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Pedal Power in San Leandro

Bicyclists return from the San Leandro Marina on Sunday for BikeSL 2018 that started at Casa Peralta in downtown San Leandro. The annual bike ride draws hundreds of two-wheelers. Today is Bike to Work Day where East Bay Bike will have Energizer Stations around the East Bay, including one at the San Leandro BART Station.

New Plans Laid Out for San Lorenzo

Blueprints show apartments and retail at former Mervyn's site

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

The old Mervyn's site in downtown San Lorenzo could become a four-story apartment complex and retail development after sitting empty for over 20 years.

Developer Terry Demmon wants to create the "Village Green Apartments," 163 market-rate units in four apartment buildings, three and four stories tall.

The developer has plans for a pool, dog park, a BART shuttle for residents, and 12,000-square-foot of retail space on the corner of Hesperian Boulevard and Paseo Grande.

The architectural style is art deco to match the Lorenzo Theater across the street and Demmon is pledging \$200,000 on façade improvements to the historic theater.

Demmon showed a standing-room-only crowd at the San Lorenzo Library last week drawings of his planned development and most people seemed positive that something might actually be built on the long-empty property.

But some at the meeting said they'd been through all of this before. In fact, Demmon gave a nearly identical pitch last

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Creek Group Needs a Hand Removing Ivy

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

The flora along the San Leandro Creek in Chabot Park looks lush this spring, but among all the thriving greenery are some plants that don't naturally grow there – nonnatives.

So the Friends of the San Leandro Creek are organizing two work days and asking for volunteers to come help get rid of the invasive plants, including ivy and blackberry vines.

Volunteers are asked to come out on a pair of Saturdays (either or both) – May 12 and May 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to lend a hand.

There is more overgrowth than usual because Chabot Park just reopened in February after nearly two years being closed due to the Chabot Dam retrofit. Maintenance at the park also changed

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Woman Dies in Ambulance Crash

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

A San Leandro woman was killed and four others were injured when the ambulance she was a patient in got involved in a crash at the intersection of Hesperian and Lewelling boulevards Monday morning.

Catherine Sunday, 74, was taken to Eden Hospital in Castro Valley following the collision where she was later pronounced dead, according to the Alameda County Coroner's Office.

Sunday was being transported in the ambulance traveling southbound on Hesperian at around 11:15 a.m. at a "code 3" which means the lights and sirens are on, according to the Alameda County Fire Department.

The driver of a white Audi sedan was headed east on Lewelling and crashed into the side of



PHOTO COURTESY OF ALAMEDA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

A San Leandro woman died after an ambulance overturned at Hesperian and Lewelling boulevards when it was hit by a car.

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

Bands, Comedians to Perform At Mayfest on Saturday

Local bands and comedians will be on hand at the Mayfest this Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at The Englander Pub, 101 Parrott St. in downtown San Leandro.

Bands include Hound, Stereo Freakout, Carneficina, Shark

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Miley Speaks Out Against Litter and Illegal Dumping in County

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley says the people are turning our streets into garbage piles by illegally dumping mattresses, old televisions, and other unwanted large items.

Miley took to Facebook on May 2 to host a live virtual town hall about illegal dumping and what the county can do about it.

"Illegal dumping is unacceptable in every way and form," said Miley. "We all need to take responsibility to make sure our environment is something to be proud of."

Miley described a three-prong strategy for eliminating dumping, saying simply cleaning it up doesn't work because it rewards the bad behavior by making it successful. If something is dumped and it gets cleaned up, the litter bug will probably dump again.

"I'm going to be frank with you – it's irresponsible people blighting our community," said Miley. "People don't have to



Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley spoke out against illegal dumping in an online town hall meeting on May 2.

dump, but they do because they are irresponsible."

So Miley proposes "education, eradication, and enforcement" to stop dumping.

Miley has helped create an initiative called "CURB" or Communities United to Remove Blight, which focuses on removal because Miley said that when it comes to trash, the "broken window theory" is in effect.

That's the theory that if someone lets a broken window go unrepaired, soon other blight will follow because there is an impression that no one cares about the area.

Miley encouraged everyone to sign up for an app called "Litterati" which lets you report illegal trash dumping sites. So far, over 1,500 trash sightings have been reported in Castro Valley and 660 in San Leandro.

To eradicate trash, Miley said another step will be requiring small trash haulers to have a business license. He said that people hire a hauler with good intentions of having their trash taken away, but some haulers are dishonest and don't take it to the dump where they'd have to pay – they just take it to an empty lot or street corner.

That could be because paying to dispose of garbage can be expensive. Waste management charges \$21.70 to dump a mattress, \$35 for each large appliance, and \$32.25 per cubic yard of trash at the Davis Street transfer Station.

