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The old Chabot Dam outlet tower and its decorative pillar structure, added in 1920, were demolished as part of the current seismic upgrade. The tower contained valves that released water from the reservoir. But, because it was vulnerable to an earthquake, the valves were moved to the shore.

Dam Made Earthquake Safe

By Linda Sandmark
San Leandro Times

East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) held a celebration last week for completion of Chabot Dam upgrade construction.

Located in the hills bordering San

Leandro and Castro Valley, the dam has undergone 18 months of seismic upgrade work. Officials say Chabot Dam is now stronger than ever and able to withstand a magnitude 7.25 earthquake.

"We took the same dam and made it safer," says Tom Boardman of EBMUD.

The good news is that the trail all around Lake Chabot is now open. Part of the trail had been closed during the construction period.

"They've been retrofitting for the last two years and had to close off the loop trail

see DAM, page 8

Council Gives \$500,000 to Davis West

Sale of property to be used for streets, parks, noise insulation

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

The over half-million dollars in proceeds from the sale of a city-owned home in the Davis West area will go directly to benefit that neighborhood rather than be placed back into the general fund.

Last month, the City Council voted unanimously to appropriate \$542,000 from the sale of 2139 Laura Avenue for improvements to create a "neighborhood investment program."

The city bought the property for \$340,000 in 2008 as part of a plan to widen Davis Street and the I-880 off-ramp.

But eventually, the widening project was reconfigured and the Laura Avenue property was not required to be demolished as part of the construction, so the city owned a home that it didn't need.

The home was leased to a private party from 2013 until earlier this year. In August, the city sold the home after making \$48,000 in repairs and improvements.

The city had to decide whether the \$542,000 was going to go back into the general fund where it came from or stay specifically in Davis West, according to Kirsten Foley of the city's engineering and transportation department.

The council decided to keep the money in Davis West because they say they have identified sev-

eral projects in the area that need funding, including utility box art, improvements to Warden Park, and home insulation to mitigate airport noise.

The airport noise canceling see DAVIS WEST, page 15

Supervisors Create Eden Area Board

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

The county Board of Supervisors voted earlier this month to create the Eden Municipal Advisory Council (EMAC) to give a voice to the over 60,000 people who live in the unincorporated area.

Castro Valley and the Fairview area already have their own MACs. And now so will residents of San Lorenzo, Ashland, Cherryland, and Hayward Acres, following a grassroots effort to petition the county to create a new MAC.

A MAC is made up of people appointed by a county supervisor to advise the supervisors on smaller local matters. In this EMAC's see MAC, page 14

Teen in Crown Vic Pulls Car Over

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

A teenager impersonating a police officer allegedly pulled over a motorist early last Friday morning, but the driver didn't buy it and the teen was arrested.

The motorist was driving southbound on the 2100 block of Bancroft Avenue at around 12:20 a.m. when a vehicle passed him driving in the other direction.

The car then made a U-turn

and drove behind the motorist and turned on red and blue flashing lights and sirens, according to Lt. Isaac Benabou of the San Leandro police.

The driver pulled over and watched in his rearview mirror as the impersonator walked toward his car. The person who got out of what appeared to be a police car was young and dressed in plain clothes and didn't have the appearance of a real cop, Bena-

"The real work of stopping vehicles is extremely dangerous."

— Lt. Isaac Benabou
of the San Leandro police

bou said.

The driver was scared and immediately pulled out and drove away while calling 911. The "cop" got back into his car and drove away from the area.

Actual police officers searched the area and found the suspect in a Ford Crown Victoria — a car commonly used by police departments — a short time later on 159th Avenue in the unincorporated area. see IMPERSONATION, page 5

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Student Talent Show on Sunday At Bancroft Gym

Students will take the stage at the annual SLUSD's Got Talent where 20 acts will perform at the Bancroft Middle School gym on Sunday, Nov. 5, from 1 to 5 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 at the door for the talent show presented by the

Keep Music Rockin' Foundation.

Singers, dancers and musicians will perform and the finalists will be invited to perform alongside award-winning musician Lenny Williams on Dec. 7 at the annual Holidays with Lenny Williams Concert.

News Briefs

Washington Homeowners Meeting

The Washington Homeowners and Residents Association will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 7, from 6 to 7:45 p.m. in the Manor Branch Library Community Room. Check whoasl.webs.com for guest speaker information. Come and discuss your community concerns. If you have questions related to Washington Manor that you would like to discuss please forward them to Marti Lantz at volunteermarti@pacbell.net.

Veterans Day Flag Raising

American Legion Post 117 and City of San Leandro invite the public to the Veterans Day observance and flag raising at San Leandro City Hall, 835 East 14th St., on Saturday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m. On this day that honors all American veterans, Post 117 plans to honor a veteran who passed on with a ceremony that includes the stacking of rifles, placement of an American Legion cap, and a flag raising ceremony.

Fashion Designer

To Speak at Art Association Meeting

San Leandro Art Association will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m. when a vote will be taken for the 2018 officers. At 7:30 p.m., fashion designer Mariya Milovidova will demonstrate her work. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Molly Dolly at 483-1208.



The Washington Manor Angels 18-U baseball team won the Nor Cal Got Wood Tournament in Fremont in October.

Washington Manor Angels 18-U Win Nor Cal Tournament in Fremont

The Washington Manor Angels 18-U team went 3-1 to win the Nor Cal Got Wood Tournament in Fremont last month.

Washington Manor won the tournament with two complete game shutouts pitched by Justin

Lenoff and Christian Guzman.

Guzman, the tournament MVP, pitched a complete game shutout in the championship game against Game Prep to give the Angels a 2-0 victory.

Lenoff pitched seven innings,

allowing just two hits and striking out six batters, and Sam Diosdado picked up a win with six innings of work while striking out eight batters. Michael Pulido went 3-for-6 and scored two runs at the plate for Washington Manor.

BY ROBERT ROSAS



If YOU suffer from low back pain, according to National Institutes of Health, you are among

four out of five Americans who will suffer from disabling back pain during their lifetimes.

Shooting, stabbing and burning pains from the low back, sometimes with additional pain through the buttocks and down the legs are all symptoms of a pinched nerves often called "sciatica".

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Roll Over Crash on I-580

The driver of one vehicle was hospitalized following a two-car collision on west-bound I-580 at the 150th Avenue exit last Sunday at shortly after 3 p.m. The driver of the other vehicle needed medical help for more minor injuries following the roll over crash. The cause of the collision is under investigation by the Alameda County Sheriff's Office.

Pair Leads Police on Car Chase

A pair of suspects stole two cars and got into multiple collisions last week before being arrested.

It began when a man and woman in a stolen car were involved in crash near the intersection of East 14th Street and Dutton Avenue last Wednesday at around 12:30 p.m.

When police arrived, the car's occupants had already fled the scene by stealing a commercial truck.

About two hours later, police found the stolen truck with the pair inside in the area of 105th Avenue and International Boulevard in Oakland, according to Lt. Isaac Benabou of the San Leandro police.

Officers tried to take the suspects into custody, but the driver sped off, leading the police on a chase.

During the chase, the suspects rammed into three occupied police cars and an AC Transit bus.

The collisions damaged the truck but the driver persisted, driving at a slow speed for eight more minutes before the suspects surrendered and were arrested.

Two officers involved in the chase were hurt and have since been treated and released.

The suspects were booked for multiple felonies and the case has been sent to the district attorney.

San Leandro Man, 20, Shot And Killed in West Oakland

A San Leandro man was shot and killed in West Oakland early Sunday morning, according to Oakland police.

Brandon Pakeman, 20, was found dead shortly after 1:30 a.m. on Oct. 28 on the 1200 block of Eighth Street between Union and Adeline streets by Oakland police officer who were responding to a Shot Spotter alert in the largely residential area.

