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Cal Taiko performs at the AAPI cultural festival and rally in front of the San Leandro Main Library. Below, Miss San Leandro U.S.A. Lynn Mynala sings at the rally.

## Community Rallies for AAPI

By Mike McGuire  
San Leandro Times

Several hundred people gathered Sunday in front of the San Leandro Main Library for a Celebrate AAPI/Stop AAPI Hate rally and cultural festival, encompassing many of the Asian-American and Pacific Islander nationalities in the Bay Area.

The event featured speakers and artists, and was organized by the Community Impact Lab along with other

community groups, and got a small amount of city funding to pay artists.

Booths were set up by a number of community organizations. The San Leandro Public Library, which is celebrating Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month, put large-scale illustrated pages of children's books in tree branches in front of the library.

Two of the state's most prominent elected officials spoke, state Controller

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## City Council Votes to Add More Solar

Council wants solar panels and battery storage on city buildings

By Michael Singer  
San Leandro Times

In a move to keep the lights on in case of an emergency and reduce its dependency on fossil fuels, the San Leandro City Council on Monday voted to look for ways to add more solar panels to city buildings and other sites.

In its 7-0 vote, the council authorized the city manager to work with East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) to find ways to put photovoltaic panels with connected battery backup storage atop nine city-managed facilities including four fire stations, City Hall, Marina Community Center, San Leandro Main Library, the police station, and the Senior Community Center.

Four other sites could also host solar panels without the backup power storage. Those sites include an additional array at the Water Pollution Control Plant, the downtown garage, the Manor Library, and the Public Works Department yard.

Public Works Director Debbie Pollart said the partnership is important for the city to take and would help San Leandro become more resilient and efficient with its power management.

"We have the infrastructure that we want to remain open for the public in case of a prepared power shutdown

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## Arrest Made in Robbery of Elderly Man

The San Leandro Police arrested an 11-year-old and a 17-year-old last week for the robbery of an elderly Asian male in the 14200 block Acapulco Road earlier this month.

A home security video of the robbery appeared on news broadcasts nationwide, as one of a string of attacks recently on elderly Asians. The 80-year-old man had his Fit-Bit wristband stolen by three young suspects, who later robbed a Hispanic woman the same day.

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## State to Keep Mask Mandate Till June 15

By Michael Singer  
San Leandro Times

Despite last week's proclamation by the CDC, you still must wear a mask in California in all the usual places until June 15 to curb the spread of COVID-19.

The guidelines released late last week by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention allows people to go back to their normal pre-pandemic routines without having

to wear a mask – but only if they have had two weeks since their last shot of COVID-19, and with some stipulations.

"Fully vaccinated people can resume activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance," the CDC said in its announcement.

In response, California's Department of Health said it will keep existing mask guidance in place until June 15 when Governor Gavin Newsom said the state aims to fully reopen its economy.

"After that, the state plans to allow fully-vaccinated Californians to go without a mask in most indoor settings. You will still have the option to wear a mask if you choose," the California Department of

Health said on its website.

The Alameda County Health Care Services Agency reiterated the state's health directive.

"Local orders are aligned with the state and we can't be less restrictive," ACPHD said. "COVID19 continues to circulate at moderate levels in Alameda County and the best way to protect yourself is to get vaccinated."

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## PETS OF THE WEEK



**Prince Bubblegum**

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter are a Prince Bubblegum the bunny and Beethoven the cat.

**Prince Bubblegum** is a sweet boy bunny who is easy going and easy to handle. He enjoys naps on soft blankets and fresh garden greens of basil, dill, and parsley.



**Beethoven**

**Beethoven** is 8 years old and full of love and stories to tell. This affectionate boy is easy going and enjoys spending time with people. He will meow for attention and is looking for a home where he can get a lot of cuddles and pets.

For more information on Prince Bubblegum or Beethoven, call Hayward Animal Shelter 510-293-7200.

## Library Looking to Interview Immigrants

The California Humanities has awarded the San Leandro Public Library a grant from its Library Innovation Lab Program.

The San Leandro Library will use the grant to focus on the community goal of "Exploring New Ways of Engaging Immigrant Communities Through Public Humanities Programming" this year.

Library staff is exploring and learning from the perspectives and experiences of immigrants living in San Leandro.

If you are an immigrant and would like to participate in a focus group or an informal interview to inform the process, email Patty Mallari (pmallari@sanleandro.org) or call the Library's Reference Service at 510-577-3971.

Qualified participants engaging in the interview will receive a Starbucks or Target gift card (while supplies last).

## 7-Year-Old Wins Music Teachers Association Composition Contest

7-year-old Ethan Wei Chang of San Leandro won First Place in the Composers Today State Contest, Division 1, for the second year in a row.

Ethan entered his original music composition, called "Nocturne: Snowy Owls, Snowy Night," into the category for ages 7 and younger. The contest is a program of the Music Teachers Association of California.

A recording of him playing the composition on piano will be presented at the MTAC Annual Convention which will be online.

This year, another one of Ethan's compositions, Journey of Life Sonata, II. Rondo, Andante, was selected from the Composition Evaluation Program for the Convention Symposium. Ethan entered the Improvisation program and his video called Jacket Off was also selected for the Convention.

Ethan loves being a composer, thinks of many new melodies every day, and writes songs with his sister. He loves jazz more than classical music because he has fun adding improvisation to each piece.



**Ethan Wei Chang composes songs and loves jazz.**

In addition to piano, Ethan also loves chess, science and ice-skating.

## Kaiser Now Scheduling Vaccinations for Teens

Kaiser Permanente is now scheduling COVID-19 vaccination appointments for adolescents 12 to 15-years-old.

Right now, the Pfizer vaccine is currently the only one approved for people 12 to 17 years old. All the available vaccines are proven to be safe, effective, and lifesaving. Kaiser Permanente has appointments available for those 12 years and older and encourages all who are eligible to get vaccinated as soon as they can.

Vaccine appointments for people 12 to 17 are available by appointment only and on a walk-in basis at some locations. A parent or guardian must accompany anyone under 18 to their vaccine appointment or print out and

complete the consent and screening forms for the child to bring. Parents or guardians may also be asked for a child's photo ID (such as a school ID card or passport) and proof of age.

