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## Colorful Canopy

A nanny pushed a baby carriage through a canopy of leaves earlier this month in front of the Main Library.

## Rent Control Advocate Finally Evicted

By Jim Knowles  
San Leandro Times

John Busch finally got evicted.

He had held out most of the year, but the sheriff's department finally showed up at the door of his mobile home on Nov. 15.

The 82-year-old who grew up in San Leandro refused to go. He said he held onto the screen door and refused to comply. So he got arrested for obstruction of a public officer, trespassing, and contempt.

Busch spent four days in the county jail. On the following Monday morning he found out that he could go, because the District Attorney wasn't going to press charges.

A spokeswoman at the DA's office said they weren't pressing charges "in the interest of justice."

Now Busch is sleeping on the couch of a generous friend and planning to live in a camper. He said the group Our Revolution has taken up his cause, helping him with legal work and in ac-



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

John Busch, at his trailer before he was evicted, says he doesn't want to leave San Leandro where he's lived his whole life.

quiring a camper.

Busch has always said that he believes what is "criminal" is the big rent increases that are

squeezing the working people of the Bay Area. The former Eagle Scout has made it his cause.

Since the beginning of the

year, Busch had refused to pay the 60 percent rent increase at the Bayshore Commons mobile see **EVICTED**, page 5

## Year in Review: Rent, Taxes, & Fosters Freeze

By Amy Sylvestri  
San Leandro Times

As the year draws to a close, take a look back at some of the most noteworthy events in 2018 in San Leandro – Part II of the year-end wrap up.

bring in about \$745,000 to the district annually.

• A new downtown parking plan made its debut, with colored stickers delineating six different parking zones for the see 2018, page 10

### July

• Independent investigator Karen Kramer released the findings on the sexual harassment allegations made by Davis Street Family Resource Center CEO Rose Johnson against City Manager Chris Zapata. Kramer's 50-page report found no wrongdoing by Zapata and said Johnson's allegations lacked credibility.

• Despite being cleared of allegations and reinstated as City Manager, Zapata announced he was leaving his job in mid-July. The City Council agreed to a "mutual separation agreement" which gave Zapata a \$350,000 severance package. Zapata left for a job as Anaheim's city manager and Jeff Kay was appointed San Leandro's new city manager.

• In a letter sent by the City Council, members of all of the city's boards and commissions were threatened with losing their positions if they refused to sign a gag order regarding Zapata. A few refused to sign, but no one was taken off any boards for not signing.

### August

• The San Leandro School Board voted unanimously to put a \$39 per parcel tax on the ballot. It passed in November and will

## Physician's Assistant Prescribed Illegal Opioid Pills

By Amy Sylvestri  
San Leandro Times

A San Leandro physician's assistant has been sentenced to 10 years in prison for illegally prescribing over 1.6 million pills, mainly addictive opioids.

Prosecutors say David Lague, 61, of San Mateo, was the state's number one prescriber of opioids in 2015 and 2016, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of California.

Lague was convicted last July of 39 counts of distributing the pills for non-medical reasons and was sentenced at the U.S. District Court in Oakland last week.

Lague was arrested in 2017 see **OPIOIDS**, page 12

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## MEETING SCHEDULES

### CITY COUNCIL

Council meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in City Council Chambers, City Hall, 835 E. 14th St., San Leandro. For more information, call the City Clerk at 577-3367.

### SAN LEANDRO SCHOOL BOARD

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



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## Pets of the Week



Monte



Froggy

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

Monte is 3 years old and very playful with people, toys and dogs. He's social, sweet, outgoing and needs an active family who will take him to training. OK with

teens. Neutered and vaccinated.

Froggy is a 3-year-old intelligent, friendly, belly-rub-loving pup. He would love to go to a training class to learn some leash manners. OK with teens. Neutered and vaccinated.

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

## SL Museum to Screen The Secret Life of Walter Mitty

Start the New Year with a movie about change and new beginnings, *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty*, at the San Leandro History Museum, 320 W. Estudillo Ave., on Saturday, Jan. 5, at 11:15 a.m. and again at 2 p.m.

Walter Mitty (played by Ben Stiller), an employee at Life magazine, spends day after monotonous day developing photos for the publication, based on a 1939 short story by James Thurber.

To escape the tedium, Wal-

ter frequently disappears into a world of exciting daydreams filled with heroism, romance and action.

He gets a chance to have a real adventure when he goes on a mission to obtain the perfect photo for the magazine's final print issue, which changes his life (2013, PG, 1:54).

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## Meteor Show

The meteor just after sunset on Dec. 19, seen across Northern California, left a trail in the sky over the OSIssoft building by the San Leandro BART Station. The National Weather Service called the trail a noctilucent cloud, formed by a meteor or debris entering the upper atmosphere.

## Tech Fair Delivers More Internet Access to Local Families

Free computers, digital literacy training and low-cost internet service went to 130 families as the City of San Leandro hosted its first-ever digital inclusion Tech Fair and "Appy hour" on Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Main Library, in partnership with Tech Exchange.

Another 30 families were given vouchers to pick up free computers from Tech Exchange's warehouse in Oakland. Access to the library's collection of e-books, online adult learning resources, and mobile apps were also available. New "cloudLibrary" circulation rate increased over 63 percent over that weekend, according to the library.

The tech fair was made possible by the city's partnership with Tech Exchange, a local non-profit organization that uses an environmentally sustainable model to provide free, refurbished computers to underserved residents in the East Bay. The City of San Leandro recently committed to donating all its surplus computer equipment to Tech Exchange as a way to benefit residents in need.

"Here in San Leandro, we



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The City of San Leandro and the Tech Exchange hosted a tech fair and "appy hour" at the library on Dec. 8.

know that over 22 percent of our residents do not have access to broadband service at home," said Mayor Cutter. "That's why we continue to focus city resources on finding new ways of bridging the digital divide. I am so proud that our partnership with Tech Exchange has enabled us to make a real difference in the lives of so many local residents."

Photos from the Tech Fair and

Appy Hour event are available on the City's FaceBook page: www.facebook.com/cityofsanleandro/. For more information, contact Patricia Mallari with the San Leandro Library at pmallari@sanleandro.org or Tony Batalla, Information Technology Manager at tbatalla@sanleandro.org.

## Cherry City Toastmasters Meet Tuesdays

Visit Cherry City Toastmasters to learn how to speak effectively in a safe and supportive environment. Build confidence and effectiveness in your professional and personal life. Meetings are weekly on Tuesday from 12:05 to 1:05 p.m. in the Trustee Room of the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave.

