspoon of vanilla, pinch of salt, one beaten egg and two cups of remaining milk. Bring to a boil for a few minutes. Pour into serving dish and sprinkle with cinnamon.

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## SENIORS

## Choosing A Home Stair Lift

By Jim Miller  
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

A good home stair lift is an excellent solution for those with mobility challenges who have trouble with steps.

A stair lift will carry you up and down the stairs in a safe seated position, providing easy access to the second story or basement level of your home.

To help you choose a quality stair lift that meets your needs and budget, here are a few shopping tips, along with some top-rated companies that make them.

### Types of Lifts

There are two basic types of stair lifts that are sold today: straight and curved. The type you need will depend upon the design of your staircase.

A straight stair lift is one that travels in a straight line up a flight bends or curves, and costs between



A stair lift will carry you up and down the stairs in a safe seated position, providing easy access to the second story or basement level of your home.

\$2,500 and \$5,000 installed.

Curved lifts, however, are much more elaborate and will go around corners, bends and changes in direction. Curved lifts are also much

more expensive, typically running between \$8,500 and \$15,000 or more depending on the complexity of the installation.

see LIFT on page 9

## Do I Need to Cash in Annuities If I Go into a Nursing Home?

**Q** I have three annuities. If my wife or I need to go into a nursing home, do we need to cash them in to be eligible for a Medi-Cal subsidy?

By Gene L. Osofsky, Esq.  
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

**A** Well, like many things in life, it all depends. If your annuities are held inside an IRA owned by you or your wife, and you are both over age 70 1/2 and receiving Minimum Required Distributions under IRS rules, then you won't need to cash them in. Otherwise, you will need to consider the following:

- **Deferred Annuities:** If the annuity payouts have been deferred ("Deferred Annuities"), then Medi-Cal will count their cash value. The next question is whether their cash values, when combined with your other savings and investments, puts you over the Medi-Cal resource ceilings: \$126,420 (mar-

ried individual; single individual, \$2,000 (for 2019).

We sometimes call this as being "over resourced." If they do put you over, then you will need to take action. Some possible planning strategies:

(1) **Opt to Start Payouts:** If you opt to begin receiving "periodic payments of principal and interest," in equal monthly payments, and provided that the pay-outs are scheduled to fully exhaust each annuity within the actuarial life expectancy of the owner, then their remaining values won't count as a Medi-Cal resource.

(2) **Cash In & Make Exempt Purchases:** You might cash in one or all of the annuities, as necessary, and then use those proceeds to make purchases which Medi-Cal considers exempt, such as: home improvements, home mortgage pay-down, purchase of cemetery plots, funeral plans, or household

furnishings.

(3) **Convert Annuities:** Convert the annuities with cash value into income-only immediate annuities without cash value (see below).

(4) **Cash In & Gift Away:** Cash in the annuities which put you over the resource ceiling and then make what I call "strategic gifts" to your children or other trusted family members, but subject to the following CAUTION: if you choose this gifting option, you are very strongly urged to do so only under the strict guidance of an elder law attorney with experience in these matters.

Why? Because gifting in this context is very "tricky" and requires careful compliance with the Medi-Cal rules, which are actually designed to discourage gifting.

If you attempt a gifting program on your own, and you do so incorrectly, you may actually end up disqualifying yourselves from a Medi-Cal subsidy.

• **Immediate Annuities:** If see OSOFSKY on page 9



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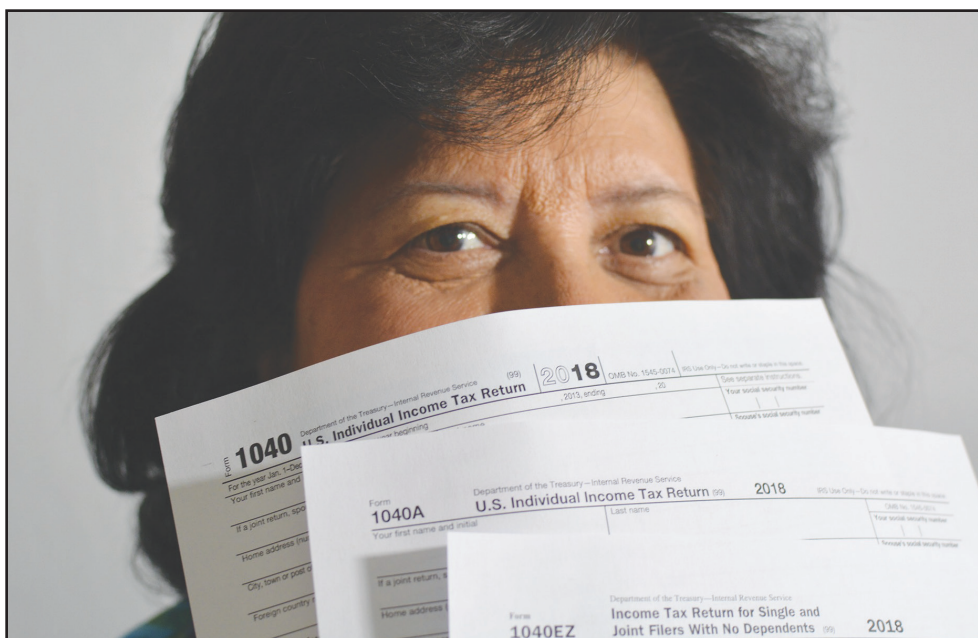
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## IRS Requirements: Do I Need To File A Tax Return This Year?

