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PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Youth soccer players in Ashland took a lesson from coaches for the Real Madrid soccer team the Saturday before last on the field at Edendale Middle School.

Ashland Kids Learn from Real Madrid

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

Kids in Ashland took a soccer lesson on a recent Saturday in a program run by one of the greatest soccer teams in the world.

The Real Madrid Foundation Soccer clinic came to Ashland on June 9 and held a one-day clinic on the field at Edendale Middle School. The coaches teaching the clinic are traveling around the country

holding one-week clinics at different cities, including Oakland.

These 5-day clinics cost hundreds of dollars per player, but the 1-day course in Ashland was taught for free.

"This is a special day," said Miguel Miranda who helps run the Real Madrid program.

The training gives the kids some of the experience of the Real Madrid Academy.

The goal isn't just to teach soccer, but the values of the club as well, said Miranda.

All the kids are part of the Alameda County Sheriff's Activity League, which runs the soccer programs at the Ashland REACH Youth Center.

"We work with around 2,000 kids, and it's all free," said Nick Lusson who runs the Sheriff's Activity League soccer program.

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Marina to Be Demolished By Next Year

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

There will likely be no boats in the San Leandro Marina by this time next year, according to a report the City Council heard Monday night about the upcoming \$6.7 million "decommissioning" of the harbor.

The old harbor must be demolished before work begins on the Monarch Bay Shoreline Project. The project by developer Cal Coast includes plans for houses, apartments, a hotel, restaurants, and a pedestrian boardwalk around where the harbor is located today, and for kayaks and small boats rentals to be available.

The city will have to pay to remove the wooden docks, pylons, the foundation of the old Blue Dolphin restaurant, restrooms, and the harbormaster's office. Funding for the nearly \$7 million deconstruction project has already been set aside over the next two fiscal years' budgets, according to the city.

Councilman Lee Thomas, who sat on a citizen's marina committee before he joined the council, was pragmatic about the future of the marina.

"I think it's time to move forward," said Thomas. "We have a plan in place. I feel like we are just holding on to something from the past."

Even the people who keep boats in the harbor seem to be resigned to the idea that their days of sailing out of San Leandro are numbered.

Public Works Director Debbie Pollart said that the city stopped accepting new berth rentals in 2012 and occupancy is currently down to 18 percent (87 see *MARINA*, page 14

DA Says Don't Fall for Phone Scam

The Alameda County District Attorney's Office said they're learned of a recent attempted scam in which people are receiving calls on cell and home phones from someone claiming to be from the Alameda County District Attorney's Office.

The callers leave messages or speak to the individual answering the phone and addresses the call recipient by name and supplies a correct date of birth. The caller claims to be collecting on a payday advance loan with a case number and demands an immediate cash payment be wired or the person will face arrest, prosecution and wage garnishment.

But the Alameda County District Attorney's Office never calls with a demand for money or payment. Any such calls are a scam and the public is warned not

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Man Murdered in Downtown Plaza

Man stabbed by unknown assailant in front of Safeway; in another case, man pulls gun and fires at liquor store clerk

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

One man was killed and another remains in critical condition after a fight broke out in the Washington Plaza parking lot in front of Safeway late Tuesday night.

When police arrived at the parking lot at 1499 Washington Avenue at around 11 p.m., they found two men with stab wounds lying on the ground, according to Lt. Isaac Benabou of the San

Leandro police.

One man was pronounced dead at the scene and the other was taken to the hospital where he has undergone surgery and was in critical condition as of Wednesday morning.

The victims' identities have not yet been released.

Benabou said that police believe that a total of four men including the two victims were involved in the fight. He said that no motivation for the stabbing has

yet been determined. It appears the two victims knew each other and got into the altercation with two other men, but it's not known if they knew the suspects.

"We have no information as to what led to this altercation," said Benabou in a written statement. "Whatever the reason, nothing justifies taking another life. We send our deepest condolences to the victims' families for this senseless crime."

The two men who fled the

scene are wanted for questioning. Benabou said that detectives were able to speak with witnesses who gave accounts of the incident. Police are also currently going over video surveillance footage from the area.

Shot Fired at Liquor Store

San Leandro police are looking for two suspects after one of them shot at clerks at the 3-Ring Liquor store last week.

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Pets of the Week



Copper



Chester

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are Copper the dog and Chester the dog.

Copper is a neutered, 4-year-old who's ready to experience the world. Since everything is novel to him, he's a bit unsure of new things. With experienced guardians, he's sure to thrive. Okay

with teens.

Chester, a neutered, 1.5-year-old-pup, is a total goof ball and lover of belly rubs. He can get a bit overstimulated and become fascinated by his tail. Training would be beneficial to both him and his family.

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

Kids Summer Movies At San Leandro Museum

Kids Summer Movies at the Museum presents "Spirited Away" on Wednesday, June 27, at 1:30 p.m. at the San Leandro History Museum 320 W. Estudillo Ave.

Chihiro and her family stop to explore an abandoned amusement park in Japan when her

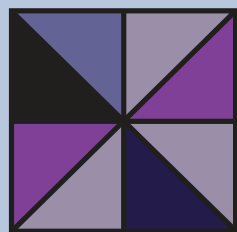
parents undergo a mysterious transformation. Chihiro quickly learns the park is a resort for supernatural beings and she must call upon her courage to free herself and her parents. (2001, PG, 2:15)

Free admission. Bring your own favorite movie snacks.



Three-peat for Assumption 8th Grade Beach Volleyball

The Assumption 8th Grade Boys' Sand Volleyball team won the Diocesan Tournament Championship for the third straight year. The Trojans finished the season with a solid 36-2 record. Assumption defeated St. Philip Neri of Alameda, 25-15, in the finals. The eighth grade team from left to right: Miguel Alanis, Paolo Olimpiada, Alessandro Montero, Marcus Donchuanchom, Thomas McCue, Jack Normart, James Peter Chiu, and Matthew Gerardi. Assumption's two 6th grade teams also performed well, placing first and second place respectively in the Diocesan Championship.



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READING TAKES YOU Everywhere!

Library 2018 Summer Reading Challenge

The Library has kicked-off the Reading Takes You Everywhere 2018 Summer Reading Challenge for children and adults to read, participate in activities or events, and compete for prizes. The challenge is ongoing until August 3rd and the public can still sign up! Those completing the challenge earn an invitation to celebrate at a special event. Programs include movie matinees, STEM programs, weekly story times, movies and DIY craft programs. To register or learn more, visit www.sanleandrolibrary.org or call the main library at 577-3960.



