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More Accordion

Will Griffin, who knows songs from the 1800s to the present day, plays the accordion in the evening for commuters returning home at the San Leandro BART Station.

Real Estate, Chamber Fund Incumbents

Chamber of Commerce, police back incumbent council members

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

With less than a week until the Nov. 6 election, the latest campaign contribution forms are in and once again the big donors to local campaigns are real estate developers and unions.

The incumbents on the City Council raised far more cash than the “Fresh, Clean Slate” candidates who are challenging them.

The San Leandro Chamber of Commerce is siding with the incumbents, donating \$12,500 – \$2,500 to each of the four incumbents on the council (Pauline Cutter, Deborah Cox, Lee Thomas and Corina Lopez), plus Benny Lee, a City Councilman running for mayor.

And the companies behind the Blum and Harborside pot dispensaries also made donations.

Lee’s campaign has raised the most money with \$69,000 in contributions and \$40,000 in expenditures so far in his bid for mayor. Lee received support from various real estate groups including \$5,000 from Zenstone Realty, \$2,500 from the California Apartment Association, and \$2,000 from MT-5 Properties.

Lee also received \$1,500 from the California Real Estate Political Action Committee and \$2,000 from Ed Miller – the CEO of Cal-Coast, the developer of the San Leandro Marina project.

Lee also received \$5,000 from Duong Family Investments

LLC, which is a company associated with Cal Waste Solutions, \$2,500 from the San Leandro Chamber of Commerce, and
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Michael Gregory Files Complaint On Slate

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

Former City Councilman Michael Gregory has filed a campaign finance violation complaint against the four “Fresh, Clean Slate” candidates with the California Fair Political Practice Commission (FPPC).

The slate candidates say they may have made some minor clerical errors but the complaint is a political attack. And even with their war chests combined, the slate candidates were outspent by the incumbents in each race.

In Gregory’s complaint, landlord and property developer Tom Silva is listed as a witness. Slate candidate for mayor Jeromey Shafer said that Silva’s

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Eden Incumbents Say Challengers after Money

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

Eight people are running for three seats on the Eden Township Healthcare District (EHD), but the three incumbents say that they deserve another term in office because the district is financially solid and their opponents don’t have the healthcare backgrounds and fiscal experience to act in the district’s best interest.

EHD board member Lester Friedman is running for another term. He is a practicing attorney who has worked for the Department of Health and Human Services and the National Science Foundation.

Friedman says that a new board may not properly manage the district, leaving it vulnerable. In 2016, county leaders and the San Leandro City Council were among those who supported dissolving the EHD and using its assets – including \$31 million in real estate holdings – to support

“They want the money the district has—it always boils down to that.”

— Lester Friedman, Eden Township Healthcare District board member

county health care programs.

The EHD countered that other cities in the county were essentially making a grab for funding that was earmarked for the Eden area.

“They want the money the district has – it always boils down to that,” said Friedman. “They’ve wanted the district’s money for the past 10 or 15 years. But to sell

the real estate would be a mistake. Our real estate holdings keep us from taxing people, we haven’t taxed anyone since the ’70s. What we get from the real estate, we could never get as interest from a bank.”

Incumbent Tom Lorentzen is a former regional director for the U.S. Department of Health Services with a master’s degree in political science. He says he’s also wary of opponents who might be making a political play to get on the board and get at the district’s money.

“There is a strong political interest into where the money is spent,” said Lorentzen. “We have a moral obligation to provide for the entire district.”

Incumbent Roxanne Lewis is a retired nuclear/ultrasound technologist who practiced at San Leandro Hospital, among other Bay Area facilities.

Lewis, who has been on the EHD board since 2014 and cur-



Lester Friedman

rently serves as chair, says that her top three priorities if reelected would be working with the county to sustain St. Rose Hospital, expanding diabetes education, and providing access to mental health clinics.

Also running for the EHD board are former San Leandro Mayor Stephen Cassidy and
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Pets of the Week



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The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are Couscous the kitten and Yin the kitten.

Couscous is a spunky, energetic and playful 5-month-old who's a bit shy at first. He turns into a love bug and enjoys being held once he feels comfortable.

Yin is shy when you first meet, but give him a treat and he comes around quickly. Good with other cats. He needs a family who'll give him time to blossom.

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

Job Fair Open to the Public

San Lorenzo Adult School, 820 Bockman Road in San Lorenzo, will host a Community Resources Information Session and a Job Fair on Tuesday, Nov. 13. The first event will run from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and the second from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Language translators will be on hand for the Community Resources In-

formation Fair which so far include America's Job Center of California (AJCC), Eden I&R, Meals on Wheels, and Spectrum Community Services, Inc. Free and open to the public. Anyone interested in participating as a vendor in the job fair should contact Trish Jetson at 317-4224 or pjetsen@slzusd.org.



Fall Trees and Pumpkins by Rosemarie Ramos and other works by the San Lorenzo Adult School Watercolor Class will be on display at the Main Library starting Nov. 3.

Watercolor Show at the Library

Studio 820, the San Lorenzo Adult School Watercolor Class, will exhibit students' watercolor paintings at the San Leandro Main Library from Nov. 3 to Nov. 29.

There will be a reception on Saturday, Nov. 10, from 1 to 3 p.m. to meet the artists of all ages who are students of Monica Satterthwaite.

Many of the artists are long-

time residents of San Leandro and the surrounding area and all are currently enrolled in the San Lorenzo Adult School. Some of the students have recently been celebrating milestones in their lives.



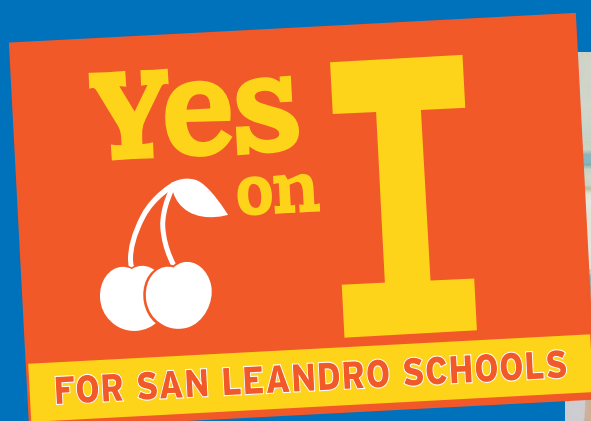
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POLICE & FIRE



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One man had to be rescued and treated for smoke inhalation by emergency responders at a house fire on 145th Avenue in San Leandro last Friday

Fire Victim Suffers Smoke Inhalation

Alameda County Fire Department firefighters were called to a house fire on the 1200 block of 145th Avenue in San Leandro last Friday shortly after 4 p.m.

Heavy smoke was seen coming from the front of a one-story

house when firefighters arrived.

Firefighters located an adult male in the rear of the house and successfully rescued him from the burning structure. The man sustained smoke inhalation injuries and was transported to a

nearby hospital by ambulance for further evaluation.

The one-alarm fire was extinguished within 10 minutes. The cause of the fire is under investigation. There were no additional reports of injuries.

Suspected Ring Thief Arrested

A San Leandro woman has been arrested on suspicion of stealing an engagement ring and backpack from an 18-year-old Jack in the Box employee.

Karen Cotton, 51, was identified by police as a suspect in the theft from surveillance video inside of the Jack in the Box at 699 Lewelling Boulevard, according to San Leandro police.

On Oct. 6, the teenage fast food employee accidentally left a bag with her diamond engagement ring and other valuables in it unattended in the restaurant's dining area.

Surveillance video from the store shows a suspect police say is Cotton in the dining area taking the backpack and removing it from the restaurant, police say.

