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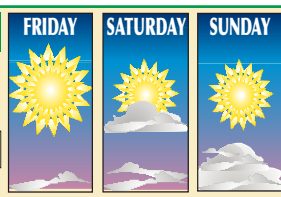
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PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Ray Luciano got up to speak at his birthday party at the Senior Center on Monday.

## Hold the Phone for Ray's Birthday

By Jim Knowles  
San Leandro Times

They were ready to cut the cake at Ray Luciano's 96th birthday party.

JoAnn Silver rolled a cart up to Ray's table with the cake. She said it didn't have any candles because you can't fit that many on a cake.

It was time for Ray to do the honors and cut the cake, dressed up in a nice suit and

wearing a lei that Bella Comelo brought for him...but wait a minute. Somebody's phone is ringing.

Ray reached into his jacket. He had a phone call. Hold up on that cake for a minute, JoAnn.

That's the way it is with Ray. There's always somebody wanting to talk to him. It's that way at the lunches at the Senior Center where he goes every day — that's where the

party was. And it's been that way since Ray had Luciano Barber Shop downtown where customers came to talk as much as for a haircut.

Ray's old school. He was social media before social media. Back then they just called it talking.

At Ray's barber shop they met to solve all the world's problems, said Ray's son  
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## Council Hears Report from Their Lobbyist

By Amy Sylvestri  
San Leandro Times

It took lobbyist Len Simon more than 10 minutes to actually utter the man's name at Monday night's City Council work session, but president-elect Trump was his main topic of conversation.

Simon represents San Leandro and over a dozen other cities in Washington D.C., trying to get federal money for various projects. The city of San Leandro pays Simon and Co. \$35,000 annually.

The city says Simon has been successful in lobbying for San Leandro, citing a \$250,000 federal grant for two campus police officers and a \$2.1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce for the expansion of the Lit San Leandro fiber optic loop.

Simon gives the city an annual update on what he has done in Washington and what he plans to do in the year ahead. On Monday he said that after eight years working with the Obama administration, there's a lot he doesn't know as Trump prepares to take office.

"The Obama administration worked so well for local governments," said Simon, who said that was because many people who worked under Obama were former local mayors and council members.

Simon called Obama's administration one of "big ideas and big accomplishments," citing the president's use of executive

orders when Congress was uncooperative with his desires.

But now, says Simon, the new administration leaves him in "uncharted territory."

Trump has no governmental experience and the House and  
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## Davis Street Misses Loan Payment Deadline

By Amy Sylvestri  
San Leandro Times

The Davis Street Family Resource Center did not make a payment on a \$1.5 million loan from the city by the extended deadline given by the city manager.

The loan originally came due last summer and was extended to Oct. 31, but those deadlines were missed. Last month, city manager Chris Zapata offered another extension on the loan of taxpayer money and gave a deadline of Jan. 6.

Zapata said the extension would be granted if Davis Street made a "good faith" payment of 25 percent of the loan (\$375,000) and agreed to an audit of their finances for the past five years  
*see LOAN, page 11*

## Eden Healthcare Gets Passing Grade

By Amy Sylvestri  
San Leandro Times

Despite criticism from everyone from San Leandro Mayor Pauline Cutter to state Assemblyman Bill Quirk, the Eden Township Healthcare District (ETHD) got a boost from a county-commissioned report which declared that the district is being operated adequately.

The Alameda County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) requested the report

on ETHD's operations prepared by urban policy analysts Berkson Associates. The draft came out late last month, determining that ETHD is operated adequately, but it did not completely discount the notion of dissolving the district.

"Dissolution of the district without continuing its services is unwarranted," the report states. "The district provides a service of value including significant expenditure of funds for community health care."

But the report also stated that "The district could improve the efficiency and effectiveness of its operations" and that its strategic plan needs to be updated and reviewed at least annually.

The report said that the district should track time and resources allocated to its real estate activities as compared to its community services.

The report also said that if ETHD were to be dissolved, the services it provides could contin-

ue via a successor agency, which would help streamline certain elements and save money.

For example, up to \$200,000 would be saved every other year because the ETHD board of directors election would no longer be necessary. However, no costs were incurred this past election because no seats were contested.

The district was created in 1948 in order to run the then-new Eden Hospital. Over the past 70  
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Council meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in City Council Chambers, City Hall, 835 E. 14th St., San Leandro. For more information, call the City Clerk at 577-3367.

### SAN LEANDRO SCHOOL BOARD

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



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## Pets of the Week



Mr. Mom



Angus

The Pets of the Week from the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are Mr. Mom the cat, and Angus the dog.

Mr. Mom is a 7-year-old boy. Don't let his tough looks fool you, he's a big softy who loves to sit on laps and get ear scratches. He was found outside protecting feral kittens.

Angus is a 2-year-old brindle American Staff mix who's friendly and very active. He loves treats and going on walks. He would benefit from training. OK with kids 15 and older.

For more information on Mr. Mom and Angus, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at 293-7200.

## McKinley Elementary To Celebrate 100th Birthday

McKinley Elementary School will have its Centennial Celebration this evening (Thursday) from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

McKinley alumni and everybody from the community is

invited to celebrate 100 years of education in San Leandro in the multi-purpose room at McKinley Elementary School, 2150 East 14th St. in San Leandro. Admission is free.

## Join Discussion On Race At Senior Center on Monday

For Martin Luther King Day, Unity in the Community presents conversations on race

Unity in the Community San Leandro will present a discussion "Conversations to Bridge Community, Race and Privilege," on Monday, Jan. 16, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. at the San Leandro Senior Center, 13909 E. 14th St. in San Leandro.

Three facilitated concurrent conversations are planned:

"The Law and Your Community," presented by the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) "Diverse Communities and

Social Civility: What is Social Civility and How Do We Practice It?"

"Plain Talk – Race and Privilege: How Issues of Race, Class, and Culture Influence our Interactions with Neighbors and Friends."

The afternoon is designed to foster an opportunity for people to come together to talk about topics of race, privilege and community that they may not otherwise have a forum in which to do so.

"It is rare that we have a chance to venture outside of our established friendship and social circles to share and listen to ideas regarding these topics," said Surlene Grant, one of the event organizers.