There are some free and legal alternatives, though. The Mattress Recycling Council has a website where you can find a list of recycling centers at

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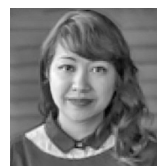
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Public Defender's Office Offers Clean Slate

The Alameda County Public Defender's Office has a county-wide Clean Slate Program which handles about 1,200 cases per year with a success rate of over 90 percent.

The program helps clients overcome barriers to employment, housing, education, public benefits and civic participation. In order to receive assistance potential clean slate clients should

come to the Public Defender's Office and complete an interview.

The basic eligibility requirements are not having any pending criminal cases and not being currently on parole.

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and have arrest records sealed.

Walk-in hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Public Defender's Oakland Branch Office, 545 4th Street in Oakland.

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For more information, visit www.co.alameda.ca.us/defender/.

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Nurse Found Guilty in Drugged DUI Crash That Killed Man

A jury found defendant Michelle Biala guilty last week of gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated for a fatal crash that occurred in July of 2016.

Biala was driving southbound on I-880 when she swerved across several lanes and collided with a car that was parked on the shoulder due to a flat tire, according to the Alameda County District Attorney's Office.

The driver of that car was Steven Lin, who was inside the vehicle waiting for a tow truck.

The collision killed Lin, 38, and Biala was arrested.

A blood test taken two hours after the crash showed a significant levels of marijuana and Ambien, a sleeping pill.

The defendant, a registered nurse at the time, had marijuana in her purse and an Ambien pill bottle that she picked-up from a pharmacy two hours prior with five of 10 pills missing.

The defendant had a prior “wet reckless” conviction two years earlier wherein she was

ordered to attend a 30-hour DUI class. Five months prior to this incident, the defendant was arrested for DUI when she was found on the side of the freeway and was disoriented, with damage to her vehicle. She admitted to having used marijuana, Xanax and Valium.

In that incident, she told police that she was, “too high to drive,” according to the District Attorney's Office in a written statement.

Biala's sentencing is set for June 29.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

❖ Art Exhibit at Foothill Gallery

Creating Our Future, an art exhibit by students from the Castro Valley, San Leandro, San Lorenzo and Hayward school districts, will be on display at the Foothill Gal-

lery, 22394 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward through May 31, sponsored by the Hayward Arts Council and Seneca Family of Agencies. Gallery hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Friday.

❖ PhotoCentral Spring Exhibition

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Although you might prefer moving forward at a steady pace, it might be a good idea to stop and reassess your plans. You could find a good reason to make a change at this time.



TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Just when you thought you had everything planned to the smallest detail, you get some news that could unsettle things. But a timely explanation helps put it all back on track.



GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Home and work continue to compete for your attention. But you handle it well by giving each its proper due. Someone you trust offers valuable advice. Listen to it.



CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Unsettling news creates a difficult but not impossible situation. Continue to follow your planned routine, but keep your mind open to a possible change down the line.



LEO (July 23 to August 22) Lick your wounded pride if you like, but it's a better idea to find out why your suggestions were rejected. What you learn could help you deal with an upcoming situation.



VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Feeling a bit listless? No wonder. You might be pushing too hard to finish everything on your to-do list. Cutting it down could help get your energy levels up.



LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Taking time out of your busy schedule might be the best way to handle that sensitive private matter. It will help reassure everyone involved about your priorities.



SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Insist on full disclosure by all parties before agreeing to be part of a "great deal." What you learn should help you decide whether to go with it or not.



SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your decision to protect the secret that was entrusted to you might irk some people. But it also wins you the admiration of those who value trust and loyalty.



CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Creative activities take on a practical approach as you realize you might be able to market your work. Ask for advice from someone experienced in this area.



AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) If you're suddenly a bit unsure about your decision, ask trusted colleagues and/or friends or family members for suggestions that could help resolve your doubts.



PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A workplace situation could get stormy. But stay on course until there's a solution that meets with everyone's approval, and things can finally calm down.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

❖ Bike to Work Day

Bike East Bay will have Energizer Stations throughout the East Bay, including one at the San Leandro BART Station, on Bike to Work Day, today, May 10. Check out bikeeastbay.org for details. Celebrate with a happy hour organized by Bike Walk San Leandro at The Englander, 101 Parrott St. in San Leandro, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. with bike- and San Leandro-themed trivia games.

❖ Multicultural Night at Woodrow Wilson

The Parent Teacher Committee of Woodrow Wilson Elementary School, 1300 Williams St., presents a Multicultural Night on Friday, May 11, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Multi-purpose Room. Enjoy an evening of food, activities and culture with Wilson School families. Admission is free and there will be \$1 food tickets available to purchase. All families welcome.