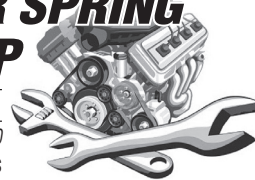
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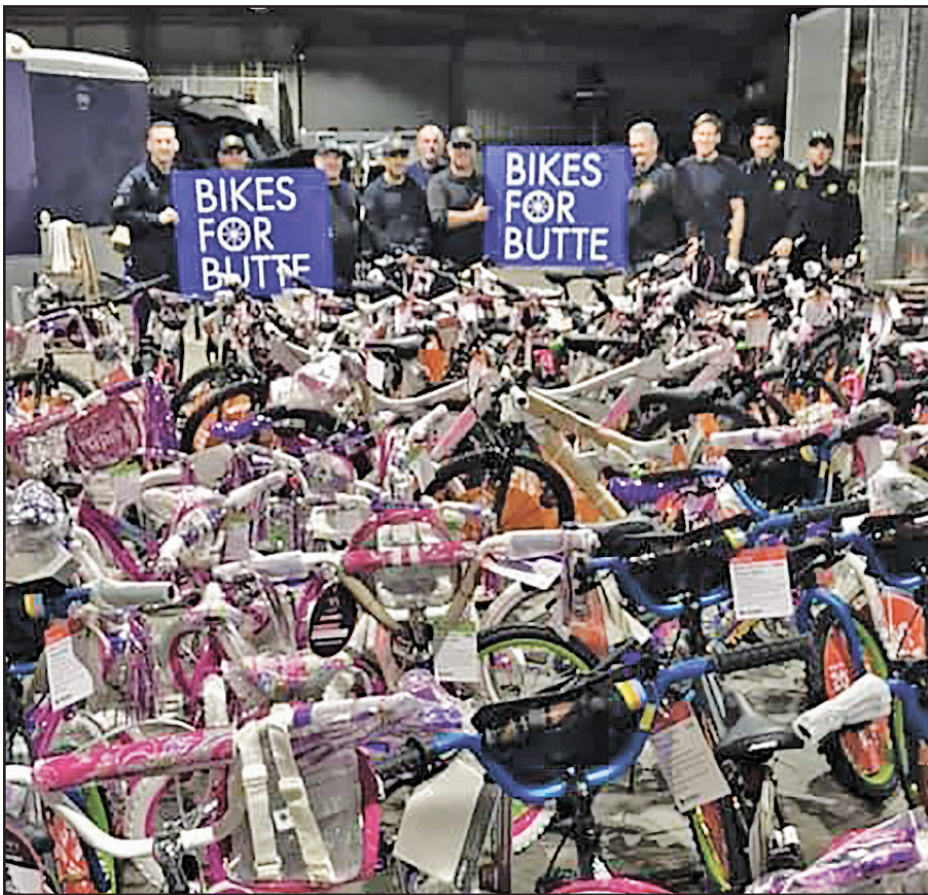


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## Bikes for Butte

Earlier this month, the Alameda County Sheriff's office began taking donations for "Bikes for Butte" to raise money to buy bicycles for children who were impacted by the deadly Camp Fire. The officers got busy putting together the bikes themselves and Sheriff Greg Ahern even picked up a screwdriver to help. This week, they were able to deliver over 400 bicycles to kids in Paradise and surrounding communities just in time for Christmas. The department also received thousands of dollars to buy helmets and other sports equipment.

## Man Who Stole Stuffed Animals Arrested by San Leandro Police

A suspect who was dubbed the "teddy bear bandit" by San Leandro police was arrested on Dec. 14 after allegedly burglarizing the East Bay Flower shop at 1200 East 14th Street this fall.

The burglary happened on Oct. 11 at 2 a.m. when a thief used a BB gun to shoot out the front glass windows of the business, according to Lt. Isaac Benabou of the San Leandro police.

After shattering the glass, the burglar entered the store and stole numerous flowers and stuffed animals. The burglary was captured on the store's video surveillance system.

Detectives began working the case and received a lead from another police agency that led them to the identity of the suspect, Andre Benny Murphy, 46, of Oakland.

During the investigation, some of the stuffed teddy bears were found at a female's home in Alameda.

A warrant was issued for Murphy's arrest and on Dec. 14, Murphy was located in Oakland and arrested. Several other law enforcement agencies are also investigating Murphy for similar style burglaries.

"The case is an example of how law enforcement agencies network together, sharing infor-

mation to solve cases," said Lt. at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin and Isaac Benabou in a press release. his next court date is scheduled for Jan. 18.



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## Lost Holiday Traveler

Alameda County Sheriff's deputies were surprised to see a little seal headed into the Oakland Airport early last Thursday morning. The officers were able to coax him safely back into the Bay.

## DA Settles Suit Against Fast Food Restaurants

Harman Management Corporation, which manages fast food restaurants Kentucky Fried Chicken, Taco Bell, A&W and Pizza Hut, recently settled an environmental lawsuit brought against it by Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley.

O'Malley's office announced earlier this month that the suit alleged that Harman mishandled pure carbon dioxide (CO2) in its restaurants.

The gas is undetectable to humans and leaks from compressed CO2 tanks, especially in contained areas, and can have serious health impacts, including dizziness, unconsciousness, and ultimately asphyxiation. CO2 is used to carbonate beverages.

Businesses, including restaurants such as KFC that store and use threshold amounts of carbon dioxide, must implement hazardous materials business plans, O'Malley said.

Such plans require training employees so that workers know the dangers of CO2, how to prevent CO2 releases, how to recognize the signs of respiratory failure from potential CO2 releases, and what to do should a release occur, or in a threatened release, in order to prevent harm to the public and how to properly notify appropriate emergency responders. Businesses must also submit

hazardous materials business plans to the state electronically so that first responders know what chemicals are on site and in what quantities.

Harman agreed to pay \$195,000 in civil penalties and costs for violations of environmental protection laws, including its failure to implement and submit hazardous materials business plans, including employee training requirements, at restaurants in Alameda County as well as Sonoma, Marin, San Mateo, and San Francisco Counties.

"The hazardous materials requirements at issue in this case were enforced for the protection of restaurant workers and customers," said O'Malley in a written statement. "Every business throughout the county and the state must comply with required measures to avoid serious and

potentially fatal disasters."

Harman cooperated with the investigation, O'Malley's office said. After Harman submitted the required hazardous materials business plans and showed proof of employee training, a civil complaint and proposed order

were filed to settle the matter with the payment of a civil penalty and costs and the issuance of a permanent injunction that orders the company to comply with various requirements related to hazardous materials business plans and employee training.

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## NEIGHBORS



## Salvation Army's Little "Angels" Donate 100 Gifts to Children

St. Rose Hospital partnered with The Salvation Army again this year for The Angel Tree Program. Anonymous donors adopt The Salvation Army's little "angels" in a Christmas tradition that makes the season brighter for both the gift giver and receiver. This year, St. Rose Hospital doctors, staff, and volunteers donated over 100 gifts for children in the Hayward Area. St. Rose Hospital has been an independent, nonprofit community hospital in Hayward for over 55 years.

## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

### ❖ SL Center for the Performing Arts

Brian Copeland returns to the San Leandro Performing Arts Center with another in his series of all-star stand-up comedy concerts on New Year's Eve, Monday, Dec. 31, at 7 p.m. at the San Leandro Center for the

Performing Arts, 2250 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro. Some of the Bay Area's best comedians are coming, including Sandy Stec, Chicago Steve Barkley, Joe Klocek, and more. Advance sale tickets are \$65, tickets at the door are \$70. Student prices are \$18 advance, and \$20 at

the door. To order tickets, visit [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com) All Star Stand Up Comedy Concerts.