The event is free and open to the public. This event is for middle school aged students to adults, due to the nature of the conversations. Child care will not be provided. For more information, contact UnityintheCommunitySL@gmail.com.

## Swalwell to Speak at MLK Rally in Hayward, followed by March

Hayward's annual Martin Luther King Day celebration and march will be held in Hayward on Monday, Jan. 16, at 9:30 a.m. at Hayward City Hall, 777 B St. Reverend Rochelle Frazier of

South Hayward United Methodist Church will make introductions. Freddy Davis of the Hayward, South Alameda County NAACP will speak at 10 a.m., and Congressman Eric Swalwell will speak at 10:20 a.m. about the relevance of Dr. King's legacy to the important political challenges we will face in the new year. The theme of the event is "Now More Than Ever."

After the rally, there will be a march for unity through the streets of downtown Hayward.

The event is sponsored by the South Hayward Parish, an interfaith group of eight congregations working on issues

of poverty and social justice in Hayward for more than 50 years. Other groups have joined South Hayward Parish in the program this year – Eden Area Interfaith Council, Glad Tidings Church, the NAACP and representatives of Cal State East Bay.

### Correction

A story in the Jan. 5, 2017 issued, "Council Wants SL Sign on E.14th Street," had a mistake in a subhead of the name of the council member who was chosen to be vice mayor. It should have said that Lee Thomas was picked by the council to be vice mayor.

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## A Geyser on Foothill

Firefighters were on the scene after a driver hit a hydrant on Foothill Boulevard near Carolyn Avenue last Thursday morning. The water gushed near high voltage power lines, but the fire department was able to quickly close the hydrant and no one was injured.

## San Leandro Cab Driver Killed In Crash into Water Near Airport

A cab driver from San Leandro was killed when he apparently lost control of his car and crashed into a waterway off of Doolittle Drive near the Oakland airport on Sunday.

### Sheriff Seeks Info in Cold Case

The Alameda County Sheriff's Office is asking for the public's help in solving a cold case murder.

On Jan. 4, 1998 Samuel Canaday, 57, was found dead on East 14th Street near 168th Avenue.

Canaday had been fatally stabbed. Witnesses told the sheriff's office that Canaday had been arguing with an unknown black male outside of the nearby Corner House restaurant. Canaday then went inside the restaurant and the black male left.

Canaday exited the restaurant at around 5:30 p.m. and was last seen leaving a trailer park on 168th Avenue just before 8 p.m.

Divers pulled an unconscious Jarnail Singh, 57, out of the water carrying a tool box.

Anyone with information about Canaday's death is asked to call the sheriff's cold case homicide unit at 667-3661.

### CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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## Man Accused of Raping Woman He Followed Near Bayfair BART Station

A man identified by police as a 27-year-old transient from San Francisco is accused of multiple felonies in the rape of a woman he forced from a BART train at the Bayfair station last month.

Meini Foster has been charged with forcible rape, kidnapping to commit a sex crime, and other felonies stemming from the Dec. 16 crime.

Police say that Foster found the victim on BART after she

had been at an office Christmas gathering in San Francisco and was intoxicated.

Surveillance footage at the Powell station shows the woman swaying on her feet and falling down, according to police.

Footage from the Bayfair BART station shows the woman stumbling as Foster leads her into the parking lot.

Police say Foster took her to the railroad tracks between

Hesperian Boulevard and Halcyon Drive and assaulted her.

The woman tried to find help in nearby neighborhood, but the residents mistook her for a burglar and called police, who arrived and aided the victim.

Foster's DNA was in a criminal database from a previous sexual assault and he was arrested. He is being held without bail in Santa Rita Jail in Dublin and his next court date is Jan. 12.

## No Charges Filed as Stabbing Death Ruled Self-Defense by District Attorney's Office

The Alameda County District Attorney's office has decided that the victim who fought and killed his attacker last month will not face any criminal charges.

On Dec. 23, a 31-year-old man was confronted by a suspect later identified as Demario Pillors, 22, as he walked near his home on 143rd Avenue.

Pillors asked the man for a cigarette and then threatened the man with a large kitchen knife, demanding his phone and wallet, according to San Leandro police.

The victim dropped his wallet and car keys and began to run away but Pillors chased him and stabbed him in the back of the head as he ran.

After the man fell to the ground, police say Pillors stabbed him in the head, face and upper torso. The victim wrestled the knife away from Pillors and

stabbed him in self-defense.

When police arrived, both Pillors and the victim were taken to the hospital, where Pillors was

later pronounced dead.

The DA and police have concluded that the homicide was justifiable.

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## NEIGHBORS



Elvira Jurado celebrated with her children and friends at her 100th birthday party in November.

## Happy 100th Birthday Elvira Jurado

Elvira Jurado of San Leandro celebrated her 100th birthday in November with her family and all eight of her children.

Elvira was born in Lima, Peru and became an American citizen in 2000. She has lived in San Leandro for 16 years. Elvira and her husband Moises had eight children, who are with her in the photo. Listed by age they are: Julio, Moises, Nelly, Rodolfo, Irma, Guillermo, Carmen and Luis.

In Lima, Elvira had a neighborhood grocery store. Her children are grateful for all that she has done for them, giving them food, housing and education, and teaching them to respect others and be good people.

All of her relatives couldn't attend the party because they live a long distance away, but Elvira received wishes of affection and gratitude from all her children, nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

### ❖ *Rhythm of the North*

A celebration of the 50th State – Alaska – will be presented on Saturday, Jan. 28, at 7:30 p.m. at the Center for the Arts, 19501 Redwood Road in Castro Valley. Take this boogie-woogie joy ride with John Bushell (Bishop O'Dowd Class of '70) when he presents this fast-paced, multi-media sensation, with stunning images, sizzling

piano and hilarious stories to fill out the evening. (Audiences know him as "Johnny B.") Tickets are \$20 are available online at [www.cvartsfoundation.org](http://www.cvartsfoundation.org); or at the Center Box Office, 19501 Redwood Road, Thursdays and Fridays 3-5 p.m. phone 889-8961; or at the CV Adult School, 4430 Alma Ave.

