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All the teams gathered around the field for the opening day ceremony of the Floresta Baseball League on Saturday and then the ball games began.

Floresta Baseball Opens 2025 Season

The Floresta Baseball League kicked off its 2025 season with a big Opening Day celebration on Saturday, March 15. The league’s 235 players and their families marched in the parade and joined the opening-day festivities – a fantastic way to start another season of community baseball. Highlights from the day included Scrappy the Rally Possum from the Oakland Ballers, who served as our energetic Grand Marshal. Gigi Martinez gave a beautiful performance of the National Anthem. First pitches were thrown by Sammy Davila to Sebastian Davila (Seniors - Padres). And a Ceremonial First Pitch

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Three Dead in House Fire on Altamont Road

Fire department investigating cause of fire possibly caused by lithium-ion batteries

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

A fast moving house fire on Altamont Road in the unincorporated San Leandro hills killed three and seriously injured a fourth person shortly before dawn on Thursday, March 13. Two adults died in the house along with a pet dog, the AFDC reported just after the fire was put out without serious damage to neighboring houses only a few feet away. A missing six-year-old girl was found deceased in the house later, and one other adult was being treated for serious injuries in a hospital burn center. A total of nine people lived in the house, fire officials said. The Coroner’s Office identified three victims, they said.

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Council Approves City Rent Registry

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

The San Leandro City Council voted unanimously to set up a registry of rental units in the city at its meeting Monday night at City Hall, and the council vowed to move ahead on both rent stabilization measures and a new mobile home ordinance after that. The proposed new rental registry would take effect January 1, 2026 and would be funded by a fee on each rental unit, capped at \$100 a unit but quite possibly less if administrative costs were modest, according to city Community Development Director Thomas Liao.

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Creek Group Restores Native Plants

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

Friends of San Leandro Creek are making progress removing invasive plants and restoring native ones alongside the creek where it flows through Chabot Park, off Estudillo Avenue. They plan to make more progress at a work day on Saturday, March 22, and two more work days in May that will mark five years of work restoring the creek. “I realized how bad the lack of native plants was when I walked all the way down the creek from the park to the Fifth Wheel restaurant (on San Leandro Boulevard) and could not find any natives,” said Lary Huls, vice president of Friends of San

“We’ve removed tons of invasive plants.”
— Lary Huls

Leandro Creek. Huls said a demonstration garden has been set up in the park near the creek to show different kinds of native plants that would lead to a healthier creek and park environment. Native plants are important, he said, because many plants rely on pollinators to thrive, and most pollinators avoid

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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 Zaira Duncan at 667-3522.



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United Parents Crab Feed Nets Funds for SLHS

Students, staff, and parents came together on March 1 for the San Leandro High School United Parents (UP) booster organization's annual crab feed.

Everyone came to the San Leandro Boys & Girls Club for an evening of delicious food, a fun-filled raffle, and delightful music played by the SLHS Jazz Ensemble.

The crab feed proceeds support SLHS students and staff. Each year, a student group is selected to help prepare and serve the food, as well as help set up, and clean up afterwards. The United Parents donates money directly into the group's school account, including the tips received.

This year, the SLHS Golf Team assisted during the United Parents crab feed. Last year, the Notables, the SLHS Honor Choir, used the money they earned from the crab feed to help fund their trip to



PHOTOS COURTESY OF UNITED PARENTS OF SLHS

Diners enjoyed the crab dinner on March 1. Below, the SLHS golf team assisted.

Carnegie Hall in New York where they performed.

The crab feed is the United Parents biggest annual fundraiser. In recent years, they have provided \$5,000

worth of scholarships to graduating seniors annually, paid for an athletic trainer that all student athletes have access to, and supported teachers by completing their Donors

discussion, etc.

In addition, the UP has supported a variety of groups including the cheer team (uniforms), the basketball team (shooting jerseys), the golf team (golf bags), the badminton team (restringing machine), and various sports and the music/drama departments through the UP membership drive.

The United Parents also celebrates the SLHS staff each year with delicious community food donations before the Winter Break and during Staff Appreciation Week.

If you would like to help the SLHS United Parents, or learn more about their efforts to support our community, email SLHSUnitedParentsPirates@gmail.com or visit their SLHS United Parents Facebook page.

Choose grants to purchase literature, host an author



SL Players Present *Count Dracula*

The San Leandro Players will present *Count Dracula*, opening this Saturday at the San Leandro Museum/Auditorium 320 W. Estudillo Ave.

The show will run through April 13 on Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m., plus Fridays, April 4 and April 11,

at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$25 general; \$20 seniors and under 12 (other discounts may apply). For more reservations or more information, visit www.slplayers.org or call 510-895-2573. Masking is recommended.

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Community Calendar

Senior Lunch Program at First Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian Church of San Leandro, 180 Estudillo Ave., will offer a senior "Young at Heart" lunch program the third Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m., beginning on March 20. Each lunch will be followed by a program ranging from musical groups to information about local charities. On March 20, Peter Small will present an entertaining program about legendary inventor Thomas Edison. Space is limited. Call 510-483-2772 to reserve your spot. A \$5 donation is suggested to help cover the cost of lunch.

