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## Assumption Girls Win CYO Championship

Each year, CYO league champions from Pinole to Fremont meet to crown the Oakland Diocese CYO Basketball Champion. This year, Assumption School of San Leandro defeated Saint Leo the Great of Oakland to win the 2025 6th Grade Girls Championship. This is the first diocesan

title for the Assumption girls' basketball program since 2014. The team members pictured above are Madelyn Meyer, Aria Stuart, Osamede Nosakhare, Orarieme Nosakhare, Camila Palomino, Antonia Ison, Josie Alderson, and Andy Souldard.

## HR Director Explains City Hiring Problems

By Mike McGuire  
San Leandro Times

San Leandro Mayor Juan Gonzalez says the city has a structural deficit, and the City Council's Finance Committee recently discussed a hiring freeze and not filling some vacant positions.

But on the other hand, Human Resources Director Emily Hung told the City Council at its May 19 meeting that the city faces difficulty in staying fully staffed, in positions that need to be filled.

Some city departments were well below staffing levels included in the budget, and in some cases the vacancies totaled 20 percent or more, Hung said.

Hung's report is legally required each year by the state under AB 2561, which identified statewide concerns over a high rate of vacancies in public agencies. The state law also addresses heavy workload leading to burnout and turnover among staff, and a negative effect on service delivery to the public.

Residents have likely heard that the police department is understaffed, but several other departments are understaffed even more, Hung said.

The city manager's office and the Recreation and Parks Department were both under-

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## Two Suspects Arrested For La Pinata Break-In

By Jim Knowles  
San Leandro Times

Police arrested two suspects after a burglary was reported at the La Piñata Restaurant just after 3 a.m. last Thursday.

Officers were alerted to at least one suspect still inside the restaurant at 2699 Merced St. Police set up a perimeter and deployed a drone to get

an overhead view, according to Lt. Abe Teng of the San Leandro Police Department.

Police saw suspects climbing over fences into neighboring businesses, Teng said. Because the perimeter was large, police requested assistance from the Alameda

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## Report: Unincorporated Areas Not Getting their Fair Share

By Mike McGuire  
San Leandro Times

Alameda County's unincorporated area residents get short shrift from county programs and services, according to a new study carried out for the community group My Eden Voice by Mei Mei Collins, a UC Berkeley graduate student doing research in urban planning.

Collins drew all her information from publicly available

information, according to Leo Esclamado, a leader of My Eden Voice.

The report, "A Fair Share for Eden Families," was released in a Zoom event May 19. It said that the county spends substantially less in services per unincorporated area resident compared to what cities spend on each of their residents.

The report used Hayward for comparison, as its population

“We’re very concerned about the lack of accountability.”

— Leo Esclamado

lation is about the same as the unincorporated communities combined.

My Eden Voice member Barisha Spriggs, 30-year Ashland resident, said that while the city of Hayward spends about \$2,500 annually per resident, the county spends about \$1,700 per resident of the unincorporated areas.

The report found it alarming that the county not only

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## MEETING SCHEDULES

### CITY COUNCIL

Council meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, City Hall, 835 E. 14th St., San Leandro. For more information, call the City Clerk at 577-3367.

### SAN LEANDRO SCHOOL BOARD

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



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# First Presbyterian Church Celebrates Centennial

By Hannah Hom  
San Leandro Times

The First Presbyterian Church of San Leandro was founded in 1866 and it began as a small group of believers.

Its original home, now called "The Little Brown Church," stood on Clarke and Hepburn, before the growing congregation moved to 180 Estudillo Ave. in 1925, according to church member Lou Pennebaker.

This year, the congregation celebrates their centennial

at the church on Estudillo.

For Lou's father, Chad Pennebaker, the anniversary is personal. As a member since 1954, he holds the distinction of being the congregation's longest-standing and active member.

Church member Linda Pollard reflected on growing up in the church, where generations intertwined and traditions were cherished.

"The Christmas pageant



PHOTO BY HANNAH HOM

Linda Pollard, Lou Pennebaker, Chad Pennebaker, Val Watts and Jim Watts spoke about the history of First Presbyterian Church and plan for the future.

was always special," she said.

The size of this church's congregation has diminished over the years, especially

among youth, Pollard said. So the church promoted Lou Pennebaker to "Director of Christian Nurture and Education," whose role is to create a spiritually rich and engaging Christian environment for all ages.

In its community work, the church serves meals to the homeless, partnerships with shelters, and is engaged with projects like Heifer International and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

They also have weekly events for the community, such as the Young At Heart Lunch Program, book clubs, Bible reading groups, among other activities.

For this centennial year, the church will serve as the Judges' Grandstand for the Cherry Festival Parade on June 7, and host a National

Night Out party in August. A building re-dedication will be in November and the church plans the return of daily noon carillon music.

"We want the next generation to love the Lord and to feel as though they belong to a community," said Pollard. The heart of this church remains a space where people grow together in faith and towards further serving the community.

As the bell continues to ring every Sunday before service at 9:30 a.m., the past century at First Presbyterian Church of San Leandro has been built on fellowship and faith, ensuring the next century begins with open doors.

"Our vision now is to serve in whatever way the community needs most," said church member Jim Watts.

## Alameda County Non-profit Organization To Provide Beds For Children in Need

Sleep In Heavenly Peace – Alameda County Chapter is trying to build and deliver 100 beds to children in Oakland who currently don't have one of their own.

These are children who go to sleep on the floor each night. The nonprofit organization is bringing volunteers together to build and deliver handmade bunk beds, complete with mattresses, pillows, and bedding — all at no cost to families.

Watching a child see their very first bed is an unforgetta-

ble moment, and we want to bring that joy to as many kids as we can on June 6 and June 7 for the Father's Day Build and Delivery, a time perfect for honoring family, unity, and community.

The build day is Friday, June 6, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., and the delivery day is Saturday, June 7, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Amos Temple CME Church, 1500 90th Ave. in Oakland.

For more information, visit: shpbeds.org or call 510-827-7033.

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## Community Calendar

### Eden Garden Club Plant Sale

The Eden Garden Club will hold a plant sale on Saturday, May 31, from 9 a.m. to noon at 19910 Forest Ave. in Castro Valley, featuring vegetables, annuals, perennials, succulents, shrubs, natives, garden art, pots, garden supplies, and homemade treats. Donations may be dropped off on Friday, May 30th from 3 to 6 p.m. All proceeds benefit Garden Grants awarded to Castro Valley and Hayward Schools. For more information, call or text Gwen Dossey at 510-828-8787.

### Join the Masters Swim Team

MEMO swim team is coming to San Leandro. Masters swimming is competitive swimming for adults, and begins monthly sessions on Monday, June 2, at Farrelly Pool, 864 Dutton Ave. The team is led by Marcia Benjamin and has sessions Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. The rebuilt Farrelly Pool has showers and everything you need to get ready for work in the morning after a great workout. Must be 18 years old and able to swim 200 yards. Sign up on the City of San Leandro's Recreation and Parks Department site, and search for MEMO Swim Team. Workouts are a mixture of endurance, speed, technique, and fun. For more information, call Coach Benjamin at 510-517-2738.

### Eden Japanese Community Center Bazaar

The Eden Japanese Community Center's annual bazaar will be on Saturday and Sunday, June 7 and June 8, at 710 Elgin St. in San Lorenzo. Saturday from 1 to 7 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bingo on Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m. Kids games both days. Food: barbecued teriyaki chicken and rib dinner, sushi udon, curry rice and shaved ice. Website: edenjapanesecc.org

### Cherry Festival Parade Broadcast

This years, Cherry Festival Parade on Saturday, June 7, will broadcast live at 10 a.m. from the steps of the historic First Presbyterian Church in downtown San Leandro and simulcast to Comcast 15, AT&T 99, Facebook Live, YouTube Live, www.SanLeandro.org/TV, and the San Leandro TV app.