### ❖ John O'Lague Galleria

*A Woman's View of the World*, a variety of artistic techniques including watercolors, acrylics, pencil, ink and mixed media by the Diablo/Alameda Chapter of the National League of American Pen Women, continues through Jan. 27 at the John O'Lague Galleria in Hayward City Hall, 777 B Street at Watkins, open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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**ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** A hectic period begins to wind down. Take time to draw some deep breaths and relax before getting into your next project. A long-absent family member makes contact.



**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** You're eager to move forward with a new challenge that suddenly dropped in your lap. But you'd be wise to take this one step at a time to allow new developments to come through.



**GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** You're almost ready to make a commitment. A lingering doubt or two, however, should be resolved before you move ahead. An associate could provide important answers.



**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** Caution is still the watchword as you move closer toward a decision about a new situation. If you act too fast, you might miss some vital warning signs. Go slowly and stay alert.



**LEO (July 23 - August 22):** Your new goal looks promising, and your golden touch does much to enhance its prospects for success. In your private life, Cupid does his best to make your new relationship special.



**VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22):** That impatient side of yours is looking to goad you into moving before you're ready to take that big step. Stay calm and cool. Let things fall into place before you act.



**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22):** A legal matter you hoped could finally be settled could be a pesky problem for a while, until all the parties agree to stop disagreeing with each other. Be patient.



**SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21):** Partnerships — personal or professional — which began before the new year take on new importance. They also reveal some previously hidden risks. So be warned.



**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** Your associates are firmly on your side, and that persistent problem that has caused you to delay some activities should soon be resolved to your satisfaction.



**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** Favorable changes continue to dominate, and you should be responding positively as they emerge. Someone wants to become more involved in what you're doing.



**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** A friend wants to share a secret that could answer some questions you've wondered about for a long time. Meanwhile, travel aspects continue to be strong.



**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** Stay on your new course despite so-called well-meaning efforts to discourage you. Rely on your deep sense of self-awareness to guide you to do what's right for you.

### CORRECTION

In the photo caption about Julia Peinado's 90th birthday in the Dec. 29, 2016 Neighbors page, it should have read that Peinado has eight children, 20 grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren, and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

❖ **Hill & Valley Women's Club Flea Market**  
The Hill & Valley Women's Club, 1808 B St. in Hayward, will have their annual flea market on Saturday, Jan. 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a wide choice of affordable merchandise, house and kitchen ware, books, jewelry, toys, clothing and more. All proceeds will benefit the club's philanthropic programs from college scholarships, children's education and health, and aid to women's shelters and veterans.

### ❖ Hayward Area Historical Society

The Hayward Area Historical Society, 22380 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward, is proud to present "Celebrating Community: Black Families of Fairview and Kelly Hill," guest curated by Karen McHenry-Smith in the Community Gallery from Jan. 14 through March 5. The museum's hours are Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This local history exhibit depicts the diverse experiences of past and present residents of Fairview and Kelly Hill in unincorporated Hayward, with emphasis on Black families that purchased homes and moved to this East Bay suburban community in the 1950s and 1960s. During this time, what is now known as Fairview, was one of the few communities open to non-white home-owners in the Hayward area.

### ❖ I.D.E.S. of Alvarado St. Crab Feed

I.D.E.S. of Alvarado St. will have its annual crab feed on Saturday, Jan. 14, at the hall on 790 Antonio St. in San Leandro. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person. Dinner will include crab, pasta, salad, garlic bread and wine. For tickets call 385-8247 or 635-3580. Make check payable to I.D.E.S. and mail to P.O. Box 781 San Leandro, 94577.

### ❖ Friends of San Lorenzo Creek Clean-Up

Everyone is invited to join Friends of San Lorenzo Creek, The Restoration Trust, and Hands-On Conservation for a morning of work to plant native vegetation and restore habitat on Crow Creek in Castro Valley on Saturday, Jan. 14, from 9 a.m. to noon. Meet at the cul-de-sac at the south end of Crow Canyon Place in Castro Valley. To RSVP or for more information, call Emily at 622-8110.

### ❖ All Saints Episcopal Church

All Saints Episcopal Church, 911 Dowling Blvd. in San Leandro, will commemorate the birthday of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Sunday, Jan. 15, at 10:15 a.m. with a special mass including African American spirituals and a mass setting drawing from the African American tradition. All are invited to this festive service. For more information, visit [www.saintsalive.net](http://www.saintsalive.net).

### ❖ Celebration for Dr. Martin Luther King

The City of San Leandro's annual celebration in honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., featuring entertainment and a student oratorical contest, will be on Monday, Jan. 16, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St. Students enrolled in grades 3rd through 12th and attend San Leandro schools are invited to enter in the oratorical contest and poetry slam. Entry forms are available online at [www.sanleandro.org](http://www.sanleandro.org) and are due by Friday, Jan. 13. For more information, call the Recreation and Human Services Department at 577-3462.

### ❖ San Leandro Democratic Club Protest

The San Leandro Democratic Club will hold a protest march against Donald Trump on inauguration day, Friday, Jan. 20, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., starting in front of the San Leandro BART Station and going to City Hall,

835 East 14th St. The club invites people to bring signs and come to chant, sing and listen to a few speakers.

### ❖ St. Felicitas Young at Heart Luncheon

St. Felicitas Parish, 1662 Manor Blvd. in San Leandro, hosts its monthly Young at Heart luncheon on Wednesday, Jan. 18, with homemade meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, dessert, coffee or apple cider. Doors open at 11 a.m. and lunch is served at noon. Tickets are \$6. Entertainment and door prizes at each luncheon. Tickets must be purchased no later than the Monday before the luncheon. Tickets available at the parish office Monday through Thursday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

### ❖ St. Felicitas CYO Girls Basketball St.

Felicitas CYO girls basketball is taking sign-ups online through Jan. 20 for players in the second through eighth grades. Players must live in the St. Felicitas parish. All skill levels welcome. Cost is \$175. Teams are forming so sign up online now at [stfelicitascatholicyouthorganization.siplay.com/site/](http://stfelicitascatholicyouthorganization.siplay.com/site/). For more information, email Jerry DeLos Reyes at [nbk54t@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nbk54t@sbcglobal.net).