Fix-It Clinic

Saturday, July 14 • 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Main Library • 300 Estudillo Ave.

In partnership with CivicSpark, the City is hosting a Fix-It Clinic! Bring in broken items such as toasters, tools, fans or small appliances and volunteers & coaches will advise and help you repair them. This is a family-friendly, all-ages, do-it-together event! Interested volunteers with any fixing expertise may sign up to participate at <http://goo.gl/xS1MRK>. For more information, call 577-3971.

United 4 Safety Open House

Saturday, June 30 • 9:00am - 2:00pm
San Leandro Police Department
901 E. 14th St.



The Police Department would like to invite the public to their 7th Annual Open house as part of the United 4 Safety campaign. Tour the Police Department and observe special demonstrations by the Traffic Unit, K-9 Unit and SWAT team.

There will also be fun activities for children, photos opportunities with McGruff and a chance to "Dunk-a-Cop"! For more information, call 577-3228.

Gentle Flow Yoga

Senior Community Center
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The Senior Community Center is offering Gentle Flow Yoga classes by Certified Instructor Karen Castro for active seniors. Classes are on Tuesdays & Thursdays until August 30, 2018. Fees for a 4-class session are \$24 for residents and \$29 for non-residents.

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Softball Showdown

The Alameda County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Unit recently held a "Battle of the Bats: Badges vs. Beauties" softball game at the San Lorenzo Community Center Park against the San Lorenzo Heat Girls' Softball League's 11 to 12 year olds traveling team. The teams played just for fun and the girls even gave the deputies a trophy when it was over.

Guns Found During Stops

Earlier this month, San Leandro police found guns in three separate cases during traffic stops and police say 31 illegal guns have been found so far this year.

An officer on patrol conducted a routine traffic stop on June 10 just before midnight in the area of Davis Street and Doolittle Drive, according to Lt. Isaac Benabou of the San Leandro police.

One of the two people in the car was on probation which led police to do a search of the vehicle. A loaded gun and drugs were found. Both occupants were arrested.

The second gun was found during a similar traffic stop about 20 minutes later in the area of MacArthur Boulevard and Fortuna Drive. A man in the car was on probation, so officers searched the vehicle and they found a loaded handgun.

The third gun was found on June 13 around 10:45 p.m. during a stop on the 3000 block of Alvarado St. The driver of the vehicle did not have any identification and police asked him to exit the vehicle. The officer found that the man had a loaded gun in his waistband.

Illegally carrying a firearm in California is a misdemeanor unless other circumstances exist, making it a felony.

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Police Arrest Suspect with Connection to More Robberies

Police have arrested a man after he tried to rob the Chase bank in the Greenhouse Marketplace last week.

The robbery was reported on June 14 at around 4:45 p.m. and the suspect was in custody within the hour, police say.

When officers arrived to the bank at 699 Lewelling Boulevard, a teller told them that a man entered the bank with a note demanding cash but fled before receiving any money, according to Lt. Isaac Benabou of the SLPD.

Officers were able to get a description of the suspect and his car out to other law enforcement agencies.

About a half hour later, another robbery was reported to have just occurred at a Chase bank in another city by a man matching that description.

At around 5:45 p.m., a San Leandro cop spotted a car matching the suspect vehicle description on Bancroft Avenue near 90th Avenue in Oakland and pulled the driverover, Benabou said.

The driver matched the physical description of the robber and his clothing.

Later, a witness also identified him as the robber, police said.

"This was an example of excellent teamwork by all involved, including the neighboring agency who assisted in the investigation," said Benabou in a written statement. "A very observant police sergeant found the needle-in-a-haystack by locating the suspect and his vehicle."

Authorities believe that the

suspect may also be responsible for up to a dozen other bank robberies throughout the East Bay area.

San Leandro police detectives are now working with other law enforcement agencies in those jurisdictions, Benabou said.

The suspect is an Oakland resident whose name has not been released.

The suspect has been taken to Santa Rita Jail and the case will go before the Alameda County District Attorney this week.

Living History

All Children and Adults should hear Rita Goldhor tell her story of escaping the Nazi Army by fleeing Austria at age 11.

Sunday, June 24 at 10 a.m.

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June 23 & 24

Representing the hall this year will be "Big Queen" Nayeli DaSilva, daughter of Rebeca DaSilva and Fernando DaSilva (pictured left) and "Small Queen" Autumn Silva, daughter of David and Theresa Silva (pictured right).

Saturday's festivities will start at 8 p.m. with a dance and presentation of the queens and their court.

Sunday's festivities start at 10 a.m. with a parade to St. Leanders church. After the parade a traditional meal of sopas e carne will be served.

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The Biggest Little Library In San Leandro is Unveiled

Epiphany Lutheran Church on Carolyn Street in San Leandro unveiled its “Biggest Little Library in San Leandro” on Saturday, May 19. Pictured in the unveiling ceremony are (left to right) Kadi Babb, Rory Babb, Cheryl Bauch, Krista Kastriotis, Pam White, Debbie Zacharoff, Bryan Azevedo, and Pastor Adisa Armand of Epiphany Lutheran Church.

Watch World Cup Games at SL Library

The San Leandro Main Library will host free public screenings of the 2018 World Cup at the Library’s Lecture Hall, 300 Estudillo Avenue. Friday, June 22: Serbia vs. Switzerland, followed by *Pelé*. Friday, July 6: Teams to be

decided, followed by *Once in a Lifetime*.

The public has the opportunity to watch international soccer at its finest, wear their favorite jerseys, trade Panini soccer cards, and enter a raffle to win a football jersey from the Main Library’s Atrium Display.

FIFA Fridays is a part of the all-ages summer reading challenge, “Reading Takes You Everywhere.” The whole community is invited to register for this free program to receive prizes for participating. Prizes include invitations to free celebrations and \$10 library fine forgiveness vouchers.

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❖ **Free Lunch for Children 18 & Under**
The San Lorenzo Unified School District will feature its Summer Feeding Program for anyone age 18 and under during days when summer school is in session at the following two school sites and times: Bay Elementary School 2001 Bockman Road in San Lorenzo from June 19 to July 17 on Monday through Friday between 11:55 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; and at San Lorenzo High School, 50 Lewelling Blvd. in San Lorenzo, from June 19 to July 17 on Monday through Friday between 12:10 and 12:30 p.m. For more information on additional Summer Food Service Program Sites go to www.cde.ca.gov/ds/sh/sn/summersites.asp.