The move comes after the Advisory Committee on Im-

munization Practices (ACIP) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) endorsed the vaccine for use in this new age group, another huge step in the fight against COVID-19.

Visit [kp.org/covidvaccine](https://kp.org/covidvaccine) for appointment information.

## Arrest: Juveniles

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the 11-year-old male was driving a carjacking vehicle that was stolen on May 10 in Oakland. San Leandro police are investigating other crimes these juveniles may be asso-

ciated with.

"We are thankful that we were able to capture these juveniles safely and expeditiously," said Lt. Ali Khan of the San Leandro Police Department.

## On this Day in History - May 20

1520 - Hernando Cortez defeated Spanish troops that had been sent to punish him in Mexico.

1690 - England passed the Act of Grace, forgiving followers of James II.

1674 - John Sobieski became Poland's first King.

1873 - Levi Strauss began marketing blue jeans with copper rivets.

1961 - A white mob attacked the Freedom Riders in Montgomery, Alabama.

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## Sun Gallery:

### Exhibit on Climate Change

The Sun Gallery, 1015 E St. in Hayward, has opened its first indoor exhibit since the pandemic began more than a year ago. The 8th Annual Exhibit, "Climate Change: A Compassionate Connection," is running through June 5. Hours are Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dragonflies and airborne creatures are a recurring theme in the show as are water, landscapes and disappearing habitat.

## 2nd Infantry Division Reunion

The Second (Indianhead) Division Association is searching for anyone who served in the Army's 2nd Infantry Division at any time. For information about the association and the 99th annual reunion in Kansas City, Missouri from Sept. 29 to Oct. 3, visit the association's website at [www.2ida.org](http://www.2ida.org) or contact Bob Haynes at [2idahq@comcast.net](mailto:2idahq@comcast.net) or (224) 225-1202.

## Eden Garden Club Plant Sale

Come to the Eden Garden Club's plant sale on Saturday May 22, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 3090 Massachusetts St. in Castro Valley. The large plant sale offers annuals and perennials, vegetables, herbs, natives, succulents, shrubs and more. An assortment

of pots, trays, plant stands, garden supplies, garden art and landscaping materials will be available. Proceeds benefit Eden Garden Club's School Garden Grants awarded to CVUSD and HUSD. To donate plants or garden supplies, call Pat Payne at 510-427-5261.

## Project Literacy Online Tutor Training – June 2021

San Leandro Public Library's adult and family literacy program, Project Literacy, is currently seeking volunteer literacy tutors for its online tutoring program. Find out how you can help others in your community learn to read by attending Project Literacy's Online Tutor Orientation on Zoom on Tuesday, June 15, from 6 to 8 p.m. Two required trainings will take place on Zoom on Saturday, June 19, from 10 a.m. to noon; and Saturday, June 26, from 10 a.m. to noon. For more information or to register, call 510-577-3944 or email [PROJECTLITERACY@SANLEANDRO.ORG](mailto:PROJECTLITERACY@SANLEANDRO.ORG)

## Hearing Loss Association Walk & Celebration

The Hearing Loss Association of America East Bay Chapter will host a Bay Area Walk4Hearing Virtual Walk & Celebration on Saturday, June 12. Walk4Hearing is the only nationwide event bringing attention to hearing loss and promoting the importance of hearing health. Funds raised support HLAA's national awareness and education programs. Bay Area teams are forming now. Join or donate at <https://www.hearingloss.org/event/bay-area/>

Items for the calendar can be emailed to [jimk@ebpublishing.com](mailto:jimk@ebpublishing.com) or call 510-614-1557.



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## Excuse My Dust

A work crew kicked up some dust on Monday as they prepared the road surface for a layer of asphalt to make a speed bump on Castro Street between Hays Street and Washington Avenue.

## Internet Discounts Offered For Qualifying Households

The FCC began accepting applications last week for a program that provides discounts on high-speed Internet service and laptops, tablets and desktop computers to income qualifying households.

The program is intended to help families and households struggling to afford Internet access during the Covid pandemic.

Eligible households can receive:

- Up to a \$50 monthly discount on broadband service and

associated equipment rentals;

- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, tablet or desktop computer (with a co-payment between \$10 and \$50).

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# Rally: Music, art and speech by California's new attorney general

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Betty Yee and newly named Attorney General Rob Bonta, who until a few weeks ago represented San Leandro in the California Assembly.

"There's been a full frontal assault on our AAPI community," Bonta said. "We need to stand together. We need to rise up, to stand up, to take action."

Bonta said he has set up a new Racial Justice Bureau in his office to investigate hate crimes, noting that an estimated 50 percent are not currently investigated, let alone prosecuted.

Yee told the audience, "Seeing arts and culture is a big part of defeating hatred. When we talk about San Leandro strong and San Leandro pride, we're talking about all of you."

The event opened with youth musicians Corvine Tingstrom and Esme Tingstrom playing piano and harp. They were followed by Miss San Leandro Lynn Mynala who expressed pride in her Lao heritage and sang "Kulap Daeng" by Kai Pannipha.

Neha Sampat, CEO of GenleadBelongLab, spoke of the joys and confusions of being an Indian American, noting that some people in both places doubted she belonged there. Food and clothing customs around the world vary, and they vary among the

many nationalities that make up America, she said.

"Americans wear shoes in their house, and Americans don't wear shoes in their house," Sampat said. "Americans show up at your door to hang out over chai, or over wine and cheese."

Safety was a big theme among speakers.

"This is a community

**"This is a community where I felt safe until about 14 months ago."**

— Helen Ma

where I felt seen and safe until about 14 months ago," said Helen Ma.

Ma grew up in San Leandro and now heads the nonprofit Project By Project that trains community members in leadership skills.

"Look to your left and to your right," said Xouhoa Bowen, CEO of Community Impact Lab. "These are your neighbors, these are your friends, the people you look to as allies."

Practical advice on personal self-defense came from

Grandmaster Jordan Pallen of Pallen's Martial Arts school. Students gave demonstrations of the Filipino martial art Sen-Kitiros-Arnis to defend oneself from attacks.