It is unknown why Pakeman was in the area or what a possible motive for the killing may have been, police said.

Officers are investigating whether Pakeman was possibly the victim of a drive-by shooting.

Police and Crime Stoppers of Oakland are offering up to \$10,000 in reward money for information leading to the arrest of Pakeman's killer.

No suspect description has been released by police at this time.

Anyone with information is 238-3821 or Crime Stoppers at 777-8572.



Halloween Fun in San Lorenzo

It's no surprise that firefighters from the Alameda County Fire Department said this family – including a dalmatian, fire hydrant, ladder, and mini firefighter – were some of the best dressed revelers at the 10th Annual San Lorenzo Village Homes Association Halloween Festival last weekend.

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Time to Check Your Smoke Detectors

Daylight Saving Time ends this Sunday, Nov. 5 at 2 a.m., when the clocks will "fall back" one hour. Fire officials say that when the time changes, that's a good opportunity to remember to check all of your household's smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms. Batteries need to be replaced roughly every six months.

It's also important to remem-

ber that not only do the batteries in smoke detectors need replacing, sometimes the detectors themselves do, too. Replace smoke alarms every 10 years.

Check the age of your detector by unscrewing it from its mount on the wall or ceiling. The date of manufacture should be printed on the back of the alarm. If it's more than 10 years old, you should install a replacement.

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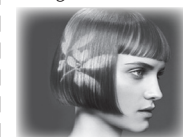
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NEIGHBORS



Fremont Bank vice president and the executive director accept recognition from the St. Rose Hospital board of directors earlier this month.

Fremont Bank Donates \$375,000 To St. Rose Hospital For New Pharmacy

On Wednesday, October 4, the St. Rose Hospital Board of Directors recognized Fremont Bank and the Fremont Bank Foundation for their donation of \$375,000 to build a new, state-of-the-art, in-patient pharmacy at St. Rose Hospital.

St. Rose Hospital is an independent community hospital located in Hayward, California that has been an integral part of the local community for 55 years.

St. Rose Hospital serves as

a safety net hospital, providing healthcare access to those who otherwise would not receive care.

“The continued support from Fremont Bank allows the hospital to maintain providing quality healthcare to our community,” said Aman Dhuper, St. Rose Hospital chief executive officer.

Fremont Bank and the Fremont Bank Foundation are long-time supporters of the Hospital and have donated over \$1 million to various projects at the hospital

for the past 20 years.

In response to the recognition, Brian Hughes, Vice President, Fremont Bank and Executive Director, Fremont Bank Foundation remarked, “We look for established organizations in our community where their mission is to enhance quality of life for all people. The doctors, nurses and staff at St. Rose Hospital work hard to keep people healthy, which leads to a stronger community.”

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

❖ Chanticleers Theatre *The Addams Family*

The Addams Family, a magnificently macabre musical comedy, now at the Chanticleers Theatre, 3683 Quail Avenue in

Castro Valley. In the kooky, upside-down world of the Addams Family, a grave crisis is brewing. It is every father's worst nightmare but in reverse. Curtain time for Friday and Saturday evenings

is 8 p.m., and Sunday matinees start at 2 p.m. runs through Nov. 5. For tickets (general-\$25, seniors and students-\$20, call Seelie at 733-5483 or visit chanticleers.org.

❖ San Leandro Players *The Broken Badge*

The San Leandro Players present *The Broken Badge*, on Saturdays, through Nov. 19, at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. at the San Leandro Museum/Auditorium, 320 West Estudillo Ave. Tickets are \$20 general, \$15 seniors, TBA members (with ID), under 12, students. The play melds old-time radio and melodrama in a turn-of-the century San Leandro story of lost love, a rehabilitated villain, a jilted woman, and a famed sheriff. For information or reservations, call 895-2573, or online at www.slplayers.org.

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❖ Kiwanis Club of San Leandro

Join the Kiwanis Club of San Leandro for weekly meetings. The first Tuesday is for socializing. Dinner is open menu and starts at 5:30 p.m. The following Tuesdays, second through the fourth or fifth, are luncheons and are from 12:10 to 1:30 p.m. with a speaker. All meetings are held at The Englander, 101 Parrett Street in San Leandro.

❖ Marine Corps Birthday Breakfast

The Lt. Frank Reasoner Detachment, Marine Corps League will host a breakfast celebrating the 242nd Marine Corps birthday on Saturday, Nov. 4., at 8 a.m. at the San Leandro Veterans Building, 1103 Bancroft Ave. Tickets are \$20 at the door. For more information, call Ron Saunders at 489-4186.

❖ Dia de los Muertos Celebration

The San Leandro History Museum, 320 W. Estudillo Ave., will celebrate the end Dia de los Muertos on Nov. 4, by screening short documentaries about the history and traditions of Dia de los Muertos. This will also be the last day to view the ofrendas (objects placed on a ritual altar) to Jose Joaquin Estudillo, the founding father of San Leandro. The set of films will be shown at 11:15 a.m. and again at 2 p.m. There will be family craft activities after the 11:15 a.m. screening until 4 p.m. The film and activities are free of charge and open to the public.

❖ Eagles Auxiliary Tea For A Cause

The Fraternal Order of Eagles Auxiliary 1139 will have its second annual charity Tea For A Cause on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Eagles Hall, 24106 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward. There will be a variety of teas, finger sandwiches, scones and many desserts. There will also be a raffle table. The cost is \$15 per person. The proceeds will benefit the Salvation Army and The Alameda County Community Food Bank at Christmastime. For more information, call Glenda at 584-1568.

❖ Togeï Ceramic Artwork Exhibit

The Togeï pottery class will exhibit ceramic artwork and pottery pieces beginning on Saturday, Nov. 4 and continuing through Dec. 31 at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Avenue. There will also be a special reception and sale of pieces at the library on Saturday, Nov. 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come to enjoy the pottery and refreshments.

❖ Prostate World Group Meetings

Prostate World, a support group for men and their significant others, holds meetings every second Tuesday of the month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at St. Rose Hospital, Pavilion Bldg., Room B, 27190 Calaroga Avenue in Hayward. Guest speakers present the latest information on prostate cancer. For more information, call Lonnie Silva at 783-5121 or email prostateworld@comcast.net.

❖ Job Search Skills Training

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❖ Sons In Retirement Meetings

Sons In Retirement (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.

❖ Holiday Boutique

There will be a Holiday Boutique on Friday, Nov. 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 11, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Ashland Holy Ghost Hall, 16490 Kent Avenue in San Lorenzo. Some of the many handmade items include, jewelry, holiday decoration, baked goods, knit items, and jams and jelly's.

❖ Hearing Loss Association Meeting

The Hearing Loss Association will meet on Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Oakland Kaiser Permanente Hospital, Fabiola Bldg., 3801 Howe St., lower level, room G26. Refreshments are at 9:30 a.m. with the program starting at 10 a.m. The speaker will be Lauren Jacobs and her theme will be music. Lauren Jacobs is a UCSF research specialist who has researched the effects of musical rhythm on visual long-term memory. Parking is free in the old garage across from Howe Street. For more information, email athos.artist@att.net or call Kay at 886-4717.

❖ I.D.E.S. of Saint John November Lunch

I.D.E.S. of Saint John, 1670 Orchard Ave. in San Leandro, will have its Thanksgiving lunch and bingo on Saturday, Nov. 11, at noon. Lunch is \$15 and includes a turkey lunch and 4 bingo cards, additional cards are 25 cents each. For more information and tickets call, Helder Quadros at 357-5846, Willie Calvo at 635-6326, or Frances Leite at 886-1568.

❖ Alta Mira Club Annual Boutique

The Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Avenue in San Leandro will have its annual community boutique on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 10 and 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunches will be sold from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Unique hand made items will be sold by a number of vendors and Alta Mira members.