❖ Mother's Day Prayer Breakfast

The Praises of Zion Missionary Baptist Church will host a Mother's Day prayer breakfast on Saturday, May 12, at 1395 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with breakfast being served from 9:15 to 9:45 a.m. The guest speaker will be LeVivian Heads. All mothers will be celebrated. A donation of \$33 would be appreciated.

❖ The Musical *Peter Pan*

The Principled Academy Performing Arts Club presents the musical *Peter Pan*, Friday, May 11, and Saturday, May 12, at 7 p.m. at 2305 Washington Ave., San Leandro. Tickets are only \$7 (3 and under free) and are available at the school office or online at <http://www.principledacademy.org/tpa/html/performance.html> or at the door. For more information, call 351-6400.

❖ Alameda County Food Bank Drive

Paramedics Plus wants you help to fill an ambulance with food to deliver to the Alameda County Food Bank. The emergency medical service for the county, will host a food drive during the month of May. The goal is to fill 96 boxes of food – 192 cubic feet inside an ambulance. A donation of non-perishable food can be dropped off at the Paramedics Plus office at 575 Marina Blvd. in San Leandro on Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. during May.

❖ The Eagles Bingo Luncheon

The Fraternal Order of Eagles Eden Auxiliary 1139 will host a "later" Cinco De Mayo fiesta luncheon on Monday, May 14, at noon at the Eagles Hall, 21406 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward. The food will be Mexican and delicious. A donation of \$8 will include one bingo card. Bring a couple friends for a fun afternoon. Proceeds will benefit the George Mark House of San Leandro. For more information, call Glenda at 584-1568.

❖ Hearing Loss Association Meeting

The Hearing Loss Association will meet on Saturday, May 12, at the Oakland Kaiser Permanente Hospital, Fabiola Bldg., 3801 Howe St., lower level, room G26. Refreshments are at 9:30 a.m. with the program starting at 10 a.m. Mariam Hambarchyan from NeoSensory will demonstrate their wristbands which capture sounds and translates them to vibrations. Hear through

your skin. It works. Parking is free in the old garage across from Howe Street. For more information, email athos.artist@att.net or call Kay at 886-4717.

❖ Chamber Music Concert

All are invited to attend a free chamber music concert in the sanctuary at All Saints Episcopal Church, 911 Dowling Blvd. in San Leandro on Wednesday, May 16, at 7 p.m. with After Hours Wind Quintet. The band features Megumi Nomura, flute; Jason Williams, oboe; Brian Wilmer, clarinet; Dan Nebel, horn; and Dan Shifren, bassoon. A free-will offering will be taken to support the music program at All Saints. For more information visit www.saintsalive.net.

❖ Friends of SL Creek Meeting

The Friends of San Leandro Creek will meet on Tuesday, May 15, at 6:30 p.m. in the Estudillo Room of the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro. The guest speaker will be Bert Mulchaey, the supervising fisheries and wildlife biologist with East Bay Municipal Utility District who will report on the San Leandro Creek Watershed study plan prepared by ESA. The plan covers the information EBMUD will need to progress with making a fisheries management program on SL Creek. There will be complimentary snacks and beverages.

❖ Meeting of the East Bay Rose Society

The East Bay Rose Society will meet on Wednesday, May 16, at 7:30 p.m. at the Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave. in Oakland. It will feature Rose Love-all-Sales, owner of Morningsun Herb Farm in Vacaville. Rose will show how to add beautiful wild creatures to your yards with plants, many of which have the additional benefit of being herbs usable in other ways. Come and enjoy snacks, meet people who talk roses and enjoy the show. Find more information at www.eastbayroses.org.

❖ Meeting of the Eden Garden Club

Eden Garden Club will hold its annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parking lot behind the Moose Lodge, 20835 Rutledge Road in Castro Valley, with heirloom vegetables, perennial flowers, succulents, orchids, trees, houseplants, garden art, baked goods, and garden tools. Easy to grow favorites such as geraniums, day lilies, irises and other water-wise drought tolerant plants will be for sale, as well as sun and shade plants proven successful in our local gardens. The net proceeds from the plant sale benefit garden grants awarded to schools in Castro Valley and Hayward Unified School District. For more information, call Karen Misenhimer, Plant Sale Chairperson, at 397-1268.

