

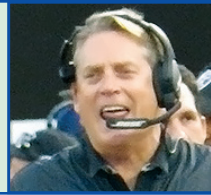
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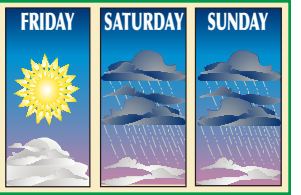
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First San Leandro Baby of 2017

The first San Leandro baby of the new year was born at 12:04 a.m. on Jan. 1 at Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley. Parents Frances Enriquez and Marlon Almendarez of San Leandro are seen here with their new baby Marces who arrived weighing 8 pounds 3 ounces.

Why Sewer Rates Vary Between Cities

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

When San Leandro resident Barry Bronk's annual sewer bill hit the \$400 mark for the first time, he noticed. So he checked the rates of nearby cities and says San Leandrans may be paying too much for sewer service.

"When I saw that \$400 number, that piqued my interest," said Bronk.

Sewer rates in San Leandro have gone up a total over 20 percent over the past five years, with rates going up between 2.8 and 5 percent annually for a total of \$408 for a single family home in 2016.

The city is also projecting a 2 percent increase for each of the next five years.

But San Leandro is right in the middle of the pack when it comes for sewer rates in Alameda County, says city Water Pollution Control Plant Manager Dean Wilson.

The lowest prices in the county go to Oro Loma Sanitary District customers, who paid just \$221 this year for their sewer services, whereas Livermore residents pay over \$500.

"Oro Loma is always the lowest, I don't quite know how they do it," said Wilson.

Oro Loma General Manager Jason Warner says they do it by spending the public's money "as if it were their own" which includes avoiding going into debt on projects.

"It makes the staff count the costs of each expenditure

more when you are using money you've saved," said Warner. "It creates a forced restriction, which makes you more creative and efficient about solving problems."

Warner went on to say that see *SEWER*, page 16

Council Wants SL Sign on E.14th Street

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

At its first meeting of the New Year, the San Leandro City Council heard plans for three new construction projects, and made a tweak to meeting policy designed to make it earlier for citizens to speak to the council.

The change unanimously approved Monday night will allow for public comments on non-agenda items to be heard much earlier in meetings, before staff presentations.

So speakers can be heard within the first half hour of a meeting, which mayor Pauline Cutter said she hopes will make the experience of talking to the council "friendlier" for the average citizen.

Previously, speakers would see *COUNCIL*, page 15

Homeless Flock to Warming Center

Volunteers provide shelter on cold nights in church gym

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

Cast Away with Tom Hanks is playing on the screen.

It's the scene where Hanks opens up the FedEx packages that washed up on the deserted island. He opens one box and pulls out a fancy dress, holds it up, and tosses it aside.

The audience lets out a laugh. That dress wouldn't be very helpful to Hanks trying to survive on that island.

The audience knows something about surviving and being cast away. They're all homeless. Around 40 people come to the warming center on nights when it's open at First United Methodist Church on Bancroft Avenue. see *WARMING*, page 9



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Colette Gonsalves has dinner at the warming center at the First United Methodist Church where homeless people can stay for the night when it's cold or raining.

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Pets of the Week



Sir Percival

The Pets of the Week from the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are Sir Percival the bunny and Bessy the dog.

Sir Percival is a sweet young, neutered bunny who does well with being petted. He's a calm and clear-headed boy who enjoys snacking on timothy hay and cilantro.



Bessy

Bessy is kind and gentle to all she meets. She loves life, enjoys playing with squeaky toys, going for walks, getting belly rubs, and hanging out with canine pals.

Good with kids 5 years and older. For more information on Sir Percival or Bessy, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at 293-7200.

See the Movie *Selma* on Saturday At the San Leandro History Museum

The San Leandro History Museum, 320 West Estudillo Ave., will screen *Selma* (2014) on Saturday, Jan. 7, at 11:30 a.m. and again at 2 p.m.

The powerful film chronicles the tumultuous three-month period in 1965, when

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. led a campaign to secure equal voting rights in the face of violent opposition.

The epic march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama culminated in President Johnson signing the Voting Rights Act of

1965, one of the most significant victories for the civil rights movement.

The film was nominated for Best Picture and won Best Original Song at the 87th Academy Awards.

Free admission.

Young Actors Needed For Shrek at SLHS

Auditions for Young Fiona and Young Shrek will be held at the San Leandro Performing Arts Center, 2250 Bancroft Ave., on Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 5:45 p.m.

Fiona should learn "I Know It's Today" from the musical. (It can be found on Youtube.) Shrek may sing any song.

The children should appear between 9 and 11 years old and be under 5 feet tall. The cast is San Leandro High students, but these two roles require younger actors.

Rehearsals are held after school at the theater on Monday through Thursday. The children are not needed for every rehearsal. A schedule will be provided.

The show will play the first two weekends in April, opening on March 31 and closing on April 9. Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday shows are at 2 p.m.

For more information, email Sue Ellen, director, at shrek-themusicals@slhs@gmail.com.

Leave Trees on Curb On Regular Collection Day

Alameda County Industries (ACI) and Waste Management of Alameda County (WMAC) will collect your holiday tree at no additional charge for composting during the first two weeks of January, from Jan. 1 through Jan. 13.

Place your tree on the curb on your scheduled collection day. Remove all decorations, lights and the stand. The tree

should be cut in half if it is taller than 6 feet.

Flocked and artificial trees can't be composted. Place them in the garbage, or schedule a special collection.

For more information, call Alameda County Industries at 357-7282, or Waste Management of Alameda County at 613-8710.

Senior Center to Throw Birthday Party for Luciano

There will be a birthday party for Ray Luciano at noon on Monday, Jan. 9, at the San Leandro Senior Center, 13909 East 14th St. Ray will be turning

96 and Spectrum Community Services, which provides lunch for seniors, will be serving cake for the party along with lunch. All are welcome to come for cake.

New Technology Means No More Back Pain for San Leandro Man

Technology Now Available in Pleasanton.. And It's Remarkably Affordable..



Poor Max! He has been complaining of back pain that radiates to his right leg for the longest time. He would feel all kinds of sensations on his leg like tingling, pin pricks and numbness.

"I sought medical attention from my Orthopedic doctor. I have tried steroid shots, taking pain medication, have gone to Physical Therapy, Acupuncture and Chiropractic services" said Max.

Fortunately, Max went to see Jerry Hsieh at the Intero Chiropractic in Pleasanton. Jerry has helped hundreds of back pain and sciatica patients. He was one of the first in the United States to invest in technology that provides an extremely accurate diagnosis of the back pain. The technology helps Jerry and his team pinpoint the cause of the back and leg pain.

Using the information, Jerry puts into action a treatment program.

Max from San Leandro Gets Back to Enjoying Life

Max is now fully back to enjoying his life. No more back pain and discomfort. His life is back to normal. All thanks to the new technology found at Intero Chiropractic.

And Max from San Leandro is not alone.

One patient wrote ...

"He relieved my back pain and symptoms after just one visit."

Another patient wrote ...

"I was shocked that after the first 2 months I was completely pain free. It was amazing how different this type of structural chiropractic care was. Dr. Jerry, I can honestly say has made my quality of life so much better!"

Suzanne from San Leandro had sciatica so bad that she had a lot of pain in her leg, knee and foot for over six months and the pain was becoming unbearable.

Her doctor tried to treat her with medication which initially took the pain away, but came back after 2 days which made her anxious and unable to sleep.

"When my doctor wanted to prescribe another medication for my anxiousness I knew I needed to try a more holistic approach. That is when I found Dr. Jerry at Intero Chiropractic. Now, just one month later, the pain in my leg is about 70-80% gone. I am so glad I found you!!

Hundreds of Patients are No Longer Suffering from Back and Leg Pain

Jerry and his team have helped hundreds of patients deal with the back and leg pain associated with Sciatica. And the number will increase as it becomes even easier to treat Sciatica - thanks to the new technology.

The team at Intero Chiropractic LOVE helping patients. Many patients were told by their GP, "there's nothing I can really do for you."

Yet Jerry's patients get back to their "normal" lives quickly. That's the power of the new technology at Intero Chiropractic.

Why Do People Visit Jerry and His Team?

Here are 8 reasons... based on my research speaking directly with their patients.

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6. Amazingly affordable.
7. It's easy to see one of Jerry's team and get on their schedule quickly.
8. Get back to enjoying your life on your terms.

It's Important to Start Your Treatment NOW

People who are experiencing even moderate back and leg pain should go to Intero Chiropractic immediately.

"After a certain point, it becomes harder to treat certain conditions, including Sciatica," said Jerry. "So it's vital to start treatment right away."

The treatment program usually provides relief within a few days. The first step is the initial appointment with Jerry and his team.

Initial Appointment Only \$20... Save \$80. Offer is Only Available for a Limited Time.

For a limited time, Intero Chiropractic is offering his initial consultation for just \$20. The fee is usually \$100. So you save \$80.