❖ St. Felicitas November Luncheon

Tickets are now on sale for St. Felicitas Parish, 1662 Manor Blvd. in San Leandro for the Young at Heart luncheon on Wednesday, Nov. 15, serving lasagna rollup, salad and all the fixings plus dessert and beverage. Doors open at 11:45 a.m. and lunch is served at noon. Tickets are \$7. Entertainment and door prizes at each luncheon. Tickets must be purchased no later than Thursday, Nov. 9 before the luncheon. Tickets are available at the parish office Monday through Thursday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

❖ Science Night at Bancroft Middle School

The Bancroft Middle School science department invites everyone to its annual Science Night on Thursday, Nov. 16, from 6 to 8 p.m. See science demonstrations and interactive fun on energy, chemistry, engineering, experimentation, and invention. See the science magic show and enjoy liquid nitrogen ice cream. There will be food for sale on the Bancroft campus, 1150 Bancroft Ave., for your convenience. This event is co-sponsored by Xtreme Science Magic, The Lawrence Hall of Science, and The American Chemical Society.

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TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): The Bovine's sharp business sense alerts you to question the positions of those trying to push the Bull into a deal. Demand to see proof of what they profess.



GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Your quick thinking helps you get out of a troubling situation that suddenly was thrust upon you. Later on, you can expect to learn more about why it happened.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): You might feel you've dotted all your i's and crossed all your t's regarding that upcoming deal. But there might be some facts you've ignored. Check again.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): Time for the Lion to be more physically active. It will help shake off any lingering Leonine lethargy and restore your energy levels, so you'll be prepared for what lies ahead.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): Helping those in need at this time is laudable. But don't ignore your own needs, especially where it concerns your health. A medical checkup is a wise move.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): Good news: Your outspoken views about a controversial on-the-job situation could find unexpectedly strong support from a most unlikely workplace faction.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): You might have to draw on your reservoir of spiritual strength to help someone special through a difficult time. Your loving attitude makes all the difference.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Your proven leadership qualities make you the perfect person to take on an important workplace task.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Although some compromise might need to be reached regarding your stand on an important issue, you'll still be able to get the most crucial points across.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): A chance to make a career change carries both positive and uncertain possibilities. Best advice: Check it out thoroughly and don't be rushed into a decision.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): You're still a staunch supporter of one side of an important issue. But be prepared to deal with new information that could cause you to question your current stand.



Monarch butterflies nest in the eucalyptus trees over the winter near the marina and golf course.

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This is one of only two places in Alameda County to witness this natural phenomenon with a naturalist guide. Wear comfortable shoes that can get a bit dirty. Bring binoculars or some will be available to borrow.

For more information, call 577-6085 or email sanleandro-butterflies@earthlink.net.

Weekday school programs and other group trips are available on a limited basis. Call for details. The wintering site is not open to the public.

Only registered participants can enter the site. Programs occur rain or shine. For children and adults. \$14 per adults. \$8 or youth.

Classes are on the following dates:

Saturday, Nov. 4, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 19, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 6, noon to 1:30 p.m.

Marine Corps League Breakfast

The Lt. Frank Reasoner Detachment, Marine Corps League will host a breakfast celebrating the 242nd Marine Corps birthday on Saturday, Nov. 4., at 8 a.m. at

the San Leandro Veterans Building, 1103 Bancroft Ave. Tickets are \$20 at the door. For more information, call Ron Saunders at 489-4186.

Impersonation: Four people in car

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porated area.

Four people were in the car, including a 15-year-old unlicensed driver who was identified by the victim as the suspect who tried to pull him over.

A 19-year-old man in the car was also arrested for contributing to the delinquency of a minor. The other people in the car were juveniles and were released to their parents.

"We are thankful that these subjects were located so quickly," said Lt. Benabou. "The real police work of stopping vehicles is an extremely dangerous task and should not be considered as fun. These individuals not only

placed the motorist at harm but themselves too."

No weapons or other police equipment were found inside of the suspect's vehicle. It is believed that the suspects may have used a smartphone application that simulated flashing lights and sounds.

Cases of people impersonating an officer are rare, but it has happened in San Leandro before.

Back in 2010, a woman walking along the 14000 block of East 14th Street was stopped by a man in a black SUV with flashing lights who was wearing an official-looking uniform. He yelled "freeze!" at her which made her suspicious that he wasn't an

actual officer and he accused her of being on drugs and placed her in handcuffs.

The man took her wallet and went to his vehicle, where he pantomimed speaking into his radio briefly before uncuffing the woman and letting her go. Later, the woman discovered \$200 missing from the wallet.

At the time, San Leandro police believed the man was probably working in security due to his realistic-looking uniform and car.

If you feel that you are being pulled over by someone other than law enforcement, drive slowly with your hazard lights flashing to a well-lit and occupied area and call 911, Benabou said.

Blue Star Moms Fundraiser Party

The Alameda, Piedmont, Oakland Blue Star Moms Group (CA36) is having a fundraising party on Saturday, Nov. 11, from 6 p.m. to midnight at The Washington Club, 1746 Washington Ave. in San Leandro.

There will be food and drawings for prizes, including a top prize of four Chairman's Club tickets to the San Jose Sharks game vs. the Florida Panthers on Nov. 16. Winner will be notified by email. For more information, go to the Blue Star Moms website: bluestarmomsc36.com.

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AUTOMOTIVE

RAV4 Hybrid Averages 32 mpg

By Steve Schaefer
San Leandro Times

The RAV4 Hybrid combines two automotive trends — the utility and style of a crossover with the improved fuel economy of a hybrid. The RAV4 has enjoyed well-deserved popularity as a gasoline car for 20 years.

The car's Hybrid Synergy Drive System uses a 2.5-liter inline four-cylinder gas engine that puts out 150 horsepower and 152 lb.-ft. of torque. Two front- and rear-mounted electric motors generate 141 and 67 horsepower respectively. The combined 194 total vehicle horsepower pulls the nearly two-ton vehicle from zero to 60 in 8.1 seconds.

EPA economy numbers shows the Hybrid at 34 City, 30 Highway, and 32 Combined. The comparable gas version earns 23/29/25, giving the hybrid a 28 percent improvement (using the Combined scores). The Green

ratings are 8 for Smog and 7 for Greenhouse gas.

I averaged 32.6 mpg over my week-long test. That's an average, but I noticed that on certain trips, such as on the way home from my bandmate Ed's place, where I enjoyed lots of EV driving, I averaged 49.5 mpg. One commute day, I averaged 39.9 mpg for an hour-long drive to my office. So, as they say, "your mileage may vary."

Toyota's hybrids use sophisticated software to nearly imperceptibly blend the gas and electric energy power sources. Driving through parking lots and in 25 mph in-town traffic, you'll often enjoy silent, pure EV motoring. At greater speeds or strong acceleration, the engine kicks in.

Vehicles that employ batteries for propulsion use regenerative braking. Here, it fills the RAV4's nickel-metal hydride 204-cell battery pack when you slow or brake. As this is not a plug-in vehicle, that's where all the electricity comes from, so how you drive

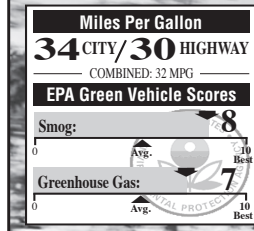
affects how quickly the battery charges and therefore how often you can cruise along petroleum free. An instrument panel display shows you not only the flow of where the energy is currently coming from and going, but also helps you manage acceleration and braking for optimum fuel economy.

You can choose from different operating modes to conserve more fuel. The ECO setting dulls the throttle response and uses the air conditioning less. In EV mode you can drive the car like a pure electric vehicle for about half a mile at under 25 miles per hour.

