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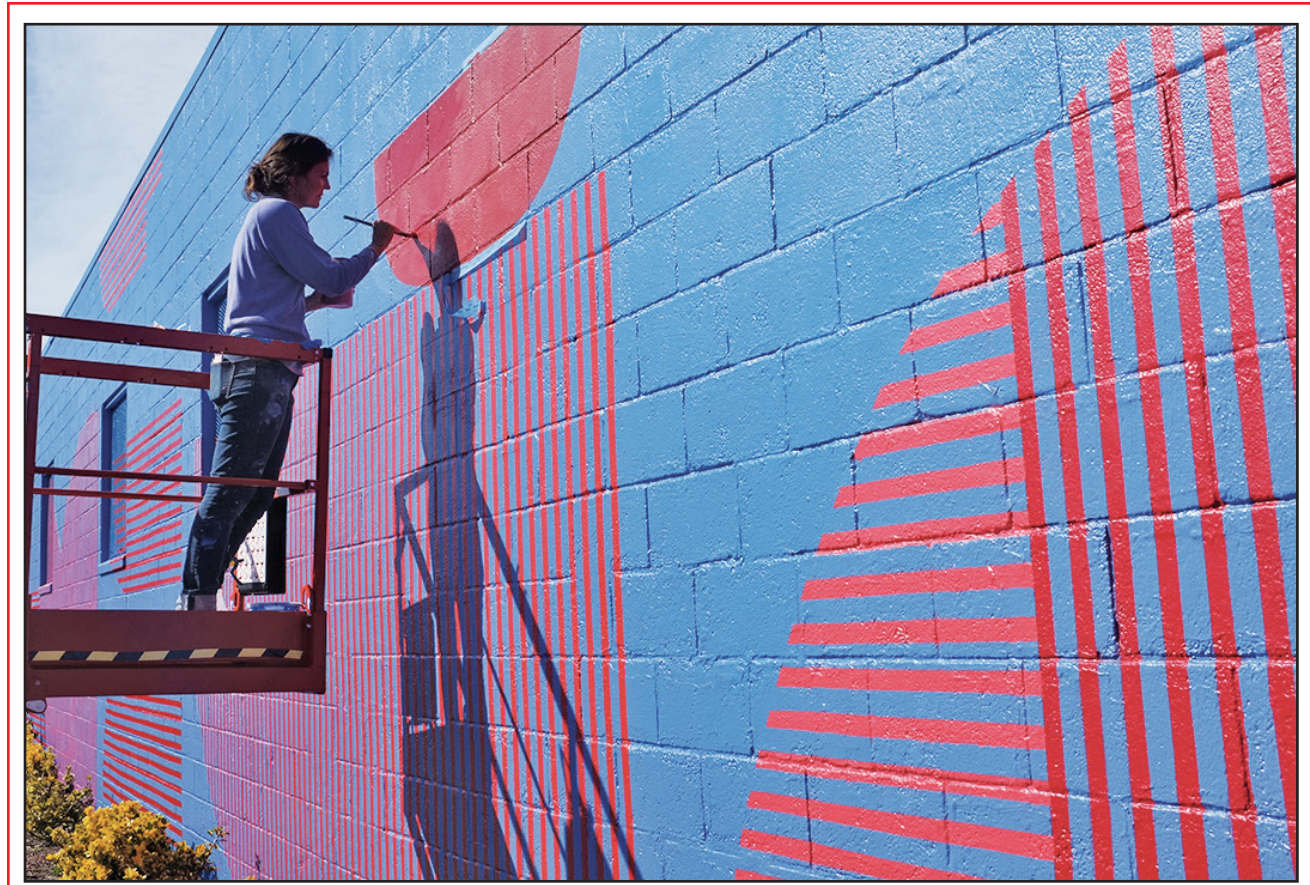


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## Mural in the Manor

Kelly Ording worked on her mural last week near the intersection of Farnsworth Street and Manor Boulevard. Ording's mural is one of three underway in San Leandro, along with one on Abrams Court and Merced Street.

## Trees Will Be Cut for Rapid Bus Line

By Amy Sylvestri  
San Leandro Times

Construction has begun on the long-anticipated AC Transit Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line from downtown Oakland to San Leandro, but in order for the stations to be built, dozens of trees along the International Boulevard and East 14th Street corridor are being removed.

A total of 25 trees in San Leandro will be cut down and 17 trees will be planted to replace them, according to Robert Lyles, spokesman for AC Transit. But the saplings that will be planted are much smaller than the decades-old trees that currently line the street.

The \$200 million BRT project, which has been called "light rail on wheels" by AC Transit, is a 9.5 mile rapid route with bus-only lanes and some raised loading platforms along a center median

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PHOTO BY AMY SYLVESTRI

Twenty-five trees will be cut down in San Leandro for the new rapid bus line.

## Infrastructure Projects on Front Burner

Street repairs, city pools, WiFi part of capital improvements

By Amy Sylvestri  
San Leandro Times

The City Council heard about plenty of potential projects at a special workshop Monday night to help prioritize the budget for San Leandro's infrastructure. Projects will include street repairs, a new pool, and expanded WiFi.

residents call us every day," said Cooke.

For example, he said one man called to ask about getting a sound wall on the freeway expanded near his home. The cost of

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Keith Cooke, the city's engineering director, presented the council with a tentative six-year plan of all the projects necessary to keep San Leandro running.

Cooke said a fine balance must be struck between spending on maintenance on exiting properties and creating new projects.

"I like to think of it as a healthy diet," said Cooke. "We can't spend all of our funds on treats."

Cooke called things like road maintenance the "vegetables" and projects like park expansions "dessert."

The engineering department estimates \$29 million in capital improvement spending next fiscal year and they are in the process of asking the City Council for funding in the two-year budget that's in the process of being created.

Cooke said that, while creating the list of prioritized projects, they surveyed the public and that the public is often who calls his department's attention to infrastructure needs.

"The list continues to expand,

## CV Pushes Back on Pot Shops

By Amy Sylvestri  
San Leandro Times

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors is proposing an ordinance that will increase the number of cannabis dispensaries in the county, allowing up to five in the county's unincorporated areas.

Currently, there are two dispensaries operating in the Eden Area, one on East Lewelling Boulevard in Ashland and one on Foothill Boulevard in Cherryland. The new ordinance would authorize one more dispensary in the Eden Area and the other two in the eastern part of the county, but no exact locations are set.

Over the past few months, the

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

### SAN LEANDRO SCHOOL BOARD

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



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## Veterans Resource Center Looking for Volunteers

The Veteran's Resource Center (VRC) at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., helps veterans as part of the state-wide program "Veterans Connect @ the Library."

The center is currently understaffed and looking for new volunteers (volunteer training is part of the program). If you are interested in volunteering or for more information, call 577-3992.

The center provides assistance through trained volunteers who can connect veterans and their families to benefits and resources. The center also pro-

vides access to books, DVDs and pamphlets on various topics including: Veterans benefits, registration with the CALVET program, registration with Federal e-benefits, transitioning from military to civilian life, finding jobs, surviving change and managing post-traumatic stress disorders.

Veterans can make an appointment to meet one-on-one with a Volunteer Veterans Benefit Coach by leaving an appointment request at the library or via email to [sanleandrovr@gmail.com](mailto:sanleandrovr@gmail.com) or by calling 577-3991.

## Kindergarten Information Nights Set for SLZ Schools

The San Lorenzo Unified School District is having Kindergarten information nights to meet teachers, principals and staff and get information. The information nights for each elementary school are on the following dates:

Bay School, March 15 at 6 p.m.  
Colonial Acres School, March 22 at 6:30 p.m.  
Corvallis School, March 28

at 6 p.m.  
Dayton School, March 8 at 5:30 p.m.  
Del Rey School, March 22 at 6 p.m.  
Grant School, March 1 at 6 p.m.  
Hesperian School, March 1 at 6 p.m.  
Hillside School, March 29 at 6 p.m.  
Lorenzo Manor School, March 8 at 5 p.m.