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- An in-depth consultation where one of Jerry's team members looks at your full medical history.
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- Technical and biological analysis of the problem.
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The Alameda County Fire Department says the fire at this home near I-580 was the result of a television electrical issue.

Electrical Fire in Russ Avenue Home Was the Result of TV Malfunction

On Friday, Dec. 30, just after noon, Alameda County firefighters responded to a house fire on the 1700 block of Russ Avenue in San Leandro.

When they arrived, they reported light smoke showing from a single story, single family dwelling and the occupant was already outside, according to Alameda County Fire Department spokeswoman Aisha Knowles.

The fire was contained to the rear bedroom of the residence within 10 minutes and prevented from spreading into the attic.

The homeowner said he was doing laundry when his smoke alarm went off and when he went to check it out he found the television in his rear bedroom on fire.

He tried to put it out himself, but couldn't and safely got outside. Fire investigators says the cause appears to be an electrical malfunction. No firefighters were injured. The resident was checked out medically and refused further treatment.

PG&E Warns of Scams

Be aware of ongoing telephone and email scams. One of the most common scam involves a caller demanding immediate payment on a prepaid card or electricity will be turned off. Call PG&E if you suspect fraud and for accurate account information.

PG&E customers report telephone scams with calls that show PG&E on the caller ID. The callers tell customers that they owe past-due balances or are eligible for a federal tax refund. PG&E is not making these calls. They never ask for your financial information over the phone.

If you have doubts about an incoming call from PG&E, hang up and call the PG&E Customer Service number: 1-800-743-5000.

Hispanic business customers report telephone scams warning that their electric service will be disconnected unless they make a

payment through a prepaid cash card such as the Green Dot card. PG&E is not making these calls.

PG&E customers report receiving suspicious emails that appeared to be bills sent by PG&E. These bills are fictitious and should be treated like scams.

Call PG&E at 1-800-743-5000 if you're concerned about the legitimacy of a call about a past due bill, service request or request for personal information.

Woman Arrested for Hiring Hit Men To Kill Her Pot Business Partner

A San Leandro woman allegedly ordered a hit on her partner in a medical marijuana business.

Last July 13, Adan Katani was shot and killed in his car in the intersection of Meekland Avenue and Blossom Way in the unincorporated area.

Chariot Burks, 25, and Johnny Wright, 46, both of Tennessee were arrested immediately at the scene as they attempted to flee and both were charged with homicide.

Last week, two more arrests were made in the murder, after further investigation concluded that Tikisha Upshaw, 37, of San Leandro and her associate Wesley Brown, 38, of Berkeley had hired Burks and Wright to commit the crime.

Upshaw was arrested on Dec.



Tikisha Upshaw



Wesley Brown

22 by sheriff's deputies, according to Sgt. Ray Kelly.

Deputies discovered a marijuana growing operation in her home.

Police say that the victim and Upshaw had previously worked

together in the medical marijuana business.

Brown is believed to have acted as a go between for Upshaw and the alleged hit men.

All four are being held without bail at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin.

Cooking Causes Apartment Fire in Ashland

A two-alarm fire broke out on the 1600 block of 164th Avenue in Ashland on Dec., 29 at just after 3:30 p.m. The fire broke out in an apartment building and the firefighters were able to contain it to the unit where it started, but a total of three units were affected, according to the Alameda County Fire Department. The fire apparently started in the kitchen as a result of an unattended pot on the stove. The Red Cross helped with a total of 13 people who were displaced. No one was injured.



Chabot Bond Committee Now Forming

Chabot College is looking for residents to serve on the Measure A and B Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee.

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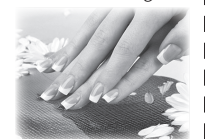
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The City of San Leandro invites the community to attend a celebration honoring a great American leader

A Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

ORATORICAL FESTIVAL & POETRY SLAM
A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Monday, January 16, 2017 – 10:30 a.m.

San Leandro Senior Community Center • 13909 East 14th Street

Oratorical Festival & Poetry Slam – San Leandro students will be performing an original or well-known essay, speech, or poem honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by celebrating his message of peace, tolerance, and social justice. All San Leandro students in grades 3-12 are invited to participate in the oratorical festival and poetry slam. Students can win gift card prizes, made possible by the San Leandro Optimist Club, in their grade category. **Entry forms are available online at www.sanleandro.org and are due by Friday, January 13, 2017 or until 25 entry forms are received.**

Crafts for the Kids – Children are invited to make one-of-a-kind crafts to commemorate the special celebration.

Enjoy free light refreshments throughout the event.

For more information, call (510) 577-3462 or visit www.sanleandro.org for more information.



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Candidate Thanks San Leandro

Bryan Azevedo and his family thanked San Leandro for the opportunity to run for office in the November election. Although he lost his bid for City Council, Azevedo said he's not giving up. As a fourth generation San Leandran, he said he loves this town. Azevedo is seen here with his wife Perla and their kids Chelsea and Bryan Jr.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

❖ **Monster Concert**

Witness the excitement as 24 young pianists, many from Castro Valley, perform together on 12 Yamaha pianos on Saturday, Jan. 7, at 2 p.m. at the Center for the Arts, 19501 Redwood Road in Castro Valley. The concert is presented by the Southern Alameda County Branch of the Music Teachers Association of California. Purchase tickets online \$10 (\$15 at

the door) at: www.eventbrite.com/ (search "Monster Concert"). All proceeds from this concert will go towards student scholarships.

❖ **Rhythm of the North**

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

gie joy ride with John Bushell (Bishop O'Dowd Class of '70) when he presents this fast-paced, multi-media sensation, with stunning images, sizzling piano and hilarious stories to fill out the evening. (Audiences know him as "Johnny B.") Tickets are \$20 are available online at www.cvartsfoundation.org; or at the Center Box Office, 19501 Redwood Road, Thursdays and Fridays 3-5 p.m. phone 889-8961; or at the CV Adult School, 4430 Alma Ave.

❖ **John O'Lague Galleria**

A Woman's View of the World, a variety of artistic techniques including watercolors, acrylics, pencil, ink and mixed media by the Diablo/Alameda Chapter of the National League of American Pen Women, continues through Jan. 27 at the John O'Lague Galleria in Hayward City Hall, 777 B Street at Watkins, open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): The New Year brings challenges that can change many things in your life. You need to be prepared not only to confront them, but also to deal with what happens afterward.



TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): You have what it takes to set your goals quite a bit higher this year. Learn what you need to know and put what you learn into your efforts. A partner offers loving support.



GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): In true Gemini Twin fashion, you're conflicted about a decision you know you'll have to make in this New Year. Best advice: Get the facts before you make any commitment.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): A friend offers you an exciting opportunity for the New Year. Although your positive aspects are strong in most respects, caution is advised. Investigate before you invest.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): You can make this New Year a roaring success. Start by readjusting your goals to reflect the changes in the economy. Your den-mate offers both wise and loving support.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): The New Year brings new opportunities for change. But you need to be ready to move from the comfortable status quo to the challenging unknown. It's up to you.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): Your most important New Year's resolution should be to work out problems with a family member in order to avoid continued misunderstandings. Do it soon, for both of your sakes.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): The New Year has much to offer the intensely determined Scorpion, who isn't afraid to take on challenges and stay with them until they surrender their rewards.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): You'll have many fine opportunities in this New Year. But be warned: Reject offers of "help." You work best when you're free to be your own creative self.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): The New Year offers changes that you might feel you're not quite ready for. Best advice: Deal with them one step at a time, until you've built up your self-confidence.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Travel is a dominant aspect of the New Year. This could mean relocating to another city (or even another country) in connection with your education or your career.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): This New Year brings news about a change you've been anticipating. You might have a problem persuading a loved one about your new plans, but he or she will soon go along with them.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

❖ **Hayward Area Historical Society**

The Hayward Area Historical Society, 22380 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward, presents *Local Botanical Beauties, Then and Now* guest curated by Mary L. Harden School of Botanical Illustration in the Community Gallery through Jan. 8, during the museum's hours, Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This exhibit of watercolors shows the variety of plant life that once dominated the landscape of the Hayward area as well as plants that are still seen in the foothills and gardens.

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❖ **I.D.E.S. of Saint John Crab Feed**

I.D.E.S. of Saint John, 1670 Orchard Ave. in San Leandro, will have a crab feed on Saturday, Jan. 7. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. and raffle at 8 p.m. Cost is \$50 for adults, \$25 for children under 12. Meal includes hot and cold crab, pasta, salad, garlic bread and desert. For more information and tickets call Mr. Helder at 357-5846.

❖ **Eagles Eden Auxiliary Bingo Luncheon**

The Fraternal Order of Eagles Eden Auxiliary #1139 will have its bingo luncheon on Monday Jan. 9, from noon to 2:30 p.m. at the Eagles Hall, 21406 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward. On the menu will be meatloaf, corn souffle, soup, salad, bread, dessert, coffee and tea at our charity bingo luncheon. For a donation of \$8 you will also receive one bingo card. For more information, call 584-1568.