The theft was reported to the San Leandro police, and on Oct. 12, the suspect's photo was released to the public for assistance in learning her identity.

A day after the suspect's photo was released, detectives received a tip identifying the suspect as Cotton.

On Oct. 17, an Alameda County Judge issued a warrant for Cotton's arrest and on Oct.

26, police located Cotton on the 15400 block of Hesperian Boulevard.

Cotton was booked into the San Leandro City Jail and will be arraigned next week at the East County Hall of Justice in Dublin.

Three-Year-Old Shooting Victim Taken to SL Emergency Room

A 3-year-old boy was driven to San Leandro Hospital at around 7:30 p.m. on Monday with a gun shot wound to his stomach.

Police say the boy was apparently accidentally hit by a stray bullet at the family home in the Sobrante Park neighborhood in Oakland near I-880 and the San Leandro border.

The father, Covonne Page, 29, was arrested Tuesday for child cruelty resulting in great bodily injury, criminal storage of a gun, and being a felon in possession of a gun, according to Oakland police.

The boy remains in critical condition and has been transferred to UCSF Benioff Chil-

dren's Hospital in Oakland.

The suspect is being held without bail at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin. Oakland police said they will release more information about the circumstances of the shooting after the Alameda County District Attorney's Office reviews the case and makes a determination regarding charges.

Sheriff's Office Asks Public's Help In Solving Cold Case Homicide

Last week marked the 24th anniversary of the murder of Antowan Sexton and the Alameda County Sheriff's office want to remind the public about the crime in the hopes that new information can help break the cold case.

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

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

Witnesses said they saw a

light blue or gray BMW fleeing the scene eastbound on 166th Avenue.

A black male adult was also seen by witnesses jumping fences near an apartment complex on

167th Avenue.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Alameda County Sheriff's Office at 667-3661 or the anonymous tip line at 667-3622.

Time to Check Your Alarms

Daylight savings time ends this Sunday, Nov. 4 and Cal Fire reminds everyone: Check your smoke alarms when you change the clocks.

Most fatal residential fires occur at night and every home needs working smoke alarms to provide an early warning.

Install smoke alarms in all bedrooms, hallways that lead to bedrooms, basements and each additional level of your home. Prepare and practice an escape plan in case of a house fire. Crawl low under smoke and once you're out, stay out. For more information, visit www.fire.ca.gov.

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The owner of this pickup truck parked downtown apparently just doesn't worry about miles per gallon anymore.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

❖ SL High School Theater

The San Leandro High School Theater department will produce the award winning play *She Kills Monsters*, the first two weekends in November at the San Leandro Performing Arts Center, 2250 Bancroft Ave. Performances are on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 2 and 3, at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 4, at 2 p.m. Show times are the same on the following weekend, Nov. 9 through Nov.

11. The SLHS theater department promises this will be an edgy play, not the standard high school production, with thought-provoking themes to help the community connect with larger issues we face today. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$5 for students.

❖ Documentary at SL History Museum

Join the San Leandro History

Museum, 320 W. Estudillo Ave., for a screening of the documentary *In the Light of Reverence*, on Saturday, Nov. 3, at 1 p.m. This film is a stunning portrait of land-use conflicts over Native American sacred sites on public and private land around the West. The film will be followed by guest speaker Melinda Micco. Admission is free and no registration required.

❖ The Englander Restaurant

Join in on the fun at the Englander Restaurant, 101 Parrott St. in San Leandro on Saturday, Nov. 3, at 7 p.m. for a music show. Three bands will be performing: Shark Punch, Stereo Freakout, and Angry Jonny & The Radio. Tap takeover by Alameda Island Brewing Company and Orbit Skate Shop will sponsor the event. Admission is \$10 for all ages. For more information, call 317-9907.

❖ SL Museum Auditorium

The San Leandro Players present old-time melodrama *Chaos at the Cannery* through Nov. 18, at the San Leandro Museum/Auditorium, 320 West Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro. Tickets are \$20 for general, \$15 for seniors, TBA members, under 12, students. Show times are Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Also Fridays at 8 p.m. on Nov. 9 and Nov. 16. For information and reservations, call 895-2573 or online at www.slplayers.org. Professor Mack is back. Welcome to 1881 San Leandro. This old-time melodrama mixes mayhem, murder, mystery, scalwags, and scoundrels, toe tappin' old time music, and shenanigans.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

❖ Calling All Former Garfield Gators

Garfield Elementary School, 13050 Aurora Drive, is celebrating its 70 year anniversary. If you graduated from or worked at Garfield before the year 2000, they would like to record your favorite memories for a virtual yearbook at the school on one of the following dates: Thursday, Nov. 1, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.; and Thursday, Nov. 8, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Call 618-4300 for an appointment or drop by the school. Bring any pictures you have from your time at Garfield. For more information, call Principal Lynda Hornada at the number above.

❖ City of SL Community Speaker Series

The City of San Leandro invites residents to attend the next community speaker series event with Betty Reid Soskin on tonight, Nov. 1, at 7 p.m. at the Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Soskin is an author, composer and singer, social and political activist, entrepreneur, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, historian, blogger, public speaker, and National Park Service Ranger who was born into a Cajun / Creole African-American family in 1921. She's been involved in the civil rights and Black Power movements, and the movement to end the Vietnam War. In 1995, Ms. Soskin was named "Woman of the Year" by the California State Legislature, among various other awards.

❖ All Saints Food Pantry 10th Anniversary

The Food Pantry at All Saints Episcopal Church is celebrating its 10th anniversary and will host a food pantry on Saturday, Nov. 3. Volunteers report at 11:30 a.m., the hospitality room with snacks for guests opens at noon. Food distribution is from 1 to 2 p.m. In these 10 years, the pantry has served 45,788 people. Food is available to residents of Alameda County and volunteers are always welcome. For more information, visit saintsalive.net and click "Social Ministries".

❖ Marine Corps Birthday Breakfast

A Marine Corps birthday breakfast sponsored by the Lt. Frank Reasoner Det 919 will be on Saturday, Nov. 3, at 0800 hours at the San Leandro Veterans Hall, 1103 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro. Pre-paid cost is \$17.50, at the door is \$20. Send check to: Ron Saunders, 566 Mildred Place, Hayward, Ca 94544.

❖ Mission Bay Craft Fair & Bake Sale

The Mission Bay Men's and Women's Club will have its annual craft fair and bake sale fund raiser on Saturday, Nov. 3, from 8 a.m. to 3p.m. at 15333 Wicks Blvd. in San Leandro. Numerous crafters will have their creations available for purchase along with delicious items from our excellent bakers.

❖ Días de los Muertos Performance

Aztec dancers and singers will perform at a Dia de los Muertos event on Saturday, Nov. 3, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Bancroft Middle School, 1150 Bancroft Ave. There will be arts, crafts, food vendors and activities for children. Everyone is invited to participate by bringing pictures and offerings such as flowers and candles. Danza Azteca will perform from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

❖ Student Art Exhibit at SL Library

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❖ Hill and Valley Women's Club Bazaar

The Hill and Valley Women's Club will hold its annual scholarship bazaar on Saturday Nov. 3, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hill and Valley Clubhouse, 1808 B St. in Hayward. Featured items include jewelry, homemade jams, jellies, candy, and baked goods, gift baskets, handcrafted items, holiday decorations, collectibles, plants, books, and more. Box lunches available for \$5. To reserve your box lunch, call 785-2053 by Oct. 26. Event funds scholarships for graduating seniors from local high schools.