## City of San Leandro's Home Earthquake Strengthening Course

The City of San Leandro is again offering its nationally recognized and award-winning Home Earthquake Strengthening Course to homeowners. This is a "do-it-yourself" course geared towards owners of older, raised-floor homes. Homeowners will be shown how to identify and strengthen structural weaknesses in their homes. Upon completion of this four-day course, each homeowner will have a customized blueprint for their seismic project.

If you own a hillside home, please contact the Division of Building & Safety at (510) 577-3405.

**When:** March 9, 14, 16 and 21  
This is a four-day course.

**Where:** 999 East 14th Street, San Leandro  
City Hall Plaza, south of the Police Department, behind the California Conservatory Theatre

**Time:** 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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## Madison Fundraiser Sets a Record After Student's Speech

School raises \$2,700 for Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

James Madison Elementary holds a "Pennies for Patients" fundraiser each year for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and the school usually raises about \$1,700.

This year, they went all out and had a goal of \$2,000. But that was before fifth grader Amira Hutcherson gave her speech. This year, Madison School raised \$2,759.

Amira has been in remission from leukemia for almost five years. She loves to share her story to bring awareness to cancer, and to be a voice for those who lost their fight or who continue to fight cancer.

In her speech, Amira said she was grateful for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Her mom and dad had insurance but they had high co-pays and the society helped pay those bills. They also provided her parents with peer-to-peer support, connecting them with other families who had a child with cancer.

"Without the Leukemia & Lymphoma society I wouldn't have been able to receive the care I had," Amira said.



PHOTO COURTESY OF LEX HUTCHERSON

Madison School student Amira Hutcherson who gave a speech in front of the whole school poses for a photo with Principal Gerry Grotke and fourth grade teacher Danille Gallagher.

## Music Fest to Raise Funds For School Music Programs

Come to see San Leandro bands at the Cherry City Music Fest 2017 at The Englander on Saturday, March 18, at 6:30 p.m. to benefit music programs in San Leandro schools.

Join the fun with the bands the San Leandroids, Future/Past, Pugsley & the Dugger Brothers,

and In Your Head.

Doors open at 6 p.m. Donation of \$25 at the door, or \$10 for students.

All the proceeds from this show, organized by Keep Music Rockin' Foundation, benefit music at San Leandro public schools.

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## Recruits Learn the Ropes

The Alameda County Fire Department recruits are in week five of their training academy. This week they learned about ventilation and ladder work at the training facility on Lola Street in San Leandro.

## Inert Grenade Found in ACI Trash

The Alameda County Sheriff's bomb squad was called to Alameda County Industries (ACI) last Thursday morning at around 6:30 a.m. after a worker found a deactivated hand grenade on a conveyor belt while sorting trash.

ACI, located at 610 Aladdin Ave., was briefly evacuated while the sheriff's explosive disposal unit investigated the scene. No other businesses were threatened.

It was determined that the WWII-era grenade was inert and work at ACI resumed.

"We see a lot of WWII-era grenades that are commonly marketed as novelty items," said Sgt.

Ray Kelly of the sheriff's office. "People often find these items while going through property of deceased relatives. Most of the time, these grenades are inert. However, on occasion, we find live explosives."

Kelly said that if you find a grenade, report it — you won't get in trouble and the police just want to help take care of them safely.

## Sheriff Seeks Info in Cold Case

The Alameda County Sheriff's Office is asking for the public's help in solving a cold case murder.

On Feb. 17, 2005 Nicholas Bookhammer, 20, was shot to death outside a sports bar on Meekland Avenue in Cherryland where he was competing in a pool tournament when he stepped outside to have a cigarette.

The suspect is described as a male, about 5-foot-7, medium build and wearing a black ski mask.

Anyone with information is

asked to call the cold case unit at 667-3661 or the anonymous tip line at 667-3622.



Nicholas Bookhammer

## San Leandro Man with Autism Arrested for Attempted Murder

A 20-year-old San Leandro man was arrested for attempted murder in Berkeley last week after allegedly stabbing a woman who is an employee at his special education school.

The man, who is autistic, is accused of stabbing an administrator at the Via Center after he lost a job and blamed it on the

school's administration, police said.

On Feb. 21, the suspect was in a meeting with school staff regarding his attendance when he left and retrieved a knife from a filing cabinet in the office and stabbed a female administrator five times in the head, neck and back.

Police say the woman's injuries are not life-threatening.

The suspect fled the scene and was apprehended by the California Highway Patrol in Albany later that afternoon.

He is currently being held without bail in Santa Rita Jail and his next court date to enter a plea is March 7.

## Man Who Escaped Police Custody on I-880 Found and Arrested Weeks Later in Fremont

A man who fled police custody while being transported to the airport was found and arrested after more than two weeks on the run.

On Jan. 31, deputies from Kentucky picked up Shawn New, 27, at Santa Rita jail in Dublin where he was being held for DUI charges. In Kentucky, he was wanted for fraud and identity theft.

The Kentucky cops drove New in a rental car to San Francisco International Airport. The car didn't have back door locks like a police vehicle does.

New, in handcuffs, jumped out of the car while it sat in traffic on I-880 near the A Street exit in Hayward. A police helicopter was used in the effort to find him but he remained at large for 17 days, according to Sgt. Ray Kelly of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office.

On Feb. 16, Fremont police found New in a home on the 34000 block of Heather Terrace

in that city. New refused to exit the home and a police dog was sent in to apprehend him, Kelly said.

New was teated and released for a dog bite and is currently being held without bail at Santa Rita.

In addition to the DUI and fraud charges, New faces additional charges for being a "fugitive from justice."

His next court date is March 10 at the Hayward Hall of Justice.



Shawn New

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## Woman Gets 10 Year Sentence for Bank Heists

A San Francisco woman has been sentenced to more than a decade in prison for a spate of bank robberies, including one in San Leandro.

Yolanda Brown, 48, pled guilty to robbing the Patelco Credit Union in San Leandro in January of 2016 and other banks in San Francisco and Antioch over a period of six months that year. She also pled to being a convicted felon possessing a firearm and possessing methamphetamine.

A federal court convicted Brown in October and she was sentenced to 130 months of prison, five years of supervised release, and \$19,285 in restitution.

The case was investigated by the ATF, the FBI, and the San Leandro and Antioch police.

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# NEIGHBORS



Teachers Susan Deming, left and Sam Miller, right at the recent meeting of the San Leandro Art Association.

## Two SL Teachers Win Art Awards

At their recent meeting, the San Leandro Art Association gave two “Dorothy Cunningham Art Awards,” each in the amount of \$150 to teachers from the San Leandro public schools. The grant award to Sam Miller, art teacher

at Wilson Elementary, supports a choice-based express art project; and the award to Susan Deming, art specialist at Roosevelt Elementary, supports her students’ original art watercolor projects.

## Family Welcomes New Grandson

San Leandro native Russ Gebhardt and his wife Janet are delighted to announce the birth of their grandson Clay Alexander Martinez, born to daughter Keli and husband Dr. Brian Martinez of Pleasanton on Feb. 8 at Stanford Valley Care Hospital. Clay


was enthusiastically greeted by big brother Colin (age 3) and grandparents Dan and Barbara Martinez of Santa Cruz. Russ recently retired from 30 years with H.A.R.D and is thrilled to have plenty of free time to spend with all four

of his precious grandkids. Keli was born and raised in San Leandro and attended St. Leander School, Bishop O’Dowd High School and graduated from UC Davis. She most recently has been teaching science at Assumption School.



Russ Gebhardt and his new grandson Clay Alexander Martinez.

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**ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** The adventurous Aries won't be disappointed with taking on a new challenge, despite some initial misgivings. Look for this move to open other opportunities down the line.



**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** Let that beautiful Bovine smile not only put you at ease, but also show that you're ready, willing and more than able to confound the naysayers around you. A new admirer has important news.



**GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** Be careful how you handle a relationship that you're hoping to save. You already have the facts on your side. Avoid weakening your position by embellishing it with unnecessary dramatics.



**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** Taking definitive stands isn't easy for the often-wavering Moon Child. But you not only need to stay with your decision, but also reassure others it was the right thing to do.



**LEO (July 23 - August 22):** As a proud Lion, you're right to be upset about those who might be lying about you to others. But the best revenge is proving them wrong by succeeding at what you set out to do.



**VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22):** Caution is still advised before making a financial commitment to a "promising" project. Look for the facts behind the fluff. Devote the weekend to loved ones.



**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22):** A Taurus offers comfort and advice as you deal with an upsetting event. Use this as a learning experience that will help you avoid similar problems in the future.



**SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21):** A romantic situation creates some chaos for single Scorpions. But it's well worth the effort to work things out. A trusted friend can offer some helpful advice.



**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** Expect to make new friends as your social circle expands. Also, remember to tell that family member how proud you are of his or her achievements.



**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** New ventures continue to be favored. And with your self-confidence rising all the time, you'll want to see how well you can do with a new challenge. So, go to it.



**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** This is a good time for the usually "serious-minded" Aquarian to let loose and enjoy some fun times. Expect to get good news about a workplace issue.



**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** Changed plans might upset some people, but your needs should be respected. Offer explanations when necessary. But don't let yourself be talked into changing your decisions.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### ❖ San Leandro Readers Roundtable

The San Leandro Readers Roundtable will meet Saturday, March 4, at 2 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. The group will discuss *The Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George. All are welcome, and books discussed are available for purchase at the library's Book-tique bookstore.

### ❖ I.D.E.S. of Saint John Lunch & Bingo

I.D.E.S. of Saint John, 1670 Orchard Ave. in San Leandro, will have a bingo and salad bar luncheon on Saturday, March 4, at noon. Lunch is \$15 and includes three bingo cards, extra cards are 25 cents apiece. Raffle starts at 2 p.m. Bring along some canned food as there will be a canned food drive. For more information, call Willie Calvo at 635-6326 or Frances Leite at 886-1568.

### ❖ St. James Lutheran Church

St. James Lutheran Church and Christian Schools, 993 Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro, invites all for an afternoon of popular and inspirational music performed by the Guemmer and Myers Trio on Saturday, March 4, at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$15 (including refreshments) and proceeds will be used to teach children how to care for our planet via our eco-friendly garden and neighborhood herb and fruit trees.

### ❖ SL High Boosters Coaches' Crab Feed

The San Leandro High School Boosters Coaches' Crab Feed will be held on Saturday, March 4, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Boys & Girls Club of San Leandro, 401 Marina Blvd. There will be a crab feed, silent auction, no host bar, DJ dancing, dessert auction and raffles. Purchase tickets online at [www.slhsunitedparents.com](http://www.slhsunitedparents.com).

### ❖ Sons In Retirement Meetings

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

### ❖ Assumption School Dinner & Dance

Everyone is invited to Assumption Catholic School's 28th Annual Auction, Dinner & Dance fundraiser – "Celebrate the Night in Black & White" on Saturday, March 11, at the Colombo Club, 5321 Claremont Ave. in Oakland. The evening kicks off at 5 p.m. with a silent auction, followed by dinner, dancing and a live auction. Tickets are \$50 per person (adults only) for an evening of dinner, dancing and celebration in support of the school. To make a donation or purchase tickets, go to [www.assumption-school-sl.org](http://www.assumption-school-sl.org) and click on the "Auction" tab at the bottom of the page. Last year's auction attendees bid on a trip to the Venetian Hotel in Las Vegas, Disneyland tickets, Golden State Warriors playoff tickets and a performance of the San Francisco Ballet. There were also club memberships, gift certificates for local restaurants and much, much more.

### ❖ The Maltese Bodkin at SL Museum

The San Leandro Players present *The Maltese Bodkin* on Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. from March 11 to April 9, and Fridays from March 31 to April 7, at the San Leandro Museum/Auditorium, 320 West Estudillo Ave., in San Leandro. Written by David Belke and directed by Sage Hindley the play follows the intrepid gumshoe as he solves the mystery of

the deadly bodkin amid savory and unsavory characters from the realm of Shakespeare. Tickets are \$20, or \$15 for seniors, TBA members, under 12 and students. For more information or reservations, call 895-2573. Order tickets online at [www.slplayers.org](http://www.slplayers.org).

### ❖ Alta Mira Club

The Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave. in San Leandro, will have a corned beef and cabbage dinner on Saturday, March 11. The social hour starts at 5 p.m. and dinner begins at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20. For tickets, call 914-5684.

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

I.D.E.S. of Alvarado St. will have its annual crab feed on Saturday, March 11, at the hall on 790 Antonio St. in San Leandro. No host cocktails at 6 p.m. with dinner starting at 7 p.m. Dinner will include crab, pasta, salad, garlic bread and wine. Tickets are \$50 per person and may be purchased by calling 385-2847 or 635-3580 or by mail. Make check payable to I.D.E.S. and send to P.O. Box 781, San Leandro CA, 94577.

### ❖ St. Felicitas St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

Tickets are now on sale for the St. Felicitas Parish Young at Heart St. Patrick's Day Luncheon on Wednesday, March 15, at 1662 Manor Blvd. in San Leandro. Doors open at 11 a.m. and lunch is served at noon. Wear something green. Corned beef and cabbage, red potatoes, carrots, rye bread, dessert, coffee or apple cider will be served. Tickets are \$6. Entertainment and door prizes at the luncheon. Tickets must be purchased no later than the Monday before the luncheon. Tickets available at the parish office Monday through Thursday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

### ❖ Catholic Daughters Salad Bar Luncheon

The Catholic Daughters, Court #2400, will host the 3rd Annual Salad Bar Luncheon and Bingo on Saturday, March 18, at the St. Felicitas Church Msgr. McGinty Hall on 1662 Manor Blvd. in San Leandro. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$15 and proceeds support the Rice Bowl Project. To reserve your seat, RSVP Kim at 940-5949 by Sunday, March 12.

### ❖ The Kiwanis Club Pancake Breakfast

The Hayward/Castro Valley Kiwanis Club will have a pancake breakfast on Saturday, March 18, from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Kenneth Aitken Senior Center, 17800 Redwood Road in Castro Valley. The cost is \$10 per person for adults, \$30 for a family of 4, \$5 for children from 5 to 10. Proceeds go to community projects and scholarships. Come join the fun with a cake walk, basket raffles, silent auction, and door prizes. For more information, call 886-1100.

### ❖ Open Cockpit Day at Aviation Museum

The Oakland Aviation Museum, 8252 Earhart Road (just off Doolittle Drive) in Oakland, will host an Open Cockpit day on Sunday, March 19, starting at noon. Visitors can sit in famous aircraft, including the A-3 Skywarrior, A-4 Skyhawk, A-7 Corsair, Harrier and the MiG-15. Refreshments will be available and live music will be provided by The Friends of Ken Band, plus kids' activities, magic show, face painting and balloons, and a roller derby demonstration by the Quad City Derby Bombshells, and a drone demonstration. The Oakland Aviation Museum aims to educate the public on the development of aviation at historic North Field. For more information, call 638-7100 or go to [www.oaklandaviationmuseum.org](http://www.oaklandaviationmuseum.org).

Calendar items should be submitted at least one week prior to the desired edition of the Times, which is published Thursdays. Space limitations require we print items of the most general interest.



# Trees: Construction to start on rapid bus line

continued from front page  
as well as curbside stations.

The BRT line only runs in San Leandro down East 14th Street as far as Davis Street before turning to its final stop at the San Leandro BART station. The original plans for BRT to run all the way to Bayfair BART were cut short by the City Council.

There will be five BRT stations in San Leandro, including both elevated median and curbside stations. Lyles says it doesn't matter which type of station is built, both require removing trees. The BRT tree plan has been in place since 2012.

"If it's a median station, the street must be widened, so trees on the side of the road have to be removed," said Lyles. "If it's a curbside station, trees have to be removed at the station location."

In Oakland, over 250 new trees will be planted to replace the trees that are being removed. But along the Oakland corridor, there are areas where there aren't any existing trees, whereas the area of construction in San Leandro has trees all along the street.

San Leandro has less than a 1-to-1 ratio being planted. Lyles says that's largely because Oakland has a more strict tree ordinance and San



PHOTO BY AMY SYLVESTRI

A worker cuts down a tree was week on East 14th Street in Oakland, just north of Durant Avenue.

Leandro didn't ask for similar consideration.