❖ **Birthday Party for Ray Luciano**

There will be a birthday party for Ray Luciano at noon on Monday, Jan. 9, at the San Leandro Senior Center, 13909 East 14th St. Ray will be turning 96 and Spectrum Community Services, which provides lunch for seniors, will be serving cake for the party along with lunch. All are welcome.

❖ **Sons In Retirement Meetings**

SIRs, an organization of retired men, meets on the second Wednesday of each month. Meetings are held at the Wedgewood Center at Metropolitan Golf Links, 10051 Doolittle Dr. in Oakland. Happy Hour starts at 11 a.m., followed by Lunch at noon. Great guest speakers. Guests are welcome. Come and meet new friends. For more information, call Mel at 357-0601.

❖ **All Saints Episcopal Church**

All Saints Episcopal Church, 911 Dowling Blvd. in San Leandro, will commemorate the birthday of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Sunday, Jan. 15, at 10:15 a.m. with a special mass including African American

spirituals and a mass setting drawing from the African American tradition. All are invited to this festive service. For more information, visit www.saintsalive.net.

❖ **I.D.E.S. of Alvarado St. Crab Feed**

I.D.E.S. of Alvarado St. will have its annual crab feed on Saturday, Jan. 14, at the hall on 790 Antonio St. in San Leandro. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person. Dinner will include crab, pasta, salad, garlic bread and wine. For tickets call 385-8247 or 635-3580. Make check payable to I.D.E.S. and mail to P.O. Box 781 San Leandro, 94577.

❖ **Celebration for Dr. Martin Luther King**

The City of San Leandro's annual celebration in honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., featuring entertainment and a student oratorical contest, will be on Monday, Jan. 16, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St. Students enrolled in grades 3rd through 12th and attend San Leandro schools are invited to enter in the oratorical contest and poetry slam. Entry forms are available online at www.sanleandro.org and are due by Friday, Jan. 13. For more information, call the Recreation and Human Services Department at 577-3462.

❖ **St. Felicitas Young at Heart Luncheon**

St. Felicitas Parish, 1662 Manor Blvd. in San Leandro, hosts its monthly Young at Heart luncheon on Wednesday, Jan. 18, with homemade meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, dessert, coffee or apple cider. Doors open at 11 a.m. and lunch is served at noon. Tickets are \$6. Entertainment and door prizes at each luncheon. Tickets must be purchased no later than the Monday before the luncheon. Tickets available at the parish office Monday through Thursday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

❖ **St. Felicitas CYO Girls BasketballSt.**

Felicitas CYO girls basketball is taking sign-ups online through Jan. 20 for players in the second through eighth grades. Players must live in the St. Felicitas parish. All skill levels welcome. Cost is \$175. Teams are forming so sign up online now at stfelicitascatholic-youthorganization.sipay.com/site/. For more information, email Jerry DeLos Reyes at nbk54t@sbcglobal.net.

❖ **San Leandro Kiwanis Club Crab Feed**

The San Leandro Kiwanis Club will hold its annual Crab Feed on Saturday, Jan. 21, at the Boys & Girls Club, 401 Marina Blvd. in San Leandro. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner being served at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person, children 10 and under \$20, which includes all-you-can-eat crab, pasta, salad and garlic bread. Post-dinner dancing to live music provided by "Chico and the Band". The event is assigned seating only and always sells out so purchase your tickets early. To purchase tickets or for more information, call Terri Neumann at 895-4425.

❖ **Alta Mira Club Crab Feed**

The Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave. in San Leandro, will have a crab feed on Friday, Jan. 27, with all-you-can-eat crab (or order chicken), pasta, salad, bread and ice cream. The social hour starts at 6 p.m. and dinner begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$50. The Alta Mira Club is in the historic Ygnacio Peralta Home, built in 1860.

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AUTOMOTIVE

Drive Responsibly with RAV4 Hybrid

By Steve Schaefer
San Leandro Times

When the Toyota RAV4 debuted 20 years ago, it was at the forefront of what has become a huge market segment today — compact SUVs. Popularly known today as “crossovers,” they blend a higher-riding, trucklike configuration with an automotive chassis.

With its pinched nose and other tweaks, the 2016 model resembles its fellow Toyotas. And, as a sibling of the Prius, it comes as a hybrid model too.

Choose from three trim levels — XLE, SE and Limited — and with the hybrid you get a long list of modern car features with significantly improved fuel economy and green cred.

How much better? Comparing all-wheel-drive (AWD) versions, the hybrid earns EPA fuel economy numbers of 34 City, 31 Highway, and 33 Combined. The gas-only model gets 22 City, 28

Highway, and 25 Combined. The Hybrid's Combined rating is 32 percent better, and most of the improvement comes during City driving.

The RAV4, like all hybrids, generally uses its electric motor more in slower, in-town driving. And, regenerative braking, which hybrids use to recharge their batteries, happens much more often on city streets. My week of testing, much of it in freeway commuting and local driving, delivered 31.3 mpg.

The EPA Green Scores are 7 for Smog and 8 for Greenhouse Gas — much better numbers than most cars other than pure electrics and dedicated hybrids like the Prius. The last Prius I tested got the same 7 for Smog but a perfect 10 for Greenhouse Gas, so it's still the king. Of course, the 3,050-pound Prius uses a 1.8-liter four-cylinder gas engine while the 3,950-pound RAV4 Hybrid has a 2.5-liter one, so you'd expect that difference.

The RAV4 Hybrid blends a

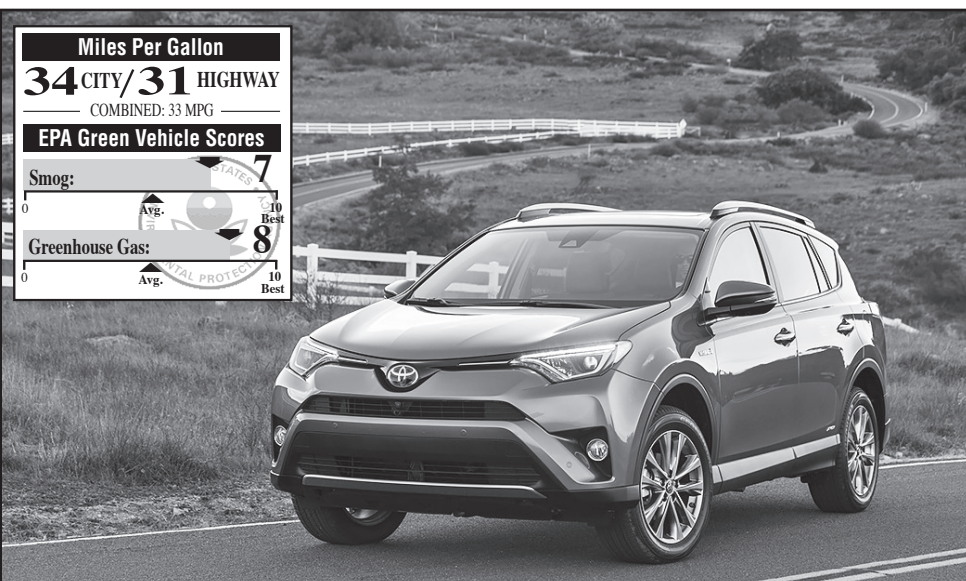
150-horsepower, 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine with an electric motor for a combined 194 horsepower. The gas version is powered by a 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine that puts out 176 horsepower. The Hybrid is good for a decent 8.1-second zero-60 time.

Part of why small crossovers are so popular is that they do so many things well. They're not too big for maneuvering around crowded city streets but can calmly cruise on the freeway all day. Their rear hatch and high roof shape give you plenty of hauling capacity. My Electric Storm Blue tester boasted 35.6 cubic feet of storage with the second-row seat up and double that (70.6 cf) with that seat folded.

The RAV4, aiming to look rugged, flaunts a busy, edgy dash. There's a two-level storage bin and a sliding armrest. My tester's terra cotta accents on the doors, dash and seats helped relieve the overall black plastic feel.

As a Limited, my car featured SofTex (fake leather) seating with heating and memory settings (without a trace of that luxury leather smell, sadly). Extra sound insulation kept it peaceful in there, too. The Entune Premium Audio system, upgraded in the Limited, uses a seven-inch screen with music, apps, navigation, phone interface, and everything else you expect now.

Part of owning a Hybrid is learning to drive more efficiently. You can watch a colorful display of your energy flow on the dash center screen, but the small, simple display right in the center of the instrument panel tells the same story.



The sleek styling of the bumper incorporates new headlights that feature LED high- and low-beams as well as daytime running lights.

It shows a wheel and an engine, with a battery below. Lines between then indicate if you were using electricity or generating it, and if the engine was engaged or not. Of course, you can monitor your fuel economy numbers anytime.

The company is proud of its Toyota Safety Sense technology, which now incorporates pedestrian detection (so it's called TSS-P, which is the reverse of a 1960's spray-on shampoo). You get pre-collision warnings, Lane Departure Alert with Steering Assist, Automatic High Beams and Dynamic Radar Cruise Control. What this all adds up to is that the car knows what's going on and will help you avoid hitting pedestrians, keep your car in the lane, and maintain a safe distance when using cruise control. What's not to like?