❖ **Free Concert at All Saints Church**
The After Hours Wind Quintet will present this season’s final free concert of classical chamber music at All Saints Episcopal Church, 911 Dowling Blvd., in San Leandro, on Tuesday, June 19, at 7 p.m. Featuring flutist Dr. Megumi Nomura, oboist Jason Williams, clarinetist Brian Wilmer, bassoonist Dan Shifren, and French hornist Dan Nebel, and joined by pianist Sam Bachelder. The group will present wind quintet classics by Carl Nielsen, Darius Milhaud, and Francis Poulenc. There will be a goodwill donation taken at the end of the performance to support the music program at All Saints Episcopal Church.

❖ **IDES St. John Holy Ghost Celebration**
IDES St. John, 1670 Orchard Ave. in San Leandro, will host its Holy Ghost celebration and parade on Saturday and Sunday, June 23 and June 24, to celebrate its 108th year. On Saturday, linguica sandwiches will be served at 7 p.m., followed by a dance at 8 p.m. with music by Victor Silva, and the Presentation of the Queens at 8:30 p.m. On Sunday at 10 a.m., the parade will form at the hall and proceed to Mass at 11 a.m. at St. Leander’s Church. After the parade a traditional meal of Sopas e Carne will be served, along with game booths and an auction.

❖ **Photographer John Johnson Exhibit**
The Hayward Area Historical Society, 22380 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward, will present the traveling exhibition of the images of African American photographer John Johnson from June 23 through Aug. 19. “Black and White in Black and White” is curated by Douglas Keister. Johnson photographed his friends and family in Lincoln, Nebraska between 1910 and 1925. Many of the people depicted in the photographs eventually migrated to California. Museum hours are Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

❖ **Mustangs & Cobras Car Show**
The Bay Area Mustang Association (BAMA) will host its annual Ponies & Snakes (Mustangs and Cobras) car show on Sunday, June 24, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at The Danville Liv- ery, 400 Sycamore Valley Road in Danville. The show is sold out with a hundred cars reg- istered. There will also be music, an awards ceremony and a raffle with many prizes with proceeds going to a local charity.

❖ **Tuesday Performances at Bayfair Center**
Bayfair Center, 15555 East 14th St. in San Leandro, invites the public to its Tuesday evening weekly performances, discounts, deals and family fun from June 26 through July

31. The shopping center will host a well-known local musician or magician each week in a free performance on Tuesdays from 5 to 8 p.m. Up- coming performers are: guitarist Tom Duarte on June 26, magician Chase Martin on July 3, Celtic dulcimer player Glenn Morgan on July 10, magician and story-teller Glen Micheletti on July 17, all-in-one musical entertainer Chaz Gunter on July 24, and jazz saxophonist Darryl Johnson on July 31.

❖ **Ramana Vieira & Ensemble**
Ramana Vieira of San Leandro and her ensem- ble will perform at the Freight & Salvage, 2020 Addison St. in Berkeley, on Wednesday, June 27, at 8 p.m. for an evening of the romantic, yet haunting rhythms of Fado, the folk music of Portugal. Tickets are \$20 at www.thefreight.org or \$24 at the door.

❖ **Movies at the SL History Museum**
Kids Summer Movies at the Museum presents *Spirited Away* on Wednesday, June 27, at 1:30 p.m. at the San Leandro History Museum 320 W. Estudillo Ave. Chihiro and her family stop to explore an abandoned amusement park in Japan when her parents undergo a mysterious transformation. Chihiro quickly learns the park is a resort for supernatural beings and she must call upon her courage to free herself and her parents. Winner of the 2003 Academy Award for Best Animated Feature Film by noted Japanese director Hayao Miyazaki. (2001, PG, 2:15) Free admission. Bring your own favorite movie snacks.

❖ **An Evening with Brian Copeland**
The San Leandro Public Library and Project Literacy invite the public to attend *An Evening of Stories and Laughter with Brian Copeland* on Saturday, June 30, with a dessert buffet at 7 p.m., followed by the show at 7:30 pm. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Tickets for adults 18 and over are now available for \$30 per person at the Main Library Circulation Desk, with payments accepted via cash or check only. The public is encouraged to purchase tickets in advance. All proceeds go to the Project Literacy Adult Reading Program. For more information, please call the Library’s Information Desk at 577-3971 or Project Literacy Coordinator Cinda Mariscal at 577-3944.

❖ **Boys & Girls Club Fundraiser**
The Boys & Girls Club of San Leandro will have its annual fundraiser at Drakes Brewing Company, 1933 Davis St. in San Leandro, on Friday, July 6, from 4 to 9 p.m. with an array of craft brews, food for sale and entertainment by Southern Cross and The Blend, playing a variety of classic rock music. A \$5 donation to the Boys & Girls Club is requested but not required for admission. Brew tasting is \$18 and includes a Drake’s logo mug and three tokens. For more information call 483-5581.

❖ **Davis St. Annual Backpack & Shoe Drive**
Davis Street needs your help collecting new sneakers, backpacks and supplies for over 400 low income and homeless children. Supplies and donations can be dropped off at 3081 Teagarden St. in San Leandro until Aug. 6. All donations are tax deductible. Shoes can be donated by purchasing a new pair or donating a \$25 gift card for children sizes or a \$50 gift card for older children’s sizes.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Before you adventurous Arians charge right into those new projects, take a little time to learn where you’ll be going so you can avoid getting lost before you get there.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your time is devoted to career demands through much of the week. But Venus, who rules your sign, might be planning how (and with whom) you’ll spend your weekend.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Don’t be put off by the surprising turn in the way your project is developing. You’ve invested enough time in it to know how to make all the necessary adjustments.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The work week goes smoothly for the most part. But a weekend visit to a place in your past could hold surprises for your future, especially where romance is involved.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A sudden attack of shyness for the usually loquacious Lion could be a sign that deep down you’re not sure enough about what (or whom) you had planned to talk up in public.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Deal with that job-related problem on-site -- that is, at the workplace. Avoid taking it home, where it can spoil those important personal plans you’ve made.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) It’s a good time to let those favorable comments about your business dealings be known to those in a position to be helpful. Don’t hide your light; let it shine.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Avoid added pressure to finish a project on deadline by steering clear of distractions. To put it somewhat poetically: Time for fun -- when your tasks are done.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You might be uneasy about an offer from a longtime colleague. But before you reject it, study it. You might be surprised at what it actually contains.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Deal firmly with a difficult family matter. It’s your strength they need right now. You can show your emotions when the situation begins to ease up.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A recent dispute with some co-workers might not have been completely resolved. But other colleagues will be only too happy to offer support of your actions.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Let go of that Piscean pride long enough to allow someone to help you with a surprising development. That could make it easier for you to adjust to the change.