At a meeting of the city's Facilities and Transportation Committee on Feb. 1, Council member Corina Lopez said she wasn't pleased about the ratio, as did Mayor Pauline Cutter.

"I don't want to be the ones that always have to compromise," said Cutter.

Lyles said that San Leandro officials did meet with AC Transit on Feb. 3 and, after some discussion, it was determined that three of the trees originally

set to be cut down could be saved (the original number to be cut was 28).

Lyles says the tree removal has begun in Oakland will be completed in both cities before March 15 in order to not disturb birds during nesting season.

## That Could Have Been a Great Fake News Story

By Jim Knowles  
San Leandro Times

Alarming news reports last week said "potential explosive found" at a recycling center on Aladdin Avenue, coming from a press release by the police department.

It turned out to be one of those empty World War II-era hand grenades, just the shell. Years ago, the Army-Navy surplus stores used to have barrels of those things for 50 cents apiece.

The surplus grenades are open at the bottom and they're hollow - no explosives inside.

You used to see those dummy grenades all the time. People put them on their desk as a paperweight.

Come to think of it, we have a desk in the back office stacked with papers and one of those empty hand grenades was sitting there for years.

OMG, I could have had the best fake news story of the week... "Explosives Found at Newspaper!"

A lost opportunity in the breathless pursuit of "breaking news."

## Castro Valley Toastmasters Meet on Tuesday Nights

The Castro Valley Toastmasters welcome everyone who wants to improve their communication skills in a friendly supportive atmosphere to their

weekly meetings every Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at 21966 Dolores St. in Castro Valley.

For more information call 566-9761.

# Supervisors Name Chadwick to Head Alameda County Libraries

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors named Cindy Chadwick as the County Librarian after a national recruitment that sought the best candidates to fill this key leadership position.

Chadwick has served as the Deputy County Librarian for Alameda County for the past six years. She has been responsible for leading the operations of the 10-branch county library system most recently under the leadership of Interim County Librarian Carmen Martinez.

Before joining the Alameda County Library, Cindy worked at the Arapahoe Library District in suburban Denver, Colorado, serving as both the Sheridan City Librarian and Manager of Outreach Services. She is



Cindy Chadwick is the new County Librarian.

currently a Ph.D. candidate at the Simmons College School of Library and Information Science and also earned a master's degree from the University of Chicago.

"We are pleased to announce the appointment of Cindy Chadwick as our new Alameda County Librarian," said Supervisor Scott Haggerty. "She is an experienced librarian with a commitment to innovative programs and customer service."

Susan S. Muranishi, County

Administrator, said, "We congratulate Cindy on her promotion and look forward to her joining the County's strong executive leadership team. We also extend our gratitude to Carmen Martinez for serving as the Interim Director and continuing to assist through the transition."

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# Nissan Introduces a Rogue Hybrid

But most significantly, welcome the first-ever Nissan Rogue Hybrid. With the competing

There's a small energy flow diagram in the instrument panel, so you can see what the car's doing and moderate your behavior for maximum efficiency. There's the requisite colorful moving display in the center console, but it's really more of a distraction.

The SL is at the top, and is packed with goodies you won't see on the SV unless you check some option boxes. You get the QuickComfort heated front seats, which immediately start warming the body areas most sensitive

A silver Nissan SUV is parked on a city street. The vehicle is positioned in front of a storefront with a striped awning. A sign on the building reads "Greensboro". The car is a modern SUV with a prominent grille and alloy wheels.

A black and white photograph showing the front interior of a 2015 Nissan X-Trail. The view is from the driver's perspective, looking towards the dashboard. The steering wheel is on the left, featuring the Nissan logo in the center and multiple control buttons. The instrument cluster behind the steering wheel includes a speedometer and other gauges. The dashboard has a central infotainment screen and air vents. The front seats are upholstered in a dark material with horizontal stitching. The center console with the gear shifter is visible between the seats. The overall design is modern and functional.

The Rogue is smaller than its

Pathfinder sibling, but it still can be ordered with a third-row seat — if you select the standard car. With the Hybrid, the third-row foot room is taken up by battery. The car weighs 3,693 pounds, so this is a beast to be reckoned with.

Pricing ascends from the front-wheel-drive S nonhybrid at \$24,720 to the all-wheel-drive SL Hybrid at \$32,210 (including destination).

People today want the high-riding crossover SUV experience and are looking for an easy-to-drive, right-sized family car, so the Rogue is going to be shuttling around a lot of families. And the new Hybrid makes that just a little less impactful on the planet.

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# Pets of the Week

## Pitbulls in Pajamas Adoption

The Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, is hosting a Pitbulls in Pajamas Adoption Party on Saturday, March 4, from 1 to 7 p.m.

All pitbull and pitbull-mix adoptions will be sponsored by Santa Con. The dogs will be dressed in pajamas and the shelter will serve pajama party snacks like trail mix and popcorn.

For more information, call 293-7200, or see the shelter's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/haywardanimalshelter](http://www.facebook.com/haywardanimalshelter).



Bessy



Bev

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

Bessy is a 4-year-old pup who loves cuddling, going for leisurely walks and playing with toys and treat puzzles. Best as an only dog and good with kids 5 years and over.

Bev is a sweet pup who loves cuddles and people. Eager to please, she already knows "sit" and "down." Her favorite toys are squeaky toys and tennis balls. Good with kids 7 years and over.

For more information, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at 293-7200.



Jersey and other dogs will be at the Hayward Animal Shelter on Saturday.

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A freight train blocked Williams Street on Friday after it derailed at low speed backing into a company.

## Low-Speed Derailment Shuts Down Williams Street, No Injuries

A freight train derailed at low speed on Friday morning as it was backing into a plastics fabrication company on the 2000 block of William Street.

There were no injuries.

Traffic was closed on Williams between Merced Avenue and Doolittle Drive for about 12 hours as the Union Pacific Railroad brought in equipment to get the cars back on the track and make repairs.

It appeared that the track shifted due to the soggy ground under the spur track.

— Jim Knowles



## East Bay Rose Society to Meet on March 15

The East Bay Rose Society will meet on Wednesday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave.

in Oakland, featuring speaker Joe Truskot, master rosarian, who has grown over 500 varieties of roses in his garden.

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# SENIORS

## Get High-speed Internet Service at a Discount

By Jim Miller  
Special to the Times

There are two great resources you can turn to, to help you locate low-cost or discounted internet services, but what's available to you will depend on where you live and/or your income level. Here's where to begin.

### Low-Cost Internet

Your first step to locate cheap high-speed internet is EveryoneOn, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to making affordable internet services available to all Americans.

Through partnerships with internet providers like Comcast, Cox, AT&T, T-Mobile, Mediacom and others, the EveryoneOn organization can help you search for services in your area that provide

high-speed (4G LTE) internet at a very low cost.

Most participating companies charge around \$10 per month, with no contract and no equipment fee. However, for non-income qualifiers, there may be a one-time setup/equipment fee of \$62.

To start your search, go to EveryoneOn.org and type in your ZIP code and click on the "Find Offers" button, or you can call 877-947-4321. You'll then need to answer a few questions regarding your household financial situation so the internet services you're eligible for can be located.

Some providers offer their services only to people with limited financial resources, however there are others that offer low-cost deals to everyone regardless of income. What's available to you will depend on where you live.

Also note that, in addition to the low-cost internet services, EveryoneOn also provides referrals to affordable computers and free computer classes. Most of the companies they work with offer refurbished tablets usually for under \$100, and computers for under \$160 that are available to everyone. And, they provide referrals to free computer classes, which are typically offered in public libraries across the U.S.

### Discounted Internet

If you don't have any luck finding a low-cost service through EveryoneOn, and your income is low enough, another option is the Lifeline Assistance Program.

This is a federal program that provides a \$9.25 monthly subsidy to help pay for broadband internet service, or for a home or wireless phone. Only one benefit

is available per household; either phone service (home or wireless) or internet (home or mobile), but not both.

To qualify, you'll need to show that your annual household income is at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines — which is \$16,281 for one person, or \$21,924 for two. Or, that you're receiving certain types of government benefits, such as Medicaid, food stamps, SSI, public housing assistance, veterans pension or survivors pension benefit, or live on federally recognized tribal lands.