### Senior Book Club

Join a book club that offers adults 50+ a welcoming space to explore the joys, challenges, and wisdom that come with growing older through insightful literature and meaningful conversation. The club meets on the first Monday of the month from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St. Each gathering invites reflection, connection, and celebration of the aging journey in all its complexity.

### Tobacco Recovery Support Group

The Support Group for Tobacco Recovery meets on Thursdays from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. in the Sequoia Conference Room, 1100 San Leandro Blvd., one block from the San Leandro BART Station. No prerequisites, no prior experience, no requirements. Discussion topics include your relationship with tobacco, self-care and stress relief, medicines that can help, wellness and recovery, and the new you. Sponsored by Lifelong's East Bay Community Recovery Project and the Alameda County Tobacco Control Program. For more information, visit ACTobaccofree@gmail.com or call 510-268-2030.

### Knit, Crochet, Sew, Handcrafts

Join other crafters to share techniques, patterns, crafting skills, and enjoy each other's company on Wednesdays, from 9 a.m. to noon at the San Leandro Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St. Please bring your own needles, yarn and craft supplies.

### Rainbow Seniors Meet at the Senior Center

Are you wanting a place where you can feel connected to other LGBTQ adults ages 50+? Rainbow Seniors is a safe space for LGBTQ adults to share thoughts, feelings, resources, information, and support with each other. Second and fourth Tuesdays from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at the San Leandro Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St.

## Join the Library's Game of Shrooms 2025

The San Leandro Public Library, in collaboration with the Arts, Culture & Library Commission, invites the public to participate in the Game of Shrooms 2025, an annual worldwide, mushroom-themed art-N-seek event created by Bay Area artist Daniel "Attaboy" Seifert.

This free, family-friendly event features artists from amateur to professional creating and hiding mushroom-themed artworks for others to find and keep. Begin the journey at the San Leandro Main Library:

- Artists hide mushroom-themed art inside the Main Library on Friday, June 13, by 5 p.m. or on the Main Library grounds on Saturday, June 14, before 9 a.m.

- Art seekers start their hunt at the Main Library plaza on Saturday, June 14, at 9:45 a.m. with the help of a surprise special guest.

### Medicinal Mushrooms

In addition to the art-N-

seek event, the public is invited to explore the wellness side of fungi through a talk on the "Top Six Medicinal Mushrooms That Can Improve Your Health" and to engage in a fun art creating session:

- Sunday, June 1, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave.

- Sunday, June 8, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd.

Learn about nature's healing fungi and create your own mushroom-themed art piece to take home or hide at the Main Library or another hiding spot.

For more information about Game of Shrooms 2025, visit: [yumfactory.com/projects/gameofshrooms/](http://yumfactory.com/projects/gameofshrooms/). For more information about participating in the Game of Shrooms 2025 at the San Leandro Public Library, including the mushroom talks and art events, contact Bill Sherwood, Assistant Library Director at 510-577-3965.

## FESCO's Annual Yard Sale This Weekend

FESCO's annual Huge Yard Sale will be held this year at the Castro Valley United Methodist Church, 19806 Wisteria St., Castro Valley. The sale will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, May 30 and 31 in the church Fellowship Hall.

All proceeds benefit FESCO, the Family Emergency Shelter Coalition, a local non-profit social services agency serving unhoused families.

Find collectibles, housewares, sports memorabilia, costume jewelry, stylish ac-

cessories, electronics, vintage treasures, glassware, dolls, tools, unique chinaware, artwork, eclectic décor and so much more.

FESCO's Mission is to support unhoused families as they move from crisis to stability, end their homelessness, and find a place to call home. The organization provides temporary shelter, transitional housing, permanent housing, and ongoing services and support for families in Mid-Alameda County. They have been providing these services since 1986.

### Calendar Submissions

The Community Calendar is for publicizing nonprofit organizations, charities and community groups.

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## More Events

### Friends of the Library Audiobook Sale

The Friends of the San Leandro Library will host an audiobook sale on Saturday, May 31, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro. Browse a large selection of audiobooks at low prices. Buy three, get one of equal or lesser value for free. Unabridged books on tape \$3, unabridged books on CD \$6, abridged books on CD \$4. All proceeds benefit the San Leandro Library's programs and services. Credit cards accepted.

### Life Skills for Youth Ages 14 to 22

Join the San Leandro Public Library for a series of life skills workshops in June and July. Please register in advance at: [sanleandro.libcal.com](http://sanleandro.libcal.com). Open to youth ages 14 to 22. Introduction to Investing on Tuesday, June 17, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Learn about stocks, index funds, and wide world of investing. Join an interactive session with financial professionals from the Bay Area Financial Education Foundation. No experience or prior knowledge needed.

### Game of Shrooms 2025: How Medicinal Mushrooms Can Improve Your Health

Learn How the top six mushrooms can support your health, then make your own mushroom-themed art piece. Two health talks: Sunday, June 1, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave.; and Sunday June 8, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd.

### Meditation Mondays

Calm your stress with this free, drop-in, relaxation practice the first Monday evening of the month – Monday, June 2, from 6 to 7 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Use meditation, gentle stretches, breath-work, poetry, and journaling to find balance in life's stresses. Ages 18+, all abilities.

### Tandi Family Farms Hosts Pasta Feed Fundraiser

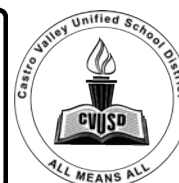
Tandi Family Farms will host a pasta fundraiser for the Victory Garden Project on Sunday, June 1, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Castro Valley Moose Lodge, 20835 Rutledge Road in Castro Valley. For \$20, guests can enjoy all-you-can-eat pasta, salad, and sourdough rolls all made from scratch with cherished family recipes. One hundred percent of funds raised will benefit The Victory Garden Project, an initiative by Tandri Family Farms that provides gardens at no cost to community members and community-based organizations across Alameda County.

## CASTRO VALLEY USD Paraprofessional Job Fair Wednesday, June 4 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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# HEALTH & FITNESS

## Structure and Spontaneity: Tips for a Structured Summer

By Jagmeet Kaur Sangha  
Special to the Times

Summer is a time many look forward to—longer days, spontaneous adventures, and lots of unstructured play. For some, that sounds like a dream. But for others, especially those with kids with special needs, the lack of routine can make summer feel overwhelming and unpredictable.

Even the most spontaneous among us rely on some level of routine to feel grounded. For neurodivergent individuals, particularly autistic children, having a predictable structure isn't just comforting, it's essential for thriving. And yet, summertime often throws that structure out the window.

The good news? You can still enjoy all the magic of summer while building in the supports your child may need. Whether you're a parent, caregiver, or professional working with kids, here are a few tips to help balance spontaneity with structure:

### Anchor Your Day With a Routine

Choose one part of the day—morning or evening—to stay consistent. Maybe that means waking up and getting dressed at the same time every morning or winding down with a calming bedtime routine each night. Even 15 minutes of predictable routine each day can provide a strong sense of security.

### Visual Calendars Build Confidence

Create a visual calendar and place it where your child can see and interact with it. Include daily plans and upcoming adventures, and involve your child in adding things they're excited about.

Some kids may even enjoy writing a short reflection at the end of each day to process their experiences. (Tip: be sure also to add your experiences and reflections as a model for



your child.)

### Teach and Encourage Self-Advocacy

Help your child build awareness of their own needs. What makes them feel calm? What situations might require extra support? When children understand and can express their needs, they're better equipped to navigate transitions and new environments and people.