By Jim Miller  
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

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

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

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

- Single: \$12,000 (\$13,600 if you're 65 or older by Jan. 1, 2019).
- Married filing jointly: \$24,000 (\$25,300 if you or your spouse is 65 or older; or \$26,600 if you're both over 65).
- Head of household: \$18,000 (\$19,600 if age 65 or older).

Qualifying widow(er) with dependent child: \$24,000 (\$25,300 if age 65 or older).

To get a detailed breakdown on federal filing requirements, along with info on taxable and nontaxable income, call the IRS at 800-

829-3676 and ask them to mail you a free copy of the "Tax Guide for Seniors" (publication 554) or see [IRS.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p554.pdf](https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p554.pdf).

### Check Here Too

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

For example, if you earned more than \$400 from self-employment in 2018, owe any special taxes like an alternative minimum tax, or get premium tax credits because you, your spouse or a dependent is enrolled in a Health Insurance Marketplace (Obamacare) plan, you'll need to file.

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

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

You can access this tool at [IRS.gov/filing](https://www.irs.gov/filing) – click on "Do I Need to File?" Or, you can get assistance over the phone by calling the IRS helpline at 800-829-1040. You can

also get face-to-face help at a Taxpayer Assistance Center. See [IRS.gov/localcontacts](https://www.irs.gov/localcontacts) or call 800-829-1040 to locate a center near you.

### Tax Preparation Help

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

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

## Lift: Features, Cost and How to Purchase

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You also need to know that all stair lifts mount to the stair treads, not to the wall, so they are very sturdy and can be installed in almost any home.

If you are a large person, you may need to get a heavy-duty lift with a wider seat and bigger lifting capacity – all companies offer them. Or, if you're tall, find out about raising the seat height during installation.

Most stair lifts available today also have seats, armrests and footplates that fold up out of the way, and swivel seats that make getting into and out of the chair easier.

They also come with standard safety features like seatbelts, breaking systems and footrest sensors, push-button or rocker-switch controls located on the armrest for easy operation, and "call send" controls which allow you to call or send the unit to the other end of the stairs. Make sure the lift you choose has all these features.

Depending on the company, you may also have the option of choosing between an electric (AC) and a battery powered (DC) stair lift. Battery powered units charge at the base station (some recharge anywhere on the track) are quieter, smoother and better than electric lifts, and will work even if there's a power failure in the home.

### Where to Shop

While there are many companies that make and sell stair lifts, two of the best, based on reputation and customer satisfaction ratings, are Bruno ([Bruno.com](https://www.bruno.com), 800-454-4355) and Stannah ([Stannah.com](https://www.stannah.com), 888-465-7652).

Unfortunately, original Medicare does not cover stair lifts nor do Medicare supplemental (Medigap) policies, but some Medicare Advantage plans may help pay. There are also many states that offer Medicaid waivers that will pay for lifts to those that qualify,

and the VA offers cash grants to veterans with disabilities for home safety improvements.

To save some money, you may want to consider purchasing a used or refurbished model. Or, if you need a stair lift for only a short period of time, consider renting one. Most companies offer these options, and many offer financing programs too.

To get started, contact some stair lift companies who will put you in touch with a dealer in your area. All dealers provide free in-home assessments and estimates and can help you choose an appropriate lift.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit [SavvySenior.org](https://www.savvysenior.org).

## Osofsky: Annuities Quite Tricky in Medi-Cal Context

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your annuities are irrevocable, income-only "immediate annuities" without cash value, and provided that they are designed to pay out to their owner the full value within his/her actuarial life expectancy, then they will not count against the Medi-Cal resource ceilings. However, the income that you thereby receive from them may count toward your monthly "Share of Cost" (co-pay) for nursing care.