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Our Readers Remember

The annual "Our Readers Remember" section is coming up on July 12. Our readers are welcome to send a photo or tell a story about a memory from days gone by. Email to JimK@ebpublishing.com or by regular mail to the San Leandro Times, 2060 Washington Ave., San Leandro, CA 94577. For more information, call 614-1557.

Ports End Dodgers Win Streak in Summer Youth Baseball Tourney

The San Leandro Dodgers and the San Leandro Ports hosted a 4-day tournament last week. Though the Dodgers got a winning streak going, the Ports won the championship game.

The Dodgers lost the opener to Watsonville, 2-1. Victor Hernandez and David Greene combined on a 4 hitter. Geene had a single and Devin Castro had the RBI.

The Dodgers won the second game, 1-0, over All Pro as James Rogge threw a 2-hit complete game. Daniel Pasillas had the only Dodger hit but it was a double in the bottom of the 7th to win the game. Gordon Reed scored the winning run.

The Dodgers beat Watsonville, 5-1, in the third game as pitcher Cam Weatherford got the win, allowing five hits.

At the plate for the Dodgers, Fidel Sanchez had three hits and scored 2 runs. David Greene had two hits as did Daniel Pasillas.

The fourth game, the Dodgers



beat APS, 8-1, with Noah Amaral throwing a 3-hitter. Devin Castro had 2 RBIs and Tyler Finamore had a single and a RBI.

The Dodgers beat Watsonville, 5-2, in the fifth game as Daniel Mendoza pitched for the win and also singled, scored a run and had an RBI. James Cardera had a single, stole a base, and scored a run. Sammy Hadley also

singled and scored once.

In the championship game, the Ports beat the Dodgers, 6-1, as David Greene singled, stole a base and had an RBI. James Cardera singled and scored our lone run.

The Dodgers were the youngest team in the tourney and played most games against college and junior college players.

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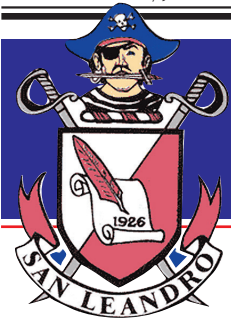
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Know Your Medicare Rights

By Greg Dill

Special to the Times

As a person with Medicare, you have rights whether you're enrolled in Original Medicare – in which you can choose any doctor or hospital that accepts Medicare – or Medicare Advantage, in which you get care within a network of health care providers.

Your rights guarantee that you get the health services the law says you can get, protect you against unethical practices, and ensure the privacy of your personal and medical information.

You have the right to be treated with dignity and respect at all times, and to be protected from discrimination.

You also have the right to get information in a way you understand from Medicare, your health care providers, and, under certain circum-



stances, Medicare contractors. This includes info about what Medicare covers, what it pays, how much you have to pay, and how to file a complaint or appeal.

Moreover, you're entitled to learn about your treatment choices in clear language that you can understand, and to participate in treatment decisions.

One very important right is to get Medicare-covered emergency care when and where you need it – anywhere in the United States.

If you have Medicare Advantage, your plan materials describe how to get emergency care. You don't need permission from your primary-care doctor (the doctor you see first for health problems) before you get emergency care.

If you're admitted to the hospital, you, a family member, or your primary-care doctor should contact your plan as soon as possible. You'll have to pay your regular share of the cost, or a copayment, for emergency care. Then your plan will pay its share.

If your plan doesn't pay its share, you have the right to appeal.

In fact, whenever a claim is filed for your care, you'll get a notice from Medicare or your Medicare Advantage plan letting you know what will and won't be covered.

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Greg Dill is Medicare's regional administrator for California. You can always get answers to your Medicare questions by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

Special Considerations for IRAs

By Gene L. Osofsky, Esq.

Special to the Times

Q My IRA is a significant part of my assets. Are there any special considerations I need to make?

A Yes. Consider the following:

Name Beneficiaries: Remember to name both primary and contingent beneficiaries. If you are married, the primary beneficiary would typically be your spouse, but name back-up beneficiaries as well.

If you and your spouse were to die around the same time, or if your spouse predeceased you and you had neglected to name contingent beneficiaries, your IRA would then go to your estate and be subject to probate.

"Stretch" Your IRA: If you do not need the funds in your IRA for retirement, but would rather preserve them for the younger beneficiaries, consider "stretching" your IRA: defer the start of your own minimum required distributions ("MRD's") until age 70.5, your mandatory start date, and then take out only the required minimums each year thereby leaving more in your IRA to grow tax-deferred.

When you die, your beneficiary can stretch distributions over his or her lifetime and even designate a second-generation beneficiary to continue the MRD's.

The younger the beneficiary, the smaller each distribution can be under IRS rules, allowing the remaining funds to grow tax-deferred.

This is called "stretching" an IRA and can result in several generations enjoying the fruits of your IRA legacy. However, make sure that your IRA custodian permits your first and second-generation beneficiaries to stretch-out their own distributions and also permits them to name their own beneficiaries. If yours does not, you might consider moving your IRA to a new custodian who is friendly to the stretch option.

If Beneficiary Is a Spouse: If you are married, let your spouse know that he or she has options: upon your demise, he or she can either (a) roll your IRA over into his or her own IRA and defer the start of ("MRD's") until your spouse's own age 70.5, or (b) transfer the funds to an inherited IRA and begin MRD's within a year of when you would have turned age 70.5.

In either case, your spouse can choose to "stretch" the MRD's over his or her own lifetime, thereby allowing the IRA to grow for the later benefit of downstream beneficiaries, e.g. your children.

Another option: if your spouse doesn't need the IRA to live on,

he or she can disclaim all or part of it, allowing that portion to pass immediately to your children who can then stretch the MRD's over their longer lifetimes.