### Explore Programs That Celebrate Neurodiversity

Look for summer camps or programs offered for neurodivergent children. Locally, in the Castro Valley/Eden Area, the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (H.A.R.D.) offers accessible and inclusive programs led by trained professionals who understand how to support neurodiverse minds.

In today's world, the pressure to pack the summer with constant activity can be intense. However, often the most meaningful moments occur when we slow down and connect with our children.

Whether it's reading a book together, exploring a park, or sharing a meal, these small moments can create lifelong memories.

So, soak in the sun, embrace the small joys, and remember—structure and spontaneity can go hand in hand.

Jagmeet Kaur Sangha is a board-certified Behavior Analyst who lives in Castro Valley. Her organization, Behavior Pivot Consulting, partners with organizations to cultivate neuro-inclusive environments that understand brain-based differences and promote mental wellbeing. For more information, visit: [www.behaviorpivot.com](http://www.behaviorpivot.com)

## Graciela Vargas Named School District's Classified Employee of the Year

The San Leandro Unified School District recognized Ms. Graciela Vargas, custodian at San Leandro High School's Fred T. Korematsu campus, as the district's 2025 Classified Employee of the Year.

Ms. Vargas is widely admired for her tireless commitment to keeping the campus clean, safe, and welcoming for students and staff. She is known for her warmth, generosity, and ever-present smile, and bringing a spirit of joy and care to everything she does.

Whether she's hard at work behind the scenes or lending a hand to a colleague, Ms. Vargas's impact is deeply felt across the school community.

Vargas began working for the SLUSD two decades ago, starting as a substitute in both the cafeteria and custodial teams. Over the years, she has worked at several schools, including McKinley Elementary and Bancroft Middle School, before joining San Leandro High School's FTK campus, where she continues to serve



with distinction. Along the way, she earned the admiration of everyone she worked with.

"Ms. Vargas exemplifies the heart of SLUSD," said Dr. Michael McLaughlin, Superintendent of San Leandro Unified. "Her dedication, kindness, and joyful spirit uplift everyone around her. She helps create a space where students and staff feel proud to belong. We are honored to celebrate her and grateful for the invaluable contributions she makes every single day."

The school district asks everyone to join in congratulating Ms. Vargas on her achievement, as well as the

following exceptional classified staff members chosen by their schools for consideration as the district launches its annual celebration of SLUSD Classified Employee Appreciation Week:

- Garfield Elementary – Kit Martin
- Halkin Elementary – Angelica Mejia
- Jefferson Elementary – Alma Gutierrez
- Madison Elementary – Yan (Bernice) Mo
- McKinley Elementary – Violeta Martinez
- Monroe Elementary – Annie Park
- Roosevelt Elementary – Laura Ordonez
- Washington Elementary – Jessica Bejarano Sepulveda
- Bancroft Middle School – Madhu Palle
- John Muir Middle School – Rebecca Gonzalez
- Lincoln High School – Bertha Ruelas
- San Leandro Virtual Academy – Maria Carvalho
- District Office – Teresa Zumbo.

## Ava Energy Program Lets Customers Take Advantage of Their Home Electricity Supply

By Mike McGuire  
San Leandro Times

Ava Community Energy, a home energy supplier in the East Bay, is offering customers financial incentives to help manage electric demand at peak times.

Its Virtual Power Plant (VPP) program lets customers take advantage of their electric vehicles and home batteries, as electric demand rises.

Ava has partnered with clean energy device maker Lunar Energy and is using its Gridshare software platform to support the VPP strategy.

"Our Gridshare platform uncovers, optimizes, and automates opportunities for everyone to benefit while decarbonizing the grid," said Lunar Energy Vice President Ed Gunn in a press release.

Previously known as East Bay Community Energy, Ava is not-for-profit and serves some 2 million customers in East Bay communities and the nearby cities of Tracy, Stockton, and Lathrop. Alameda

County made it the default electric supplier for residents, unless those residents explicitly choose to remain customers of Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E).

PG&E's grid still distributes the electricity generated by Ava, so a customer gets a bill from PG&E which includes charges from Ava.

Ava tries to use renewable energy as much as possible in its standard plan, whose rates are slightly below PG&E's, and offers customers a 100% renewable energy plan at rates slightly above PG&E's. Although, those comparisons were made before recent rate increases by PG&E.

The first part of the VPP program, available now, involves automatically charging electric vehicles in a way that causes less strain on the electrical grid, according to Ava. A car owner would plug in the car as they do now, but Ava would send energy to recharge it at a time of low overall electric demand. Ava

says cars would still get recharged reliably, and be ready for normal use.

To thank the customers, and give them a further reason to participate, Ava is offering an initial \$75 "reward" for signing up, and \$25 annually after that. They estimate that someone who uses electricity like its average customer would save about \$140 per year in their bills each year.

The car-charging program follows on a successful Resilient Home pilot program where Ava had over 1,000 customers discharge their home battery during evening peak demand times. This lowered Ava's overall load and reduced the amount of power purchased from other sources. A larger-scale program for residential solar and battery storage customers will follow in the fall.

For more information, see Ava's website at <https://avaenergy.org/go-electric/electric-vehicles/smarthome-charging/>.

### HOROSCOPE by Salomé

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**ARIES (March 21 to April 19):** Lots of possibilities begin to open up by midweek. Some seem more appealing than others, but wait for more facts to emerge later on before you consider which to choose.

**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** Bravo to the determined Bovine! While others might give up, you continue to search for answers. Expect your Taurean tenacity to begin paying off by week's end.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20):** You might want to consider stepping back from the task at hand for a while. This could help you get a better perspective on what you've done and what still needs to be done.

**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** Your keen CANCERian insight should help you determine whether a new offer is solid or just more fluff 'n' stuff. The clues are all there, waiting for you to find them.

**LEO (July 23 - August 22):** Being ignored is difficult for any proud LEO or LEOna, but pushing yourself back into the spotlight might be unwise. Instead, let things work themselves out at their own pace.

**VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22):** Trying to uncover a colleague's secret under the pretext of showing concern is ill-advised. Control your curiosity in order to avoid raising resentment in the workplace.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22):** Expect to hear good news about a loved one. Also, be prepared for some changes in several family relationships that could develop from this lucky turn of events.

**SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21):** Some surprises are expected to accompany a number of changes that will continue through part of next week. At least one could involve a romantic situation.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** You might be upset by some of your critics. But most of your associates continue to have faith in your ability to get the job done and done well.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** A workplace goal that suddenly seems out of reach is no problem for the sure-footed Goat, who moves steadily forward despite any obstacles placed in their way.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** Uncertainty about who is right and who isn't might keep you from making a clear-cut decision. Wait until you know more about what you're being asked to decide.

**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** Be careful to keep your emotions in check when dealing with a demanding personal situation. You need to set an example of strength for others to follow.







Cherry Crepes

## The Festive Cherry

Since way back in 1909, San Leandro has celebrated the beginning of the cherry harvest in what was then a town full of orchards.

While you'd have to drive around a little to find a cherry tree anywhere in the East Bay these days, we aren't about to turn our back on the exquisite fruit that gave San Leandro the nickname, Cherry City.

After taking a few years off, the Cherry Festival returns to San Leandro's downtown this Saturday, bigger and better than ever. And there are plenty of cherries around for the big celebration.

The life of a picked cherry is short, so use them within a day or two of purchase—they don't ripen after being picked.

### CHERRY SAUCE

- 4 cups pitted and halved Bing cherries
- 2-1/2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup light corn syrup
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1 cup water
- 1 (1-3/4 ounce) package powdered fruit pectin

Combine cherries, sugar, corn syrup and lemon juice. Let stand 30 minutes; stir occasionally. Combine water and pectin; bring to boil and boil hard 1 minute. Pour over cherry mixture; stir about 3 minutes. Pour into clean containers; cover with tight-fitting lids. Let stand at room temperature until cool. Freeze. Thaw and serve over ice cream, yogurt or pudding.

