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Store volunteer Leonard Malone with Dee Gonzalez puts up Beatrice, a substitute to take the place of stolen Bessie the Cow, in front of Treasures Hospice Thrift Shop in downtown San Leandro.

Bessie the Cow Stolen from Thrift Shop

Store donates proceeds to George Mark Childrens' Home

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

Bessie is practically a sacred cow so it just isn't right to steal her. But Bessie got stolen last Tuesday afternoon, June 18, from her hangout spot in front of the Treasures Hospice Thrift Shop at 1539 Washington Avenue in downtown San Leandro. Bessie has become a symbol of the shop over the years. The inflatable cow always hangs in front of the display windows when the store is open. "She's our mascot, she's been there 20 years," said Dee Gonzales, the store proprietor. "That's how people know when we're open – they see Bessie in front." Gonzales said the cashier saw a woman take off with Bessie that afternoon, and one of the store volunteers went after her. "The cashier was afraid to go, but one of the volunteers went, Leonard," Gonzales said. "But when he got there she was already in her car and she was gone." The store is offering a reward for Bessie's return, no questions asked.

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Repaving Scheduled for More City Streets

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

Some of the worst streets around town are expected to get new surfaces in the next four months, after a City Council vote at its Monday, June 17, meeting. The City Council unanimously approved a resolution to fix 12 streets throughout the city this year and additional projects in the future, using \$2.3 million in funding from California's Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) program, which was created by a voter-approved gas tax (State Senate Bill 1). The sites of roads to be fixed were picked using the city's Street Saver database software to track the condition of the streets. The staff report noted in each of the last five budget cycles, the public ranked fixing the roads as a top priority. Of the projects scheduled for this year, the Floresta Gardens neighborhood will get the first round of repairs in July, including streets like Portola Drive and its side streets of Del Valle Circle, Del Rio Circle, and Del Campo Circle. Then, work begins in August with road crews fixing the Brookvale Drive area around Daniels Drive. Streets

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McLaughlin's Contract Extended into 2028

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

The San Leandro Unified School District board voted at its June 18 meeting to extend the contracts of its superintendent, Dr. Mike McLaughlin, and all five assistant superintendents for an additional year each. McLaughlin's contract now runs through June 30, 2028. The administrators were already on multi-year contracts, and an extension by one year is written in when they get an acceptable evaluation for the year just past. This occurred at a closed session of the board that preceded the public meeting. Details of those evaluations

see CONTRACT page 12

City Council Votes to Fund 'Safety Ambassadors' at Greenhouse Marketplace

Shopping center needed help to deter disruptive behavior

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

The City Council unanimously voted on June 17 spend up to \$400,000 from the city's Human Services Department budget to add Safety Ambassadors to the Greenhouse Marketplace at Lewelling Boulevard and Washington Avenue. The pilot program is similar to the one in Washington Plaza, managed by Block by Block California, where the blue-vested ambassadors are trained to de-escalate non-emergency situations. Safety Ambassadors at the Greenhouse Marketplace will patrol on foot and bicycles and are expected to help deter activities such as disruptive

“Program similar to the one in Washington Plaza.”

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CITY COUNCIL

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

SAN LEANDRO SCHOOL BOARD

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



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San Leandro, San Lorenzo Students Making their Mark

Victoria Orozco of San Leandro excelled during the spring 2024 semester at Hofstra University, achieving a GPA of at least 3.5 to earn a spot on the Dean's List. Victoria's major is Television Production & Studies.

Hofstra students create their success with small classes and dedicated faculty, alongside a beautiful campus, plus all the opportunities of New York City within easy reach.

The University of Wisconsin-Madison has recognized students named to the Dean's List for the spring semester of 2024, including Gus Marcus, School of Business, of San Leandro, Calif.

Students who achieve at

a high level academically are recognized by the dean at the close of each semester. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must complete a minimum of 12 graded degree credits in that semester.

Yanming Jiang of San Leandro, Calif. is among the more than 8,000 graduates in the University of Georgia's Class of 2024 with an MS in Nutritional Sciences.

"We are excited to celebrate the achievements of our University of Georgia students in the Class of 2024," said President Jere W. Morehead. "We look forward to all the ways these students will positively impact their communities and organizations as alumni of the University of Georgia."



Minor A Braves Win Dist. 45 TOC

Castro Valley Little League Minor A Braves won

the District 45 Tournament of Champions (TOC) championship on June 12 at Veterans Park in Union City.

District 45 covers several cities, including Castro Valley, San Leandro, Union City, and San Lorenzo.

The Braves beat Union City, Mount Eden, and then San Lorenzo (Los Charros) for the Championship in an 8-6 win. Major Jackson, from San Leandro, was the starting pitcher, going 3 innings and striking out 4 batters. Carter Norris closed out the last 3

innings and recorded the save. Jacob Graves went 3-for-3 at the plate, plus an intentional walk, and was responsible for 5 of the Braves 8 runs.

From left to right in the picture: Carter Norris, Kazuki Hernandez, Geo Sano, Shaun Supnet, Elijah Christensen, Jacob Graves, Alan Buscovich, Major Jackson (front). Back row, coaches Uriah Buscovich and Rich Hernandez, and manager Jason Graves.

Not present for the photo: Jonah Lee, Joshua Lee, Sam DeRespini, Eli Patel.

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Sign Up for Freshman Football at SLHS

The Freshman Football Team is starting again at San Leandro High School. Any incoming freshman is welcome to join.

To join, call Coach Pete Ballew at 510-846-6058, or

go to the "Athletics" tab at slhs.net.

"We're really excited because this is the first time in about five years that we're going to have freshman team," said coach Ballew.

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Community Calendar

Monday Movie Matinees At the Main Library

Come to the family-friendly movie matinees on Mondays at 1 p.m. from June 10 to July 29 in the Lecture Hall of the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Check the website calendar for exact movies. www.sanleandrolibrary.org

Drag Story Hour With PerSia

Celebrate Pride Month with Drag Story Hour featuring PerSia at the Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd. on Thursday, June 27, at 6:30 p.m. Join us for a magical experience as PerSia shares captivating stories and spreads love, diversity, and acceptance through the art of storytelling and fabulous performances.