A big hit was 80-year-old Senior Grandmaster Max Pallen, Jordan's father and founder of the school, defending himself against simulated attacks from a much younger assailant.

Included in the advice Jordan Pallen gave was assessing situations for danger before entering them, especially if alone. Noting that ATMs were "prime places" for an attack, the self-defense master said that he always used the ATM indoors whenever that is an option.

The crowd also enjoyed a performance by the Cal Taiko drumming group from U.C. Berkeley, Victoria Liu playing the guzheng, a Chinese zither-like instrument, and Hawaiian music from Keli'i Kekoa Amantiad, lead singer of the Bay Area group Ka Nalu.



PHOTO BY MIKE MCGUIRE

**Martial arts Senior Grandmaster Max Pallen, 80, shows how to defend against a much younger assailant, played by an audience volunteer, at the Celebrate AAPI/Stop AAPI Hate rally and cultural festival on Sunday.**

## Masks: Many people still not vaccinated

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The news took many states and local governments by surprise as the spread of the coronavirus is still widespread (33 million cases with more than 586,000 associated deaths) and only 38 percent of Americans have been vaccinated.

California has better vaccination rates (50%) and a smaller 7-day rolling average of daily new reported cases per 100,000 residents (4%) compared to New York (9%), or Oregon (13%), or Colorado (20%), according to CDC data. Alameda County has 57% of its population fully vaccinated and is flirting with

fewer than 3% of cases in its 7-day rolling average, according to ACPHD data.

Locally, some neighborhoods in San Leandro and Castro Valley have even higher vaccination rates than surrounding cities. For example, 62% of residents 16 and older in the Washington Manor and Heron Bay neighborhoods in San Leandro have been vaccinated.

The CDC guidelines also come on the heels that the FDA has approved the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for youths aged 12 to 15. Those who are eligible can schedule their vaccine appointments



**Creative people made their own masks during the pandemic.**

at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland, or a number of smaller venues.

"Vaccinating children has helped eradicate many diseases in our modern world and will help us end the COVID

pandemic," said Alameda County Health Officer Dr. Nicholas Moss. "Expanding COVID vaccine eligibility to younger children means we can increase the amount of protection our communities have from this deadly virus."

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/s/ Ron McElroy, Gail Greer

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/s/ Ruth Ortega

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## LIFESTYLE

## Potato Salad – a Soul-Satisfying Dish

Potato salad is a warm weather favorite, whether it is served at a picnic or for a Sunday night supper. And that big scoop of creamy, chunky goodness on your plate isn't just "salad," it's a mound of emotion, reminding us of all the good times in our lives.

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Best potatoes for salads are white and Yukon gold, fingerlings and red bliss. Russets can be used, but they are starchy and tend to fall apart. Whether cooking whole or in quarters, make sure they are all about the same size so they cook evenly.

Peel potatoes after cooking. They'll keep their shape better and won't become soggy.

Watch carefully while cooking. Potatoes often cook faster than recipes say. Overcooked, they become mushy.

**OLD-FASHIONED  
POTATO SALAD**

5 potatoes  
3 eggs  
1 cup chopped celery  
1/2 cup chopped onion  
1/2 cup sweet pickle relish  
1/4 teaspoon garlic salt  
1/4 teaspoon celery salt  
1 tablespoon prepared mustard  
Ground black pepper  
1/4 cup mayonnaise

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add potatoes and cook until tender but still firm, about 15 minutes. Drain, cool, peel and chop.

Place eggs in a saucepan and cover with cold water. Bring water to a boil; cover,

remove from heat, and let eggs stand in hot water for 10 to 12 minutes. Remove from hot water, cool, peel and chop.

In a large bowl, combine the potatoes, eggs, celery, onion, relish, garlic salt, celery salt, mustard, pepper and mayonnaise. Mix together well and refrigerate to chill. Serves 8.

**CLASSIC  
POTATO SALAD**

6 eggs  
10 red potatoes  
1 cup mayonnaise  
1/2 cup ranch dressing  
1/3 cup dill pickle relish  
2 tablespoons prepared yellow mustard  
1-1/2 teaspoons salt  
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper  
1/8 teaspoon paprika  
1/8 teaspoon celery seed  
1 onion, chopped

1/4 cup pepperoncini (optional)  
1/4 cup sliced black olives (optional)

Place the eggs into a saucepan in a single layer and fill with water to cover the eggs by 1 inch. Cover the saucepan and bring the water to a boil over high heat. Remove from the heat and let the eggs stand in the hot water for 15 minutes. Pour out the hot water; cool the eggs under cold running water in the sink. Peel and chop the cooled eggs.

Place the potatoes into a large pot and cover with water. Bring to a boil over high heat, then reduce heat to medium-low, cover, and simmer until tender, 15 to 20 minutes. Drain and refrigerate until cold. Peel and cube once cold.

Stir together the mayonnaise, ranch dressing, relish,



mustard, salt, pepper, paprika, and celery seed in a mixing bowl. Add the eggs, potatoes, onion, pepperoncini, and olives; stir until evenly mixed. Cover and refrigerate at least 2 hours before serving. Yields 12 servings.

**LOW-FAT  
POTATO SALAD**

4 to 5 Russet potatoes  
1/2 cup non-fat yogurt

3 tablespoons low-fat mayonnaise  
1 teaspoon tarragon  
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard  
1/2 teaspoon salt

Scrub potatoes thoroughly. Steam until tender. Meanwhile, combine remaining ingredients. Set aside. Cut potatoes into chunks (don't remove skin). Pour sauce over potatoes so they are thoroughly coated. Serve warm or cold. Serves 6.

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# REAL ESTATE GALLERY



## REAL ESTATE REALITY

By Carl Medford, CRS  
Special to the Times

GUEST COMMENTARY



## California Paves the Way for Open Houses to Return

The release of last Thursday's statement by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention concerning masks has caused an uproar in California.

The CDC.gov website states, "Fully vaccinated people can resume activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance."\*

This contradicts California's policy and will cause confusion as the state works towards its goal of fully reopening June 15th. Currently, the Governor's policy contradicts the new CDC statement.