❖ Neuropathy Support Group

The Neuropathy Support Group meets on the second Wednesday of the month from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Hayward, 2490 Grove Way in Castro Valley. Neuropathy is the tingling, numbness, burning pain in your feet, legs and or hands. There are 123 different illnesses that cause neuropathy. Let's talk. Join the discussion and learn multiple ways to deal and live with neuropathy. For more information, call Joy at 842-8440 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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REAL ESTATE GALLERY



REAL ESTATE REALITY

By Carl Medford, CRS
Special to the Times

GUEST COMMENTARY



Market Provides Leverage for AS-IS Offers

With the inventory of listings at an all-time low, sellers are firmly in the driver's seat when it comes to dictating sale terms and conditions.

Not only are they getting record high prices for their properties, they can dictate almost anything they want.

A common specification is "Property is being sold AS-IS."

There is some confusion about what "AS-IS" really means. The California Association of Realtors Purchase Agreement states, in Paragraph 11, "Unless otherwise agreed in writing: (i) the Property

is sold (a) "AS-IS" in its *present* physical condition as of the date of Acceptance..."

This means that the buyer is buying the home in the same condition it was when the purchase agreement was accepted and ratified by the seller *unless* there is a separate agreement in writing that specifies differently.

In a normal market, a buyer visits a home and, if interested, writes an offer. After the contract is accepted, they can then fully inspect the property by ordering inspections, reviewing the seller's disclosures and examining any other pertinent information available.

After they have finished their investigations, they can (1) proceed with the contract as written, (2) cancel the contract or (3) negotiate repairs or other conditions based upon findings from their investigations.

If a Request for Repairs is submitted, the seller may (1) agree with everything as requested, (2) agree with nothing or (3) suggest an alternative response and submit back to the buyers for their approval.

The alternative terms may include credits, price reductions and

the like. The buyer then has the choice of (1) accepting the seller's response, (2) suggesting an alternative response or (3) cancelling the contract. Documents flow back and forth until there is either agreement or a cancellation.

In contrast, in the current hot market, some sellers are providing all critical documentation up front (including inspection reports, full disclosures and more) so buyers can fully examine everything *before* writing offers.

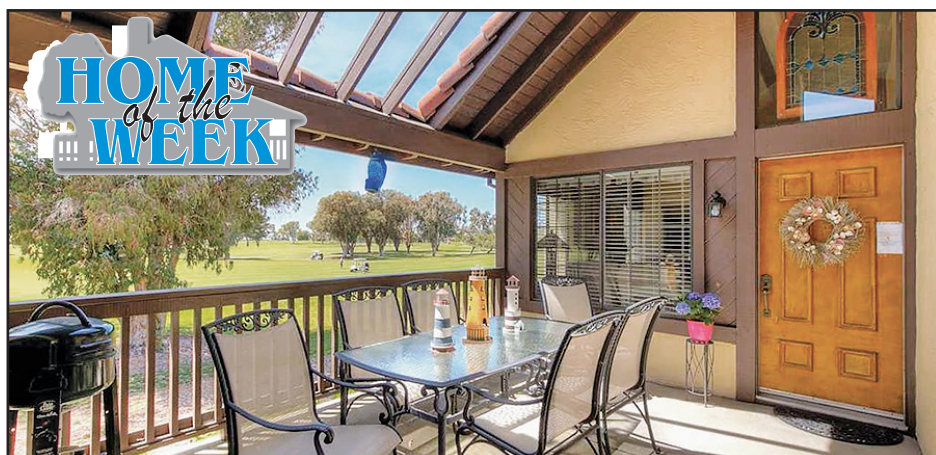
By so doing, sellers are communicating that, since they've provided full disclosure up front, they will *not* entertain Requests for Repairs and that buyers take the property "Completely AS-IS" with no exceptions.

In addition to insisting "AS-IS" be written into the contract, some sellers also want the Inspection Contingency fully removed up front.

Ironically, some buyers, even after writing "AS-IS" offers, still try negotiating repairs. If the contract was written correctly, expect the seller's response to be ...

"Nice try, no cigar."

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Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's chief economist, says the 30-year fixed mortgage rate declined three basis points to 4.55 percent in last week's survey, down from 4.58 percent. A year ago at this time, the 30-year rate averaged 4.02 percent.

Fifteen-year loans averaged 4.03 percent, up from 4.02 percent.

Five-year hybrid adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 3.69 percent last week, down from 3.74 percent.

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San Leandro batter Jimmy Garcia hits a single to centerfield in the top of the sixth inning against Alameda last Thursday at San Leandro High.

Pirates Fall to Alameda, 5-3

By Andrew Joseph
San Leandro Times

San Leandro High baseball lost 5-3 to the Alameda Hornets in a down-to-the-wire game last Thursday at home.

The Pirates took the lead in the top of the sixth inning. San Leandro batter OJ Aihie hit a ground ball to drive in Jimmy Garcia from third base to give San Leandro the 1-0 lead.