### ❖ San Leandro Kiwanis Club Crab Feed

The San Leandro Kiwanis Club will hold its annual Crab Feed on Saturday, Jan. 21, at the Boys & Girls Club, 401 Marina Blvd. in San Leandro. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner being served at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person, children 10 and under \$20, which includes all-you-can-eat crab, pasta, salad and garlic bread. Post-dinner dancing to live music provided by "Chico and the Band". The event is assigned seating only and always sells out so purchase your tickets early. To purchase tickets or for more information, call Terri Neumann at 895-4425.

### ❖ Alta Mira Club Crab Feed

The Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave. in San Leandro, will have a crab feed on Friday, Jan. 27, with all-you-can-eat crab (or order chicken), pasta, salad, bread and ice cream. The social hour starts at 6 p.m. and dinner begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$50. For reservations, call 614-9680. The Alta Mira Club is in the historic Ygnacio Peralta Home, built in 1860.

### ❖ Sons of Norway Crab Feed

The Sons of Norway Snorre Lodge 6-61 will host its annual crab feed on Saturday, Jan. 28, at 1808 B St. in Hayward. Doors open at 6 p.m. with a no-host bar and raffle, and dinner starts at 7 p.m., followed by a raffle at 8:30 p.m. Dinner will be spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, crab and dessert. Tickets are \$50 for adults, or \$20 for children age 5 to 12. Send a check payable to Sons of Norway with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Jeannie Thomson, 38159 Eggers Court, Fremont CA 94536. For more information, or to confirm that enough tickets are available, call Jeannie at 656-3549 or email [jeannie352@aol.com](mailto:jeannie352@aol.com).

### ❖ St. Leander's Valentine Crab Feed

The St. Leander's Church will have its Valentine crab feed on Saturday, Feb. 11, at the Ryan O'Connell Hall, 550 West Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro. No-host bar at 5:30 p.m. with dinner being served at 6:30 p.m. The cost of the dinner is \$45 per person and includes crab, salad, pasta and bread. Purchase 20 or more tickets at one time and receive a 10% discount. This event is assigned seating. In addition to the dinner there will also be a dessert silent auction and a sports memorabilia silent auction. Last day to purchase tickets is Tuesday, Feb. 7. For more information, call the parish office at 895-5631.

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.



# REAL ESTATE GALLERY

## REAL ESTATE REALITY

By Carl Medford, CRS  
Special to the Times

GUEST COMMENTARY



## New Chinese Rules May Affect Bay Area Market

It's been no secret that a contributing factor to the historical upturn in the Bay Area real estate market has been the influx of foreign investment money — especially from China.

It's also been understood that China has been working hard to keep investment funds inside its own borders. In a move effective January 1, 2017, China has announced new policies designed to make it harder for Chinese investors to buy real estate in the United States.

Currently, Chinese nationals are allowed an annual quota of \$50,000 to invest in foreign markets. Although penalties have been in place for a number of years in efforts to police the guidelines, Chinese investors wishing to buy abroad have come up with a number of schemes to circumvent the rules.

One common practice has

been to have a large number of family and friends each wire \$50,000 to the U.S. If the price is high, this can result in serious delays in getting all the funds to escrow.

In an effort to quell such practices, Reuters reports that China's foreign exchange regulator has increased scrutiny and applicable punishments for offenders that get caught.

The announcement came from the State Administration of Foreign Exchange (SAFE) and demonstrates China's concern over the continued dip of the Yen in relationship to the dollar. Many Chinese have been buying U.S. dollars to hedge against the losses — often the first step in preparing to buy overseas.

The U.S. housing market has always been viewed as a prime place to invest, cites Sam Van Horebeek of Inman, especially, California, New York, Texas,

Washington and New Jersey.

What effect might these tightened regulations have on the Bay Area housing market? While it's hard to say definitively today, it is very possible that this issue, along with rising interest rates and record high prices, may all combine to slow the growth of the housing market in 2017.

While, according to Horebeek, 53 percent of Chinese investors are more positive about the U.S. economy since the election of President Trump, it's impossible to say what the new President's policies towards China might be and what impact any new policies may have.

One effect that is certain: homes in escrow with offshore funding could take much longer to close than before. Sellers beware.

With Chinese investors becoming increasingly anxious about the softening Yen and their government's efforts to stem offshore investment, interesting days are ahead.

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## Rates Start the Year Lower

Average fixed mortgage rates moved lower last week for the first time in 10 weeks, according to Freddie Mac's nationwide survey.

The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 4.20 percent last week, down from 4.32 percent the week before. A year ago at this time, the 30-year rate averaged 3.97 percent.

Five-year hybrid adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 3.33 percent last week, up from 3.30. A year ago, the 5-year ARM averaged 3.09 percent.

## RECENT HOME SALES

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348 Accolade Drive	94577	\$665,000	4 BD - 1,768 SF - 2002
1400 Carpentier St #204	94577	\$360,000	2 BD - 977 SF - 1983
2217 Claridge Place	94577	\$533,500	2 BD - 1,723 SF - 1977
1349 East Juana Avenue	94577	\$660,000	2 BD - 1,986 SF - 1974
14578 Outrigger Drive	94577	\$512,000	3 BD - 1,596 SF - 1987
537 Superior Avenue	94577	\$820,000	3 BD - 2,107 SF - 1927
1772 Thornton Place	94577	\$565,000	3 BD - 1,332 SF - 1999
290 W Broadmoor Blvd	94577	\$490,000	2 BD - 1,040 SF - 1947
16901 Ehle Street	94578	\$450,000	1 BD - 620 SF - 1947
16011 Gramercy Drive	94578	\$400,000	2 BD - 969 SF - 1949
14555 Kings Court	94578	\$390,000	3 BD - 1,195 SF - 1974
710 Sterling Drive #206	94578	\$365,000	2 BD - 918 SF - 1987
15028 Endicott Street	94579	\$575,000	4 BD - 1,406 SF - 1949
15207 Farnsworth Street	94579	\$490,000	3 BD - 1,114 SF - 1950
722 Greer Avenue	94579	\$540,500	3 BD - 1,054 SF - 1952