SLED Spring Fling

The San Leandro Education Foundation will host an evening of great food and drinks, silent auction, program, and vacation raffle to support quality education enrichment for all public school students in SLUSD on Friday, March 21, from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Dunsuir Hellmann Historic Estate Pavilion, 2960 Peralta Oaks Court in Oakland. Tickets \$125; sponsorships also available. <https://sledef.givesmart.com>

SLHS Presents *The Addams Family*

The San Leandro High School Dramatic Arts Department will present *The Addams Family* musical this weekend at the San Leandro Performing Arts Center, 2250 Bancroft Ave. Showtimes are Friday and Saturday, March 21 and 22, at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, March 23, at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for 65 and older, and \$8 for students. Tickets available at www.sanleandropac.com/

American Legion Post 117 Sunday Breakfast

American Legion Post 117 of San Leandro will host its monthly Fourth Sunday Breakfast on Sunday, March 23, from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial Building, 1105 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro. Pancakes with sausage, eggs, coffee, tea, juice. Veterans \$8, non-veterans \$9.

Learn to Make a Native Plant Garden

Learn how to make a native plant garden on Tuesday, March 25, from 5:30 to 8:15 p.m. at the Starr King Unitarian Universalist Church, 22577 Bayview Ave. in Hayward. The evening will start with a native plant cutting and seed swap, following by a talk from Kathy Kramer on how she transformed her yard into a beautiful native plant garden and the wildlife it has attracted. The group will discuss how to make the places we live and work welcome for birds and butterflies and be greener and healthier. Sponsored by Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour. No charge to attend. Registration is required, email Sandra Nevala-Lee at greenthumbworks@hey.com to register.

Umpires Needed For HARD Recreation Softball

Hayward Softball Umpires Assoc. is recruiting year round, to work paid HARD Recreation Softball games – men's and women's and co-ed slow pitch. We train all age groups in fast and slow pitch. Call Educational Director at 510-586-8592 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. or email umpire500.61@gmail.com for more information.

Alta Mira Club Great Gatsby Shrimp Fest

The Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave. in San Leandro, will host The Great Gatsby Shrimp Fest on Saturday, April 12. Social hour at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. \$55 per person, dine in or take out. Includes all-you-can-eat shrimp, pasta, salad, bread and dessert. For tickets and information, call 510-562-7144.

Apply for a Rotary Club Grant

The Rotary Club of San Leandro provides grants to local non-profit organizations that make a difference in San Leandro. Applications are now being accepted. The application can be found under the "grants" section of the Rotary Club's website - <https://sanleandrorotary.org> Make sure to read the instructions carefully and answer all questions thoroughly. Applications are due by March 26.

New Exhibit to Open at San Leandro Museum

Explore the pivotal moments that shaped San Leandro from 2000 to 2020 through a new exhibit opening this evening (Thursday, March 20) at the San Leandro History Museum, 320 W. Estudillo Ave.

An opening reception from 6 to 7:30 will include a short documentary film, *San Leandro Community Voices*. After the screening, San Leandro Public Library Director Brian Simons will moderate a panel discussion with members of the documentary's cast, including Surlene Grant, Derek Lee, and Tom Liao.

Enjoy complimentary refreshments and engaging conversation. This new exhibit is made possible with the support of the Arts, Culture & Library Commission.

SL Scholarship Foundation Dinner and Silent Auction

The San Leandro Scholarship Foundation will hold its Annual Dinner & Silent Auction on Thursday, April 10, at the San Leandro Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St.

Silent auction and live entertainment at 6 p.m. Dinner at 7 p.m. with alumni speaker Charles Leno, NFL Washington Commanders offensive lineman and SLHS Class of 2009. For tickets, visit Bit.ly/SLSF2025.

For more information, email Sanleandrosf@gmail.com.

Events at the Library

Countdown to College: What High School Students & Families Should Know

Learn what you can be doing now to set yourself up for college success on March 25 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.; and on March 29 and April 12 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Sessions are geared for high school students. The program will be led by experts from Bound4College, hosted by the San Leandro Education Foundation, the San Leandro Public Library, and the San Leandro Unified School District. Snacks and door prizes.

Writing Family History with AI

Join the Writing Family History with AI workshop to explore storytelling fundamentals and how AI can enhance your writing on Saturday, March 22, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. This interactive session includes hands-on creativity, sharing family anecdotes, and tips on publishing stories online. Registration required. Register at sanleandro.libcal.com

Women's History Month Tiny Art Show

Come view the Women's History Month Tiny Art Show at the Main library. Enjoy patron submitted art pieces inspired by women artists to highlight and celebrate women creatives. Get inspired, learn about women's history and enjoy the talent in our community. Art work will be on display through April 1 at the Main Library.

Free Family Fun Night

Cowgirl Tricks, a comedic bonanza of trick roping, whip cracking, music, and magic for the whole family on Wednesday, March 26, at 6:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., in the Karp Room. All ages welcome. For more information, call 510-577-3960.



SAN LEANDRO MUSEUM PHOTO

Museum workers set up the new exhibit on what has shaped San Leandro in the 21st century.

SL Adult School Job and Resource Fair

Join the San Leandro Adult & Career Education Center, sponsored by Rubicon Programs, at the Community Job & Resource Fair Friday, March 28, from 10 a.m. to noon on the campus at 1448 Williams St. in San Leandro. Meet local employers, connect with career experts, and access essential community resources – all in one place.

On-the-spot job opportunities, interviews, free career and financial resources, and networking with local businesses. Bring several copies of your resume.

Landscaping with Nature

Come to a presentation on native trees for streets and parks and a native plant giveaway on Saturday, March 29, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd.