St. Gerard Women's Club

Country Hoedown & Old Time Rock 'n' Roll

The St. Gerard Women's Club will host a Country Hoedown & Old Time Rock 'n' Roll at St. John's Church, 264 E. Lewelling Blvd. in San Lorenzo on Saturday, June 29, starting at 5:30 p.m. Lots of good grub will be served starting at 6pm. provided by Texas Roadhouse. Cost is \$25 per person and all are welcome. There will be a Big Bag Raffle, Door Prizes, Dancing and more. For reservations or tickets call Pat at 510-278-4161.

Resolve to Lose Weight By Joining TOPS

Join TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) for the support you need to start your weight loss journey. TOPS is a non-profit weight loss support group that meets on Fridays at 9 a.m. at the United Methodist Church, 19806 Wisteria Street in Castro Valley. For more information, call Sandy Montero at 510-299-7312. Join for fellowship and support. What do you have to lose?

Life Skills Camp For Youth Ages 14-22

Join workshops on time management, budgeting, applying for jobs, and more on Tuesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. through July 23 at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Registration open now for individual sessions. Door prizes and snacks at every session. sanleandro.libcal.com.

Creekside Community Church Annual Day Camp

Creekside Community Church's Camp O' Fun Jr. is coming up this July. Camp O' Fun Jr. is an annual day camp for 3-5 year olds and features games, crafts, Bible stories, snacks, singing, and more. It will meet from July 8 to July 12 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at Creekside Community Church at 951 MacArthur Blvd. in San Leandro. The cost is \$55 per camper and camperships are available. The registration deadline is June 24. Register at creeksidecommunity.org/camp-o-fun or contact kids@creeksidecommunity.org for more information.

San Leandro Toastmasters Meet Every Thursday

San Leandro Toastmasters meets every Thursday from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. online through Zoom. Email sanleandrotm@gmail.com for more information. Also, the Toastmasters meet in person at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., on the last Thursday of every month from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m.

American Legion Post 649 Monthly Meeting

American Legion Post 649 in Castro Valley meets on the last Monday of every month at 1800 (6 p.m.) for dinner, followed by the meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Moose Lodge, 20385 Rutledge Road in Castro Valley. For more information, call Jim Smith at 510-305-2280.

Calendar Submissions

The Community Calendar is for publicizing nonprofit organizations, charities and community groups. Items can be emailed to jimk@ebpublishing.com or call 510-614-1557.

ANNUAL "OUR READERS REMEMBER" SPECIAL SECTION

We want to hear your stories!

We invite our readers to share their stories and photos — old and not so old — of life in San Leandro.

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Photos and stories can be emailed to jimk@ebpublishing.com. Items must be submitted by Thursday, July 10, at 5 p.m. For more information, call Jim Knowles at 510 614-1557. For advertising information, call Claudette Morrison at 510 614-1559 or 510 614-1560.

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Alameda County Library Invites Readers To a Summer Adventure

The Alameda County Library invites people of all ages and abilities to join its 2024 Summer Adventure: Engaging the Senses, now through Aug. 1.

Participants will go on an adventure of the senses—from the physical to our unique sense of humor, pride, and curiosity.

The Adventure Guide and activity sheets will guide our senses as we connect with ourselves, others, and the world around us.

Everyone will complete engaging activities, reading,

and more to receive a book gift and prize drawing entries. No signups are required.

Pick up an Adventure Guide at any AC Library location, Mobile Library stop, or online (aclibrary.org) anytime through August 1.

The San Lorenzo Library is located at 395 Paseo Grande.

"Engaging our senses not only cultivates curiosity, creativity, and joy but allows us to be fully present in creating memorable and meaningful experiences," said Acting County Librarian Deb Sica.

SL School District Summer Feeding Program Hours

San Leandro School District "Summer Feeding" - free to everyone 18 and under. All sites closed June 19, July 4 and 5.

Food must be consumed onsite. Site names, dates, and serving times are as follows: Chabot Camp open June 17th - August 8th, Monday thru Friday, Serving Lunch Only: 12:00 -12:15. Cherry Grove Park open June 17th - July

26th, Monday through Friday, Serving Lunch Only: 11:45 - 12:00. Jefferson Elementary School, and San Leandro Boys & Girls Club open June 17th - July 19th, Jefferson Serving Breakfast: 7:30 - 7:45, Boys & Girls Serving Breakfast: 7:45- 8:00, Lunch 12:00 - 12:15. For Summer Feeding site addresses and menu go to slusd.us and scroll down to "Announcements."

Baby Storytime at the Manor Branch Library

Baby Storytime offers a wonderful opportunity for parents and caregivers to engage and form bonds with their infants every Thursday at 9:30 am at the Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Boulevard in San Leandro.

Within a social setting alongside other babies, infants partake in enriching activities such as singing, fostering pre-language skills, and playful interactions with

age-appropriate toys.

Additionally, adults benefit from the supportive environment, providing a chance to connect with other parents. This storytime is tailored for pre-walking babies, ensuring an ideal developmental space for this specific age group.

Come experience lots of songs and movement. For parents that have a baby and a toddler, please attend the toddler storytime.

San Leandro Art Association Offers Free Art Classes for Kids Age 6 to 12

The San Leandro Art Association is offering a free art class to children ages 6 to 12, on Saturday, July 13, from noon to 3 p.m. at the Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Boulevard in San Leandro.

This is the third in a series of free art classes offered by SLAA to the residents of San Leandro, funded by a grant from the San Leandro Arts, Culture and Library Commission.

In this course students will have fun making paper sculptures using colorful construction paper. All supplies for the class will be provided. The students will take home their art creations along with limited supplies for future art projects. During the breaks in the class time, beverages and snacks will also be provided for students and their guardians. The class is limited to 16 students, on a first come – first reserved basis.