❖ Buon Tempo Club Family Dinner

The Buon Tempo Italian American Club is having a family dinner on Tuesday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m. at Mt. Tabor Hall, Transfiguration Church, 4000 E. Castro Valley Blvd. in Castro Valley (located across from the 580 Marketplace). Chef Joseph Sotello and his crew will be serving a five course family style dinner of holiday ham. Red and white wine and soda are also included. Happy hour is at 6 p.m. Dinner is \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members. Make reservations by Friday, Nov. 2, by calling the Buon Tempo dinner line at 483-6929. For more information about events or membership, see our updated website at www.buontempo.org.

❖ Artful Steps 18th Annual Art Auction

The 18th Annual Art Auction and holiday craft sale will be on Friday, Nov. 9, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the 21st Amendment Brewery, 2010 Williams St. in San Leandro. The auction will feature collective works by artists from the Artful Steps program of Stepping Stones Growth Center. For more information, contact Missy Brooks, director of Artful Steps at mbrooks@steppingstonesgrowth.org.

❖ I.D.E.S. St. John Lunch & Bingo

I.D.E.S. St. John, 1670 Orchard Ave. in San Leandro, will host a turkey lunch and bingo on Saturday, Nov. 10, at noon. Tickets are \$15 and include lunch and four bingo cards. Extra cards are 25 cents each. For tickets, call Darlene at 589-6536, Willie at 635-6326 or Frances at 886-1568.

❖ Resources Information Session & Job Fair

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❖ 4-H Club's Next meeting

Come see what 4-H is all about at The Redwood 4-H Club's next meeting on Thursday, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. at Canyon Middle School in Castro Valley, in the cafeteria. 4-H is for Boys and Girls, ages 5 to 18. Besides animal projects, they have needle works, archery and more. Other opportunities include life long friendships, weekend retreats about government and leadership, outrageous summer camp, team work, public speaking, county fair showings, volunteerism. For more information, go to www.redwood4H.org or call Karen at 566-3672.

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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Keep your feelings to yourself as you work through an awkward circumstance. Complaining is useless, and also unwise since your words could come back to haunt you.



TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): A sudden flash of Bovine practicality shows you how you might be able to turn your artistic pursuits into a profitable venture. A spouse or partner offers some sage advice.



GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Be prepared with several "Plan Bs" that you might have to use as backups just in case you encounter some troublesome complications with your carefully constructed schedule.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): You might think you'll never have a free moment again with the demands of the workplace piling on. Cheer up. The pressure eases as holiday time nears. An old friend brings good news.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): Your Leonine pride might make it difficult to offer an apology to a co-worker you unintentionally offended. But a quick and sincere "I'm sorry" could prevent problems down the line.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): This is a good time to tackle those backed-up chores that have kept you from moving into other, potentially more worthwhile projects. A personal matter needs your attention.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): You usually have no problem rushing to the defense of someone you perceive as being treated unjustly. But perceptions could be deceiving this week. Check the facts before you act.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): Before you point fingers at who might be to blame for the unexpected change in your plans, take a few moments to reflect on how this turn of events might be a blessing in disguise.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): You seek out advice in the first part of the week. But be careful not to let counsel from others overshadow your own sense of perception. Things become clearer by the week's end.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): The trusted colleagues you relied on earlier continue to offer support with your project. But you take more control, and by the week's end, you should be in full command.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Rely on your practical side while exploring investment possibilities. Caution is still your watchword in these matters. Your social life takes a gratifying turn by the week's end.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): An already confusing situation appears to grow murkier during the first part of the week. But it all starts to clear by the week's end. Plan to spend the weekend with someone special.

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

Money: Just generous citizens trying to help democracy work

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\$2,500 from state treasurer John Chaing.

Lee's expenditures include \$11,000 for campaign literature and mailings, \$5,800 for postage, \$4,800 for newspaper advertising, \$4,800 for campaign paraphernalia, \$3,500 for digital ads, \$2,000 for voter guide cards, \$1,400 for graphic design, and \$150 for robocalls.

Pauline Cutter

Incumbent Mayor Pauline Cutter has \$40,000 in contributions and \$21,000 in expenditures.

Cutter received a lot of union support including \$3,400 from Sheet Metal Workers' Local 104, \$1,500 from the San Leandro Police Officers' Association, \$1,000 from Construction & General Laborers Local Union 304, \$2,500 from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 595, \$1,000 from Operating Engineers' Local 3, and \$1,000 from the firefighters' union.

Like Lee, Cutter received \$2,000 from Cal-Coast's Miller and \$2,500 from the Chamber of Commerce.

Cutter also received \$2,000 from restaurant owner Ken Zhu and \$1,000 from Daniel Grace, founder of Harborside, the cannabis company set to open a dispensary in San Leandro.

Cutter's expenditures include \$12,500 for campaign consulting, \$3,200 for literature and mailings, \$2,500 for campaign paraphernalia, \$1,900 for internet costs, and \$1,000 for office expenses.

Jeremy Shafer

Mayoral candidate Jeromey Shafer's campaign finance statement is a bit unusual because he is acting as a de facto treasurer for his fellow "clean slate" candidates. Shafer appears to be claiming donations and expenses for the group under his name.

This unique filing has caused former City Councilman Mi-

chael Gregory to file a complaint against Shafer with the California Fair Political Practices Commission, which is now being considered.

Shafer lists \$26,000 in campaign contributions including a \$15,000 loan to himself and just under \$22,000 in expenses.

The slate's fundraising slogan was "\$99 from the 99 percent," an amount which is just under the \$100 threshold when a candidate must report the name of the donor, though Shafer did list around 50 \$99 donors on a separate filing.

Dan Dillman

Mayoral candidate, Dan Dillman, didn't file a campaign finance statement because he received and spent less than \$2,000, so filing is not required.

District 1

In the race for the District 1 City Council seat, incumbent Deborah Cox claimed \$9,000 in contributions and \$2,000 in expenditures, though the total doesn't include all last minute contributions received in late October. Cox filed separate late contribution statements claiming them.

Among the contributions was \$1,000 from Terra Tech, a cannabis agriculture company that merged with Blum, another company that plans to open a dispensary in town.

Cox also received \$2,500 from the Chamber of Commerce, \$2,000 from Ed Miller of Cal Coast, \$2,000 from the sprinkler-fitters' union, \$1,000 from the Bay Area Citizens PAC, \$1,000 from the San Leandro police union, and \$1,000 from the firefighters' union.

Challenger Ken Pon lists \$20,000 in contributions and nearly \$18,000 in expenditures.

Contributions include a \$5,000 loan to himself and \$5,000 from restaurateur C.C. Yin. Pon had several \$100 contributions from individuals and also received \$1,000 from My Vote

Counts PAC, and \$500 from Asian Pacific Caucus of the the Alameda County Democratic Party, and \$500 from the Asian Americans for Good Government PAC.

Pon's expenses included nearly \$13,000 in printing and mailing costs.

District 1 candidate and slate member Eva Arce lists \$1,900 in contributions including a \$1,200 loan from herself. She listed \$4,500 in expenditures, including \$2,600 for mailings.

District 3

Incumbent Lee Thomas claims \$23,000 in contributions and just under \$14,000 in ex-

penditures.

Like Cox, Thomas received \$1,000 from Terra Tech, the cannabis company set to open a dispensary in San Leandro and \$2,000 from Ed Miller of Cal-Coast. He also received \$2,500 from the Chamber of Commerce.

Thomas also had some union support: \$3,000 from the sprinkler fitters' union, \$1,900 from the sheet metal workers, \$1,500 from the Northern California Carpenters' Regional Council, and \$1,000 from the firefighters' union.

Thomas lists his expenses as \$3,000 on campaign consulting, \$2,500 for campaign paraphernalia, \$1,900 for literature, and

\$1,000 for office supplies.