"To take a one run lead into the sixth inning today against a great team like Alameda shows that we can compete hard against

top teams," said Pirates head coach Mike Bungarz.

In the top of the sixth the lead was lost when Alameda batter Wyatt Thompson drove in two runs with a hit to center field. Later Thompson stole home with two outs to give Alameda a 3-1 lead.

"They hit the ball well and they were able to muster up a few runs and we just didn't make a few plays that we should have made," said Garcia. "They're a good team. You have to tip your hat to them."

San Leandro responded when

junior Moises Gomez hit a deep fly ball to center for a double that drove in Aihie to close the gap to 3-2.

"My focus as the starting pitcher coming into today was to keep the score as low as I could and do my best," said Pirates starting pitcher Camari Delgadillo. "We fought hard against a really good team so we know that we can compete with anybody."

San Leandro's overall record this season is 11-12 and 6-9 in league play going into their final regular season series.

"We have courage - I know we do," added Garcia. "We're a good ball club, we can compete with anybody and we proved that today. It's always been our goal

since day one to make the North Coast Section playoffs. We want to be able to make an upset and make a deep run this year."

San Leandro needs to sweep their remaining two games with rival Bishop O'Dowd to qualify for the North Coast Section playoffs.

Their competitive play against nearly undefeated Alameda last Thursday, who is 21-2-1 overall, may give the Pirates enough momentum to make the 2018 playoffs.

"We need to play hard against Bishop O'Dowd now," said coach Bungarz.

San Leandro's next game is today (Thursday) at home against Bishop O'Dowd at 4 p.m.

Miley: 'All of us have to take responsibility'

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byebymatress.com and Waste Management also offers customers free bulky pick ups, to schedule one call 537-5500 for Castro Valley and 613-8710 for San Leandro residents. On the Waste Management website, you can also find out about special drop-off trash days.

"All of us have to take responsibility," said Miley during the live stream. "This is a call to action. Use the app, call Waste Management, adopt a spot and make sure it is cleaned up. This is a problem for all of us and we all deserve a safe, clean, whole-some environment."

On the enforcement front, Miley says that the Alameda County Sheriff's Office and the District Attorney's Office are both on board with arresting and prosecuting offenders.

"The District Attorney sees this as a threat to the environment and public health and is committing to prosecute," said Miley.

The next steps will be making a PSA video and instituting a street sweeping schedule in the unincorporated areas, and getting people signed up for the Alameda County Public Works Department's "mobile citizen app" where they can report dumping,

as well as graffiti, potholes, and other requests for service.

Miley took a few live questions and said he believes the Facebook Live format will be helpful in keeping in touch with constituents in the future. He announced that his next live broadcast will be on the topic of housing and homelessness.

"People expect a lot from the government, but government is only as good as the people out there sharing their concerns," said Miley. "I get my best ideas from the constituency."

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Chabot Park, at the end of Estudillo Avenue in the hills, skirts San Leandro Creek where the non-native plants will be removed.

Creek: Pulling weeds and trimming

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hands from the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) to the City of San Leandro.

No plant maintenance was done during the closure, allowing the nonnatives to creep in.

And as they left, EBMUD cut down several large eucalyptus trees and rolled the logs to the edge of the creek, which didn't thrill Susan Levenson, watershed coordinator of the Friends of the San Leandro Creek, because they hinder access to the creek.

"I'm not really happy with that," said Levenson. "I guess they thought they were opening up the park, but it's really closing off the creek. I would like to have the community be able to easily

see and enjoy the creek. After all, Chabot and Root Park are the two places in the city where the public can easily access the creek."

The Friends of the San Leandro Creek recently got a \$1,500 grant to get rid of the nonnatives, after San Leandro resident Stephanie Pruegel brought it to their attention.

On the first work day, the volunteers will pull the weeds and trim back plants. Then the next week, they will cover the area with a donated burlap from coffee bags, and then put down a layer of mulch. The Friends of the Creek will also be putting up a sign informing people about nonnative plants.

It's going to be hard work,

because the plants are tenacious - some ivy vines are as thick as your wrist.

"Those nonnatives are tough," said Levenson. "It's going to take a lot of time and they are going to want to come back."

Of course, some of the biggest trees in Chabot Park are nonnatives - the eucalyptus - but Levenson joked they don't have the budget to get rid of those big guys.

Volunteers should bring gloves, clippers and shovels if you have them, sturdy shoes, and clothes they don't mind getting dirty. The Friends of The Creek will provide limited tools and refreshments.

Volunteers will need to sign a waiver before they can get to work. You can find more information about the project and the waiver at www.fslc.org and waivers will also be available at the worksite.

Verna Patricia Kaumaka Thomas

March 3, 1931 - May 2, 2018

Attended St. Anthony school in Kalihi and then St. Frances in Manoa and graduated from Roosevelt High School in Honolulu.