For more information about this class, other upcoming classes visit: <https://www.sanleandroart.org/freeartclasses>. To register your child for this Paper Sculpture Art Class send email to: sanleandroart.contact@gmail.com

Play Texas Hold'em and Support Local Veterans

Have fun and support your local military at a Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament on Saturday, July 13, from 5 to 9 p.m. at the San Leandro Veteran's Memorial Building, 1105 Bancroft Ave., hosted by the Navy League of the United States Lake Merritt Council, U.S. Coast Guard Chief Warrant Officers Association-Golden Gate Chapter, and American Legion Post 117. \$65.00 Entry Fee, \$25.00 Re-buy. Doors

open at 5 p.m. and the tournament begins 6 p.m. To purchase a table spot, email: ggcwoa@outlook.com. First prize will be \$500. Additional prizes contingent on ticket sales. Food and drink tickets will be sold at door.

Tournament proceeds support local Military, and Coast Guard operations. Even if you don't know how to play poker, Blue Dog Events helps you to have fun.

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A New Way to Enjoy Coconut



Coconut flour is made from dried coconut meat that has been finely ground to a powder. It is gluten-free, low in calories, and has other healthy attributes.

Flaked and shredded coconut, coconut milk, and coconut cream have been around for years, used in everything from tropical drinks to macaroons and pie. And lately, coconut water has made its way to the endless row of bottled waters on supermarket shelves. Now, add coconut flour. You may have seen it at your local grocers and thought it was just another novelty fad or “diet food” that will soon fade out of popularity.

But coconut flour deserves a second look and may soon become a staple in your pantry. It’s naturally sweet and rich textured and, unlike grain flours, it’s gluten-free. Low in calories, it is a good source of dietary fiber and contains healthy saturated fats. Coconut flour is very absorbent. For this reason, it takes less flour when cooking with coconut flour than it does wheat. A recipe for pancakes using coconut flour will typically use only one-half cup of

flour, maybe less, in a recipe that calls for a cup of wheat flour, and yet it will yield the same amount of pancakes. Although coconut flour can be used to bake delicious cakes and breads, it requires some adjustments to wheat flour recipes, including adding extra liquid. So its best to use recipes, like these, that were designed especially for coconut flour. Store the flour in an airtight container in the refrigerator or freezer,

as it contains no preservatives or sulfites.

COCONUT FLOUR CHOCOLATE CAKE

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1-2/3 cups sugar
- 10 eggs (at room temperature)
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups coconut flour
- 1 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1-1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1-1/3 cups whole milk

Pre-heat oven to 350°F. Grease two 9-inch layer pans with coconut oil and dust with cocoa powder. In an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, combine butter and sugar, and beat together for about 2 minutes. Add eggs in one at a time and beat high speed for about 3 minutes. Add in the vanilla while beating the eggs and butter mixture.

In a separate bowl, combine the dry ingredients together and add alternately with the milk to the butter mixture. Beat batter for about five minutes on high speed. Spoon batter into the two prepared cake pans and smoothen out tops.

Bake in preheated oven for 30-35 minutes, or until toothpick inserted into the center of cake comes out clean. Place pans on wire rack and cool for 10 minutes before removing from pans. Cool

cakes completely before frosting. Use your favorite frosting to frost the cake.

Cupcakes: Make recipe as directed but spoon batter into muffin cups and bake for about 26-30 minutes. Frost after cupcakes have cooled completely. Makes about 24 cupcakes.

GLUTEN-FREE PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES

- 3/4 cup flaxseed meal
- 1/2 cup coconut flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup peanut butter
- 2/3 cup unsweetened applesauce
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Preheat oven to 400°F. Whisk flaxseed meal, coconut flour, baking powder, cinnamon, and salt together in a bowl. Stir peanut butter, applesauce, eggs, butter, and vanilla extract together in a separate bowl; mix into flaxseed meal mixture until dough is just mixed. Spoon dough onto a baking sheet, pressing a wet fork into each cookie to flatten.

Bake in the preheated oven until cookies are lightly browned, 10 to 15 minutes. Yields 12 servings.

COCONUT-BANANA PANCAKES

- 1/2 cup coconut flour
- 1 cup almond flour*
- 2 eggs
- 1 mashed ripe banana
- 3 tablespoons melted coconut oil, plus more for pan
- 3 tablespoons honey
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

Thoroughly combine all ingredients in a medium size mixing bowl, be sure there are no lumps. Coat griddle or pan with coconut oil on medium heat and drop

in pancake mix (1-1/2 to 2 tablespoons).

Flip once slightly browned on bottom, approximately 3 minutes. They are ready when well-formed and easy to flip. Cook additional 2 minutes and remove from pan. Yields 4 servings.

These pancakes are delicious on their own but can be topped with honey, maple syrup, homemade jam or fresh fruit.

LEMON-BLUEBERRY WAFFLES

- 6 eggs, separated
- 3/4 cup applesauce
- Zest and juice of 1 lemon
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 4 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1/2 cup coconut flour, sifted
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup blueberries, fresh or frozen

Preheat waffle iron to low heat. Separate egg yolks from whites. Use a hand blender to whip egg whites until soft peaks begin to form. Set aside.

Combine applesauce, lemon zest and juice, vanilla and melted butter, mixing together with the egg yolks. Sift in coconut flour and baking soda.

Fold in egg whites with the rest of the waffle batter being careful to not completely flatten the egg whites. Gently mix in blueberries.

Generously grease waffle iron with coconut oil or butter and drop a large spoonful of batter into the center. Do not fill iron completely with batter. Carefully remove waffles when they are done and repeat with remaining batter. (These waffles are very light so remove them carefully with a flat spatula). Yields 4 servings.

BACON, EGG & CHEESE MUFFINS

- 6 strips bacon
- 3 eggs
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3 tablespoons coconut flour
- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 4 ounces cheddar cheese, shredded/diced

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Grease muffin tin or use paper inserts.

Fry bacon in a skillet until crispy. Set aside.

Blend eggs, 2 tablespoons of bacon drippings, and salt in a mixing bowl. Add coconut flour and baking powder. Mix until there are no lumps.