### ❖ Plethos New Year's Eve Party

Ring in the new year with Castro Valley's newest community theatre company Plethos Productions on New Year's Eve, Monday, Dec. 31, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Ristorante Di Parma, 22532 Foothill Blvd. There will be a Talent Showdown with stand-up comedy and musical theatre. Tickets are \$50, which includes tasty Italian small plates and champagne toast. For tickets or for more information, visit [Plethos.org](http://Plethos.org).

### ❖ Castro Valley Center for the Arts

The award-winning movie *Science Fair* will be shown on Thursday, Jan. 10, at 6:30 p.m. at the Center for the Arts, 19501 Redwood Road in Castro Valley. The inspiring documentary is about brilliant teens competing in the olympics of science fairs on the international level as they navigate rivalries and setbacks to be the Best in Fair among 78 different countries. Register at <http://bit.ly/science-fair-cv>.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### ❖ Bayfair Center Red Cross Blood Drive

Bayfair Center, 15555 East 14th St. in San Leandro, invites the public to help save lives during its Red Cross blood drive today, Dec. 27, from noon to 6 p.m. in the lower level, Suite 312. Blood donors will receive a free long-sleeve Red Cross t-shirt while supplies last. Appointments are required. To schedule an appointment, visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code "Bayfair" or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Potential donors with questions about their eligibility to donate blood should call 1-866-236-3276 before scheduling an appointment. Identification is required to donate.

### ❖ San Leandro Parkinson's Support Group

The San Leandro Parkinson's Support Group will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, Jan. 3, at 10:30 a.m. at the San Lorenzo Community Church at 945 Paseo Grande. The speaker will be Ysela Junenez from Alameda Healthcare. For more information, call Lona White at 276-3119.

### ❖ Drake's Brewing Co. Friday Fundraiser

Come out and support San Leandro Girls Softball and San Lorenzo Girls Softball at Drake's First Friday Fundraiser on Friday, Jan. 4, from 4 to 9 p.m. at Drake's Brewing Co., 1933 Davis St., #177, San Leandro. Proceeds will benefit both girls' softball leagues. For more information, visit [sanleandrogirlssoftball.com](http://sanleandrogirlssoftball.com) on Facebook or contact Leo Sheridan at 909-7152.

### ❖ San Leandro Readers Roundtable

The San Leandro Readers Roundtable will meet on Saturday, Jan. 5, at 2 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., to discuss *The Book That Matters Most*, by Ann Hood, the story of a book group and a troubled mother-daughter relationship. All are welcome, and all books discussed are available for purchase in the Library's Booktique bookstore.

### ❖ Buon Tempo Club Family Dinner

The Buon Tempo Club is having a family dinner on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 7 p.m. at Mt. Tabor Hall, Transfiguration Church, 4000 E. Castro Valley Blvd. in Castro Valley. Everyone is welcome. Chef John Tandl and crew will serve a 5-course, family-style dinner of chicken with polenta. Red and white wine and soda are included. Happy hour begins at 6 p.m. The dinner is \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members. Make reservations by Friday, Jan. 4, by calling the Buon Tempo dinner line at 483-6929. For more information about events or membership, see the website at [www.buontempo.org](http://www.buontempo.org).

### ❖ SL Holiday Lights Recycling Program

The City of San Leandro Recycling Program is hosting its third annual free holiday lights recycling program through Jan. 11. Holiday lights, working or not, are being accepted Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Public Works Service Center, 14200 Chapman Road. Collection bins are in the lobby. The event is open to San Leandro residents only. Lights should be free of all bags, binding and packaging. Extension cords, compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs), pre-lit trees, wreaths and garland are not accepted.

### ❖ SL Boys & Girls Club's Annual Crab Feed

The San Leandro Boys & Girls Club's annual crab feed will be on Saturday, Jan. 12, at the club's facility at 401 Marina Blvd. in San Leandro. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. with dinner served at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person, which includes all-you-can-eat crab,

pasta, salad and French bread. The event is "Assigned Seating Only" and always sells out, so purchase your tickets early. For tickets or more information, call Bob Glotch at the Boys & Girls Club at 483-5581 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Proceeds support the San Leandro Boys & Girls Club, which provides educational and enrichment after-school programs for 1,200 children per day at 12 sites in San Leandro and San Lorenzo.

### ❖ I.D.E.S. St. John Lunch & Bingo

I.D.E.S. St. John, 1670 Orchard Ave. in San Leandro, will host a spaghetti lunch and bingo on Saturday, Jan. 12, at noon. Lunch tickets are \$10 for adults and children 6 to 12 and includes four bingo cards. Extra cards are 25 cents each. There will also be a 50/50 raffle. For tickets, call Darlene at 589-6536, Willie at 635-6326 or Frances at 886-1568.

### ❖ St. Felicitas Young at Heart Luncheon

St. Felicitas Church Young at Heart Senior Luncheon will be Wednesday, Jan. 16, at Monsignor McGinty Hall located behind the church at 1662 Manor Blvd. in San Leandro. The luncheon will feature a complete homemade meatloaf lunch with dessert, beverage and door prizes. Doors open at 11:15 a.m. with lunch being served at noon. Tickets are \$6 and can be purchased at the church office located to the right of the church. Last day to buy tickets is Tuesday, Jan. 14. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 351-5244. All seniors our welcomed.

### ❖ Kiwanis Club Annual Crab Feed

The Kiwanis Club of San Leandro presents its 15th Annual Crab Feed on Saturday, Jan. 19, at the San Leandro Boys & Girls Club, 401 Marina Blvd. Social hour starts at 5:30 p.m. and dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. with dancing and live music by Chico and the Band from 7:30 to 10 p.m. All you can eat salad, garlic bread, pasta and crab. Tickets are \$50, or \$20 for children 10 and under. All seats are reserved. Call early to reserve group seating. Tickets available from San Leandro Kiwanis Club members, or call Terri Neumann at 895-4425.

### ❖ Sons of Norway Snorre Lodge Crab Feed

Sons of Norway Snorre Lodge 6-61 presents its annual crab feed on Saturday, Jan. 26, at the Hill & Valley Clubhouse, 1808 B St. in Hayward. No host bar begins at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m., raffle at 8:30 p.m. Dinner will include salad, spaghetti, garlic bread, fresh cracked crab and dessert. Cost is \$55 for Adult members 13 and up, \$60 for non-members, \$25 for children 12 and under and free for children under 5. Make checks payable to Sons of Norway and send to Aunda Arndt, 1016 Apache St., Livermore, CA 94551. For tickets or for more information, email [aja469@hotmail.com](mailto:aja469@hotmail.com) or call 925-548-0292.

### ❖ PhotoCentral Gallery Exhibit

*Cultures in Transition*: Photos by Oliver Klink, are on exhibit through Feb. 15 in the PhotoCentral Gallery, at the HARD District Offices, 1099 E St. in Hayward. The exhibit and book celebrate cultures in Asia including Bhutan, Myanmar, China, Mongolia, and India, and include essays as well as stories about the images by the photographer. The upstairs gallery is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The downstairs gallery is open on Monday from 5 to 10 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and by appointment. For more information, call Geir Jordahl at 881-6721 or [info@photocentral.org](mailto:info@photocentral.org).