TOTAL SALES: 15

LOWEST AMOUNT: \$360,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$512,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$820,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$521,067

### San Lorenzo

949 Hacienda Avenue	94580	\$485,000	3 BD - 1,068 SF - 1947
15582 Usher Street	94580	\$770,000	2 BD - 890 SF - 1947
655 Via Aires	94580	\$605,000	3 BD - 1,134 SF - 1947
17356 Via Alamos	94580	\$610,000	5 BD - 1,673 SF - 1950

TOTAL SALES: 4

LOWEST AMOUNT: \$485,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$607,500  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$770,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$617,500

### Sheffield Village

256 Covington Street	94605	\$723,500	3 BD - 1,372 SF - 1940
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### Castro Valley

19648 Adair Drive	94546	\$660,000	3 BD - 1,582 SF - 1955
19952 Alana Road	94546	\$770,000	4 BD - 2,199 SF - 1947
17815 Almond Road	94546	\$875,000	4 BD - 3,506 SF - 1960
17996 Almond Road	94546	\$839,000	3 BD - 2,446 SF - 1952
17109 Ehle Street	94546	\$270,000	2 BD - 1,218 SF - 1949
3009 Grove Way #A9	94546	\$420,000	2 BD - 1,042 SF - 1992
19124 Parsons Avenue	94546	\$699,000	3 BD - 1,574 SF - 1937
18314 Pepper Street	94546	\$610,000	3 BD - 1,066 SF - 1948
3595 Pine Street	94546	\$290,000	2 BD - 825 SF - 1948
2426 Somerset Avenue	94546	\$657,000	3 BD - 1,136 SF - 1905
19526 Yuma Street	94546	\$760,000	4 BD - 1,853 SF - 1956
6199 Bellingham Drive	94552	\$810,000	4 BD - 2,262 SF - 1987
5404 Briar Ridge Drive	94552	\$520,000	2 BD - 1,397 SF - 1978
5676 Cold Water Drive	94552	\$833,500	3 BD - 1,944 SF - 1966
22009 East Lyndon Loop	94552	\$770,000	4 BD - 2,379 SF - 1998
25506 Foggy Glen Drive	94552	\$785,000	3 BD - 1,374 SF - 1998
5551 Gold Creek Drive	94552	\$1,000,000	5 BD - 2,527 SF - 1995
30503 Palomares Road	94552	\$2,125,000	4 BD - 3,404 SF - 1966
5463 Tinder Court	94552	\$900,000	4 BD - 2,078 SF - 1978

TOTAL SALES: 19

LOWEST AMOUNT: \$270,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$770,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$2,125,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$768,079

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## Birthday: No senior turned away

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Parker who gave a talk about Ray's life at the party.

Ray was born in San Leandro in 1921, oldest of five kids who grew up on Cherry Street and went to McKinley Elementary and San Leandro High. He joined the Navy right after Pearl Harbor and was part of the invasion of North Africa and Italy, and he was right there in Tokyo Bay to witness the signing of the documents that ended the war.

While he was in training in Wisconsin he met his future wife, Ruth, a student at the University of Wisconsin. While Ray was on a short leave during the war, he returned to San Leandro and he and Ruth got married. They were married for 62 years until Ruth's passing in 2006. They traveled the world after Ray retired from the barber shop.

Ray has always been in many social clubs – the Spanish Club, Native Sons of the Golden West and he's a longtime Mason. Ray still plays badminton and bocce ball, and his hobby is



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

**JoAnn Silver brings the cake to Ray Luciano for his 96th birthday on Monday at the Senior Center.**

fixing watches and giving them to friends.

Parker handed the microphone over so Ray could say a few words. The main thing Ray wanted to do is point out his friend Enrique, who hadn't been well, and say how great it was to see him here.

The senior lunch program serves meals five days a week at the Senior Center and about 20 other locations in Alameda County, run by Spectrum Community Services. Healthy lunches are available for seniors (60 and

over) for a \$3.75 suggested donation. No senior is turned away for lack of funds.

JoAnn Silver is the friendly hostess, running the lunch program in San Leandro for 19 years.

The lunch program provides nutrition as well as a sense of community, said Spectrum Development Director Amy Clifford.

"It's not just filling nutritional needs, it combats isolation, there's a sense of community," Clifford said. "And JoAnn being here is a big part of that."

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## Writing Wanted, Poetry and Prose

The San Lorenzo Library, 395 Paseo Grande in San Lorenzo, is seeking submissions for an reading in March: "Now That's What I Call Writing!"

Send your best poetry, creative nonfiction or fiction. While excerpts of longer pieces are welcome, please keep your submission to 1,500 words. If you are sending poetry, please send two to four pieces.

Winners will be invited to read at the San Lorenzo Library on Sunday, March 12, from 2 to 4 p.m., alongside the Library's Peer Writers' Group leader, Rosa del Duca, and featured local author, Juan Alvarado Valdivia.

Email your work to slzka-leidoscope@gmail.com making sure to put "March Reading Submission" in the subject line. All submissions received will be read.

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CITY CORNER

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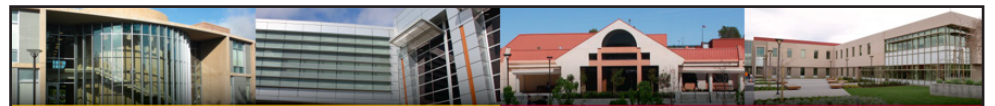
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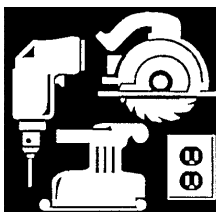
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# Eden: Comments welcome at Jan. 31 meeting in Castro Valley

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years, the district has owned and overseen various medical buildings in San Leandro, Castro Valley, Hayward and the unincorporated areas.

Now, ETHD owns and rents out three medical office buildings, though no hospitals, and also distributes healthcare-related

grant money.

