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Adeline Truong, 16, from Reno, makes a chip shot onto the green last Thursday at the annual City of San Leandro Junior Golf Championship at the Monarch Bay Golf Club. Below, Dylan Hidayat, 13, or Hayward, tees off.

Young Golfers Hit the Links in Annual Tourney

Young golfers from Northern California and Nevada came to San Leandro last Thursday for the annual San Leandro City Junior Golf Championship.

Each summer since 1963 the tournament has been played at Monarch Bay Golf Course, near the San Leandro Marina. Originally, the tourney had 30 to 40 golfers, ages 7 to 18, from San Leandro and nearby towns competing in this one-day event.

This year, the tourney was held on Aug. 3 on both courses at Monarch Bay. Over 130 golfers competed, making the San Leandro City Junior Championship

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Neighbors Talk Crime at Ntl. Night Out

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

People celebrated National Night Out on Aug. 1, meeting their neighbors and talking to police officers on a beautiful warm evening – with the electricity working and no wildfire smoke in the air, two things we no longer take for granted.

“The talk was of vehicle and house break-ins.

Neighbors talked around barbecues and potlucks about crime and public safety.

In Washington Square, between Washington Avenue and Hesperian Boulevard near Bayfair Mall, the talk was of vehicle and house break-ins. And about one local woman who was attacked by thieves as she got out of her car and her face was dragged across the pavement.

In Bay-O-Vista, people spoke of catalytic converters being sawed off cars in people’s driveways. On Superior Avenue a photo the neighbors sent us shows people happily

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New Twists In Fletcher Shooting Case

DA charges prosecutor, removes another on Officer Fletcher case

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

The Steven Taylor case took another turn last month when the Alameda County District Attorney’s Office filed a misdemeanor complaint against one former prosecutor and removed a second prosecutor.

Price also said her office has removed Senior Assistant District Attorney Kwixuan Maloof from the handling of

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District Attorney Pamela Price issued a statement on July 18 claiming former prosecutor Amilcar “Butch” Ford was charged based on “his unlawful and unethical interference with the case he worked on while he was still an employee of the DA’s office.”

The claim reports that on or about April 26, 2023, Ford provided confidential information to the attorney defending former San Leandro Police officer Jason Fletcher.

In September 2020, Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O’Malley charged San Leandro police officer Jason Fletcher with voluntary manslaughter for the unlawful killing of Steven Taylor on April 18, 2020, at the Walmart on Hesperian Boulevard. Fletcher pleaded not guilty and his case is still pending.

In a second move, DA

Burglar Stuck in Wall, Emerges

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

A man who allegedly broke into Metro by T-Mobile’s cell phone store at 1417 E. 14th St. on Thursday, July 28 may not have had a great plan, but he was easy to spot once it failed.

San Leandro police say that Juan Velazquez, 48, of Oakland got into the store through a roof hatch, but got stuck between the walls when he tried to descend into the store. Some 11 hours later, he was able to free himself into a storeroom and exited the store.

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MEETING SCHEDULES

CITY COUNCIL

Council meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers, City Hall, 835 E. 14th St., San Leandro. For more information, call the City Clerk at 577-3367.

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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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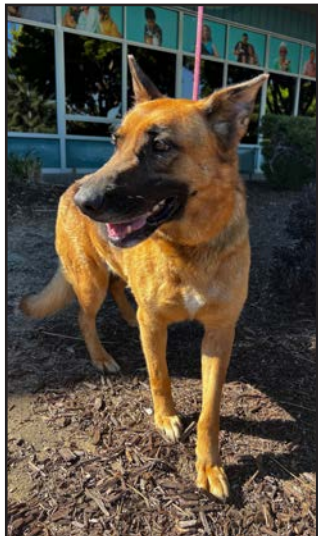
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Pets of the Week



Ryder

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are Ryder, a German shepherd mix, and Phoebe, a pit bull mix.

Ryder is a 4-year-old German Shepherd mix hoping to learn to trust in her forever home. Ryder is active, inquisitive and would do well bonding with a human that loves her. Ryder would do best



Phoebe

in a home with teens and up. Phoebe is a 3-year-old pit bull mix. She is a sweet girl looking for a home that understands that she wants love, affection and pets. Phoebe would do best in a home with older kids and up.

For more information on Ryder or Phoebe or to adopt, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at 510-293-7200.



Music Awards

The Music Teachers Association of California awarded many Certificate of Merit, Composers Today, and Improvisation awards to San Leandro music students. Present at the ceremony to receive their awards were (First Row): Alisha Wong, Andrew Wong, Charlotte Sims, Emiliana Chang, Ethan Chang, Spencer Chen, William Martinez, and Emma Leung. Second Row: Dr. Maureen Spranza, Oliver Simon, Soumya Pradhan, Emily Fong, Baron Batarse, Josias Fong, and Arianna Garcia.

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Chabad of SL to Host Talk by 100-Year-Old Holocaust Survivor

Chabad of San Leandro together with Chabad of the Tri-Valley will present a talk by a 100-year-old Holocaust survivor on Thursday, Aug. 24, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St. in Livermore.

Joseph Alexander, born in 1923 in Poland, remains as one of the world's leading voices and survivors of the Holocaust. His journey through 12 concentration camps (including Dachau and Auschwitz-Birkenau), the Warsaw Ghetto, and the death march is a miraculous story of

survival and triumph. Listen to his harrowing tale and be captivated by his enduring faith and spirit that have outlived the evils of history. With the dwindling number of survivors, this is a rare and historic opportunity to absorb a fading generation's message and story.

Tickets range from \$20 to \$90. To order your tickets, go to: jewishsanleandro.com/holocaustsurvivor

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Community Calendar

San Leandro Players Present 12 Angry Jurors

The San Leandro Players will present *12 Angry Jurors*, running through Aug. 13, at the San Leandro Museum/Auditorium, 320 West Estudillo Ave. Shows are Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. through Aug. 13, plus two Fridays at 8 p.m. on Aug. 4 and Aug. 11. Masking required. Wheelchair accessible. Tickets are \$20 general; \$15 seniors and under 12. For reservations or more information, visit www.slplayers.org or call 510-895-2573.