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**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** It's a good time to take a much-needed break from your recent hectic schedule and spend some time in quieter surroundings. Important news could arrive early next week.



**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** The Taurean traits of reliability and thoroughness could be well-tested when decision-makers consider your proposals and/or requests. Be prepared to answer some probing questions.



**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** A sudden attack of boredom leaves you with some tasks undone. It's OK to take a short respite. But get back to work by week's end so that you have time for other projects.



**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Avoid prejudging a situation just because it looks bad. Facts could emerge that would make your position uncomfortable, to say the least. A relative has interesting news to share with you.



**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** This is a good time to begin reassessing some of your recent decisions about your long-range goals to see if they still have merit. Spend more time with loved ones this weekend.



**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** An unsettled situation at home or on the job early in the week could drain your energy levels, making it difficult to get your work done on schedule. But things improve by midweek.



**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** A temporary setback could give you time to go over your plans to find weaknesses you might have overlooked before. A romantic getaway with that special person is favored this weekend.



**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Professional and personal situations benefit once you set a positive tone in getting things off to a good start. Honest dialogue smoothes over any occasional display of balkiness.



**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** A problem with workplace colleagues or family members seems to defy even your sage counsel. But be patient. Your words eventually will lead to a resolution.



**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Don't just wait out that unexpected and unexplained delay in your career move. You could gain added respect if you ask why it happened and what you can do to move things along.



**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Although your workplace strategies usually are accepted, you could be challenged by someone who isn't so favorably impressed. Be prepared to defend your positions.



**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Your friendship circle expands, with new people coming into your life at this time. Welcome them warmly. But don't neglect those cherished longtime personal relationships.



## Evicted: Busch tries to hold his ground

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home park on Grand Avenue in San Leandro. Instead he paid each month with a 7 percent increase in his rent, which he believes was fair enough.

The property management company didn't see it that way, though, and refused to take the checks.

In the meantime, last summer Busch agreed with the management company's lawyer to move out in July and he wouldn't have to pay his back rent.

Busch stayed until he was evicted, saying he wanted to make a point – to bring attention to rent increases and evictions.

Before the eviction, Busch said that Mayor Pauline Cutter offered to meet with him, along with other city staff members.

"They said they could find me a place," Busch said. "I said, 'If you could find me a penthouse in the tallest building in town, the answer is no.' That's not the issue. I have a car. I can survive homelessness. They kept trying to find me a safe landing. And I kept telling them, it's not about me, it's about rent control."

Busch grew up in San

Leandro and attended local schools – Roosevelt Elementary through San Leandro High. He says he shouldn't be forced out of San Leandro by huge rent increases.

Before the eviction, Busch

**“And I kept telling them, it's not about me, it's about rent control.”**

— John Busch

said people told him he needed to leave his place or he might go to jail.

Busch says he told them, "Well, my second cause is the prison-industrial complex."

On the day of the eviction, Nov. 15, Busch said the sheriff's department knocked on his door at about 9 a.m. Busch said he didn't put up a fight, but he did

hold onto the screen door and wouldn't let go when they tried to handcuff him.

The deputies got him in the back of the squad car, and Busch said they told him they hoped they didn't hurt him. On the way to jail, Busch said he talked to the deputies about why he believes in rent control.

"And I think they were beginning to see my point a little," he said.

At Santa Rita, Busch said a couple of the inmates said they had seen him on TV (in a story about his pending eviction).

"One guy said, 'I know you. You were on TV.' So I got special treatment from them," Busch said. "They even got my meals for me."

When last contacted, Busch sounded sure as ever about his cause – rent control. He regularly goes to City Council meetings and tries to win over the City Council members.

"Everyone on the City Council has pulled me aside," Busch said. "A couple have tried to let me know they're for it, but they can't do anything because of gentrification."

## Sign Up for Boys & Girls Club Basketball

The Boys and Girls Club of San Leandro is taking sign-ups for its Winter 2019 instructional basketball program for all boys and girls in grades 3 through 6. The league begins in January.

The basketball program is designed to give players a fun and competitive experience. Each player is evaluated prior to being assigned to a team so that

all teams have a balanced number of veterans and rookies.

All players are required to play two quarters per game, so all players have an opportunity to be on the court and part of the action.

All practices and games are held at the Boys and Girls Club of San Leandro, 401 Marina Blvd. in San Leandro.

The basketball program fee is \$85 for current "After School"

registered members or \$95 for all others and includes uniforms and awards.

The Boys & Girls Club is also looking for volunteer coaches for the program. For more information on the program or if you are interested in volunteering as a coach please contact Ross Lim, at 483-5581 or via e-mail at rosslim89@gmail.com.

## City's Jr. Warriors Basketball Program Starts in January

Season runs on Saturdays, Jan. 12 through March 16

The City of San Leandro's Junior Warriors basketball program boys and girls 5 to 14 years of age is back for its 19th season.

The 2019 youth basketball season will be held on Saturdays beginning Jan. 12 through March 16 at the San Leandro High School 9th Grade Campus and Washington Manor Middle

School. The program offers a non-competitive environment where beginners and veterans alike can improve their skills through weekly games and instruction.

All players will receive a Jr. Warriors' jersey, instruction, and league play. This program is co-sponsored by the Golden State Warriors, the NBA, WNBA and the City of San Leandro. Early registration discount ends on Dec. 14.

Pre-registration is required. Register with the San Leandro Recreation and Human Services Department online at [www.sanleandrorec.org](http://www.sanleandrorec.org). Walk-in registrations are also available at the San Leandro Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St., or at the Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd.

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# REAL ESTATE GALLERY

## REAL ESTATE REALITY

By Carl Medford, CRS  
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GUEST COMMENTARY



## 2018 Real Estate Closes Out With Affordability Crisis Issue No. 1

The year 2018 has been a tumultuous one for California real estate.

While national issues such as U.S. immigration and foreign trade policies have affected the Golden State's housing market, we have encountered numerous statewide issues including widespread wildfires, a decline in international buyers, low housing inventory, record high prices and a housing crisis spiraling out of control.

It is no secret affordability is the number one issue facing the California housing market.

Rising steadily for 7-1/2 years, home prices have escalated far beyond what many home-buyers can afford. Even though home prices plateaued in May/June 2018 and have since been declining, the average price in Alameda County for November, 2018 was \$1,012,000, up 3.69% from \$976,000 in November, 2017.

And 2018 was also the 50th anniversary of the Fair Housing

Act passed in 1968, prohibiting discrimination concerning the sale, rental and financing of housing based on race, religion, national origin or sex.

We've come a long way since this landmark legislation removed significant barriers to homeownership. It is a bit ironic, then, that local governments and municipalities, faced with a housing crisis, are initiating barriers to home procurement in 2019 by adding costs to the homebuying process.

Faced with budget shortfalls, some Alameda County cities are looking to real estate transactions to help provide income. While a few cities have had city transfer taxes on their books for years, changes are in the works for 2019.

As an example, Hayward is increasing its transfer tax from \$4.50/\$1,000 to \$8.50/\$1,000. While the sale of a \$500,000 home in 2018 would have incurred a tax of \$2,250, in 2019 this amount will be \$4,250.