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Nothing Says Spring Like Asparagus



This Asparagus Quiche combines sauteed asparagus and leeks with Gruyere cheese in a buttery pastry crust. Serve it with a fruit salad for a spring breakfast or lunch.

One sure sign of spring is fresh asparagus in the produce aisle. This favorite vegetable can be eaten raw, steamed, boiled, grilled, roasted or incorporated into casseroles and salads. Choose bunches with tightly

closed tips and no flowering. Stalks should be bright green and firm (or pale ivory for white asparagus). It's best cooked the day it's purchased, but it can be kept in the refrigerator for up to five days by standing the bundled stalks in a bowl with about an inch of water. Devotees like its unadorned flavor, but it's nice to have a few recipes that add a note or two.

ASPARAGUS QUICHE

1 tablespoon butter
1 leek (white and light green parts only), halved and thinly sliced, then well washed
Salt and ground pepper
1 pound asparagus, tough ends removed, thinly sliced on the diagonal
4 large eggs
1-1/4 cups half-and-half
Ground nutmeg
Favorite pie crust, fitted into a 9-inch pie plate, well chilled
1 cup shredded Gruyere cheese (4 ounces)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees, with rack in lowest position. In a large skillet, melt butter over medium heat. Add leek and asparagus; season with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, until asparagus is crisp-tender, 6 to 8 minutes; let cool.

In a large bowl, whisk together eggs, half-and-half, 1/2 teaspoon salt, teaspoon pepper, and a pinch of nutmeg. Place pie crust on a rimmed baking sheet. Sprinkle with cheese; top with asparagus mixture. Pour egg mixture on top. Bake until center of quiche is just set, 50 to 60 minutes, rotating sheet halfway through. Let stand 15 minutes before serving. Yields 6 servings.

SCALLOPED ASPARAGUS

1 pound fresh asparagus
4 tablespoons butter
1 tablespoon flour
1 cup milk
4 eggs, hard-cooked and finely chopped
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
2 tablespoons fine dry



bread crumbs
1/2 cup grated Swiss cheese

Bring non-aluminum saucepan of salted water to boiling. Grease 1-1/2-quart shallow baking dish. Boil cleaned asparagus until fork-tender. Drain and transfer to paper towels. Melt 1 tablespoon of the butter in small saucepan. Stir in flour; cook 1 minute. Gradually stir in milk. Cook stirring constantly until sauce thickens, about 3 minutes. Remove from heat; reserve sauce. Arrange half of asparagus in a layer in prepared baking dish; sprinkle with half of the chopped egg; dot with 1 tablespoon butter; season with salt and cayenne pepper. Arrange

another layer with remaining asparagus. Sprinkle center portion with remaining chopped egg. Pour cream sauce down middle of casserole. Sprinkle sauce with bread crumbs and cheese. Dot uncovered portions of the asparagus with remaining 2 tablespoons butter to prevent drying during baking. Bake covered in preheated 400°F oven for 15 minutes. Uncover and take 2 to 3 minute until top is browned. Serves 4.

SPRING ASPARAGUS SALAD

1 pound California asparagus
1 papaya, peeled, seeded, and halved
1/3 cup light sour cream
1/4 cup mango nectar
1-1/2 tablespoons bottled mango chutney
Peel of 1/2 lemon, grated
3 cups cooked curly pasta
1/3 pound small shelled and cooked shrimp
1/4 cup green onions
8 Bibb lettuce leaves

Break off asparagus spears at the tender point, rinse and cook in a skillet until tender-crisp, 3 to 5 minutes. Drain and rinse under cold water. Chill and set aside 12 spears; cut remaining asparagus into 1 inch pieces. Cut half of papaya into eight thin, lengthwise slices and chill. Cut remaining half into bite-size pieces.

In large bowl, combine sour cream, nectar, chutney and lemon peel. Add cooled pasta, mix well. Stir in asparagus and papaya pieces, shrimp and green onions. Chill briefly. To serve, spoon pasta mixture on lettuce leaves and arrange papaya and Asparagus spears. Garnish with lemon twists or wedges and fresh mint, if desired. Makes 4 servings.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19): The week promises a calmer aspect. Although there might be some lingering effects from a recent job problem, things should continue to ease up. Also expect a change in a home-based situation.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): If you feel uneasy about a colleague's suggestion, it might be that your wise inner Taurean guide is alerting you to a potential problem. Stepping away could turn out to be the right thing to do.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): A family get-together opens up new opportunities for renewing ties. It can be especially effective in dealing with disagreements that should have been resolved but never fully were.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): You might be surprised at the response you get to a recent decision. You might be even more surprised by the reasons behind it. In any event, you'll learn something important.

LEO (July 23 - August 22): Your aspects favor resolving any tensions left over from a recent incident. You might want to consider having a "clear the air" talk as soon as you can. A call can lead to a change of plans.

VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): Avoid repeating yourself. If your first few efforts fail to connect, maybe it's because you haven't found the right way to get your message across. Try changing your approach.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): Good intentions plus a strong resolve to succeed can take you where you want to go. Don't give up just because someone suggests you might be pursuing an impossible cause.

SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): An unexpected setback can be a blessing in disguise. Use it to recheck your facts and how you've presented them. Meanwhile, look for ways to expand your contacts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): You should finally be seeing a positive change in a recent personal situation. However, an on-the-job matter might need more attention than you realized. Stay with it!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): While you should be close to completing an important matter, you still need to maintain your focus. Things will ease up in time for weekend fun with family and friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): A certain matter might take an unexpected turn. Don't simply accept it; ask for an explanation. What you learn might be helpful in shifting the situation around to your benefit.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Projecting a positive attitude helps restore calm, even when you're confronting some pretty stormy situations. Stay the course! The outcome will be well worth your efforts.

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Representatives from Spirit Halloween toured George Mark Children's House and met with the staff and brought along their donation.

Spirit Halloween Donates To George Mark Children's House

Spirit Halloween, through its Spirit of Children Foundation, recently contributed to the George Mark Children's House (GMCH) with a \$46,858 donation to the Child Life Program.

This latest contribution brings their total support to nearly a quarter million dollars, transforming the lives of countless pediatric patients and their families.

Representatives from Spirit of Children recently visited George Mark Children's House (GMCH) where they toured the house, met with staff and volunteers, and delivered the substantial donation in person.

Their \$46,858 donation to the Child Life Program marks four years of dedicated fundraising and partnership. This latest contribution brings their total support to nearly a quarter million dollars, trans-

forming the lives of countless pediatric patients and their families.

The Child Life Program at GMCH includes enriching activities and sensory play to therapeutic events and shared celebrations.

The program empowers children and deepens family bonds. Under the thoughtful direction of Kyle Amsler, a certified Child Life Specialist, who is also trained in pediatric palliative care, this programming offers solace, excitement, and moments of lightness in an otherwise difficult chapter of life.

"Their generosity allows us to say 'yes' to the extraordinary moments every child deserves," Amsler said.

"We feel an enormous sense of privilege in our ability to not only bring the magic of Halloween to countless

young patients each year but also pride in our support of the critical work of Child Life Specialists whose loving care delivers emotional and therapeutic comfort to entire families," said Rick Tereo, Director, Spirit of Children Foundation.

For the last two years, Spirit Halloween's presence during GMCH's annual Pumpkin Days went beyond its reputation as a purveyor of costumes and festive decor. This cherished collaboration has proven to be a beacon of joy and support for families facing some of their most emotionally challenging moments.

"Being able to help the families during emotionally challenging times and bringing a smile to their little ones' faces is everything," said Catherine Garcia, Spirit Halloween zone manager.

SENIORS

Scams Against Seniors Are Getting Worse; Reasons Scammers Target Seniors

By Matilda Charles
Special to the Times

Data breaches and financial scams against seniors are at all-time highs. What was bad before is apparently even worse now.

Why do scammers target seniors? Here are the top reasons:

- They perceive that we have a lot of money. After all, we worked all those years ... we saved a lot of cash, they assume. And now we have huge pension and Social Security income that surely puts us in a high income bracket, they assume.

- Many of us grew up in an era when we were polite to people on the phone. Scammers take advantage of that and coax us into divulging private information.

- Many of us aren't especially skilled with technology. We press buttons on our phone that we shouldn't, or click links in a strange email, not realizing that we've just enabled the download of a virus or made a connection to the scammers.

Here are a few suggestions for staying safe in the war with the scammers:

Order your credit report from TransUnion, Equifax and Experian and go over them line by line. Be sure there

“Don't feel the need to be polite to a caller asking questions.

isn't anything you don't recognize, that no extra loans show up and no additional names are listed.

To do this, go online to annualcreditreport.com and order your free credit reports. If you spot something wrong, report it at IdentityTheft.gov or call the National Elder Fraud Hotline

at 833-372-8311.

Lock down your credit at all three credit bureaus. This will keep anyone from opening credit in your name.

To learn safety on your electronic devices, ask your senior center, library or even your bank for a class on how to avoid falling for an online scam.

And perhaps most valuable of all: Don't feel the need to be polite if a stranger calls you on the phone and starts asking questions. Just hang up.

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Projects must be implemented within Alameda County. The application deadline is May 9.

Eligible applicants include teachers and student groups, youth organizations, community and environmental groups, homeowner associations and non-profit organizations. Proposed activities can range from litter cleanups, creek restoration and wildlife habitat enhancement projects to art and multimedia projects, community outreach events and



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Litter cleanups are among the projects funded by the grants.

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Understanding California's Smoke Detector Law

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A I had just finished a home remodeling project and all that remained was for the city's building official to sign off on the permit's final inspection. I ensured that every bedroom and hallway on every level had a smoke detector and had CO detectors visible in both major hallways. He seemed pleased with everything but, on a whim, removed one of the smoke detectors and looked at the back.

"These won't do," he stated. "They're over 10 years old." Noticing my puzzled look, he continued, "California law states that smoke detectors over 10 years of age need to be replaced. Additionally," he added, "In California,

all new smoke detectors must have a sealed battery good for a minimum of 10 years."