The RAV4 Hybrid is available in three levels: XLE, SE and Limited; all come with all-wheel-drive standard. My test car, in appropriately-named Electric Storm Blue, was an SE, which is new for 2017.

The XLE arrives well equipped, and the SE adds extra features. Outside, the bumper wears a sportier design. The wheels grow from 17- to 18-inch alloys, you get a power liftgate, and the mirrors are powered and color-keyed. LEDs glow in the headlamps, daytime running lights, and taillights. Inside, eight-way power adjustable seats are covered in SofTex artificial leather; the front buckets are heated. The SE proudly wears a label on the shift lever, door sill protectors and floor mats.

The RAV4 is a good size for commuting, around town errands, and longer trips, too. Drop the seats and haul a generous load of your stuff. There's 35.6 cubic feet of space with the rear seat up.



The 2017 RAV4 also comes standard with Toyota Care, a complimentary plan covering normal factory-scheduled maintenance and 24-hour roadside assistance for two years or 25,000 miles, whichever comes first.

With it down, it doubles to 70.6 cubic feet. This is the kind of vehicle that's eating the midsize sedan's lunch these days, and you can see why.

Safety features these days keep you alive and uninjured in a crash and are also designed to prevent a crash in the first place. The Toyota Safety Sense Driver Assist System includes active safety technologies such as Pre-Collision with Pedestrian Detection function, which combines forward collision warning with Automatic Emergency Braking. The Lane Departure Alert gives a visual and audible warning if the car isn't staying in the lane, and the Steering Assist function moves the wheels to keep you in the lane. Automatic High Beams ensure you have sufficient light to detect hazards as soon as possible while preventing your headlamps from blinding oncoming cars. Dynamic Radar Cruise Control (DRCC) au-



A Hybrid Gauge Cluster complements the multi-information display inside the 2017 Toyota RAV4 Hybrid.

tomatically maintains a distance from the car ahead, accelerating and decelerating without having to reset the cruise control.

The RAV4 Hybrid starts at \$29,970 for the XLE and tops out at \$34,970 for the Limited. My SE, in the middle, base priced at \$33,155, but came to \$36,833 with several options, including the Advanced Technology Package (\$2,460). This package adds

a handy bird's eye view camera, the premium Entune sound system, and a ton of apps. The SE hybrid costs only \$1,995 more than the regular SE gas-only version. All prices include shipping.

The RAV4 joins seven other hybrids in Toyota's vast product line. It's a great all-around family car. Let's hope they offer us plug-in and pure electric versions in the future.

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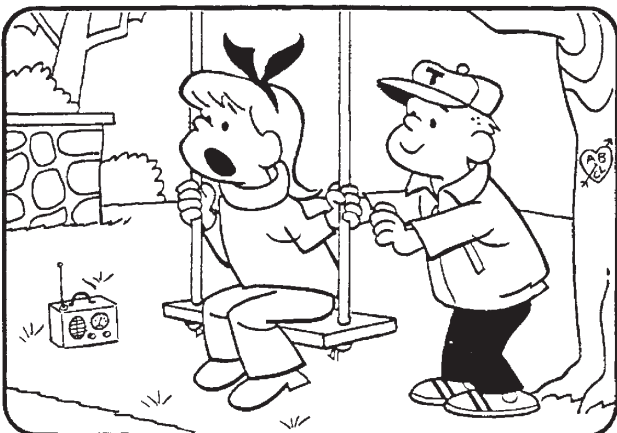
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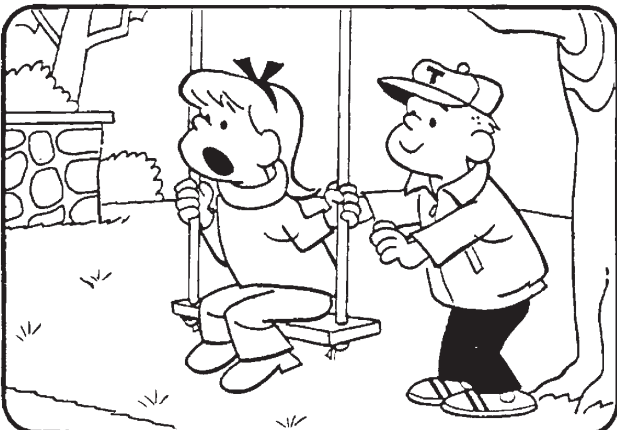


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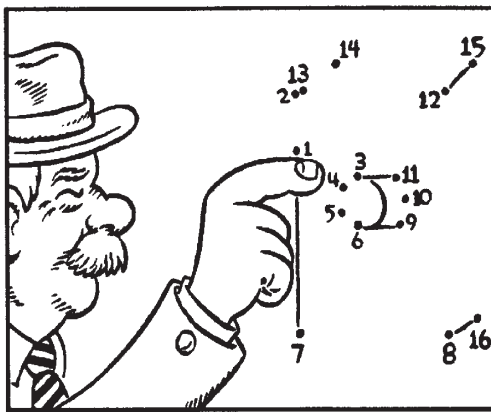
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Radio is missing. 2. Bow is smaller. 3. Swing seat is smaller. 4. Girl's legs are shorter. 5. Arm is moved. 6. Tree carving is missing.



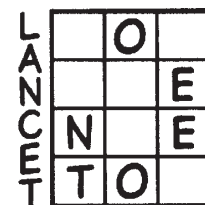
CONNECT THE DOTS and find out what asks no questions but requires many answers.

Answer: A doorknob.

A FRIGHTENING PUZZLE? To solve this problem you must replace the letters in our AlphaMath puzzle with the digits 0 through 9, so that you have a correct addition expression. The same letters get the same digits. See if you can get a higher total than we did

Our answer: D=9, A=3, R=0, K=2, M=8, S=5, G=1, H=7, O=6, T=4, (9302 + 9352 = 17654.)

FIND THE SEVEN WORDS PUZZLE! In the word square at the right, we've removed six of the letters to spell out the word "LANCET." See if you can replace these letters in the squares so that you will have four three-letter words across and three four-letter words down. Time limit: 60 seconds.

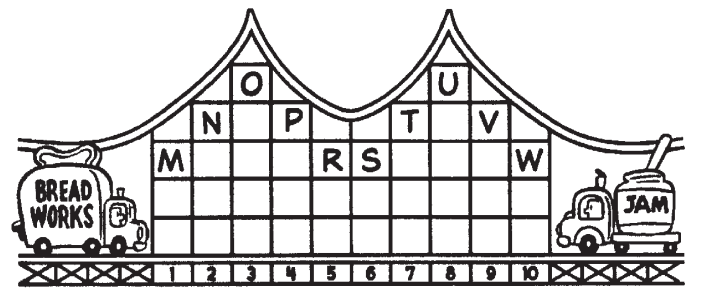


Answers: (Across) Cot, ale, nee, ton. (Down) Cant, olio, teen.



by Charles Barry Townsend

A WORD BRIDGE



The bridge above contains 10 supporting words. We give you the first letter of each, plus plenty of hints.

1. A very small unit of measurement.
2. A small corner recess.
3. A U-shaped bend in a river.
4. A ringing of a set of bells.
5. A teasing remark (sl.).
6. To drench in a liquid.
7. To pack down tightly.
8. To consolidate.
9. To sell by machine.
10. A large amount of cash.

Answers: 1. Mill. 2. Nook. 3. Oxbow. 4. Pail. 5. Rib. 6. Sop. 7. Tamp. 8. Unify. 9. Vend. 10. Wad.

Lake Chabot Trail Reopens After 17 Month Closure

The Lake Chabot Loop Trail around the entire Lake Chabot has been reopened. For the past 17 months, the segment running from the West Shore Trail to the Bass Cove Trail has been closed to allow EBMUD to seismically retrofit the 142-year-old Lake Chabot Dam.

