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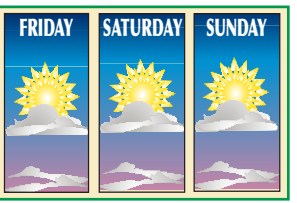
## WEEKEND WEATHER

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PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Residents of Trailer Haven were hit with big rent hikes and they're going to hold a rally at City Hall on Monday evening before the City Council meeting.

## Trailer Haven Residents to Rally

By Jim Knowles  
San Leandro Times

Trailer Haven residents and supporters will hold a rally on the steps of City Hall on Monday evening at 6 o'clock before the City Council meeting at 7 p.m.

Anybody who is concerned about rent in San Leandro is invited to join the rally and attend the meeting where affordable rent

advocates will speak to the council.

"This is for anybody who's concerned about renters in general, and about Trailer Haven," said Maxina Ventura, a Trailer Haven mobile home park resident. "Renters are not protected in San Leandro."

"Bring signs, and since they have not been listening, bring pots to make some joyful noise!" Ventura wrote in an email she

sent out. "Let's remind them we're people, families, we have beloved pets, we have neighbors who are too ill to join us, and others who will become homeless if this is not stopped."

The mobile home park was hit with big rent hikes after the property was bought by a group of real estate investors. The man-

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## Developers Backing City Tax Measures

By Amy Sylvestri  
San Leandro Times

Developers are the main contributors to a fund set up by Mayor Pauline Cutter to pass city tax measures NN, OO, and PP.

And last-minute donations from developers and unions also continue to come in for City Council Candidates Ed Hernandez and Byran Azevedo.

Cutter has created the "Friends of San Leandro Measures NN, OO, and PP" committee in order to get those city tax measures passed.

Because the city has not earmarked the potential revenue from the measures for any specific purpose, each requires only a simple majority to pass. If the tax revenue was said to go a specific project, it would require a two-thirds majority to pass.

The committee reports year-to-date contributions of \$7,600, with developer money making up the bulk of the contributions. Cal Coast, the developer of the marina project, donated \$5,000; and Madison Marquette, the company that operates Bayfair mall, donated \$2,000.

Cal Coast had deep pockets this election, donating a total of \$11,000 to city tax measures and candidates.

The rest of the Friends of NN, OO, PP contributions include \$100 from Cutter herself (paid from her 2014 mayoral campaign fund) and \$500 from the Bay Area Citizens PAC.

The Bay Area Citizen's PAC calls itself a nonprofit founded

by local residents in order "to support and protect the interests of the citizens of California" and it's run by Michael Colbruno, a member of Oakland's Port Commission. *see DEVELOPERS, page 14*

## School Board Doesn't Even Need to Run

By Amy Sylvestri  
San Leandro Times

In all five of the races for a seat on the San Leandro school board, each candidate is running unopposed.

That's a fact which former school board member and San Leandro political watchdog Mike Katz-Lacabe has said is bad for democracy.

"It's disturbing to me that we don't have people concerned enough about what's going on in the community, it's troubling," said Katz-Lacabe when the filing period to run for office expired in late summer. "One of the things that democracy is about is having a choice. So many uncontested races is not the sign of a healthy democracy."

Because none of the five school board candidates faced *see SCHOOL BOARD, page 9*

## Candidates Vie for Seats on Oro Loma Board

By Amy Sylvestri  
San Leandro Times

Five candidates are running for three spots on the Oro Loma Sanitary District board, a board known for perpetually reelecting members.

In one race, three people are running for two seats for a 4-year term. Dan Walters, Roland Dias, and Diana Souza are running and voters can pick two of the three candidates in that race.

In the other race, appointed incumbent Rita Duncan is running against Chike Udemezie for a seat with a 2-year term. The shortened term is the remainder of a term begun by a former di-



Roland Dias, Diana Souza and Dan Walters are running to fill two Oro Loma board seats.



rector who stepped down because of health reasons.

Oro Loma handles waste and recycling and wastewater treatment for about 135,000

commercial and residential customers in parts of San Leandro, San Lorenzo, and Castro Valley.

The district is governed by a five-member board that had



been exclusively white men, until two years ago when former San Leandro Mayor Shelia Young was elected.

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## St. Felicitas 8th Graders Win CYO Championship

The St. Felicitas CYO 8A boys basketball team won the Bishop O'Dowd CYO tournament with a 62-39 win against Our Lady of the Rosary on Oct. 23.

Jules Lumanian led St. Felicitas with excellent ball handling, and accurate free-throws. Daniel Mora (24) was relentless on the defensive and a rebounding machine.

Jose Amezcua (22) provided timely offensive rebounds and transition fast breaks throughout the game. And Daylon Smith (11) with his calm and cool ball handling made the assists, finding his teammates for shot opportunities.

The team is coached by Rex Guevarra and assistant coaches, Maurice Smith and Matthew Guevarra.

## Motorcycle Club to Deliver Toys to UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital

The 9th Annual Toy Run by the Wanderlust Motorcycle Club will be on Sunday, Nov. 13, from noon to 4 p.m. at Nipper's Marina Lounge, 13880 Catalina St. in San Leandro, with a barbecue and live music by Axis.

Bring a new unwrapped toy and \$25 (no stuffed toys). The toys will be delivered to UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital in Oakland.

For more information, call Eddie at 925-980-9405.



PHOTO BY MARCENE NARDINE

The members of the St. Felicitas CYO 8A boys basketball team are (front row) Jonathan Arevalo, Lorenzo Gonzalez, Daylon Smith, Jose Amezcua, head coach Rex Guevarra, Jules Lumanian, Massimo Berger, and Andre Dang. (Back row) Assistant coach Maurice Smith, assistant coach Matthew Guevarra, Daniel Mora, and Nick Aquino.

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# Vote YES on Measures OO, PP & NN

**Measure OO** would modify the City's business license tax to reduce taxes for over 2,300 small businesses, and update how warehouses and parking lots are charged. It will support small businesses and ensure that large businesses pay their fair share based on their impacts to our streets and services.

**Measure PP** would increase the tax charged to hotel guests from 10% to 14%. This is the same rate charged by neighboring cities like Oakland and San Francisco. Visitors make use of city services when they stay in San Leandro and should pay their fair share.

**Measure NN** would create a tax of up to 10% of gross receipts on cannabis businesses. Similar taxes are commonly found in other cities that allow such businesses to operate. This will provide funding to effectively regulate them and protect public safety.



### Funds from MEASURES OO, PP, and NN could be used to address various community priorities, such as:

- ✓ Provide shelters for abused women and children
- ✓ Fix potholes and repair city streets
- ✓ Improve 9-1-1 emergency response times
- ✓ Attract new businesses and create quality jobs in San Leandro
- ✓ Enhance San Leandro libraries with new programs, expanded collections, computer workstations, and free public Wi-Fi
- ✓ Enhance safety net programs for homeless and at-risk children and adults
- ✓ Enhance parks and trails in San Leandro

*The vast majority of San Leandro residents will not bear any new costs from these measures!*

For more information about Measures OO, PP and NN, please visit [www.sanleandro.org/LocalMeasures](http://www.sanleandro.org/LocalMeasures)





PHOTO COURTESY OF SLPD

Retired San Leandro police officer Gordon Grimes celebrated his 90th birthday with a visit to police headquarters last week, where he met up with Chief Jeff Tudor.

