



# Happy Easter

WEEKEND WEATHER

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Partly cloudy Friday  
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Backyard of Stefanie Pruegel's San Leandro home, which is part of the in-person Native Gardens tour on May 6.

## Native Gardens Tour Coming Up

By Mike McGuire  
San Leandro Times

The 19th annual Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour and Green Home Features Showcase returns to the East Bay online April 15 to 16 and in-person May 6 to 7.

The in-person tour visits homes and gardens that include Stefanie Pruegel's

in San Leandro, five in Castro Valley and two in Hayward.

The April 15 online event begins with a keynote presentation by best-selling author Dr. Doug Tallamy, a native plant advocate who teaches and carries out ecological research at the University of Delaware.

San Leandrans giving talks during

that day's program include Pruegel on rain barrels, and Lawrence Abbot and Brett Desmarais on street trees.

Both tours encourage people to help local ecosystems by planting plants already well-adapted to local conditions, and using fewer introduced species that lack those ecological

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## Lawyer: DA Soft on Crime

Defense lawyer says district attorney gave light sentence to man who shot at SL police

By Michael Singer  
San Leandro Times

A 33-year-old man was sentenced to 16 years in state prison last month after he shot at San Leandro police officers while they were responding to reports of looting at Bayfair Mall in 2020.

Neither the police nor the suspect's lawyer are happy with the result.

On March 7, Judge Barbara Dickinson accepted a plea deal to reduce the time Luracious Wilkerson of Oakland would serve behind bars by nearly half. Wilkerson was arrested on July 1, 2020, for eight counts of attempted murder following the shooting amid looting on May 31, 2020, at the Bayfair Shopping Center.

The night of May 31, 2020 was a night of widespread looting across San Leandro. Stores were cleared of merchandise by hundreds of looters from Bayfair to the Marina Square shopping center to downtown.

Wilkerson admitted he fired several rounds and pleaded "no contest." No officers were injured during the gun battle.

Initially, Wilkerson was facing 176 years if the case

had gone to trial. Still, his attorney, Michael Cardoza, worked a deal with previous Alameda County District Attorney

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## Sheriff's Survey Seeks to Improve Department

By Michael Singer  
San Leandro Times

Newly elected Alameda County Sheriff Yesina Sanchez has launched an online survey she hopes can lend insight on how to better serve the people of Alameda County.

The 16-question survey is open to anyone who lives, works, or is a parent or guardian of a child at a school in an unincorporated area or one that the Sheriff's Office serves. That includes San Lorenzo, Ashland, Cherryland, Castro

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## San Lorenzo School District Teachers, Staff, Administrators Get Raises

By Mike McGuire  
San Leandro Times

San Lorenzo Unified School District (SLZUSD) teachers, support staff and administrators have received a 20 percent raise in wages and benefits over two years, following a unanimous vote by the school board on March 21.

They will get 15 percent raise immediately, retroactive to the start of the school year,

and another five percent next year.

"It is an historic win," said Karen Rosa, president of the San Lorenzo Education Association, the teachers' union. "Our last major salary increase was 8 years ago, and the small increase in pay came with additional work, giving SLZUSD the longest work year in Alameda County."

Rosa said the raises also



Superintendent Camp

lift San Lorenzo teachers from having the lowest compensation (wages plus benefits) in the county, which had made keeping teachers difficult. The last school year saw some 20 percent of the teachers in the district leave, with only a few of those retirements, Rosa said.

The nearby New Haven Unified School District had

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## MEETING SCHEDULES

### CITY COUNCIL

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

### 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



**Hector**

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are Hector, a German shepherd, and Coroline, a domestic shorthair.

**Hector** is a 1-year-old, male, German shepherd who is looking for an active home. Hector loves toys and is a huge goofball. He would like to find a home with teens and adults.



**Coroline**

**Coroline** is a 7-year-old Domestic shorthair who is looking for a home to call her own. Coroline is calm and independent, salty, yet sweet.

To adopt or for more information on Hector or Coroline, call the Hayward Animal shelter at 510-293-7200.



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Last's year's Cherry Parade drew a big crowd and this year the parade will be back along with the Cherry Festival.

## Apply Now to Enter this Year's Cherry Festival Parade

The Cherry Festival and Parade, honoring San Leandro's former cherry-growing industry, are set for Saturday, June 3, in downtown San Leandro.