Currently, 88 percent of the ETHD's budget goes to real estate, staff, and legal fees. That leaves around \$500,000 annually to distribute to various causes — including \$250,000 annually to the Davis Street Family Resource Center, along with smaller projects such as diabetes workshops.

After nearly 70 years in operation, ETHD has come under fire by local government officials and other entities who claim the district is redundant and its function could be better handled by the county.

ETHD countered that the county simply wants control of Eden's money and that if the

district is incorporated into the county health structure, no one would be looking out specifically for the needs of the Eden Area.

The district took more criticism over the summer, when the Alameda County Grand Jury issued a report that said the district "failed in its mission" and lacked a plan for its future.

But ETHD countered that it provides a vital service to the Eden area. And at a public meetings in San Leandro and Castro Valley this fall, dozens spoke out in support for keeping ETHD as it is.

"This is a thinly-veiled cash-grab by county partisan groups," said public speaker Elke Sommer at the time.

LAFCo will now hold a special meeting on Jan. 31 at 6 p.m. at the Castro Valley Library, 3600 Norbridge Ave. in Castro Valley, in order to hear public comment.

You can also submit a written

comment to the LAFCo website, or mail your comment to 1221 Oak Street, Room 555, Oakland, CA 94612. Comments received by Feb. 3 will be considered for the final draft of the study.

Once the public is heard from, a final draft of the LAFCo report will be published and a decision will be made. LAFCo could 1) decide to dissolve ETHD, 2) have it remain running as it is, 3) modify the ETHD's structure so a separate foundation awards the scholarship money, or 4) any number of options including putting the matter up to a public vote.

## LOCAL DEATHS

**AMARO, Rosa**  
**CLARKE, James**  
**FAZIO, Chente**  
**LEWIS, Alexander J.**  
**McNELY, Nina**

■ **AMARO, Rosa**, a longtime resident of San Leandro passed away on January 9, 2017. Visitation will be held on Sunday, January 15, at Santos-Robinson Mortuary, 160

Estudillo Ave., San Leandro from noon to 5 p.m. with a vigil service beginning at 3 p.m. The funeral Mass will be on Monday January 16, at 10 a.m. at St. Leander Catholic Church,

550 W. Estudillo Ave., San Leandro. Interment will be Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, 26320 Mission Blvd., Hayward. Arrangements by Santos-Robinson Mortuary, San Leandro (510-483-0123, santos-robinson.com).

■ **LEWIS, Alexander J.**, a longtime San Leandro resident passed away on January 11, 2017 at age 92. Visitation will be held on Tuesday January, 17 at Santos-Robinson Mortuary, 160 Estudillo Ave., San Leandro from noon to 8 p.m. with a vigil service beginning at 6:30 p.m. The funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday, January 18, at St. Bede Catholic Church, 26950 Patrick Ave., Hayward beginning at 9:30 a.m. Interment to follow at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward. Arrangements by Santos-Robinson Mortuary, San Leandro (510-483-0123, santos-robinson.com).


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## Nina Carol McNely

Nina Carol McNely, a longtime Oakland resident, died December 25, 2016 surrounded by loved ones. She was 83.

Carol was born December 30, 1932 in Fort Worth, Texas, the middle of three children, to parents Duffie and Evelyn Flory. In 1940, the family moved to Oakland, where Carol would reside most of her life. Carol attended Lakeview, McChesney and Oakland high schools, graduating in 1951.

In 1953, she married Warren McNely and together had three children, Kathleen, Claire and Daniel. The two were married for 54 years until his death in 2007. Devoted to family and their Christian faith, the McNelys were active members of Sequoyah Community Church and supported many local charities and causes.

Despite suffering from Alzheimer's disease in her later years, Carol will be remembered as vivacious, charming and exceedingly kind. Her fun-loving zest for life, generous spirit and graceful nature were at the heart of all she did. In addition to spending time with family and serving at church, she enjoyed traveling the world, painting and shopping.

Carol was preceded in death by her younger brother, David; parents, Duffie and Evelyn; her loving husband, Warren; and nephew, Jerry ("Jeff") Flory, Jr.

She is survived by her devoted family: daughters, Katie Atwood and husband Warren, and Claire Koenig and husband Dean; son, Dan McNely; loving grandchildren, Michael Atwood and wife Sarah, Emily Atwood, Megan Naldet and husband Matthew, Davis Koenig, Alexandra McNely, Jessica McNely, and Joshua McNely; and great-grandchildren, Austin, Elliot and Sadie Atwood. Other dearly loved family members who survive her are her brother, Jerry Flory and wife Alice; nephews, David Flory and wife Bea, and Robert Flory and wife Susy; nieces, Teresa Gregus and husband Lou, and Sheila (Jeff) Flory, and their families; and numerous family members in Texas, Missouri and Illinois.

A public memorial service is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 20, at 2 p.m. at Sequoyah Community Church, 4202 Keller Ave., in Oakland.



## James J. Clarke

Aka: Jim or Jimmy • January 9, 1942 – January 7, 2017

James J. Clarke, a resident of San Leandro, lived in San Leandro for 75 years. Born in Oakland on January 9, 1942, James went home to be with the Lord on January 7, 2017, due to Cerebral Vascular Dementia and kidney failure.

James leaves behind 2 daughters, Kim Chulata of San Leandro and Terry Clarke of Manteca; and his 3 grandchildren, who know him as "Poppi", Joshua Chulata, Caden Watson and Cael Watson.

Jim was a freelance Graphic Design Artist until his retirement. His life was painting and his family. He won numerous awards at the Alameda County Fair as well as the design for the 1971 Easter Seals Christmas stamps. He loved bowling, music and watched Jeopardy every night. Jim loved to talk and was a sensitive, caring man — loving, creative and dedicated. He enjoyed all sports, college and professional, and his favorite football team was the Green Bay Packers. Jim was known all around town for his cowboy hat. He was an encourager and had a great sense of humor. We love you and miss you.

We will be celebrating Jim's life on Friday, Jan. 20, at Santos Robinson Mortuary, 160 Estudillo Ave., in San Leandro. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to noon with Services at that time. Please bring stories and memories to share or that can be read. Reception to follow after services. Interment will be private. Arrangements made by Santos-Robinson Mortuary (santos-robinson.com, 510-483-0123).