Designate Separate Accounts for Each Beneficiary. If you designate, say, your three children as your contingent beneficiaries, your Beneficiary Designation form should direct your IRA custodian to create a separate account for each child when distributions begin. Otherwise, the MRD's will be based upon the life expectancy of the oldest child, thereby undermining the stretch option for the younger children.

Trust As Beneficiary?: In most cases, a trust would not be named as a primary beneficiary, but might be named as a contingent beneficiary. However, if your IRA is large or if you have special reasons for not wanting your beneficiaries to have unrestricted access to the IRA funds, ask your attorney to create a special trust, sometimes called a "conduit trust", to be the primary beneficiary of your IRA.

An IRA can be a valuable part of your estate plan, but the rules are complicated. Consult with your financial advisor and your attorney to learn your options and encourage your beneficiaries to do likewise down the road.

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Soccer: More fields needed in Ashland

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"It's the only one in Northern California that's free."

Lusson has taught in youth soccer clubs where kids – or their parents – pay from \$2,000 to \$5,000 a year. He and another coach decided they wanted to bring soccer skills to kids that don't have the means to join those expensive programs.

"We wanted to use soccer for a bigger objective," Lusson said.

Besides teaching, Lusson said another challenge he's facing is just finding fields in the area – where there is a shortage of parks and open space.

"Field space is a big problem," he said. "The Eden Area is under-parked. It's a big challenge trying to find new spaces."

The Sheriff's Activity League is part of a broader program by the Sheriff's Department involving sports, art, community economic development in the less affluent neighborhoods of the county.

The Sheriff's Office says that it's shifting form "an enforcement-driven model to a more holistic approach that takes into account community-level stressors and strengths-based solutions."

The Sheriff's Offices says the program is a national model. The Community Capitals model of economic development by the



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Kids in the Sheriff's Activity League tried out the skills they learned from the Real Madrid Academy coaches, including a goalie who's learned the valuable soccer skill of falling dramatically.

Sheriff's Office and the Deputy Sheriff's Activity League has:

- Launched Dig Deep Farms and Food Hub
- Expanded the DSAL Soccer League to over 2,000 players
- Advocated for the construction of the REACH Ashland Youth Center
- Created a community hub for the Hayward Adult School
- Built a mini-soccer park in a

vacant lot with volunteers

- Created Spanish-speaking Residents' Academies

- Supported development of the Ashland Community Association.

Scam: Report fraud to DA

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to wire or send money in response to such calls.

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call demanding payment may report the attempted fraud to the District Attorney's Office by calling 383-8600.

Senior Lunch Program Looking for Volunteers

Spectrum Community Services is in need of volunteers to assist with meal service at senior centers around the East Bay on Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Volunteers play a critical role in Spectrum's Senior Meals Program, which provides nutritious and affordable meals to seniors

60 and older at 26 meal sites in Alameda County. The program also provides a site where seniors can socialize.

The seniors frequently express their appreciation for the volunteers who make the meals possible.

For more information, call 881-0300, ext. 242.

San Lorenzo School District Offers Free Lunch for 18 and Under

The San Lorenzo Unified School District will feature its Summer Feeding Program for anyone age 18 and under, during days when summer school is in session, at the following two school sites and times:

Bay Elementary School 2001 Bockman Road in San Lorenzo from June 19 to July 17 on Monday through Friday between

11:55 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; and at San Lorenzo High School, 50 Lewelling Blvd. in San Lorenzo, from June 19 to July 17 on Monday through Friday between 12:10 and 12:30 p.m.

For more information on additional Summer Food Service Program Sites go to www.cde.ca.gov/ds/sh/sn/summersites.asp.

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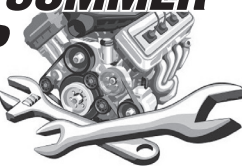
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Growing Divide In The Housing Market

By Carl Medford, CRS
Special to the Times

There is a growing divide in the housing market and it would be prudent for sellers to understand and respond accordingly.

It's old news that the current generation of buyers prefer move-in-ready homes and will pay a premium price for those few tastefully upgraded properties.

On the other end of the real estate spectrum are homes that are being snapped up by investors — typically dwellings on the rougher side of the scale that need extensive remodeling or renovations to realize their full market potential. These distressed properties are typically selling for substantially less than their fully renovated siblings.

And, therein is the issue: there is a gulf growing between the two types of properties causing a polarization in the market. Buyers are lining up in two fundamental categories: those looking to buy a fully upgraded property or those digging in the market bargain basement looking for a deal.

Homes on either side of the spectrum do very well. In contrast, in between these two categories lies a no man's land where buyers seldom venture — homes that show up in the middle often linger on the market as they get caught in the doldrums between the two contrasting winds in the market.

When I bought my first house, I was delighted to have a roof over my head. The home had some issues, but I knew I could fix it up while I lived in it.

Today's buyers do not think that way. In fact, the majority have absolutely no idea how to fix up a property, and the thought of going through renovations while living in their digs is anathema. Consequently, if they see a home they believe has issues, they will simply move on to something they like better.

We spend a good deal of time counseling potential sellers through this issue. Homes that sellers have lived in comfortably for years frequently do not meet the standards of today's buyers.

It is difficult for many seller wannabes to understand that tastes have changed dramatically and, with the advent of HGTV, the bar for what a home should look like has been raised dramatically.

It is perfectly understandable that a seller may want to put their home on the market as-is and hope to sell quickly at a great price. Unfortunately, homes that fit in the middle of the market may find it very difficult to attract a buyer willing to pay the price the owners want.

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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Mortgage Rates Rising Again

After declining for two straight weeks, mortgage rates reversed direction last week and rose to their second highest level this year.

The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 4.62 percent last week, up from 4.54 percent the week before.

Fifteen-year fixed rates averaged 4.07 percent, up from 4.01.

Five-year hybrid adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 3.83 percent last week, up from 3.74 percent.