### CHERRY CREPES

- 1 quart fresh cherries
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/3 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1 tablespoon water

For the Crepes:

- 1 cup Bisquick baking mix
- 1 egg
- 1 cup milk
- Powdered sugar

ers bottom. Bake until bubbles appear. Gently loosen edge; turn and bake other side. Makes about 12.

Spoon warm cherry mixture onto crepes and roll or fold. Place crepes seam side down on oven proof platter. Bake about 5 minutes.

Sprinkle with powdered sugar and serve warm.

### FRESH CHERRY SALAD WITH MELON & MINT

- 1/4 honeydew melon, seeds and skin removed, and cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- 1/4 cup minced fresh mint plus sprigs for garnish
- 2 tablespoons light honey
- 1-1/2 cups pitted fresh cherries
- Lemon juice
- Juice of 2 limes

Put the cantaloupe, honeydew melon, and minced fresh mint in a bowl and turn several times.

Put the honey into a small bowl with the lemon juice and stir until the honey dissolves, a minute or two. Pour this over the melons and turn several times. Add the cherries, turning them in as well. Pour the lime juice over all, garnish with mint sprigs and serve. Serves 6.

### CHERRY & RED ONION MARMALADE

- 1/4 cup chicken stock
- 8 cups very thinly sliced red onions (about 2 large)
- 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
- 2 cups pitted cherries
- Salt
- Freshly-ground black pepper

Bring stock to a boil in large pot and reduce by half over medium-high heat. Add onions, reduce

heat to medium-low and cook, covered, until very soft, about 45 minutes. Uncover and continue to cook, stirring occasionally, another 30 minutes. Add vinegar and cherries and cook until caramelized, 45 minutes to an hour. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Makes a good accompaniment to grilled meats.

### CHERRIES JUBILEE

- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 1 pound Bing cherries, rinsed and pitted
- 1/2 teaspoon finely grated orange zest
- 1/4 teaspoon cherry extract
- 1/4 cup brandy
- 3 cups vanilla ice cream

Whisk together the sugar and cornstarch in a wide saucepan. Stir in the water and orange juice; bring to a boil over medium-high heat, whisking until thickened. Stir in the cherries and orange zest, return to a boil, then reduce heat, and simmer for 10 minutes. While the cherries are cooking, spoon the ice cream into serving bowls.

Remove the cherries from the heat, and stir in the cherry extract. Pour in the brandy, and ignite with a long lighter. Gently shake the pan until the blue flame has extinguished itself.

Spoon the cherries over the bowls of ice cream. Serves 6.

### CHERRY MUFFINS

- 1/2 cup softened butter or margarine
- 1 cup sugar, plus extra
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 egg
- 2 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup milk

- 1-1/2 cups fresh cherries, pitted and chopped
- 1 tablespoon lemon zest
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 375°F. Grease 12-muffin tin or line with muffin papers.

With electric mixer, cream butter with 1 cup sugar together until light and fluffy. Beat in vanilla, then egg. Sift 2 cups flour with baking powder and salt. Stir flour mixture into butter mixture in batches, alternating with milk. Fold in cherries, lemon zest and pecans. Batter will be thick. Spoon into muffin tins, filling each cup half-way. Sprinkle tops with a little sugar. Bake for 25 minutes or until toothpick inserted into center comes out clean. Cool.

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Warren Buffett's Third Best Investment

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With the title, "The Oracle of Omaha," Warren Buffett, aged 94, is known as one of the most successful investors of all time. Currently worth over \$150 billion – a number that is, quite frankly, unimaginable, he has promised to donate over 99% of his wealth, having

already donated approximately \$62 billion, much of it through the Gates foundation. Buffet oversees Berkshire Hathaway, a holding company whose portfolio includes Duracell, Dairy Queen and Geico.

After an amazing career spanning 60 years, Warren Buffett is retiring from his position as CEO at the end of 2025 and will be handing over the reins to Vice-Chairman Greg

Abel. Known for his folksy anecdotes, he has chosen to live modestly, saying "Rational people don't risk what they have and need for what they don't have and don't need."

Known for his investment strategy on Wall Street, he stated, in a 2010 letter to Berkshire Hathaway shareholders, that his three best investments were, ironically, not related to the stock market. In fact, he insists that his personal real estate purchases (his personal residence, purchased in 1958 and a vacation property he bought in Laguna Beach in 1971) have been his third best investment. The top two investments, he whimsically notes, were wedding rings. The first ring was for his first wife, Susan Buffett, who passed away in 2004 and the second was for Strid Menks, who he married in 2006.

In a world saturated with wealthy individuals who prefer bling over substance, Buffett has chosen to live conservatively and, in fact, occupies the same home in Omaha, Nebraska that he purchased in 1958 for \$31,500. Christy Bieber, writing for The Motley Fool, explains Buffett's sentiments; "Buying a home enables you to create stability for yourself and your loved ones, as well as to hopefully build wealth over time when you pay down your loan and your property appreciates in value."

Many potential homebuyers are currently sitting on the sidelines, worried about high interest rates, soaring prices and the potential impact of tariffs. In reality, this is a very good time to buy, since many buyers are sitting on their hands waiting for things to change. Buffet explains, "If you have the financial capability to buy, do not try to time the market: buy now and begin to build wealth."

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Using Shade

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Vegetables

If your vegetable garden space is limited, try growing some varieties in hanging baskets. Bush-type cucumbers, zucchini, cherry tomatoes, and a variety of herbs work well.

For great yields, feed eggplants, peppers, squash and tomatoes when they blossom.

Flowers

Everything that's in bloom at your garden center is a good buy this week. Look for annuals, including marigolds, petunias, impatiens (good for color in shady spots) and zinnias in jumbo packs.

For late-summer color from bulbs, plant tuberous begonias, cannas, gladioluses, montbretias and tigridias.

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In Gardens, Healthy Soil Leads to Healthy Plants

By Buzz Bertolero  
The Dirt Gardener

I've been reading conflicting opinions about whether to amend the soil when planting trees and shrubs. What should I do?

Yes, there are differing opinions on the subject of 1 when planting. I believe it is advantageous to amend the native soil or backfill when planting in clay soil. Soil amendments can improve water retention, permeability, water infiltration, drainage, aeration, and structure in clay and sandy soils. They can also increase soil organic matter content and provide nutrients. Also, with vegetable gardens, healthy soil leads to healthy plants. So, replenishing the

soil annually with generous amounts of organic matter is encouraged. Ornamental trees and shrubs have been successfully established here using soil amendments for decades. Our vegetative landscape looks pretty darn good. So, why vary from a successful and proven planting method if it's not broken? I'd dig nice, large holes and generously amend the backfill with a fifty-fifty ratio of native soil mixed with homemade compost, soil conditioner, or a blend of organic materials. It serves as a transition layer for the roots between the loose planting mix and the much denser clay soil typical for our area. Also, don't bury the root ball. The original root ball should be an inch or more above ground to allow for settling. Plants that are buried too deep struggle

to grow and evenly die. You protect the exposed ball with mulch when the weather warms up. Dirt 1 always told me it's better to plant a dollar plant in a ten-dollar hole rather than a ten-dollar plant in a dollar hole, and it's still true today.

Can I apply a systemic insecticide plus fertilizer to my roses and Epsom Salt?