This will definitely have

an impact on the real estate industry, as new rules have also emerged from the California Department of Public Health concerning open houses. Banned since the beginning of the pandemic, open houses, long a foundation of real estate sales, are likely to reemerge in the new future.

The real question is, "What will open houses look like when they are allowed once again?"

Those who have recently visited reopened restaurants will have either seen limited numbers of tables located a distance from each other, every second table cordoned off or a majority of patrons seated outside.

Clearly the intent has been to socially distance guests. Just as clear is the fact that you cannot have real estate

open houses with people limited to the outside!

New regulations state that more than one party can be on the property at one time. They stop short, however, in stating just how many groups, how many to a group or what that might look like when in the home.

They also state that masks must continue to be worn at all times, and guests still need to comply with handwashing or sanitizing. Additionally, all entrants should sign in using a newly released California Association of Realtors Property Sign-In form.

By signing, the visitors are agreeing to follow the posted rules of entry, acknowledge they have received a copy of the COVID-19 Prevention Plan and agree that they are not feeling sick, do not have any COVID-like symptoms and have not been around anyone recently exposed to COVID-19.

There are still a number of questions to be hammered out before open houses resume, and it is hoped clarification will come in the next few days. One of the primary concerns rotates around cleaning. While questions still linger, one thing is clear: open houses will soon be reappearing at homes near you.

\*[https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html?mc\\_cid=6870a7c-7c2&mc\\_eid=d8240848ad](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html?mc_cid=6870a7c-7c2&mc_eid=d8240848ad)

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## Mortgage Rates Down Again

Mortgage rates have fallen for the fourth week in a row, according to Freddie Mac's weekly nationwide survey.

The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 2.94 percent for the week ending May 13, down from a week earlier when it averaged 2.96 percent. A year ago at this time, the 30-year rate averaged 3.28 percent.

Fifteen-year fixed-rate mortgages averaged 2.26 percent, down from 2.30 percent.

Five-year hybrid adjustable-rate mortgages (ARM)s averaged 2.59 percent, down from 2.70 percent.

"Since the most recent peak in April, mortgage rates have declined nearly a quarter of a percent and have remained under three percent for the past month," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's Chief Economist. "Low rates offer homeowners an opportunity to lower their monthly payment by refinancing and our most recent research shows that many borrowers, especially Black and Hispanic borrowers, who could

benefit from refinancing still aren't pursuing the option."

"Additionally, the low mortgage rate environment has been a boon to the housing market but may

not last long as consumer inflation has accelerated at its fastest pace in more than twelve years and may lead to higher mortgage rates in the summer."



### Toad homes

Having toads on your property is very beneficial. They prey on insects, slugs and snails. While not as closely tied to the water as frogs, they still need a moist place to live, often making their homes under boards, porches, loose rocks, and tree roots.

You can provide a "toad cave" in your garden by laying a clay pot on the ground on its side, and burying the lower half in the soil, or setting a clay pot upside down on the ground, and dig the earth away from its edge in one spot, forming a small tunnel for the toad to access the inside of his new home.

— Brenda Weaver

Source: gardeningknowhow.com

## RECENT HOME SALES

### Castro Valley

2528 Craig Court	94546: \$836,500 3 BD - 1,352 SF - 1949
22241 North 6th Street	94546: \$845,000
22427 North 5th Street	94546: \$865,000 5 BD - 2,169 SF - 1952
21924 Verneti Way	94546: \$875,000 3 BD - 1,172 SF - 1959
3422 Wyndale Drive	94546: \$890,000 3 BD - 1,635 SF - 1957
19958 Alana Road	94546: \$920,000 3 BD - 1,578 SF - 1947
TOTAL SALES:	6
LOWEST AMOUNT:	\$836,500
HIGHEST AMOUNT:	\$920,000
MEDIAN AMOUNT:	\$870,000
AVERAGE AMOUNT:	\$871,916

### San Leandro

1550 Bancroft Avenue	94577: \$575,000 3 BD - 1,690 SF - 1976
1519 Oriole Avenue	94578: \$720,000 3 BD - 852 SF - 1945
15319 Norton Street	94579: \$720,000 3 BD - 1,186 SF - 1951
1356 Trojan Avenue	94579: \$750,000 3 BD - 1,114 SF - 1950
1559 Vining Drive	94579: \$769,000 3 BD - 1,281 SF - 1957
3731 Lamoureux Street	94578: \$810,000 1,517 SF - 1978
1224 Lucille Street	94577: \$825,000 2 BD - 1,082 SF - 1946
14983 Crosby Street	94579: \$831,000 2 BD - 1,344 SF - 1949
167 Stratford Avenue	94577: \$865,000 2 BD - 1,186 SF - 1928
2340 Riverside Court	94579: \$1,065,000 4 BD - 2,301 SF - 1998
789 Estudillo Avenue	94577: \$1,110,000 3 BD - 1,488 SF - 1926
2353 Seacrest Court	94579: \$1,150,000 5 BD - 2,932 SF - 1999
2483 West Avenue 136th	94577: \$1,250,000
TOTAL SALES:	13
LOWEST AMOUNT:	\$575,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT:	\$1,250,000
MEDIAN AMOUNT:	\$825,000
AVERAGE AMOUNT:	\$880,000

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# SENIORS

## How Much To Save for Retirement

By Jim Miller  
Special to the Times

How much money you need to retire comfortably is a great question that all working adults should ask themselves. Unfortunately, far too few ever bother thinking about it.

But calculating an approximate number of how much you'll need to have saved for retirement is actually pretty easy and doesn't take long to do. It's a simple, three-step process that includes estimating your future living expenses, tallying up your retirement income and calculating the difference.

### Estimate Living Expenses

The first step – estimating your future retirement living expenses – is the most difficult. If you want a quick ballpark estimate, figure around 75 to 85 percent of your current gross income. That's what most people find they need to maintain their current lifestyle in retirement.

If you want a more precise estimate, track your current living expenses on a worksheet and deduct any costs you expect to go away or decline when you retire, and add whatever new ones you anticipate.

Costs you can scratch off your list include work-related expenses like commuting or lunches out, as well as the amount you're socking away for retirement.