RECENT HOME SALES

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1672 Brookside Drive	94577: \$480,000	3 BD - 1,196 SF - 1942
499 Estudillo Ave #107	94577: \$475,000	2 BD - 1,208 SF - 1981
1599 Hays Street #108	94577: \$375,000	2 BD - 814 SF - 1965
14185 Maracaibo Road	94577: \$770,000	4 BD - 1,616 SF - 1963
359 Pershing Drive	94577: \$715,000	2 BD - 1,074 SF - 1939
2321 Sitka Street	94577: \$650,000	3 BD - 1,317 SF - 1951
1321 145th Avenue	94578: \$660,000	5 BD - 1,828 SF - 1906
14419 Kings Court	94578: \$505,000	3 BD - 1,195 SF - 1974
16725 Selby Drive	94578: \$900,000	4 BD - 2,280 SF - 1955
730 Fargo Avenue #7	94579: \$538,000	3 BD - 1,136 SF - 1965
14323 Juniper Street	94579: \$645,000	3 BD - 1,096 SF - 1952
14809 Wiley Street	94579: \$552,000	3 BD - 1,319 SF - 1953

TOTAL SALES:	12		
LOWEST AMOUNT:	\$375,000	MEDIAN AMOUNT:	\$598,500
HIGHEST AMOUNT:	\$900,000	AVERAGE AMOUNT:	\$605,417

Castro Valley

19212 Almond Road	94546: \$810,000	3 BD - 1,176 SF - 1949
21927 Baywood Avenue	94546: \$800,000	4 BD - 1,812 SF - 1947
2883 Eugene Terrace	94546: \$1,550,000	4 BD - 3,282 SF - 2004
5008 Foxboro Drive	94546: \$925,000	3 BD - 1,781 SF - 1961
2849 Jennifer Drive	94546: \$1,070,000	3 BD - 1,620 SF - 1964
1835 Knox Street	94546: \$760,000	3 BD - 1,302 SF - 1961
3480 Middleton Avenue	94546: \$522,000	2 BD - 980 SF - 1953
3938 Stevens Street	94546: \$790,000	3 BD - 1,428 SF - 1954
2636 Vegas Avenue	94546: \$675,000	3 BD - 1,405 SF - 1948
4291 Veronica Avenue	94546: \$750,000	3 BD - 1,269 SF - 1952
20650 Yeandle Avenue	94546: \$600,000	3 BD - 1,292 SF - 1955
25552 Crestfield Drive	94552: \$1,220,000	4 BD - 2,334 SF - 1998

TOTAL SALES:	12		
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Cotton-like Mealybugs Can Damage All Sizes of Plants

By Buzz Bertolero
Special to the Times

Some the leaves of our Yew Pines have a white fluffy, cotton-like material on them while others are very sticky and covered with a black mold. I've been unsuccessful washing the foliage off and spraying it with soapy water. What is it and how do I get rid of it?

Your yew pines, *podocarpus*, are infected with mealybugs, a worldwide pest on both indoor and outdoor plants.

In the Bay Area, it poses few problems except with African Violets, orchids, cactus, some indoor foliage plants and podocarpus.

It is not to be confused with woolly apple aphid that attacked pyracantha, cotoneaster, and apples trees.

The mealybug white threads/filaments protect the insect and looks like cotton candy on a stick. There are many different species of mealybugs. The female is a soft-bodied insect, gray in color with an oval shape and up to one-eighth of an inch long. A white fluffy, waxy material covers some species. Also, they're wingless and move from one host to another by crawling.



The female lays from two to six hundred eggs while others species give birth to living young.

The male is small, has wings and a long waxy tail. Mealybugs are found in the leaf crevices at the base of the stems or petioles of plants with long leaves like the podocarpus.

They're a sucking insect that feed on the leaves extracting the plant juices, producing a clear, sticky residue or honeydew. A black mold then forms on the residue.

You may find a steady stream of ants running up and down the

main trunk as they use the honeydew is a food source. There are many controls available for mealybugs, however, they require repeat applications.

On houseplants, mealybugs can be controlled using a cotton swab dipped in rubbing alcohol or a solution of Insecticidal Soap.

With podocarpus, I'd use the Bayer Advanced Tree and Shrub Protect and Feed as it controls a wide range of insect pests including mealybugs in landscape trees and shrubs, even those in containers.

It has a distinct advantage

over other solutions as it's applied annually, and not sprayed on the foliage. The insecticide and fertilizer combination is applied to the soil where it is absorbed by the roots when water is applied. Once absorbed, it moves up through the plant providing yearlong protection.

It will even translocate into the new growth after the initial application. It will take about a

week to 10 day to work its way up your podocarpus. With large shade trees, it takes up to three months to reach the top.

The amount required is determined by the diameter of the main stem or stems with multiple trunk plants. The label has all the specifics.

The fertilizer is very important, as it encourages the new growth, which covers or masks

the unsightly existing foliage; otherwise, the black mold slowly disappears over time. The Bayer solution is a simple, one-step answer to controlling mealybugs.

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/Buzz.Bertolero](https://www.facebook.com/Buzz.Bertolero)



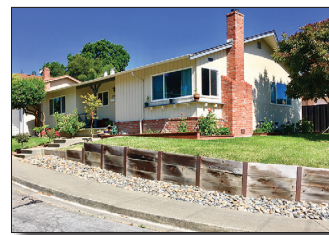
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Marina: 'Decommissioning' to take 13 months

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boats) and only six people still live aboard vessels. Two more boat owners have announced their intentions to leave by the end of the month.

Because the marina fills in with silt, only boats with drafts of less than four feet can get in and out of the harbor at low tide and conditions continue to worsen. Pollart said that just 47 of the boats in the berths can do so at this point, so she encourages them to watch their tidal charts.

The decommissioning of the harbor will take about 13 months beginning this fall, with the physical demolition to begin next April with an eye to completion in October of 2019.

Cal Coast has estimated that they will begin construction of the developed portion of the marina in summer of 2019 and Pollart said the demolition and some of the construction can be coordinated to happen concurrently.

But even though the marina was built on a natural mudflat and the channel out to the Bay needs to constantly be dredged, a few council members weren't totally ready to give up on the idea that dredging could be possible and boats could once again use San Leandro as a spot to launch into the Bay.

Council members Ed Hernandez and Corina Lopez asked if anything could be done to keep the cement piers in place so if a dredge was somehow possible five or ten years down the line, at least they could be used.

"We can't unring that bell," said Lopez of decommissioning. "I don't want to take opportunities away from a future council."

Hernandez asked if there was any last-ditch possibility of federal funding if a commercial



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

The southern half of the San Leandro Marina is practically empty these days as the basin fills in with silt and sailors move their boats to other marinas. When the project is finished the marina will become a basin for shallow-draft boats such as kayaks.

enterprise could operate from the harbor or a creative solution to the dredging problem could be found.