## Chente Fazio

December 31, 1918 – January 3, 2017

Her beloved, Tilio, went to heaven one month ago, and now Chente, his "doll", has joined him and their son, Bobby (1993). She is survived by her daughter, Jeanne; son, Arnold (Genofeva); granddaughters, Jessica and Melissa (Daniel); great-granddaughter, Makenna; and many nieces, nephews and extended family. She also leaves behind her "adopted daughter" Marianne.

Chente was born in San Fernando. A few years later, her family moved to Oakland, living three houses away from Tilio's family. She said it was love at first sight! They were married 76 years and enjoyed a lifetime of fun and family, and especially ballroom dancing. Having an Italian background, Tilio embraced the Mexican culture Chente brought, especially the cuisine and the yearly open house Christmas Day sharing tamales with friends and family. They enjoyed traveling, casino trips and, of course, their Jack Daniels.

Chente learned sewing from her mom and mastered it all her life, teaching anyone who wanted to learn. While her children attended grammar school, she actively participated in the Mother's Club. She loved to be in her garden tending joyfully, especially to her orchids. She was a gentle, happy lady who always shared her beautiful smile with everyone. Her unwavering Catholic faith shone through as she peacefully passed her final days with us.

Visitation for Chente and Tilio will take place at Cooper's Chapel in Oakland at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 19, with a rosary at 6:30 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at Christ the King Church in Pleasant Hill at 11 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 20, Tilio's 101st Birthday. Interment will follow at Queen of Heaven Mausoleum in Lafayette. Together Forever.



## SL Players To Hold Auditions

The San Leandro Players will hold auditions for *The Maltese Bodkin* by David Belke on Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 16 and 17, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Museum Auditorium, 320 W. Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro. Open call, appointments possible. Contact Sage Hindley at [shindley11@gmail.com](mailto:shindley11@gmail.com), or call 895-2573 and leave a message.

*The Maltese Bodkin* is a comedy mystery with a Shakespearean twist where the worlds of

detective fiction and Shakespeare collide in this "who hath done it?" Ensemble cast; read from script. No pay; non-Equity. Male and female, all ages, ethnicities encouraged.

Rehearsals begin Jan. 24, Monday through Thursday evenings. Performances are March 3 through April 9 on Fridays and Saturdays and Sunday matinees.

The San Leandro Players website is [www.slplayers.org](http://www.slplayers.org).

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# Loan: City required to be responsible with public money

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by a firm of the city's choosing.

On the Jan. 6 deadline, instead of making a payment, Davis Street's attorney Peter Smith submitted a letter to the city with a counter offer that Davis Street

pay off the entire loan within 30 days.

So far, Davis Street has paid the city two years' worth of interest (\$163,000) on the \$1.5 million, but none of the principal.

"Things are moving along," said

Smith. "It's a business negotiation, like anything else. They (the city) made a proposal and we responded with another proposal. In the letter we told them we appreciate all the work they've done with us and we made a counter offer."

The city is expected to respond to Davis Street's counter offer later this month.

## City to Respond to Request

"The city is in the process of reviewing their correspondence and formulating a response," said assistant city manager Eric Engelbart in a written statement.

Smith says Davis Street will be able to repay the loan by selling or refinancing property it owns.

Davis Street's \$1.5 million loan from the city is part of the organization's \$2.6 million in long-term debt, according to Davis Street's 2016 fiscal year financial report.

## \$9 Million Annual Revenue

For the 2016 fiscal year Davis Street had \$9.2 million in total revenue – \$6 million from federal, state, county, city, and regional sources.

In addition to the governmental funding, Davis Street reports \$1.2 million in revenue from fees for child care programs, \$775,000 in patient service revenue, \$330,000 in fundraising revenue, \$269,000 in contribution revenue, and around \$90,000 in other revenue.

Davis Street reported a \$1.1 million net loss for the 2016 fiscal year.

During the 2016 fiscal year, Davis Street had \$10.3 million in total expenses, including \$3.8 million going to salaries and benefits.

# Lobbyist: Feds position on pot might change

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Senate are both under Republican rule. Simon says that policies could change more rapidly than in any time in recent memory.

Trump's nominee for attorney general Jeff Sessions is currently in confirmation hearings. Simon pointed out that Sessions has come down hard on issues including sanctuary cities and the legalization of marijuana.

"The threat has been raised legislatively to withdraw federal funds from cities that have been labeled sanctuary cities," said Simon. "This is something to be taken very seriously."

San Leandro hasn't officially declared itself a sanctuary city, though some residents have called on the council to do so.

Marijuana has been legalized in California, but it remains illegal under federal law. It was the policy of the Obama administration to not interfere with medical or legal recreational marijuana sales if the state had legalized it.

Sessions has very vocally opposed marijuana use and as attorney general may change that policy.

"Once he becomes attorney general, it's possible this issue is going to be revisited," Simon said. "I just want to make sure the council is aware that it is something that could potentially be on everybody's plate."

The City Council has authorized three pot dispensaries in the past year, and voters passed a tax in November on marijuana sales. The city stands to make hundreds of thousands of dollars from marijuana sales.

But Simon said there is some good news for the city as Trump's administration has announced a willingness to spend on a variety of infrastructure projects.

Simon also said that Trump has received a tremendous amount of support from police rank and file and may be open to spending more federal money on policing grants.

There is a possibility that Congress may reinstate earmarks for the first time

since 2010, as a new session of Congress is bringing the issue to the floor for a vote sometime this month, Simon said.

"And San Leandro has been a major beneficiary of earmarks over the years," said Simon. The marina dredging and senior center were funded by earmarks.

Mayor Pauline Cutter said that the city "smartly" never named a specific date that the marina would close, which leaves the possibility of a dredge in the future, but she acknowledged that dredging out the channel from the marina to the bay is still unlikely.

The City Council asked Simon about a variety of possible lobbying efforts including airport noise and flood insurance. Simon assured them he was listening to their interests. He said that whatever happens, the next four years in Washington will be "different," but that wasn't necessarily a cause for distress.