You may also be able to deduct your mortgage if you expect to have it paid off by retirement, and your kid's college expenses. Your income taxes should also be less.

On the other hand, some costs will probably go up when you retire, like health care, and depending on your interests you may spend a lot more on travel, golf or other hobbies. And, if you're going



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to be retired for 20 or 30 years you also need to factor in some occasional big budget items like a new roof, heating/air conditioning system or vehicle.

### Tally Retirement Income

Step two is to calculate your retirement income. If you and/or your wife contribute to Social Security, go to SSA.gov/MyAccount to get your personalized statement that estimates what your retirement benefits will be at age 62, full retirement age and when you turn 70.

In addition to Social Security, if you or your wife has a traditional pension plan from an employer, find out from the plan administrator how much you are likely to get when you retire. And figure in any other income from other sources you expect to have, such as rental properties, part-time work, etc.

### Calculate the Difference

The final step is to do the calculations. Subtract your annual living expenses from your annual retirement income. If your income alone can cover your bills, you're all set. If not, you'll need to tap your savings, including your 401(k) plans, IRAs, or other investments to make up the difference.

So, let's say for example you need around \$60,000 a

year to meet your living and retirement expenses and pay taxes, and you and your wife expect to receive \$35,000 a year from Social Security and other income. That leaves a \$25,000 shortfall that you'll need to pull from your nest egg each year (\$60,000 – \$35,000 = \$25,000).

Then, depending on what age you want to retire, you need to multiply your shortfall by at least 25 if you want to retire at 60, 20 to retire at 65, and 17 to retire at 70 – or in this case that would equate to \$625,000, \$500,000 and \$425,000, respectively.

Why 25, 20 and 17? Because that would allow you to pull 4 percent a year from your savings, which is a safe withdrawal strategy that in most cases will let your money last as long as you do.

Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

## Reverse Mortgage Loan Protections

*Q: I hear that HUD just made some important changes for borrowers of Reverse Mortgage loans to protect the borrowers' spouses. Do you know anything about that?*

By Gene L. Osofsky, Esq.  
Special to the Times

A: Yes, indeed, and you heard correctly. On May 6, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") issued new rules to govern all Home Equity Conversion Loans ("HECM").

These added new protections for Non-Borrowing Spouses when their borrower spouse either died or moved out of the home to receive long term care outside the home. It also eliminated the burden formerly imposed upon the Non-Borrowing Spouse to establish an ownership or beneficial interest in the home within 90 days of the borrowing spouse's death.

These changes are very significant. To understand their import, here are some key questions and answers:

• *What is a Non Borrowing Spouse?*

A Non Borrowing Spouse ("NBS") is a spouse who did not join on the HECM loan as a co-borrower. The typical reason was that he or she was under the threshold age of 62 at the time of the HECM loan.

• *Under the former rule, what happened when the Borrowing Spouse died?*

The NBS formerly had a very short window, 90 days, to establish her ownership or beneficial interest in the home, a window that was often too short to permit compliance, especially if the home of the deceased spouse went into probate.

This left many NBS's without the ability to remain in the home, even with the modest 60 day extension sometimes granted under the former rule. If she could not refinance the loan, she was either forced to sell or faced foreclosure. In either event, her right to remain in the home was in serious jeopardy.

By contrast, under the new rule there is no longer any requirement that the NBS formally establish her ownership or beneficial interest in the home. She need only continue to reside in the home as her principal residence and meet other conditions of the HECM loan, e.g. pay property taxes, homeowners insurance, and HOA fees (if any).

• *Under the former rule, what happened when the Borrowing Spouse did not die but, instead, just moved out of the home to be cared for in an Assisted Living Facility or Nursing Home?*

Since this was not a "death", but a move-out, there were no protections; the NBS was either forced to refinance the home (if she could), sell the home or, again, face foreclosure. None of these events were what either spouse contemplated when the Borrowing Spouse took out the original HECM loan, and was perceived as unfair in the lead up to the current rule.

The new rule adjusts for this disparity in treatment, and now grants the NBS the right to remain in the home, just as if the borrowing spouse had died and without the need to establish her ownership or beneficial

interest in the home in any formal way. The former 90 day window is now irrelevant.

• *Must the spouses have been married at the time of the HECM loan?*

Yes, and this is one shortfall of the new rule. A later marriage does not elevate the new spouse to the role of an "Eligible Non-Borrowing Spouse". In the event of a later marriage, the only resolution is to try to refinance with a new loan, wherein both parties are co-borrowers.

• *Under the new rule, after the death or moved out of the borrowing spouse, can the NBS continue to draw upon the available loan balance?*

No, and again this may be another shortfall of the new rule.

For more on this new rule, and access to the HUD letter, itself, you may wish to visit our website and view the hotlinks provided.

Gene L. Osofsky is an Elder Law and Estate Planning attorney in the East Bay. Visit his website at [www.LawyerForSeniors.com](http://www.LawyerForSeniors.com).

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## Solar: Project in partnership with EBCE

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during fire season, rolling blackouts, or after an earthquake,” Pollart said. “In addition to basic city services, we would also want the senior center or community center to remain operating as well, which is why we are looking at so many sites.”

On a day-to-day basis, solar arrays reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and battery storage allows for a shift of energy usage from peak times, thereby reducing the need for gas-fired power plants to come online to meet demand, Pollart said. During power outages, solar and battery energy storage systems lessen the need for diesel generators for backup power.

The addition of more solar panels also provides the City the opportunity to add more charging stations at city-run facilities for electric vehicles, Pollart added.

While the initial phase requires no upfront costs from San Leandro, Pollart said, the City might be required to front the bill to upgrade the rooftops and ensure they are structurally sound before the solar arrays can be installed. An indepen-

dent engineering review is expected to start next month.

The Planning Commission is expected to discuss the engineering

**“We also would want the senior center to remain open as well, which is why we are looking at so many sites.”**

— Public Works Director  
Debbie Pollart

assessment on June 3 with the plan reviewed by the City Council in the middle of July. EBCE said with council oversight and approval, it could start installing the solar systems in late 2021 to early 2022.