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serves as a supplement to your normal rose food, not a substitute. Epsom Salt is actually composed of magnesium sulfate and is sold as such in garden centers. Magnesium deficiency in roses begins to turn yellow, starting at the edges and eventually working its way toward the center of the leaf. This is not to be confused with nitrogen or iron deficiency. The foliage turns yellow from water

stress. A second sign is that the plant's growth will be stunted. The shoots will be smaller, and the yield of flowers will be reduced. Finally, Epsom Salt is a safe to use around pets. Buzz Bertolero is a California Certified Nursery Professional. The Dirt Gardener's website can be found at [www.dirtgardener.com](http://www.dirtgardener.com), and any questions can be directed to [buzz@dirtgardener.com](mailto:buzz@dirtgardener.com).

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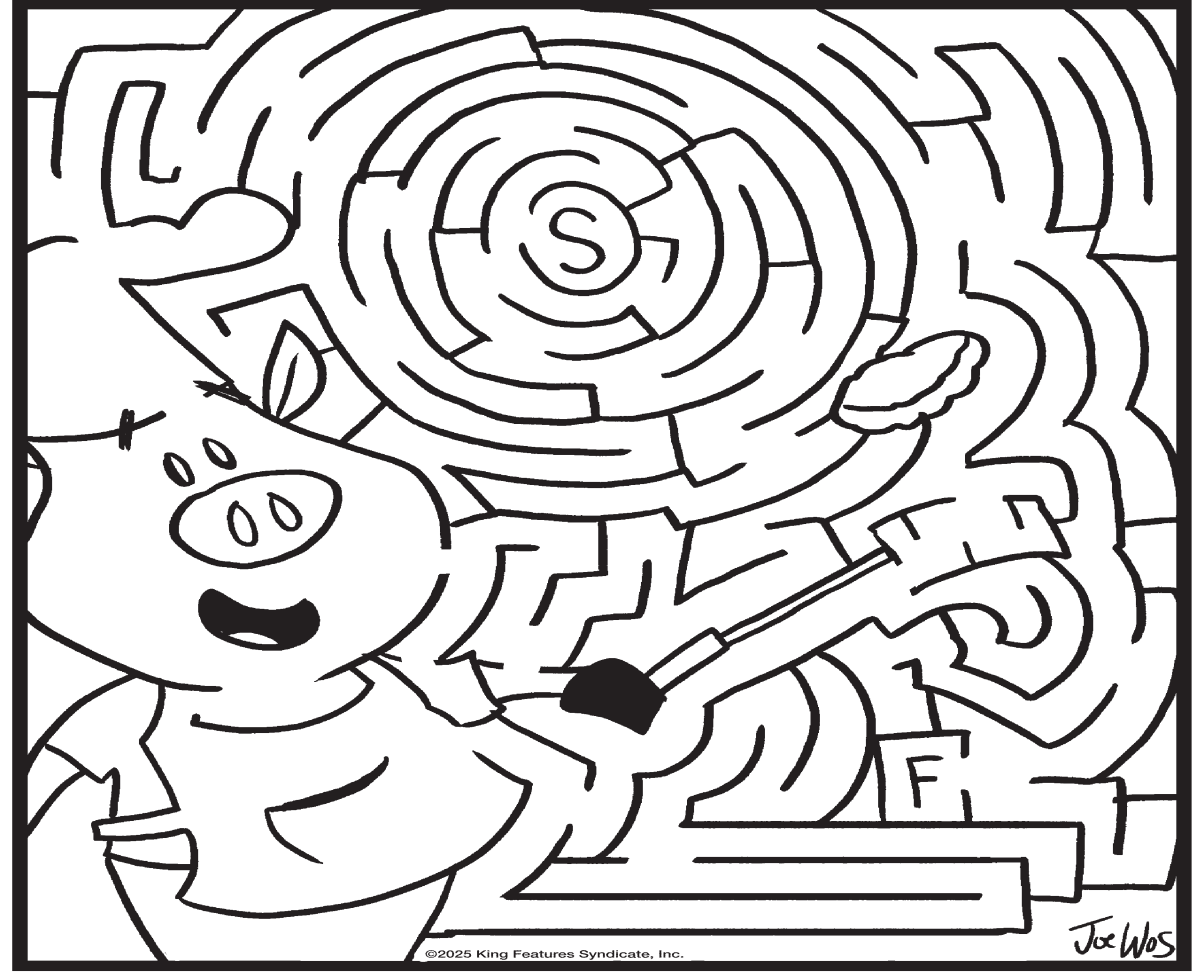
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Callan Partnership, located at 151 Callan Ave., Suite 300, San Leandro, CA 94577 / 1121 Brookvale Drive San Leandro, CA 94577 Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jeffrey Wm. Kerry, located at 1121 Brookvale Drive San Leandro, CA 94577 / Dolores J. Kerry 1121 Brookvale Drive San Leandro, CA 94577. This business is conducted by a General Partnership. This business commenced 1998 /s/Jeffrey Wm. Kerry  
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Rogers Resources, located at 2321 86th Ave. Oakland, CA 94605 Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sharonne E. Rogers located at Sharon E. Rogers, 2321 86th Ave. Oakland, CA 94605. This business is conducted by An Individual. This business commenced 1/1/2023 /s/Sharonne E. Rogers  
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Smartly Solutions, located at 13117 Aurora Dr., San Leandro, CA 94577 / 2648 International Blvd Ste 115 Oakland, CA, 94601 Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Shane Christian Nieto, located at 2648 International Blvd Ste 115 Oakland, CA, 94601. This business is conducted by An Individual. This business commenced N/A /s/Shane Nieto  
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The name of the business(es):  
The Dawg Mother, located at 21336 Kahlert Ave., Castro Valley, CA 94546 Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Francesca Castaldi, located at 121336 Kahlert Ave., Castro Valley, CA 94546. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. This business commenced 01/02/2020 /s/Francesca Castaldi  
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The name of the business(es):  
Ameriwest Mortgage & Investment, located at 136 Farrelly Drive, Suite B San Leandro, CA 94577 Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Frances Katherine Jackson, located at 136 Farrelly Drive, Suite B. San Leandro, CA 94577. This business is conducted by An Individual. This business commenced 1987 /s/Frances Katherine Jackson  
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The name of the business(es):  
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Resendes House Improvement, located at 159 Garcia Ave., San Leandro, CA 94577 Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jose Manuel Silva Resenders, located at 159 Garcia Ave., San Leandro, CA 94577. This business is conducted by An Individual. This business commenced N/A /s/Jose Manuel Silva Resenders  
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The name of the business(es):  
Mathnasium of San Leandro, located at 159 Parrott Street, San Leandro, CA 94577 / 33250 Pheasant Street, Fremont, CA 94555 Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Stemptopia LLC, located at 33250 Pheasant Street, Fremont, CA 94555. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. This business commenced N/A /s/Neha Sharma  
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The name of the business(es):  
46699 Mission Inc., located at 46699 Mission Blvd., Fremont, CA 94539 Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): 46699 Mission Inc., located at 46699 Mission Blvd., Fremont, CA 94539. This business is conducted by a Corporation. This business commenced 04/15/2025 /s/Bedry A. Alghithi  
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The name of the business(es):  
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The name of the business(es):  
1. Mosaic Memories. 2. Sherry Mae Designs. 3. Mosaic Memories DBA, located at 475 Warren Ave. San Leandro, CA 94577 Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sherry Mae Calcagno, located at 475 Warren Ave. San Leandro, CA 94577. This business is conducted by An Individual. This business commenced 11/22/2011 /s/Sherry Mae Calcagno  
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The name of the business(es):  
V's Cleaning Services, located at 1603 81st Ave., Oakland, CA 94621 Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Veronica Martinez, located at 1603 81st Ave., Oakland, CA 94621. This business is conducted by An Individual. This business commenced 5/6/2025 /s/Veronica Martinez  
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The name of the business(es):  
Aurora Catering, located at 2700 Fairmont Drive San Leandro, CA 94578 / 1821 Riverbank Ave. Castro Valley, CA 94546-6241 Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Martin Deardorf, located at 1821 Riverbank Ave. Castro Valley, CA 94546-6241 / Dawn Deardorf 1821 Riverbank Ave. Castro Valley, CA 94546-6241. This business is conducted by Married Couple. This business commenced 6/7/2010 /s/Dawn Deardorf This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on date indicated by file stamp above.  
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The name of the business(es):  
Kerry & Associates, located at 151 Callan Ave., Suite 300, San Leandro, CA 94577 / 1121 Brookvale Drive San Leandro, CA 94577 Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jeffrey Kerry, located at 1121 Brookvale Drive San Leandro, CA 94577 / Dolores Kerry 1121 Brookvale Drive San Leandro, CA 94577. This business is conducted by Married Couple. This business commenced 2005 /s/Jeffrey Wm. Kerry  
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# OPINION