This increase means that buyers, already straining to find the cash for their down payment and closing costs, may face higher out-of-pocket costs.

San Leandro, currently charging \$6.00/\$1,000, is studying a tax increase of their own.

The Castro Valley Sanitary District also joined the fray by inaugurating its sewer lateral ordinance. Beginning July 1, 2019, this program will ensure that any home sold in Castro Valley has a valid sewer lateral compliance certificate. The average cost of a sewer lateral replacement is between \$7,000 -

\$8,000. Buyers, confronted with as-is purchases, may end up paying the costs.

Ready or not, 2019 is coming and it is the sincere hope of the Central County Realtors that 2019 will be less turbulent than 2018.

Best wishes for a Happy New Year!

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

## Rusty Dots on Ferns Just Part of Nature

By Buzz Bertolero  
Special to the Times

**Q** I have a nice sized Boston fern, but I've found rusty, brown color dots in perfect rows on the back of some of the leaves. What are they and how do I prevent it from re-occurring?

**A** Ah, Mother Nature is wonderful.

What you were witnessing is the beginning of the plant's reproductive cycle. Unlike other plants that produce seed, ferns produce spores. The spores are the reddish brown dots; however, they're sterile so they will never produce new plants.

This is typical of many varieties of ferns. Tissue culture



and/or plant divisions are the primary method of reproducing ferns. The sterile spores have an aesthetic value, so I wouldn't remove the fronds. Besides, they're going to continually form naturally anyway.

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

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## Mortgage Rates Move Slightly

Mortgage rates moderated last week after seeing a significant drop the previous week, according to Freddie Mac's nationwide survey.

The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 4.62 percent last week, down from 4.63 percent a week earlier. A year ago at this time, the 30-year rate averaged 3.94 percent.

Fifteen-year home loan rates averaged 4.07 percent last week, unchanged from the prior week.

Five-year hybrid adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 3.98 percent last week, down from 4.04 percent.

"The response to the recent decline in mortgage rates is already being felt in the housing market," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's chief economist. After declining for six consecutive months, existing home sales finally rose in October and November and are essentially at the same level as during the summer months."

## RECENT HOME SALES

### San Leandro

3811 Wedgewood Street	94578: \$425,000	2 BD - 918 SF - 1987
2271 Transom Way	94577: \$480,000	1,062 SF - 1978
14640 Outrigger Drive #98	94577: \$522,000	2 BD - 1,033 SF - 1986
16475 Liberty Street	94578: \$572,000	2 BD - 1,290 SF - 2008
814 Collier Drive	94577: \$593,000	2 BD - 1,274 SF - 1949
715 Arguello Drive	94578: \$600,000	3 BD - 1,135 SF - 1955
15045 Endicott Street	94579: \$610,000	3 BD - 1,271 SF - 1949
1917 Pacific Avenue	94577: \$620,000	3 BD - 1,264 SF - 1951
2378 Cheshire Place	94577: \$626,500	1,723 SF - 1977
853 Serra Drive	94578: \$630,000	3 BD - 1,076 SF - 1954
445 Lewis Avenue	94577: \$639,000	2 BD - 1,040 SF - 1928
1305 Lillian Avenue	94578: \$640,000	3 BD - 1,586 SF - 1947
1312 Advent Avenue	94579: \$640,000	3 BD - 1,212 SF - 1951
3969 Carmel Way	94578: \$660,000	3 BD - 1,151 SF - 1953
176 California Avenue	94577: \$677,500	2 BD - 1,024 SF - 1925
3442 Monterey Boulevard	94578: \$688,000	3 BD - 1,405 SF - 1955
192 Beverly Avenue	94577: \$760,000	1 BD - 609 SF - 1920
308 Warren Avenue	94577: \$850,000	3 BD - 2,000 SF - 1952
1357 East Juana Avenue	94577: \$915,000	3 BD - 2,209 SF - 1952
17499 Via Estrella	94580: \$575,000	2 BD - 868 SF - 1949

TOTAL SALES: 20

LOWEST AMOUNT: \$350,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$628,250

HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$915,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$624,900

### Castro Valley

4306 Watters Court	94546: \$900,000	3 BD - 2,173 SF - 1965
6486 Paloverde Road	94552: \$1,000,000	1,584 SF -
17856 Almond Road	94546: \$1,100,000	4 BD - 2,204 SF - 2015
18691 West Cavendish Dr	94552: \$1,175,000	4 BD - 2,262 SF - 1978
7430 Oxford Circle	94568: \$668,000	2 BD - 1,346 SF - 1990

TOTAL SALES: 5

LOWEST AMOUNT: \$460,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$1,000,000

HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$1,175,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$927,000



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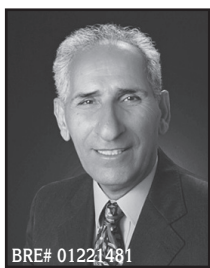
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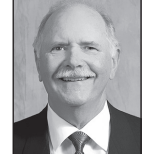
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## LIFESTYLE

## Nibbling Our Way Into a New Year



1 tablespoon chopped tarragon  
Salt and pepper to taste

Put eggs in a pot; cover with cold water and bring to a simmer. Remove from the heat, cover and let stand for 10 minutes. Drain, cool and peel. Halve lengthwise. Scoop out yolks, mash with milk, mayonnaise, mustard powder, chopped herbs and salt and pepper. Stuff yolk mixture into egg whites. Top with paprika and chives.

## BAKED POTATO SKINS

4 large baked potatoes  
3 tablespoons vegetable oil  
1 tablespoon grated Parmesan cheese  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder  
1/4 teaspoon paprika  
1/8 teaspoon pepper  
8 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled  
2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese (8 ounces)  
1/2 cup sour cream (optional)  
4 green onions, sliced

Cut potatoes in half lengthwise; scoop out pulp, leaving 1/4-inch in the shell. Save potato pulp for mashed potatoes or other use.

Place skins on a greased baking sheet.

Combine oil, Parmesan cheese, salt, garlic powder, paprika and pepper and brush all over potato skins.

Bake at 475°F for about 8 minutes and turn over. Bake for another 8 minutes or so and then turn right side up.

Sprinkle bacon and cheddar evenly inside of skins.

Bake 2 minutes longer or until cheese is melted. Top with sour cream and onions, if desired. Yields 8 servings.

## CHEESE &amp; SHRIMP CROSTINI

8 ounces herbed cream

cheese, softened  
1/2 cup mayonnaise  
1 tablespoon garlic paste  
1/2 tablespoon onion powder  
2 tablespoons melted butter  
24 fresh shrimp, peeled and deveined  
2 dozen crostinis (small slices of grilled or toasted bread)  
Fresh parsley

Combine all ingredients except butter, shrimp, and crostinis in a bowl.

Saute shrimp and a dash of garlic paste in butter over medium heat until pink.

Top each crostini with a dollop of cream cheese and a shrimp. Garnish with parsley.