Davis Street Community Health Fair

The Davis Street Family Resource Center, 3081 Teagarden St. in San Leandro, will host its annual Community Health Fair on Saturday, Aug. 12, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with health education, community engagement and fun activities for all. Open to the public at no charge.

Harmony Fusion Chorus

Harmony Fusion Chorus presents Sundaes and Song at the Hill and Valley Club, 1808 B St. in Hayward, on Saturday, Aug. 12, from 2 to 4 p.m. For reservations, call Kenit Golabi at 925-719-1250. This is a fundraiser for Harmony Fusion.

Washington Home Owners to Hear About Manor Pool Repairs

The Washington Home Owners Association will host its monthly meeting on Wednesday, August 16, at 6:30 p.m. at the Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd. The guest speaker will be from the City of San Leandro Engineering Department to go over the Manor Pool repairs and expenditures. Washington Manor residents and the rest of the public are encouraged to attend and hear about Manor Pool work and provide your comments. If you have any questions, call Bob Glaze at 510-352-2058.

Alta Mira Club

Salad Bar Luncheon and Fashion Show

The Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave. in San Leandro, will host a salad bar luncheon and fashion show on Saturday, Aug. 19, at noon with fashions throughout the ages. Tickets are \$35 at the door. Fashions presented by the San Leandro Players theater company and club members.

Join the Joy Brigade for an Evening Walk

California BrainWaves invites all ages to join the Joy Brigade, a group that walks, strolls and rolls through local neighborhoods spreading joy on the fourth Monday of each month from 6 to 7 p.m. Meet in front of the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Wear a fun shirt or colorful leggings, dress in costume, chalk uplifting doodles on the sidewalk, wave and smile at passersby, bring a handmade sign. Strollers, pets, rollershoes, wheelchairs welcome.

Resolved to Lose Weight in 2023

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

San Leandro Toastmasters

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

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Call for Artists – Downtown Art Project

Downtown San Leandro has received a grant from the San Leandro Arts, Culture, and Library Commission for a Holiday Art Tree project.

Ten selected artists will each receive a \$500 commission to create joyful interpretations of the holiday season on pine tree-shaped wooden panels.

Artists who apply must either live, work, or go to school in San Leandro.

The application deadline is Aug. 31. More information is available at www.downtown-sanleandro.com.

San Leandro Players to Hold Auditions For Fall Production

San Leandro Players will hold auditions for its fall production of *Bloody Jack* at 7 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 22 and 23, at the San Leandro Museum/Auditorium 320 West Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro.

Non-AEA, no pay. All genders, all ethnicities and ages encouraged. Read from script; please bring a resume, if available. Contact Daniel Dickinson at danielrdickinson@gmail.com with any questions.

Bloody Jack is by Tim Kelly and directed by Daniel Dickinson. Kelly's imaginative, suspenseful re-creation of the Jack the Ripper Whitechapel murders provides rare theatrical entertainment. Any one of the 8 characters

could well be the notorious Bloody Jack. The audience is kept in suspense until the very end.

Rehearsals will run from Sept. 5 through Oct. 19 (Monday through Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m.), plus October 20 (dress rehearsal).

Performances will be on Oct. 21 through Nov. 19; Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sundays at 2 p.m. plus Fridays at 8 p.m. Nov. 10 and Nov. 17.

Until further notice, auditions, rehearsals and performances will observe current CDC, Alameda County and City of San Leandro COVID safety protocols. Masking required until further notice and except when performing on stage.

For more information visit the website www.slplayers.org.

On this Day: August 10

1833: Chicago incorporates as a village of about 20 people.

1846: Act of Congress passes establishing the Smithsonian Institution, now world's largest museum and research complex.

1869: O. B. Brown patents moving picture projector.

1885: Leo Daft opens America's 1st commercially operated electric streetcar in Baltimore.

1914: German troops reconquer Mulhouse in Elzas.

1919: Ukrainian National Army massacres 25 Jews in Podolia, Ukraine.

1932: The Lego Group founded in Billund, Denmark, by Ole Kirk Christiansen.

1935: 3rd Venice Film Festival opens

1936: 120°F (49°C) at Ozark, Arkansas (state record)

1968: Race riots in Miami, Chicago and Little Rock

1973: First BART train travels through transbay tube to Montgomery St. Station in San Francisco.

2006 Scotland Yard disrupts major terrorist plot to destroy aircraft travelling from

the United Kingdom to the United States. All toiletries are banned from commercial aircraft.

Mosqueda and Rodriguez-Hidalgo Set Wedding Date for Next Spring

Jamy Marisol Mosqueda and Aniceto Rodriguez-Hidalgo have been engaged and have set their wedding day for next April.

Jamy grew up in San Pablo and graduated from Pinole Valley High School. She has since worked as a medical lab technician.

Aniceto grew up in Mexico and moved to Oakland when he was 19. He's currently working in construction.

The couple lives in San Lorenzo with their baby, Emily, who is about to turn 3.

Jamy said that she and Aniceto are both Aries and maybe that's why they get along well.

"Our daughter is a Libra and she was born on my father's birthday," Jamy said. "My dad died over 20 years ago. So to me that was a good sign that my dad was looking over me."

Jamy said on the week-



ends, her future husband likes taking the family to the beach. Stinson Beach is one of their favorites.

Their daughter is outgoing, just like her father, Jamy said.

"He's a hard-working guy and he's very friendly, very outgoing, just like our daughter," Jamy said. "I'm a jogger and I like the outdoors, but I'm more quiet and conservative. But we get along great."