Crumble bacon and add to batter along with cheese. Mix until incorporated.

Pour batter into muffin tin and bake for 15 minutes. Serves 6.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF

John William Baker
Case Number:
24PRO72745

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **John William Baker, Aka “Petey” Baker**

A Petition for Probate has been filed by **Gary Baker**, in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda. The Petition for Probate requests that **Gary Baker**, be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on July 17, 2024, 10:15 a.m., Dept. 201, at 2120 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA 94704.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the **later** of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Petitioner: **Gary Baker**.
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF

Willa Clydene Cullum aka Willa C. Cullum
Case Number:
24PR079905

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **Willa Clydene Cullum, aka Willa C. Cullum**

A Petition for Probate has been filed by **Diane Correia McCoy** in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda. The Petition for Probate requests that **Diane Correia McCoy** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on July 31, 2024, 9:45 a.m., Dept. 202, at 2120 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA 94704.

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Daryl Camp, superintendent of the San Lorenzo Unified School District (center), receives the Nels Nelson Award from Region 6 of the Association of California School Administrators, presented by Tracie Noriega, now senior director of diversity, equity and inclusion for the statewide organization.

San Lorenzo Superintendent Camp Receives Awards for Leadership

Daryl Camp, superintendent of the San Lorenzo Unified School District (SLZUSD), was honored this spring with two major 2024 regional and state awards for leadership in K-12 education.

The California Association of Asian and Pacific Leaders in Education (CAAPLE) presented him with its statewide Advancing Leadership Award for 2024 on April 20.

Also, Region 6 of the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) on April 18 gave him its annual Nels Nelson Award, which recognizes an enduring contribution to public education.

Camp has been a public-school educator in California for more than 30 years. He has served on the Board of

Directors for the state's Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team and is a Masters in Governance faculty member and governance consultant for the California School Boards Association.

In 2020-21, he completed a two-year term as president of the California Association of African American Superintendents and Administrators.

Camp, who this coming year will be ACSA's president-elect, received the Nels Nelson award at the organization's Administrator of the Year Awards Dinner for Region 6 in San Ramon. ACSA Region 6 covers Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

The award is named for the first executive director

for Region 6, who was also a longtime SLZUSD principal. It goes to someone with long-standing service to ACSA who has demonstrated "ethical and moral leadership, continuing commitment and dedication to student achievement, and is a visionary who lays foundations of educational excellence that will continue beyond their tenure."

Camp said he sees a direct connection between his work in leadership to the goal of advancing student success.

"It's great being recognized for making a contribution to education and those who lead in education throughout the state," he said, "because supporting our leaders is another way of supporting our student scholars."

HEALTH & FITNESS

Why Warm Up and Cool Down?

By Mitch Rothbardt
Special to the Times

Yesterday at the gym, Karen asked why we stretch before and after a workout. It's an important question and knowing why you're doing something allows you to get more out of it, so let's chat.

First, let's talk about stretching. I want to be clear about this point, so take a second...close your eyes and take a deep breath. When you're done, I hope you'll be ready to understand this...because it's going to blow your mind!

You should not stretch to improve your flexibility.

Flexibility isn't what this article is about but to explain quickly, developing flexibility at the expense of good movement or strength puts you in positions you don't have the ability to hold. That means injuries.

So why stretch?

To release tight muscles or correct muscular/postural imbalances.

So, to understand more

about what that means for your warm-up let's talk about what a good warm-up accomplishes.

It loosens your joints, so they move easier.

It establishes good movement patterns.

It raises your heart rate, so your body is ready for more intense activity.

It gets your mind ready for more intense activity.

Stretching can be a part of it, but it's there to release tight and/or imbalanced muscles so that good movement patterns can be established. Once again, it is NOT there to improve flexibility. Most warm-ups movements are centered around the hips and shoulders because those tend to be the areas that affect the body's overall movement the most.

Cool-Down After the Workout

The reasons behind a cool-down are to:

Relax your body and nervous system so that recovery can begin.

Keep blood flow circulating to help prevent excessive soreness.

After a workout, your body and nervous system are amped up. To get your body into recovery mode we need to bring things down a bit, and nothing is better than breathing to help your body relax. Simple lie on your back and take about 10 deep breaths. It can also be a good idea to do some light stretching of any areas you worked hard during your workout.

Without knowing you and your body, it's impossible for me to suggest any specific exercises but I hope this will at least give you an idea of what to think about when you are both warming up and cooling down. These are important steps in reducing injuries and getting your body ready to get the most out of your workouts.

Mitch Rothbardt is the owner and head trainer at Castro Valley Fitness. He can be reached at Mitch@CastroValleyFitness.com.

Streets: Street paving; funds approved for library's information system

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around the Mulford Garden's neighborhood west of Doolittle Drive will also see repairs in September around Barrow Street, Juneau Street, and Nome Street.

Finally, in late September and throughout October, city road crews will tackle the Assumption Parish neighborhood, where repaving streets like Bradhoff Avenue, Sybil Avenue, Valita Drive, and Whelan Avenue are expected. Additionally, neighbors living on Thomas Avenue near Barbara Court, Morgan Avenue, and Maud Avenue will see their streets fixed.

“City will pay \$224,000 over the next two years for the library's subscription to SirsiDynix information system.

Crews will remove the existing surface layer with a milling machine and transport the material to a storage facility. Then, new asphalt will be laid down.

Library Software

In other City Council news, the city will pay \$224,150 over the next two years for the library's subscription to SirsiDynix, an information system that the library has been using since 2005. This year's renewal cost is expected to be \$106,743. The staff report noted the library has been very happy with the software.

Additionally, San Leandro see *STREETS*, page 12

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GUEST COMMENTARY



Summer Ushers in Changes in Homebuyer Behaviors

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As we come to the end of June, the 4th of July signals the official start to summer. Complete with family and friend gatherings, barbecues and fireworks, the celebrations around our nation's birthday set the

stage for outdoor activities. It also signals a shift in homebuyer mindsets.