Hybrids cost more than regular gas burners. How much? The cheapest nonhybrid RAV4, an



The interior of the 2016 Toyota RAV4 features more soft-touch materials on the dash and the door panels.

LE with two-wheel drive, starts at \$24,910. But for a real comparison, the Limited AWD gas version retails at \$33,230. The Hybrid Limited AWD, like mine, runs \$34,030. That's only an \$800-dollar difference, and that dollar difference applies at all three trim levels.

The SE version of the Hybrid gives you a sport-tuned suspension and some styling differences, and

costs \$32,185, while the Hybrid XLE is the gas/electric entry point, at \$29,030. Add \$900 to every one of those prices for destination charges.

There's a movement toward subcompact crossovers for even more efficiency and cuteness, but for now, the RAV4 compact SUV is in the driver's seat. And the Hybrid model, for not much more cash, is a responsible choice.

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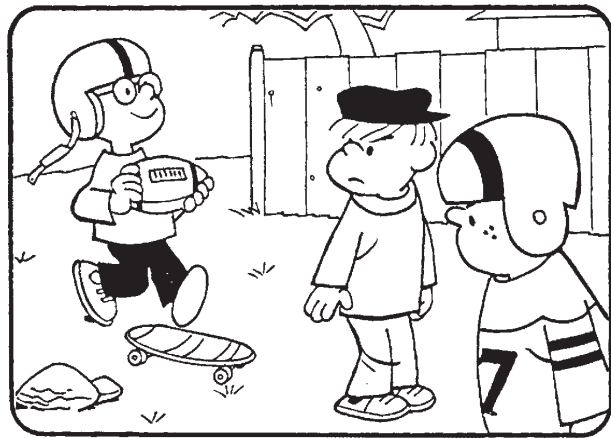
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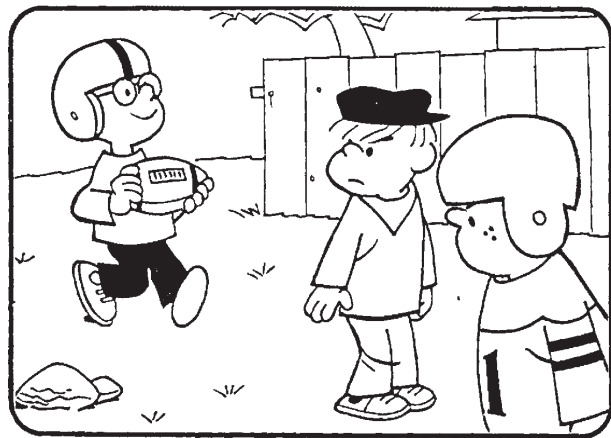


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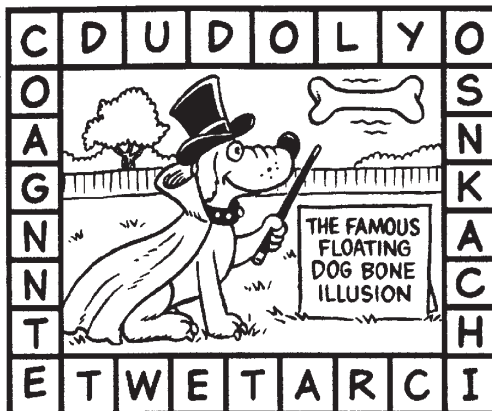
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Strap is missing. 2. Post is missing. 3. Skateboard is missing. 4. Collar is different. 5. Stripe is missing. 6. Number is changed.



HIDDEN IN THE ABOVE FRAME is a famous old saying. You can find it by reading every other letter as you go around the frame counterclockwise. The trick is finding the right first letter.

Answer: Starting with the "V" in the top rail: "You can't teach an old dog new tricks."

A CROWD OF THREE! In this time test you have one minute in which to find the answer.

Answer: With a series of mathematical operations, you solve the multiplication and division operations first, left to right, and then the addition and subtraction operations. Thus: $3 + (3 \times 3) - (3 / 3) - 3 = 8$.

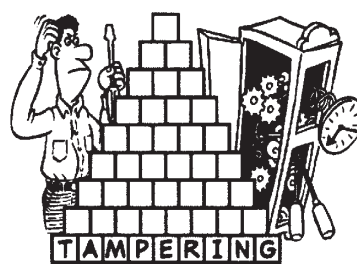
CHAIN REACTION! Take the seven letters printed below our diagram and place them in the circles so that eight four-letter words can be read, top to bottom, along the connecting lines. All the words will begin with the letter in the top circle.

Answers: Top to bottom, left to right: Tile, tilt, tint, tins, tent, tens, tees, teen.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

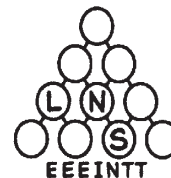
THE PYRAMID OF WORD POWER!



Illustrated by David Coulson

You have three minutes to unlock the secrets of Word Power! Starting with the given word **TAMPERING**, at the bottom of our 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 helpful hints are in ascending order, beginning with **TAMPERING**.

1. To tinker with foolishly.
2. To travel on foot; hike.
3. An itinerant worker.
4. Blank space on letter.
5. Fruit of cereal grass.
6. Called on the phone.
7. A long-nosed fish.
8. Egyptian sun god.
9. Chess piece abbreviation.



Answers: 1. Tampering. 2. Tramping. 3. Migrant. 4. Margin. 5. Grain. 6. Rang. 7. Car. 8. Ra. 9. R (rook).

Garden for Monarchs to Grace San Leandro's Butterfly Mural

Submitted by Lary Huls

A group of prominent San Leandro residents is recruiting supporters to help create a butterfly-friendly garden along San Leandro Boulevard near the San Leandro BART Station, right under the butterfly mural wall of the St. Leander's gym.

The garden will contain drought-tolerant, California native plants that will provide food and shelter for more than a dozen butterfly species, including the monarchs that migrate through San Leandro each year.

Earlier this year, Kiwanian Steve Glaser looked down on the mural from the BART station and realized that its base was nothing but a jumble of weeds. He approached local landscape designer Lary Huls to design the butterfly-friendly garden, which is a candidate for certification by the North American Butterfly Association.

Monarch butterflies have probably been coming to San Leandro for millennia on their annual migratory journey. The garden will complement the mural, titled "The Great Migration of the Monarch Butterflies," painted by the artist who goes by Rigo 23.

The mural shows the remarkable journey of the colorful butterflies,

whose migratory path up to Canada each summer happens over a four-generation cycle that repeats every year. The fourth generation returns to the same spots in California each winter.

Local realtor Robert Jones, whose late wife was a butterfly aficionado, has provided startup money for the garden.

Construction of the garden is expected to cost \$8,000, of which \$3,000 already has been raised.

The San Leandro Kiwanis Club helped with initial clearing of the site and will maintain it. The club has started a GoFundMe account (<https://www.gofundme.com/p-q4y7>) to cover construction costs.

Glaser contacted the City of San Leandro, and Streets Manager Don O'Connor arranged to deliver 24 cubic yards of clean mulch, which is vital for water efficiency and weed abatement. Amber Martinez, administrator for St. Leander's, and San Leandro Assistant City Manager Jeff Kay also have been instrumental in moving the project forward.

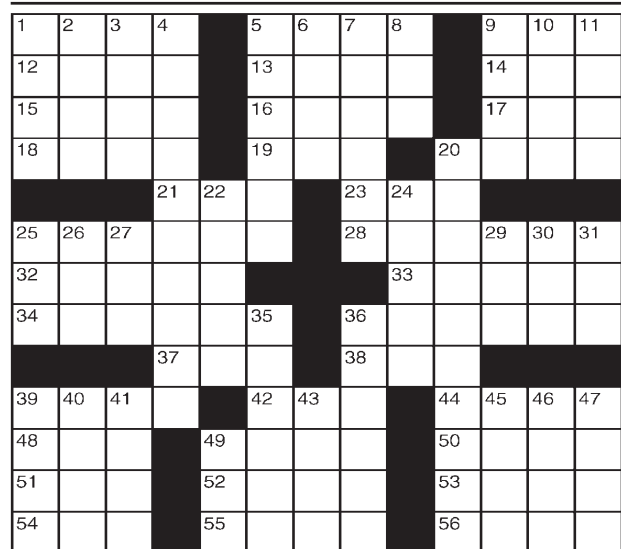
Residents are invited to visit the garden and watch the installation over the next few weeks. Huls said contributions to the GoFundMe account are greatly appreciated.



PHOTO BY AMY SYLVESTRI

The strip of land under the butterfly mural will soon be a garden for the migrating butterflies.

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- 5 Whip
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- 36 Strikingly effective
- 39 Boast
- 40 Continental coin
- 41 Requisite
- 43 Like some excuses
- 45 Chills and fever
- 46 Took the shuttle
- 47 Quite some time
- 49 Son-gun link

ANSWERS ON PAGE 3

Dream Season Turns to Nightmare



BY GREG BENSON

San Leandro Times

Riding high atop the AFC West, Oakland was heading to the playoffs for the first time in 14 years. Then, in a bone-crushing instant, it all came crashing down on Christmas Eve.