San Leandro has been in a partnership with EBCE since 2018, when it won the bid over PG&E to provide power to the City.

Acting as a middleman in this new phase, EBCE said it will be responsible for finding what it calls a Power Purchase Agreement provider and installation teams. The purchase provider pays for the installation, operations, and maintenance of the solar and battery energy storage systems and the City of San Leandro pays an agreed-upon price per kilowatt-hour.

During the presentation, EBCE representatives said the power company is also working with other nearby cities including Berkeley, Hayward, and Fremont to provide the same arrangement.

The benefit of using EBCE to manage the purchase arrangements is that it reduces the financial risk to San Leandro, Pollart said. This also shields the city from the risk of working with solar contractors that may go out of business, a point that Mayor Pauline Cutter said had happened to her.

## Spectrum Services Looking for Employees

Spectrum Community Services is looking for friendly, dependable people to join their team serving seniors and low income families. Bilingual candidates are encouraged to apply.

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## OPINION

### LETTERS to the EDITOR

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#### Not Clear on the Picture

Editor:

The governor of California currently earns \$210,000 per year. According to your May 6 issue, San Leandro will pay its City Manager an annual salary of \$262,000. What is wrong with this picture?

— Victor De Grande  
San Leandro

#### Most Economists Don't Predict Severe Inflation

Editor:

At the conclusion of an unattributed article about the \$18 Million San Leandro is scheduled to receive from the American Rescue Plan Act, the San Leandro Times states, “The massive federal spending will have other, less pleasant effects. Some economists are now predicting double-digit inflation.”

Not the economists I have been reading. The ones I pay attention to say given our unique circumstances it's very hard to predict what will happen, that some economists have been wrongly predicting inflation since 2011, and that the price rises we have seen recently were caused by idiosyncratic rather than systemic forces (in other words, they will resolve without causing general inflation).

Inflationary expectations can become a self-fulfilling prophecy, as even amateur economists agree.

The San Leandro Times should not make alarming economic predictions as if it were reporting substantiated facts; it's a dangerous and inappropriate activity for the paper.

— Emily Rich  
San Leandro

#### It Doesn't Add Up

Editor:

What's wrong with this picture?

Senior Centers: first to shut down  
Seniors: first to be fully vaccinated  
Senior Centers: last to reopen

— Bea Kiley  
San Leandro

#### Rising Rent Hard on Small Businesses

Editor:

Are many landlords in Alameda County raising rent for small retail or other businesses in 2021? I am speaking of independently owned, not a franchise of a national chain.

Fifty percent of the GDP in the United States is from small business.

We all know they have suffered the most under one of the worst economies in almost eighty years and the worst pandemic in a cen-

tury.

With many businesses still unable to be at customer capacity that are large or behind a huge corporation and are losing thousands of dollars if not more, independently owned are just trying to stay afloat.

Increasing rent on a small business just shows a complete lack of empathy, not to mention a lack of understanding of history.

— Kim Loisel  
San Leandro

#### Supports Rooftop Solar Generation

Editor:

Proposed legislation making its way through the Assembly, AB 1139, Gonzales will discourage residential roof top solar generation.

If we are to reach a full transition to clean power, Californians need to be encouraged and incentivized to go solar where practical.

AB1139 would do just the opposite by raising the fees PG&E and other California utilities can charge their customers with home wind and solar generation.

This misguided proposal may be good for PG&E. But it is not in the public interest and should be opposed strongly.

— Jim Mehner  
Oakland



## INQUIRING REPORTER

### Are you a leader or a follower?

— Asked downtown

I'm a team player. I believe teamwork makes the dream work. I'm for what's best for the whole. Be respectful of others and kind. We need that.

**Lisa Evans**  
San Leandro



I'm a leader. I'm a sitting member of the California Grand Jury Association and I ask people to serve on their county civil grand jury. In Humboldt County I worked to change homelessness from a criminal problem to a social problem.

**Mark Newcomb**  
San Leandro

I'm a leader. I try to keep my team together at our office. I keep us moving forward and positive.

**Josie Resendez**  
San Leandro



I'm primarily a leader. I do things my way. I try to make a decision and stick with it, except when I'm wrong, and then I change direction. A good leader has to be flexible.

**Don Weingarten**  
San Leandro

I'm a leader. I was a follower but it became necessary to lead when I saw things needed to change. I was in health care and now I'm a political organizer bringing changes to health care.

**Doug Jones**  
San Leandro





# Federal Funds Pull City Out Of Budget Bind

By Mike McGuire  
San Leandro Times

Federal funds for pandemic relief may indeed help rescue San Leandro's city budget from losses in revenues and rises in spending due to Covid, City Manager Fran Robustelli said.

The city has known it was getting the \$18.6 million for some time, but was awaiting guidance until last week on what they could legally use it for, she said. Now finance officials and the city council know they can definitely use the money for some things, so it can be budgeted, and are studying other uses for projects currently on hold or awaiting funding.

The city's fiscal year ends June 30, so the City Council needs to adopt a final city budget by then. A vote is currently set for its June 17 regular meeting.

Robustelli said the new federal guidelines allow for the city to use the federal money to cover lost revenue from property tax and pay for expenses for sanitizing buildings, food insecurity efforts and helping the homeless, areas where expenditures rose during the pandemic.

"We're really dependent on the sales tax for our revenues," said Assistant City Manager Liz Warmerdam said at an April 26. "That fell during the pandemic, since so many businesses were

closed. It didn't fall as much we expected, though, since we have several big-box stores and those did well."

Meanwhile, she said, costs fell only modestly. City services were mostly maintained, despite city buildings being closed to the public, she said.

There were no layoffs or furloughs of full-time city employees, Warmerdam said. Part-time hourly workers, especially in recreation services, lost some hours initially but were soon moved to distributing food in the community.

Some savings in supplies from closing buildings to the public were largely offset by the extra costs of sanitizing city facilities for the workers who needed to do their jobs from there rather than from home, Warmerdam said.

According to Robustelli, those are some of the areas where the federal funds will help.