The Cherry Festival Parade route will start at the San Leandro BART Station parking lot at 10 a.m., proceed up Parrott Street to East 14th Street and conclude at the San Leandro Main Library on Estudillo Avenue.

San Leandro residents and community groups are encouraged to take part either by entering as a participant or being a spectator. Cherry Festival Parade Applications are available online at [www.sanleandrocherryfest.com](http://www.sanleandrocherryfest.com).

After a three-year hiatus, the Cherry Festival will return following the parade. June 3rd is set to be a fun-filled day with live entertainment, food, artisans, and community booths, celebrating the San Leandro community.

For more information about the Cherry Festival, visit; [www.sanleandrocherryfest.com](http://www.sanleandrocherryfest.com) or contact the City's Recreation Division at [cherryfestival@sanleandro.org](mailto:cherryfestival@sanleandro.org) or call 510-577-3462.

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[www.unitysanleandro.org](http://www.unitysanleandro.org)

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## Community Calendar

### Holy Week at First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church, 1600 Bancroft Ave., invites everyone to join in-person or via Zoom for the following Holy Week and Easter celebrations: Good Friday Service on Friday, April 7, at 7 p.m.; and Easter Sunday, on Sunday, April 9, at 9:30 a.m., followed by an Easter egg hunt. The Zoom link can be found at the church website: [fumcsl.org](http://fumcsl.org). For more information, email [pastor@fumcsl.org](mailto:pastor@fumcsl.org).

### Hearing Loss Support Group to Meet

The Hearing Loss Support Group will meet on Saturday, April 8, via Zoom. Greeting at 9:30 a.m., presentation at 10 a.m. RSVP at [www.hearinglosseeb.org](http://www.hearinglosseeb.org) and click on monthly meetings. The speaker will be Cochlear Implant Basics founder and producer Richard Pocker, who received bilateral cochlear implants 35 years after becoming deaf at age 30. With rehabilitation, he has gone from zero speech recognition to 85 percent. Richard has made it his mission to spread information about cochlear implants with particular hopes that education will help others who can benefit from implants. If you have any questions, contact Andrea Doehrman at [andreadoehrman@gmail.com](mailto:andreadoehrman@gmail.com).

### Washington Homeowners Association Meeting

The Washington Homeowners Association will hold its April 2023 monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Patio Room at the Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd. Nominations for a new executive board and board of directors will be on the agenda. If you have questions related to Washington Manor that you would like to discuss for the agenda, forward them to Marti Lantz at [volunteermarti@pacbell.net](mailto:volunteermarti@pacbell.net) before Tuesday, April 11.

### Alta Mira Club Shrimp Fest

The Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave. in San Leandro, will host a shrimp fest on Saturday, April 15. The social hour begins at 5 p.m. and dinner will be at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person, includes all-you-can-eat shrimp, pasta, salad, bread and dessert. Take-out orders are available in advance by April 11 to be picked up on April 15 between noon and 2 p.m. For tickets and take-out information, call 510-562-7144.

### Eden Garden Club Plant Sale

Eden Garden Club is having a plant sale on Saturday, April 15, from 9 a.m. to noon at 19910 Forest St. in Castro Valley. See a wide-assortment of annuals, perennials, vegetables, succulents, natives, shrubs, pots, garden art and supplies. To donate plants, email us at [edengardenclub@yahoo.com](mailto:edengardenclub@yahoo.com). All proceeds benefit school garden grants for Castro Valley and Hayward Schools. For more information about Eden Garden Club, visit [www.edengardenclub.com](http://www.edengardenclub.com)

### Books Inc. Warehouse Sale

Books Inc., 2483 Washington Ave. in San Leandro, will have a warehouse sale on Saturday and Sunday, April 22 and 23, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with lots of books, games, and goodies, all at 60 percent or more off list price.

### Friends of San Leandro Library Spring Book Sale

Thousands of quality books and media items will be available at the San Leandro Library Book Sale at the Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., on Saturday and Sunday, April 22 and 23. On Saturday the hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the public, and 9 to 11 a.m. for members of Friends of the Library. On Sunday, the hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the \$3-a-Bag Sale, open to everyone. For more information or to questions about Friends of the Library membership, call the Library Reference Desk at 510-577-3971.