Star quarterback Derek Carr writhed in pain at the 40 yard line with a broken right fibula. His leg twisted underneath Indianapolis Colts outside linebacker Trent Cole while being tackled for an 8-yard loss.

As devastating as it is to lose your starting quarterback, the Raiders went on to win the game 33-25.

Now at 12-3 on the season,

the Raiders headed to Mile High for the season finale to face the Denver Broncos. On the line: a chance to take the AFC West Division title and the top seed for the playoffs which would give them a much-needed first-round bye and home field advantage throughout.

That is, if New England lost to Miami and the Raiders beat the Broncos or Kansas City lost to San Diego.

None of those things happened.

The Raiders ended the year at 12-4 — the fifth seed — which means a wild-card playoff on a short week in Houston versus the 9-7 fourth-seed Texans.

And, to make matters worse, backup quarterback Matt McGloin suffered a left shoulder injury in the second quarter of the Denver game, having started in place of



PHOTO BY GREG BENSON

Oakland Raiders head coach Jack Del Rio transformed a lackluster team with multiple losing seasons into a playoff contender. His toughest challenge comes on Saturday, with a banged up team, a rookie quarterback and the franchise's first playoff appearance in 14 years.

the injured Carr. That forced rookie Connor Cook into regular-season duty for the first time ever. Cook looked sharp at times, completing 14 of 21 passes for 150 yards and a touchdown, but fumbled twice, losing one, and threw an interception late in the 24-6 loss.

Now, with a rookie quarterback and a bunch of banged up starters, the Raiders head into the postseason. What developed into a dream season is now a disturbing nightmare that the team needs to quickly shake itself out of.

"It's all about recovering as quick as possible. Get up off the mat, dust yourself off, get to work, get ready for the Houston Texans," said head coach Jack Del Rio. "We've earned the opportunity to play in the postseason tournament. We're excited about that. We're going to put a plan together and see how many healthy bodies we can get together and go out and play."

This will be Del Rio's toughest challenge. He's been able to get them this far. It's now up to each player to defeat their own demons.

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Give Your Family a Gift: Get Your Personal and Financial Affairs in Order

By Jim Miller

Special to the Times

Organizing your key information and getting your personal and financial affairs in order is a great gift to your loved ones.

To help you get started, your first step is to gather up all of your important personal, financial and legal information so you can arrange it in a format that will benefit you now, and your loved ones later.

Then you'll need to sit down and create various lists of important information and instructions of how you want certain things handled when you die or if you become incapacitated.

Here's a checklist of areas you need to focus on.

■ Personal Information

- **Contacts:** Make a master list of names and phone numbers of close friends, clergy, doctors, and professional advisers such as your lawyer, accountant, broker and insurance agent.

- **Medical information:** Include a list of medications you and your spouse take, along with any allergies and illnesses.

- **Personal documents:** Include such items as your birth certificates, Social Security cards, marriage license, military discharge papers, etc.

- **Secured places:** List all the

places you keep under lock and key or protected by password, such as safe deposit boxes, safe combinations, security alarms, etc.

- **Service providers:** Provide contact information of the companies or people who provide you regular services such as utility companies, lawn service, etc.

- **Pets:** If you have a pet, give instructions for the care of the animal.

- **End of life:** Indicate your wishes for organ and tissue donation (see organdonor.gov), and write out your funeral instructions. If you've made pre-arrangements with a funeral home, include a copy of the agreement, their contact information and whether you've prepaid or not.

■ Legal Documents

- **Will, trust and estate plan:** Include the original copy of your will and other estate planning documents you've made.

- **Financial power of attorney:** This document names someone you trust to handle money matters if you're incapacitated.

- **Advance health care directives:** These documents (see caringinfo.org) — a living will and medical power of attorney — spell out your wishes regarding your end-of-life medical treatment when you can no longer make decisions for yourself.

■ Financial Records

- **Financial accounts:** Make a list of all your bank accounts, brokerage and mutual fund accounts, and any other financial assets you have.

- **Debts and liabilities:** Make a list of any loans, leases or debt you have — mortgages owed, car loans, student loans, medical bills, credit card debts. Also, make a list of all credit and charge cards, including the card numbers and contact information.

- **Company benefits:** List

any retirement plans, pensions or health benefits from your current or former employer, including the contact information of the benefits administrator.

- **Insurance:** List the insurance policies you have (life, long-term care, home, auto, Medicare, Medigap, prescription drug, etc.), including the policy numbers, agents and phone numbers.

- **Property:** List real estate, vehicles and other properties you own, rent or lease, and include documents such as deeds, titles,

and loan or lease agreements.

- **Taxes:** Include the location of your tax records and your tax preparer's contact information.

Keep all your organized information and files together in one convenient location, ideally in a fireproof filing cabinet or safe in your home. Also, be sure to review and update it every year, and don't forget to tell your loved ones where they can find it.

If you need help, get a copy of "12 Critical Things Your Family Needs to Know." This is

an excellent 60-page workbook available at 12criticalthings.com for \$15 or \$19 for the downloadable versions, or \$25 for a printed copy.



Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior."

Make a New Year's Resolution To Review Your Estate Plan

By Gene L. Osofsky, Esq.

Special to the Times

Q My wife and I created our estate planning documents about 10 years ago and we really have not even looked at them since. Do you have any thoughts about when we should consider updating them?

A Yes, I do. I would tie a review and update into a New Year's Resolution.

Many of us resolve to eat healthier and exercise more in the New Year. I would suggest

another resolution: Persons who have not created an estate plan should resolve to create one; and those who have already created one, such as yourself, should resolve to update them as need and changes in the law may require.

A very basic estate plan would typically consist of the following legal documents: a "Living Trust," a backup Will, a Durable Power of Attorney and an Advance Health Care Directive for each person. These documents are designed to be reviewed, modified and updated as circumstances change.

Benchmarks for updating these documents might include the following: (1) changes in family structure, such as by births, deaths, divorces and mar-

riages; (2) changes in the ability to manage one's own finances and/or the onset of incapacity; (3) the need for long-term care; the disability of a child; and changes in tax law.

However, as much as we encourage clients to review and update their estate planning documents, too few actually take that advice.

In this regard, I have seen wills of deceased parents, prepared two or three decades earlier, which still refer to their children as minors, and others that mention only one child when the parents subsequently had more children.

Outdated documents can sometimes be more problematic than none at all.



Gene L. Osofsky

If it has been 10 years or so since you created your documents, you very likely have provisions in them which were designed with old tax laws in mind, and that would now make administration of your estate unduly cumbersome.

I refer, specifically, to the common practice years ago, when the estate tax exemption was \$1 million per person or less, of requiring asset splitting and sub trust funding at the first death in order to minimize the estate tax bite.

Now, with the federal estate tax exemption at \$5.4-million per person (for persons dying in 2017), and the corresponding option afforded married couples to double that amount, the need for burdensome sub-trust funding is no longer necessary for most couples.

If your 10-year-old plan falls into this category, you may wish to modify it to eliminate this requirement and make trust administration easier for the survivor.

For those who have not created an estate plan, I would encourage them to do so at the earliest opportunity. Sometimes setting a specific calendar deadline is helpful, such as taking steps to create a plan and have it in place by March 31 of the coming year.

The New Year is a time for renewal. Let's add getting your legal affairs in order to your other resolutions. Your elder law or estate planning attorney can assist you in crafting an appropriate plan to meet your present circumstances.

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Warming: More elderly people become homeless as rent rises

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"We supply the mats, sleeping bags and blankets, and they put their names on them for when they come back," said Denise Ross, as she checked in guests Tuesday night, knowing everyone by name.

Ross works for Building

"I love it. I know everyone here."

— Warming center staff worker Denise Ross

Futures, which runs the warming center — along with help from the Interfaith Homeless Network (a group of churches in San Leandro) and the City of San Leandro. The center is open in the winter on nights when it's raining, when the temperature drops below 38 degrees, and on every Wednesday night no matter what the weather.

"I love it," Ross said. "I know everyone here. I know when something's wrong."

Everybody gets a hot meal when they come in, cooked by volunteers, and a light breakfast the following morning. It's a friendly atmosphere in the church's gym as volunteers Nancy Pretto, and Barbara and Dimas Rescendez served dinner.

Colette Gonsalves sat down to dinner but she wasn't staying for the night. The 71-year-old sleeps in her car.

"I used to sleep here, but I can't anymore. I can't get up from the floor because of my arthritis," Gonsalves said.

Gonsalves said he gets Social Security but it's not enough to afford a place around here. She's on a list for a Building Futures' program that subsidizes rent to get people out of homelessness. Gonsalves says she's waiting for the paperwork to come from Kaiser to verify her disability, a brain aneurysm.

Gonsalves has been homeless for two years, and appreciates getting a meal.

"I don't always have money to eat," she says.