Local Student Makes Dean's List

Camille Dofiles, a sophomore biochemistry & molecular biology major at Dickinson College, has been named to the dean's list for the spring 2023 semester. A graduate of James Logan High School,

she is the daughter of Oliver and Lilibeth Dofiles of San Leandro, Calif.

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Night Out: Neighbors turn out from San Lorenzo to Bay-O-Vista

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gathering for the 30th year in a row, with crime or safety not mentioned in the caption.

In San Lorenzo, a few hundred people gathered for a free dinner at St. John's Catholic Church, mingled with sheriff's deputies, and enjoyed an outdoor play area. Kids loved checking out the deputies' mobile, high-tech command center on wheels.

Most participants questioned there said they felt safe.

One young mother said she felt perfectly safe in San Lorenzo.

"We've been doing fine in here," she said.

Her friend, another young

mother with several children enjoying the event, said she had grown up in the neighborhood and saw it a bit differently.

"It's not the same as I remember growing up," she said. "There's a lot more crime than I'm used to."

Up the hill in Bay-O-Vista, Geoff Luce praised the police department.

"We love the police," Luce said. "When we call, they come promptly. But I'd like to know how to get the people to stop dumping all kinds of garbage here."

His wife Catherine Luce, though, said that due to crime many of her neighbors had stopped shopping in San Leandro, despite being close to stores along MacArthur

Boulevard. They've started shopping in Castro Valley instead, she said.

Their neighbor Ken Pon, a city planning commissioner active in civic organizations, said he wished someone could figure out how to stop catalytic converter thefts.

"Not only are they being stolen when you're parked on the street, but sometimes right in people's driveways," Pon said.

In San Lorenzo, a woman said her neighborhood near Kennedy Park crime wasn't much of a problem. But, she added after thinking a moment, sometimes homeless people living near the railroad tracks set fires, probably to keep warm.

Leo Sheridan, a San



PHOTO BY MIKE MCGUIRE

Some 60 to 70 neighbors turned out in Washington Square for National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 1.

Leandro school board member who lives in Washington Square, said people didn't worry much about their personal safety there until recently.

"We always felt safe here because we don't get a lot of through traffic to someplace else," he said.

But now, there are assaults on people, houses, and vehicles, Sheridan said.

People at the event chatted with police officers, and the table where people could sign up for Neighborhood Watch was busy most of the evening.

"It's going down the drain," said resident Joel Ng. "There are house break-ins, car break-ins, catalytic converters taken, people robbed at gunpoint in front of their homes."

His wife was one of those

people, Ng said.

There were numerous other National Night Out events around town, some publicized citywide, but most small gatherings in neighborhoods. One of the larger events was in Washington Manor, where a large crowd including a number of city and law enforcement officials gathered on Hebron Court.

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The Board of Trustees is responsible for the governance of all schools in the San Leandro Unified School District.

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- Engage in balancing the needs of many diverse groups; be able to contribute to and build consensus;
- Participate as one Trustee and support the authority of the Board as a whole.

The Board of Trustees typically meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6 pm. Please note that some meetings may start at different times and workshops and additional meetings will be scheduled as needed.

Application materials are available on the District website at www.slusd.us under "Announcements"

Application deadline is Friday, August 11 at 5 pm

For additional information, please contact:
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Superintendent's Office
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HEALTH & FITNESS

Be Aware of the One Big Thing

By Mitch Rothbardt
Special to the Times

After being a personal trainer for almost 12 years I've seen some things change.

For example, it used to be much harder for women to accept the importance of strength training. That's gotten better, although there's still a long way to go.

Unfortunately, one thing that hasn't changed is our attraction to the "One-Big-Thing."

The "One-Big-Thing" is the promise that "One-Big-Thing" will get you everything you want, and then and only then, you'll be happy.

But you won't be.

I'm sorry, but "One-Big-Thing" never works. It would be great if it did and it's completely understandable that we want the answer to be so simple, but we've been falling for the "One-Big-Thing" ever since carnival barkers sold hair tonic to bald men.

Nowhere is this truer than with diets.

Diet "One-Big-Things" focus on an evil food or food group, usually carbs, although I've seen villains like meat, tomatoes, anything un-organic,

vegetables, fats...well...come to think I think I've seen every food and food group demonized in one way or another...and yes...it's all ridiculous.

Like most things, nutrition is best approached with common sense. There are people who make their "One-Big-Thing" diet seem like it makes sense (that's how they get paid, after all). They'll cite some evidence, usually lacking context or real proof, and it will sound something like this:

This is the diet the medical establishment doesn't want you to know about!

They'll play on some combination of fear and hope, knowing you want to believe that the answer is this simple and will solve all your problems.

It's all a lie, of course.

The evidence is shaky once you really look at it.

The diet is unsustainable.

And the most devious thing is that when it doesn't work, and it never does.

They blame you. You aren't good enough...disciplined enough...don't want it enough.

What a bunch of garbage.

How would you feel if you

bought a laptop that didn't power up and when you tried to return it, they told you it was your fault and you needed to buy another if you want one bad enough? That's infuriating, right? That's what "One-Big-Thing" diets do.

So how do you protect yourself? Ask yourself these 3 questions:

1. Does it make sense? Take your emotions out of it and really think. Don't rationalize. Does it really make sense that drinking Apple Cider Vinegar raises your metabolism? Remember the Raspberry Ketones craze?

2. Does it demonize any one food or food group? No, carbs aren't inherently unhealthy.

3. Is it sustainable? Is drinking a shake for breakfast, eating a cup of greens for lunch, and 2 ounces of chicken and broccoli for dinner going to work for you for the next half-decade? (Yes, I've actually seen this diet.)

I hope this helps keep some things straight for you. I know how hard this can seem. There's a ton of information, much of it confusing or misleading. Drop me a line if you have any questions.

Mulford Gardens Residents Turn Out for National Night Out Party

The Mulford Gardens neighborhood National Night Out on August 2 was well attended – and this year there were more kids and teenagers.