Verna worked and retired from Pacific Bell after 30 years of service. Survived by sisters, Lily Kikau, Sue Dummer, Mary Louise Neff "Darling", Theresa Akin "Tita", Charlotte Ahnee "Melatootsie", Sheila Ann Decker "Fatso"

preceded in heaven by parents Mary Naomi Kawelo-Thomas, Lawrence Beamon Thomas Sr., and brothers Lawrence Beamon Thomas Jr. "Sonny boy", and James Henry Thomas Sr. "Bolo", and many nieces, nephews and Ohana.

Services will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward, CA at 10:30 a.m.

John "Jack" Campe

Rest in Peace

Jack Campe, family patriarch and a great guy
1929 - 2018

John Nolan Campe (Sr.), was a wonderful husband, loving father and successful businessman. He left us peacefully on Sunday, May 6, 2018, surrounded by his beloved wife and his children. Jack lived an incredible life and died with dignity and grace - he will be missed! In his life he modeled many excellent qualities which influenced family members, friends and his many local and national relatives.

Jack is survived by Pat, his wife of 64 years, and his loving children Cathleen, Jim, John, Mary, Suzie and Mark - and all of their spouses and his grandchildren. He joins his daughter Julie in heaven.

The Memorial Service will be Saturday, May 12 at 1 p.m. at the Church of the Assumption, 1100 Fulton Avenue in San Leandro. Reception to follow at the Campe Home. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to St. Vincent de Paul of Oakland (www.svdop-alameda.org) or www.pulmonaryfibrosis.org. Please see tinyurl.com/yco43ou2

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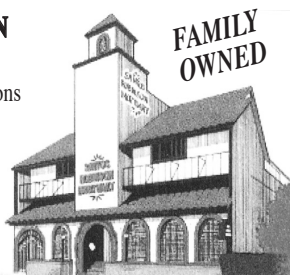
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Ambulance: Witnesses asked to call

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the ambulance in the intersection, according to the California Highway Patrol, who responded to the scene.

The ambulance was hit on the right side and tipped onto its left side. One emergency worker in the ambulance was able to get out of the vehicle on his own and began providing emergency care to the victims on the scene,

including Sunday, two other first responders in the ambulance, and the driver of the Audi.

Everyone involved in the collision was taken to Eden. The paramedics have all been treated and released for their minor injuries.

The driver of the Audi was treated for a wrist injury and a cut to his head. The CHP says that alcohol and drugs do not appear

to have been a factor in the crash.

The crash is under investigation by the CHP and the Alameda County Sheriff's Office. It is not known at this time whether Sunday died as a result of the collision or from whatever medical emergency led to her being in the ambulance.

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a resident of Castro Valley, was born in Atlanta, Georgia. He served four years (1950-1954) in the U.S. Navy during the Korean conflict. He received the U.S. Service Medal, the National Defense

Service Medal and the Korean Service Medal. Shortly after his discharge from the Navy he met and married Amelia Gonzalez Davis. Their union of 62 years produced four children, six grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Gene worked as an elevator repairman for thirty years. In retirement Gene and Amelia traveled around much of the world and visited all the states. Gene is survived by his three daughters Norma Stephenson, Nancy Davis Stark, and Susan Wright, one sister, and many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his wife Amelia, and his son Glen.

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Final Call for Cherry Parade

The City of San Leandro announced a final opportunity for interested parties to register for the upcoming Cherry Festival Parade.

This family-friendly parade will serve as the official kick-off for San Leandro's annual Cherry Festival. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday June 2, commencing at the corner of San Leandro Blvd & Marina Blvd., traveling north along San Leandro Blvd. before concluding at

West Estudillo Avenue, near the entrance to the festival.

Participants may build a float, ride their bikes, drive vintage cars or unusual vehicles, or simply walk or dance, open to individuals, groups, clubs and businesses. Awards will be given in various categories at the end of the parade.

The parade application and other relevant information is available on the Cherry Festival website: www.sanleandro.org/

cherryfestival. Applications are due by May 11.

For more information, contact Ely Hwang, Recreation Supervisor, at 577-6079 or ehwang@sanleandro.org.

Cherry City Toastmasters Meet Tuesdays

The Cherry City Toastmasters Club meets every Tuesday from 12:05 to 1:05 p.m. in the Trustees Room on the first floor at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo

Ave. Public speaking is said to be the number one fear in America.

If this sounds familiar, you are not alone. The club offers a safe, supportive environment to

grow your public speaking and leadership skills.

Come explore what Toastmasters is all about. The club also offers capability to attend online.