## Former Officer Celebrates a Milestone

Retirees from the San Leandro police department dropped by police headquarters last week for their annual brunch—including Gordon

## Cold Case Homicide

Last week marked the 22nd anniversary of the murder of Antowan Sexton and the Alameda County Sheriff's office wants to remind the public about the crime in the hopes that new information can help break the cold case.

On Oct. 25, 1994, Sexton was driving eastbound on 166th Avenue in San Leandro and as he entered the intersection with East 14th Street, his car was shot several times and he was struck in the torso.

Sexton, 20, was pronounced dead a short time later after he was taken to Eden Hospital.

Witnesses said they saw a light blue or gray BMW fleeing the scene eastbound on 166th Avenue. A black male adult was also seen jumping fences near an apartment complex on 167th Avenue.

Anyone with information is asked to call the sheriff's office at 667-3661 or the anonymous tip line at 667-3622.

Grimes, who was celebrating his 90th birthday.

Mayor Pauline Cutter made a special presentation to Grimes, giving him a proclamation from the City Council naming Oct. 27, 2016 as "Gordon Clifford Grimes, Jr. Day."

Grimes, who served as a San Leandro Police officer from 1957-1976, began his law enforcement career in Detroit in 1950, after honorably discharging from the United States Coast Guard, where he was deployed to the South Pacific during World War II.

Grimes became responsible for implementing the San Leandro

police department's first crime scene evidence and identification unit. He completed specialized courses taught by the FBI and learned how to process crime scene evidence for fingerprints, hoping to learn the identity of the suspect. Grimes' legacy continues, as the department still has specially trained officers that perform crime scene evidence collection, and other members that process evidence for latent fingerprints.

Grimes is also credited for designing SLPD's insignia in the 1970s that is still used as the SLPD's logo on uniforms and patrol cars today.

## Police Investigating Spate of Burglaries in Bay-O-Vista Area

San Leandro Police detectives are investigating a series of residential burglaries that began last Friday morning in the Assumption Parish and Bay-O-Vista neighborhoods.

On Oct. 28 at 9:45 a.m., police responded to an alarm on the 2100 block of Bradhoff Avenue in the Assumption Parish neighborhood and found that the residence had been burglarized, according to Lt. Robert McManus of the SLPD.

In the home's surveillance video, two suspects can be seen entering the yard through a side gate and entering the home through the rear sliding-glass door.

The video depicts the suspects as African-American males in their late teens to early 20s, who were both wearing jeans and hooded sweatshirts with the hoods on.

The video shows the suspects' car is a red Honda Civic with oxidized paint on the roof and a white California license plate.

That same evening at 9 p.m., police responded to four residential burglaries in the Bay-O-Vista neighborhood that occurred in a 30-minute period.

In two of the burglaries, residents were inside of their homes when suspects smashed the rear sliding-glass doors of the homes. The burglars did not go into the homes where people were inside, McManus said.

In the two burglaries where no one was home, thieves stole

small items before fleeing.

The Bay-O-Vista burglaries occurred in the 2200 block of Lakeview Drive, the 1500 block of Regent Drive, the 1800 block of Benedict Drive, and 1900 block of Marineview Drive.

Police are asking anyone with video surveillance camera systems in the Bay-O-Vista neighborhood to view their videos from Friday evening between 7 and 10 p.m., and report anything suspicious by calling 577-3230.

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### Notice of Special Meeting

Date: **November 7, 2016**  
Time: **5:30 pm**  
Location: **San Leandro Civic Center, City Council Chambers, 835 East 14th Street, San Leandro 94577**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Alameda Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) will hold a public meeting on the date, time, and location noted for the purpose of receiving public input concerning the **Eden Health District**. At the request of the City of Hayward, Alameda LAFCo has initiated a special study of the Eden Health District (also known as the Eden Township Healthcare District) pursuant to Government Code Section 56378. As part of the study, the Commission seeks input from the public and other stakeholders about the District on the following:

- What value, if any, does the Eden Township Healthcare District provide to the public?
- For those who find value in the District, what specific needs and/or priorities should the District address?
- For those who do not find value in the District, should the District's functions continue to be provided by another entity?

The agenda for the meeting is available at [www.acgov.org/lafco](http://www.acgov.org/lafco), at the LAFCo office at 1221 Oak Street, 5th Floor, Oakland, and will be posted at the meeting location by Friday, November 4, 2016.

Alameda LAFCo has held two public meetings already for the Commission to receive input on the District – on October 17 at the Castro Valley Library and on October 18 at Hayward City Council Chambers.

The **Eden Township Healthcare District** was established by the voters in 1948 to build and operate a hospital initially known as Eden Hospital. The District covers Eden Township, which includes the unincorporated areas of Ashland, Castro Valley, Cherryland, Fairview, and San Lorenzo, and the cities of Hayward and San Leandro. The Eden Hospital opened in November 1954. In 1997 the District sold the hospital, then known as Eden Medical Center, to Sutter Health. Today the District owns medical office buildings in Castro Valley, San Leandro, and Dublin, and administers a Community Grant Fund.

**Note:** For further information concerning the Eden Health District and/or to submit written comments, please visit the LAFCo website at [www.acgov.org/lafco](http://www.acgov.org/lafco). If you have any questions, please contact Mona Palacios, LAFCo Executive Officer, at (510) 272-3894 or [mona.palacios@acgov.org](mailto:mona.palacios@acgov.org).

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The Alameda Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) is a State mandated local agency charged with the review of proposals to reorganize the jurisdiction and authority of local government in Alameda County. California Government Code §56000 et seq., referred to as the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act, directs LAFCo to promote orderly growth and development, discourage urban sprawl while preserving open space and agricultural lands, and encourage efficient service areas for local governments.



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## NEIGHBORS



## Vernon E. Cumins Joins the 100 Club

On October 19, Vernon E. Cumins joined the growing population of centenarians by celebrating his 100th birthday with three generations of family and numerous friends from the San Leandro Historical Railroad Society. The party was held on October 22 and hosted by his daughters Dru Remer and Marianne Dellner at his granddaughter's home in Walnut Creek. Vern attributes his longevity by being able, every day, to look forward to being with family and good friends he can count on.

## Retired Teachers Week

The 18th annual California Retired Teachers Week begins the week of Nov. 12. Retired teachers are among the communities most active volunteers. As of Nov. 1, 2016 the California Retired Teachers Association (CalRTA) members in 86 divisions volunteered over 2 million hours of service valued at

more than \$55 million. In addition CalRTA Divisions award scholarships to future teachers and give mini-grants to beginning teachers.

The Southern Alameda County Division 59 members from Castro Valley, Hayward, San Leandro and San Lorenzo Unified School Districts volunteer in hospitals,

libraries, schools, churches, museums and community projects.

They also award four \$2,000 scholarships yearly to California State University East Bay students enrolled in the Teacher Credentialing Program and issue gift certificates to selected beginning teachers for classroom supplies.

## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

### ❖ Chanticleers Theatre

A *Christmas Carol*, a classic holiday favorite will be presented at the Chanticleers Theatre, 3683

Quail Ave. in Castro Valley from Nov. 19 to Dec. 11. The whole family will enjoy this Christmas classic told in a unique way,

along with music of the season. Friday and Saturday shows begin at 8 p.m., Sundays shows begin at 2 p.m. General admission tickets are \$25, \$20 for seniors and students, and \$10 for children 12 and under. To purchase tickets or for more information, call 733-5483.