During the summers, real estate patterns change. As a general rule, some families, looking to locate to neighborhoods with access to preferred schools, have already snagged new homes to ensure they have enough

time to handle the necessary paperwork. Consequently, those looking now are usually a different group of buyers than those who emerged earlier in the year. Their focus is different as well.

With the warmer temperatures, many summer buyers are interested in homes with outdoor



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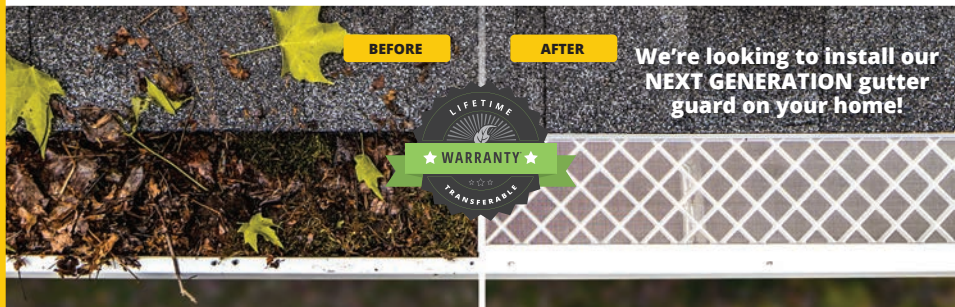
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amenities, including patios, well landscaped rear yards, outdoor kitchens and in some cases, pools. Here in the Bay Area, our moderate climate ensures that outdoor activities can happen over a greater range of months than many other parts of the nation, so homes that boast well-conceived rear yards can expect to sell well over the next few months and into the early fall.

There is one caveat here: pools. While some love the idea of water activities in their rear yard, others are concerned

about safety and the cost of maintaining a pool year-round. In fact, those pools with heaters that ensure pool access in the colder months can rack up some serious heating bills. Unlike some of the hotter parts of California, pools in the Bay Area do not typically add value to a home unless they are part of an overall backyard oasis with other resort-type amenities. As a rule, a pool can actually decrease the number of interested buyers – some estimate by up to 50%. I have actually seen buyers purchase a home because they loved

everything about it except the pool, and then subsequently fill it in once they move in.

This promises to be a good summer for buyers. We are seeing an increase in listing inventory for the first time in the past few years and interest rates have actually taken a slight dip. There is one concern, however – prices are still going up, so those buyers who think they are going to wait out the market to score lower home prices – will most likely see their hopes blown up like the fireworks which will soon fill the summer skies.



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Mortgage Rates Move Lower

Mortgage rates fell for the third straight week following signs of cooling inflation and market expectations of a future Fed rate cut. These lower mortgage rates coupled with the gradually improving housing supply bodes well for the housing market. Aspiring homeowners should remember it's important to shop around for the best mortgage rate as they can vary widely between lenders.



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Fortunately, when an HVAC system is clean, it's more efficient and doesn't have to work as hard to maintain the desired temperature, so it uses less energy—which can mean lower electric bills and helps you avoid expensive repairs and replacements in the future. Replacing filters regularly can go a long way toward maintaining a clean system, but filters can't catch everything. Your home's air ducts need to be properly, professionally cleaned.

The National Air Duct Cleaners Association (NADCA) can help. NADCA members follow the highest standards, and their technicians have advanced training and certification in HVAC system cleaning. To find a qualified contractor to ensure the job is done right, enter your zip code in the NADCA online directory at www.breathingclean.com.

Backyarding Renovation Mistakes to Avoid: Six Expert Recommendations

(NAPSI)—Summer and backyarding—the act of taking our indoor life outside—go hand in hand. This time of year, the backyard beckons for entertaining, working, exercising, relaxing, and reconnecting. But those looking to make improvements to their family yard for even more family fun this summer need to avoid some common backyard renovation mistakes.

Here are the top backyarding renovation mistakes to avoid, according to the TurfMutt Foundation:

Not considering your yard's full potential. Your yard has the ability to safely and comfortably accommodate a range of functions for your family. From outdoor officing to al fresco dining and offering a place for kids to learn and grow as well as work out their wiggles—your backyard has unlimited potential to expand your home's living space.

Planting fake grass. Plastic grass offers none of the life-giving benefits of real grass—such as oxygen production, carbon sequestration, urban heat dissipation, or air pollution reduction. Real grass offers all these benefits, and it is easier on feet and paws. Also, real grass is a natural air conditioner.

Forgetting the "right plant, right place" rule. This is the "Golden Rule" of backyarding, but it's more than just knowing which plants will thrive in sunny spots versus shaded areas. Selecting the right plants for your micro-climate and



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lifestyle will result in a living landscape that requires minimal upkeep on your part while offering maximum environmental benefits.

Not treating your yard like part of the ecosystem. Your yard links with other community green spaces to provide food and shelter for pollinators, such as birds, bees, butterflies, bats,

and other creatures. Support pollinators and wildlife by planting a healthy balance of grasses, flowers, shrubs, and trees that thrive in your yard's conditions and bloom at different times throughout the year.

Not utilizing community green spaces. Think of community parks, dog parks, green belts, and schoolyards

as an expansion of your own backyard square footage. Not only do these community areas provide a change of scenery from your own backyard, they are particularly beneficial for those with little to no backyard space of their own.

Failing to keep safety in mind. Outdoor power equipment makes big backyarding projects easier, but it is critical to keep safety in mind. Read your owner's manual and follow all manufacturer's guidelines. Do not disable or alter any of the safety features. Always keep pets and children away from machinery during operation, and do not let children on or near lawn mowers at any time.