Bancroft Presents Civilizations of the World Exhibit

Bancroft Middle School, from 6 to 8 p.m.

located at 1150 Bancroft Ave., Celebrate the middle ages as you circumnavigate the globe through scholarly re-

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OPINION

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Time to Change the Tax Rate and Registration Cost for a New Car

Editor:

It is time we buy a new car to replace our old dilapidated one.

While shopping for a car is daunting enough, I will need anesthesia each year because of it. Why? The tax and then registration each year.

California requires us to pay tax based on where we live. In San Leandro we pay 9.75%. Outrageous. Then there is the sky-high registration. It is upwards of \$1,000 a year for the standard car. Washington State charges \$50 for registration *and* title. That is simple bookkeeping. But California regards these fees as a revenue source.

What is wrong with us? Do we not know we can change this if we all write our legislators? Do you *enjoy* paying these taxes? Why should we give up more and more of our hard-earned money just because California says so?

It's time to change this. Email me at takebackourstreets@yahoo.com with "Yes" if you agree and "No" if you don't. Let's see what the consensus is. Let's keep our money from the money-grabbing politicians.

—Corey Anderson
San Leandro

Swalwell Town Hall Dodged The Housing Crisis

Editor:

"Swalwell Calls for Assault Gun Ban" reads the headline.

When are Swalwell, the Democrats in Sacramento and those hypocrite ignoramuses writing letters in the San Leandro Times going to be calling for shutting down all of the van rental businesses?

A guy with a rental van killed 10 people in Toronto; another one killed as many in New York; yet another one killed some one hundred in Nice, France, and another in Cologne, Germany ran over another dozen or so, among other less successful attempts. What are you waiting for, hypocrites?

Swalwell also dodged the housing crisis created by the policies of the "Sanctuary State" flooded with illegal scabs. However, the Sanderite Democrats of "Our Revolution" are putting a Proposition on the ballot to end the exemption from rent control for buildings

built after 1995. Oh yes, that's going to help a lot of people!

Most California cities don't have rent control of any kind, including San Leandro; more hypocrisy: A dog and pony show before the November election.

I was at the Town Hall Meeting, less than 10% of the attendance had the chance to speak and some were hand-picked so, to say that "There wasn't a word of disagreement" is misleading.

—Leo T. West
San Leandro

Accuses Trump of Lighting Fuse For Middle East War

Editor:

We've been repulsed and appalled, but we've also been hypnotically attentive to the circus spinning from and around trump. The lying and self-serving corruption, the bullying and ever changing directions have driven us anxious and angry. The respect that other nations consistently had for us has shriveled.

But none of that compares with the clear and present danger trump's withdrawal from the Iran nuclear treaty has initiated. He lit the fuse to war in the Middle-East and beyond.

Iran and its neighbors now have no alternative but to prepare for nuclear threats. Uncounted millions could die, including Americans. Our property, security, and economy are at risk of catastrophic destruction.

And for what reason? Our system of government has let a madman take charge of our country.

There is one recourse that can save us, and the world. Congressional Republicans and Democrats must unite to impeach and remove this dangerous demagogue.

—Bruce Joffe
Piedmont

Honor Motherhood By Rejecting Dairy Industry's Cruelty

Editor:

As I look forward to Mother's Day and its cherished bond between mother and child, my mind wanders to dairy cows, world-wide symbols of motherhood, who never get to see or nurture their own babies.

Newborn calves are torn from their mothers at birth and turned into veal

cutlets, so we can drink the milk designed for them. The grief-stricken mothers bellow for days, hoping in vain for their return.

Most dairy cows spend their lives chained on a concrete floor, with no access to the outdoors. Each year, they are impregnated artificially, to maintain production, and milked by machines twice a day. When production drops, around four years of age, they are ground into hamburgers.

Dairy products are laden with cholesterol, saturated fats, hormones, pathogens, and antibiotics, leading to obesity, diabetes, heart disease, and stroke. Most adults even lack the enzyme for digesting dairy products. Humans are the only creatures drinking milk of another species.

This Mother's Day, let's honor motherhood and our natural compassion for animals by rejecting dairy industry's cruelty and disease. Let's replace cow's milk and its products with delicious, healthful, cruelty-free plant-based milk, cheese, and ice cream products offered by our supermarket.

—Kurt Champlor
San Leandro

Twin Tunnel Water Project Bad for the Delta and Native Americans

Editor:

I am outraged that the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California voted to approve the \$16.7 billion Twin Tunnel that will divert water away from the Sacramento River and transport it to both San Joaquin Valley and Southern California. That tunnel will destroy the way of life of the Winnemen Wintu People because it will wipe out the salmon which is part of their livelihood.