## TANGY COCKTAIL FRANKS

1 (12 ounce) jar currant jelly  
2/3 cup chili sauce  
2 teaspoons prepared mustard  
2 tablespoons lemon juice  
1 pound cocktail franks or regular weiners cut in 1-inch sections  
1 can sliced pineapple tidbits, drained, quartered  
Dash cayenne, or to taste

In a medium saucepan combine currant jelly, chili sauce, mustard, and lemon juice. Add the hot dogs or cocktail franks, pineapple, and ground pepper; simmer for about 5 minutes. Transfer to slow cooker and keep on LOW for serving. Serve with toothpicks.

Monday night we close the book on 2018 and whether you're celebrating with just the family or you're having friends over for a party, you're going to need lots of munchies that are quick and easy to fix.

All of these are great.

## STUFFED MUSHROOMS

2 dozen fresh mushrooms, no stems  
1 cup chopped spinach, frozen  
1/2 cup yellow onion, finely chopped  
1 package cream cheese, softened  
1 cup grated Parmesan cheese  
Salt and pepper to taste

Clean mushrooms and dry.

Combine all ingredients in a large bowl, except mushrooms and Parmesan.

Fill each mushroom cap with mixture and bake at 350°F on a large cookie sheet for 10 minutes.

Sprinkle each mushroom with Parmesan and bake again for 5 additional minutes.

## TOASTED RAVIOLI

2 dozen filled ravioli, thawed if frozen  
2 eggs, lightly beaten  
1 cup Italian seasoned bread crumbs  
Parmesan cheese  
Vegetable oil (for frying)  
Marinara sauce (for dipping)

Cook ravioli in boiling salted water until they float to the top; remove from water, drain and set aside to cool.

Heat oil in fryer at least 2 inch-

es deep to a temperature of 375°F. Dip each ravioli in beaten egg, then cover in breadcrumbs.

Fry in batches in hot oil until golden brown, about 5 minutes; drain.

Sprinkle hot ravioli with Parmesan cheese. Heat marinara sauce and set aside in serving bowl. Serve ravioli with dipping sauce. Yields 24 ravioli.

## DEVEILED EGGS

6 eggs  
1 tablespoon milk  
1/4 cup of mayonnaise  
1/4 teaspoon mustard powder  
1 tablespoon chopped parsley  
1 tablespoon chopped chives

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This recipe for Cooked Eggnog is probably the best you ever tasted. It has a sensational custard-like flavor, which is sure to please your guests as they welcome in 2019.



## COOKED EGGNOG

1 quart nonfat milk  
4 large egg whites  
2 large eggs  
1/4 cup powdered sugar  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
Fresh grated nutmeg, for garnish

In a small bowl, lightly beat egg whites and eggs together. Combine milk, eggs and sugar in a heavy saucepan and mix well with a wire whisk. Slowly bring to a simmer over low heat and simmer for 5 minutes, stirring frequently with the whisk. Remove from the heat, add vanilla and mix well. Refrigerate until cold.

To serve, pour mixture into a blender container and add 1 cup crushed ice. Blend until frothy. Yields five 1-cup servings.

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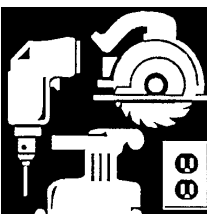
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# 2018: New parking regulations downtown; fire at metal recyclers

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3,000 parking spaces in the area, all with different time limits and parking costs. The police department started using license-plate reading technology to enforce parking limits.

• It was discovered that an Alameda County Sheriff's deputy at the Eden Township Substation illegally recorded inmates' private conversations with their lawyers, violating attorney-client privilege. Sgt. James Russell was later charged with four felonies by the district attorney's office.

## September

• A man was struck and killed by an Amtrak passenger train near the Williams Street crossing. Amtrak urges people to use caution around railroad tracks and crossings – nationwide, about 2,000 people are killed annually by trains.

• The City Council voted to extend a moratorium on non-hosted short-term home rentals such as Airbnb.

• Fumes from a fire at the Alco Metal & Iron Company at the intersection of Davis Street and Doolittle Drive prompted a shelter in place order from the



Rose Johnson and Chris Zapata met numerous times at the Fosters Freeze about a Davis Street loan and a medical marijuana permit.



Alameda County Fire Department. Authorities say they've been called to Alco at least 10 times over the past three years for incidents including fires and an accidental death, leading the company to be publicly chastised by the City Council.

## October

• Thousands partied downtown at the annual Sausage and Suds Festival, enjoying beer, food, and live music.

• The Oro Loma Sanitary District broke ground on a new \$19 million water treatment plant.

## November

• The Camp Fire devastated Butte County and Alameda County fire and sheriff's staff provided mutual aid, sending firefighters, bulldozer operators, police search dogs, coroner investigators, and rescue volunteers to the town of



TIMES FILE PHOTO

The annual San Leandro City Junior Gold Championship was held last summer at the Monarch Bay Golf Club.

Paradise.

• Former City Councilman Michael Gregory filed a complaint against the four "fresh clean slate" candidates with the state's Fair Political Practice

Commission alleging campaign of evidence.

finance violations. The complaint was eventually tossed out for lack

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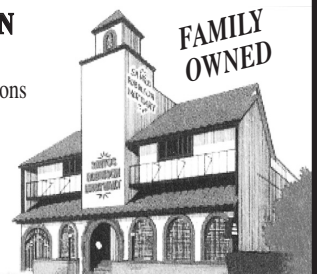
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Mary Lee served her country during WWII in the U.S. Naval Reserve (WAVES), then graduated from the University of Colorado with a B.A. in English, and taught in Redding (CA), Gandy (NE), and Fort Morgan and Erie (CO), in junior and senior high schools. When her children were in elementary school in Oakland, CA, she resumed teaching, primarily in grades K-3 in Oakland public schools. Mary Lee retired in 1989 from the Arts School.

During retirement she hosted international students, travelled in Europe and Japan, volunteered as an usher with the S.F. Opera, remained an active member of Park Blvd. Presbyterian Church in Oakland, and participated in the East Bay retired teachers and hearing loss organizations.

Mary Lee will be greatly missed by her family and friends; a memorial service will be held in Oakland in the spring, and Mary Lee will later be interred next to her parents in Arnold Cemetery (NE). Her family has created a memorial website, www.maryleeluzmoor.org, which has more information about her life, and contact information for her family.



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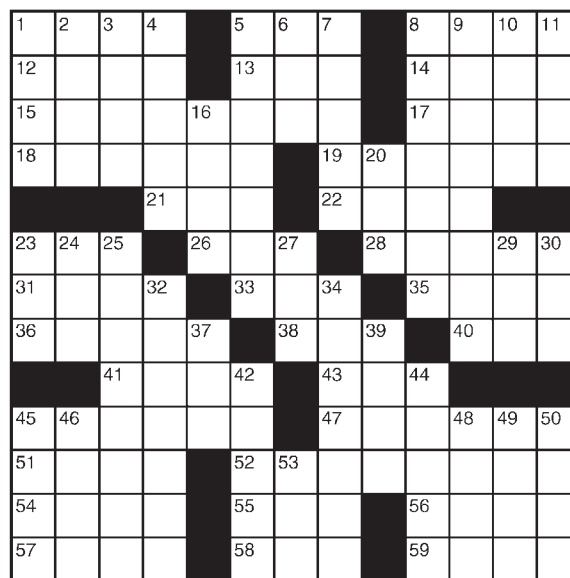
### Isabell Teresa Luisotti

April 15, 1929 - December 17, 2018

Isabell Luisotti passed away peacefully on December 17, 2018 with her children by her side. She was 89. She was born in Oakland, California and graduated from Castlemont High School in 1947. Isabell is survived by her husband Louis of nearly 70 years, her sons Louis and Steven, her daughter Theresa, and granddaughter Nicole. Also survived by her brother Gasper and sister Rose Tassielli. Predeceased by her parents, her son Mark, infant daughter Mary Ann, and her brother Frank. A devoted mother and loved by all.