Dimas Rescendez and his wife Barbara are volunteering for their second year, serving dinner. He says he recognizes people from the April Showers program that provides a shower and clean clothes to the homeless twice a month, run by the Interfaith Homeless Network.

"I don't always have money to eat."

— Warming center guest Colette Gonsalves

"It's a small task we do but it helps out our brothers and sisters," Rescendez said as he served dinner. "It's tough out there. Our guests are very grateful. It's a blessing for us to be able to do this."

Now in its third year, the warming shelter is seeing more people in their 60s and 70s than before, said Denise Ross who has spent years working in housing. She believes it's expensive housing that's causing more homelessness.

"I think it's the housing market," she said. "Today they want two-and-a-half times the rent to move in. There's no way somebody living on Social Security can afford that."

And once people are homeless for a while, it becomes a rut that's hard to pull out of.

"When you live on the street for so long a mental health issue



PHOTOS BY JIM KNOWLES

Volunteers Dimas (left) and Barbara Resendez (right) and Nancy Pretto serve a hot dinner with ham, soup and salad at the warming center on Tuesday night. The volunteers are member of Assumption and St. Felicitas churches.

kicks in," Ross said. "You don't like confinement. You don't like being confined by walls."

Lucia Lee ate dinner with her husband before settling down for the night in the gym. Sometimes the couple go to a shelter in Hayward, but they like this one the best. A lot of nights they sleep in a car.

Lee is 72 and her husband is 76, both retired and living on Social Security. She said a big

part of their Social Security check is taken out to go to Medicare, so they have a hard time trying to afford a place to live.

They had a small apartment in Stockton, but Lee said it was a place with drugs and crime so they left. Now, when the shelter isn't open, they sleep in their son's car, who is also homeless.

"This is a nice place," Lee said. "The people are nice. We hope we can find a place but it's

expensive here. It's expensive in Oakland too. We get Social Security but it's not enough."

The warming center welcomes clean clothes for the guests — coats, hand-warmers, rainsuits, etc. Donations can be dropped off at the Building Futures office at 1395 Bancroft Ave., or on Wednesday nights at the warming center at First United Methodist Church, 1600 Bancroft Ave.



Guests at the warming center have dinner and watch a movie and then put down their pad and sleeping bag to sleep in the gym.

SL Players To Hold Auditions

The San Leandro Players will hold auditions for *The Maltese Bodkin* by David Belke on Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 16 and 17, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Museum Auditorium, 320 W. Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro. Open call, appointments possible. Contact Sage Hindley at bhindley11@gmail.com, or call 895-2573 and leave a message.

The Maltese Bodkin is a comedy mystery with a Shakespearean twist where the worlds of detective fiction and Shakespeare collide in this "who hath done it?" Ensemble cast; read from script. No pay; non-Equity. Male and female, all ages, ethnicities encouraged. Rehearsals begin Jan. 24, Monday through Thursday evenings. Performances are March 3 through April 9 on Fridays and Saturdays and Sunday matinees.

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GUEST COMMENTARY



Sellers Beware of New Flipper Tactics

An agent approached me with a tale of woe. A homeowner had signed a contract for a new home and needed to sell her existing property quickly.

Her home was immediately listed and, within a week, received multiple offers and was in escrow. Unfortunately, after two weeks the deal crashed and she was back on the market. Another offer came in and, like the first, collapsed after a week.

Frustrated, the seller lowered the price to get a quick offer. By now, the cumulative days on the market was approaching 30 and she was afraid her listing would be viewed as tainted. Within a few days, a non-contingent cash offer arrived from a flipper offering less than list price, but able to close in seven days. The seller signed and started packing.

Days passed and it became clear the buyer was taking their

time getting their deposit into escrow. Afraid of losing a third deal, the seller hesitated in submitting a notice-to-perform.

On day seven, and still with no deposit, the investor stated that they would continue, but only at a much lower price. The seller issued a demand-to-close, but with no deposit, had no immediate recourse when the deal cancelled.

It's not a new story. With the recent lack of inventory and dramatic increase in the number of flippers, finding homes that can be flipped for a profit has become exceedingly difficult.

Tired of competition, it seems a few flippers are trying different tactics. Offering a competitive price, cash and quick close, they beat out the competition and secure the deal. Before submitting their deposit to escrow, they "inspect" the home and then come back with a request for a dramatic price reduction.

By this time, the other offers have disappeared and the seller is either back on the market or caves in to the flippers revised terms.

It's a case of Seller Beware, and we recommend the following when considering an offer:

1. Counter with "Deposit must be in escrow within 24 hours."
2. Submit a 24-hour Notice-To-Perform for the deposit the moment the offer is ratified.
3. Refuse property access until the deposit is submitted.
4. If the deposit is not in on time, submit a cancellation immediately and get right back on the market Subject to Cancellation.

Bottom line: If flippers want to start throwing curves, it's time for sellers to step up and play hardball.

Carl Medford is a licensed Realtor with Keller Williams Realty. This article is sponsored by the Central County Marketing Association at www.ccmgtoday.com.

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Heat House Safely When Temperatures Drop

With temperatures expected to remain frosty overnight in the East Bay, PG&E is urging customers to be cautious when heating their homes.

Electric heating devices, such as space heaters, are a home fire hazard when not properly used or monitored.

"Space heaters should only be used as a supplemental source of heat. They are not intended to replace the home's central heating system and, when not used properly, can create serious safety hazards," said PG&E spokesman Jake Zigelman.

Fuel-burning appliances, such as gas furnaces, stoves and water heaters, can increase the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning when they are not working properly.

Heating equipment is the second-leading cause of home fires and accounts for about 56,000 structure fires per year, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

Nearly half of these fires



Before using your fireplace, make sure that the flue is open so that it can vent safely through the chimney.

occur during the coldest winter months. The leading contributing factor to space heater fires is heating equipment too close to objects that can burn, such as furniture, clothing, mattresses or bedding.

PG&E offers the following tips:

- Place space heaters on level, hard, nonflammable surfaces, not on rugs or carpets.
- Don't put objects on space heaters or use them to dry clothes or shoes.
- Turn off space heaters when leaving the room or going to sleep.
- Keep all flammable materials at least three feet away from

heating sources and supervise children when a space heater or fireplace is being used.

- Never use cooking devices such as ovens or stoves for home heating purposes.

- Install carbon monoxide detectors to warn if concentration levels are high. All California single-family homes are required to have carbon monoxide detectors. They should be installed near sleeping areas and the batteries replaced at least twice a year.

- When using the fireplace to stay warm, make sure the flue is open so that the byproducts of combustion can vent safely through the chimney.

- Never use products inside the home that generate dangerous levels of carbon monoxide, such as generators, barbecues, propane heaters and charcoal.

If customers suspect there is a problem with a natural gas appliance inside their home, they should call PG&E at 1-800-743-5000. A gas service representative will be dispatched to do a thorough inspection. If you detect carbon monoxide in your home, you should get out immediately and call 911.

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WEEKEND GARDENER

Roses

January is the month to prune your rose bushes as well as deciduous trees, shrubs, grape vines, kiwis and berries.

Prune roses way back, using clean, sharp tools and protect your hands with heavy gloves. Make all cuts at 45-degree angles above an outside bud eye, about a quarter-inch above the eye. Take out twiggy and malformed growth.

For a moderate pruning, cut bushes 18 to 24 inches high with three to six canes left in place. Severe pruning produces larger, but fewer blooms. Floribundas and grandifloras often benefit from a light pruning.

On old garden roses, don't do anything until after the spring bloom. Prune tree roses and hybrid teas to a vase shape. Climbing roses bloom on mature canes, so don't be overzealous. Train their canes against a fence or trellis by attaching the canes to the structure in a horizontal position.