### ❖ Douglas Morrisson Theatre

*It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play* will be presented by the Douglas Morrisson Theatre at 8 p.m. on Dec. 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, and at 2 p.m. on Dec. 3, 4, and 11, at the DMT Theatre, 22311 North 3rd Street in Hayward. An Opening Reception will be held on Thursday, Dec. 1. For tickets (\$27-\$29), visit [www.dmtonline.org](http://www.dmtonline.org) or call 881-6777. Enjoy the holiday classic that puts the "heart" in heartwarming.

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**ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** The pitter-patter of all those Sheep feet means that you're out and about, rushing to get more done. That's fine, but slow down by the weekend so you can heed some important advice.



**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** You're in charge of your own destiny these days, and, no doubt, you'll have that Bull's-eye of yours right on target. But don't forget to make time for family events.



**GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** Be prepared for a power struggle that you don't want. Look to the helpful folks around you for advice on how to avoid it without losing the important gains you've made.



**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** Congratulations! You're about to claim your hard-earned reward for your patience and persistence. Now, go out and enjoy some fun and games with friends and family.



**LEO (July 23 - August 22):** The Big Cat might find it difficult to shake off that listless feeling. But be patient. By week's end, your spirits will perk up and you'll be your perfectly purring self again.



**VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22):** A problem with a co-worker could prove to be a blessing in disguise when a superior steps in to investigate and discovers a situation that could prove helpful to you.



**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22):** This is a favorable time to move ahead with your plans. Some setbacks are expected, but they're only temporary. Pick up the pace again and stay with it.



**SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21):** Your creativity is recognized and rewarded. So go ahead and claim what you've earned. Meanwhile, that irksome and mysterious situation soon will be resolved.



**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** A new associate brings ideas that the wise Sagittarian quickly will realize can benefit both of you. Meanwhile, someone from the workplace makes an emotional request.



**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** It might be a good idea to ease up on that hectic pace and spend more time studying things you'll need to know when more opportunities come later in November.



**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** A relatively quiet time is now giving way to a period of high activity. Face it with the anticipation that it will bring you some well-deserved boons and benefits.



**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** Go with the flow, or make waves? It's up to you. Either way, you'll get noticed. However, make up your own mind. Don't let anyone tell you what choices to make.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### ❖ SL High School Presents *Almost, Maine*

The San Leandro High School Dramatic Arts will present *Almost, Maine* a play by John Cariani, comprised of nine short entwined plays that explore love and loss in a remote, mythical almost-town called Almost, Maine. Performances run from Nov. 4 through Nov. 13. Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$5 for students and \$30 for a family pack (2 adults and 2 students). For more information, visit [www.sanleandropac.com](http://www.sanleandropac.com).

### ❖ Songstress Ramana Viera at SL Library

Ramana Viera, "songstress of fado," will perform at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., on Friday, Nov. 4, from 7 to 8 p.m. Admission is free but, please, no children under 10 years of age. Fado is a blend of African rhythms and traditional Portuguese seafaring songs that are infused with Brazilian and Arabic influences. Viera sings songs both traditional and original songs, joined by bass John Clark on bass, Ela Polak on violin and Brad Bivens on classical guitar. Viera beautifully modernizes these old-world ballads while maintaining the integrity of this time-honored tradition, harmonizing unconventional instrumentals with fado's haunting melodies and melancholy stories of heartache and disappointment.

### ❖ Women's Club Scholarship Bazaar

The Hill & Valley Women's Club Annual Scholarship Bazaar will be on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1808 B St. in Hayward. Hundreds of well priced wares, homemade jam, baked goods, candies, books, seasonal wreaths and floral centerpieces, vintage jewelery, gently used housewares and collectibles, handcrafted hats, scarves, baby clothing and more. Proceeds fund scholarships for college-bound seniors in local high schools.

### ❖ 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 lunch on Saturday, Nov. 5, at noon. Lunch is \$15 and includes three bingo cards, extra cards are 25 cents apiece. For more information, call Mr. Helder at 357-5846.

### ❖ History of the East Bay Regional Park

The San Leandro Historical Society presents "A History of the East Bay Regional Park District" on Saturday, Nov. 5, at 2 p.m. at the Historical Society's Little Brown Church, 384 W. Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro (behind the Casa Peralta). This fascinating story of the EBRPD will be given by speaker Jerry Kent. The thirty-minute slide show will cover district-wide history with a special focus on San Leandro issues and parks. The event is free. For more information, call 969-0975 or email [sanleandrohistory@gmail.com](mailto:sanleandrohistory@gmail.com), or visit [www.sanleandrohistory.org](http://www.sanleandrohistory.org).

### ❖ San Leandro Readers Roundtable

The San Leandro Readers Roundtable will meet Saturday, Nov. 5, at 2 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. The group will discuss *How To Be Both* by Ali Smith, a genre-bending conversation about the nature of art. All are welcome. Books discussed may be purchased in the library's Booktique bookstore.

### ❖ Diabetes Support Group

The Diabetes Support Group will meet on

Monday, Nov. 7, at 5 p.m. at the San Leandro Surgery Center, 15035 East 14 St. in San Leandro. Fresh Approach will provide a guest speaker to discuss "Healthy Food Choices and Meal Planning." One need not have diabetes to benefit from this presentation. As usual the public is invited.

### ❖ Del Rey School Veterans Day Concert

Del Rey School, 1510 Via Sonya in San Lorenzo, will have a Veterans Day Concert on Wednesday, Nov. 9, at 6 p.m. Students will perform songs to honor our military.

### ❖ Bancroft Veterans Day Concert

The music department at Bancroft Middle School invites veterans and active military personnel to a Veterans Day Concert to honor all men and women who have served our country on Wednesday, Nov. 9, at 7 p.m. in the school gym. Admission is free.

### ❖ Sons In Retirement Meetings

SIRs, an organization of retired men, meets on the second Wednesday of each month. The group meets at the Wedgewood Center at the 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.

### ❖ Hearing Loss Association Meeting

The Hearing Loss Association will meet on Saturday, Nov. 12, at the Oakland Kaiser Permanente Hospital, Fabiola Bldg., 3801 Howe St., Lower Level, Room G26. Refreshments served at 9:30 a.m. and the program starts at 10 a.m. The speaker will be professor Susan Graham, a member of the presidential commission to recommend changes to the care of individuals with hearing loss. Discussion will center around the importance of reducing hearing aid costs.

### ❖ Saturday Explorers: Block Party

Join the explores on Saturday, Nov. 12, at 10:30 a.m. at the Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd., to create your dream home in Manor Branch Library's Lego neighborhood during our family fun build. This activity is for children ages 5 and older. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration opens on Oct. 30, for more information, call 577-7971.

### ❖ Christmas Toy Collection & Barbecue

The 9th Annual Toy Run by the Wanderlust Motorcycle Club will be on Sunday, Nov. 13, from noon to 4 p.m. at Nipper's Marina Lounge, 13880 Catalina St. in San Leandro, with a barbecue and live music by Axis. Bring a new unwrapped toy and \$25 (no stuffed toys). The toys will be delivered to UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital in Oakland. For more information, call Eddie at 925-980-9405.

### ❖ St. Felicitas November Luncheon

St. Felicitas Parish, 1662 Manor Blvd. in San Leandro, hosts its monthly Young at Heart Luncheon on Wednesday, Nov. 16, with salad, chicken enchilada with red sauce, Spanish rice/refried beans, tortillas, dessert, coffee or apple cider. Doors open at 11 a.m. and lunch is served at noon. Tickets are \$6. Entertainment and door prizes at each luncheon. Tickets on sale as of Oct. 3 and 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.