On the other hand, if these immediate annuities are not so designed, then the funds used to purchase them may be considered a disqualifying transfer of assets. This is a bit different from being "over-resourced," but has a similar effect: If so construed, you may be found ineligible for a Medi-Cal subsidy under the transfer penalty rules, and this ineligibility may extend for a lengthy period of time.

To be sure, the whole subject

of annuities in the Medi-Cal context is quite tricky. Your best bet is to seek guidance from an experienced elder law attorney before you take any action.

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By Carl Medford, CRS  
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GUEST COMMENTARY



## Coming Soon? Seller Beware

When meeting with sellers, I am frequently asked, "Will you be advertising our property as 'Coming Soon'?"

It's a valid question, and, while appearing beneficial on the surface, the practice is fraught with potential problems.

In fact, if not handled correctly, it can damage a seller's ability to get the highest price and best terms.

Real estate agents are fiduciaries, and, as such, have a duty to clients to (1) provide the highest possible standard of care, (2) place the client's interests ahead

of their own and (3) to in all ways act in the client's best interests.

Consequently, when selling a home, a Realtor must ensure that every effort is made to market the property to its fullest capacity in order to gain the best possible outcome for the seller.

It can be argued that "Coming Soon" marketing can actually undermine this process by generating an offer before a home has been properly marketed or, in some cases, before it even appears on the Multiple Listing Service (MLS).

The California Department of Real Estate (DRE), in a recent article to Realtors titled, "'Coming Soon' Advertising: Be Sure to Maintain Fiduciary Responsibility for Your Client or Face Civil and Regulatory Liability" expressed valid concerns about the practice.

It is no secret that some agents use "Coming Soon" as a method of marketing a property before it hits the MLS in the hopes of securing a buyer themselves and "double-ending" a transaction. This is an obvious breach of an agent's fiduciary responsibility.

The DRE\* provides the following best practices for agents who, on their own initiative or at the insistence of a seller, choose

to employ a "Coming Soon" marketing strategy:

"Market the property via multiple listing services or other broad advertising means."

"Make sure the seller agrees to and understands how the property will be marketed."

"If using a 'Coming Soon' strategy, do not accept and act on offers until a property has been broadly marketed."

"If the property will not be fully marketed, obtain prior written permission from the seller that demonstrates they understand that such a "Coming Soon" strategy may not result in receiving the best sales price."

"Avoid double-ending a property that is not fully marketed—it is best to refer potential buyers to another agent."

It's like many things: what might initially appear to be a good idea can, in fact, prove detrimental unless handled correctly.

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## Don't Risk Adding Soil to Wisteria

By Buzz Bertolero  
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

We would like to raise the soil level about one foot around four very old and lovely-blooming Wisterias. Our first choice would be to bury each plant. Is this possible? Our second option is to dig the plants up and replant them. The last



thought is to install plant wells around each plant. What would you suggest?

Of the three options, the least desirable is to bury the plants by raising the soil level, as it's a sure proof way to kill them.

The Wisterias could be transplanted to a new location, but given their age, it may not be feasible.

I think the most practical solution is to build permanent plant wells around each plant.

They should extend from the trunk to beyond the drip line. This is where the majority of the roots are located. You can use a variety of materials such as railroad ties, concrete blocks or moss rocks to hold back the soil.

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## Mortgage Rates Continue Decline

Mortgage rates maintained their recent slide last week, according to Freddie Mac's weekly nationwide survey.

Thirty-year fixed-rate mortgages averaged 4.52 percent last week, down from 4.55 percent a week earlier. A year ago at this time, the 30-year rate averaged 3.96 percent.

Fifteen-year loans averaged 3.99 percent, down from 4.04 percent.

Five-year hybrid adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 3.74 percent, down from 3.87 percent.

## WEEKEND GARDENER

### ■ March Jobs

Take time to get caught up on the chores you skipped during the rainy days. Yellow oxalis plants are blooming all over the East Bay. Pull them while the soil is still very moist, being careful to remove the root. Oxalis often break off at the soil line and will be up again before you know it. And don't forget those snails and slugs. The recent rains brought them out in force. Hand pick them in the evening, or use copper barriers or crushed eggshells around newly transplanted flowers and vegetables.

### ■ Strawberries

Remove strawberry blooms through May to concentrate the plant's energy into big, sweet berries.