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1139 Castro Street	94577	\$550,000	3 BD - 1,063 SF - 1952
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87 Cornwall Way	94577	\$535,000	2 BD - 1,723 SF - 1979
965 Durant Avenue	94577	\$509,000	2 BD - 1,063 SF - 1941
63 Harlan Street	94577	\$500,000	2 BD - 948 SF - 1940
964 Joaquin Avenue	94577	\$420,000	3 BD - 1,390 SF - 1980
2677 Marineview Drive	94577	\$743,500	3 BD - 1,888 SF - 1965
1934 Nome Street	94577	\$555,000	4 BD - 1,568 SF - 1950
740 Oakes Boulevard	94577	\$980,000	2 BD - 1,914 SF - 1941
1165 Sandelin Avenue	94577	\$815,000	4 BD - 2,509 SF - 1972
386 W Broadmoor Blvd	94577	\$485,000	2 BD - 1,162 SF - 1937
1609 136th Avenue	94578	\$585,000	2 BD - 954 SF - 1947
1527 140th Avenue	94578	\$608,000	3 BD - 1,517 SF - 1946
13548 Bancroft Ave #2	94578	\$370,000	2 BD - 811 SF - 1970
16918 Ehle Street	94578	\$380,000	2 BD - 868 SF - 1946
16118 Maubert Avenue	94578	\$630,000	8 BD - 2,808 SF - 1953
1650 Dayton Avenue	94579	\$580,000	N/ABD - 1,764 SF - 1977
1216 Drake Avenue	94579	\$510,000	3 BD - 1,081 SF - 1951
1058 Trojan Avenue	94579	\$625,000	3 BD - 1,540 SF - 1950

TOTAL SALES: 20
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$370,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$980,000
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$567,500
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$593,525

San Lorenzo

15909 Bayberry Lane	94580	\$645,000	4 BD - 1,948 SF - 1995
16349 Elgin Court	94580	\$481,000	3 BD - 1,435 SF - 1995
669 Paseo Del Rio	94580	\$610,000	3 BD - 1,514 SF - 1944
15735 Paseo Largavista	94580	\$623,000	3 BD - 1,552 SF - 1944
17341 Via Alamos	94580	\$485,000	2 BD - 837 SF - 1948
16190 Via Andeta	94580	\$490,000	3 BD - 1,056 SF - 1944
17227 Via La Jolla	94580	\$635,000	3 BD - 1,379 SF - 1950
17481 Via Susana	94580	\$585,000	3 BD - 1,416 SF - 1951

TOTAL SALES: 8
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$481,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$645,000
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$597,500
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$569,250

Castro Valley

18983 Almond Road	94546	\$650,000	2 BD - 1,006 SF - 1940
18609 Carlwyn Drive	94546	\$772,500	3 BD - 1,814 SF - 1954
4418 Gem Avenue	94546	\$480,000	3 BD - 1,071 SF - 1950
21280 Hobert Street	94546	\$510,000	2 BD - 1,214 SF - 1947
5026 Kevin Court	94546	\$679,000	3 BD - 1,575 SF - 1955
1884 Knox Street	94546	\$400,000	2 BD - 1,330 SF - 1985
19358 San Miguel Ave	94546	\$624,000	3 BD - 1,014 SF - 1950
5681 Cold Water Drive	94552	\$880,000	4 BD - 1,669 SF - 1966
25593 Crestfield Drive	94552	\$1,100,000	5 BD - 2,992 SF - 1998
5956 Skyfarm Drive	94552	\$1,050,000	4 BD - 2,543 SF - 1987

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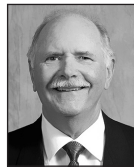
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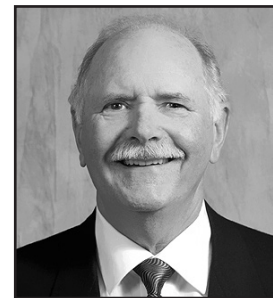
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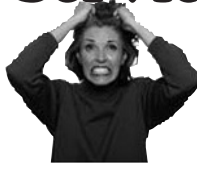
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Open Call for San Leandro's Got Talent

Local celebrity judges and talented teens apply now

San Leandro's city-wide teen talent show, San Leandro's Got Talent, is looking for local San Leandro and Bay Area residents to participate in this year's show as a celebrity guest judge.

The contest is looking for energetic, positive, and talented judges to take part in this year's show. Previous judges have included radio DJs, authors, teachers, and council members. If you believe you qualify, please fill out an online application by Wednesday, Jan. 11. The application can be found here: <http://tinyurl.com/SLGTJudge2017> or by visiting www.sanleandrolibrary.org.

Performer applications for San Leandro's Got Talent show are available online now for teens between 13 and 18 who live in San Leandro. For more information, visit <http://tinyurl.com/SLGTPerformer2017> or www.sanleandrolibrary.org. Auditions will take place on Monday, Jan. 23, at the Main Library; and

Tuesday, Jan. 24, at the Marina Community Center.

This year's San Leandro's Got Talent will take place at the Marina Community Center on Saturday, Feb. 18, from 7 to 10 p.m. Tickets for the public will go on sale Monday, Jan. 30, at noon. Purchase tickets at the San Leandro Main Library (300 Estudillo Ave.) or the Marina Community Center (15301 Wicks Blvd.). Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth, 17 and under.

San Leandro's Got Talent is a collaboration of the San Leandro Public Library's Teen Advisory Group (TAG) and the Youth Advisory Commission (YAC). TAG and YAC are joining together to offer a fun new event for the community while raising money for teen programs. Proceeds from ticket sales and sponsorships will be used for teen programs at the library as well as YAC's mini-grant program for youth-serving organizations.

Writers Invited SLZ Library Poetry And Prose Contest

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Trio Runs for State Demo Party Delegates

San Leandro residents Lisa Cysewski (LaFave), Jerome Shafer, and Mike Katz-Lacabe will seek to represent San Leandro as delegates to the California State Democratic Party from Assembly District 18 on Saturday, Jan. 7.

For the first time in recent memory, the election will take place in San Leandro. Anybody who is a registered Democrat can vote and on-site registration is available.

The election takes place from

9:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Jan. 7, at the Sheet Metal Workers office at 1720 Marina Blvd. in San Leandro. Parking is available from Abram Court, off of Merced Street.

As the election only affects the Democratic Party, it doesn't usually gather much attention. But this year many Democrats have been motivated by the election loss and are heeding Bernie Sanders' call to "transform American politics to make our political and economic systems

once again responsive to the needs of working families."

Assembly District 18 includes San Leandro, Alameda, and most of Oakland. Democrats will gather to elect seven women and seven men from each assembly district in California as delegates to the state party. Those who are elected will have the chance to vote for a new state party chair and to endorse candidates for the California assembly, senate, and statewide races.

The three San Leandro residents have combined their efforts with like-minded activists from Alameda and Oakland. Although inspired by Sanders, some of the candidates backed Hillary Clinton in the primary.

Shafer attended the Democratic National Convention as a delegate for Bernie Sanders. Cysewski is a nurse who worked to save San Leandro Hospital and Katz-Lacabe is a former school board member and local activist.

LOCAL DEATHS

METCALF, David Dwayne
SCHMIDT, Francis Joseph, Sr.
TOSTE, Isilda M.

18, at 11:30 a.m. at 5911 Mowry Ave. in Newark at Swiss Park.

■ **METCALF, David Dwayne**, passed on December 29, 2016, at age 53. The Memorial services will be held on Wednesday, Jan.

■ **TOSTE, Isilda M.**, of San Leandro passed on December 28, 2016. Visitation was held on Jan. 4 at Santos-Robinson in San Leandro. The Vigil Service

and Funeral Liturgy celebrating her life was held on Jan. 4 at St. Leander Church in San Leandro. Interment is today, Jan. 5, at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward. Arrangements were made by Santos-Robinson Mortuary

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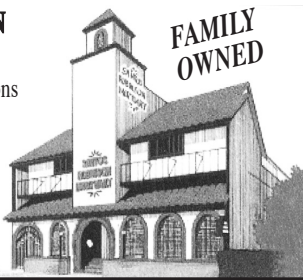
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Beloved Frank Schmidt passed away on Thursday, December 29, 2016 in his San Leandro residence.

He touched many lives with his large heart and giving nature. He enjoyed geography and nature, and shared that enthusiasm with his children in their formative years.

Frank was born in New York and graduated from Forest Hills High School. After serving in the U.S. Navy, Frank had a 30-year career with AT&T and retired in 2001.

Frank is survived by his devoted children: Francis Schmidt, Jr. (Vera) of Sunnyvale; John Schmidt of Seattle; Mary Clark (Mike) of San Leandro; Patricia Brown (Eric) of Boise; and Wayne Schmidt of San Leandro. Beloved grandchildren include: Nathaniel, Gabriel and Samuel Brown; Sonya and Josephine Schmidt; Jake and Marin Clark; and Rilee Schmidt. He is also survived by his sister, Pamela DeWitt of Morehead, Kentucky; and his adored nieces, nephews and cousins.

Friends and family are invited to celebrate his life at a memorial service today, Jan. 5, at 5:30 p.m. at Santos-Robinson Mortuary, 160 Estudillo Ave., in San Leandro. Visitation will be available preceding the services from noon to 5 p.m.



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Sons of Norway To Host Crab Feed

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Dinner will be spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, crab and dessert. Tickets are \$50 for adults, or \$20

for children age 5 to 12.

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Demo Club to Protest on Jan. 20

The San Leandro Democratic Club will hold a protest march against Donald Trump on inauguration day, Friday, Jan. 20, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., starting in front of the San Leandro BART

Station and going to City Hall, 835 East 14th St.

The club invites people to bring signs and come to chant, sing and listen to a few speakers.

Council: 'Triangle gateway' with 'San Leandro' sign to be installed on East 14th and 150th Ave. City to Host Annual MLK Celebration January 16

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have to wait until more than half way into the meeting for a chance to speak – sometimes two hours or more.

The council also heard a presentation on how to spend \$1.7 million in bond money remaining from the now-dissolved redevelopment agency.

The bonds were issued back in 2008, before California disbanded all city redevelopment agencies.

The city wants to use the money to create a "triangle

gateway" at the intersection of East 14th Street, Hesperian Boulevard, and 150th Avenue. It would feature landscaping and a sign saying "San Leandro." The estimated cost would be \$750,000.