For more information, sign up for Mutt Mail, a monthly e-newsletter with backyarding tips and all the news from the TurfMutt Foundation. To learn more about creating the yard of your dreams, visit TurfMutt.com. Look for Mulligan the TurfMutt on the CBS Lucky Dog television show. You can also download the Backyarding Fact Book, to learn why spending time in yards and community parks is good for people... and the planet.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es): Aurea Learning L.L.C., located at 1311 Park Street #1239, Alameda, CA 94501 / 1064 Fredrick Road San Leandro, CA 94577 Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Aurea Learning L.L.C., located at 1064 Fredrick Road, San Leandro, CA 94577. This business is conducted by a Limitrd liability Company. This business commenced N/A /s/Paulina Alicia Gonzalez Rojas

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The name of the business(es): Eshthan Studios, LLC., located at 1313 Advent Ave., San Leandro, CA 94579 Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Eshthan Studios, LLC., located at 1313 Advent Ave., San Leandro, CA 94579. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. This business commenced N/A /s/Shawn Dulaney

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ABANDONMENT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FILE NUMBER. 558882
The following person has abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **The Mighty Pen,** at 2128 Longview Drive San Leandro, CA 94577. Full name of registrant is: **Tanya Daly,** at 2128 Longview Drive San Leandro, CA 94577. The Fictitious Business Name Statement **The Mighty Pen,** was filed on 05/13/2004 in the county of Alameda. Original File Number 558882. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime). This statement was filed with the County clerk of Alameda County on: top right stamp date, NOTICE - This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14400, et seq., B&P Code.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda County on 04/23/2024
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es): 9JAGRILLS, located at 258 Haas Ave, San Leandro CA 94577-3720 / 1319 Washington Ave Unit 1231, San Leandro, CA 94577 Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Load Support Enterprise LLC., located at 1319 Washington Ave Unit 1231, San Leandro, CA 94577. This business is conducted by a Limitrd liability Company. This business commenced N/A /s/Omotoyosi Quadri

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es): Boot Collector, located at 1271 Washington Avenue Apt 797, San Leandro, CA 94577 Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Tiffany Whitfill, located at 1271 Washington Avenue Apt 797, San Leandro, CA 94577. This business is conducted by An Individual. This business commenced N/A /s/Tiffany Whitfill

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es): Peek-A- Buddy Lids, located at 19951 Forest Ave., Castro Valley, CA 94546 Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jacob Schultz , located at 19951 Forest Ave., Castro Valley, CA 94546. This business is conducted by An Individual. This business commenced N/A /s/Jacob Schultz

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es): Alameda Auto Lab, located at 631 Buena Vista Ave., Alameda, CA 94501 Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Alameda Auto Lab, located at 631 Buena Vista Ave., Alameda, CA 94501. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. This business commenced 00/00/2021 /s/Robert Ramos

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OPINION

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A Brand New Flag At BART

Editor,

I thank you for bringing to our attention the missing U.S. flag at the San Leandro BART station. BART has replaced the worn flag with a beautiful new flag.

Robert Raburn, PhD
Director - District 4
SF Bay Area Rapid Transit

I received no money from the City, and requested no reimbursement from the City for this trip.

I sincerely hope that others can focus on making San Leandro and our region better rather than cast unproductive aspersions.

Bryan Azevedo
San Leandro
City Councilmember

City Council Making a Bad Investment with \$18,000

Editor,

Educating out city government personnel is good. What this non-city worker doesn't get is the price tag. ("Bowen Gets \$18,000 for Ivy League Seminar," May 30, 2024)

Between 2015 and 2020, \$18,000 would have paid about five semesters (2 and a half years) of full-time tuition at San Francisco State. Yes, the Ivy League is by reputation better than state universities, but three weeks vs. two-and-a-half years?

Aren't outgoing City Council members available to the incoming for training? Cities haven't changed much in our lifetimes. No doubt many comfortably retired ex city government people would gladly share their expertise for free, or maybe lunch.

If cities were run exceptionally well perhaps the people responsible have been profiled on Ch. 9, which could be streamed, or perhaps at a cost of less than five figures, teach what they know on something like a Master Class.

Yes, some thing like homelessness seem to be getting worse. But how is \$18,000 not gouging. Please explain how this can be worth this much.

One letter mentioned the cost is little compared to the amount of money San Leandro routinely spends on consultants.

In my working life, one consultant was worth the money. All the others, all the company needed to do was ask the employees. So a consultant is usually no return on investment.

In this case, why so high a cost?

Carl Allamanno
San Leandro

San Leandro Is Failing to Enforce Traffic Laws

Editor,

Just imagine, now that the City council has made it so dangerous for children to walk to school,



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

BART raised a new flag at the San Leandro BART Station last Friday.

their parents are driving them two blocks. By law they have to re-analyze the effects of wide open speed limits. Not only are they allowing 40 mph on "main" streets, now they have done absolutely nothing about red light and stop sign runners.

25 mph in a school zone? That is three car lengths every second in an area where children devoid of continuous attention spans are crossing streets from between cars! 15 mph would be more common sense and used to be the standard. So why 25 mph?

A couple of years ago, while riding my bicycle I was crossing Washington Avenue and Halcyon Way. The intersection was crowded and I had to wait my turn. After everyone had their turn I started across Halcyon and a woman drove right into me.

She claimed that I "came out of nowhere." Sure, wearing bright yellow, white and red. No sooner did I settle the claim cheap because it was an "accident" than five blocks further up I saw her car stopped at a side street as I was approaching. I put on the brakes and she turned left across four lanes and into the bike lane at high speed.

A couple of days ago I was about to turn right on Washington and a large SUV coming down the overpass turned left without even slowing down. Is there so many gunfights and armed robberies going on in San Leandro that the police don't have time to handle mere traffic deaths?

At Fairmont and Foothill a car descending the hill (50 mph limit) was struck by a car after the light had changed, knocking one of them through the fence into the parking lot of the Alameda Sheriff's department building.

Is anyone seeing a pattern here? We need *much* lower speed limits

and strong enforcement.

Tom Kunich
San Leandro

Speed Limit Lowered to Pay for City Council Vacations

Editor,

The San Leandro City Council has lowered the speed limits all over the city in just another attempt to squeeze more bucks from taxpayers. When I suggested that the police do something about the jaywalkers and gangs of bikers who violate all kind of traffic rules, a police officer and Mayor González shamelessly implied that ticketing jaywalkers and bikers is not profitable for they don't pay the fines. This is why it's a Sanctuary City for criminals and, by the way, businesses continue to being vandalized.