## LETTERS to the EDITOR

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### Storekeeper, City Reach Agreement on Signs Editor,

After giving my two-minute speech at last month's City Council meeting—which, by the way, was incredibly intimidating for me, as I've never spoken in public before—I'm happy to report that the City of San Leandro has been working closely with me on the business signage regulations.

The city planners have been very receptive and kind, listening to my concerns about how the signage rules have impacted my business's ability to market itself. Through ongoing conversations, we've reached a fair agreement that supports both the city's goals and the needs of my business.

As a San Leandro resident for over 30 years, I care deeply about keeping our city looking clean and well-maintained. I truly believe in the power of dialogue and open communication, and this experience has reinforced that belief. My business now has clear, professional signage, and I'm hopeful it will help attract more customers—benefiting not just my business, but our city as a whole.

**Leslie Garcia**  
San Leandro

### Landslide It Was

Editor,

Owen Rubin's amusing but misleading May 15 collection of "corrections" to earlier letter-writers (Letters to the Editor, May

15, 2024) cannot escape its own correction. To take one example, he uses sleight-of-hand to assert that Trump's election cannot be called a landslide. It was, and is.

I never voted for the guy, but Rubin's style of presentation is what makes Trump's critics invisible to critical thinkers. Ruben starts with "voters" but then punts back to registered-voters and people who did not vote. This is moving the goal posts.

Furthermore, he does not acknowledge the squish nature of the term "landslide." The American Political Science Association (APSA) does not have a specific, formal definition for the term "landslide" in election contexts. Generally, in political science, a "landslide" refers to an election outcome where one candidate or party wins by an exceptionally large margin over the opponent, indicating overwhelming voter support. The exact percentage that qualifies as a landslide can vary, but it typically involves a significant and decisive victory.

Ruben uses the tired dodge of confusing the Electoral College with the general vote. The Electoral College is the only vote that matters and is determinative, and as we all know, I hope, one can win a presidential election despite a plurality of the popular vote going to one's opponent.

Nevertheless, in the 2024 U.S. presidential election, Trump secured 312 electoral votes, defeating Kamala Harris, who received 226 electoral votes.  $312/538 = 58\%$ , or 6-to-4, or 50% more votes than received by Harris.

There's the landslide, by anyone's definition.

I'm not a Republican, and I'm worried about survival of the two-party system. Ignoring such realities as the Electoral College, swing states, defecting minorities, the Democrats could be facing serious difficulties in the midterms and beyond. Magical thinking and innumeracy are not going to help them survive.

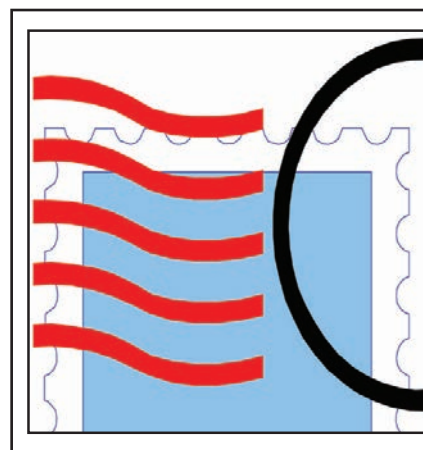
**Gordon Imrie**  
San Leandro

### Public Should Get Its Money's Worth

Editor,

Two weeks ago, the Times reported that our City Council has approved pay raises for city workers. The council says the workers may leave if they're not paid a "competitive" wage, and according to the article, San Leandro will soon have many employees making well over \$100,000 a year.

It's important to remember that government doesn't pay those salaries: the money taken from taxpayers is what pays the government's bills, including payroll. And yet we are constantly being asked by one tax supported public



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entity after another asking for even more money. This suggests the City and its agencies are not managing the public's money in a responsible manner.

So how do taxpayers know that someone being paid \$100,000 a year is actually delivering work that's worth \$100,000 a year? We don't, because government promotes by seniority, not merit.

To know if we're getting what we're paying for we must insist on performance reviews at City Hall using metrics proven by private industry to gauge results. Among other metrics, managers should be asked:

How many projects did you oversee last year? How many came in on time and under budget? Name three things you did to improve the efficiency and output of your department.

If they can't or won't answer these questions, their salary should be cut to a level commensurate with their ability, or – depending on the accumulated dollar losses in that department – dismissed.

Let's see who's getting our money and if they're worth it. If they aren't, give us our money back.

**Allan Lindsay-O'Neal**  
San Leandro

### It Is Our War

Editor,

Vice President Vance's recent comment that Russia and Ukraine's war is "not our war," is certainly incorrect. That same attitude was expressed by many Americans in the 1930's, and history has shown them clearly wrong.

Armed conquest of land by force simply can't be tolerated in the modern world. If VP Vance and President Trump let Putin have what he wants, we will end up sending American troops to save Europe again, but since the obviousness of that takes some years to develop, both Vance and Trump will be out of office.

On March 7, 1936 Hitler successfully marched German troops into the Rhineland to retake it for Germany, and no one did anything to stop him in spite of the fact that this was a flagrant violation of the Agreement that ended WWI. 5 years later on December 7, 1941

it became obvious we had to stop this guy, but doing so resulted in the deaths of over 400,000 American soldiers. Why should we repeat this? We shouldn't. What we should do is give the Ukrainian Army everything we've got (short of nuclear weapons) in terms of military equipment as long as they are willing to fight Putin.

**Don Siefkes**  
San Leandro

### It Was a Landslide

Editor,

The May 15 issue of the San Leandro Times published two letters repeating the fraudulent information spread out before the elections. Owen Rubin resorts to the same sources that had Kamala Harris winning the election by six points. Rubin arrives at the conclusion that Harris would have won if the "no votes" were counted.

Of course, Democrats arrive at this conclusion by counting the votes that the illegals would have cast, if it were not for the more close scrutiny that Trump implemented for this election, in order to avoid the repetition of the 2020 fraud.

Yes, Mr. Rubin, it was a landslide: Kamala Harris didn't win a single of the contested states.

Then, we have Bruce Joffe again, a rabid Trumphobic who comes with the daily Fake News argument that Trump is deporting immigrants who did not commit "heinous crimes." When are the Joffes going to understand that illegals are deported for entering the country illegally and that they have no constitutional protection, in spite of Joffe's claim that "those laws don't work. They were designed by Republicans lawmakers to not work."

He forgets all of the executive actions implemented by Biden to allow caravans of illegals flock to the border. And, let me remind Mr. Joffe that it was Ronald Reagan who gave amnesty to illegals, which encouraged millions to flood the country to take U. S. workers' jobs. That's what Trump is putting a stop to. Enough of letters by liars, distorters and advocates of a criminal policy.

**Leo T. West**  
San Leandro

## Be Prepared with Home Earthquake Insurance

**By Ben Deci**  
California Earthquake Authority

How often does an opinion – much less a conviction – start with "I don't know?" But the truth is, I don't know.