Robustelli believes the federal funds can even be used to get San Leandro's Navigation center for the homeless off the ground. That was a leading recommendation from the Citizens Advisory Budget Task Force, but it requires spending on building rent in the short term, followed in the long term the cost of buying a site and building a permanent home for the center.

Robustelli believes the federal funds can be used for rent, site acquisition and

building costs, though the federal funds do need to be spent within two years. She and the city staff continue to check to make sure this is an acceptable use of the money, just in case.

This year's General Fund budget totals \$122.1 million in revenues and \$120.5 million in expenditures, for a surplus of \$1.6 million.

Revenues are projected to drop this coming budget year by \$190,000 while expenditures are projected to rise by \$1.3 million, according to city budget officials at the work session, resulting in revenues of \$121.9 million and expenditures of \$121.8 million. This leaves a surplus of \$63,000.

For Fiscal Year 2022-23, however, the budget will go into deficit, according to Finance Director Susan Hsieh. The \$127.4 in revenues and \$128.1 in expenditures produce a projected deficit of \$750,000. This would be despite not fully funding street rehabilitation, pool maintenance and police and fire equipment needs, she said.

Driving the rise in expenditures are mandated increase in the city's pension costs, which are set by the state Public Employees Retirement System, or PERS, Warmerdam said.

The federal funds cannot be used for pension costs nor for the costs of proposed police oversight, Robustelli said. Those are considered ongoing

expenses, while the federal money is meant to be used to cover one-time costs related to the pandemic's fiscal effects.

Warmerdam and Robustelli urged the City Council at the April 26 meeting to set aside some money from the city's reserves, which have grown from past years' budget surpluses, to fund a pension trust for the city so it can pay future years' higher expected PERS contributions. The council voted last month to create the trust.

Warmerdam and other city staff members have been working to put cost estimates on the Budget Task Force recommendations, which proposed new programs, shifting money between existing programs, and actions to increase revenues, some of which require spending money first.

"We're not going to be able to afford everything," Warmerdam said of the task force recommendations at the April 26 meeting. "So we really would like to get from the council a sense of what your priorities are and the timing of when you'd like to see these things done."

However, said Robustelli, some of those items may turn out to be affordable using the federal aid.

Also high on the Budget Task Force list, and on the City Council's lists are police oversight in some form, non-police mental health intervention

teams and lowering the cost of some work currently done by police officers to other employees or perhaps other departments.

Asked to prioritize projects by Warmerdam, council members mentioned those items

and also spoke out for fixing roads, upgrading the city's financial software for both better management and easier community involvement in budgeting, and hiring unarmed downtown "ambassadors" to defuse conflicts.

## Main Library Opens Again

The San Leandro Main Library re-opened on Wednesday with limited service.

The Main Library at 300 Estudillo Ave. will operate four days a week. The public will need to limit their time in the library to no more than 60 minutes.

The library's capacity will be 125 patrons and masks are required to enter and must always be worn.

The Main Library's schedule will be: Tuesdays from noon to 8 p.m.; and Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Services will include self-serve computers, printers, and copiers and limited circulation and reference assistance, as well as browse and select from the entire Main Library collection.

"Serving the community is the core of the San Leandro Public Library, and the staff have been doing a phenomenal

job delivering high-quality programs and services over the past year under very challenging circumstances," said Bill Sherwood, Acting Library Director. "We are excited to welcome patrons back to the Main Library during our limited reopening to enjoy our highly-valued, in-person services."

With the Main Library's limited reopening, parking enforcement will resume. Warnings will be issued through Sunday, May 23, with ticketing resuming starting Monday, May 24. This includes enforcing and ticketing due to the 2-hour time limit, as well as enforcing and ticketing in the staff-only parking lot.

For more information, visit the Library's website at [www.sanleandrolibrary.org](http://www.sanleandrolibrary.org), email [LibraryInfo@sanleandro.org](mailto:LibraryInfo@sanleandro.org), or call the Library Reference line at 510-577-3971 during Library business hours.

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**ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** Home conditions still demand attention. Also, keep an open mind about a sudden question of trust involving a close friend. All the facts are not yet in.



**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** With summer just around the corner, travel begins to dominate your sign. Make plans carefully to avoid potential problems in the first half of June.



**GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** A romantic Libra sets a challenge that your "sensible" side might question, but your idealistic self finds the prospect too intriguing to resist. The choice is yours.



**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** Those tense times in your personal life are just about over. Concentrate on reaffirming relationships. Your love of travel opens a surprising new opportunity.



**LEO (July 23 - August 22):** The Big Cat usually loves to be in the center of things. But this week it might be wiser to watch and learn from the sidelines. A Pisces wants to make you purr.



**VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22):** "New" is your watchword this week. Be open to new ideas, both on the job and in your personal life. A romantic Aries or Sagittarian beckons.



**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22):** Some difficult family decisions have to be faced, but be sure to get more facts before you act. Be careful not to neglect your health during this trying time.



**SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21):** You still need to support a loved one through a difficult time. Meanwhile, things continue to work out to your benefit in the workplace.



**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** Aspects continue to favor expanding social opportunities. A Gemini reaches out to offer a chance for re-establishing a once-close relationship.



**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** There's a potential for misunderstanding in both your job and your personal life. A full explanation of your intentions helps smooth things over.



**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** You might be feeling restless on the job, but delay making any major moves until all the facts are in. A Scorpio has a surprising revelation.



**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** Your business sense works to your advantage as you sort through the possibilities that are opening up. A Libra is Cupid's best bet for your romantic prospects.

## LOCAL DEATHS

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### Patricia Turner

Patricia Turner died on Sunday, May 16, 2021 at the age of 81. She was a beloved mother, grandmother, sister and great-grandmother. She was a volunteer at San Leandro Hospital for over 10 years and an avid Golden State Warriors and San Francisco Giants fan. She is survived by her daughter, sister, sister-in-law, grandchildren and great grandchildren. A family memorial party will be held later this summer per her wishes.



### William "Bill" O'Connor

June 22, 1931 ~ April 28, 2021

Bill passed away at home April 28, 2021, surrounded by his loving family.