"The Park District is very happy that the dam retrofit project was completed on schedule and that park visitors can once again bike, hike, and walk around the entirety of Lake Chabot," said East Bay Regional Park District Public Information Supervisor Dave Mason.

The trail closures, created a small gap in greater 12-mile Lake Chabot Loop Trail, preventing visitors from traveling around the



Walkers and bicyclists can once again circle the lake on the trail.

entirety of the lake. Residents can access the newly reopened loop trail through several entry points throughout the Park District's Anthony Chabot Park and Lake

Chabot Park.

The park district has been working closely with EBMUD to coordinate the reopening of the segment. Fencing has been removed.

Park District staff also performed trail maintenance on the newly reopened segment to ensure visitor safety.

San Leandro's Chabot Park near the dam remains closed. EBMUD and the City of San Leandro are working on plans to reopen San Leandro's Chabot Park in 2018. The property is owned by EBMUD but has been operated as a park by the City of San Leandro.

The East Bay Regional Park District is a system of beautiful public parks and trails in Alameda and Contra Costa counties east of San Francisco Bay, established in 1934. The system comprises 121,000 acres in 73 parks including over 1,250 miles of trails for hiking, biking, horseback riding and nature learning.

Dam: 'Lake jewel of the park district'

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trail that goes all around the lake. Everybody's been waiting, including me, for it to reopen," says East Bay Regional Park board member Dee Rosario. "The walk around the lake is gorgeous. We have a safer dam now and our trail is open. These are all gems in a necklace of parks."

Chabot Dam was built in 1874. Many of the lands nearby are used for recreation through a long-time partnership with the Regional Park District.

Lake Chabot is now used as an emergency water supply, and irrigation source for Redwood Canyon Golf Course in Castro Valley and Lake Chabot Golf Course in Oakland.

Very little of the new construction on the dam is visible to the public. A 100-foot cement deep soil mixing buttress has been added to reduce displacements in the event of a major earthquake.

Prior to the seismic work, the dam might have moved up to three feet during an earthquake.

Engineers also made improvements to the dam's outlet



PHOTO COURTESY OF EBMUD

The old outlet tower with its pillars is seen here before it was removed for a new facility.

tower, which is critical to releasing water from Lake Chabot if necessary.

"Lake Chabot is so beloved, people from all over go there,"

says East Bay Regional Park District Director Dennis Waespi, who lives in Castro Valley. "I consider Lake Chabot the jewel of the park district."

Addams Family Runs through Sunday at the Chanticleers

The Addams Family, a new musical comedy at the Chanticleers' in Castro Valley runs through Sunday, Nov. 5.

Curtain time for Friday and Saturday evening shows is 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees start at 2 p.m.

General admission is \$25; admission for Seniors (60+), students, military is \$20.

The Chanticleers Theatre FlexPass (gives you four tickets to use anytime during the season) is \$85 general and \$68 seniors/students/military.

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SENIORS

Assistance Dogs Provide Help, Love

By Jim Miller

Special to the Times

Q My sister, who's 58, has multiple sclerosis and I'm wondering if an assistance dog could help make her life a little easier.

A For people with disabilities and even medical conditions, assistance dogs can be fantastic help, not to mention they provide great companionship and an invaluable sense of security.

Here's what you and your sister should know.

While most people are familiar with guide dogs that help people who are blind or visually impaired, there are also a variety of assistance dogs trained to help people with physical disabilities, hearing loss and various medical

conditions.

Unlike most pets, assistance dogs are highly trained canine specialists — often Retrievers and German Shepherds — that know approximately 40 to 50 commands, are amazingly well-behaved and calm, and are permitted to go anywhere the public is allowed.

Here's a breakdown of the different types of assistance dogs and what they can help with.

■ Service dogs:

These dogs are specially trained to help people with physical disabilities due to multiple sclerosis, spinal cord injuries, Parkinson's disease, chronic arthritis and many other disabling conditions.

They help by performing tasks their owner cannot do or has trouble doing, like carrying or retrieving items, picking up dropped

items, opening and closing doors, turning lights on and off, assisting with dressing and undressing, helping with balance, household chores and more.

■ Guide dogs:

For the blind and visually impaired, guide dogs help their owner get around safely by avoiding obstacles, stopping at curbs and steps, negotiating traffic and more.

■ Hearing dogs:

For those who are deaf or hearing impaired, hearing dogs can alert their owner to specific sounds such as ringing telephones, doorbells, alarm clocks, microwave or oven timers, smoke alarms, approaching sirens, crying babies or when someone calls out their name.

■ Seizure alert/response dogs:

For people with epilepsy or other seizure disorders, these dogs can recognize the signs that their



There are a variety of assistance dogs trained to help people with different physical disabilities, hearing loss and other medical conditions.

owner is going to have a seizure, and provide them with advance warning, so he or she can get to a safe place or take medication to prevent the seizure or lessen its severity.

They are also trained to retrieve medications and use a pre-programmed phone to call for help. These dogs can also be trained to help people with diabetes, panic attacks and various other conditions.

■ Finding a Dog

If your sister is interested in getting a service dog, contact some assistance dog training programs. To find them, Assistance Dogs

International provides a listing of around 65 U.S. programs on their website that you can access at AssistanceDogsInternational.org.

After you locate a few, you'll need to either visit their website or call them to find out the types of training dogs they offer, the areas they serve, if they have a waiting list, and what upfront costs will be involved.

Some groups offer dogs for free, some ask for donations and some charge thousands of dollars.

To get an assistance dog, your sister will need to show proof of her disability, which her physician can provide, and she'll have

to complete an application and go through an interview process. She will also need to go and stay at the training facility for a week or two so she can get familiar with her dog and get training on how to handle it.

It's also important to understand that assistance dogs are not for everybody. They require time, money, and care that your sister or some other friend or family member must be able and willing to provide.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org.

Will a Large IRA Disqualify a Medi-Cal Subsidy?

By Gene L. Osofsky, Esq.

Special to the Times

Q My wife needs care in a nursing home, and we really need a Medi-Cal subsidy to help with the cost, which may run close to \$10,000 per month. However, I have a large IRA worth about \$650,000. I have received conflicting advice as to whether my IRA would make her ineligible for a Medi-Cal subsidy. Can you clarify this for us?

A I think I can. Here's the way Medi-Cal treats IRA accounts, as well as other retirement accounts such as 401ks and 403(b)s.

The two threshold questions are: (1) Is the proposed Medi-Cal beneficiary married or single? and (2) Which spouse owns the IRA?

Let's take married couples first; and, for clarity, I will use the terms "Ill Spouse" (for the nursing home spouse who needs the Medi-Cal subsidy), and "Well Spouse" (for the spouse living at home).

• **Married Couple (IRA in the Name of the Ill Spouse):** If the IRA is in the name of the Ill Spouse, the IRA can be easily converted into a non-countable asset by the simple act of taking Minimum Required Distributions (MRDs) under IRS rules.

Medi-Cal will then not count the IRA as a resource, although it will count the MRDs as income.

This MRD income then goes toward Share of Cost ("co-pay"), usually increasing it only modestly. Thus, by taking MRDs, the IRA is effectively rendered exempt, usually paving the way for the Ill Spouse to qualify for a Medi-Cal subsidy with only a modest increase in their Share of Cost.

• **Married Couple (IRA in the Name of the Well Spouse):** If the IRA or other retirement account is in the name of the Well Spouse, it is not counted at all! In this situation, there is not even a need for the Well Spouse to begin taking MRDs. Thus, in your situation, your \$650,000 IRA will not count at all when Medi-Cal considers your wife's application for a Medi-Cal nursing home subsidy.

• **Single individual:** An IRA in the name of a single individual who needs a Medi-Cal subsidy is treated the same as an IRA in the name of an Ill Spouse. In both situations, the owner must be receiving, or arrange to begin receiving, MRDs in order for the IRA not to count.