### ■ Roses

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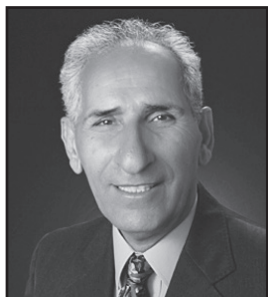
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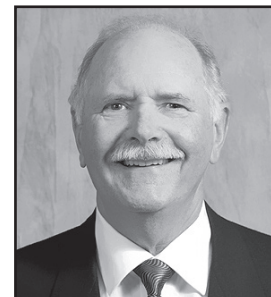
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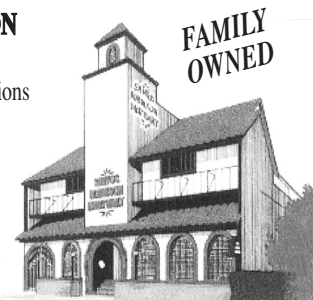
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## Club: Deadline near

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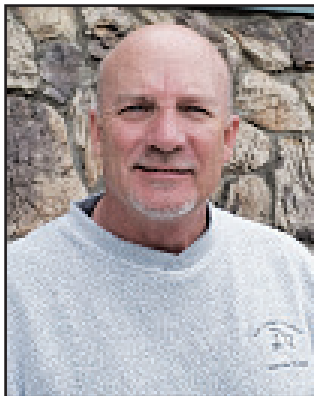
(\$2.5 million) and Fremont Bank (\$350,000), and the City of San Leandro (\$600,000) for the locker rooms and showers, since the pool is a city facility.

Individual donors have contributed a total of \$639,000, with a good part of that coming from the club's board members, Glotch said.

But smaller donations are welcome.

"No gift is too small, or too large," said Glotch, who has hope the club will raise the funds by the deadline.

If construction gets underway as planned, the club's offices will move over to Douglas Electronics on Alvarado Street where company president Chad Pennebaker has offered the club office space.



**Boys & Girls Club director Bob Glotch is hopeful that the club will meet its goal.**

"So we're coming down to the wire and we're eager to get to the end and start knocking down walls," Glotch said.

## SLAA Presents Art Demonstration

That San Leandro Art Association will have its monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 12, at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave.

Snacks and beverages will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by the business meeting at 7

p.m., and an art demonstration at 7:35 p.m. with Laura Schofield, a 30-year active artist and art educator in Sacramento and East Bay.

The public is welcome for the whole meeting or just come for the demonstration.

## Pool: New pool will cost city \$4.6 million, open in summer 2020

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The city decided to get it up to code by demolishing the old pool and building a new 75-foot by 62-foot pool, with four swimming lanes, according to Nick Thom, a city engineer. The cost of the project will be \$4.6 million, spread over two years of the city's budget.

The pool will be moved to the northwest corner of the site and the pool house and a canopy will be torn down and replaced.

Thom said that the demolition aspect of the project will go out to bid this month and construction bids will go out in April.

"People can expect to see activity at the site in June," said Thom.

Farrelly Pool is owned by the school district and is on the property of Roosevelt Elementary. The city leases the pool from the school district for a token fee of a dollar a year, but the lease agreement lapsed during the time

the pool was closed and will need to be renegotiated.

A public meeting about the new Farrelly Pool design is scheduled for March 27 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the multipurpose room at Roosevelt Elementary. Thom says he encourages people to come and see the designs of the pool and offer feedback.

The city estimates that up to 9,000 people visit the pool each summer, for lessons or just to have a casual swim. During the time that Farrelly Pool has been closed, city swim lessons and other recreation programming usually offered at Farrelly have moved to other sites around town, including lessons at the San Leandro High School aquatic center.

Farrelly Pool was built in 1930 with \$20,000 donated by the estate of Henrietta Farrelly — a bit under \$300,000 in today's dollars.

## LOCAL DEATHS

### Jimmy Hord

(1963-2019)

Jimmy Hord 55 years young.

Jimmy was born in Alameda, CA. Grew up in San Leandro. Reluctantly leaving behind his loving parents Jim Hord, Jr. and Alice Foster Hord. He also leaves his loving sister Candy Miller (Jay) and his wonderful, Loving partner Jimmy Tooley of Boston, Mass. Jimmy was General Manager at many of the Kimpton Boutique Hotels.

Jimmys beautiful smile will forever be missed.



### Alvaniece A. Andrich

April 11, 1919 - February 20, 2019

Resident of San Leandro

Alvaniece was born in Modesto, CA. Friends and family always described her as a sweet and charming lady that went along with her sense of humor and quick wit.