Opponent and slate candidate Victor Aguilar lists \$1,930 in contributions and \$4,700 in expenditures, including \$3,000 for printing.

District 5

In the District 5 City Council race, incumbent Corina Lopez had \$44,000 in contributions including a \$12,000 loan to herself and just under \$21,000 in expenses.

Like other incumbents, Lopez got \$2,500 from the Chamber of Commerce, \$2,000 from Ed Miller of Cal Coast and \$1,000 from Terra Tech (Blum). Lopez also got \$2,000 from David Irmer, the

developer of the Trinet Building and Village Marketplace

Lopez's union support included \$1,500 from the carpenters regional council, \$1,500 from construction and general labor local 304, and \$1,500 from International Union of Painters, \$1,000 from the sheet metal workers, and \$1,000 from the firefighters union.

Lopez's expenses included \$13,500 in literature and mailings, \$2,000 for campaign consulting, and \$1,200 for a voter guide.

Challenger and slate candidate Maxine Oliver Benson claimed \$4,360 in contributions, see MONEY, page 16

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AUTOMOTIVE

Driving Outlander is a Clean Dream

By Steve Schaefer
San Leandro Times

There are many options for plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEVs) on the market, but all-wheel-drive crossovers haven't been among them—until now. Mitsubishi brings its past experience in electrification, all-wheel drive, and SUVs to the new PHEV version of its Outlander.

The brand once sold the popular Montero SUV here, so it's not new territory. This new Outlander PHEV has that same strong, competent feel, but now with much greater efficiency.

The drivetrain mates a 2.0-liter, 117-horsepower gasoline engine with a pair of 60 kW motors.

One motor is mounted up front, by the engine, while the other sits in back, below the rear cargo area. Each provides energy to its own axle, while the Electric Motor Control Unit coordinates them for effective all-wheel drive.

The system uses a 12-kWh lithium-ion battery, tucked beneath the floor in a sealed container between the front and rear axles. Its 80 cells supply an all-electric range of 22 miles.

Plug-in hybrids offer more flexibility than pure electrics. I drove my 18-mile commute using almost no gasoline—on a couple of days, it was zero. My in-town errands also consumed little fuel. But if I wanted to take a long trip, I'd be using the engine mostly, with an EPA range

of 310 miles. In all situations, the motors and engine moved the 4,178-pound vehicle along without any apparent strain, and in EV mode, in blissful silence.

There are three automatic power modes. EV Drive mode is 100 percent electric, perfect for commuting and local errands. If the battery runs low, a second, Serial Hybrid mode runs the engine as a generator to charge up the battery. In Parallel Hybrid mode, the engine drives the vehicle, while the battery charges from coasting or braking, as usual. It's ideal for most freeway cruising.

You can select other modes yourself. ECO Mode reduces fuel and electricity use. Battery Save mode runs the car as a hybrid to retain battery power for later. Battery Charge mode runs the engine as a generator to add charge to the battery for either a future EV Mode drive or supplemental power for the engine for an uphill climb, for instance.

The Outlander PHEV comes with Super All-Wheel Control, an advanced system that made the Lancer such a great handling car. It's part of what puts the car in a unique spot in the marketplace.

All electric cars, including hybrids, PHEVs, and all-electric vehicles, use regeneration to help



The Touring Package found in the 2018 Outlander includes Forward Collision Mitigation (FCM), Adaptive Cruise Control and automatic high beams.



The interior avoids trendy angles and edges for a satisfying, high-quality ambiance, with gently rounded shapes and attractive "wood" and silvery textures.

recharge the battery. This normally happens while coasting or braking. The Outlander PHEV offers six levels of regeneration that you can select using steering wheel paddles.

The EPA numbers are 74 MPGe for driving with battery/motors plus engine and 25 mpg with the engine only. The EPA Green scores are 7 for Smog and 8 for Greenhouse Gas.

Beyond all the tech stuff, the Japanese-built Outlander is a very pleasant place to be. The leather on the very comfortable seats was handsome, as it was on

the steering wheel. The interior avoids trendy angles and edges for a satisfying, high-quality ambiance, with gently rounded shapes and attractive "wood" and silvery textures.

The 7-inch center screen looks small by today's standards but works fine. The 710-watt Rockford Fosgate audio system pumped out lots of high-quality sound, controlled by steering-wheel-mounted buttons.

The Outlander's exterior looks like an SUV should. The company's latest style template means a busy chrome-trimmed front end and some fanciful tail-lamp iterations, but the overall shape blends in with today's hottest trends. My Ruby Black Pearl test car wore PHEV decals, and also California EV stickers, so I could ride in the carpool lane and pay half-price bridge tolls.

You have three ways to charge. Standard household current (Level 1) will do it in under eight hours, while Level 2 chargers will finish the job in less than four hours. The car

comes standard with DC fast charging—and is the only PHEV on the market to have it. It's good for 80 percent of battery capacity in about 25 minutes.

The Outlander PHEV comes in two trims: SEL S-AWC and GT S-AWC. The SEL starts at \$35,535, while the GT, like my test vehicle, is \$41,235 (prices include shipping). My tester totaled \$42,225 with a few extras, including the new paint color. The GT upgrade includes a handy multi-view camera system, sunroof, and the powerful audio system.

Mitsubishi's profile in the U.S. market has diminished in recent years as its product portfolio has shrunk. However, the Outlander, already a fine crossover, now shines as a PHEV. It combines room for five, generous cargo space, handsome styling, and high efficiency. If you drive locally and charge diligently, you will enjoy an all-electric car most of the time. But since it's a plug-in hybrid, you can take the Outlander anywhere, anytime.

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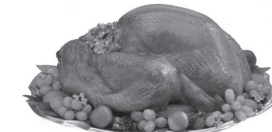
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She Kills Monsters, Edgy Dramatic Comedy at SLHS

By John Sheridan
Special to the Times

The San Leandro High School Theater department will produce the award winning play *She Kills Monsters*, the first two weekends in November at the San Leandro Performing Arts Center, 2250 Bancroft Ave.

The SLHS theater department promises this will be an edgy play, not the standard high school production, with thought-provok-

“In today’s climate, where awareness of everyone’s differences is important, this play is completely on topic.”



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Left to right: Kennedy Henselmann, Maya Sangster-Young, Rosemary Che, Angel Brown and Abel Lopez Mora take center stage at the San Leandro High School production of *She Kills Monsters* by award winning playwright Qui Nguyen.



Gabe Reyes and Sam Fehr rehearse a scene from *She Kills Monsters* by Qui Nguyen, opening Friday at the San Leandro High School Performing Arts Center.

ing themes to help the community connect with larger issues we face today.

Performances are on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 2 and 3, at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 4, at 2 p.m. Show times are the same on the following weekend, Nov. 9 through Nov. 11. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$5

for students.

She Kills Monsters is definitely not in the vein of *Arsenic and Old Lace*. In Qui Nguyen’s story, we meet Agnes, who is dealing with the death of her mother, father, and younger sister, Tilly.

Going through her family’s belongings, Agnes discovers Tilly’s game scenario guide to

“Dungeons and Dragons,” a role playing game with which she is not even remotely familiar.

As Agnes discovers the different layers to her sister by playing Tilly’s game quest, Agnes not only discovers a sister she never really knew, but she discovers herself.

The play reflects our society, the complications, the difficult choices and uncertainty we all face every day. The themes in this play are meant to provoke thought and, more importantly, conversations, which are long time goals of the drama program.

Nguyen’s vision is being brought to life by several show producers: director and San

Leandro High theater teacher John Sheridan, dramaturge Kat Porter, and professional puppeteer and teaching artist Jesse Vail.