To apply, you'll need to contact an internet provider in your area that participates in the Lifeline program and ask for an application form.

To locate providers in your area, visit LifelineSupport.org or



Discounted internet services are available, but it will depend on where you live and/or your income level.

call 888-641-8722. Once the provider verifies your eligibility, they will begin service.

Note: The internet companies that partner with EveryoneOn do not currently accept the lifeline subsidy.) Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

## New Law Allows Access of Social Media Accounts After Death

By Gene L. Osofsky, Esq.  
Special to the Times

I'm a frequent user of Facebook and Twitter, and I sometimes wonder what would happen to my accounts upon my death. Would my family be able to access my posts?

Under a new California law that went into effect January 1, 2017, the answer is "yes," provided that you take proactive steps now to authorize access after your death.

The new law is called the Revised Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act ("Act") or AB 691. Previously, California law was silent on the right of family members to access such records after the owner's death.

Under the new law, there are essentially four ways in which your loved ones may access your accounts, which the Act calls "digital assets", after your demise.

**1) Use Online Tool:** You may give consent in the "Online Tool" set up by the custodian, such as Facebook and Twitter, in response to the new law. The consent you provide in this tool overrides anything to the contrary in the custodian's "terms of service", or any contrary intention in your will or other legal document;

**2) Grant Authority in a Legal Document:** Under the new

law, you may grant access in your Last Will, Power of Attorney, Trust, or other legal document. However, this authorization must specifically grant the right to access your digital assets; a general grant of authority to deal with your estate may not be sufficient.

**3) Terms of Service Agreement:** If you have failed to grant access by using the custodian's "Online Tool", nor given specific authority in your Last Will or other legal document, then the custodian's Terms of Service ("TOS") would control, and the TOS may or may not grant authority to access records of your digital communications.

**4) Court Order:** Finally, unless you have specifically objected to the release in the Online Tool or in your Will or other legal document, your executor might apply for a court order, provided that they can show that disclosure is reasonably necessary for estate administration.

So, if you would like others to have access to your digital assets after your death, the two best ways to do this are: (a) go to the custodian's website, locate the "online tool" established pursuant to this legislation and specifically consent to disclosure to your executor, successor trustee, or other designated loved ones; and/or (b) specifically authorize disclosure in your Last Will, Power Of Attorney, Trust or other legal document.

If you have already prepared your estate planning documents, you might consider the creation of a stand-alone Power Of Attorney for Digital Assets. Note: normally, a power of attorney expires upon the death of the maker. However, under this legislation, a consent in a power of attorney to access digital assets would apparently still be valid, for that limited purpose, after the death of the maker.

There are some shortcomings in the new law, namely: (1) it does not authorize access upon the owner's incapacity, but only after the owner's demise; and (2) it does not appear to authorize access to financial accounts such as bank or brokerage accounts, but only to social media and email accounts.

Still, if you desire to provide access to your digital assets after your demise, you may now do so,

provided that you take proactive steps as outlined above.

Gene L. Osofsky is an elder law and estate planning attorney in Hayward. Visit his website at [www.LawyerForSeniors.com](http://www.LawyerForSeniors.com).

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# REAL ESTATE GALLERY



## Recent Rainfalls Wreak Havoc

By Carl Medford, CRS  
Special to the Times

It's been one of the wettest winters in recent history and, while water is needed, too much has negative effects. Especially on homes. Recent rainfalls have been wreaking havoc on local real estate.

With most of us locked in "drought mode," recent downpours shocked us with a flood of leaking roofs, flooded crawl spaces, soil erosion issues, damaged retaining walls and/or foundations, falling trees and more.

While any of these would cause homeowners substantial grief at the best of times, it has been especially troublesome for properties in contract.

We've seen transactions delayed as sellers, struggling to make repairs, have had difficulty finding qualified repairmen who are not overwhelmed with weather-related work. Some deals have been cancelled outright as buyers seek to distance themselves from resultant problems.

One issue bothering many buyers is the fact that numerous homes currently have water in their crawl spaces. I know of one recent buyer who pried open the access hatch, saw water below and immediately cancelled the deal.

This highlights the fact that it's important to figure out if the water is there because of the recent deluge or is it there on a more permanent basis. Couple this with the fact that many property inspectors will not enter a crawl space with standing water and you have a problem with no readily discernable solution.

Water can get into a crawl space a number of ways.

Solid surfaces sloping towards a house are readily visible culprits, as are downspouts that are not diverted away from the foundation.

Less visible, especially in homes built on a slope, is water traveling underground that makes its way under a home unseen. A drainage expert can usually help determine if the issue is temporary or permanent and provide a long-term remedy, including French drains, sump pumps and the like.

Moisture appearing under a home during record-breaking rains is not necessarily a bad thing in and of itself. It typically dissipates quickly and simple measures can usually be taken to control it in the future, including diverters and downspouts that deliver water away from the home.

Water more permanent in nature can cause extensive problems. Excessive moisture can buckle hardwood floors and promote mold and/or fungus damage.

Foundations are susceptible to moving water that can undermine and cause failure. Our recommendation? Hire an expert to locate the source of the water and implement a plan to stay dry in the future.

Carl Medford is a licensed Realtor with Keller Williams Realty and a licensed general contractor. This article is sponsored by the Central County Marketing Association at [www.ccmgtoday.com](http://www.ccmgtoday.com).



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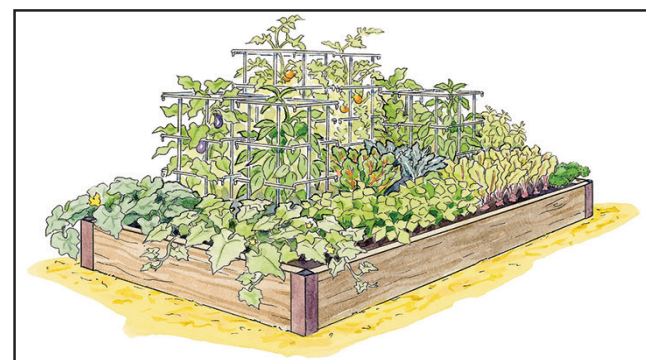


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help. Many websites and apps provide ready-to-use garden plans or planning guidelines.

Intensively planted gardens require proper soil preparation to maximize productivity. Invest time up front to reduce ongoing maintenance and increase your harvest.

Dig several inches of compost

or other organic matter into the top 8 to 12 inches of the soil. This improves drainage in heavy soil and increases the water holding ability in fast draining soils. Incorporate a slow release organic fertilizer at the same time. This provides needed nutrients throughout the growing season. Check the label

see GARDEN, page 11

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## Garden: Mulch suppresses weeds

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your plants to determine if a mid-season application is needed.

Maximize your planting budget by starting your plants from seeds. Many gardeners like to start long season plants like tomatoes and broccoli from seeds indoors. This keeps their green thumb warmed up for the season and provides the greatest selection of vegetable varieties.

Others buy these plants from their local garden center. Start seeds of shorter season crops like greens, radishes, and squash directly in the garden when the growing season begins. Check the seed packet for specific directions on when and how to plant these seeds indoors and out.

When shopping for seeds, select varieties suited to your climate and known for their disease resistance and high yield. Most vegeta-

bles produce best when grown in full sun. Greens and root crops are a bit more shade tolerant.

Once planted, cover the soil surrounding the seeded rows and transplants with a thin layer of shredded leaves, herbicide-free grass clippings or evergreen needles. This mulch helps conserve moisture and suppress weeds. Plus, it improves the soil as it breaks down. You'll save time and improve your plants' health and productivity with this one task.