The Engineering Department was under the two inept engineers, Udemezue and Cook, who had already made a traffic mess all over the city, and their disciples continue that line. East 14th Street went from four lanes to two lanes with bus lanes and bicycles lanes that nobody uses, and the lights have been arranged to create a traffic jam. It takes fifteen minutes to get from Broadmoor Boulevard to Dolores Avenue in a car.

East 14th is a state road and it's not the City Council's business to change the speed limit on it, but they're all Democrats, so the laws and regulations don't apply to them. They need the money to pay for their luxury vacations, which they call "studying." Every City Council meeting some of its members attend remotely from some vacation resort.

There's a clear attempt to discourage the use of cars, following the reasoning of their "climate change" hoax.

Leo T. West
San Leandro

Thanks for the Information

Editor,

I feel that the writers, editors, and publisher of the San Leandro Times and Castro Valley Forum deserve a public acknowledgement of all the hard work that goes into these two excellent publications. Thanks for all the meetings, councils, and events that you attend, for your well-written reports, and for giving local residents a voice. We would all be much less well-informed without you.

Laura McMichael-Cady
San Leandro

Letter from PG&E VP Just PR

Editor,

After reading Jake Zigelman's (PG&E Vice President Bay Area Region) letter, I was even more angry and annoyed at PG&E. Saying things like "We're reducing operating costs...to lower the costs...that affect your bill." Right. But then I read elsewhere where PG&E diverted \$6 million of ratepayer funds to pay for a PR advertisement about under-grounding power lines.

Recall that PG&E moved money to their parent organization and declared bankruptcy after the big Oakland Hills fire to get out of their agreement to underground lines in that area. And for the last two years PG&E had *profits* around 2.5 billion dollars. That's profit, after expenses. And their CEO is among the top paid CEOs in the industry (over \$50 million.) They petitioned the PUC to lower payments to solar producers and homes, raising solar customer bills. This letter is so much nonsense. All I see is here is corporate greed and nothing to lower our costs. Have we ever seen electric bills go down? Not that I can ever recall.

Owen Rubin
San Leandro



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Customers bring in ceramic cows as a tip of the cap to Bessie, the shop's mascot.

Shop: Reward offered for missing cow – \$100 shopping spree

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"A \$100 shopping spree," Gonzales said.

The thrift shop is operated in the spirit of giving, but they're not in support of stealing. All the proceeds from the shop go to the George Mark Children's House in the hills above San Leandro. The house gives care to children who are terminally ill, and their families.

Gonzales said she's moved

by the time the volunteers spend at the shop.

"They give their time, and time is precious," Gonzales said. "When you get to my age you realize how precious it is," she adds with a laugh.

While Bessie the cow is missing, her sister Beatrice is taking her place in front of the store. Last week, store

volunteer Leonard Malone put Beatrice up in front of the front window, in Bessie's place.

But Bessie has sentimental value after all these years. A shelf in the store is filled with ceramic cows that people brought in.

"All those cows were brought in by people who saw Bessie," Gonzales said.

Beware of Social Media Challenges, Says State Agency

The California Poison Control System issued a Safety Alert: Don't put yourself in danger for more "likes"

Whether it's a ludicrous and eye-popping stunt, or the latest social media challenge, young adults, teens, and children in particular will do anything to go viral.

Unfortunately, some social media challenges promote disturbing poisoning trends that can prove to be very dangerous, says California Poison Control System (CPCS).

According to the National Safety Council, poisoning is the No. 1 preventable leading cause of injury-related death in the United States. Think about that before you rise to the next social media challenge promoting the improper use of chemicals, over-the-counter medicines, or the consumption of dangerous amounts of toxic substances.

Claudia Hope Young

November 16, 1936 ~ April 22, 2024

Claudia Hope Young – or Hope, as she preferred – was raised in San Luis Obispo, California. The beaches and California coastline remained a life-long favorite destination. She started her collegiate education at UCLA, but on a visit that first summer, she knew she belonged at UC Berkeley and transferred to the Bay Area. Hope graduated with an emphasis in U.S. History and began her long career as a teacher at San Leandro High School in 1963. Starting her career in the early 1960's brought out the very best of Hope's qualities – encouraging students to think on their own, to think critically, and to be open to change. She was simply a brilliant teacher. While many will remember her plant Gladys, or her baton twirling, or her critical eye to essay writing, she loved her career and truly relished her role as a teacher to encourage independent thought and education. While at SLHS, she introduced a chapter of the California Scholarship Foundation (CSF) and remained the chair for many years.

Hope found contentment in her garden, and deeply enjoyed cooking from Gourmet magazine, listening to jazz music, being a 'regular' at Chez Panisse, the ballet, opera and theater, and great conversation. She was devoted to several dogs and cats during her lifetime. Hope is survived by her "daughters from the heart" Jacqui Watson Diaz (Loren) and Francine Freeman (Verne); her "brother" Philip DuPont; and her "grandchildren" Melanie Freeman (Nico) and Camille Freeman; Joe, Marie, and Juliana Diaz; Olivia Huber Georgakopoulos; and Molly Wedel. Her cherished nephew, Ayton Leggo, pre-deceased her in 1988.

A memorial will be held at the Piedmont Community Hall on July 17, 2024. If you would like to inspire the next generation as she did, the family requests donations to the San Leandro Scholarship Foundation: www.sanleandrosf.com, denoted to the "Hope Young Memorial".



Ambassadors: To prevent loitering, drinking in public spaces

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behavior, loitering, smoking, and drinking in public spaces. They are also expected to conduct wellness checks on homeless people in the area and make referrals when appropriate.

City Human Services Department Director Jessica Lobedan said the Ambassadors will also engage with

merchants to build positive relationships, improve the quality of life in the shopping center, and be a resource to residents, visitors, and unsheltered people.

Other areas of San Leandro

were also considered for the Safety Ambassador Program, but the Greenhouse Marketplace area was chosen due to a higher need for safety services and a higher frequency of incidents.