It is obviously a good idea to have working smoke and CO detectors in every home. No year goes by without reports of individuals who died because they either had no detectors in place or they had removed the batteries. In an effort to stop this practice, homes being renovated or for sale or rent have mandatory state-wide detector requirements. Additionally, all new smoke detectors must have sealed 10-year non-replaceable batteries unless they are hard-wired (permanently wired into the home's electrical system). When the 10 years are up and the battery signals end-

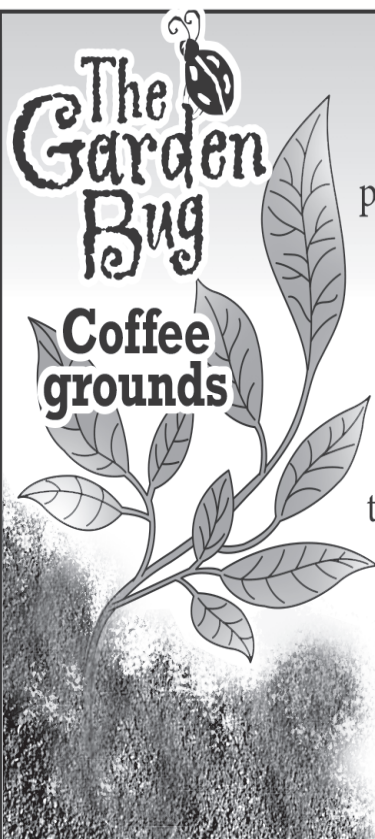
of-life, the entire unit must be replaced. The only exceptions are NEST and comparable networkable-type detectors.

Bottom line, if you have non-wired smoke detectors in your home that are powered by a 9-volt battery, they are no longer compliant and should be replaced with new units that meet current codes. If you are looking to sell your home, not only does state law mandate that the home have the necessary smoke detectors, but they must contain 10-year sealed batteries. If you are trying to sell or rent a property with units powered by 9-volt batteries, the law dictates they be replaced prior to closing.

Location is also important: every bedroom must have its own detector and any hallway outside the bedrooms must have one as well. Homes with bedrooms on more than one floor must have a unit on each level. CO detectors are also required on every level.

It is important to follow the package's directions when installing new units: many make the mistake of installing them too close to a kitchen which can lead to frequent, annoying alarms. Safety is critical: check your detectors today.

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Used coffee grounds are relatively high in nitrogen and also contain potassium and phosphorus. They are acidic, so plants like blueberries and roses will love them.

They improve soil structure and water-holding capacity, and are a great additive for compost containers or worm bins. Applying coffee grounds directly onto the soil around most plants is usually fine, but if too much is dumped together in one spot, the fine particles may form a clump that prevents water and air from reaching plant roots. — Brenda Weaver

Source: www.gardenersworld.com

Your Japanese Maple is Fine, Don't Worry

By Buzz Bertolero
The Dirt Gardener

Q I have a beautiful ten-year-old red Japanese Maple that was stunning last year. After the leaves turned brown, the maple shed two-thirds of its leaves around mid-December. The remaining brown and curly leaves just hung on the tree. Eventually, I removed them by hand in late January. The branches, stems, and limbs look healthy and show no signs of shriveling. My other Japanese Maples shed all their leaves as they always have. I've been told it may be sick, but the person wasn't sure why. Do you know what is happening or what is wrong with this Maple?

A I wouldn't be overly concerned about your Japanese Maple. While this isn't typical of previous years, the partial leaf drop is not a sign of a problem. A plant's genetic characteristics and climatic conditions influence leaf drop, so something has changed, but it's hard to identify, and you couldn't affect any change anyway. Manually strip-

ping off the old leaves, as you did, does not harm the plant. Your information source may have alluded to a problem called Verticillium or Fusarium Wilt. These vascular diseases block the major plant arteries for food and water during the growing season. When the water flow is interrupted, we will find leaf curl in sections of the canopy, resembling water stress, windburn, and leaf drop. Another sign of the disease is that small and more significant stems turn black. The decline usually occurs over several growing seasons. Verticillium and Fusarium Wilt are very common in Bay Area soils; unfortunately, we have no chemical controls for them. Susceptible plants and the disease can coexist for many years before it manifests itself. Camphor, Olive, Wisteria, Pistache, tomatoes, and other plants will likely suffer from Verticillium and Fusarium Wilt. Curly or shriveled leaves, especially during the dormant season, do not indicate Verticillium or Fusarium Wilt. But I doubt you have any problem with either from your description.

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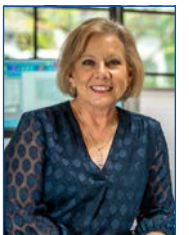
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF

Kathleen Mary Andrews.
Case Number:
25PR112846

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **Kathleen Mary Andrews, aka Kathieen M. Andrews, Kathleen Andrews, fka Kathleen Mary Fahrner, Kathleen M. Fahrner, Kathleen Fahrner.**

A Petition for Probate has been filed by **Roxanne M. Andrews** in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda. The Petition for Probate requests that **Roxanne M Andrews** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on April 9, 2025, 9:30 a.m., Dept. 201, at 2120 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA 94704.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the **later** of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner: **Nicole A. Davidson** Law Office of **Nicole A. Davidson**
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Registry: Cost is \$650,000 annually, two new full-time Housing Division positions

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The estimated annual cost would be \$650,000, which would include two new full-time Housing Division positions, according to Liao's report to the council. Possible challenges include the need to register thousands of housing providers, which could take three to five years.

There would also be an added administrative burden on existing Housing Division staff while the city is adding the new staff.

Public speaker Cheryl Noldon of the Mission Bay Residents Association (MBRA) had bewailed both the loopholes in the current ordinance and a seeming disinterest in replacing it quickly.

"Many mobile home own-

ers are seniors and can't just raise their income or move someplace else," she said.

A rental registry has been a City Council priority for the last two years, and the city had promised the state that a new one was coming by January 2025, Liao said.