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|                         |       |             |                        |
|-------------------------|-------|-------------|------------------------|
| 245 Foothill Boulevard  | 94577 | \$527,000   | 3 BD - 1,264 SF - 1954 |
| 866 Hutchings Drive     | 94577 | \$590,000   | 3 BD - 1,434 SF - 1942 |
| 1616 Scenicview Drive   | 94577 | \$835,000   | 4 BD - 2,423 SF - 1969 |
| 1680 165th Avenue       | 94578 | \$1,135,000 | N/A BD - N/A SF - N/A  |
| 16743 Winding Boulevard | 94578 | \$640,000   | 3 BD - 1,974 SF - 1978 |

|                        |             |
|------------------------|-------------|
| <b>TOTAL SALES:</b>    | 5           |
| <b>LOWEST AMOUNT:</b>  | \$527,000   |
| <b>HIGHEST AMOUNT:</b> | \$1,135,000 |
| <b>MEDIAN AMOUNT:</b>  | \$640,000   |
| <b>AVERAGE AMOUNT:</b> | \$745,400   |

### San Lorenzo

|                  |       |           |                        |
|------------------|-------|-----------|------------------------|
| 1203 Via Coralla | 94580 | \$480,000 | 2 BD - 1,089 SF - 1948 |
|------------------|-------|-----------|------------------------|

### Castro Valley

|                         |       |             |                        |
|-------------------------|-------|-------------|------------------------|
| 20121 San Miguel Ave #6 | 94546 | \$418,500   | 2 BD - 1,117 SF - 1972 |
| 5038 Tyler Lane         | 94546 | \$880,000   | 3 BD - 2,159 SF - 1964 |
| 5887 Greenridge Road    | 94552 | \$1,100,000 | 4 BD - 1,901 SF - 1963 |

|                        |             |
|------------------------|-------------|
| <b>TOTAL SALES:</b>    | 3           |
| <b>LOWEST AMOUNT:</b>  | \$418,500   |
| <b>HIGHEST AMOUNT:</b> | \$1,100,000 |
| <b>MEDIAN AMOUNT:</b>  | \$880,000   |
| <b>AVERAGE AMOUNT:</b> | \$799,500   |

### Hayward

|                        |       |           |                        |
|------------------------|-------|-----------|------------------------|
| 24901 Bland Street     | 94541 | \$680,000 | 3 BD - 1,720 SF - 1957 |
| 1272 C Street          | 94541 | \$650,000 | 4 BD - 2,016 SF - 1963 |
| 1997 Nina Court        | 94541 | \$367,000 | 4 BD - 2,535 SF - 1969 |
| 18450 Robscott Avenue  | 94541 | \$498,000 | 3 BD - 1,051 SF - 1951 |
| 1720 Sumner Place      | 94541 | \$400,000 | 2 BD - 1,020 SF - 1992 |
| 26630 Call Avenue      | 94542 | \$735,000 | 3 BD - 2,314 SF - 1990 |
| 15 Astrida Drive #8    | 94544 | \$390,000 | 3 BD - 1,425 SF - 1984 |
| 505 Banbury Street     | 94544 | \$487,500 | 3 BD - 1,176 SF - 1957 |
| 665 Dartmore Lane #357 | 94544 | \$392,000 | 2 BD - 894 SF - 1988   |
| 31011 Everett Court #8 | 94544 | \$415,000 | 2 BD - 1,435 SF - 1981 |
| 410 MacKenzie Place    | 94544 | \$575,000 | 3 BD - 1,176 SF - 1957 |
| 27586 Sebastian Way    | 94544 | \$565,000 | 3 BD - 1,000 SF - 1954 |
| 736 Shawnee Court      | 94544 | \$650,000 | 3 BD - 1,430 SF - 1959 |
| 166 St. Andrews Street | 94544 | \$627,000 | 3 BD - 1,410 SF - 1955 |
| 26220 Ventura Avenue   | 94544 | \$440,000 | 3 BD - 1,130 SF - 1953 |
| 27738 Del Norte Court  | 94545 | \$345,000 | 2 BD - 988 SF - 1970   |
| 25930 Kay Avenue #208  | 94545 | \$405,000 | 2 BD - 1,286 SF - 1982 |
| 2505 Oliver Drive      | 94545 | \$410,000 | 3 BD - 1,254 SF - 1970 |
| 21100 Gary Drive #120  | 94546 | \$430,000 | 2 BD - 1,037 SF - 1981 |

|                        |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| <b>TOTAL SALES:</b>    | 19        |
| <b>LOWEST AMOUNT:</b>  | \$345,000 |
| <b>HIGHEST AMOUNT:</b> | \$735,000 |
| <b>MEDIAN AMOUNT:</b>  | \$440,000 |
| <b>AVERAGE AMOUNT:</b> | \$497,974 |

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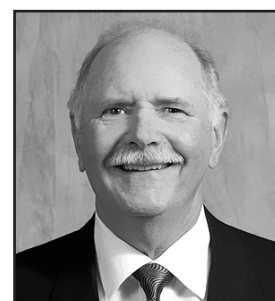
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## Projects: \$3 million for new Farrelly Pool

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sound walls are about \$4 million per mile, Cooke said.

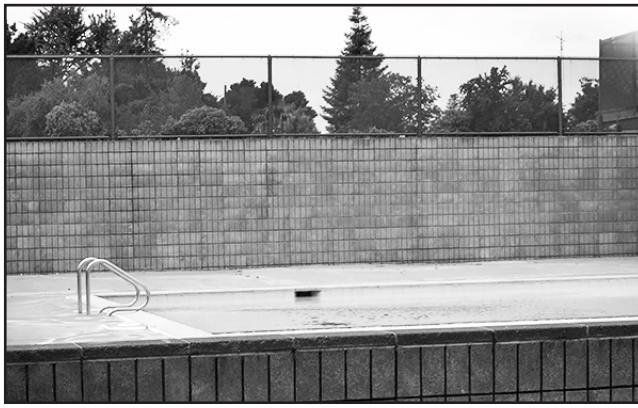
In the first year of the six-year plan, projects include \$4.7 million for decommissioning the marina, \$3.1 million to reconstruct Farrelly Pool (which has been closed for over a year), and \$250,000 for pedestrian crossing improvements around town.

Other projects requested in the budget are \$350,000 for a play area at Manor Park, \$100,000 for an expansion of the WiFi down-

town, and \$300,000 to install a pedestrian signal at the intersection Davis and Carpentier streets.

In future years, planned capital improvement projects include renovating Casa Peralta, pedestrian safety improvements on Manor Boulevard, and improving the playground and amphitheater at Chabot Park.

"I'm glad to see some of these projects that are so important getting done," said Mayor Pauline Cutter. "We've actually got years pegged to them now and it makes everyone more accountable."



TIMES FILE PHOTO

Farrelly Pool has been closed for a year.

## Pot: MAC member calls pot deals 'shell game'

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proposal has proven unpopular with public speakers at meetings in San Lorenzo and Castro Valley, with many questioning the necessity of having so many dispensaries in a relatively small area.

And at its meeting this week, the Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council (MAC), pushed back on the Supervisors' ordinance by making a counter-motion that there be a limit of four total dispensaries, that no ingestion of cannabis be allowed

at sales sites, and that all tax money the county receives from the sale of marijuana go directly to the sheriff's office to offset the cost of increased enforcement at dispensaries.

"It's really unfortunate to be force fed," said MAC member Ken Carbone of the county ordinance.

In November, MAC Chair Marc Crawford met with Supervisor Nate Miley and said they had a "gentlemen's agreement" that the new dispensaries would

be in Supervisor Scott Haggerty's district, which includes Livermore and Dublin.

But that understanding isn't down in writing and Crawford now thinks the MAC should insist that no additional dispensaries come to the Eden Area.

Miley has been accused of promoting the additional dispensaries because he received \$60,000 in campaign contributions from the cannabis industry in his most recent election.

One complication is that the

county's Fairmont Hospital in unincorporated San Leandro is a possible location for a dispensary. County-owned property would be exempt from the ordinance, so it may not "count" as a dispensary, allowing an additional dispensary to open.

"It's a shell game," said Crawford.

In addition to the five potential unincorporated dispensaries, San Leandro's first medical marijuana dispensary, Harborside, is

see POT, page 16

## • NEWS BRIEFS •

### Meet Your Elected Representatives

The public is invited to meet their elected officials at a program and reception on Friday, March 10 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Hayward City Hall, 2nd Floor, 777 B Street, Hayward. Elected leaders have been invited who represent the Eden Area: Hayward, San Leandro and the surrounding unincorporated areas of Castro Valley, San Lorenzo, Cherryland, Ashland and Fairview.