"Art is an important component of dressing up that entire street," said City Manager Chris Zapata.

Another \$750,000 would go to pedestrian and lighting improvements on East 14th Street in the north area from Davis Street to Durant Avenue.

And \$200,000 would be spent in putting utility lines underground on the southern end of East 14th Street.

The council will vote on whether to accept the projects on Jan. 17 and the spending will have to be approved by the county and state before any construction could begin.

Benny Lee Named Vice Mayor of SL

Also at the meeting, the council elected its 2017 vice-mayor – Lee Thomas was selected by a

unanimous vote.

The position of vice mayor is largely ceremonial. The vice mayor runs council meetings and attends events when the mayor is unavailable. Often, council members simply take turns in the position.

But there have been inter-council squabbles about who gets the nod. Some believe it gives an advantage in seeking reelection or a future run for the mayor's seat because "vice mayor" sounds good on a campaign flyer.

The City of San Leandro's annual celebration in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., featuring entertainment and a student oratorical contest, will be on Monday, Jan. 16, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Community Center, 13909 E 14th St.

Students enrolled in grades 3rd through 12th and attend San Leandro schools are invited to participate in the oratorical contest and poetry slam.

Entry forms are available online at www.sanleandro.org and are due by Friday, Jan. 13. For

more information, call the Recreation and Human Services Department at 577-3462.

Students are eligible to win Amazon gift card prizes in their grade category. Prizes are made possible by a donation from the San Leandro Optimist Club.

"The Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday is now in its 31st year, having first been recognized as a national holiday in 1986," said Mayor Pauline Cutter. "I encourage everyone to join us on January 16th and celebrate Dr. King's enduring legacy."

OPINION

LETTERS to the EDITOR

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'Very Skeptical' About the Latest Technology Innovations

Editor:

Be very skeptical about the latest cool thing the city is embarking on. We're finally getting our 4,300-plus street lights converted over to LED – with a 90 percent energy savings verses the current bulbs.

Other cities around the state did this years ago (like we all did in our homes to cut our monthly energy bill), but San Leandro balked, which I've never understood.

So, I'm thrilled it's finally being done and it appears on someone else's dime. San Leandro received a \$1.5 million grant from the state to help develop a "remote management" system for our power supply which will basically give someone in Sacramento, or any 14 year old with a smart phone, control over our power supply.

I used to be in favor of all the latest technology innovations, but given that I've received repeated notices from my credit card companies that they've been hacked and they have millions of dollars of assets to protect, I've become a total skeptic.

Our election is in question because of a possible Russian involvement and now I'm supposed to believe that we have the people in place at City Hall and the capability of implementing an un-hackable power grid "remote

management" system here in San Leandro. Mark me down as very skeptical.

And, when the state has all cities "integrated" does that mean turning off San Leandro's power in favor of leaving Oakland or Hayward's on? These are questions that need to be raised right now, not later. The city thought this was a genius move on their part for getting the state to foot the bill for the street light conversion. I don't think it takes a genius to realize this all sounds like a bad deal for San Leandro.

—Gary Langbehn
San Leandro

Wonders About Lack of Concern Over BART's Latest Hike in Fines

Editor:

Well, aren't you all glad you agreed to raise taxes for BART?

Have you all seen the increases in fines they have going for the new year? Thanks to the San Leandro Times for keeping us updated. I am no math whiz, but now if you park in the daily fee section and forget to pay at the pay station your fine is up from \$35 to now \$55.

And if you are in the monthly permit section it is from \$40 to \$75. Will someone please tell me what percentage raise that is? Did you all get raises this year at that percentage? Who says our government can raise fines that high?

Well, I guess you all do as you voted to raise property taxes for them and as no one complains to the BART board about these added fines. I see lots of spaces here in San Leandro not used during the day because of parking fees.

I was against BART instituting fees for parking in the first place, and now these fines increases. Where does this end? I guess you all are happy with government confiscation of your hard-earned dollars, because they keep getting away with it and very few complain. I would love a raise to this percentage. Anyone else get that kind of raise? Anyone at all? (Crickets)

—Corey Anderson
San Leandro

Heartening to See Bernard Ashcraft's Dedication to Diversity

Editor:

Congratulations to Bernard Ashcraft upon receiving the Urban League's Diversity and Equity Award (*San Leandro Times*, Dec. 15, 2016).

At a time when too many behave in ways that further divide us, it is heartening to see Mr. Ashcraft's dedication to diversity and equity acknowledged.

—Cindy Hicks
San Leandro

Urges Rejection of Perry for Secretary of Energy

Editor:

President-elect Donald Trump's selection of former Texas Governor Rick Perry as Secretary of Energy is in contradiction because during his unsuccessful run for president in 2012, Perry said that one of the items that he wants to eliminate in Washington is the Department of Energy.

If he is confirmed, Perry – with the blessing of Trump – will let the Texas-based energy company, Energy Transfer Partner, resume the building of the Dakota Access pipeline that will go through Lakota Peoples sacred site as well as the Missouri River.

Recently, the Army Corp of Engineers had rejected a permit for this energy company to build this pipeline due to pressure by the Lakota Peoples in violation of their rights to their sites as well to the water.

Now Trump and Perry want to resume it since both have a stake into this project. I urge the United States Senate – if they are concerned about the rights of Indigenous Peoples – to reject the nomination of Rick Perry as Secretary of Energy.

—Billy Trice, Jr.

INQUIRING REPORTER

Looking forward to January 20?

— Asked at the Bayfair BART Station

I know Trump is going to make some big changes on health care and the economy.

Rosa Domez
Hayward



No, I'm not looking forward because of the stuff he said that's racist, saying he would send us back to Africa. He talks about Obama like a dog. Saying he's going to make change and get people jobs. No, he just said that to get elected.

Kenny Scott
San Leandro



Sure, I'm curious to see what he's going to do and how people react to him. His first speech will be quite interesting.

Chris Petersen
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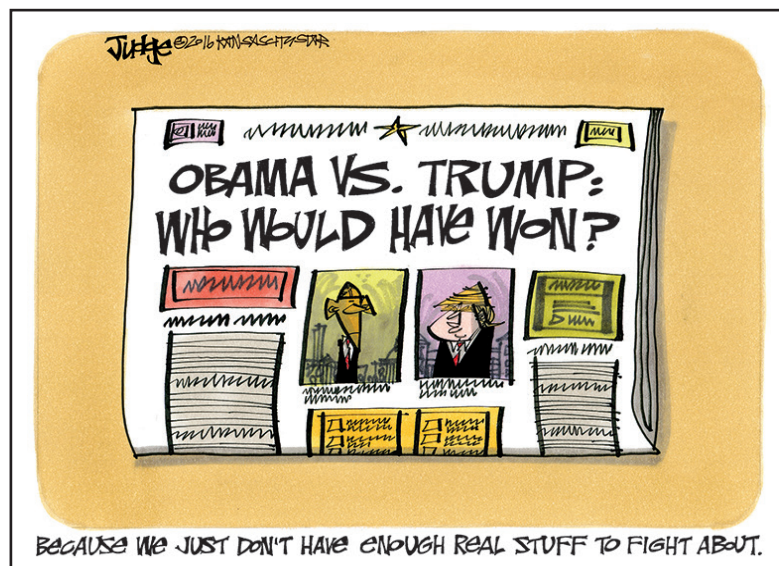
I don't plan on vacationing out of the country. I think he will help the economy. He might do it in an unorthodox way. It's good to have a president who is pro-America.

John Silva
San Leandro



I think he will be good. He has his own money, so he won't be taking money like Hillary. I didn't vote for him but when he got elected I thought maybe he can do what he says. I live in Arizona and it's pro-Trump. I think he will bring more jobs.

Alexis Langarica
Phoenix,
visiting relatives in San Leandro



Sewer: Cities set the sewer rates considering a variety of factors

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Oro Loma's neighboring agencies including San Leandro are below the average of most Bay Area wastewater rates and he "thinks highly" of the operation.

Oro Loma's wastewater rates are significantly lower than the rest of the East Bay, according to a rate chart provided by Oro Loma and the City of San Leandro.

Hayward residents pay \$358, Castro Valley and Union City residents \$380, and Pleasanton residents \$468.

Residents in Alameda, Berkeley, Oakland, and Emeryville pay separate wastewater charges to their cities and to the East

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— Dean Wilson, water pollution control plant manager

Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD). When added together, the total wastewater fee for customers in those cities is higher than San Leandro's rate. For example, Alameda residents pay \$691 annually.

Cities set rates by considering a variety of factors, Wilson said. For instance, in San Leandro, there are a lot of industrial wastewater clients. If a big business left and their fees were no longer coming in, the city would still have to find a way to run the treatment service.

"You have to look at the cost of doing business," said Wilson. "Look at commercial, residential, and industrial customers and assign a value that will cover the cost of the needs. We look at our expenses and make sure we can operate and make sure we can have a reserve."



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The San Leandro water treatment plant reopened in April after being remodeled.

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