The production stars Angel Brown as Agnes, and Rosemary Che as Tilly, her dead sister – who she is able to see and interact with only during a *Dungeon and Dragons* adventure.

The show relies heavily on strong lighting, sound and visual effects, but the nature of the play requires a certain degree of sensitivity be emphasized all along the process.

This was evident by the fact that an actual ‘intimacy/sensitivity counselor’ was brought in during the rehearsal to help the student actors deal with the

themes in the play that might be very new to this age group. In today’s climate, where awareness of everyone’s differences is so important, this play is completely on topic.

Another unique feature of the play is the requirement for realistic looking fight scenes. Certified stage fight choreographer, Sydney Schwindt, was brought in to teach the actors how to fight with

weaponry and to understand the potential dangers even when you are simply trying to simulate a fight scene on stage.

To purchase tickets online go to <https://www.sanleandroperformingartscenter.com/events>

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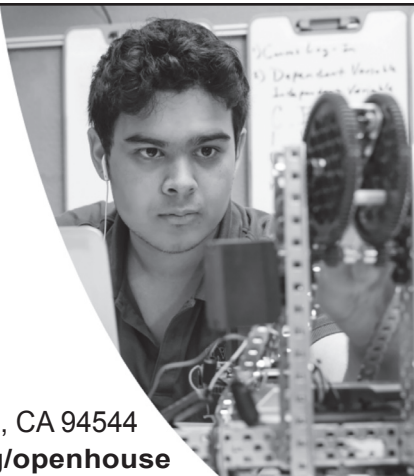
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Other opportunities include life long friendships, weekend

retreats about government and leadership, outrageous summer camp, team work, public speaking, county fair showings, volunteerism. For more information, go to www.redwood4H.org or call Karen at 566-3672.

Volunteers to Sheet-Mulch at Chabot Park

Friends of San Leandro Creek will sheet-mulch at Chabot Park at the end of Estudillo Avenue on Saturday Nov. 3, from 10:30 a.m.

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GUEST COMMENTARY



Preventing Ghoulish Finds When Buying a Home

Backing their moving truck into the driveway of their new home, as a couple dismounted, they were greeted by a person saying, "Hi, I'm your next-door neighbor – welcome to the neighborhood! They told you about the murder, right?" As the couple looked at each other with shock, the neighbor, gauging their looks, added, "Oh dear ... I guess they didn't, huh?"

Spooky or ghoulish surprises may be OK for Halloween, but not when you are moving into your new digs. Past deaths, crimes or even purported paranormal activities can all cast gloom on a purchase. How do you uncover "creepy" details before finalizing the deal? Here are our Top 4 ways:

1. Ask pointed questions.

While the law requires sellers to disclose any death on the property within the past 3 years, it does not require them

to reveal specific details. Additionally, some sellers interpret the law as any death 'inside' the home versus one that may have occurred outside. For some buyers, this level of information is not enough. If prior deaths are a concern, dig deeper. Ask, "Are you aware of ANY death that has occurred anywhere on the property?" If the answer is "Yes", then ask additional probing questions, such as, "Can you clarify the date and method of death?"

2. Examine disclosures in a timely manner.

Ideally, any home you are looking to purchase will have the disclosures available for you to examine before writing an offer. Where this is not the case, carefully read the disclosures once they are available and ask pertinent questions prior to removing your inspection contingency. If you are unhappy with any response, you can cancel the transaction. Once you have removed all your contingencies, it is too late. If, however, after removal of the inspection contingency, the seller or their agent provide hitherto undisclosed adverse conditions materially affecting the property, you then have the right to cancel the contract.

3. Query the neighbors.

Knock on doors around your potential home and ask the neighbors if they are aware of any adverse information. In most cases, nearby residents are more than willing to share. If you uncover undisclosed information, go back to the seller and

ask for clarification.

4. Run an online search.

Google the address to see what comes up. Pay specific information to any news-related articles that may appear.

Avoid surprises. Perform due diligence and then sleep soundly at night!

Carl Medford is a licensed Realtor with Keller Williams Realty and a licensed general contractor. This article is sponsored by the Central County Marketing Association.

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Do-It-Yourself Furnace Maintenance

By Samantha Mazzotta
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

While it's important to have a heating professional check your system at the start of fall or winter, you can handle some maintenance tasks in between that will keep your system in good shape and reduce the number of more expensive repairs you may need later.

First, make sure the air filter is changed monthly during heating season. To improve air intake further, vacuum away dust from the outer cabinet door.

Vacuum the air registers in the house to remove dust and make sure nothing is blocking them, like furniture or dropped items.

Within the unit, clean the blower or fan inside by turning

off the heating system completely. Access the fan compartment and clean either the blower or fan blades (depending on your system) with a bottle brush. Using a vacuum with a hose attachment makes picking up the dust bunnies easier.

Beyond the heating unit, visually inspect the air ducts and make sure they're in good shape, not damaged or loose.

If a duct is loose where two of them meet, reattach snugly using sheet metal screws. Seal the seam with aluminized tape, pressing out air bubbles, so that air flows smoothly through the duct without leaking.

Home Tip: To add warmth and humidity to your home in winter, leave water in the tub after a bath until it has completely cooled, then drain.

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Natural fall decor

Leaves that display fall color can be collected and dried between the pages of a large book for 1 to 2 weeks. When dry, spray with sealer for a glossy appearance, then let dry. String together to drape across walls, windows, doorways and mantles.

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By **Buzz Bertolero**
The Dirt Gardener

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A There is no set time that you cannot transplant or transfer a hydrangea. It's preferable to do it when the temperatures are cool. So, now through May is a good time to transplant.

It's important to note that your plant is probably one of the newer varieties. These varieties bloom both on the new and old wood, so there aren't any precautions when pruning.

This isn't the case with varieties planted in the last century as they bloom only second-year wood. With those varieties, prune off the spent flowers and stems as close to the ground as you can get and prune the rest of the growth lightly to shape it.

If you prune it too severely, you remove the flowering growth, and

they don't bloom again until the following year. Hydrangeas can be pruned at the time you transplant or at another time. The typical time to prune is late fall through March or after a flush of flowers. If you prune too late in the spring, the flowering cycle will be disrupted and they'll bloom much later than normal.

Buzz Bertolero is an Advance California Certified Nursery Professional. The Dirt Gardener's website is www.dirtgardener.com and questions can be sent by email to buzz@dirtgardener.com or on Facebook at [Facebook.com/BuzzBertolero](https://www.facebook.com/BuzzBertolero) or on Facebook at [Facebook.com/BuzzBertolero](https://www.facebook.com/BuzzBertolero).



WEEKEND GARDENER

Flowers

Perennials for next spring and summer can be planted from nursery stock now. Look for seedlings of candytuft, columbine, cineraria and Sweet William. Take care of chrysanthemums by dusting for pests and staking for support. Stop pinching them out at the tips. There is still time to plant bulbs for a brilliant display of spring flowers.

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Prepare the vegetable plot and get ready for winter gardening. You can plant radishes, spinach, cabbage, lettuce, broccoli, carrot, beat and much more.

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Editorial: October 24, 2018

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Complaint: Nitpicking or playing by the rules?

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involvement is a direct result of his group's strong advocacy for rent control.

A letter from the FPPC dated Oct. 19 is addressed to Shafer, District 1 City Council candidate Eva Arce, District 3 City Council candidate Victor Aguilar, and District 5 City Council candidate Maxine Oliver-Benson. In the letter, the FPPC briefly describes nine alleged violations.