At the early age of 16, she graduated from Modesto High School. After one year at the University of Berkeley, she attended college in Modesto and then she graduated from Armstrong University, Berkeley in 1939.

In 1941, she married her husband, John Andrich in Oakland and resided in San Leandro. Her husband passed away in 1987. Alvaniece is survived by her two devoted sons, John Andrich of Scotts Valley, CA and Thomas Andrich of Lafayette, CA.

After being widowed for 22 years; her first love, Marvin Truman contacted her in 2008. While attending Modesto JC, Marvin asked for her hand in marriage. She said no because she wanted to finish her education. When WWII broke out, Marvin joined the Air Force and got married.

Alvaniece and Marvin exchanged letters on a regular basis for several years. Finally, they met in person; Alvaniece visited Marvin in Santa Barbara and Marvin would travel to Alvaniece in San Leandro. They were married on June 5, 2011. After a 70-year separation they rekindled their love and dedication to each other. Marvin passed away in November 2016.

Donations can be made in her name to The Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave, San Leandro, CA 94577.



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### Ronald Robert Romero

Ronald Robert Romero passed away unexpectedly at home at the age of 54, on Monday, February 25, 2019. Ron was born in Oakland, CA., was a lifelong resident of San Leandro. Ron is preceded in death by his mother and father, Alice M. and Rudy S. Romero, and brother Leonard Lopez. He is survived by his sisters; Donna Villa (Zeno) of Oakland, JoElla Robles (Ben) of Sparks, Nevada; brothers Peter Romero and Rudy M. Romero, both of San Leandro. Ron leaves behind many close and dear friends, his nephews, nieces, aunt, and cousins who loved him and will miss him dearly. Rest in peace Ron, you're home.

### Haritine (Harriet) Sergides

September 28, 1926 - February 27, 2019

Haritine (Harriet) Sergides passed away on February 27, 2019, at the age of 92. Haritine was born in Triko-mo, Cyprus on September 28, 1926 to parents Andrea and Olga Loizia. She was the third child of ten siblings. She was married in 1947 to James Sergides who passed away on July 12, 1993. Haritine is survived by her two sons, Pano and Andro Sergides who both live in the Bay Area, three brothers and two sisters, all living in Cyprus.

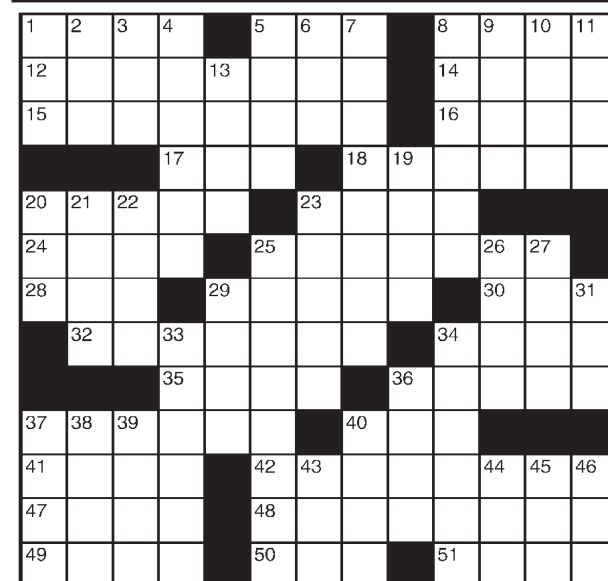
Haritine lived most of her life in San Leandro where she had worked at Homekraft Bakery, Stella D'Oro, and Nabisco for over 30 years.

Haritine's hobbies were baking, cooking, planting vegetables, watching cooking shows and old TV reruns. She also enjoyed sitting in the sun and studying her bible.

A service will be held at 6 p.m. Thurs., March 7 at Jess C. Spencer Mortuary, 21228 Redwood Road, Castro Valley, (510) 581-9133. On Fri., March 8 at 10 a.m. there will be a service at the Resurrection Greek Orthodox Church, 20104 Center St., Castro Valley (510) 581-8950, followed by a burial at Lone Tree Cemetery, 24591 Fairview Ave., Hayward. There will be a luncheon provided at the Resurrection Church following the burial.



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## News Briefs and Announcements

### Buy Tickets for SLSF Hall of Fame Induction

The San Leandro Sports Foundation (SLSF) is hosting an All American Evening on March 22, from 4:30 to 8 p.m. at the Zero Net Energy Center 14600 Catalina St. in San Leandro. Celebrate the induction of 13 San Leandro sports stars to the SLSF Hall of Fame. The evening includes food and drinks and a short presentation from each of the inductees. The public is welcome. For more information, list of Hall of Fame inductees, and ticket purchases, visit [www.slsf.org](http://www.slsf.org). Tickets are not available at the door.