But Pollart said there is just no funding available for such

improvements and even if there were, the harbor has over \$10 million in deferred maintenance that would need to be done first.

And developer Cal-Coast has

made their designs based on plans of not having any vessels larger than a kayak in the harbor.

Pollart reminded the council that the dredging costs millions of dollars and the city had been unable in the past to even find a company who'd perform the task. Additionally, it costs millions more to haul away and dispose of the silt once it is dredged.

Mayor Pauline Cutter said that she understands the desire to keep the marina the way it was in the past but that's just not possible, and that once the decommissioning is over, the city can look forward to a new amenity to enjoy.

"We all knew this was coming," said Cutter. "This is one of the unpleasant parts of it, but when it's all over, we will be pleased."



The developer of the marina, Cal Coast, will start work next year on turning the marina into a lagoon for small boats and building houses, apartments and a hotel.

Shot: Fired at clerks

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A man entered the store at 15267 Hesperian Boulevard on June 15 at around 7:40 p.m., bought a bottle, and then left.

But the man returned right away and got into a dispute with the two clerks for an unknown reason, according to Lt. Isaac Benabou of the San Leandro police.

He left the store again but returned moments later, this time brandishing a firearm and shirtless. A woman who apparently knew the man entered the store and tried to get him to leave. The man was pointing and waving the gun at the clerks and he fired once, narrowly missing the clerks and

hitting the wall behind them, Benabou said.

The woman then grabbed the man and pulled him out of the store. The couple got into their car and fled south on Hesperian Boulevard.

The man is described as a black male, mid to late 20s, 6-foot to 6-foot-2, about 200 pounds with black hair. The woman is described as a white or Hispanic female in her mid to late 20s, 5-foot-3 to 5-foot-7, 220 to 225 pounds, with red hair. The car is described as a red 2004 Chevy Monte Carlo.

The San Leandro police are asking anyone with information about this incident to call them at 577-2740.

Mustang Association Car Show

The Bay Area Mustang Association (BAMA) will host its annual Ponies & Snakes (Mustangs and Cobras) car show on Sunday, June 24, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at The Danville Liv-

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■ **Mildred A. (Mayr) Panconi**, aged 88, entered into rest on June 2, 2018 at home in Castro Valley. The family invites all who knew Milly to the memorial mass and gathering to be held on Friday, June 22 at 10 a.m. at Transfiguration Catholic Church, 4000 E. Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley.

■ **Frances Rocha**, resident of San Leandro passed away on June 11, 2018. A celebration of her life was held at Santos-Robinson Mortuary on June 16 at 10:30 a.m. Arrangements by Santos-Robinson Mortuary, San Leandro (510-483-0123, santos-robinson.com)

■ **Roger W. Taylor** a resident of San Leandro passed away on June 13, 2018. Roger volunteered at the San Leandro Community Food Pantry and April Showers at the San Leandro Boys

and Girls Club. He is survived by his wife Carol. No services held. Arrangements by Santos-Robinson Mortuary, San Leandro (510-483-0123, santos-robinson.com)

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Truth Thursday to Return Next Week

Downtown San Leandro's "Truth Thursdays" will return this summer at the San Leandro Tech Campus, 1600 Alvarado St., with the next event set for Thursday, June 28, from 5 to 9 p.m.

Every fourth Thursday of the month throughout the summer, the space around the 55-foot Truth Is Beauty statue will come alive with a community event featuring food trucks, beer and wine, recreational games, and live entertainment.

Food trucks and live music will rotate each month at the site just west of the San Leandro BART Station.

Friends and family will enjoy recreational games like corn hole and bocce ball on the grass in addition to the live music, food and drinks for the entire evening.

Remaining dates for the 2018 "Truth Thursdays" series are: Thursday, June 28; Thursday, July 26; and Thursday, Aug. 23.

"The San Leandro Improvement Association is bringing 'Truth Thursdays' back for a second year to provide a safe, fun place for the community to gather with friends and family during the summer," said Gordon Galvan, president of the San Leandro Improvement Association. "We welcome all community members and visitors to enjoy food, drinks and live entertainment under the beautiful Truth Is Beauty statue."



OPINION

LETTERS to the EDITOR

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When Seniors Should Be Exempted from Parcel Taxes

Editor:

The City Council has elected not to put a parcel tax on the November ballot that would provide additional funding for the police and fire departments because the citizens of San Leandro are going to be asked to open up their wallets and help fund the school district with another parcel tax in November.

Five city taxes have been approved by the citizens of San Leandro since 2010. Because it takes a 2/3 vote to pass a parcel tax it's customary to exempt senior citizens from paying this new tax and that makes sense as no senior citizen has any children in the San Leandro school system.

You can expect to see the City Council come back next June and propose another parcel tax to add additional funding for the police and fire departments and this future scheme reminds me of the Jerry Maguire movie, "Show Me the Money."

What irks me is that the City Council is thinking about exempting the senior citizens from paying the parcel tax for police and fire protection so the tax will pass next June. That makes no sense as we all benefit from police and fire services.

It's important that the council comes up with a viable explanation for the tax and not rely upon sleight of hand to get the tax to pass. I'm a senior citizen and will support the tax if it makes sense and the council has done their due diligence to prove that they deserve this additional money as it will come out of my hard earned social security check.

—Brent Heath
San Leandro

Says It's Time for City Manager To Move On

Editor:

I've lived in San Leandro for 54 years. Built Washington Manor's Foster's Freeze in 1964, Alan's Coffee Shop in 1969.

We raised six children here.

I first met Rose Padilla Johnson 27 years ago at 1190 Davis Street (Homer Richardson's Church). Since then, Rose has helped the poor, the needy and pre-school children at five school sites.

Rose has a \$15 million budget to run the clinic. She raises most of their money from state and federal grants,

foundations, local businesses, Eden Township and our city. Rose is marvelous in raising money for the Davis Street Family Resource Center for the work they do for the needy.

About half the people in San Leandro rent or have two families living in a residence. And thousands need help with food, medical, dental, clothing, counseling and childcare.

I first met Chris Zapata seven years ago. Chris and I have had lunch or dinner in a group or alone about 18 times total.

Now, the \$1.5 million loan to Davis Street at 6 percent interest for two years should have been 3 percent for 10 years! Well, the city did receive \$168,000 in interest, and paid the full \$1.5 million.