Mayor Juan Gonzalez stopped by for a few minutes and said a few words about the importance of National Night Out. There was a good spread of hamburgers, hotdogs, salads, lumpias, empanadas, corn bread, deviled eggs, etc., plus desserts and cake that everyone enjoyed.

Some of the gracious ladies who made sure every one ate well, who were busy in the kitchen most of the time, were Georganne Bellomo, Lorie Keith, Ginger Porill, Laurie Santos and Fe Mendoza.

Mario Mendonza and his German shepherd Roxy greeted



the guest warmly. Missing this year was Robert Trabert, who had worked hard to put this event together, had some health issues and could not attend.

The police officers and an intern who attended were Kevin Hacki, Bryan Anthony, Kelly Mahanay, and Alexa Monjaraz.

– By Bella Comelo

Burglar: Stuck in the wall

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Employees noticed he was covered with drywall powder and chunks. They called police, who easily spotted the

“Employees noticed he was covered with drywall powder and chunks.

suspect a short distance away and arrested him.

The store's owner had been at home, in the early hours long after closing, when he got an alarm call and started watching a suspect inside the store on a surveillance camera, according to spokesman Lt. Abe Teng of the San Leandro Police Department.

The owner called police, who responded but could find no sign of forced entry at ground level, and also didn't

see any movement inside the store, Teng said. They found the hatch open, but did not find anyone inside the store.

At about 11 a.m., though, the suspect emerged into a storeroom and tried to casually walk out of the store. Police caught up with him quickly,

and say he admitted to breaking into the store in an attempt to steal cell phones.

He was booked into the county jail at Santa Rita, where he was released on his own recognizance. He will enter a plea at his next court appearance on Aug. 22.

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GUEST COMMENTARY



International Investor Purchases Slowing

By Carl Medford, CRS
Special to the Forum

The dramatic shortage of available homes for sale has local buyers struggling to find enough properties to purchase. The result is twofold: a record low number of homes being sold and a continuation of competing multiple offers driving prices higher and making purchasing even more difficult.

According to the National Association of Realtors (NAR), this trend is impacting international buyers as well.

Even with the current US housing market drama, single family homes in the United States offer better investment opportunities than can be found in many other regions around the world. According to a recently released NAR report by Melissa Dittmann Tracey, "Asian buyers made up the largest group of

international buyers in the U.S. over the past year, with a market share of 38%. Latin American buyers followed, comprising 31% of the international buyer market share in the U.S."

The report continues, stating, "China continued to serve as the top country of origin among foreign buyers, and Chinese buyers have the highest median purchase price of \$723,200. Chinese buyers largely targeted the U.S.'s priciest areas in California and New York. Canadian buyers were next in total expenditures, with individual purchases at a median of \$572,900. Canadian buyers were most likely to purchase in vacation destinations like Florida and Arizona.

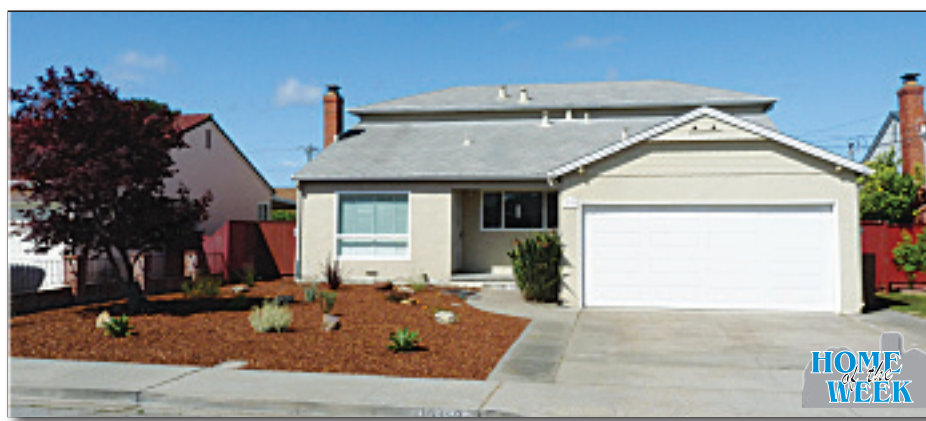
On the other hand, buyers from Mexico tended to purchase the least-expensive properties in the U.S.; Texas was their preferred destination." China led the way at 13% of purchases (\$13.6 bil-

lion), Mexico was next at 11% (\$4.2 billion), followed by Canada at 10% (\$6.6 billion), India at 7% (\$3.4 billion) followed by Colombia at 3% (\$0.9 billion).

Even though Chinese buyers led the pack in the number of buyers, because their price points were higher than the rest, their primary target states did not sell the highest percentage of homes to foreign buyers; that honor went to Florida, raking in 23% of international purchases. California was next at 12%, Texas also had 12% while North Carolina sold 4% with Arizona coming in last at 4%. Even though California and Texas had similar percentages, homes in the Golden State cost more, pushing them ahead of the Lone Star State. The same was true of NC vs. Arizona.

It appears the Golden Days of foreign investing are over for now: during the foreclosure crisis, huge chunks of US housing stock were snapped up by foreign investors. That market no longer exists.

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Water and Break Up the Root Ball when Transplanting

By Buzz Bertolero
The Dirt Gardener

What do I need to do to prevent this from happening?

Q My Dwarf Marigold, planted in mixed containers, are having a problem. Some of the plants thrive while others struggle. I've had this problem off and on over the past several years. They wither and die within a couple of weeks for no apparent reason. The other plants are not affected. The containers are next to one another and receive the same care and exposure.