A representative from each of the jurisdictions has been asked to give a brief presentation relating to the past accomplishments of their office and goals for 2017-18. The program will be held in the Hayward City Hall Chambers. During the reception, the elected leaders will be available to answer questions from their constituents individually. The League has requested an RSVP to lwvea@aol.com for this free program.

### Washington Homeowners Meeting

The Washington Homeowners and Residents Association will hold its March meeting on Tuesday, March 7, from 6 to 7:45 p.m. in the Community Room at the Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd. Guest speaker Tom Liao, deputy community development director for the City of San Leandro will talk about the Bayfair Transit Oriented Development plans, and other city projects. For more information, check the WHOA web site at: www.whoa.sl.webs.com. If you have questions related to Washington Manor, forward them to Marti Lantz at volunteermarti@pacbell.net.

### Adult School Career Technical Education Open House

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### Celebrating Truth Is Beauty: Family Art Workshop:

Inspired by San Leandro's iconic Truth is Beauty statue and in celebration of International Women's Day, Community Impact LAB and GenLead/BelongLab invite families and community members to explore female empowerment through a children's art project and story time this Saturday (March 4) from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All are invited, especially youngsters. Sponsored by City of San Leandro, PilotCity, and San Leandro Improvement Association. RSVP at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/celebrating-truth-is-beauty-tickets-32145323528. (For more information on our initiatives empowering women and families in our community, visit www.communityimpactlab.)

### Rancho Days at Library's History Room

Visit the History Room at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., on Saturday, March 11, from 1 to 3 p.m. and learn about the California Rancho Era, which spanned from 1784 to 1846. The theme this year will focus on the life of Californio women, with a discussion given by a living history actress. Ladies, young and older, will have a fun opportunity to dress as a Californio senorita. Admission is free.

The City of San Leandro was once Rancho San Leandro, established by José Joaquín Estudillo with the receipt of a 7,000-acre land grant in 1842. Visitors can also view and handle rancho replicas to gain a greater understanding of rancho daily life and view a fascinating information exhibit on March 6 from 4 to 6 p.m., March 8 from 1 to 5 p.m., March 9 from 1 to 3 p.m., and March 11 from 1 to 3 p.m. On any of these days, receive a free full-color recipe booklet on traditional rancho recipes.

### Talk on Creek Landscaping,

### Hosted by Friends of San Leandro Creek

Dr. A. L. Riley (retired San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board and author) will be coming to San Leandro in March to illustrate the basic "do's and don'ts" for managing urban streams, and the proper landscaping to support California, with its now very wet soil, presented by the Friends of San Leandro Creek.

Riley will give a presentation twice in mid-March – on Tuesday, March 14, at 6:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, Estudillo Room, 300 Estudillo Ave.; and then again on Monday, March 20, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the San Leandro City Hall South Offices, 999 East 14th St.

The presentations will be followed by a hands-on restoration training that will take place at Root Park on Saturday, March 25. This training will center upon biotechnical erosion control measures, utilizing various soil bioengineering principles that can be designed and implemented by local volunteers, neighbors, students, stewards, city staff, and any others interested in low-tech measures that mimic nature's own erosion control solutions.

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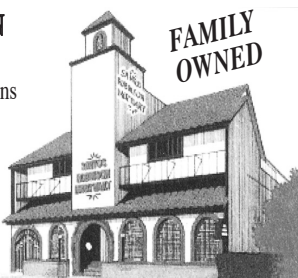
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■ **GONSALVES, Aldora A. (Fields)**, a resident of Hayward, passed peacefully on February 26. She was 98 years old. Aldora was a long-time parishioner of All Saints Church in Hayward, an active member of Busy Bees, Mari-

anas, St. Anthony Council #31 and IDES. Viewing and Visitation is today, March 2, from 5 to 8:30 p.m. with a Vigil at 7 p.m. at Holy Angels Sorensen Chapel, 1140 B St., in Hayward. Funeral Liturgy is on Friday, March 3, at 10:30 a.m. at All Saints Church, 22824 2nd St., in Hayward. Aldora's final place of rest will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward, immediately following.

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## Thanks Those Who Supported Sanctuary City Resolution

Editor:

Congratulations to immigrants! The San Leandro City Council passed the Sanctuary City resolution on Tuesday. There are Asian, Latino, White and African American citizens and immigrants, old and young, high school and middle school students. More than 60 speakers came to support the Sanctuary City with one speaker who was against. San Leandro is now a Sanctuary City.

Many students voiced their concerns on Trump's immigrant law at the City Council meeting. Students experienced the taste of politics. I encourage the students to come often to practice their civil rights, and voice their opinion at City Hall, instead of protesting on the street, or with violence like in Berkeley and Oakland. Good job Students!

—Hendy Huang, San Leandro

## Insulted By Comparison of Jews in Nazi Germany to Illegal Immigrants

Editor:

In the last San Leandro Times article "City Council Declares Sanctuary," (Page 1, Feb. 23), I read something that disturbed me very deeply. I was not alone.

First of all, I find the decision very disappointing. The USA voted for our President and we elected Donald Trump. Some of us might not like it, but last time I checked the USA was a democracy. The coin has dropped and democracies just come with pros and cons. Maybe more should have made it to the voting booths to make a difference. But this is not the main reason why I am writing to you.

I was born in Germany. My Dutch mother survived Nazi Germany as forced labor in a war-time boot factory. I have my knowledge of Nazi Germany from my experience rather than from the "H" channel.

I was deeply insulted by any parallels between illegal immigrants in the USA and the Jewish people who died in the concentration camps. Those Jewish people were not breaking every immigration law in Germany (or other European countries). Those Jews were not using a society to enrich themselves without paying anything back into it (tax, etc.). Those Jewish people had been outstanding citizens for many generations.

If you want to protest Trump, do it. But, never ever, for the honor of those millions of Jewish people who died in the concentration camps, make any parallels between the illegal immigrants in the USA and the Jewish people — because there are *none*. Do not dishonor those who died during the Nazi regime just for cheap propaganda.

—Gerd Marggraff, San Leandro

## Doesn't Want SL to Risk Federal Funds to Protect Illegal Immigrants

Editor:

I am writing in response to the City of SL's decision to adopt a sanctuary resolution and SLUD's decision to make school campuses sanctuary locations to

protect illegal immigrants.

Obviously, the folks running the city and the school board think President Trump is playing when he says he's going to remove federal funding from cities protecting illegal immigrants, criminals or not. He's going to show us, rather than make threats.

You cannot make local laws that violate federal immigration laws and claim the law is discriminatory when those you are trying to protect came here illegally and chose to bring their children and families or chose to come here and reproduce, thinking they had a right to remain here illegally, protected from prosecution (all while receiving free medical benefits, free housing, free school meals, free college education, and food stamps) on the taxpayer's dime. I have no sympathy for those folks who have been here for decades and never bothered to get their citizenship issues in order.

It's foolish for any city to risk losing their federal funding that provides vital city services like the police, fire department and emergency services to keep our communities safe, in order to protect illegal immigrants. Why also risk federal funding being lost to our already financially mismanaged and underfunded schools to protect illegal immigrants? It absolutely makes no sense!

Local resolutions won't stop federal agents from rounding up and arresting illegal immigrants. The round ups have already started in some parts of Contra Costa County. This issue will eventually end up at the U.S. Supreme Court and be upheld with amendments to the travel ban. Nothing wrong with immigrating here, just come here legally!

—Kiki Davis, San Leandro

## Never Heard of a 'Forgivable Loan' But He'd Like to Get One

Editor:

Well, we all applauded the City of San Leandro for collecting the overdue \$1,500,000 loan to the Davis Street Family Resource Center, but then it got real interesting. Right after the payment was made, the City Council turns around and gives the Davis Street Center an \$800,000 "forgivable loan" as noted in the Times ("City Donates \$800,000 for Day Care Center," Page 1, Feb. 9).

I've never heard of a "forgivable loan". So, I called Bank of America, Bank of the West, Wells Fargo and US Bank to see if they were offering any kind of a "forgivable loan" because I would sure like to get on that bandwagon. Needless to say, all of them laughed at me and said I should get a room at the loony farm for asking such a question.