### Seniors Invited to Join Class in Writing Memoirs

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

The memoirs can be written in English or any other language. The one-hour classes will be on Saturdays in March and April, guided by retired teacher Kathleen McCabe-Martin. The venue is yet to be determined.

If you are interested, email Project Coordinator Bella Comelo at [bellacomelo@hotmail.com](mailto:bellacomelo@hotmail.com).

### Learn to Draw at SLZ Adult School

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

The teacher provides instruction and guidance in use of various materials and principles. The class runs from March 11 to June 7 on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to noon, or from 6 to 9 p.m.

All artistic levels and abilities welcomed. The fee is \$75 for the whole spring session. Register now or anytime throughout the course. For more information, call 317-4200.

## OPINION

### LETTERS to the EDITOR

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#### Alvarado Apts Will Help Make San Leandro An Attractive City

Editor:

I am writing in support of the apartment complex proposed for 899 Alvarado Street.

Let me start with a point we can all agree upon: San Leandro should be a great city in which to raise a family. When our children go off to college or a career, we want them one day to consider moving back to San Leandro to raise their families. This requires market-rate housing that's affordable for young adults.

At the same time, part of what has always made San Leandro special are our residential neighborhoods. While we need new housing, developers should not be permitted to build large, dense apartment complexes in residential neighborhoods that violate our zoning code. Instead, such projects should be built within close proximity to the BART stations. Doing so preserves our residential neighborhoods and creates new housing in areas where residents will not have to rely solely on cars for their transportation needs.

This is why the City should approve the proposed 899 Alvarado Street apartment complex. It constitutes the largest remaining vacant property close to the downtown BART station. The site is behind the FH Dailey car dealership on Davis Street and bound on the west by the Union Pacific Railroad track and on the east by an office building owned by Wells Fargo.

The City's General Plan, updated in 2016, and the earlier Transit Oriented Development Strategy, specifically called for dense residential housing development in the future to be built on the site. The future is now. A developer proposes to construct a 687-unit apartment complex. The project complies with the zoning code in regard to height, density and parking requirements.

The 899 Alvarado Street apartment complex is precisely why the City adopted a Transit Oriented Development Strategy for our downtown. It will help make San Leandro an attractive city for our

children and succeeding generations of San Leandrans.

—Stephen Cassidy  
San Leandro

#### Tired of All Those Trump-Anti Trump Letters

Editor:

Is anyone else sick of the pro-Trump/anti-Trump letters back and forth every week in the letters section? They are a waste of time and space. The people who love Trump aren't going to convince the people who hate him that he's a great guy, or vice-versa.

I'd rather see letters focusing on local issues since this is a local paper. And if you aren't getting enough local letters, maybe use that extra space to do some reporting on the women's high school sports teams.

—Jenni Romero  
San Leandro

#### Beginning of Lent a Good Time to Go Vegan

Editor:

March 6th marks the beginning of Lent, the period before Easter, when devout Christians abstain from animal foods in remembrance of Jesus' 40 days of fasting in the wilderness.

The call to abstain from eating animals is as traditional as Genesis 1:29, yet as current as the teaching of evangelical leader Franklin Graham. Methodist founder John Wesley, Salvation Army pioneers William and Catherine Booth, and

Seventh-day Adventist Church founder Ellen White, all followed the divine call. Pope Francis has been offered a one million dollars donation to a charity of his choice to go vegan for Lent.

A plant-based diet is not just about Christian devotion. Dozens of medical studies have linked consumption of animal products with elevated risk of heart failure, stroke, cancer, and other killer diseases. A United Nations report named meat production as the largest source of greenhouse gases and water pollution. Undercover investigations have documented routine mutilation, deprivation, and beating of animals on factory farms.

Today's supermarkets offer a rich array of plant-based meats, milks, cheeses, and ice creams, as well as traditional vegetables, fruits, and grains. Entering "vegan" in our favorite search engine provides lots of suitable products, recipes, and transition tips.