A Marigolds naturally form a very dense root ball of white, fibrous roots at an early age, so they'll quickly fill the growing space in a container or pack. This is beneficial as gardeners can easily remove the plants from color packs without disturbing them. But, it's sometimes difficult for water to penetrate the roots because of the thick matting and quickly draining soil. Water rolls around the roots resulting in water stress and the random failure of the plants. This can also be a problem with Pansies and Violas. Besides the sun, wind significantly contributes to water loss problems as the rate of transpiration and evaporation increases with windy conditions. You avoid this by first thoroughly watering the plants before transplanting. This also holds with landscape trees, shrubs, and ground covers during the summer months, regardless of the container size. The roots of the original plant(s) must go into their new location moist. The rate or speed of the decline depends on the location and exposure to the elements. Next, once the plants are removed from the container/color packs, you need to break the circular, square, or round pattern of the mass

of roots. Many gardening books refer to this as scoring the root ball. You can pull at the outer roots with your fingers, slice them with a knife or use the blade on a pair of hand shears before tucking them into their new home. You avoid this problem in the future by simply changing the transplanting technique.

Q I removed my lawn and replaced it with California Natives along with some water-wise plants. They have been in for two years and are doing very well. I'm very pleased. Do you know if they have any special fertilizer requirements?

A Native plants have no special fertilizer requirements as they're not heavy feeders. True California Natives are best fed in November, just before the rains, while the rest are fed in early March before the flush of new growth. I'd take the plant list to your favorite garden center and have the nursery professional advise you as to which time period is best for each plant. I'd use a general organic fertilizer like EB Stone or Dr Earth Organic All Purpose Fertilizer. One application is all that's necessary per year.



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Total: 11 – Average Price: \$1,421,545
High: \$2,400,000 – Low: \$785,000

19923 Wisteria Street 94546:
\$785,000 [2 BD - 1,018 SF - 1925
20642 Maria Court 94546:
\$848,000 [3 BD - 1,569 SF - 1994
20068 Summeridge Drive 94552:
\$1,065,000
3464 Northwood Drive 94546:
\$1,200,000 [3 BD - 1,825 SF -
1952
21606 Justco Lane 94552:
\$1,200,000 [3 BD - 1,652 SF -
1989
35555 Palomares Road 94552:
\$1,290,000 [3 BD - 2,494 SF -]
30313 Palomares Road 94552:
\$1,500,000 [2,888 SF -]
21112 Tyee Court 94546:
\$1,598,000
19525 Forest Avenue 94546:
\$1,851,000 [2 BD - 957 SF - 1949
3848 Somerset Avenue 94546:
\$1,900,000 [5,856 SF - 1994
16985 Briery Court 94546:
\$2,400,000 [4 BD - 3,624 SF -
1968

HAYWARD

Total: 18 – Average Price: \$1,009,333
High: \$2,420,000 – Low: \$420,000

681 Royston Lane #130 94544:
\$420,000 [1 BD - 643 SF - 1988
21899 Vallejo Street 94541:
\$650,000 [2 BD - 864 SF - 1922
625 Meek Avenue 94541: \$660,000
[2 BD - 806 SF - 1942
18026 Sahara Road 94541:
\$680,000 [3 BD - 1,314 SF - 1973
643 Arcadia Drive 94541: \$700,000
[3 BD - 1,333 SF - 2003
123 Fagundes Street 94544:
\$730,000 [3 BD - 969 SF - 1950
22347 Montgomery Street 94541:
\$850,000 [3 BD - 1,211 SF - 1920
568 Mardie Street 94544: \$853,000
[3 BD - 1,000 SF - 1950
654 Lebanon Street 94541:
\$870,000 [3 BD - 1,164 SF -
1956
168 Laurel Avenue 94541:
\$900,000 [3 BD - 1,386 SF - 1926
25897 Bryn Mawr Avenue 94542:
\$933,000 [3 BD - 1,050 SF - 1951
25980 Underwood Avenue 94544:
\$950,000 [5 BD - 1,989 SF - 1952
205 Cherry Way 94541: \$1,011,000
[4 BD - 1,750 SF - 1939
31275 Hershey Way 94544:
\$1,050,000 [3 BD - 1,762 SF -
1955
27725 Fallen Leaf Court 94542:

\$1,210,000 [4 BD - 2,650 SF -
1967
2979 D Street 94541: \$1,225,000
[2 BD - 1,036 SF - 1947
37 Country Club Drive 94542:
\$2,056,000 [4 BD - 3,946 SF -
2016
2 Sonas Place 94542: \$2,420,000
[5 BD - 3,937 SF - 2014

SAN LEANDRO

Total: 9 – Average Price: \$778,500
High: \$1,283,500 – Low: \$515,000

1450 138th Avenue #5 94578:
\$515,000 [2 BD - 811 SF - 1970
14409 Doolittle Drive 94577:
\$520,000 [3 BD - 1,060 SF -
1979
16264 Saratoga Street #1 94578:
\$533,000 [3 BD - 1,096 SF -]
13833 Samoa Road 94577:
\$730,000 [3 BD - 1,336 SF -
1961
907 Victoria Avenue 94577:
\$760,000 [2 BD - 970 SF - 1925
533 Dolores Avenue 94577:
\$850,000 [2 BD - 1,381 SF - 1946
2084 167th Avenue 94578:
\$855,000 [3 BD - 1,501 SF - 1949
213 Leo Avenue 94577: \$960,000
[3 BD - 1,667 SF - 1936
474 Diehl Avenue 94577:
\$1,283,500 [3 BD - 1,506 SF -1939

SAN LORENZO

Total: 3 – Average Price: \$810,000
High: \$882,000 – Low: \$760,000

1205 Via Dolorosa #133 94580: [3 BD - 1,000 SF - 1944
\$720,000 [3 BD - 1,043 SF - 1950
17033 Ganley Street 94580:
\$905,000 [4 BD - 1,680 SF - 1952

WEEKEND GARDENER

Wildfire Protection

Hot, late-summer weather is right around the corner and it is time to pay attention to fire safety around your home and yard, especially if you live in a wooded hillside area. You should maintain a defensible space—a minimum of 30 feet—around the house, with all shrubs pruned to three feet or less. Remove dead and flammable debris, including tree branches lower than eight feet from the ground. Keep climbing plants away from buildings and fences. Sweep gutter, eaves and the roof of leaves and other debris.