The FPPC goes on to say they have not made any determination as to whether there are grounds to investigate the complaint and they will respond within 14 days with a notice of intent to investigate, or refer the complaint to another governmental agency, or take no action. That 14 day period ends this Friday.

Gregory and Silva's complaint lists nine different alleged violations, many stemming from the fact that Shafer has been filing financial statements on behalf of the entire slate, confusing who has received which contributions and made which expenditures.

Shafer counters that the complaint is essentially nit-picking. In one instance, he divided the cost of coffee by four instead of three when one of his peers didn't



Michael Gregory

attend a meeting. In another, he says his math was off by \$6 and he's happy to correct the error.

But another part of the complaint alleges that because a recent mailer sent out by the slate candidates had a perforated detachable card for people to bring to the polls as a voter guide, this makes the group a "slate mailer organization" which would then require different financial reporting.

Another part of the complaint says that Shafer is maintaining the website www.freshcleanslate.org but hasn't reported any website-related spending on his disclosure forms.

Shafer countered that he did

all his web design himself, so there was nothing to report.

"I don't know where they (Gregory and Silva) are coming from in all of this," said Shafer. "I do know that at an event a while back, Michael Gregory indicated that he'd be very eager to find any and all errors in our financials. He told us he'd be combing over them."

As for why Gregory, who termed out of office in 2014, would want to do that, Shafer said it's because he and his fellow slate members present a threat to the status quo at City Hall where he says developers like Silva are pulling the strings of the council.

The slate responded to the complaint by creating a flyer that shows a cartoon depiction of Silva acting as a literal puppet-master pulling the strings over the Council dais with Benny Lee, Lee Thomas, and Pauline Cutter's names highlighted.

"I think it's clearly a politically motivated action because we support rent control," said Shafer. "It was obvious from the beginning that Silva opposed us."

But Silva denies any political motivations, saying that he only wants to see the slate follow the same rules every candidate is



Jeromey Shafer

bound to.

"All the things the fresh clean slate have done have been in violation of rules," said Silva. "If you are going to participate in democracy, you have to participate according to the rules."

Gregory didn't return calls for comment.

As for why Silva and Gregory worked together to file the complaint, Silva says they've known each other for decades and they both are simply interested in keeping the election fair.

"We both noticed the violations and were concerned that they are riding roughshod over rules and procedures," said Silva. "If you want to be a part of the group that runs San Leandro, you've got to play by the rules."

SLZ School Board Must Pick One New Member

The San Lorenzo school board will pick a new member this Friday, since no one is running for one of the two open seats on the board on Nov. 6.

For the 2018 General Election, San Lorenzo Unified School District had one candidate interested in the two school board member seats up for election. So the other seat must be filled by appointment. This appointment must take place prior to the Nov. 6 General Election or the district will have to hold a Special Election which may cost at minimum \$200,000.

The San Lorenzo Unified School District governing board is seeking candidates to fill a soon-to-be vacated trustee position through appointment. The appointee will serve the four-year term effective Friday, Dec. 7, through the next general election in November 2022.

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Interviews will be conducted in open session at a meeting of the board on Friday, Nov. 2, at 6:30 p.m. The public will have an opportunity to comment. The governing board will deliberate and make a selection during the open session.

LOCAL DEATHS

BECK, David Neal
CONNOLLY, Varnetta L.
GIMENEZ, Laura L.
SILVA, Florentina

■ David Neal Beck passed

away on Friday, October 26, 2018 at Kaiser Santa Clara. David was with his loving wife of 50 years Linda, daughter Vanessa, and son-in-law Jason at the time of his passing. David

was born in Chicago, Illinois on March 1st, 1939 to his parents Raymond and Elizabeth Beck.

David was preceded in death by his sister Susan Drummond. He is survived by his wife Linda Beck, daughter Vanessa Beck, son-in-law Jason Abbott, sister-in-law Susan Harkless, sister-in-law Sharron Florczak and neph-

ew Marc Drummond. Friends and Family are gathering for a memorial service at Santos-Robinson Mortuary in San Leandro at 2 p.m. on Thursday, November 1st, 2018.

■ **Laura L. Gimenez** passed away on October 21, 2018 at the age of 62. A Memorial Service celebrating her life will be held at Santos-Robinson Mortuary, 160 Estudillo Ave., San Leandro, on Saturday, November 3, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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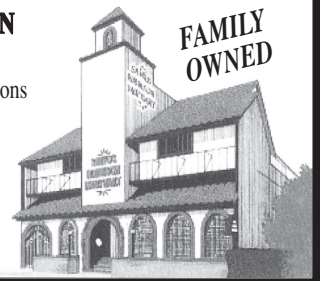
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Florentina Silva passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Monday, October 29th, 2018. She was 79 years old.

Florentina was born in the Azores, on the island of Pico. She called San Leandro her home for over 40 years. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She enjoyed cooking delicious Portuguese meals and crocheting beautiful blankets and tablecloths.

She is survived by her siblings in the Azores: Ivelina, Marcolino, and Malvina — her husband: José — her three children: Joe, Margarida, and Paul — and her grandchildren: Chris, Ben, Kathy, Ashley, Samantha, and Blake. She will be missed dearly.

Viewing will be held at Santos-Robinson Mortuary on Monday, November 5th from 12pm to 4pm. Rosary will be held at St Leander's Church on Tuesday, November 6th at 9am followed by mass at 9:30am with procession to Holy Sepulchre Cemetery afterwards. Loved ones may then proceed to the family residence for refreshments.



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Varnetta L. Connolly

Varnetta L. Connolly of San Leandro passed on October 28, 2018. Dearly beloved wife of the late James Connolly. Loving mother of Daniel Connolly and Patricia Connolly, both of San Leandro and the late Patrick Connolly. Cherished daughter of the late Adino and Mary Serafini. Dear sister of the late Alfred Serafini and the late Jeannie Chambers. Devoted grandmother of Daniel Christopher Connolly. A native of Oakland, CA. Age 88 years.

Friends are invited to attend a Funeral Liturgy celebrating her life on November 5, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Felicitas Church, 1662 Manor Blvd., San Leandro. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Hayward.

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LETTERS to the EDITOR

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Cassidy Sees Risk that St. Rose Hospital Might Close

Editor:

It was my great honor and privilege to serve as your mayor. I believe in the value and importance of public service. That is why I am running for the Eden Health District Board.

With the support of then Council member Pauline Cutter, my other colleagues on the City Council, and Supervisor Wilma Chan, we helped save San Leandro Hospital from closure. Today St. Rose Hospital in Hayward is at risk of closure. This would be terrible for Hayward as St. Rose provides the city's only emergency room. It would also have a negative spillover impact on San Leandro as our hospital emergency rooms would become overcrowded.

Regardless of the outcome of my campaign for the Eden Board, I remain first and foremost a San Leandro resident. My wife and I are raising our children here. We hope the voters will continue to support our public schools by voting Yes on Measure I.

San Leandro has improved tremendously over the past decade due to the investments we have made in our public schools. Finally, I encourage voters to support the re-election of Mayor Pauline Cutter, whether you list her as your first, second or third choice. It's vital that we continue to have a mayor of integrity who is committed to putting the interests of San Leandro first.

—Stephen Cassidy, San Leandro

Endorses Lee for Mayor: 'Demonstrated Leadership'

Editor:

I had the honor of serving on the City Council with Benny Lee from 2012 through 2014 and endorse him for Mayor to move San Leandro forward with integrity.

Benny has demonstrated his ability to evaluate, understand and communicate his thoughts and positions without hesitation on simple and complex issues.