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# Rally: Trailer home residents appeal to representatives about rent hike

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agement company hasn't given the names of the investors. But a spokesman for the management company said that the rent increase was caused in part by a big increase in property tax after the sale, and an added "transfer fee" to the city when the property was bought. ("Rent Hikes Hit Trailer Haven," Oct. 27, 2016)

Trailer Haven residents say they're also being billed for extra charges that used to be included in their rent — fees for garbage, sewer, water.

The residents own their mobile homes but they rent the space. They've appealed to representatives from Congresswoman Barbara Lee, state Assemblyman Rob Bonta, to the San Leandro City Council.

"They all said there's nothing they can do," Ventura said.

Ventura and other residents held a meeting on the grounds of

Trailer Haven, the cozy mobile home park on East 14th Street. Ventura said she couldn't get a room for a meeting in any of the city's buildings — the library, the Senior Center, or City Hall — because they can't afford the cost of renting a room, plus the required \$1 million in liability insurance.

"My goal is to make the City Council do something to instate rent control, to intervene in this situation. We need help," Ventura said.

"It's sad to see the people who are supposed to represent us residents are only concerned with bringing in new residents, and the people who built the backbone of this city are disregarded," Ventura said. "And why couldn't they just let us have a room for a meeting?"

In Trailer Haven, you've always had families who live a few doors away from relatives. It's affordable so they can stay together, Ventura said. But elsewhere, kids

grow up and leave town for somewhere they can afford.

"Where else are families able to stay together?" she asked.

An organization that speaks for mobile home owners, the Golden State Manufactured Owners League, will have a speaker at Monday's meeting at City Hall. That organization has said that the rent increase has brought down the home values in Trailer Haven. Ventura said her neighbor was trying to sell his home but the deal fell through when the rent increase announcement came.

"This whole thing has caught us by surprise," Ventura said. "We want anybody who's concerned to come on out."



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Trailer Haven residents Maxina Ventura, left, with Jean Smith, Sonia Bohannon, Ventura's daughter Ingrid Pollyak and Bob Nelson plan to be at Monday's rally.

## Tap Room to Host Reception for Artful Steps

Artful Steps will hold an art reception presenting the works of over 20 local artists with developmental disabilities, on Friday, Nov. 4, from 6 to 8 p.m. at The Cooler, 1517 East 14th St. in San Leandro.

The art work will include ceramic mosaics, multi-media collages, drawings, paintings, and monoprints by artists in the Artful Steps program of Stepping Stones Growth Center in San Leandro.

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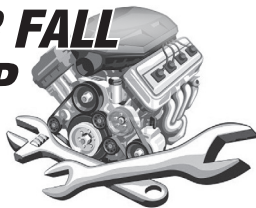
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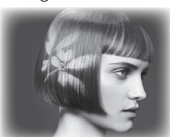
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## Thanksgiving Sides with a Twist



## COUNTDOWN TO THANKSGIVING

Next Week: Desserts

In most families, there'd be open rebellion if your Thanksgiving dinner (just three weeks from today) didn't include such traditional ingredients as yams and cranberries along with the roast turkey.

This week we begin our November Countdown to Thanksgiving with some really good variations on old themes that you might want to try, starting with an usually tangy baking powder biscuit.

## TOMATO DROP BISCUITS

- 1 medium tomato, seeded and finely chopped
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup low-fat plain yogurt
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped scallion
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped sun-dried tomato

Preheat oven to 450°F. Lightly coat baking sheet with nonstick cooking spray. Drain chopped fresh tomato on paper towels.

In medium bowl, combine flour, baking powder, and salt. In small bowl combine yogurt and oil and stir into flour mixture until evenly moistened.

Stir fresh tomato, scallion, and sun-dried tomato into flour mixture. Drop dough, 1/4 cup at a time, onto prepared baking sheet, for total of 12 biscuits.

Bake until tops are golden brown, about 12 minutes. Serve warm. Serves 12.

## AMARETTO YAMS

- 3 pounds yams, peeled and sliced
- 1/2 cup hot water
- 1 small green apple, peeled, cored and thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup Amaretto (almond liqueur)



## Tomato Drop Biscuits

- 1-1/2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon

Place yams and water in a 9-inch square baking dish and cover with plastic wrap. Microwave on high for 8 minutes; let cool slightly. Fold over one corner of plastic wrap and carefully drain off all water; remove wrap and place apple slices on yams. Preheat oven to 350°F. Dissolve cornstarch in amaretto in a small bowl; stir in brown sugar, butter and cinnamon. Pour over yams and apples and bake for 30 minutes. Makes 8 servings.

## GREEN BEANS WITH CARAMELIZED ONION

- 4 teaspoons olive oil
- 2 large Vidalia onions,

- Salt and pepper
- 2 pounds green beans, trimmed
- 4 teaspoons chopped fresh tarragon leaves

In a large nonstick skillet, heat 1 tablespoon oil over medium-high. Add onions and season with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring often, until softened and just beginning to brown, about 10 minutes.

Reduce heat to medium; cook, stirring occasionally, until onions are deep golden brown and very soft, 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a large pot of boiling salted water, cook green beans until crisp-tender and bright green, about 6 minutes. Drain and toss with tarragon and 1 teaspoon oil; season with salt and pepper. Transfer beans to a platter and top with onions. Serves 8.

## CRANBERRY SAUCE EXTRAORDINAIRE

- 1 cup water
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 (12-oz) bag fresh cranberries
- 1 orange, peeled and puréed
- 1 apple and 1 pear, both peeled, cored and diced
- 1 cup chopped dried mixed fruit
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon grated nutmeg

In a medium saucepan, boil water and sugar until the sugar dissolves. Reduce the heat to simmer, and stir in cranberries, puréed orange, apple, pear, dried fruit, pecans, salt, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Cover, and simmer for 30 minutes, stirring occasionally, until the cranberries burst. Remove from heat, and let cool to room temperature.

## HOT MULLED CIDER

- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- Dash of salt
- 2 quarts apple cider
- 1 teaspoon whole allspice
- 1 teaspoon whole cloves
- 1 (3-inch) stick cinnamon
- Dash of freshly grated nutmeg
- Fresh orange slices
- Extra cinnamon sticks

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# SENIORS

## How to Assist Physically Impaired Persons to Sign Legal Documents

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

**Q** My husband suffered a stroke and is essentially paralyzed. I need him to sign a Power Of Attorney so that I can take care of our financial affairs. Is there any way to do this?

**A** Yes. Where a person has sufficient mental capacity to understand the nature of the document he or she proposes to sign, and where the only

limitation is a physical inability to perform the act of signing, the law provides alternative methods of obtaining a legally valid signature.

**Signature by Mark:** If the person is unable to sign their full name, they might make a mark, such as an "X", on the desired document. The signing must be witnessed by two disinterested witnesses, each of whom must also sign the document reciting that they watched the principal place their mark, and one of the witnesses must actually sign the principal's name adjacent to their mark.

If the individual does not have use of their arms, a pen might be placed between their teeth to enable them to mark the legal document. However, care must be taken so that the actual mark or "dot" on the paper is the act of the principal.

**Signature by Amanuensis:** Where a person is totally paralyzed and would not even be able to clench a pen in their teeth, but is able to speak and give instruction, there is another procedure called signing by amanuensis.

In legal parlance, an "amanuensis" is an assistant who copies or writes from the dictation of another. Thus, if your husband is totally immobile, but if his mind is clear and he can speak or otherwise give direction, he could direct someone to sign his own name on a legal document.