Bulbs

When storing bulbs, shake them free of soil and let them dry in a sheltered spot for several days, then place them in plastic bags filled with sand, vermiculite or peat moss. Poke holes in the bag for ventilation and store in a cool, dry area.

Flowers

Feed azaleas, camellias and rhododendrons with an acid fertilizer for the last time this year to help them set buds for early spring bloom. Continue feeding begonias, fuchsias and summer annuals. Feed chrysanthemums until their buds begin to show color and open.

Harvesting Cucumbers

Hedges

Shape hedges for the last time this season.

Mortgage Rates Increase

The combination of upbeat economic data and the U.S. government credit rating downgrade caused mortgage rates to rise this week. Despite higher rates and lower purchase demand, home prices have increased due to very low unsold inventory.

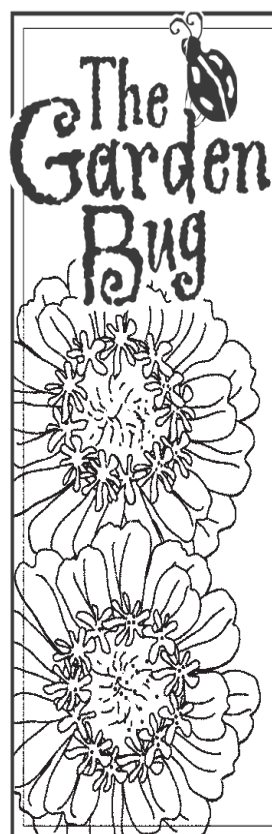
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/s/ Blanca Castorena Zamora
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following owner(s): Mark Ambrosini
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This business commenced N/A
/s/ Mark Ambrosini
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the following owner(s): Adrian Dan-
toci 1605 141st Ave. San Leandro, CA
94578. This business is conducted by
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This business commenced 7/29/23
/s/ Adrian Dantoci
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The name of the business(es):
The Barber Lounge, located at 1695
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/s/ Sergio Miranda
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The name of the business(es):
Angel's Auto Repair And Service, locat-
ed at 1915 E 14th Street San Leandro,
CA 94545. in Alameda County, is hereby
registered by the following owner(s):
Miguel Angel Solis Gonzalez 997 82nd
Ave APT F Oakland, CA 94621/Fernan-
do Hernandez 1357 81st Ave Oakland,
CA 94621. This business is conducted
by Joint Venturl.
This business commenced N/A
/s/ Miguel Angel Solis Gonzalez
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The name of the business(es):
Service Now Security, located at 23032
Ida LN. Hayward, CA 94541. in Alameda
County, is hereby registered by the
following owner(s): Shivashni Kumar
23032 Ida LN. Hayward, CA 94541. This
business is conducted by An Individual.
This business commenced N/A
/s/ Shivashni Kumar
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The name of the business(es):
Lillard's Properties, located at 509 Clara
Street Oakland, CA 94603./ PO. BOX
43242 Oakland, CA 94624. in Alameda
County, is hereby registered by the fol-
lowing owner(s): Houston Lillard 509
Clara Street Oakland, CA 94603. This
business is conducted by An Individual.
This business commenced N/A
/s/ Houston Lillard
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
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The name of the business(es):
La Raza Market, located at 16411 E 14th
Street San Leandro, CA 94578 / 1835
Lateral Avenue Manteca, CA 95337. in
Alameda County, is hereby registered
by the following owner(s): Minavi En-
terprises 1835 Lateral Avenue. Manteca,
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This business commenced N/A
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One in Three Renters Living in Legally Uninhabitable Housing

New report says many renters live in sub-standard housing, repairs not made, despite higher rent

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

A new report released last week by two housing advocacy groups claims nearly one out of every three renters (31 percent) in unincorporated Alameda County is living in conditions that violate state habitability standards, including rodent infestations, broken water heaters, and flooding.

In addition, 40 percent of Eden Area renters report living with at least one unmet housing repair. Although landlords are required under state law to make repairs within 30 days

of notification, many report living with these issues for months.

The report, "In the Shadows of Eden: Rising Rents, Evictions, and Severe Habitability Issues in Alameda County," includes findings from contacting over 500 residents, using data from a survey of Eden renters and tenant testimony collected through door-to-door canvassing.

"I have not only heard stories, but I have seen the conditions many families are forced to live in, all while they continue to receive large rent

"If we don't come up with a solution anytime soon, we're just going to see things get worse."

— Maria Miranda, program manager at My Voice Eden

increases," said Vicki Vivaldo, a Cherryland resident, through a translator.

Executives with My Eden Voice and East Bay Housing Organizations (EBHO), which produced the report, hope to shed light on the situation.

"This is all tied to the health of families. Not just from conditions in the home, but also the stress and placed upon them," said Maria Miranda Dextre, program manager and community organizer at My Eden Voice. "If we don't come up with the solution or, you know, actually pass the

solution, anytime soon, we're just going to see things get worse."

The Eden Area is the name for the urban unincorporated territories of Alameda County, including Ashland, Castro Valley, Cherryland, Fairview, Hayward Acres, and San Lorenzo. The Eden Area is home to nearly 150,000 people.

A breakdown of each of the towns shows most of the responses came from Ashland (38 percent) and Cherryland (31 percent), followed by Hayward Acres (14 percent), San Lorenzo (8 percent), Castro

Valley (5 percent), and Fairview (3 percent).

The data shows half of these renters have lived in their location for more than five years, with more than half living in apartments with children and an annual household income of less than \$30,000.

The report also outlines policy recommendations for county officials, including enforcing just cause for eviction and rent stabilization policies, a proactive rental inspection program, a rental registry, and increased funding for legal

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OPINION

LETTERS to the EDITOR

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Mayor Addresses Washington Manor Pool

Editor,

I write to provide additional context for your August 3, 2023, story about the Washington Manor Pool.