The rental registry had already been discussed by the council's Rules Committee, Liao said. Simply knowing the location of all the rental units is necessary to set intelligent policies aimed at stabilizing the housing market, he said.

Currently, renting out a unit requires a city business license, Liao said. But it's just an approximation that leaves the city guessing how many units are missed and where they are, he added.



PHOTO BY MIKE MCGUIRE

San Leandro housing activist Ginny Madsen tells City Council more protection is needed for city's tenants.

Tenant advocates at the meeting called for the council to move forward on other tenant protections against evictions and harassment, and to slow down the rate of rent increases.

Landlords expressed con-

cerns at how much information was being asked for in the proposed form. One public speaker expressed concern at revealing the location of someone at risk of further domestic violence.

The council did address

that specific concern at the meeting, relying on advice from City Attorney Richard Pio Roda. A person with special confidentiality needs can already be exempted from being shown in a public record, and the proposed rental registry would not show tenant names at all, only property owners who rent out units.

Property owners already have some public exposure, as do holders of business licenses, Mayor Gonzalez said.

Liao, presenting possible housing protections his staff had been looking at, showed the rental registry as ready for a vote, while showing a list of "next steps" the council could choose to pursue, or not.

Those "next steps" were rent stabilization, "just cause"

protection against evictions, protection against harassment of tenants by landlords (to force them out, in some cases) and a new ordinance updating existing mobile home resident protections.

Each of those would require several additional months of work by a limited city staff, and they would have to be done one at a time, not together, Liao said. This would result in it taking two to three years to accomplish all four proposals, he said. This drew objections from council members.

"We've been working on this for years," said Councilman Victor Aguilar.

Councilman Fred Simon suggested hiring consultants to speed up the work.

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OPINION

LETTERS to the EDITOR

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What a Performance

Editor,

Our household makes a practice of reading the San Leandro Times because it provides local news we can't get elsewhere. Last week you published information about the San Leandro High School production of The Addams Family Musical. While we didn't have big expectations for The Addams Family, your article encouraged us. It was just the nudge we needed.

The amazing lobby display set the stage for what was to come. Every one of the main characters is extremely talented. The singing throughout was powerful and Lurch's performance (Cyrus Ely) at the end was a showstopper.

The physical comedy, including the table dance by Catherine Budge, the body language of Grandma, and the portrait above the fireplace had us laughing out loud. The dancers displayed amazing acrobatic skills, the sets rivaled any I have seen at the Curran and the stage crew created seamless transitions between scenes.

We left in awe at the energy, talent and commitment of everyone. We said it was the best performance we had seen in years. But then, we always say that after leaving a SLHS drama performance. If you haven't

seen it, I encourage you to give San Leandro's gem a try. Better than Broadway.

Marianne Camp
San Leandro

Women in Business

Editor,

While I've been in business a number of years, celebrating women in business is an awesome column in the San Leandro Times. They don't get enough credit.

The thing we don't celebrate, and no one gives a thought to, are the women in the business. They are not the owners, but they write the checks, pay the bills, calm the customers, and generally keep things going, from ordering parts to buying toilet paper. It's basically their second family.

So the next time you're in a business and it's owned by a man, look for the person who smells better and looks better than the owner. That's who I'm talking about.

Larry Arnold
San Leandro

Reaching Residents

Editor,

The city should consider experimenting with using robo calls and text messaging or whatever system they have for reaching residents for their street cleaning program. The

contacts could be cheaper and easier to implement than putting up street signs. It may be possible to do a small test project and evaluate the results.

Craig Williams
San Leandro

Why Roundabout Is Such a Roundabout

Editor,

Karen Fernandez's March 13 (Letters to the Editor, March 13, 2025) call to residents to participate in our local government is welcome. At the same time, it's good to remember that people have busy lives. Work and family responsibilities make it hard to carve out time for meetings.

The MacArthur roundabout she mentions is a complex project. It requires the use of land belonging to Oakland and CalTrans and its slow progress lies at their leaden feet not with San Leandro. Members of San Leandro's engineering staff and elected officials have spent years wrangling with their bureaucracies. Now, CalTrans is demanding we build a retaining wall.

Lack of funds over the years has, of course, also been an issue. The 2008 recession blew a hole in plans for a lot of things, even regular infrastructure maintenance.

As Public Works Director Sheila Marquises explained at Council member Bowen's recent Town Hall, San Leandro's infrastructure is 150 years old. She strives to strike a balance between building new and repairing old. She continues to look for funding from outside agencies, but we're still short \$2 million for completion of the roundabout.

The number of accidents at the planned site— a messy intersection of roads, highway ramps, and busy commercial driveways — is off the charts. Currently, there's an accident every 3 or 4 weeks at MacArthur

and Lewis, a narrow residential street drivers use to make U-turns on MacArthur. Last year, a truck gave a fire hydrant such a whack it flooded much of the Broadmoor neighborhood.

The MacArthur roundabout is expensive and taking a long time to build, but it's too important to abandon.

Sarah Bailey
San Leandro

Military Industrial Complex Needs an Enemy

Editor,

The U.S. has no vital interest in supporting corrupt Ukraine. Ukraine has lost the war and will only lose more territory. In time, Russia will take Ukraine and the West cannot stop that.

This a proxy war to weaken Russia and overthrow Putin to get Russia's assets in the Neocons' attempt to create a unipolar world dominated by the U.S.