My experience with Mayor Cutter leaves me believing: Mayor Cutter, simply stated, is stifling San Leandro's progress of moving forward by not leading or prioritizing pivotal projects; Mayor Cutter has added so much to the CIP and has not put any priorities on key projects because she's inexperienced in the reality of getting things done; Mayor Cutter takes direction from city staff and does not lead on her own volition.

Because Mayor Cutter does not have the technology and innovation knowledge and experience as Benny, she fears making mistakes in this area without support and help.

The Shoreline Project was supposed to break ground in late 2015, early 2016. Mayor Cutter's vision of moving forward is more about her self-involved concerns than the good of San Leandro. Mayor Cutter's daughter was hired into a desired City position shortly after she was elected, and her son was hired by Harborside shortly after she approved them for a dispensary permit in San Leandro.

Benny has demonstrated his leadership by leading the charge for expanded free

Wi-Fi, technology improvements, air quality issues and pushing for the Shoreline Project to keep moving forward. Please join me in voting for Benny Lee for Mayor to move San Leandro forward with integrity.

—Diana Souza, San Leandro

Opposes Lee for Mayor: 'Too Many Conflicts of Interest'

Editor:

Benny Lee continues to misrepresent facts to further his agenda and those who fill his coffers. He has failed San Leandro and the Washington Manor area by not being actively engaged in his community, not just for the past photo opportunities used in his campaign. He is frequently absent at city functions, task force, and committee meetings that address vital issues and build community. This includes San Lorenzo Unified School District meetings in which children from his district attend. His talk of the Marina Shoreline Project is empty rhetoric of a councilman who has received \$10,000 in campaign donations from the developer, Cal Coast Companies, over the last three years (per city website disclosure of donors). This is within the span of his two terms as councilman of which he has not attended several of the Shoreline Development community meetings, four of which I have witnessed this failure. He uses terms like "collaborated" in reference to his aid in the technological progression of San Leandro. Collaboration is an expectation of a councilman, not a personal accomplishment. He misrepresented himself before the Oakland City Council in 2014 as speaking for San Leandro on his own personal support of California Waste Solutions. As a constituent and county commissioner in his district, I have experienced his failure to respond to emails and phone calls. Whether it is in regards to the accident prone intersection of Farnsworth and Lewelling, area crime, or an invitation to a community event, his lack of response speaks volumes. Benny Lee is a full time public employee with the County of San Mateo who currently serves as a non-existent part-time councilman. There are too many conflicts of interest for him to represent our community with integrity.

—Maria Magallon, San Leandro

Supports Cutter: 'City Has Reduced Costs, Balanced Budget'

Editor:

A recent letter to the Times accused Mayor Pauline Cutter of allowing the city budget to create a deficit due to the unfunded liabilities (i.e. money owed for retiree pensions). This is misinformation.

Under the current mayor, Pauline Cutter, the city has balanced the budget, reduced costs, and generated revenue, while investing in basic infrastructure improvements (roads, building repairs, parks). In addition, employee groups have agreed to increase their share of the pension contributions.

With similar enthusiasm, Mayor Cutter has worked with and for small businesses, labor unions, and working families by increasing minimum wage, implementing

tenant protections, and increasing housing in the city.

This is what we need in a mayor. Re-elect Pauline Cutter in November!

—Diana Prola, San Leandro

Questions Sierra Club's Support for Cutter

Editor:

I recently contacted the Sierra Club of the Bay Area and challenged their political endorsement of Pauline Cutter in the next election. What you read in last week's paper was their doubling down of support for the current mayor. Somehow the Sierra Club wants you to believe Mrs. Cutter is some great progressive champion of public transit and the environment when the facts indicate a very different story.

No one in the city of San Leandro had ever heard of me before I spoke out against Mrs. Cutter and her constituents in the Broadmoor as they tried everything they could to shut down the Rapid Bus project at the city limits 8 years ago. It's well documented on the Broadmoor Neighborhood Association email list that Mrs. Cutter's sole purpose for running for city council was to stop public transit improvements from coming to San Leandro and to preserve her left turn against traffic onto East 14th from Sunnyside Drive. After fighting so hard against Rapid Bus, now she says she's for it. That's very different than being a champion of public transit.

My question for the Sierra Club remains about their support of Pauline Cutter in this election, or any candidate for that matter, who is in favor of clear cutting 40 year old mature trees and paving over parkland for a housing development on our waterfront. This seems completely against everything the Sierra Club should be about. How is it possible that the Sierra Club is doing everything they can to stop the new A's ballpark at Jack London Square but could care less about the San Leandro waterfront? This doesn't make sense to me. But this goes to show how little the mayor, City Council and the Sierra Club really care about the environment in San Leandro.

As the bulldozers start destroying the golf course and all the mature trees are clear cut next year, remember the Sierra Club thinks it's a great idea. You don't get to sell off our waterfront and open space to developers, try to stop transit improvements and then call yourself an environmentalist Mayor Cutter.

—Gary Langbehn, San Leandro

Calls Cutter 'Full-Time Mayor' Who Cultivates SL's Visibility

Editor:

The City of San Leandro is blessed with having a choice of candidates running for Mayor this election season. I am impressed with the interest and passion for this City exhibited by all these candidates. Yet, interest and passion are not a substitute for experience and the ability to be our Mayor full-time.

As former Chief Innovation Officer and current resident of the proud City of San Leandro, I have had the pleasure to work with Mayor Pauline Cutter over the past four years. While a critical leadership position, the City does not compensate our Mayors for full-time work.

Despite that, Mayor Cutter has been able to devote herself full-time as Mayor. Her real-time availability was vital to my work in crafting a "tech and innovation ecosystem" in San Leandro: whether it

was her willingness and ability to meet with important visitors, to travel distances to speak at tech conferences about San Leandro's transformation or just to be available for staff consultation, Mayor Cutter has earned the respect of both city staff and our community.

Additionally, Mayor Cutter has earned the esteem of her elected colleagues at a regional and national level. As Past-President and current member of the Bay Area Air Quality Management Board, Mayor Cutter is at the table to advocate for sustainability and climate resiliency resources for San Leandro.

Nationally, she serves as Chair of the Women Mayors Leadership Alliance, convened in 1983 by Senator Dianne Feinstein to develop involvement and leadership potential for women mayors within the prestigious Conference of Mayors. Mayor Cutter has worked hard to cultivate San Leandro's visibility, leading to resources and grants that otherwise may have gone elsewhere.

Finally, I noted a bit of sarcasm in last week's San Leandro Times about Mayor Cutter's referral to our City as a "City of Kindness." Given the current state of our elected federal leadership — is asking for kindness as a core value too much to ask? Pauline Cutter has my support for re-election as Mayor of the City of San Leandro.

—Deborah Acosta, San Leandro

Supports Cox for Council: 'Votes For Best Interests of Our City'

Editor:

Deborah Cox is my First Choice for City Council District 1. Ms. Cox is my neighbor, but she is much, much more. Deborah has long been an active participant as a school volunteer in San Leandro. When I was the cross-country coach at Bancroft Middle School, there were more than 125 runners on the team. In a new volunteer role as Team Parent, Deborah arranged for food, shoes, transportation and other support for student athletes in need.

She is a co-founder of the San Leandro Education Fund in response to unmet needs of students in SLUSD. SLED is a multifaceted attribute to our school communities that continues to provide services for all students and Ms. Cox has retained a vital role as a Board Member.

As an elected official, Deborah Cox listens attentively, engages in thoughtful dialogue, and has voted according to her carefully assessed best interests of our city. We don't always agree, but she is responsive to constituents' interests and concerns. She maintains a deep concern about quality of life issues for San Leandro residents, including traffic, bicycle/pedestrian safety, environmental health, climate resilience and crime. This is a short list of a council member's responsibilities, but I have first hand experience in regards to these issues and Ms. Cox's involvement.