The actual signer should be a disinterested person, other than yourself, and the signing should occur in your husband's presence.

It would be best if a notary were also present to notarize the document.

Note: most notaries will be unfamiliar with this procedure, and so you may wish to involve a knowledgeable attorney who can explain the process to the notary and supervise the signing.

In some situations, the paralyzed individual may have also lost the power of speech. Yet, if they retain some method of communication, such as by eye movements, the process of signing by amanuensis could be modified to accommodate that limitation.

At a minimum, the attorney supervising the process would verify the particular eye movements signifying "yes" and "no," review the desired legal document line by line to confirm the individual's understanding, and invite them to give direction to a disinterested amanuensis to sign the document, using the principal's own name.



Gene L. Osofsky

In this situation, it would be important to also have at least one witness verify the principal's understanding and directive. It might also be helpful to video the signing process.

**Blind Signer:** If the principal is blind, but otherwise has the use of their limbs, I would recommend that the entire document be read to them, word for word, and their understanding confirmed.

A ruler or "cut out" template might be used to guide the placement of his hand so that he signs at the appropriate place on the document. I would also recommend that the entire process be videoed. A witness might also certify the principal's understanding and/or a notarization should be arranged.

**By Court Order If Incapacitated:** If the principal also lacks mental capacity, then a petition could be made to the Superior Court for an order authorizing creation of a power of attorney pursuant to the Substituted Judgment Procedure in the California Probate Code, so named because the judge's order would substitute for the principal's consent and signature.

In your case, with patience and some thought, the need for your husband's signature can probably be met.

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



## Senior Driver Safety

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The Professor frightens everyone in "Trouble Bubbles at the Hot Springs" (from left to right: Jasmine Larose, Jessi Lee, Arsalan Khan, Matthew Medeiros, Sage Hindley, Terry Guillory, Paul Pedersen and Theodore Thompson).

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## School Board: Everybody wins

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any opposition, their names won't even appear on the Nov. 8 ballot.

### Monique Tate

Monique Tate will be representing Area 1. Tate was originally appointed to the seat in 2015 when Corina Lopez vacated the seat after she was elected to the City Council.

Tate, a mother of three kids who have gone through San Leandro schools, calls herself a "life-long learner" and returned to college at the age of 40, eventually earning a master's degree in public administration.

### Peter Oshinski

Peter Oshinski will be the new At-Large board member, replacing Evelyn Gonzalez. Oshinski is a nutrition administrator for the Hayward school district, responsible for feeding 2,200 students each day.

Oshinski says his priority will be closing the achievement gap for minority students.

"I'll always be guided by the principle of high expectations for all students," said Oshinski.

### Evelyn Gonzalez

Former At-Large representative Evelyn Gonzalez will now move over to the Area 3 board member position, replacing Vince Rosato. Rosato passed away suddenly last month, but before that had decided not to run for reelection and Gonzalez decided to run in her district, freeing up the At-Large space.

Gonzalez has been on the board for two years and has four kids who have gone through San Leandro schools. She says she is excited to continue serving on the school board.

"I am eager to begin another term on the San Leandro school

board," said Gonzalez. "The district is moving in the right direction and it is exciting to see the changes that have taken place in our classrooms and at our school sites."

### Diana Prola

Diana Prola will be serving her second term as the Area 5 representative on the board.

Prola retired after 40 years as a teacher and says her goals for the district are raising high school graduation rates and improving communication between the board, district employees, and the public.

see *SCHOOL BOARD*, page 14

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## 20 THINGS I THINK ABOUT THE 2016 EAST BAY GENERAL ELECTION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2016 STEVEN TAVARES

"Rarely have I seen a candidate less prepared to run for office but with more institutional support than San Leandro City Council candidate **Bryan Azevedo**. The unions strongly back Azevedo as does the Alameda County Democratic Party.

His performance at a forum Oct. 6 was cringe-worthy, but for progressives he says all the right things and appears trustworthy. If he is victorious, you have to wonder how long it will take him to grasp even the basics of city government."



# REAL ESTATE GALLERY



## REAL ESTATE REALITY

By Carl Medford, CRS  
Special to the Times

GUEST COMMENTARY



## Today's Homes Get Smart

Appliances, security systems and more can all be controlled remotely

As the couple pulls up to their home, the driveway lights spring into life and the garage door automatically opens, welcoming them home.

Cued by visual recognition technology, the alarm system deactivates itself and cameras discretely turn themselves off.

Inside, interior lights register their entrance and anticipate their movements from room to room. The fireplace springs into life, the blinds shut and soft music fills the air. The auto-climate controls activate to ensure the rooms are the correct temperature for the mood. A movie appears on the large flat-screen TV, accompanied by the sounds of cocktails mixing. The lights dim, the surround sound increases in volume and...

You get the idea.

Once the stuff of fiction, today's Smart Homes are not only real, they are moving into the mainstream. While some upscale features are still out of the reach of average homebuyers, Smart Home technology is readily available to enhance normal lifestyles.

What is a Smart Home? It's not a home with a Nest thermostat stuck on a wall. While a great beginning, it takes more to make a home "smart."

Smarthomeusa.com states, "Smart Home is the term commonly used to define a residence that has appliances, lighting, heating, air conditioning, TVs, computers, entertainment audio and video systems, security, and camera systems that are capable of communicating with one another and can be controlled remotely by a time schedule, from any room in the home, as well as remotely from any location in the world by phone or internet."

Most homeowners start with their heating and cooling systems. Products like Nest's Learning Thermostat provide local or remote control and monitor energy usage so you can manage expenses.

Next for many is a security system. Companies like Comcast have entered the space and bundle their security systems with offerings such as cable and internet to save money.

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## Add Some Eye Candy to Your Garden this Fall

By Melinda Myers  
Special to the Times

Shorten the winter season with the help of spring-flowering bulbs that you plant in fall. These beauties often provide the first bit of color, fragrance and winter relief each year.

Look for new and unique ways to incorporate bulbs into your landscape. Create a seasonal water feature with a river of blue scillas and grape hyacinths meandering through the garden. Welcome visitors with a front door or walkway garden that blooms from early spring

through early summer and is loaded with crocus, tulips, daffodils and allium.

Increase growing success in poor soils by incorporating several inches of compost, peat moss or other organic matter. This improves drainage in clay soil and the water-holding ability of sandy and rocky soils. Then be sure to incorporate a low-nitrogen, slow-release fertilizer.

So break out your trowel and garden gloves and get busy planting. You'll be glad you did when spring arrives and your yard and garden are filled with a rainbow of beautiful flowers.



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**Dutch Master daffodils, tulips and Muscari provide several layers of color in the garden.**

Melinda Myers has over 30 years of gardening experience and has written over 20 gardening books.

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## Rates Ease from Recent Spike

Rates on long-term mortgages moved closer to historic lows again last week, according to Freddie Mac.

Thirty-year fixed-rate mortgages averaged 3.47 percent, down from 3.52 percent a week earlier. A year ago at this time, the 30-year rate averaged 3.76 percent.

Fifteen-year fixed rates averaged 2.78 percent, down slightly from 2.79 percent.

Five-year hybrid adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 2.84, down slightly from the week before when it averaged 2.85 percent. A year ago, the 5-year ARM averaged 2.89 percent.

## Smart: Increases Safety, Security

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your doorbell? You can see and interact with them from your smartphone and, with electronic locks, even provide access, regardless of your location.