Viewing and Rosary on Thursday, Dec. 27th at Santos-Robinson Mortuary, San Leandro. Funeral Mass at Assumption Church in San Leandro on Friday December 28 at 10:30 am. Interment following at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward. Donations may be made to St. Vincent de Paul of Alameda County.

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**Too Many Taxes: 'San Leandro Must Tighten its Belt!'**

Editor:

I was disappointed to learn the City is considering increasing taxes (again), and even more dismayed that the source would be business owners. Specifically, the article I read suggested increasing property taxes to business owners and increasing the cost associated with obtaining and maintaining a business license.

When people read such an article, they may assume this only affects big businesses with deep pockets. Please remember that these sorts of taxes and penalties greatly affect small businesses as well. One might think, "what will one more small fee hurt?" One doesn't hurt, but businesses are literally bombarded with taxes, fees and costs which cause most people who wish to open a business to give up because it becomes cost prohibitive and exhausting. Small businesses which are incorporated, like mine, get hit with all sorts of additional fees and taxes.

It is already difficult enough to maintain a profit with the law requiring employers to pay for healthcare for their entire staff and to pay for unemployment compensation even in the case of termination for cause. I can't begin to tell you the extraordinary costs incurred to accommodate ADA requirements which are completely over-the-top standing alone. I could go on and on with real examples of the exploitation of we, the people, by our government in the form of taxes, fees, surcharges, accommodations, etc.

It is personally frustrating to know that there is little I can do since I am not a resident of San Leandro and therefore am not permitted to vote or sit on most committees. (This law should be amended because if a business owns the property on which it sits and will be affected by a tax (or anything) imposed by this City, the business owner should be able to vote.)

The concept of raising taxes in any way, shape or form by any government entity makes me cringe considering I pay more than 50 percent of my income to the government between personal, corporate, property and payroll taxes. Add to that all of the money all of us pay in fees, surcharges, etc. Just look at the extra charges on your phone bill, cable bill or property tax bill. Add

to that all of the near 10 percent sales tax we pay personally on everything we buy. Add it up and then ask yourself whether we should perpetuate this problem by allowing the government to tax us further or if its time for the government to tighten its belt?

The City of San Leandro must tighten its belt!

—**Kelly Gamble**  
Law Office of Kelly Gamble P.C.  
San Leandro

**Marina Parking: Says City is Being Short-sighted Again**

Editor:

Ferry company PropSF has asked the City of San Leandro for access to the Wes McClure public boat launch to provide ferry service for Genentech employees working in South San Francisco.

Once again the City Council is being short sighted by seriously thinking about waiving any fees for providing access to the marina because PropSF and Genentech would graciously pay for any needed dock upgrades. The only reason why dock upgrades would be needed is because PropSF and Genentech need them, not the City of San Leandro, so they should be responsible for any upgrades on their own dime. The City should charge \$120 a month for a parking pass just like the private parking company in Walnut Creek is charging BART riders.

Side thought — this property has been under utilized for years and not generating any income and I wonder why the Council never thought about renting out the space to the major car rental companies who are always looking for a spot to park their airport cars when overflow parking is needed.

—**Brent Heath**  
San Leandro

**Calls Global Warming Politics, Not Science**

Editor:

Reading letters like that of Leo West (Dec. 13) reminds me of watching students telling Dr. Roy Spencer, who was the head of NASA's weather satellite program starting in 1998 and who keeps the Mean Global Temperature records so obtained to this very date on his Internet site, or those addressing Dr. Kary Mullis, a Nobel Laureate, that they don't know what they're talking

about when they are disproving man-made climate change.

What I have always noticed is that those who have gained their education of the climate from an article in Lady's Home Journal or Popular Mechanics seem to know a great deal more than the people who actually study the climate and the physical causes of it.

While I could write a textbook on the climate just let it be known that President Trump was quite accurate when he called it a hoax. The hundreds of billions of dollars that have gone into the study of it by scientists who were starting from a conclusion and working their way back to a false set of "facts" couldn't be better explained by the false claim that "97% of all scientists agree" when the truth is 2% of all scientists and only those receiving government research grants.

Dr. Michael Mann recently lost a court case because he failed to present the actual temperature records that displayed global warming. He didn't because he couldn't. There were no such records. So perhaps a little more skepticism from the untrained masses would be appropriate. This is not science — it is purely politics.

—**Tom Kunich**  
San Leandro

**Putin's Best Week Ever?**

Editor:

It's a good week for Vladimir Putin.

Trump shut down the U.S. government. Trump is pulling our troops out of Syria, leaving the field open for Russia and Iran to celebrate with Assad.

Secretary of Defense Mattis, the last "adult in the room," just resigned, objecting to Trump's policy of insulting our allies and cuddling up to our adversaries.

Trump's initiation of a tariff war has finally collapsed the stock market.

Yep, this may be Putin's very best week, ever.

—**Bruce Joffe**  
Piedmont



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## INQUIRING REPORTER

## Your goal for 2019?

— Asked around town

To be with my family and watch my grandkids play and try to teach them to get outside and be with others. That's what matters. Too many people are busy making money, looking for riches, but what's important is right at home.

**Louis Ramos**  
Oakland



I want to be a better person, help people, clean up litter around the neighborhood and love more. And I want to finish writing my book.

**Gwen Howard and Hunter**  
Oakland



To be kinder and more loving to everyone, not just people I know. And to continue my journey of changing my career in my 50s to become a minister and teach the principles of Agape, love and kindness.