The warmongers in D.C. have a vested fiduciary interest in growing the military industrial complex. The Pentagon needs an enemy to justify its trillion dollar budget.

Russia would be a natural ally of the U.S. against China if not for London's history of hate-filled rhetoric infecting us with anti-Russian propaganda. Russia was provoked with the ever-expanding advance of NATO to its borders.

The idea that Russia will march on Europe after the war is a fantasy to justify further support of the war. USAID is an utterly corrupt soft-power arm of the CIA with the goal of regime change and destabilizing the world for American power and greed. USAID takes money from poor people in rich countries and gives it to rich people in poor countries.

Ask yourself: why is Russia our enemy? How has she harmed us?

Chauncey Hutchison
San Leandro

Mobilehome Park Charges

Editor,

As someone who has family living in Mission Bay, your article on the negative impact of the Mobilehome Park Ordinance on the senior residents is concerning.

Why are council members meeting privately with the Mission Bay owners? Why are the pleas from this vulnerable population being ignored by this council?

Helping my family, each month, pay their bills, I have become concerned with the lack of transparency from the ownership. Each month, there is a sewer charge, even though people living there do not own the property. Mission Bay does not contract with PG&E, so when something is wrong with the meters at my family's home, they have to find a contractor to make repairs on the gas or electric meters.

Why are the seniors burdened this? Two different neighbors told me the charges for the street lights get passed on to these residents, and water charges incurred by the park are added to the residents' water bill.

The seniors that live there said no one will tell them the truth about these additional charges. My family, like many, struggles each month financially, so I find it obscene that a corporation that owns properties in many states seems to prey on the senior population.

Mayor and City Council, fix the flaws in your ordinance quickly, so that our families don't become another homeless statistic.

Lisa Russell
San Leandro

Plants: San Leandro Creek group works to bring back native plants

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invasive plants.

Pollinators, though, flock to the native plants they co-evolved with, he said.

If invasive plants do flourish, it's usually where they're not wanted, said Huls. For instance, Cape Ivy, originally from South Africa, climbs trees, potentially harming them, and chokes out other plants. The south side of the creek where it flows through the park is infested with them, and hilly terrain on that side makes removal difficult.

Removing invasive plants is easier on the more level north side of the creek, Huls said. Volunteers have pulled out periwinkle and Himalayan blackberry, in addition to Cape Ivy.

When they removed Himalayan blackberry, they discovered it has a nine-inch root that was very difficult to dislodge, he said. But he pointed out that native California black-

berry fits well into Bay Area ecosystems.

Demonstration Garden

The demonstration garden, located a few yards from the creek, gathers together such native plants as sedge, juncus, sticky monkeyflower, coffeeberry, gooseberries and California fuchsia.

Ironically, the garden sits near many of the park's eucalyptus trees, which are not only invasive but a fire hazard, said Huls. Even if a eucalyptus tree falls or is cut down, it exudes a toxin that keeps other plants from growing in that spot.

"Hopefully huge amounts of mulch will cover any eucalyptus toxins near the garden so native plants can get a start," Huls said. "Oddly enough, finding enough water to get the plants started can be a problem during some times of year."

The Friends have been

working downstream through the park and hope to reach its pedestrian bridge over the creek by the end of the May workdays.

Their small group of volunteers welcomed additional help from a class of Hebrew Scripture students from Bishop O'Dowd High School who are doing a community service project.

Huls also thanked the city for dropping off mulch and picking up cuttings.

"We've removed tons of invasive plants," Huls said. "We figure one more day of ripping out invasive plants, and then on to planting some native ones."

People interested in helping out can check the calendar in the San Leandro Times for upcoming work days. Just come to the park and bring a pair of gloves, Huls suggests. The website for Friends of San Leandro Creek is www.fslc.org.



PHOTOS BY MIKE MCGUIRE

Lary Huls of Friends of San Leandro Creek stands by the demonstration garden of native plants. Below, San Leandro Creek where it runs through Chabot Park.



PHOTOS BY MIKE GRIFFIN

Floresta Baseball League players took some infield practice before the game.

Baseball: Mayor on hand for opening day

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thrown by Aaron Steinberg on behalf of our League Sponsor SaberSim

Photographer Mike Griffin caught all the moments of the opening day.

It couldn't have happened without Mayor Juan Gonzalez, and the San Leandro police provided the parade escort. The league also thanked Superintendent Mike McLaughlin, school board members Jackie C. Perl and Leo Sheridan, Park & Rec Director Vicente Zuniga, and Ballers 1B coach James Harris for their support.

The dedicated umpires, many of whom are young

volunteers, did a fantastic job keeping the games running smoothly.

The league also had a successful raffle fundraiser, raising \$927 to support the league.

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Frederick Marshall

July 9, 1929 ~ February 8, 2025

On February 8, 2025, Frederick Marshall (Fred) Cutter of Newark, California passed away in Livermore at the age of 95.

Fred was born on July 9, 1929 in Cleveland, Ohio to Robert and Frances Cutter. He was the eldest of four children. During his childhood, his family lived throughout the Midwest, moving frequently for his father's Navy career. Eventually Fred's family settled in the San Francisco Bay Area. Fred attended San Leandro High School, where he graduated in 1949. While there, he met the woman he later called "the love of my life" - his future wife, Nancy Elizabeth Gatter.



Fred and Nan were married on April 1, 1951. They settled in Newark, California where they were blessed with six children over the span of seventeen years.