"We've had such gridlock for such a long time," said Simon. "One of the benefits of one party rule is that you know some things are going to get done."

## OPINION

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#### New Sign? Other Infrastructure Projects Could Yield More Benefits

Editor:

(In response to "Council Wants SL Sign on E. 14th Street," Page One, The Times, Jan. 5) A border marker for \$750,000? Although that intersection is a dead zone, something else could be done for less.

How about a grove of cherry trees? While I'm not a city planner, I imagine there are other infrastructure projects that yield more benefits. Increased lighting is a good thing, especially further south on East 14th Street.

Maybe the citizens of San Leandro can submit suggestions if we have \$750K burning a hole in our pocket. Or, is this the usual announcement of "done deal"?

—Jeff Sturm  
San Leandro

#### A \$750,000 Sign? 'This is Not Beverly Hills'

Editor:

(In response to "Council Wants SL Sign on E. 14th Street," Page One, The Times, Jan. 5)

What a waste!

Why is it that as soon as any governmental agency finds some money in its pocket, it suddenly finds an overwhelming need to spend it?

What about a street sign saying: "You are now entering San Leandro"?

This is not Beverly Hills.

Remember Castro Valley spending many thousands of dollars erecting a "Welcome to Castro Valley" monument on Redwood Road a number of years ago, only to tear it down in a few months in response to the many complaints of local residents?

Come on, Zapata. Get a clue!

—Ken Kellogg  
San Leandro

#### The Sign: 'How is \$750,000 Art 'Needed' on Hesperian?'

Editor:

I was surprised and upset by the city manager's vitriolic handling of the Davis Street loan situation. This city provides no social services for its residents, and in that void, Davis Street is one of a small handful of non-profits that pick up the slack.

They provide food, clothing and medical care to people at the bottom of the economic ladder. And, Building Futures, in the article on the homeless warming shelter, pointed out that non-affordable rents are the major contributing factor to homelessness here.

This city has pressing needs that go unmet and unfunded by its own budget. Yet they had money to spend sending out an "informational" mailing asking residents to vote for an array of new taxes.

Like the school measure, the city thinks nothing of asking taxpayers to throw away good money after bad. The balloon payment debacle was caused by their own poor decision-making,

so they'll just raise taxes. They have unfunded liabilities, also based on poor fiscal decisions, so they just raise taxes.

The city spends incredible amounts of money on consultants, lobbyists and mailings. And, of course, art. Which will make us all feel safe and might solve some of our pressing social issues like homelessness. Of course, the homeless will have to live under that \$750,000 sign to reap the benefit.

Three-quarters of a million dollars on a sign while people are homeless, rents keep soaring, and Davis Street needs forgiveness of debt. The same city manager trashing Davis Street for its loan repayment problem can then tell us how art is "needed" on Hesperian for \$750,000.

City Hall is good at throwing limited fiscal resources on "needed" art. But they need to return from their inter-galactic travels and start dealing with real issues in the real world that affect real people.

—K. Lee-Figueroa  
San Leandro

#### Says BART Complainers Should 'Grow Up'

Editor:

I would like to hear from folks like Corey Anderson ("Wonders About Lack of Concern Over BART's Latest Hike in Fines," Letters, Jan. 5), just how they would go about maintaining a public transportation system that carries up to half a million Bay Area commuters every day.

How would he keep a five-decades-old system functioning safely and efficiently?

On what planet can you build, maintain and improve a vital service without paying for it?

My advice for Corey and those who complain incessantly is: Grow up.

—Vernon S. Burton  
San Leandro

## INQUIRING REPORTER

### Your favorite dessert?

— Asked at Estudillo Center on MacArthur Boulevard

Oh my goodness – anything edible. I love food and I love dessert – anything chocolate.

**Christa Curtaz**  
San Leandro



Ice cream. I like any ice cream with chocolate.

**Barbara Sams**  
San Leandro



My favorite is pound cake, or coconut cake.

**Faye Bell**  
San Leandro



Something to do with pie. Pumpkin pie.

**Steve Gavello**  
San Leandro



I would say banana pudding cake, made by my cousin Deja. And it has Vanilla Wafers in it. It's delicious.

**Rachelle Jones**  
Oakland





## Nominate an Athlete for Sports Foundation's Hall of Fame

The San Leandro Sports Foundation is accepting nominations for the San Leandro Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2017.

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recognizes successful athletes from San Leandro who show good sportsmanship and character, leadership and a longterm contribution to their sport.

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honored at a dinner, followed by a ceremony on the field at a San Leandro High football game, and their plaques are installed on the Hall of Fame wall at Burrell Field.

## Car Stolen with 4-Year-Old Inside

By Amy Sylvestri  
San Leandro Times

An alleged car thief wound up being arrested for kidnapping after he stole a vehicle with a 4-year-old child in the back seat.

The boy's mother was dropping him and his 2-year-old sibling off at a daycare on Cherrywood Avenue in the north area just after 7:30 a.m. Tuesday. She took the younger child inside and left the 4-year-old in the car with the engine running.

The suspected thief, identified as 44-year-old Jason Michael

Silva of Oakland, jumped into the car and drove off with the boy inside, according to San Leandro police.

The mother came back outside and jumped in front of the car to try to stop the suspect. She was hit by the car, but not injured.

The suspect drove off and about 15 minutes later San Leandro police found the car parked on 107th Avenue in East Oakland with the boy inside, unharmed.

Police looked at surveillance video in the area and found the suspect coming out of a home on the 10400 block of Graffian Street in Oakland.

Police say the suspect doesn't know the child or his mother and the crime appears to be a random act. The police say they don't know whether the suspect was aware a child was in the car when he stole it.

Silva was arrested on suspicion of kidnapping, carjacking, and assault with a deadly weapon. He is being held at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin in lieu of \$230,000 bail and is scheduled for arraignment at the Hayward Hall of Justice on Jan. 12.

Anyone with information about the case is asked to call San Leandro police at 577-3315.

## Special Mass for MLK Day

All Saints Episcopal Church, 911 Dowling Blvd. in San Leandro, will commemorate the birthday of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Sunday, Jan. 15, at 10:15 a.m. with a special mass including African Ameri-

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