—Dennis Roth  
San Leandro

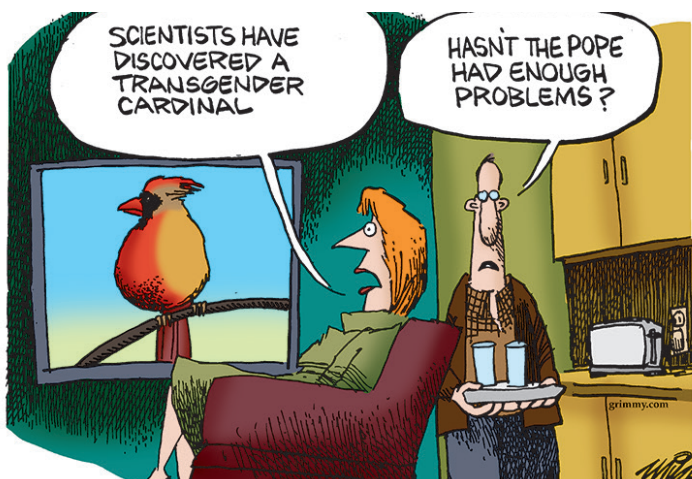
#### Opposes Pipeline Through Chippewa Lands

Editor:

A Canadian oil company, Embridge, wants to build a pipeline known as Line 3 through the homelands of the Chippewa People in Minnesota. It will also go through the wild rice lake and the Chippewa National Forest. Soon or later, there will be a leak from the pipeline in which the oil will go into the water causing health problems to the Chippewas.

I urge the majority of Americans to stop Embridge from building Line 3 through the Chippewa lands.

—Billy Trice Jr.  
Oakland



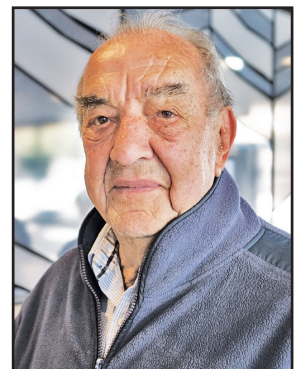
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#### What's more important, art or science?

— Asked around town

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**Ray Luciano**  
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Michelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci were both artists and scientists. You need both, like body and blood. You can't have one without the other.

**Curtis Hall**  
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Art is to me. I'm just more into art. It's not dry. It has some life to it. It's just the way my mind works. I like art and literature.

**Greg Langlois**  
San Leandro



I'm inclined to say science, because that's my background. But now in my retirement I've taken up photography.

**Terry Ryder**  
San Leandro

Art, because I feel it can be done by anyone. It's inclusive and opens up the mind. It helps everybody touch creativity.

**Kathleen Kelly**  
San Leandro





## Speakers Set for Women's Day Celebration in Hayward

The City of Hayward will host an International Women's Day Celebration the evening of Friday, March 8, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Hayward City Hall.

The evening of dynamic speakers, networking and fellowship in celebration of International Women's Day is themed "Education Transforms the Lives of Women and Girls."

The program includes a special welcome by Hayward Mayor Barbara Halliday and presentations by:

- Pooja Rathaur, Mount Eden High School student, delivering an oratory, "Why, Because I am a Girl."

- Karen Hossfeld, Ph.D., associate professor of Sociolo-

gy & Sexuality, San Francisco State University, delivering a talk, "Who Do We Teach Girls to Be? Gender Socialization and Change."

- Najia Karim, founding director of the Cultural Society of Afghan Women and co-founder of the Afghan Cultural Literary Association.

- Daniel Perlman, Ph.D., a research medical anthropologist at the OASIS Initiative, University of California, Berkeley, delivering a talk, "Pathways to Choice: Delaying Marriage through Girls' Education in Rural Niger."

Celebrated each March 8, International Women's Day is a focal point in the movement for women's rights, and is observed

by people and governments across the globe with outpourings of support for women's equality and empowerment.

RSVP for the Hayward International Women's Day Celebration at [www.hayward-ca.gov/womensday19](http://www.hayward-ca.gov/womensday19).

Event parking is free at the Municipal Garage across Watkins Street from City Hall.

Co-sponsoring organizations are American Association of University Women, Hayward/Castro Valley Branch, City of Hayward, Dining for Women, Eden Area Interfaith Council, Hayward-Ghazni Sister City Committee, Hayward Unified School District and League of Women Voters Eden Area.



A rendering of the proposed crosswalk shows the rainbow pattern that will be painted on Parrott Street once there's a break in the weather.

## Rainbow Crosswalk Planned for Downtown on Parrott and Washington

By Amy Sylvestri  
San Leandro Times

San Leandro is about to get a little more colorful: rainbow striped crosswalks are being installed downtown in honor of the LGBT community.

More than two years after first discussing the idea of getting a rainbow colored crosswalk at a downtown intersection, the city has selected the intersection of Washington Avenue and Parrott Street for the installation.