City Council did not vote to prohibit the construction of a competition pool in the Washington Manor. Instead, Council voted to support the clear guidance from residents to take care of what we have before building additional facilities.

From the City's January 2023 survey of residents, we know that residents overwhelmingly want the City to properly maintain and renovate its existing facilities. When it recently became apparent that proper renovation and maintenance of the Washington Family Aquatic Center would require a substantially larger budget than originally planned, City staff suggested a budgetary reallocation. In particular, staff suggested that funds sitting in a capital account that could partially fund a potential competition pool at Washington Manor Park should instead be reallocated to renovating and maintaining the existing facility at the park (i.e., the Family Aquatic Center).

The staff presentation at the June 7, 2023 Facilities and Transportation Committee clearly and transparently described this

recommendation. The July 17, 2023 staff report to the full City Council similarly described the recommendation on page one of the report. When making this decision to properly fund the renovation and maintenance of the Family Aquatic Center, I did not receive emails, letters, agenda e-comments, voice-mails, or phone calls expressing concerns about the staff's recommendation.

As a Council, we are committed to helping residents understand the true cost of running a city. In that vein, we are specifically committed to properly funding the maintenance of existing facilities.

Finally, we also stand by our commitment to listen to residents' priorities. As we develop our Parks Master Plan over the next year, I encourage each of you to participate in the Parks Master Plan Community Outreach process. Your input will lay the foundation for the future of our beloved park facilities.

Juan González
Mayor of San Leandro

The Case of the Disappearing Money

Editor,

Part of the dialog in the movie 'Jerry Maguire' between Tom Cruise and Cuba Gooding Jr. was "Show me the money." I just want to know...Where did the money go?

San Leandro was one of the FIRST cities to increase their sales tax to the HIGHEST rate in the state. "We're number one!" And now they want to dip into our pockets once again for more cash.

For comparison, the average cost of a new car is \$48,000 and with San Leandro's tax rate now at 10.75% I'd pay \$600 LESS for the same car in Beverly Hills, \$660 less in San Jose and \$1,080 less in Napa. This is another good reason to move to Napa, except...

One issue with moving to Napa, or any other city for that matter, is that our property transfer tax just got bumped up 83.3 percent from \$6 per \$1,000 to \$11. So if you sell a \$1,000,000 home it's going to give the city an extra 5,000 buckaroos. Can't you just see them rubbing their hands together and saying "ka-ching" at City Hall every time someone sells and moves out of San Leandro?

One option Deputy City Manager Eric Engelbart suggested to get more revenue is to issue bonds. Well that harebrained idea does nothing more than to kick the can down the road – when you add the interest to the bond it will more than quadruple the final payment.

He also floated the idea of passing a single family residence tax – only 40 percent of those surveyed would agree to \$150 – but it goes up to 60 percent if the tax was reduced to \$98. Why doesn't he float the idea of \$29.99 like an old Earl Scheib paint job or Ron Popeil's Hair-In-A-Can for only three easy payments of \$9.99?

For some reason when it comes to tax increases the saying that you can always count on is: "We need to fund the fire and police departments." So once again, "Where did all the money go?"

Brent Heath
San Leandro

It Wasn't a Computer Glitch

Editor,

First, I want to congratulate Sarah Bailey for her letter accusing Mayor Gonzalez of stifling public comment, even though I don't agree with much of her public comments. She addressed all of the areas correctly, which are the same ones I mentioned in previous City Council meetings.

However, I don't believe that there was any "computer glitch" for the City Clerk kept on repeating that she could not hear the speaker when all those of us who were online were able to hear them clearly. I think that it was the mayor and most council members' trick before going to recess for more than a month for, the mayor and council members Ballew, Aguilar and Simon had before proposed some form of restrictions on public comments, mainly after my participation. So, Sarah Bailey, I welcome your letter.

Then, there was the letter of Democrat operative Doug Jones, full of rabid personal attacks on those of us who dare to denounce the fascist and crooked regime installed in the White House by Democrats, stooges for the status quo and the bipartisan system of the corporations.

Doug Jones line of writing is the only one possible for Democrats for they have nothing to show for their votes for the babbling but sky-high inflation, crumbling infrastructure, uncontrolled scab immigration, crime and vandalism, bank failures, airports' mess and a desperate attempt to establish the fraudulent voting system that allowed them to "win" in 2020. It certainly is "Bidenomics."

Leo T. West
San Leandro

Lake Chabot Road

Editor,

Recent letters illustrate several contending views as to what should be done about the short stretch of Lake Chabot Road inside San Leandro city limits that has been washed out since January. There is some controversy over the cost of repairing the road and little agreement about the cost of allowing this asset to degrade further instead of repairing it.

Apart from those of us concerned about access for emergency vehicles and use as an evacuation route, some want to keep it closed permanently; some want it to be open only to pedestrians and bicycles.

That solution doesn't do much for serious bicyclists, who are more likely interested in safer access to the portion of Lake Chabot Road between San Leandro and Castro Valley, which is owned and maintained by Alameda County. This route will remain dangerous for cyclists under all scenarios. However, permanent closure offers a benefit to a few residents of Lake Chabot Road who no longer contend with through traffic.

On the other hand, the closure of lower Lake Chabot Road restricts access to and from Bay-O-Vista. For medical emergencies and wildfires, reopening the road will serve the greater good. Also, drivers who use Astor Drive often speed down View Drive, presenting a danger to pedestrians and other drivers, not unlike the problem faced by residents of lower Lake Chabot Road.

Speed control is in everybody's interest. The easiest solution would be to install speed bumps, speed humps, or rumble strips at appropriate locations, such as View Drive and Lake Chabot Road, including the portion owned by Alameda County.

Gary Sloane
San Leandro

Golfers: Junior golf tourney held in San Leandro since 1963

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one of the largest single day junior golf tournaments in Northern California.