Deborah Cox deserves another term on the San Leandro City Council representing District 1.

—Maureen Forney, San Leandro

Calls for 'Yes' Vote on Prop. 10, Supports Fresh Clean Slate

Editor:

With Prop. 10 on the statewide ballot in California and a mayoral and city council candidates proposing rent control here in San Leandro, I think it's important for the voters in San Leandro to cut through the noise of the debate, which includes a lot of theoretical and controversial prognosticating about what rent

control ordinances would do to long-term housing availability and costs, to two essential questions: Are rents going up in San Leandro now and are San Leandro residents being priced out at this point in time? The answer to both questions is yes.

We have a housing crisis and our community has a moral obligation to our neighbors to provide reasonable protections against displacement. There are working families with children attending our schools and seniors on fixed-incomes that need protection against having their lives turned upside down because bigger pockets want their apartments.

This is about recognizing that our neighbors in San Leandro include people who can't afford to own their own homes. This is about whether or not a community treats its most vulnerable with decency.

Vote for the Fresh, Clean Slate: Jeromey Shafer for Mayor, and Eva Arce, Victor Aguilar and Maxine Olive-Benson for City Council.

Vote yes on Prop. 10.

—Ben Frager, San Leandro

Fresh Clean Slate: 'Just What's Needed to Protect Citizens' Welfare'

Editor:

What to think of the recent complaints filed by real estate developer and landlord lobbyist Tom Silva against the San Leandro campaign of Jeromey Shafer and The Fresh, Clean Slate? The old advice seems to be a good guide—"Follow the money."

These complaints are the work of people who benefit from the current status quo in the city, namely, no meaningful rent control, no clear campaign finance limits, little transparency about campaign contributions and lobbyists. For the campaign's strong and convincing rebuttal, see www.jeromeyshafer.com/nostrings.php.

Shafer's campaign for change has gained more and more traction and positive responses from civic-minded voters. This is an obvious politically motivated attempt by backers of the Slate's opponents to use the now very common tactic of distraction. They apparently hope that voters will not concentrate on the Slate's popular and fair-minded platform which highlights meaningful rent control and reducing the influence of money and lobbyists in local politics.

But I don't think that San Leandro voters are so easily fooled and distracted. I trust they will see that the election of Shafer and The Fresh Clean Slate is just what is needed to protect the stability and welfare of all San Leandro citizens, not just landlords, developers, and big campaign contributors.

—Lorri Foster, San Leandro

Support Cassidy for Eden Health District: 'Proven Track Record'

Editor:

My husband and I proudly support Stephen Cassidy's candidacy for Eden Health District Board trustee.

In addition to his commitment to our community as former San Leandro mayor, SLUSD school board trustee, and overall involved citizen, Stephen has a proven track record of informed, articulate, and thoughtful input in local issues.

Based on his success in helping to save San Leandro Hospital—an essential emergency room resource—from closure, he is uniquely qualified to address the current threats to Hayward's St. Rose Hospital as an Eden board trustee.

For the sake of local healthcare resources, please do cast your vote for Stephen Cassidy.

—Sarah Nash, San Leandro

Simon Challenges Incumbents for Seat on Oro Loma Board

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

A new challenger hopes to take a seat on the Oro Loma board of directors, as he faces three incumbents vying for three spots on the board up for election this Nov. 6.

Fred Simon

Fred Simon is running against incumbents Tim Becker, Rita Duncan, and Shelia Young for a spot on the board. The Oro Loma Sanitary District is the utility that handles waste and recycling and wastewater treatment for about 135,000 commercial and residential customers in parts of San Leandro, San Lorenzo, and Castro Valley.

Simon has a masters' degree in civil engineering from Stanford and has been a water civil engineer for over 20 years. He says that professional experience, plus his passion for his community, makes him the best choice.

"I have personally walked a few thousand homes in the Oro Loma service area over the past months and many are unaware of Oro Loma's major role in the health and quality of life of our residents," said Simon. "I

have managed major Bay Area water civil engineering projects with a clear understanding of fiscal responsibility and building relationships with other public agencies to pool resources for the good of the people."

Simon added that, if elected, he'd try to get board meetings moved from 3 p.m. to the evening so that working families can attend and get a better idea of how Oro Loma operates.

Tim Becker

Incumbent Tim Becker is currently the longest-serving Oro Loma Board member, having been appointed in 2007. He says that type of experience is key to keeping the utility running smoothly.

"I believe that institutional knowledge of an organization is an important asset to consider," said Becker. "Additionally, I have been an advocate for the horizontal levee project from its inception. It is a valuable tool when considering those possibilities for mitigating potential sea level rise due to climate change. It has the potential for literally changing the face of the Bay shoreline in a visually positive

way as opposed to considering using a hard armored approach by building concrete structures."

Becker, like all the incumbents, pointed out that Oro Loma's rates are among the lowest in the state.

"As a result of the decisions of very capable district staff and other board members, sewer rates remain the lowest of any other sewer district in the state of which we are aware," Becker said. "Additionally, we continue to receive awards for safety, innovation and efficiency from several organizations."

Rita Duncan

Incumbent Rita Duncan has been on the board for one term and says that during that time she is proud to have spearheaded an outreach program to educate the public about reducing the amount of waste that winds up in landfills as well as helping put a stop to illegal dumping.

Duncan said the issue became a priority for her when she learned that 184 18-wheelers from the Bay Area carry garbage to the landfill each day.

"I believe that if customers understand and use the tools

provided by Oro Loma, we can reduce the amount of waste going to landfill and support a better environment," said Duncan. "I am dedicated to developing policies and collaborating with other agencies to protect our environment for future generations by educating our customers."

Duncan, who worked for 30 years as a human resources professional, says her corporate background gives her a unique insight into cost benefit analysis.

"There is a lot more work that needs to be done and I want to continue pushing Oro Loma Sanitary District forward," said Duncan.

Shelia Young

Incumbent Shelia Young, a former mayor of San Leandro, says that not only should she be re-elected, Becker and Duncan should too, because the board is operating well as it is.

"This board works cohesively together and are all on the same page," said Young, who has been on the board for four years. "I firmly believe that my decades of government experience and local leadership positions make me a candidate worthy of re-election."

Young touted the horizontal levee as a major accomplishment of her board and said her goals for the next four years will include

doubling the rate of replacing aging sewer pipes and maintaining "our principal goal" of keeping costs down.

Eden: Hat in the ring

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Davis Street Family Resource Center board president Gordon Galvan, who have been profiled previously in this newspaper.

Other EHD candidates include Nicholas Harvey, who is running for a total of five local offices in next week's election. He says he decided to run for all five after finding his local representatives weren't listening. He has a degree in chemistry and a desire to shake up the board.

Candidate Mariellen Faria is a registered nurse and is a Hayward Planning Commissioner. She says that if elected, she'll use her medical background in combination with her experience in community activism to advocate for residents in the district.

And candidate Felix Martinez is a union representative for sanitation workers. He says

he decided to run after he took a loved one to St. Rose for treatment while wearing his Teamsters t-shirt and got to talking to St. Rose employees about how the hospital needs to improve union relationships. After that talk, and with his experience as a trustee for his union health insurance, he decided to enter the race.

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most of that from a \$3,600 loan to herself. She had \$4,170 in expenditures including \$2,600 in mailers and printing expenses.

The full candidate financial statements can be read on the City of San Leandro's website www.sanleandro.org, under the city clerk's tab.

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"Voters should elect representatives who best understand the city's finances... In each of the four city races, there was one standout who best met that criteria. CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1: Kenneth Pon." - East Bay Times

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