**Cindy Edelson**  
San Leandro



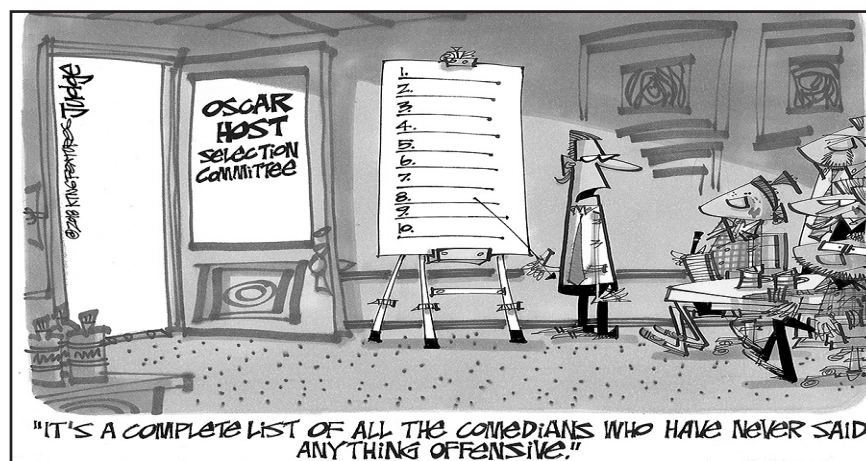
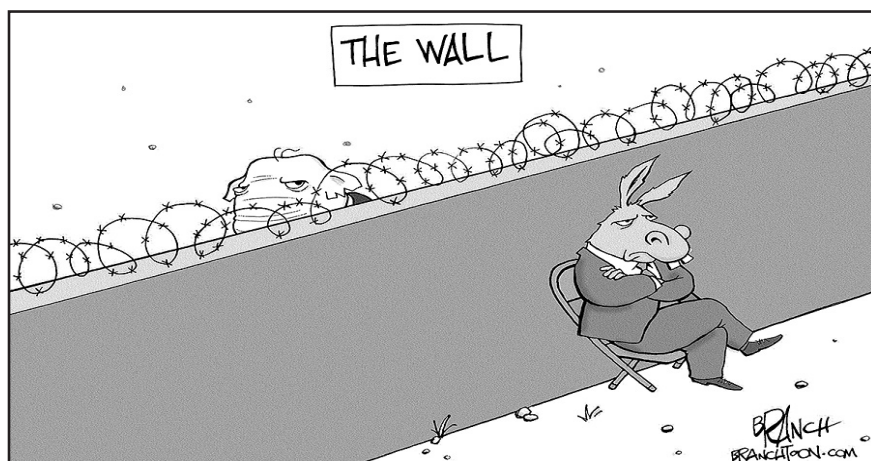
I would like to be more like my creator, more kind. Having been under his influence all these years I know it's possible to change. I used to be very angry and me-centered. Now I'm happier and I have gratitude for what I have.

**Dayle Owens**  
Santa Rosa



Getting a knee replacement, my second. When you get old your joints start falling apart. But within a week you're on a walker. For six weeks you can't sleep, it hurts. But it's worth it, 100 percent. I can go to football games again now.

**Debbie McElroy**  
San Leandro





# Planning Board Okay's Bancroft Apartment Building

By Amy Sylvestri  
San Leandro Times

The Planning Commission approved a redesigned plan for an apartment building at 1388 Bancroft Avenue last week over the objections from the Estudillo Estates neighborhood.

The decision sends the plan to the City Council for final approval at a meeting next month.

The apartments have been in the works since 2016 when developer Tom Silva purchased the partially-occupied medical building and first drew up plans for a five-story, 51 unit building.

But the City Council, under pressure from the Estudillo Estates neighborhood group, limited Silva to three stories.

Since then, there have been numerous meetings between Silva, the city's Planning Commission, and North Area neighbors. At one point, Silva presented plans for a 73-unit building with double-decker car stackers, but he withdrew those plans.

The design that was approved by the Planning Commission last week calls for a three-story, 45-unit, market-rate apartment complex with 55 parking spots with electric vehicle charging stations and no car stackers.

But many Estudillo Estates homeowners have been vehemently opposed to all versions of the building, and speakers at the Dec. 20 meeting continued expressing the same objections they've had for the past two years: the building will lead to traffic congestion, parking will

spill out on to their streets, and a multi-family apartment building "isn't a good fit" for the neighborhood.

Speaker Susan Rose Riskind said that her neighbors will continue to protest the development despite the Planning Commission's approval.

"We shouldn't be allowing it," said Riskind. "It doesn't make

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— Planning Commissioner  
Richard Brennan

sense at that location."

Neighbor Evan Adams acknowledged that the newest version of the development with fewer apartments was better than Silva's previous plans, but said he'd like to see it scaled down even more.

"At 30 units it would be welcome, at 45 it is not," said Adams.

Two speakers were in favor of the project: Emily Griego and Jerry Garcia, both from the San

Leandro Chamber of Commerce. They said that more high-density housing is desirable because it will mitigate the housing shortage and attract businesses to San Leandro.

"The Chamber supports development which will help San Leandro become a world class city," said Griego.

Planning Commissioner Richard Brennan took the Estudillo Estates neighbors to

task for having a "not in my backyard" (NIMBY) mentality when it comes to the project.

"It's the very essence of NIMBY-ism" said Brennan. "It's completely disingenuous to say 'I'm all for housing projects in San Leandro, just not here.' Don't put it here is the NIMBY mantra."

The Planning Commission ultimately voted 4-2 to recommend approval of Silva's development. Commissioner Tony

Breslin recused himself because he owns property in the area and would have had a conflict of interest. Commissioners Esther Collier and Tom Baker voted no. Commissioners Ken Pon, Richard Brennan, Denise Abero, and Jim Hussey voted in favor of approval.

The next step for the project will be the City Council's consideration of the Planning Commission's decision at the Jan.

22 council meeting. An additional public meeting on the project will also be scheduled for sometime in January, according to Tom Liao, the city's community development director.

The City Council is also considering amendments to street parking rules in the area which could affect plans for the apartments and that matter is scheduled for the Feb. 4 council meeting.

## 2018: Money to improve Casa Peralta diverted

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unions, and the Chamber of Commerce were the biggest donors to local candidates. The candidate with the biggest war chest in the 2018 election was Benny Lee, who raised over \$69,000 but failed to win his bid for mayor.

### December

- Less than a month after the election, the City Council directed city staff to begin preparations for a new parcel tax to be placed on an upcoming ballot.

- Nearly \$1 million of city funding that had been earmarked for upgrades to the historic Casa Peralta were diverted to the upcoming expansion of San Leandro police headquarters instead.

- Hundreds gathered downtown for the annual "It's a Wonderful Night" celebration, featuring carolers, carriage rides, and a tree-lighting to get San Leandrans in a Christmas mood.



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Cub Scout Pack 635 took a bike ride along the Bay Trail last summer.

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## Opioids: 1.6 million highly addictive pills

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after a confidential source who was working for the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) in exchange for a lighter sentence for his or her own drug crime, recorded Lague prescribing un-

necessary medication, the U.S. Attorney's Office said in a press release.

Among the evidence presented against Lague were details of two occasions where he prescribed oxycodone to a patient

who had told Lague that he planned to sell the pills.

In addition, the jury concluded that Lague had prescribed addictive controlled substances to four other patients in a manner that he knew was not medically

necessary, prosecutors said.

The drugs that Lague distributed were oxycodone, oxymorphone, methadone, amphetamines, clonazepam, fentanyl, hydromorphone, morphine, hydrocodone, alprazolam and carisoprodol, prosecutors said.

Those pills - which have been deemed to be in the "most dangerous and abused" category by the DAE, accounted for 1.4 million of the 1.6 million he prescribed.

Lague has been sentenced to 10 years in federal prison, a fine of \$5,000, and three years of supervised release following his time in prison.

"This case represents an important victory for the community in its fight against the diversion of prescription drugs," U.S. Attorney Alexander Tse said in a press release. "The medical profession has made great strides in reforming prescribing practices, and the DEA has worked to decrease the total quantities of pills that pharmaceutical companies produce every year, all with the end of decreasing the numbers of powerful opioid pills getting into the hands of vulnerable members of our community."

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