• **Planning Option for Younger Individuals Not Yet Receiving MRDs:** For individuals under age 70.5 who have not yet started MRDs, there is another option: as an alternative to taking full MRDs, they may opt to commence only bare-bones withdrawals representing only "periodic distributions of income and principal."

This is technically all that Medi-Cal requires. These more mod-

est withdrawals would effectively reduce the IRA income and, correspondingly, the patient's Share of Cost.

This optional approach could continue to age 70.5, when full MRDs then become mandatory under IRS rules.

In short, ownership of an IRA — whether in your name or your wife's name — need not be disqualifying. With proper planning, it can be rendered "non-countable" effectively rendering it as exempt.

So, if your other countable resources are within Medi-Cal limits, then your wife should qualify for the much-needed Medi-Cal nursing subsidy. I do hope that this was the good news that you were seeking.

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GUEST COMMENTARY



Smoke Detectors Save Lives

Daylight savings time ends this Sunday and it's the perfect time to change the batteries in your smoke and CO detectors.

While some homes have new units with 10-year batteries, many have older detector units requiring fresh batteries every year.

Smoke and CO detectors save

lives. Every year in California, lives are lost because the batteries in detectors were either dead or missing.

The issue is so important, California law mandates that working detectors be in every home being rented or sold.

While it can be difficult to regulate rental unit compliance, there are mechanisms to ensure compliance during sales of residential properties with 1 to 4 units. If a loan is obtained to purchase the dwelling, an appraiser is sent out to not only provide a valuation, but to ensure the property has the proper number of working smoke and CO detectors.

They also ensure that the hot water heater is strapped with approved seismic straps to prevent movement in an earthquake (tankless hot water heaters do not require straps).

The appraiser is not allowed to sign off on their appraisal until the home meets state requirements.

Smoke detector compliance can be a bit confusing. A Statement of Compliance disclosure is required with every California residential sale and it includes the following:

"California Law requires that (i) every single-family dwelling and factory built housing unit sold on or after January 1, 1986 must have an operable smoke detector, approved and listed by the State Fire Marshal, installed in accordance with the State Fire Marshal's regulations (Health and Safety Code §13113.8) and (ii) all used manufactured or mobile homes have an operable smoke detector in each sleeping room."

The confusion stems from the fact that existing dwellings are technically OK with one smoke detector in hallways leading to the bedrooms, but a different standard is used for manufactured or mobile homes, requiring a detector in each bedroom.

Building codes for newly constructed homes remove any ambiguity, requiring a smoke detector not only in any hallway leading to sleeping quarters, but in each bedroom as well.

Current California building codes mandate that if any renovations are performed exceeding \$1,000, then smoke detectors must be not only in the hallway, but installed in each bedroom as well.

Our recommendation? Be safe. Make sure EVERY bedroom has a working smoke detector and put a combo smoke/CO detector in any hallway leading to any bedrooms.

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Mortgage Rates Jump Up Across The Board

Averages hit highest marks since July of this year

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The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 3.94 percent last week, up from 3.88 percent the week before. A year ago at this time, the 30-year rate averaged 3.47 percent.

Fifteen-year home loans averaged 3.25 percent, up from 3.19 percent.

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By Buzz Bertolero
The Dirt Gardener

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A Your best bet is to plant pansies, or violas for a mass of color as they'll bloom into the spring. But you'll need to adjust your expectations when planting at this time of the year.

The growing season is over and the days are getting shorter and colder.

Keep in mind that the color needs to be planted closer together to minimize bare spots.

It will be 8 to 10 weeks before you'll see any growth out of these plants. So, instead of spacing them 12 inches apart, the spacing should be four to six inches. The color area needs to look as full as possible from the beginning.

I would also apply a tablespoon of starter fertilizer under each plant. This will help prevent the plants from turning a yellowish color in January due to a lack of nutrients.

Buzz Bertolero is an Advanced California Certified Nursery Professional and the Senior Gardening Professional at Sloat Garden Centers. Send questions by email to dirtgarden@aol.com or on Facebook at [Facebook.com/BuzzBertolero](https://www.facebook.com/BuzzBertolero).



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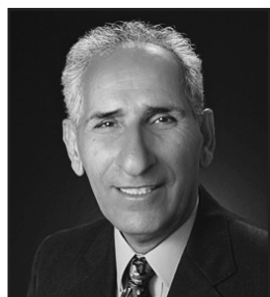
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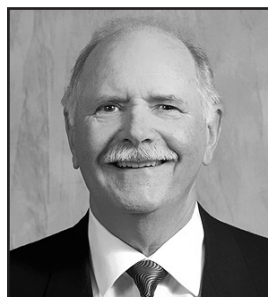
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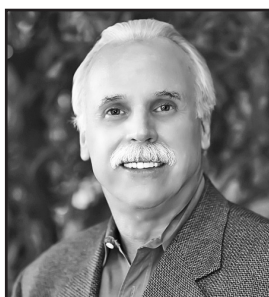
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Dia de los Muertos Films At History Museum

The San Leandro History Museum, 320 W. Estudillo Ave., will celebrate the end Dia de los Muertos this Saturday by screening short documentaries about the history and traditions of Dia de los Muertos.

This will also be the last day to view the ofrendas (objects placed on a ritual altar) to Jose Joaquin Estudillo, the founding father of San Leandro, that have been on display at the Museum during the month of October.

The set of films will be shown at 11:15 a.m. and again at 2 p.m. There will be family craft activities after the 11:15 a.m. screening until 4 p.m. The film

and activities are free of charge and open to the public.

The films are appropriate for family audiences.

The film, Calling Home the Dead (47 mins.) transports the viewer in a celebration of the continuity of life and the enduring love of family and friends. The images are saturated with color and life and joined by a magical soundtrack of original, local music. (English and Spanish with English subtitles).

In the BBC series segment Feasts Mexico (18:40 mins.), food writer and presenter Stefan Gates immerses himself in some of the most extraordinary feasts.

MAC: Supervisors to pick advisory council

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case that will be either Nate Miley or Wilma Chan as they represent the two districts where the unincorporated area is.

"Democracy is not a spectator sport and it's important that people get involved," said Miley in a written statement. "Having a focal point in the Eden Area for citizen and government interaction is critical for crafting a community vision."

MACs meet and discuss issues ranging from housing developments to public art to proper signs on businesses. Their recommendations are then given to the supervisor who usually takes into account local preferences.

Over the summer, Alameda County spent \$20,000 mailing out a survey to residents of the area and 73 percent of those that returned a survey said they wanted a MAC and only 24 percent said they thought they are being represented adequately by the county.

Keith Barros, a San Lorenzo resident, has been promoting the idea of a MAC for over a decade. Barros is so involved in local issues that he's known as the "mayor of San Lorenzo," but he says he won't apply to be appointed to the MAC when the time comes because he feels there will be more qualified candidates.

"What's the Groucho quote? 'I wouldn't want to be in any club that would have me for a member?'" jokes Barros.

Barros recalled one issue that fell through the cracks at the county level and had to be handled by concerned residents of the Eden Area a few years back.

A convenience store near San Lorenzo High was displaying pornographic magazines where students could see them. Barros brought it up to the county officials who weren't aware of it.

"I said, we need to get the porn out of the hands of kids and put it where it belongs - in



PHOTO BY AMY SYLVESTRI

San Lorenzans opened a parklet on the corner on Grant Avenue.

the hands of middle aged men," said Barros. He jokes a lot, but Barros and his dedicated group successfully got the store owner to put away the magazines. It's a small anecdote, but an example of the kind of change he hopes the EMAC can make.

"The unincorporated area has just not been getting the kind of representation they need," said Barros. "They have been disconnected from the process. Instead of being divided communities, we will now become a united voice much stronger than the sum of its parts. We will have each other's backs and while we decide together, we will rise together."