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Priscilla (Patty) Jeannette Martin

August 26, 1932 ~ February 14, 2024

Priscilla (Patty) Jeannette Edelstein Martin was born in Duluth, Minnesota on August 26, 1932, to her single mother, Nellie Wallace. She was raised on the family farm by her maternal grandparents in Embarrass, Minnesota until the age of 8 when she moved to live with her mother and new step-father (Michael Edelstein). She lived in various places, Reno, Nevada and Billings, Montana, until eventually settling in the Albany area, having followed Nellie's parents and siblings in a migration westward. Patty graduated from Albany High School in Albany, California in June of 1951.

Patty married the love of her life, Kenneth Martin, on April 19, 1953. The newly wedded couple moved to El Paso, Texas as Kenneth was stationed in the Army, and welcomed their first daughter. Eventually, settling in the San Francisco Bay Area, three more children were born. Patty and Kenneth settled in San Leandro, California to raise their family.

Patty stayed home with her children until the youngest reached school age. She joined the work force in September of 1966 as a cafeteria worker at Monroe Elementary School in the San Leandro Unified School District. She worked her way up the ranks and eventually became lead manager for food services, spending the bulk of her career at Bancroft Junior High School. She retired in 1992 after 26 years of employment. Patty lived a remarkable life as a caring mother, wife, daughter and giving friend to all. She was involved in her community, giving back as PTA, Girl Scout and Brownie leaders and social director to many clubs including the San Leandro Yacht Club, the Red Hat Society, the Alfa Romeo Club and the Mustang Club. She had many interests including gardening, reading Harlequin Romances (She was a subscriber to the reading club for over 60 years.), and arts and crafts. She was philanthropic and volunteered her time with charitable organizations such as the George Mark House and the annual Bazaar for the Oakland Museum opening her house for any fund raiser, yard sale or club meeting to help out. Patty was a founding member of the Castro Valley Bocce Club and received a Lifetime Honorary Membership to the PTA as well as Outstanding Member recognition for her participation in the San Leandro and Eden Garden Clubs. She is recognized on a plaque at the Sulphur Creek Nature Center for her contributions as she loved animals and nature. She was an active member of Friendly Connections and the Hill and Valley Club. She gave her fun loving spirit to everything she did. She will be missed by many.

Patty is survived by her four children, Jacqueline Martin-Hickerson (Tim Hickerson), Jeannine Mason, Max Martin (Emma Martin) and Michele Martin, and six grandchildren, Trina Christophersen, Ryan Christophersen, Crystal Martin, Novina Maree, Alethea Martin and Evan Nelson. She is survived by six great grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held in Patty's honor on July 13, 2024 from 1-5 pm. For more information and to RSVP, please, see pattyjmartin.com, email scooterpie36@gmail.com or call 760-681-7396.



Contracts: School superintendent's contract renewed, \$474,000 salary

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tions are not public, but no changes in salaries are involved. The district did not announce those salaries, but they are posted on a public website, Transparent California.

As of 2022, the most recent year posted, Superintendent McLaughlin was being paid a little over \$474,000, not counting benefits worth another \$49,000.

Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations Kevin Collins was paid just short of \$267,000. Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services Sonal Patel was paid nearly \$244,000, while Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services Zarina Zaniplatina was paid almost \$240,000.

Assistant Superintendent for Technology Lawrence Simon held a different position with the district in 2022, so the salary in his present position is not shown on the website, but he is likely paid similarly to the other assistant superintendents.

Board Thanks Liu and Medeiros

The board bid farewell to Celine Liu, the district's director of teaching, learning, and educational equity, who is retiring after just being named San Leandro Unified's

Management Employee of the Year. She had been with the district since 2019 and had overseen redoing the curriculum in several subject areas.

The board also thanked Rocky Medeiros, the district's director of safety and emergency services, for his work in keeping the public, staff and board members safe at several sometimes tumultuous meetings and events in the past school year.

"It's good to know that someone's always thinking of keeping us safe," board President Evelyn Gonzalez said of Medeiros, who remains with the district. He first came to San Leandro Unified in 2018.

McLaughlin, too, thanked Medeiros for his contributions to the district's wellbeing.

The board voted 5-0, with members Jackie Perl and Melissa Fegurgur absent, to approve the Original Budget Proposal for next school year, and to approve the spending plan for locally controlled funds, the Local Control Accountability Plan or LCAP.

Bond Director Aaron Kerigan reported that the new high school gymnasium is nearing completion, while a new district office is expected to be finished this coming winter. Construction and improvements are underway at



PHOTO BY MIKE MCGUIRE

Schools Superintendent Dr. Mike McLaughlin, at left, and members of the San Leandro Board of Education gather around Rocky Medeiros, district safety and emergency services director, right foreground, to thank him for safely getting them, the public and the district safely through a sometimes contentious year.

several elementary schools, at the Adult School and at Bancroft Middle School, he said.

Assistant Superintendent Collins said that state aid and local revenues appear sufficient to have next school

year go smoothly in terms of finances.

"It is the end of another

good year," Superintendent

McLaughlin said before the

meeting adjourned. "This

team will flex when they need it, to make sure we're always doing the best for our kids."

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San Leandro's Water Pollution Control Plant makes renewable natural gas that can be sold to the Port of Oakland. It helps that the plant isn't far from the Oakland Airport.

Streets: Natural gas can be sold to the nearby Port of Oakland

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will pay \$750,000 to networking giant Cisco over the next year to purchase hardware and software to upgrade the city's network systems, including Wi-Fi.

The council also agreed to enter a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with the Port of Oakland sell the port Renewable Natural Gas

(RNG) created from the San Leandro's Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP). The Port wants to buy the RNG because it can help meet environmental goals.

Because of the airport's proximity to the WPCP, it is feasible to deliver the gas, either by truck or through a new direct pipeline, according to Hayes Morehouse,

a Water Pollution Control Manager with the City Manager's Office.

The agreement has no financial impact on the city's budget. But if the project proceeds, the sale of the RNG to the Port would be an additional revenue source for the fund, which would be used to maintain the fund and improve the WPCP.