### Friends of San Lorenzo Library Weekend Book Sale

The Friends of the San Lorenzo Library will hold a weekend book sale on Saturday, April 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday, April 23, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the San Lorenzo Library, 395 Paseo Grande, San Lorenzo. This sale provides funds for the San Lorenzo Library's community programs. Lots of books, CD's, DVD's for sale. Book prices range from 25 cents to \$1. Free admission.

## Weekly Farmers' Market Returns to Main Library

The popular Downtown San Leandro Farmers' Market returned for its 16th season on Wednesday in the parking lot of the Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave.

The farmers' market runs every Wednesday from 3 to 7 p.m. through Oct. 4, and hosts an average of 2,500 patrons weekly.

People coming to the market meet family and friends, and enjoy live music, fantastic food and entertainment.

There will be up to 30 vendors at the 2023 Farmers' Market, including San

Leandro's Hummus Heaven. Popular vendors Jaden's Kettle Corn, Stueve Organic Family Farms, Bunbao, Roli Roti, J&M Farms, Dumpling King, and JC's Holey Donuts will be returning to the market, among several others. Gotelli Farms and the Sharp Brothers will join the market in May.

Live music will return on a weekly basis, coordinated by the Pacific Coast Farmers' Market Association. Music scheduled for opening day was energetic Afro-Caribbean band Conjunto Trujillo.

## Cherry Festival Invites Artisans, Food Vendors, Performers to Sign Up

The San Leandro Cherry Festival is coming back and artisans, food vendors, performers, and community organizations are invited to apply.

This event brings nearly

50,000 visitors from around the Bay. Don't miss this great opportunity. The application deadline is April 7. Visit [www.sanleandrocherryfest.com](http://www.sanleandrocherryfest.com) for more information.

## Senior Meals Serving Lunch on Weekdays

Senior Meals prepared by Spectrum Community Services are available weekdays at the San Leandro Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St. Join us for a tasty, nutritious lunch Monday through Friday at noon.

Anyone who is 60 years or better is eligible to register to come get a meal.

You must register first, and make lunch reservations three days in advance.

Spectrum requests a \$3.75 donation towards each meal or get our valued 10-meal ticket for only \$35.

Option to dine-in or take-away is available. To make your advanced reservation, call and leave a message for the San Leandro Spectrum Meals Program: 510-881-0302

Visit the website for more information at, [www.SpectrumCS.org](http://www.SpectrumCS.org)

### The menu for the upcoming week is:

Thursday, April 6: Chicken gumbo wiht okra, red beans, brown rice, fruit.

Friday, April 7: Southwestern baked cod, Southwestern side salad, carrots, rice pilaf, fruit, dessert.

Monday, April 10: Holiday Meal – baked ham, sweet potatoes, broccoli, red bell pepper, Hawaiian roll, fruit.

Tuesday, April 11: Ginger beef bowl, carrots, brown rice, fruit.

## Briefs & Announcements

### Celebrate Spring or Easter with Cascarones

Celebrate the Spring or Easter holiday by making Cascarones (colorful confetti eggshells) on Thursday, April 6, at 3 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. A brief introduction to this fun Latino traditional craft activity will be presented. Supplies will be provided. Recommended for ages 4 and up. Register at <https://sanleandro.libcal.org>

### San Leandro Scholarship Foundation Dinner and Silent Auction

The San Leandro Scholarship Foundation invites everyone to the Dinner and Silent Auction on Thursday, April 20, at the San Leandro Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St. Silent auction and entertainment at 6 p.m., dinner and speaker at 7 p.m. To donate or purchase tickets, visit [SanLeandroSF.com/2023-Dinner-and-Silent-Auction](http://SanLeandroSF.com/2023-Dinner-and-Silent-Auction). For more information, email [SanLeandroSF@gmail.com](mailto:SanLeandroSF@gmail.com).

### Resolved to Lose Weight in 2023

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

### 2nd Division Association Reunion

The Second (Indianhead) Division Association is searching for anyone who served in the Army's 2nd Infantry Division at any time. The association will hold its 100th annual reunion in Colorado Springs, Colorado from September 20 to 24, 2023. For more information, visit [www.2ida.org/product/reunion/10](http://www.2ida.org/product/reunion/10) on the web, send an email to [2ida.pao@charter.net](mailto:2ida.pao@charter.net) or call Mike Davino at (919) 356-5692.