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Over the years, you've probably been urged to get prepared and may have resented the uncertainty in that message.

This April, people in Myanmar are struggling to recover from something terrifying. Buildings toppled. Lives were lost on a staggering scale. A harsh spotlight was cast on the value of earthquake preparedness.

"I don't know" doesn't mean you're powerless. When the next destructive earthquake hits California, many will have strengthened their homes in advance by retrofitting them to be sturdier. Many will have insured their homes with a policy from the California Earthquake Authority or another provider, protecting a critical asset for themselves and generational wealth for their families.

You may have moved or changed insurance providers. That's okay. It's a new opportunity to get prepared. Every homeowners' or renters' insurance provider admitted to the California market must offer you earthquake insurance.

Because there's something we do know. Earthquakes are inevitable. You may be a lifelong Californian and never suffer loss in an earthquake. But someone will.

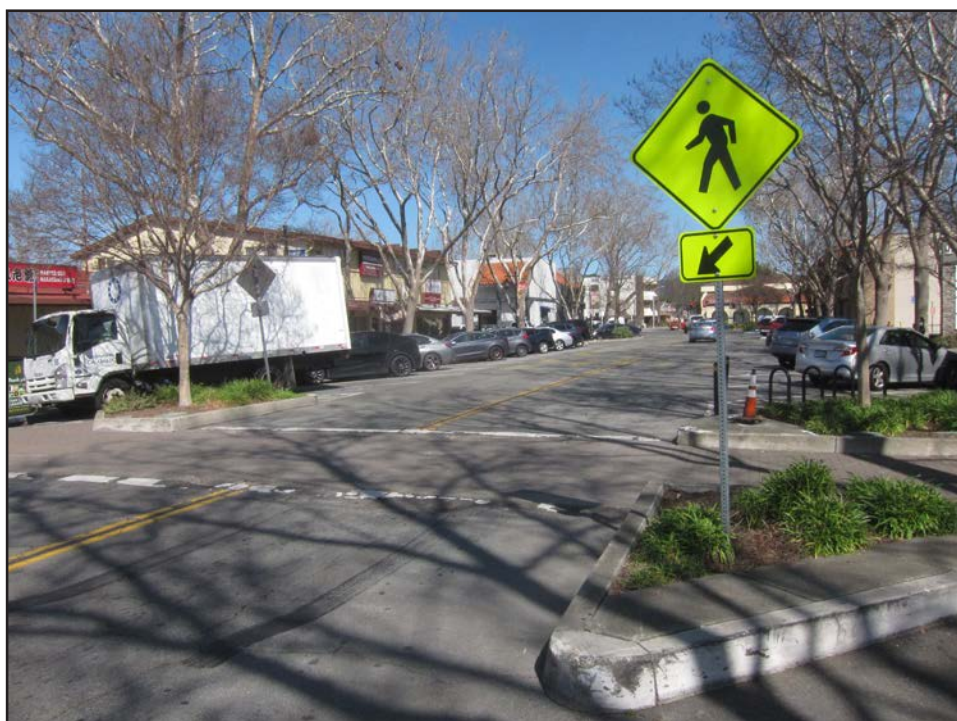
And as part of the insurance pool, you're participating when Californians need to recover and rebuild. That's how insurance works – rebuild homes rebuild communities. If you ever need it to rebuild your home, that premium pool will be there to help you.

Oh, and here's something else we know: many Californians are wrong about what to do in an earthquake. Outdated advice still circulating can put you in danger.

For instance, people sometimes rush to find a doorway when the ground starts shaking. That may work in the movies, but when your ShakeAlert app goes off, or you feel the ground tremble, the best thing to do is Drop, Cover, and Hold On. Forget the doorway.

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## Hard Times for Parrot Street Pedestrian Crosswalk Sign

The crosswalk sign facing eastbound traffic on Parrott Street downtown keeps getting hit by motor vehicles, which gives you an idea of how it is for people trying to cross the street. The sign was knocked down and missing

for months, and replaced about two months ago (left). But in the past week, the new sign was apparently knocked around 180 degrees (right) so that it faces the wrong way. Approaching drivers just see the back of the sign.

## Hiring: Vacancies at City Hall

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staffed by at least 20 percent, at 23 percent and 22 percent respectively, according to Hung.

Finance stood at 17 percent understaffed, and Public Works at 15 percent understaffed, as is the police department at 15 percent. But the police department, which is a large department, had the highest number of vacancies, at 21, according to Hung.

Ironically, the department with the highest percentage of vacancies was Hung's own de-

partment, Human Resources, with 24 percent of positions vacant, she said.

Public commenter Jeff Duritz noted that while city positions were going unfilled, the council's Finance Committee at its May 12 meeting discussed a hiring freeze and not filling vacant positions.

"There seems to be a little bit of a disconnect around the hiring, and then the freezing of vacant positions," he said.

Hung said the difficulty in recruiting and retaining employees had several causes.

There is increased competition in the job market, more openings in the public sector, less qualified applicants, and people not staying in jobs as long.

There was difficulty in filling specific positions, such as police officers, dispatchers, civil engineers, public finance officials and water pollution control plant workers, she said.

Still, the city did recruit and hire for over 100 positions last year, out of nearly 5,800 applicants, Hung said.

"We've taken a number of

steps to navigate our challenges," Hung said. "A competitive compensation package is going to help immensely to recruit and retain."

Hung said that the council had recently approved a new labor contract that brought salaries above what some other public employers pay. Job descriptions have been rewritten to be more flexible in considering a combination of experience and education, she said. Professional and networking associations have been contacted for direct outreach.

Hung said that more flexible working arrangements and telework are offered for some positions.

Retaining current employees is also important, Hung said, and that there are a number of ways to make San Leandro a fulfilling place to work, and stay working. Appreciation events are held several times throughout the year, she said.

"It is critical to foster an environment where employees not only thrive, but they stay long-term," Hung said.

## Break-In: Forced entry on roof

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County Sheriff's Office and the Hayward Police Department, which brought along a K-9 unit.

After an extensive search, two of the three suspects were taken into custody just after 5:50 a.m. Police had no information on the remaining

suspect.

It appeared the point of forced entry was a window on the roof of the restaurant, Teng said. The loss was two cash registers and the cash inside them.

Police identified the arrested suspects as Pedro Rios, 35, and Exson Chajonvasquez, 22, both male residents of Oakland.

## Hearing Loss Assoc. Meeting on June 14

The Hearing Loss Association of America – East Bay will have its June meeting on Saturday, June 14, at Kaiser Permanente Oakland, Fabiola Building, 3801 Howe St, Basement Room G-26.

Refreshments at 9:30 a.m., presentation at 10 a.m., pizza at 11:30 a.m.

Dr. Erik Breitling, AUD, FAAA, Lamorinda Audiology, is an audiologist, who will explain the basics of how to interpret your hearing test results.

The meeting is available both in-person and virtual (Zoom). Please register at: [www.HearingLossEB.org](http://www.HearingLossEB.org) by 5 p.m. on Fri June 13.

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## Obituaries

### Audrey Joyce Hefner

March 22nd, 1934 ~ May 15th, 2025.

Audrey was born on March 22nd, 1934 in Oakland, CA. to William and Flores Fernandes. She proudly graduated from Notre Dame High School.

Audrey was married to Frank Maloon from 1960- 1970 and had 3 sons.

Audrey married John H. Hefner on June 2, 1972, after a successful matchmaking plan by John's sister and Audrey's friend, Rosanne Hefner.

Together John and Audrey raised four beautiful children and seven grandchildren.