The next step for the Eden MAC will be for Supervisor Chan and Supervisor Miley to appoint an ad hoc committee to work on the framework for forming the council - deciding the number of representatives, the bylaws, and more. It's hoped that the EMAC will be running by this

time next year.

For those interested in getting involved, more information is available online at www.facebook.com/EdenAreaMAC or

call the Alameda County Community Development Agency at 670-5333.

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CHEW, Ronald HANNA, Etta

Ronald "Ron" Chew, a longtime resident of San Leandro,

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Etta Angie Hanna passed away on October 1, 2017 of liver cancer. Her husband, Ardath Keith Hanna, passed on October 24, 1987. Etta had a brother, Raymond, and sister, Alma. She is survived by 5 children: Karen, Jim, Sharon, Gary and Kevin; 6 grandchildren: Jason, Janelle, Jennifer, Tiara, Lauren and Christopher; 5 great-grandchildren: Justin, Sarah, Evan, Eve and Miley; 1 son-in-law: Carl Heaney; and a niece and nephew: Don and Louise Dorn.

She formed a neighborhood get-together called the "The Garage People" who gathered regularly in her garage.

Etta worked for the San Leandro Unified School District for over 20 years. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

St. Joe's to Start Bus Service from SL BART

Beginning fall 2018, Saint Joseph Notre Dame High School (SJND) will offer students bus transportation between the San Leandro BART station and the SJND campus in Alameda.

SJND, a Catholic college preparatory high school, currently serves 442 students from throughout the Bay Area, with 43 percent of current students commuting from locations outside of Alameda; 26 percent of those students commute from Oakland, 15 percent commute from San Leandro and 10 percent commute from other East Bay cities.

SJND also draws from the greater Bay Area, including San Francisco, San Mateo and Santa Rosa.

"I often hear from prospective parents that they love SJND

as a school for their son or daughter if transportation were not an issue. We have now alleviated that difficulty for them," said Principal Ken Jennings.

SJND recently surveyed 42 current parents living outside of the Alameda area and found that 95 percent expressed interest in a transportation option.

School officials will release additional details about the San Leandro BART/SJND bus, including schedule, capacity, cost, and how to sign up, in the coming months.

"We look forward to offering this safe, convenient bus option," said Jennings.

For ongoing updates on SJND transportation, please visit: <https://www.sjnd.org/admissions/transportation>.

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OPINION

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Attacks on Davis Street Center Called 'Insincere, Ill-Informed'

Editor:

It is getting exhausting, reading letters to the editor, listening to our city's elected and/or appointed officials and employees that bash Davis Street Family Resource Center. These letters and discussions are focused on their loan from the city and on their attempt to open a wellness center, on their current property. I find these attacks and new found concerns for the center half-hearted, insincere, and ill-informed.

Personally, I want to thank the Davis Street Family Resource Center for all they do to support San Leandro. When our city provides minimal social services itself, it is Davis Street, for the past 47 years that has stepped in to provide our citizens and neighbors, with a helping hand. They educate early learners, feed the hungry, clothe the poor, train those in need, support mental health, and endless other supports.

I want Davis Street to know that I thank them and I trust them, with what they have done, with what they do, and with what they want to take on. I trust them because they have provided for us, when the city of San Leandro has not been able to do so.

Davis Street is a non-profit. As a result, I find it disturbing that over the past year, that their character has been questioned and that they have been bullied. Yet, those that do this, do not have solutions that are appropriate, do not volunteer for them to help others, and do not provide city services to replace what they do. I also find it completely unethical that many that are doing this publicly, are not putting their own special interests out front.

Moving forward, I hope we can grow to trust the judgment of an organization that has served this city longer than most of those complaining have lived in it. And instead of complaining about them and putting up roadblocks, or being uniformed about them, I hope that they donate towards their holiday baskets, food, and/or toy programs. I hope as a community, we can start to work together and support each other, particularly as we move into the holidays. I hope that those complaining and providing roadblocks, work to become part of the solution. This would only help to strengthen our community rather than to divide it.

—MaryAnn Frates
San Leandro

Doubts Davis Street Center's Ability to Run a Pot Dispensary

Editor:

This letter is in response to Diana Souza's letter ("What is the Real Financial Position of Davis Street Resource Center," Letters, Oct. 26).

I also have had my concerns about Davis Street and the use of our tax dollars. I decided to contact them by e-mail and ask for their financial records. They were very responsive and Rosalia McMillen forwarded me what they had available from 2013-2016. This is what I have gleaned in the short

time I have had them.

They spend just over 1/3 of their income on personnel costs alone. I know this would be high if they were a charity that just collects and disburses funds. They do far more than that, so this may be normal. They also have a generous 100% match of all employees retirement contributions, up to 3% of their salary. Not normal in my experience.

In 2016 they took over Stepping Stones, adding both income and expenses. To my layman eyes, this appears to have cut their losses.

I cannot comment on a lot of the other income and expenses, as I am not an accountant and it is complex. I can say that my idea of running a "medical" marijuana clinic, in a state that recently legalized recreational use, is like running a liquor store. Is that where we want our tax dollars and donations going? Also, how much will this "clinic" make and where does the money go? Into the hands of her associate who will be running it? Will they have adequate security to prevent armed robberies and break ins?

Finally, Davis Street had to get an extension to the requirement for a conditional use permit and will likely need another one if it is denied. Kind of like when they got extensions to the loans they got with our tax dollars. If they are constantly running behind in their business practices, this leaves me very doubtful of their ability to follow all the laws and regulations related to running a marijuana sales business.

—Rhett Varnadore
San Leandro

Urges Non-Renewal of Red-Light Camera Contract

Editor:

I have read with great interest the recent letters on red-light cameras in San Leandro. They were installed in 2006 after the City of San Leandro commissioned a report entitled "Analysis of High Collision Locations in San Leandro" by a transportation engineering firm. The report identified the 12 San Leandro intersections with the highest collision rates. No red light cameras were installed at any of those intersections, so any claim that the red light cameras were installed to address safety concerns rings hollow. The San Leandro Police Chief admitted as much in a 2005 memo to the City Manager, "...San Leandro has not experienced a serious problem with intersection collisions directly attributable to red light violations..."

In fact, there were 7,621 red light citations issued in 2016, more than were issued in 2008, 2009, or 2010. If the red light cameras were effective, you would expect a decrease in the number of citations, not an increase.

A City commissioned report on "Automated Red Light Enforcement" in 2016 arrived at a similar conclusion. From the report, "After reviewing over 18 years of collision data for the two intersections, our findings are inconclusive with regards to an ARLE reducing collisions." Even when the report found a slight reduction in

collisions at intersections with red light cameras, it found that reductions at intersections without red light cameras had greater decreases "ARLE cannot take credit for this reduction, because the collision rate decreased more at signalized intersections without ARLE."

To add insult to injury, from 2013 to 2016, more than 91% of citations were for right turns, which are the least likely to cause injuries and property damage.

Finally, the only scientific study of red light cameras conducted to date found that red light cameras actually increased collisions, corroborating a 2005 analysis by the Federal Highway Administration.

The City of San Leandro has spent more than \$4 million on red light cameras since the red light cameras installed and nearly \$350,000 just last year.

For these reasons, when the red light contract comes up for renewal next year, the City Council should make a wise choice and not renew the contract.

—Mike Katz-Lacabe
San Leandro

Questions City's Spending Millions on Muni Golf Course

Editor:

Municipal golf courses, until recently a source of profit, are suddenly driving suburbs deep into red ink. Even when they bleed red ink for prolonged periods, public courses have their defenders. San Jose will close at least one of three running in the red. Municipalities from coast to coast are looking for buyers to dump their white elephants (municipal golf courses) onto.