According to Winnemen Wintu Chief, Caleen Sisk, her people have lived near the McCloud River for thousands of years and their culture depend on the protection of the salmon. When they were nearly extinct because of the building of the Shasta Dam in 1944, she and her people worked hard to restore it.

I urge people who care about the well-being of the Winnemen Wintu People, to fight any attempt to build the twin tunnel.

—Billy Trice Jr.
Oakland



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INQUIRING REPORTER

What would you do if you were homeless?

— Asked around town

I would write a letter to Donald Duck Trump and ask where all the money goes.

The government doesn't do enough to help. We need mental health care for people on the street. They get aggressive when no one helps because they feel left out.

Georgina Gutierrez
San Leandro



I would try to have enough money to join a gym, so I would have a place to take a shower and meet people, make connections and be part of a community.

Hilary Crosby
El Cerrito

Look for food stamps and go to a shelter for a place to sleep at night. The politicians are called public servants but they're not serving the public. They seem to submit to the powers that be.

Roger Silva
San Francisco



I've been homeless, just last year. I got a job and lived in a car for eight months and got a membership in a gym to use the shower. Sleeping in a car for a middle-aged woman can be scary. I got a little apartment now. It's hard to make ends meet, nothing is reasonable anymore, but I have a roof over my head.

Vanessa Reis
San Leandro

Well, if I was homeless, which I am, I thank God I have a car to stay in, and I thank God I can shower at a gym. I help other homeless people. Some don't have a car and sleep out on the ground. Me and my sister are in the lottery for one of the new senior apartments. We'll find out in September so we'll hang on until then.

Pauline Moniz with Precious
San Leandro



Wildlife Biologist to Speak About SL Creek Watershed

The Friends of San Leandro Creek will hold a joint meeting with the San Leandro Creek Alliance on Tuesday, May 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. in the Estudillo Room.

Guest speaker Bert Mulchaey, the supervising fisheries and wildlife biologist at the East Bay Municipal Utility District, will report about the San Leandro Creek Watershed Study Plan.

The plan covers the information EBMUD will need to progress with making a fisheries management program on San Leandro Creek.

Complimentary snacks and beverages will be served.

Plans: Design for San Lorenzo Village revised to include more stores

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summer.

"We were here last year," said one woman in the crowd. "It's been a year and nothing has happened."

But Demmon said he faced a lot more pushback last year and he never brought that version of the plans to the county for approval. He has since added more retail space to his plan and he thinks he can get the necessary

"I like to think we've listened to everyone."

— Developer Terry Demmon, on plans for San Lorenzo Village

approval this time.

"I like to think we've listened to everyone," said Demmon.

Some in the crowd said they were worried about parking, saying the apartments' tenants would park along the public street on Via Arriba in front of their houses, but Demmon says he's planning enough parking — the complex would have two spaces per unit including some in an underground parking garage.

Another speaker said she was concerned that children living in the new development would make San Lorenzo schools over-crowded. But enrollment in the San Lorenzo Unified School District has actually been declining for the past several years, so the school district could use a boost in attendance.

The land is owned by Bohannon Companies, but if approved, Demmon Partners would own, manage, and lease the development.

Previous plans for the site have come and gone over the years — a Golden Corral restaurant was interested in opening about five years ago, but that deal fell through.

Demmon says that he anticipates getting county approval for the Village Green apartments and that construction should take about two years if all goes according to plan.



"Love that Dance" by Ranjit Dhillon, done in acrylic and paint pens is one of the pieces in the Artful Steps spring show at the library. There will be a reception tonight from 6 to 8 p.m.

Reception and Fashion Show Tonight for Artful Steps

Stepping Stones Growth Center/Davis Street and the Arts Council of San Leandro announces the Artful Steps Spring Art Reception at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro.

A reception with refresh-

ments and fashion show will be held tonight (Thursday) from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Karp and Estudillo Room. It's free and open to the public.

Craft booths featuring adult coloring books, bags, jewelry, Artful Steps note cards, and work

created by the Artful Steps teachers will be available to purchase.

Beautiful, multi-media work created by Artful Steps artists with disabilities fills both the downstairs and upstairs galleries.

Special features in this exhibit include popular mosaics, original prints and a special series inspired by the work of famous artists. The artwork will be showing until June 30.

Eden Garden Club Plant Sale

Eden Garden Club will hold its annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parking lot behind the Moose Lodge, 20835 Rutledge Road in Castro Valley, with heirloom vegetables, perennial flowers, succulents, orchids, trees, houseplants, garden art, baked goods, and garden tools.

Easy to grow favorites such as geraniums, day lilies, irises and other water-wise drought tolerant plants will be for sale, as well as sun and shade plants proven successful in our local gardens.

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