Fred was on active duty for several years in the US Navy in the early 1950's serving at the Naval Air Station in Oakland and then went to work at "Ma Bell" from 1953-1958. In 1958, Fred was hired at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, where he had a successful career in electronics and chemical milling which spanned over 30 years.

Fred and Nan backpacked the entire John Muir Trail over numerous trips and backpacked extensively in the Sierra Nevada. Yosemite was a very special place for him and his family. They spent many summers at the family cabin in Foresta before it burned down.

After retirement, Fred and Nan traveled throughout North America on cruises or in their travel trailer, including completing all of Route 66 and several noteworthy visits to Canada, Alaska, and Hawaii.

Fred and Nan were married for over 72 years, until her passing at the age of 91 in 2023. Fred possessed unwavering love, care, and support for his beloved wife, their entire family, and their many dear friends. He will be remembered often and greatly missed.

Fred is survived by his sister, Susan Jacobson; children Scott (Pauline) Cutter; Cheri (Adriano) Salamanca; Sean (Katie) Cutter; Kurt (Beth) Cutter; Rick (Teresa) Cutter; daughter-in-law Terry Langdon; fourteen grandchildren; and eleven great-grandchildren. He joins his siblings Robert Cutter and Josephine Wiggins; his wife, Nancy; and his son, Clay, who passed away in 1990. The family invites those who knew Fred to join in a celebration of his life on Saturday April 26th from 11am - 2pm at the Brookmeadow Clubhouse at 450 Charlotte Common in Livermore.

Registry: Tenant protections

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Public speaker Marc Janowitz, an attorney, said numerous cities have all these steps included in current tenant protection ordinances which have already withstood court challenges. The city need only adapt these, not reinvent them, he said.

Ginny Madsen, a long-time San Leandro housing activist, told the council it was fitting they had just declared March as Women's History Month. While half of humanity is female, nearly half of San Leandrans are renters, she said.

Unlike some property owners who live and spend elsewhere, all the renters live here and buy things here with whatever's left over after paying rent, Madsen said.

"Just as women hold up half the sky, renters hold up half the economy," she said.

But speakers on behalf of property owners said that state protections for renters are

more than sufficient, and that property owners were having a hard time making a living at current rents. Adding further regulations could discourage new housing, particularly people adding accessory dwelling units (ADUs) to their properties, they said.

Liao had suggested keeping tenant protections separate from protections for mobile home residents, most of whom own their units while renting the land under them from park owners. Mobile home park residents also have more state-level protection than those renting conventional units, he said.

"They're really two different things," Liao said.

Council members, however, disagreed when Gonzalez polled them on what would be their top two priorities among the "next steps." All but Gonzalez ranked mobile home protections second, after rent stabilization for tenants in

apartments and houses.

Gonzalez ranked mobile home protections first, but rent stabilization for tenants second.

Mobile home groups, especially the Mission Bay Residents Association, had called for a unified ordinance containing parallel protections for both kinds of renters.

"We are deeply concerned that the City is framing this issue as a choice between a City-wide Rent Stabilization Ordinance and an updated Mobilehome RSO (Rent Stabilization Ordinance)," MBRA president Deborah Acosta wrote the council for the March 17 meeting.

"This false choice pits neighbor against neighbor and is an inappropriate and unnecessary delay tactic. Mobilehome residents, many of whom are seniors on fixed incomes, cannot wait any longer for the protections they were promised."



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The house on Altamont Road that caught fire early Thursday morning, March 15, killing three.

Fire: Question of what started fire

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tified the two deceased adults as Pamela Morrow, 66, and Shirley Demerse, 90 years old.

The deceased girl's twin sister survived. So did several adults living in the two-story house at 2091 Altamont Road near Darius Way, where three generations of female family members resided.



Alameda County Fire Chief Willie McDonald talks to the press at the scene of the fire on Altamont Road on Thursday morning, March 15.

Alameda County Fire Chief Willie McDonald told a press conference that the fire had been unusually difficult to fight, and it took an hour for 28 firefighters and four chief officers to put it out.

The hillside location of the house was an issue, as was the behavior of the fire itself, McDonald said. There was also conflicting information from neighbors as to how many people were inside the house when the fire broke out, he added.

Sheriff's Deputies Comb Site for Clues to What Started Fire

One firefighter was injured, with a non-serious injury to their ear, according to fire officials.

Almost as soon as the flames were out, Alameda County Sheriff's deputies were combing the site for clues as to what might have started the fire in what they initially described as a criminal investigation.

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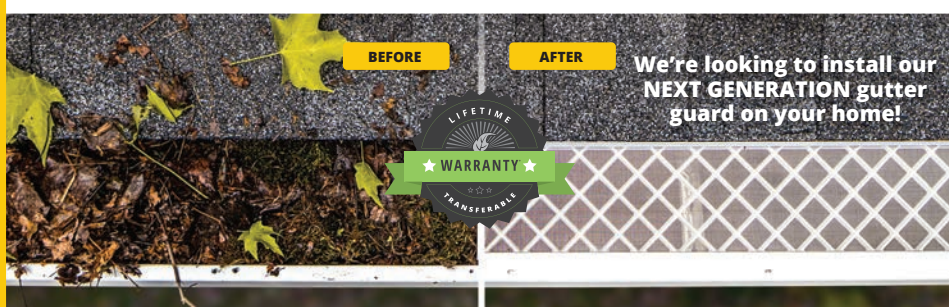
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