The 23-page letter Mr. Zapata sent out to the press earlier this year was simply unbelievable. Chris went on and on about how bad Rose was. I still know city workers who were flabbergasted because of this vindictive letter.

Now, Mr. Heath and Kiki Davis wrote letters to the Times, and I'm amazed how naive and dogmatic their views are. Mr. Zapata asked Rose to meet him at the Alvarado Fosters Freeze! This was a mistake by both.

Both have done good work, but we can't be judgmental and we can't be dogmatic in our views because we were not there.

Chris, it's been fun but really I think it's time for you to move on. You always said you were pleased you had 75 percent of the City Council under your control, but I think you can do the same in a Southern California city.

Well, good luck, God bless, and goodbye. Chris, it's time to move on.

(I should add that I was requested to testify five months ago by Ms. Kramer, but I declined because I knew both people so well.)

—Al Frates
San Leandro

Wants City and Davis Street 'To Get On with It'

Editor:

I'm an older guy with a pretty good job for a large high tech company. A few years ago we were going through a series of layoffs so I was concerned. I sat near my manager's office, and whenever I heard the door shut my ears got really big (and high tech or not,

those walls are pretty thin).

I would hear things like "Morganti is my oldest." I would be on conference calls where some manager would proclaim he had a "young and enthusiastic team." I documented anything that could have been interpreted as discriminatory in case I had to whip it out at some point. And anything I heard that had to do with age got my attention.

So when San Leandro experienced the recent kerfuffle between the City Manager and Davis Street CEO, I couldn't help but see the situation from my own experience.

Stress (financial, inability to get the dispensary off the ground, feeling cornered, and so on), I can see how Ms. Johnson could mold her experience into the realization that she was harassed. Whether or not she was, we will never know (exoneration or not).

Either way, the Cherry City and Davis Street both have important missions, so maybe everyone can just belly up to the buffet and grab a small slice of humble pie and get on with it (while ignoring the chatter all around them).

I remember (because I am old and, by the way, not very enthusiastic), the days of the Swinging A's, when rumor had it that Reggie Jackson (exonerated or not) punched Rick Monday. That team went on to win the World Series. To quote Bill Callahan "Peace on your hand Don't be silly But peace on my body When tired and beaten" I don't know what Bill is talking about but love the quote so thought I would whip it out.

—Freddie B. East
San Leandro

Calls Supreme Court Ruling on Anti-Gay Baker 'Shameful'

Editor:

It is shameful that the United States Supreme Court has given the green-light to an anti-gay Colorado baker, Jack Phillips, to use his religion to discriminate. It is not a surprise because Phillips inherited his bigotry from his ancestors who invaded this country more than 500 years ago. These Christian Fundamentalists back then massacred the Pequot People in 1600 New England because the Pequots would not convert to Christianity.

According to one of these Christian Fundamentalists, it was the "duty of Good Christians to exterminate them."

What happen to the Pequots back then is happening now due to the bigotry by Phillips and people like him with the backing by both President Trump and the United States Supreme Court.

—Billy Trice, Jr.
Oakland

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Who's your role model?

— Asked at Palma Plaza

Probably Michelle Obama, because she seems honest and I like what she stands for, helping children. And when she said, "When they go low, you go high," I loved that.

Christine Chiovare
San Leandro



My older brother. He was just always there for me, and he had a good military career. He went into the Coast Guard and I went into the Air Force.

Marc McGill
San Leandro

Probably my older brothers and sisters. Growing up they were always so hard-working. It set the bar high. I wanted to follow in their footsteps, so it pushed me to achieve as much or better.

Juan Padilla
San Leandro



My aunt, because of everything she did. She didn't have parents in her life and she graduated from college and bought her own house all by herself.

Anisa Rosales
San Leandro

My mother, because she's gone through a lot and she's still able to work full time. And her mother died young, but she just always gives me good motivation.

Jeanette Jauregui
San Leandro



Bayfair Presents Music, Entertainment on Tuesdays

Bayfair Center, 15555 East 14th St. in San Leandro, invites the public to its Tuesday evening weekly performances, discounts, deals and family fun from June 26 through July 31.

The shopping center will host a well-known local musician or magician each week in a free performance on Tuesdays

from 5 to 8 p.m. Upcoming performers are: guitarist Tom Duarte on June 26, magician Chase Martin on July 3, Celtic dulcimer player Glenn Morgan on July 10, magician and story-teller Glen Micheletti on July 17, all-in-one musical entertainer Chaz Gunter on July 24, and jazz saxophonist Darryl Johnson on July 31.

Theater Tours, Crafts and Cars In San Lorenzo

A car show, craft vendors, tours of the Lorenzo Theater, and outdoor movie will be presented at Showtime in San Lorenzo on Saturday, July 21, at 16080 Hesperian Blvd. in San Lorenzo.

Tours of the theater, craft vendors and the car show will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Outdoor movie fun with activities runs from 6 to 10 p.m. with the movie "Cars 3" starting at 8:30 p.m. No admission charge.

To be a vendor or volunteer go to the website at www.showtimeinsanlorenzo.org.

Rally Against Detainment of Children

The San Leandro Democratic Club will hold a rally against separating kids from their parents who entered the country illegally on Friday, June 22, at 6:30 p.m. at Root Park, 1033 East 14th St. The club invites all to come and feel free to bring a sign. For more information, call Bryan Azevedo at 706-3125.



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The cattle drive down Main Street in Pleasanton last Friday kicked off the annual Alameda County Fair.

Cattle Drive Kicks Off Annual Alameda County Fair

The annual cattle drive through downtown Pleasanton last Friday marked the opening of the Alameda County Fair, running through July 8, with carnival rides, livestock exhibits, art and horse racing.

The fair is open Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., except for July 4 when

the fair closes at 6 p.m.

The nightly concerts are included with a full-priced admission ticket, but starting this year seats must be reserved online through the ETIX concert page on the fair's website: annual.alamedacountyfair.com.

Concert bands include 38 Special tonight (June 21), Smash

Mouth on June 22, Boys of Summer (Eagles tribute band) on June 23, and Sir Mix-A-Lot on June 24.

The Red, White & Brew Craft Beer Fest will be on Saturday, June 23, from 2 to 5 p.m. in the infield of the race track. Must be 21 or over to attend. General admission ticket is \$40.

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