And San Leandro now wants to dump millions into one of these money pits? Makes no sense. Makes no fiscal sense. Golf is a dying industry — do your own google searches.

—Charles Hintz
San Leandro

Advocates Annual Background Checks for Gun-Owners

Editor:

A response to my initial letter about annual renewal of gun registration. Yes, there are criminals with guns. Many of those guns are stolen from people who carelessly store guns in and around their homes, cars, etc.

I recently looked up a New York Times article about mass shootings. None of the perpetrators were 'assorted' criminals although some had minor brushes with the law. Some of them owned more than 3 guns, semi-auto pistols and rifles. Making gun owners responsible for annual background checks and registration of every gun owned might make them think twice. Just like cars...who registers and insures a lot of cars unless they are considered prized and useful. I understand that my suggestion will need some tweaking and it won't change everything overnight. It is just one idea that might head us in the direction of responsible ownership and a safer environment. I hope more folks offer real solutions to this epidemic. Fear mongering is not a solution.

—Yolanda Bocanegra
San Leandro

Conservative Voters Says He Supports Senator Feinstein

Editor:

Senator Feinstein reminds my of

my wonderful mother. She was kind, thoughtful, respectful, and educated.

All we Californians needs is another Senator that is disrespectful in your face and loud like Kamala Harris. Even though I'm a conservative voter, I've always voted for Senator Diane.

—Rich Phillips
San Leandro

Thanks Hosts of Luna Mexicana For a 'Festive, Magical Show'

Editor:

Congratulations to Mayor Pauline Cutter and the San Leandro Unified School District for hosting the exciting dance program, Luna Mexicana. I

attended with eight dancers from my class and we had a wonderful evening. The event was free and well attended. It was a festive, magical show.

What a thrill to see a renowned company like the Oakland Ballet Company perform in San Leandro. The San Leandro Performance Art Center is an outstanding venue for dance and the bay area is rich with outstanding dance companies—the possibilities are thrilling. Please bring more dance performance to San Leandro. We are ready!

—Barb Creamer
San Leandro
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The money from the sale of the house on Laura Avenue will be used for improvements in the Davis West neighborhood.

Davis West: 'Impacted more'

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insulation would be the costliest, at an estimated \$30,000 per home, if the owners want it.

The Port of Oakland has paid for insulation at 154 homes though a settlement they reached with the city more than a decade ago, but that program is set to end this year.

Traffic is a problem in the Davis West area, as anyone leaving the neighborhood must deal with cars coming and going from the large retail centers near it including the Westgate Center

and Costco.

Councilman Benny Lee said that traffic was one reason that Davis West needs special attention.

"That area brings in a lot of tax revenue because of all the retail, but it's at the expense of the residents of Davis West," said Lee.

Mayor Pauline Cutter said the creation of a neighborhood investment program is a good idea.

"If you look at that neighborhood, it really is impacted more than others," said Cutter.

San Leandro to Host Recycling Event on Nov. 14

In recognition of America Recycles Day, the City of San Leandro is hosting a special event on Tuesday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd.

This year's campaign theme "Be Recycled" is aimed at motivating residents to recycle 365 days per year and to reuse materials to give them a second, third or even a fourth life.

America Recycles Day is a national campaign aimed at encouraging reuse, recycling and buying recycled products. The event is open to San Leandro residents only.

"Be Recycled" encourages residents to recycle pharmaceuticals, household

batteries and electronic media, such as floppy disks, DVDs, CD cases and toner cartridges.

Residents also may drop-off mercury-containing items including thermometers, thermostats and fluorescent lights.

America Recycles Day is the only nationally recognized day dedicated to promoting and celebrating recycling in the United States.

More than 2,000 events are held coast-to-coast, engaging more than 2 million estimated participants nationwide.

For more information, visit www.RecycleSanLeandro.org, or call the City's Recycling Hotline at 577-6026.

Athletes Enshrined in SL Sports Hall of Fame

San Leandro football beats Piedmont; Hall of Famers honored at Burrell Field

By Andrew Joseph
San Leandro Times

The San Leandro Sports Foundation inducted several past athletes into its Hall of Fame on Friday night as the San Leandro High football team beat the Piedmont Highlanders in convincing form, 55-15.

There was an enshrinement ceremony held before the football game honoring the inductees. The most notable inductees include Mark Bellini and Lou Profumo, who both went on to play professionally in their respective sports.

Profumo graduated in the class of 1956 playing baseball for San Leandro High, while also playing for the American Legion during the summers. He signed with the Boston Red Sox in 1956 where he played two seasons, later playing for the Los Angeles Angels for one season during 1962-63. In addition to citing his parents, he also commended the community of San Leandro.

"I'm just tickled to death seeing all these guys tonight who I haven't seen in years," said Profumo. "San Leandro has been very good to me. I just appreciate everyone in the city of San Leandro including the players, coaches, and parents for being so supportive."

Bellini graduated San Leandro High in 1982, playing running back for the football team. He went on to be a three-year starter for Brigham Young

University and later was drafted in the National Football League by the Indianapolis Colts, where he played for two seasons. He considers his induction to be one of the greatest honors in his life and cites his family as his greatest influence.

"We kind of grew up in a different time," said Bellini. "When we were growing up most families had stable homes. We all had incredible parents and solid, stable families who raised us to be able to accomplish what we did."

All of the inductees were honored at Burrell Field during the Pirates' football game at halftime. The Highlanders got down early as the Pirates took control and never looked back. The victory was only fitting, considering the occasion.

"It's awesome. It's something we've been thinking about and trying to do for a lot of years," said Coach Brad Bowers, when asked about what it means to the school honoring the Hall of Fame inductees. "We just want to make it bigger deal. There are a lot of alumni from San Leandro schools in the past that have done tremendous things and it's always nice to honor and remember those past Pirates and Vikings who have represented San Leandro."

"It was an honor to have the inductees here tonight," said senior Pirates running back Jermaine Jackson. "We appreciate



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Athletes and coaches from years past at San Leandro High and Pacific High arrived at Burrell Field on Friday night where their plaques were installed on the Hall of Fame wall.

them. We play for them, the team, the program, and the whole city of San Leandro to put us on the map and get recognition."

The Pirates are now 6-3 heading into the last game of the regular season, which will be played at Bishop O'Dowd on Friday at 7 p.m.

Hall of Famers Honored at Burrell Field

This year's list of inductees into the San Leandro Sports Foundation's Hall of Fame:

David Baker, Pacific High

School (PHS) class of 1972, baseball and football.

Dennis Corti, San Leandro High (SLHS) class of 1959, baseball.

Sarah Woofter, SLHS class of 2007, softball.

Lou Profumo, SLHS class of 1956, baseball.

Bob Dalton, SLHS class of 1955, basketball and football.

Doug Padilla, Marina High School class of 1974, track and field.

John "Biff" Crawley, SLHS class of 1955-65, coaching.

Loren Diaz, SLHS class of 1979,

track and field.

Saskia Roberson, SLHS class of 2001, softball.

Jeanette Wood, SLHS class of 1986, contributor.

Thomas Gunnari, Pacific High, coach and contributor.

Jan Hagan, City of San Leandro 1981-1996, coach and contributor.

Kim Musch, PHS class of 1973, swimming.

Tony Nasimento, City of San Leandro, coach and contributor.

Mark Bellini, SLHS class of 1982, football.

Matt Bellini, SLHS class of 1986, football.

Norm Santos, SLHS class of 1962, football.

Pets of the Week



Shadow



Larry

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter are Shadow the bunny and Larry the kitten.

Shadow is an active, happy bunny who loves to explore his domain. He enjoys greens, an occasional piece of apple and hay.

Larry is a 5-month-old who's

come a long way since arriving at the shelter. Initially timid, with time and love he has blossomed into a sweet boy. He hopes to find a loving home soon.

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



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