The overall boy's champion was Shrey Kanji from Oakland with a score of 71. The overall girl's champion was Sparrow Pierzina from El Sobrante, also with a score of 71.

The winners in each age group (age 10 and under play on the shorter 9-hole course):

Overall Boys – 71, Shrey Kanji, Oakland

Overall Girls – 71, Sparrow Pierzina, El Sobrante (first-time back-to-back winner for overall girls)

Girls 16-18 – 78, Annable Chen, Fremont

Girls 14/15 – 77, Ishanvi Velagapudi, Dublin

Girls 12/13 – 75, Jea Jung, Santa Clara

Girls 10/11 – 35, Grace Delaitoga, Sacramento

Girls 7-9 – 38, Megan Li, Los Gatos

Boys 16-18 – 72, Alister Jackson, Redwood City

Boys 14/15 – 73, Yan yu Wu, Fremont

Boys 12/13 – 71, Cru Sullivan, Ripon

Boys 10/11 – 33, Bruse Sher, Stockton

Boys 7-9 – 35, Kazimir Zabinski, San Jose

The continued success of the tournament is due largely to the volunteers from American Golf Corporation, who operate Monarch Bay for the city, along with the San Leandro Golf Club. The Public Works Department has managed the tournament since 1996. Under Public Works guidance, this tournament has grown from 55 participants in 1995 to over 300 participants in 2007.

Due to the increasing competing junior golf events, participation at all junior golf tournaments are down from the peak year in 2007. But the San Leandro City Junior Golf Championship remains one of the largest single-day junior golf tournaments in Northern California.

The Public Works Department and American Golf continue to grow the game of golf by hosting various junior golf competitions at Monarch



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Junior golfers played at Monarch Bay last Thursday in ideal conditions on an overcast day.

Bay. Other junior events include San Leandro and Arroyo High Schools' Boys and Girls season matches as well

San Leandro High School Boys and Girls Invitationals, which help fund their golf teams.

Case: Price says Ford gave confidential information

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the case solely to avoid the appearance of impropriety. Maloof was the head of the County's Public Accountability Unit.

"While we recognize the public's interest in this unusual case, as prosecutors, we understand the importance of ethical rules that restrict what we can publicly disclose about pending cases," Price said in her statement. "However, we wish to reiterate our dedication to conducting ourselves with integrity and fairness throughout this process. We will not involve ourselves in, nor respond to, any personal or political attacks."

Ford, a 19-year veteran

prosecutor who now works for the San Francisco District Attorney's office, disputes Price's charges against him, telling the San Leandro Times that he was never officially assigned to the Steven Taylor case and that his firing was more tied to his disagreements with Maloof over whether to prosecute Fletcher.

Price called Taylor's death "a traumatic and tragic event for our entire community." She also noted in her announcement that the California Department of Justice, confirmed that there are no conflicts preventing her office from prosecuting the case against Fletcher and that the US Department of Justice will

"We are committed to ensuring a fair, speedy, and public resolution of both the prosecution of Fletcher and Ford while upholding the principles of equal justice under the law."

— District Attorney
Pamela Price

not be handling the matter.

"We are committed to ensuring a fair, speedy, and public resolution of both the prosecution of Defendant Fletcher and Defendant Ford while upholding the principles of equal justice under the law for all residents," Price wrote in a statement.

On April 18, 2020, San Leandro Police officers Jason Fletcher and Stefan Overton responded to a 911 call at the Walmart on Hesperian and Lewelling involving an individual, later identified as 33-year-old Steven Taylor, who was reportedly shoplifting and had brandished a baseball bat at a Walmart store employee.

In less than 40 seconds of first encountering Taylor with a baseball bat, Fletcher drew his firearm in his right hand and his Taser in his left hand, according to an independent report filed last year. The report concluded that Fletcher shot Taylor once and Tasered him three times.

Uninhabitable: Report calls for more protection for renters

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services. "It's been encouraging to see more municipalities across the East Bay adopting tenant protections, and it's time for Alameda County to follow suit," said Sasha Perigo, Strategic Commu-

nications Manager at East Bay Housing Organizations. "Renters in the unincorporated Eden Area deserve equal protections."

The report can be found on the EBHO website (<https://ebho.org/launching-the-in-the-shadows-of-eden-report/>).

Painting Exhibit at Hayward Shoreline

The Hayward Area Recreation and Park District is hosting an exhibit of paintings of wildlife, "Your Wildest Dreams," by award-winning local artist Rita Sklar on display

through August at the Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center, 4901 Breakwater Ave. in Hayward, on display Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Apply by Friday to Fill Seat on School Board

Trustee Monique J. Tate has moved from the area, bringing a vacancy to the San Leandro Unified School District (SLUSD) governing board in Area 1.

The SLUSD has released details regarding the procedure and schedule for filling the vacancy in Area 1.

Qualified applicants are required to meet the following criteria:

- 1.) Must be registered voters and residents of the San Leandro Unified School District.
- 2.) Must reside in the Trustee Area 1 boundary.
- 3.) Not currently employed by the San Leandro Unified School District.

If the above criteria have been met, qualified applicants are invited to submit an application packet on or before August 11 with a 5 p.m. deadline for receipt of applications via mail or hand-delivery to the District Office at 835 E. 14th Street, Suite 200, San Leandro, CA 94577.

Application packet materials are on the district's website at www.slusd.us under "Announcements." Physical copies may be obtained by emailing Michelle Mayfield, SLUSD Executive Assistant, at mmayfield@slusd.us.

Applicant interviews will be based on the number of applications submitted and will occur before Aug. 29, when the district anticipates announcing the selected candidate.

The appointee will hold office until the next regularly scheduled Statewide General Election for governing board members, which will take place on Nov. 8, 2024.

Questions regarding this process may be directed to Michelle Mayfield via email at mmayfield@slusd.us. For more information about the San Leandro Unified school board trustees, visit the Board of Education area of the district's website at: <https://www.slusd.us/board-of-education/>

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