That intersection was chosen because it's in a prime location and a main entrance to the downtown farmers' market, so it will get lots of foot traffic, explained San Leandro Public Works Director Debbie Pollart at a Facilities and Transportation Committee meeting last week.

The Facilities and Transportation Committee consists of Mayor Pauline Cutter and councilwomen Deborah Cox and Corina Lopez.

Cutter and Cox were the only two votes in favor of the rainbow crosswalk when the City Council voted on it back in 2016. The other council members weren't

against the concept but questioned the cost and design at the previously discussed location at West Juana Avenue and Clarke Street.

The current rainbow crosswalk idea could be done for less money than the old idea because it will just be simple striping rather than a more elaborate pattern as originally planned.

Pollart said that the total cost of the project for four striped crosswalks will be \$8,600, which is low enough to not require a vote by the City Council. The price includes some new asphalt and the colorful prefabricated thermoplastic paint stripes. The crosswalks will still be lined in white, as required by federal safety standards.

Pollart says that as soon as the weather dries up and the ground

temperature reaches a consistent 50 degrees or higher, crews can start the installation.

"For construction, it's just a matter of weather," said Pollart. "As soon as I have a week with no rain and a little warmer weather, I can get this in."

Cox expressed hope that the crosswalks might be ready for the farmers' market opening day on March 27.

Cutter said that the City Council will likely want to have some sort of opening ceremony or ribbon cutting because the rainbow sidewalks will be a symbol of diversity and inclusion for the LGBT community and added that she was glad to see the long-awaited project moving forward.

"It's happening not a moment too soon," said Cutter.

## Rent: Ordinance to be re-written

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Margaret Nanda, a lawyer for the owners of the Mission Bay park, said that her client already meets with residents in a special rent dispute committee that has been around since 1992.

"The ordinance is hastily drafted and unnecessary," said Nanda.

Speaker Sylvia Perez gave an update on John Busch, the mobile home tenant in his 80s who inspired the creation of the ordinance when he was evicted from his home last year. Perez says he's staying on her property

**"We are living in highly immoral times."**

— San Leandro resident Sylvia Perez on the housing crisis.

for now.

"I dream of a place that is moral, and moral means that we

don't worry about the market, we worry about the people," said Perez. "We are living in highly immoral times and San Leandro has an opportunity to change this."

The members of the City Council said they were sympathetic to renters and want an ordinance, but a balance must be struck.

"What I want to accomplish here is to protect the most vulnerable part of the community," said Councilwoman Corina Lopez. "We are not all the way there yet."

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21235 Tyee Street	94546: \$705,000 2 BD - 1,016 SF - 1947
2355 Jeffer Street	94546: \$770,000 3 BD - 1,608 SF - 1948
22130 West Lyndon	94552: \$910,000 4 BD - 2,379 SF - 2000
25310 Gold Hills Drive	94552: \$1,193,000 5 BD - 2,527 SF - 1996
20226 Redwood Road	94546: \$1,720,000 3 BD - 2,052 SF - 1954

TOTAL SALES: 8  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$610,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$737,500  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$1,720,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$908,562

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1440 Thrush Avenue	94578: \$399,000 2 BD - 820 SF - 1994
894 Lewelling Blvd.	94579: \$400,000 2 BD - 858 SF - 1987
700 Fargo Avenue	94579: \$427,000 2 BD - 840 SF - 1965
1306 Lillian Avenue	94578: \$460,000 3 BD - 1,287 SF - 1947
15434 Lark Street	94578: \$505,000 3 BD - 1,150 SF - 1926
1445 Timothy Drive	94577: \$506,000 3 BD - 1,028 SF - 1944
2052 Vestal Court	94577: \$556,000 3 BD - 1,028 SF - 1944
1016 Fargo Avenue	94579: \$573,000 3 BD - 1,156 SF - 1951
1648 Gardner Blvd	94577: \$600,000 3 BD - 1,538 SF - 1943
96 Begier Avenue	94577: \$635,000 2 BD - 995 SF - 1939
14868 Towers Street	94578: \$667,000 3 BD - 1,493 SF - 1948
1369 Santa Rosa Street	94577: \$680,000 3 BD - 1,338 SF - 2000
15535 Budge Street	94579: \$685,000 3 BD - 1,214 SF - 1959
497 Joaquin Avenue	94577: \$698,000 3 BD - 1,404 SF - 1932
97 Broadmoor Blvd	94577: \$715,000 4 BD - 1,994 SF - 1926
576 Blossom Way	94577: \$715,000 3 BD - 1,593 SF - 1938

TOTAL SALES: 16  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$399,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$586,500  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$715,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$576,312

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