Born June 22, 1931 in Newmarket, County Cork, Ireland, Bill set sail for America in 1956. He made his way to San Francisco in 1961. Bill married Barbara Lydon in 1963 at St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco. Bill and Barbara put down roots in San Leandro where they raised their 6 kids. In his spare time, Bill enjoyed playing the accordion, listening to music, chatting with strangers, gardening, reading, and doing favors for anyone who needed them.

He was preceded in death by his parents Tim and Julia, and his brother Dan. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; sons Michael, Tim and Liam; daughters Mary, Julie and Pauline; siblings Joan, Timmy, and Sheila; and his grandchildren Alicia, Sarah, Joseph, Carina, Kieran, Claire, Eoin, Landon, Liam, and Grace.

Remembrance will be Friday, May 21, 2021 at St. Felicitas Church, 1662 Manor Blvd., San Leandro, CA. Rosary and visitation will commence at 10 a.m. followed by a funeral mass at 11 a.m. Interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Hayward, CA immediately following the service.



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## Scholarships Available for Science, Technology, Math

PG&E and its corporation foundation are urging qualified students to apply for a Better Together STEM Scholarship which will provide a total of \$250,000 to students pursuing a degree in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math disciplines.

The program will award 20 scholarships of \$10,000 each and 20 scholarships of \$2,500 each, based on academic achievement, participa-

tion and leadership in school and community activities, and financial need.

Interested applicants can learn more and apply at [www.pge.com + scholarships](http://www.pge.com + scholarships). The application deadline is June 1, 2021. Awards will be announced in August.

### Eligibility Requirements

Applications are open to graduating high school seniors, current college students, U.S. military veterans and

adults returning to school who are PG&E customers at the time of application.

Applicants must plan to enroll in full-time undergraduate study for the entire 2021-2022 academic year and be seeking their first undergraduate degree at an accredited four-year institution in California.

Students enrolled in the following majors are eligible:

Engineering (electrical, mechanical, industrial, environmental, power and/or energy), Computer Science, Information Systems or Cyber Security, Environmental Sciences.

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## Hayward Arts Council Presents Celebrate Women! Exhibit

By Winifred Thompson  
Special to the Times

The 5th Annual Celebrate Women! Multimedia Exhibition hosted by the Diablo/Alameda Branch of the National League of American Pen Women (NLAPW) is running through July 17. For the first time, the event will be online.

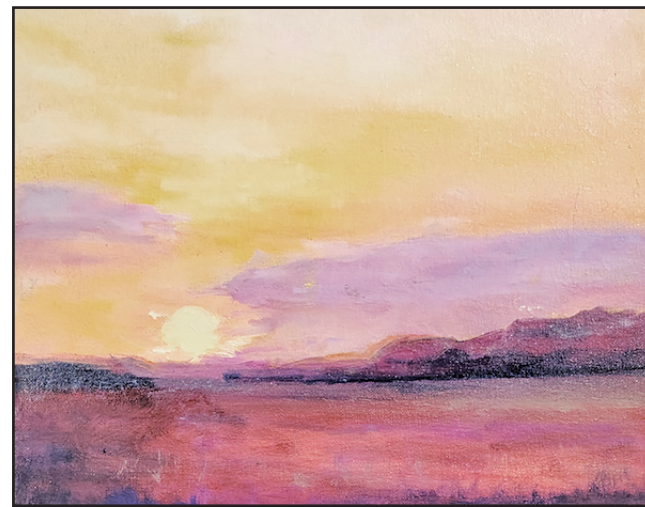
Celebrate Women! is a collaboration of 37 very accomplished Northern California artists, musicians, and writers, some of whom have achieved international acclaim.

A public artists' reception will be this Saturday, May 22, from 2 to 3 p.m. People who wish to attend can RSVP at [www.haywardartscouncil.org/](http://www.haywardartscouncil.org/).

At the reception there will be performances by three Diablo/Alameda vocalists/instrumentalists: Julie Cohn, (aka Juls) songwriter and guitarist; Mary Fineman, composer and pianist; and Margaret Davis, singer and Celtic harp.

Members included Pearl Buck, Georgia O'Keefe and Eudora Welty. Eleanor Roosevelt, a prolific writer, was an enthusiastic Pen Woman while in the White House and beyond.

Keynote speaker National President, Evelyn Wofford, speaking from Washington, D.C., will talk about the incredible impact Zoom is having on Pen Women. National Membership Chair Luanna Leisure will speak about Pen Women's aim to increase membership by making the NLAPW more



"I'm Thinking About You, George Floyd" by Castro Valley artist Winifred Thompson will be on view during "Celebrate Women!" at the John O'Lague Galleria Online Exhibition at [www.haywardartscouncil.org/](http://www.haywardartscouncil.org/). Those who wish to attend the reception on May 22 can RSVP at [www.haywardartscouncil.org/](http://www.haywardartscouncil.org/).

relevant to emerging artists.

Co-authors of Words from Nerds Social Media Director Diana di Avila and Wilma Davidson will present "Clues to Overturn Your Membership Blues" from Florida.

Celebrate Women! is sponsored by the Hayward Arts Council which stimulates interest in visual and performing arts, promotes opportunities for artists to exhibit and encourages public participation.

## BART to Increase Frequency of Trains

In an effort to get its riders back, BART plans to increase service in June and then return to near pre-pandemic service and hours in September.

Between June 1 and June 15, 26 new weekday trips will be added, expanding 15-minute frequencies on the lines with the highest ridership. Saturday service will also get 15 new trips, all on long trains to continue facilitating social distancing.

Starting Aug. 30, BART will expand operating hours and significantly increase service:

Weekday service will be 5 a.m. to midnight with 15-minute frequencies on all lines from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday service will be 6 a.m. to midnight with five

routes and added trains during peak hours for 15-minute frequency.

BART will offer a special promotion of 50% off all fares on Clipper for the entire month of September. The discount will apply to all fares on Clipper, including already discounted Clipper cards such as Youth, Senior, RTC, Clipper Start, and the Gator Pass.

### Improve Station Access

BART will start reopening entrances/exits that were closed during the height of the pandemic. On Saturday, all entrances at Embarcadero and Montgomery and one center entrance at Powell opened as well as the Balboa Park Station entrance. All remaining closed entrances will reopen on June 14.



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