Audrey is survived by: Michael Maloon (Wendy Maloon), Christopher Malone, Mathew Malone (Jennifer Malone), Beth Hefner and seven amazing grandchildren: Madeline (Ryan), Jack, Sean, Ryan, Julia, Kendall and Lily. Audrey was also a proud dog mom to her four-legged companion, Bella.

Audrey is preceded by her husband, John Hefner, her siblings Kenneth Fernandes, Glen Fernandes, and June Rundberg and her daughter-in-law, Patricia Noonan.

Audrey worked for the Lions Club, VA Hospital, Gladman Memorial Hospital and McKinley Elementary School in San Leandro, where she worked for almost 30 years helping children which was her life's passion.

Audrey especially loved square dancing with Skirts and Flirts, playing puzzle games on the computer, watching Wheel of Fortune and keeping in touch with lifelong friends and family.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to a local elementary school in honor of Audrey's many years in the classroom.





# City Council Takes Comments on District Elections

Only three people speak at last City Council meeting about district elections; but more discussion is expected at the June 2 meeting

By Mike McGuire  
San Leandro Times

San Leandro City Council hosted the third public hearing on district elections at its May 19 meeting.

The issue drew several public comments, all in favor of electing City Council members by district rather than citywide.

Mayor Gonzalez suggested that, in the interest of moving through a long meeting agenda, council members withhold their own comments until June 2 when council members will speak on the topic, in addition to public comments.

The public hearings are to gather views prior to an eventual vote on the issue.

Public speakers at the meeting objected to using the

current City Council district maps. They said new maps are required if the city is going to go to district elections.

The current district maps were drawn up in 2022 and used population figures older than that, dating back to 2014, said speaker Jenny Madsen.

"Those are pre-pandemic numbers," she said, adding that population had shifted since then.

Douglas Spalding said, "I am shocked that the city would turn around and propose the current district maps as the district maps going into the future."

Spalding said that there were disparities between districts in race and income, and that the majority of votes in city election come from

Districts 1 and 5 (the northern part of town), leaving the other four districts underrepresented.

"It just doesn't look like these districts are balanced," said another speaker. "There's some weird quasi-gerrymandering going on, especially on the racial angles." He said he had used some tools on Google Earth to estimate current populations of districts using census data, and had found wide discrepancies.

Spalding said his employer, the San Lorenzo school district, had hired several demographers and proposed several different sets of maps when it moved to district elections a few years ago. He suggested San Leandro be more thorough in drawing

district lines.

"If we don't even give it some consideration, I feel you're going to wind up back in court again," he said.

The next, and last, public hearing will be held at the City Council's June 2 meeting. At its June 16 meeting the council will finalize the proposal to submit to the city's voters. The date for that vote has not yet been set, but if it passes, the first election using the new system will be in November 2026.

There is more information on the city's website at [www.sanleandro.org/1442/District-Elections](http://www.sanleandro.org/1442/District-Elections).

## New Fire Zone Maps Adopted by The City Council

In other business, the council adopted new fire hazard zone maps that match Calfire's recently updated maps, following a presentation by Alameda County Fire Department Commander Paige Bowie.

Bowie said that cities had to adopt local maps, either matching the state's maps or

being stricter if they provided evidence for this. The local rules are not allowed to be looser than the state's, however, Bowie said.

Stricter rules would carry various costs, including resistance by homeowners, she said. Berkeley, with a historic wildfire problem, adopted stricter rules and plans to enforce them, while Marin County cities have chosen an education approach instead of strict enforcement.

The city could always choose to toughen its regulations later if necessary, Bowie said.

The council agreed with her recommendation and voted to match the state fire maps and update city ordinances accordingly.

## Eden Road, Last Dirt Road in Alameda County

The council also took up the fate of San Leandro's perhaps least-known street, Eden Road. It's a dirt road off Doolittle Drive near Davis Street, called by public commenter Chris Bammer "Alameda

County's last dirt road." Eden Road leads past the back of Alco Metals to the Phelps auto junkyard.

The city had bought Eden Road from the county in 2004, with plans to develop it using redevelopment money. Redevelopment agencies were later shut down by the state.

Alco Metals, whose main entrance is around the corner on Davis Street, agreed to buy it from the city for a token \$1 on the condition they pave it, install fire hydrants and a vehicle turnaround to replace the current narrow dead-end, and maintain the road afterwards.

After some discussion, the council voted to approve the sale, 4-0 with Councilmember Boldt recused himself because he had earlier voted on the matter as a member of the Planning Commission.

## Azevedo and Viveros-Walton Absent From Meeting

City Councilmembers Bryan Azevedo and Sbeydeh Viveros-Walton were absent from the May 19 City Council meeting.

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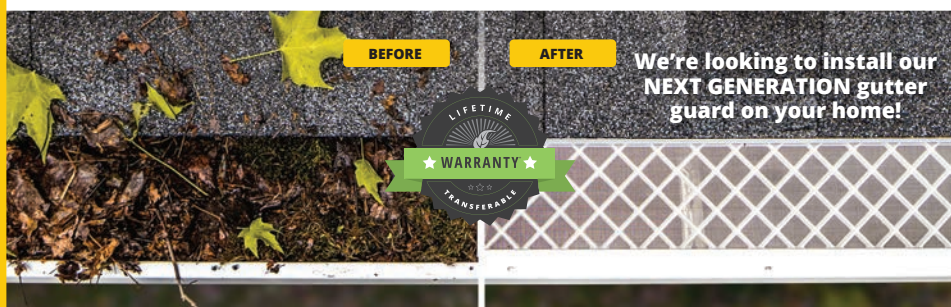
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## Report: UC student's report says money in county budget doesn't end up going to the unincorporated area

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spends less than it budgets for those areas, but can't easily identify where that under-spending went instead.

### County Can't Identify Where Money Went

That gap can be quite large, in a part of the county where many people's incomes are already low, said Collins, the report's author. In 2020, it was \$100 million, and in 2019 there was a \$93 million gap between what the county budgeted for services and supplies in the unincorporated areas and what it actually spent.

It is not clear where that money went, Collins said. Over 21 years, there has been \$1.3 billion in budgeted funds that were unspent and unaccounted for in the county's unincorporated areas, she said.

"We're very concerned about the lack of accountability when the county under-spends money it has budgeted for the unincorporated areas," said Esclamado. "Maybe if we had an Office of Unincorporated Affairs somebody would

have caught this already."

He explained that the county's spending on the unincorporated areas goes through five major departments, each of which can only estimate what that spending is out of their total budgets.

Setting up such an office is one of the recommendations of the report. Others are improving transparency of the unincorporated area budget; improving unincorporated area governance and management; improving understanding of conditions of unincorporated area residents; and increasing resources dedicated to unincorporated areas.

Collins said that not only is there no central office for the unincorporated areas, but none of the major departments has a staff member who deals solely with the unincorporated areas.

"We need to know who to go to when something is not working," said My Eden Voice board president Rosemary Vasquez, a 32-year resident of the unincorporated areas.

"We need an individual who is responsible to the unincorporated areas. Having a board of supervisors is not enough," Vasquez added.

Two county supervisors represent parts of the unincorporated area, and neither had immediate comment on the report. Lena Tam in District 3, which includes San Leandro, also represents San Lorenzo and Hayward Acres. Her staff did point to money currently in the county budget to serve the unincorporated areas.

Nate Miley in District 4 represents part of Oakland, but also the unincorporated communities of Ashland, Castro Valley, Cherryland, El Portal Ridge, Fairmont Terrace, Fairview and Hillcrest Knolls.

Elena Torres, from Cherryland, said in Spanish, "We are asking for the same level of services that would be provided in any city."

Mimi Dean, longtime Eden environmental and community activist, said "This has been going on for far too long and we deserve a fair shake in the unincorporated areas."