Add in remotely controlled lights, window shades, audio systems and baby monitoring and you are on your way! Safety is also increased with smart smoke

and CO detectors, moisture intrusion alarms and more.

Even better, most of these products are DIY, which makes them even... smarter.

*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.*

### RECENT HOME SALES

#### San Leandro

1272 Begier Avenue	94577	\$780,000	3 BD - 1,977 SF - 1940
319 Best Avenue	94577	\$232,000	3 BD - 1,190 SF - 1930
1920 Bradhoff Avenue	94577	\$612,000	2 BD - 1,154 SF - 1947
592 Lewis Avenue	94577	\$505,000	2 BD - 906 SF - 1927
2480 Longview Drive	94577	\$840,000	3 BD - 2,188 SF - 1961
1173 Sandellin Avenue	94577	\$785,000	3 BD - 2,516 SF - 1971
13741 Seagate Drive #266	94577	\$415,000	1 BD - 990 SF - 1988
1509 137th Avenue	94578	\$380,000	2 BD - 811 SF - 1970
1670 164th Avenue	94578	\$366,000	2 BD - 1,165 SF - 1980
444 Caliente Drive	94578	\$375,000	2 BD - 1,060 SF - 1980
16006 East 14th St #202	94578	\$275,000	2 BD - 811 SF - 1987
16723 Hannah Drive	94578	\$465,000	2 BD - 1,032 SF - 1964
1614 Russ Avenue	94578	\$558,500	2 BD - 1,018 SF - 1948
1591 Burkhardt Avenue	94579	\$535,000	3 BD - 1,329 SF - 1957
720 Fargo Avenue #5	94579	\$420,000	2 BD - 840 SF - 1965
15265 Laverne Drive	94579	\$520,500	3 BD - 1,169 SF - 1959
1788 Lawndale Avenue	94579	\$550,000	3 BD - 1,154 SF - 1957
2261 Snipe Court	94579	\$653,000	4 BD - 1,544 SF - 1999

**TOTAL SALES: 18**

**LOWEST AMOUNT: \$232,000**

**HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$840,000**

**MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$512,750**

**AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$514,833**

#### San Lorenzo

961 Bevilacqua Street	94580	\$372,000	2 BD - 848 SF - 1949
944 Lynn Court	94580	\$552,500	3 BD - 1,432 SF - 1950
663 Via Acalanes	94580	\$610,000	3 BD - 1,000 SF - 1944
879 Via Bregani	94580	\$550,000	3 BD - 1,348 SF - 1957
17271 Via Carmen	94580	\$550,000	3 BD - 1,127 SF - 1953
70 Via Diego	94580	\$565,000	3 BD - 1,024 SF - 1950
17052 Via Media	94580	\$520,000	3 BD - 1,051 SF - 1947
1094 Via Palma	94580	\$430,000	3 BD - 1,476 SF - 1949

**TOTAL SALES: 8**

**LOWEST AMOUNT: \$372,000**

**HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$610,000**

**MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$550,000**

**AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$518,688**

#### Castro Valley

20785 Baker Road	94546	\$900,000	N/ABD - 2,214 SF - 1925
22041 Betlen Way	94546	\$569,000	3 BD - 1,312 SF - 1954
5296 Camino Alta Mira	94546	\$805,000	3 BD - 2,122 SF - 1967
18428 Center Street	94546	\$930,000	4 BD - 2,450 SF - 1958
4304 Circle Avenue	94546	\$800,000	3 BD - 1,853 SF - 1953
17525 Dorson Lane	94546	\$885,000	4 BD - 1,506 SF - 1945
19100 Karris Lane	94546	\$605,000	3 BD - 2,210 SF - 1977
4635 Mira Loma Street	94546	\$710,000	3 BD - 1,738 SF - 1955
2500 Miramar Ave #307	94546	\$360,000	2 BD - 1,148 SF - 1982
21484 Orange Avenue	94546	\$585,000	3 BD - 1,200 SF - 1948
18837 Sandy Road	94546	\$710,000	3 BD - 1,538 SF - 1947
21003 Wilbeam Avenue	94546	\$490,000	3 BD - 1,314 SF - 1956
5356 Briar Ridge Drive	94552	\$585,000	3 BD - 1,619 SF - 1978
20056 Mollie Court	94552	\$910,000	4 BD - 2,520 SF - 1991

**TOTAL SALES: 14**

**LOWEST AMOUNT: \$360,000**

**HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$930,000**

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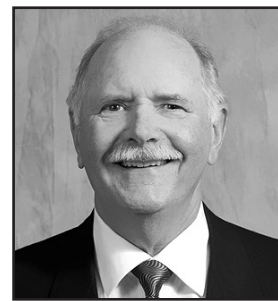
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# Oro Loma: Candidates promise to keep district running smoothly

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The demographics of the board became a point of controversy when board member Laython Landis made racially and sexually charged comments at a board meeting and eventually stepped down.

Walters was appointed to replace Landis and is seeking reelection to the seat, saying there's no need to shake up the board as it runs very well.

"I don't think there is a danger of the board being stagnant," said Walters, a chemical engineer who says it's his scientific background that makes him stand out from the other candidates.

"I can speak with Oro Loma's engineers with a clear understanding," said Walters.

Fellow incumbent Dias first joined the Oro Loma Board in 1992. He says this will be his last term on the board if he's elected.

Like Walters, Dias says that the public should vote for him because Oro Loma runs smoothly and there is no need for change.

"The voters want competence," said Dias, a retired Pacific Bell and AT&T executive. "And the district has improved service



**Chike Udemezue and Rita Duncan are running for a seat on the Oro Loma board of directors.**

constantly."

Souza acknowledges that Oro Loma is well-run, but says it's time for new blood.

"They've done a good job, but I never believe in unlimited term limits," said Souza. "I want to look at things in a fresh way."

Souza, a human resource manager, says her experience on the City Council working with the city of San Leandro's waste water treatment plant and sanitation services will give her the experience to serve on the Oro Loma board.

In the other Oro Loma race, voters will pick one of two candidates, Udemezue and Duncan.



Oro Loma board and she says that has given her a different perspective.

"I'm proud of being the first

African American on the board and bringing that point of view," said Duncan. "We do have a diversity of thought and opinion

on the board and we are very responsible caretakers for the system we have."

Election day is Nov. 8.

## Developers: Hernandez funded by developers, Azevedo by unions

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mission who used to serve on that city's Planning Commission.

According to the California Fair Political Practices Commission, it is fine for an elected official to raise funds to promote a ballot measure on his or her own time.

If passed, Measure NN would levy up to 10 percent of gross receipts from marijuana sales in town, which the city estimates will bring in about \$500,000 in taxes annually and could potentially increase if recreational marijuana use is legalized in California (and a measure to do so is also on the November ballot). Currently, San Leandro has approved permits for three medical marijuana dispensaries.

Measure OO would modify the existing business license tax to charge more for warehouse space and parking lots, bringing in an estimated \$800,000 annually.

Measure PP would increase the tax paid by hotel visitors in San Leandro from 10 percent to 14 percent. It would give City Hall another \$200,000 annually.

Meanwhile, with less than a week before election day, last-minute campaign contributions are still coming in for San Leandro's City Council candidates.

In the District 2 council race, Hernandez got some last-minute developer contributions and Azevedo continued to rake in donations from unions.

The two candidates have received fairly similar amounts in contributions this election – Hernandez has a total of around \$22,000 and Azevedo around \$25,000.