I'll bet you dollars to donuts, make that 800,000 donuts, that this arrangement was made prior to the payment, and I consider this a bait-and-switch tactic by the City Council upon the taxpayers of San Leandro.

To put it another way, can you imagine being behind on your home mortgage and then working out a deal with the lender to get 53 percent off the outstanding balance? Well, that's exactly what the City Council did. I'd sure like to know if I could refinance my mortgage with the City of San Leandro, and I'm sure that

you would like to do so as well.

—Brent Heath, San Leandro

## Says SL City Manager Has the Wrong Priorities

Editor:

Robbery up 27 percent, rape up 35 percent, murder up 300 percent — our potholed-filled streets have been taken over with reckless speeders and our downtown plaza is actually becoming a toilet. We have an unfunded pension obligation that has grown from \$145 million to \$170 million in the last four years.

So, you know what the city manager is talking about? Retention raises and bonuses. Not public safety.

Somehow the idea of high-speed internet and public art bringing people to San Leandro has trumped common sense. Safe, clean streets are what make people and businesses thrive in any community. What good is the fastest internet in the world if we're constantly in the news for crime, not innovation?

I'm personally sick and tired of San Leandro being on the morning news for crime. We tried the 55-foot naked lady statue, we've tried LIT San Leandro, we've even dolled up the utility boxes. Now, how about we get back to basics and get our police department more help so they can go back to patrolling our streets to prevent crime? How about we reduce reckless driving and speeding throughout our beautiful city to send the clear message that our streets are no longer lawless.

I miss the San Leandro I moved to 18 years ago. Things got done then. So, I have to ask: Why can't we get the job done now? It's clear to me, it's time for a new city manager.

—Gary Langbehn, San Leandro

## Glad for Passionate Response to Korematsu Letter

Editor:

I want to thank everyone who responded so passionately to Cynthia Melendy's comments (Letters, Feb. 16) about Fred Korematsu

I didn't read her letter and, after seeing the followup comments, I don't need to... or want to.

Those internees were my neighbors, my classmates, my friends, and I'm still ashamed of how we treated them. Even as a teenager, I knew that wasn't right.

All of your comments may not change Ms. Melendy but they very well may be the reason someone changes. And that's a start. I thank you!

—Colleen Nelson, San Leandro

## Japanese Internment: What Led to An Unconstitutional Decision

Editor:

The emotionalism of the letters about the Japanese internment (San Leandro Times, Feb. 23) reflects an ignorance of the situation at that time which, while not an excuse, explains what led to an unconstitutional decision.

Japanese forces, having already invaded Korea, Manchuria, Indo-China and China, were now rampaging through the Philippines and Southeast Asia. A Japanese-Hawaiian couple who saved a downed Japanese pilot on Dec. 7 went on a killing spree on the tiny island of Niihau. The U.S.' MAGIC code-breaking system revealed that Japanese diplomats had "established an extensive network of Japanese-American agents on the West Coast." (Victory at Sea, Dunnigan and Noel) Eight Japanese subs were patrolling the West Coast during Dec.,

1941. (At Dawn, We Slept, Gordon W. Prange) A sub shelled an oil field near Santa Barbara on Feb. 23, 1942.

Japanese-American loyalty was suspect in some quarters. Most of the immigrants arrived during the '20s when life in Japan was hard. By the '30s, the Western world was in a depression while Japan had rebounded economically and militarily, stirring pride among many Japanese-Americans who also remained innately loyal to their Emperor.

Regarding the internment, 110,000 Japanese-Americans residing in the West Coast "exclusion zone," heavily populated by military bases and defense contractors, went to the camps. Eighteen thousand refused to renounce loyalty to

the Emperor or swear allegiance to the U.S. Japanese-Americans in the rest of the country were not affected; those in Hawaii lived under martial law, as did all residents. Several thousand German- and Italian-Americans were also relocated.

The authors of "Victory at Sea" go on to report that those in the camps who professed loyalty to the U.S. were free to leave if they could find jobs and housing elsewhere. By mid-1944, 40,000 had left, including 4,000 who went to college, and some 5,000 who enlisted, including those of the renowned 442nd Regimental Combat Team. Some 6,000 internees requested repatriation to Japan at war's end.

—Fred Reicker, San Leandro

## INQUIRING REPORTER

## What do you think of the mural?

— Asked in Washington Manor

I don't know about the mural, but I'll comment on the sculpture. That guy knows anatomy, man. The form is beautiful. It's amazing to me San Leandro would even consider a nude.

**Mark Avila**  
San Leandro



The mural is nice. I'm not sure what it is but anything that livens up the place is good. A mural is better than graffiti.

**Michael Ryan**  
San Leandro



It's all right. I've seen better but it's better than a white wall.

**Stephen Shaw**  
Oakland,  
works in San Leandro



I think it's okay. I don't quite understand it but it's all right.

**Lance Gott**  
San Leandro



It doesn't look bad. It brightens up the area and the colors are good. I love art.

**Ray Rabelo**  
San Leandro





## Documentary Films on Haiti Uprising to be Screened at Library

The San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., is screening three powerful documentaries on Saturday, March 4, about the history of Haiti, part of the San Leandro Community Read: Read the Book- Join the Conversation.

• 11:30 a.m.: *Égalité for All* (2009, 60 min., NR) tells the story of Toussaint Louverture's involvement to help create the world's first Black republic. Only known by some today, the Haitian Revolution was a hurricane at the turn of the nineteenth century, traumatizing Southern planters and inspiring slaves and abolitionists, worldwide. The story is explored through music, voodoo ritual, powerful recreations and

insightful historians.

1 p.m.: *Whicker's World: Francois "Papa Doc" Duvalier* (1969, 54 min., NR) explores Haiti's president from 1957 until his death in 1971. Papa Doc's rule created the notorious Tonton Macoute and resulted in the murder of 30,000 to 60,000 Haitians and the exile of many more.

2:15 p.m.: *Haiti: Killing the Dream* (1992, 57 min., NR) tells the story of western subversion of Haitian Sovereignty. It focuses on the events following the coup of Sept. 29, 1991 when Aristide was ousted by a military coup seizing control of the government. After only seven months in office, the military government engaged in systematic repression of dis-

sidents and Aristide supporters, including numerous extrajudicial killings.

In the midst of severe repression and a worsening of already dire economic conditions, tens of thousands of Haitians attempted to flee to Florida by boat. The film includes interviews with exiled president Aristide, his cabinet, dissident clergy, underground resistance leaders, the U.S. State Department officials and a cross section of Haitian people.

If you are a history buff, a reader in the Read the Book program or just interested, join us for an engaging day of documentaries.

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## Students Give Shout Out

Bancroft Middle School students came outside to promote happiness, waving and saying encouraging words to people passing by the school at the corner of Bancroft and Estudillo avenues. History teacher David Mason helped organize the activity, called Happiness Sprinkling, to promote happiness as classes came out onto the sidewalk at various times throughout the day.

## Pot: San Leandro shop to open soon

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set to open on Marina Boulevard soon, with a second and third San Leandro dispensary to follow shortly thereafter.

In San Leandro, it is estimated that the sale tax from a single dispensary will add \$100,000 annually to the city's coffers. In San Lorenzo and other unincorporat-

ed areas, the sales tax would go to the county's general fund and be distributed however the county sees fit. The unincorporated areas do not directly receive the sales benefits from the products like cities do.

After consideration of the MAC's motion, as well as responses from the county

Planning Commission and the Unincorporated Services Committee, the Board of Supervisors is expected to vote on the proposed dispensary ordinance in April.

A schedule of public meetings on the ordinance is available at [www.acgov.org/cda](http://www.acgov.org/cda) under the planning tab.

## Pacific High Class of 1967 Reunion

Pacific High School Class of 1967 will have its 50th reunion in June at the Marriott Hotel, 11950 Dublin Canyon Road in Pleasanton. A meet-and-greet will be on

Friday, June 16, followed by a dinner-dance on Saturday, June 17 (the date the class graduated), and a Sunday breakfast on June 18. No payments accepted at the

door. To register, or for more information, call Sue Ferreira Nunes at 209-830-7415. Information can also be found at [PacificHighVikings.com](http://PacificHighVikings.com).

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