Last week, Hernandez received \$1,000 from Sunny Tong

of Westlake Urban, the developers behind the tech campus, and \$1,000 from Ed Miller of Cal Coast, the developers behind the marina project.

Cal Coast also donated \$5,000 to District 4 candidate Benny Lee, who is running unopposed.

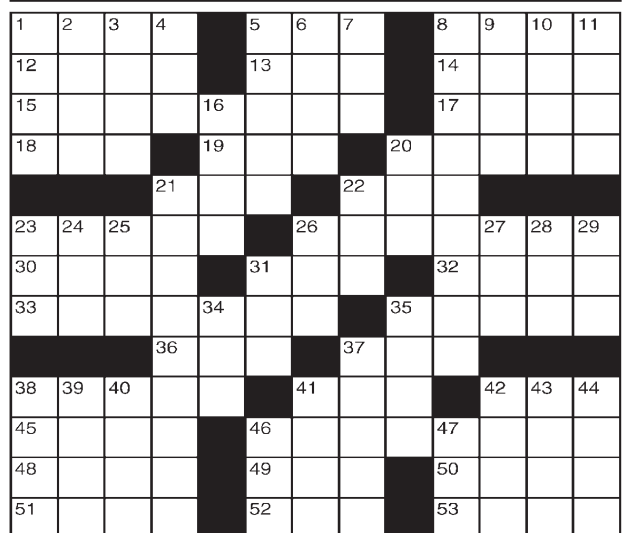
Developers were generous with Hernandez – he also got a total of \$2,500 from Creekside Associates, the company owned by David Irmer, the developer behind the Village shopping center and the Trinet building.

Azevedo, a union sheetmetal worker, continued getting strong union support. His October contributions included \$2,500 from Sprinkler Fitters Local 483. He also got \$1,000 from the Political Action Committee (PAC) of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

Azevedo also got another \$500 from Daniel Grace, the owner of the Harborside medical marijuana dispensary, for a total of \$1,000 from Grace.

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## LOCAL DEATHS

■ **PERRY, Jesse Louis** (Jan. 4, 1922 – Oct. 25, 2016), a resident of San Leandro, passed away on October 25. He was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Ruth; parents, Margaret and Fernando Perry of San Leandro; and his sister, Louise. He is survived by his children,

Richard Perry of Manteca, Janis (John) of Newark and Kristina (Jeffrey) of Brentwood; 4 grandchildren; 2 great-granddaughters; and many nieces and nephews whom he dearly loved. Viewing will be held today, Nov. 3, between 4 and 8 p.m. with the Rosary starting at 7 p.m. at Graham-Hitch Mortuary in Pleasanton. The funeral mass will be celebrated Friday, Nov. 4 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Raymond's in Dublin. Donations may be made in Jesse's honor to The Shrine of St. Jude Thaddeus, PO Box 15368, San Francisco, CA 94115-0368. Jesse Perry's family extends their gratitude and thanks to all the support staff that cared for him at Villa San Ramon Assisted Living and Hope Hospice, Dublin.

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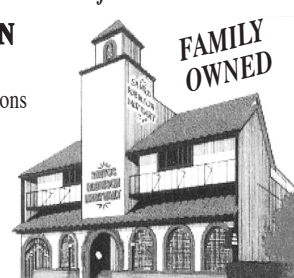
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## School Board: Aguilar to serve shortened 2-year term on board

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**Victor Aguilar**

And Victor Aguilar will serve a shortened 2-year term as Area 6 representative.

The Area 6 seat was vacated last year by Ron Carey when he could no longer devote enough time to the board because of a promotion at his job. Last February, 19-year-old Mills College student Ashley Vo was the sole candidate who applied when the board solicited appli-

cations for Carey's temporary replacement.

Aguilar is an account manager for a legal consultation company who ran unsuccessfully for City Council in 2014. He has served as president of the Foresta Neighborhood Association and is chair of the city's Human Services Commission.

You won't see any of these names on the ballot when you vote, but you will see them take office in the new year.

## Tickets Go on Sale For Annual Concert With Lenny Williams

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### Dissolving Eden Health District Needs Serious Consideration

Editor:

As Mayor of San Leandro, I believe Eden Health District needs additional scrutiny because it isn't fulfilling its adopted goals or commitments to the public.

Eden was created by voters in 1948 to run Eden Hospital and provide direct healthcare for San Leandro, Hayward and Castro Valley, but has since divested these responsibilities. According to a recent Civil Grand Jury investigation, is now "essentially a commercial real estate management operation rather than an indirect healthcare provider for citizens."

Eden also has been shrouded in controversy surrounding its exorbitant administrative costs, currently spending nearly twice as much on staff salaries as on community grants.

Eden has also failed to meet its financial commitments. In 2012 San Leandro Hospital was experiencing financial difficulties, so our City partnered with the County to make an unprecedented \$6 million contribution to save the Hospital. This payment was made in tandem with a commitment of support from Eden that was never fulfilled.

I have been working closely with Assemblymembers Bonta and Quirk, Supervisor Chan and the Mayor of Hayward on various efforts to compel Eden to fulfill its obligations. Governor Brown also recently signed new legislation that constrains Eden's wasteful spending.

Eden must do a better job of meeting the health needs of the public. In light of its mismanagement, broken promises, and core mission failure, it's time to consider whether it should continue to exist. Dissolving Eden could allow its assets to be shared equally across the district, and would align with recommendations from the Little Hoover Commission, which is re-examining special districts statewide.

The Alameda County Local Agency Formation Commission (the agency that oversees local special districts) is holding a hearing at San Leandro City Hall on November 7th at 5:30 pm to discuss Eden's future. I encourage the public to attend and help keep Eden accountable.

—**Pauline Russo Cutter**  
Mayor, City of San Leandro

### 'Taxpayers Have to Push Back' Urges 'No' Votes on NN OO PP

Editor:

In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge said: "A government which lays taxes on the people not required by urgent necessity and sound public policy is not a protector of liberty, but an instrument of tyranny. It condemns the citizen to servitude."

In other words, taxes are like a subscription to a TV service that you never signed up for that delivers programs you never wanted to watch, and cannot be canceled, no matter how awful the service becomes.

Despite the new taxes, San Leandro voters approved in 2014 (Measure HH), we still have people without homes, our streets are still in disrepair, and the city council still claims we don't pay them enough to address these problems. And,

oh yeah, the mayor wants a pay hike!

San Leandro voters are faced with multiple tax proposals this election: three new city taxes (NN, OO, PP), three massive bond issues (A1, J1, RR) that, if passed, will cost taxpayers over \$4 billion, and yet another extension to a "temporary" tax (C1) to continue subsidizing AC Transit for another 20 years — proving once again that there is no such thing as a temporary tax.

They say you cannot fight city hall, but at some point, taxpayers are going to have to push back. The only mechanism available to oppose this injustice is the ballot box. Since the politicians are politely asking for permission to rob us, it is our duty to our children to refuse their proposals and *just say no!*

I recommend all voters carefully read these tax and bond proposals. The devil is in the details and the politicians are counting on you to *not* be fully informed of the consequences. Please consider how much is too much and just say NOPE. to NN, OO and PP.

—**Terry Floyd**, San Leandro  
Treasurer, Libertarian Party  
of Alameda County

### Opposes School Measure J1 And Marijuana Prop 64

Editor:

Every two or four years, the San Leandro School District asks voters to pass a bond measure. Measure A was \$54 million. In 2006, Measure B was \$109 million, in 2010 Measure M was \$51 million, and in 2012 Measure L was \$39 per family home each year.

Now SLUSD is asking for Measure J1, \$109 million. Just the Measure B \$109 million only, the payment will be \$247.3 million. Total bonds of A,B,M, and J1 are \$323 million, with interest 2.5 x bonds it's approximately \$750 million to pay off.

All these bonds are for luxury facilities, but not for academics.

There are 10 percent of the students who are not San Leandro residents. But we pay the bonds. If J1 passed, District will get more students who aren't residents.

People who rent will pay higher rent, because the landlord will pass along the cost of the higher taxes to pay off the bonds.

In addition, if Prop. 64 passes, every house is legal to have marijuana, including your neighbors, making the drug more accessible to children. And marijuana is harmful for a baby if it's smoked by a pregnant woman.

Vote NO on measure J1, and Vote NO on Prop 64.

—**Hendy Huang**, San Leandro

### Trailer Park Rent Hike Shows Need for Rent Control

Editor:

I was so saddened by the recent article about the severe rent increases given to our neighbors here in San Leandro in Trailer Haven. This is a perfect reason that we need rent control in San Leandro.

By means of this letter I would like to reach out to the families affected and ask if there are steps we can take to help give them support in this situation.

Now is the time for all of us who talk about affordable housing and inclusivity in income levels and types of housing here in San Leandro to step forward. Perhaps an online petition to show the new landowners that their tenants have support from their community.

I do not have the computer skills to know how to do this but am offering my email here to anyone who would like to start this effort. Of course we would want to make sure that it was approved by the tenants themselves.

Please feel free to contact me at [lindahlf@sbcbglobal.net](mailto:lindahlf@sbcbglobal.net).

—**Audrey Lindahl**, San Leandro

### 'Don't Expect Much from the Next President'

Editor:

In the 1960 World Series, the New York Yankees outscored the Pittsburgh Pirates 55 to 27 runs. However, by winning 4 out of 7 games, by 3 or fewer runs per game, the Pirates won the series.

In baseball, a 16 to 3 Yankee win is equivalent to a 3 to 2 Pirate win.

This is how the Electoral College (the original election rigging) works. To make an analogy to a presidential election, pretend the runs are millions of votes and the games are states. It all depends on "where" the runs are scored. In the World Series, the 28 "extra" Yankee runs being scored in the "wrong games" were rendered irrelevant.

This is why there are "battleground states." It is a cautionary tale of how the unexpected can materialize, no matter for whom you voted.

Per the Gallup poll, Clinton has historically high negatives (negative opinions of her). Only because Trump has even higher negatives than Clinton, is she in the lead, but this can be changing. As more revelations come out about Clinton and Trump, beware of the race to the bottom.

The 2008 campaign was about change and hope. The 2016 campaign is about fear and loathing. The most important issues presented seem to be to: Vote for Clinton: At least she's not Trump. Vote for Trump: At least he's not Clinton. This is a sad and disgusting situation for American democracy.

Don't expect much from the next president. Supreme Court nominees (the big selling point) need approval by the heavily lobbied Senate. Presidential policies implemented result from the "politics of the possible." Clinton understands this from her "extensive experience." Eventually, Trump will learn this. We should, too.

No matter what, do vote your conscience. The "down ballot" choices are the crucial votes that impact us directly.

—**Jeff Sturm**, San Leandro

### Wants City to Reconsider 'That Statue'

Editor:

I need to express my feelings about the statue just erected near the San Leandro BART Station. If it were in a museum or another location where it would be my choice to view it is one thing, but when it is forced on me when riding BART, I am very disappointed and saddened to think our city leaders have approved this decision.

With all the sexual problems facing us today, I feel that this is of no benefit to our citizens and to our children. I wonder if I represent the concern of other residents.

I know many of my friends and family agree that it is in very poor taste and definitely not appropriate for our lovely family-oriented city. Please take the time to reconsider your decision. A very concerned resident.

—**Mary Durkin**, San Leandro

### Urges Vote for Azevedo for City Council District 2

Editor:

I am writing in support of Bryan Azevedo, who is running for the vacant City Council seat in District 2. Bryan is a lifelong resident of the city—in fact, he lives in the house that used to belong to

his grandparents. He has a good heart, supporting issues like minimum wage, working family housing, and moving the city forward to create jobs and a more livable environment. He is also a strong supporter of education. His four older children have gone through the public school system (the other one is a toddler—and future student!) Bryan wants the city and the two school districts to meet more often than once a year, and to develop joint programs that will help all students in both districts. I urge people to vote for Bryan on November 8. He will do a terrific job as a City Councilmember for San Leandro.

—**Diana Prola**, San Leandro

## INQUIRING REPORTER

### The most important thing on the ballot?

— Asked at the Bayfair BART Station

The local measures that will generate work. It's beneficial for everyone — unions, business, the local community, and it will increase the tax base, too. It's good all the way around.

**Hector Cabrales**  
Hayward



It comes down to Trump and Hillary. The president is the person who signs or vetoes federal laws and has power over environmental legislation, and strengthens or weakens the wall. NAFTA has been a joke. It doesn't do anything for the United States.

**Cardell Calhoun**  
Guadalajara and San Leandro



I like Clinton. She's very nice and she was a good Secretary of State. Bill Clinton was a good president and Hillary will be good too.

**Elkhathi Bouhou**  
San Leandro



To me it's the president, to keep the progress going, and not go backwards. That's why I'm voting Democrat. I think the Republicans want to go backwards.

**Gerardo Ramos**  
Oakland



I think our presidential race is important right now, a choice between a woman who has experience and a man who has no experience and is hellbent on getting our country into a lot of trouble. Voting for Trump is voting against women's rights.

**Monica Buell**  
San Leandro





## See Classic Film *On the Waterfront* on Saturday

The award-winning film *On the Waterfront* will be shown this Saturday at 11:30 a.m. and again at 2 p.m. at the San Leandro History Museum, 320 West Estudillo Ave.

The 1954 classic and controversial film, directed by Elia

Kazan, is set in the docks of New York City and deals with the problems of trade unionism, corruption and racketeering.

The film compliments the Harry Bridges documentary and

talk recently given at the Museum as part of "Wherever There's a Fight," a 6-week long discussion and activities about Civil Liberties in California.

To add realism, *On the Waterfront* was filmed over 36 days on-location in Hoboken, New Jersey (in the cargo holds of ships, workers' slum dwellings, the bars, the littered alleys, and on the rooftops). Some of the labor boss' chief bodyguards in the film were real-life, professional

ex-heavyweight boxers.

The film received 12 Academy Award nominations and won eight Academy Awards including: Best Picture and Director, Best Story and Screenplay, Best Actor Best, Supporting Actress, Best B/W Cinematography, Best B/W Art Direction-Set Decoration and Best Film Editing. This was the only film that was not a musical for which Leonard Bernstein ever provided the soundtrack.

## Pets of the Week



Kirby



Tabitha

The Pets of the Week from the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are Kirby the dog and Tabitha the cat.

Kirby is a 10-year-old and super affectionate. He loves people and gets along well with other dogs. He would do great

with kids of all ages.

Tabitha is a young, curious and friendly tortie girl. She'll meow for attention, loves behind-the-ear scratches and playing with toys.

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

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10:00 - 10:45 AM: Mini Environmental Expo  
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM: Speakers:

- Dave Brown, Supervisor Wilma Chan's Chief of Staff
- Sally Barros, City of San Leandro Sustainability Manager
- Jim Browne, Alameda County Flood Control Environmental Compliance Specialist (and Arborist)

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