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The only tricky part is the pie crust. (See box at right.) Be sure all of the ingredients are cold.

When rolling out the dough, roll out from the center, never back and forth, and don't roll off the edge of the dough.

Don't overfill the crust. The filling will expand and ooze during the baking.

CLASSIC APPLE PIE

- Pastry for double-crust pie  
1/3 to 1/2 cup sugar  
1/4 cup all-purpose flour  
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg  
1/8 teaspoon salt  
8 cups thinly sliced peeled tart apples (8 medium)  
2 tablespoons butter

Heat oven to 425°F. With floured rolling pin, roll one pastry round into round 2 inches larger than upside-down 9-inch glass pie plate. Fold pastry into fourths; place in pie plate. Unfold and ease into plate, pressing firmly against bottom and side.

In large bowl, mix sugar, 1/4 cup flour, the cinnamon, nutmeg and 1/8 teaspoon salt. Stir in apples until well mixed. Spoon into pastry-lined pie plate. Cut butter into small pieces; sprinkle over

filling. Trim overhanging edge of pastry 1/2 inch from rim of plate.

Roll other round of pastry into 10-inch round. Fold into fourths and cut slits so steam can escape. Unfold top pastry over filling; trim overhanging edge 1 inch from rim of plate. Fold and roll top edge under lower edge, pressing on rim to seal; flute as desired. Cover edge with 2- to 3-inch strip of foil to prevent excessive browning.

Bake 40 to 50 minutes or until crust is brown and juice begins to bubble through slits in crust, removing foil for last 15 minutes of baking. Serve warm with vanilla ice cream or a wedge of sharp Cheddar cheese.

NUT TREE CHESS PIE

- 1 cup sugar  
1/3 cup brown sugar, firmly packed  
4 teaspoons flour  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 cup chopped walnuts  
1/2 cup raisins, plumped in boiling water and drained  
3 eggs  
2/3 cup milk  
4 teaspoons melted butter  
1 unbaked pie shell

Combine dry ingredients, nuts and raisins in mixing bowl. In a small bowl, beat eggs with fork; add milk and melted butter. Stir into dry ingredients, mixing well. Pour into unbaked pie shell. Bake in a slow oven (315°F) for an hour

and 15 minutes. During the long, slow baking, the nuts rise and turn golden brown on top of the rich, firmly jelled filling. Serve cold. The pie cuts best after it stands chilled for 24 hours.

COCONUT CREAM PIE

- 1 baked 9-inch pastry shell  
2-1/4 cups whole milk  
3/4 cup sugar, plus 1/4 cup for the egg whites  
3 eggs, separated  
1/4 cup cornstarch  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1-3/4 cups toasted coconut  
1 tablespoon butter

Preheat oven to 400°F.

In a saucepan, whisk the 2 cups of milk and 3/4 cup sugar together. Place the pan over medium heat and bring the liquid up to a simmer.

Whisk the egg yolks together. Temper the hot milk into the egg yolks. Whisk the egg mixture into the hot milk mixture. In a small bowl, dissolve the cornstarch in the remaining milk, making a slurry. Whisk the slurry into the hot milk mixture. Bring the liquid up to a boil and reduce to a simmer.

Cook the mixture, stirring constantly, until the filling is thick, about 4 to 6 minutes. Fold in the vanilla, coconut, and butter. Mix well. Pour the filling into the prepared pan and cool the pie completely. Using an electric mixer with a whip attachment, whip the

egg white to soft peaks. Add the remaining sugar and whip the egg white to stiff peaks. Spread the egg whites over the top of the pie. Place the pie in the oven for about 3 to 4 minutes, or until the meringue is golden brown.

BLACKBERRY PIE

- Pastry for a double crust pie  
3/4 cup sugar  
3 tablespoons flour  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/8 teaspoon salt  
4 cups fresh blackberries, rinsed and drained  
1 tablespoon lemon juice  
2 tablespoons butter

Preheat oven to 450°F.

Line a 9-inch pie pan with half the pastry, saving remaining pastry for top crust. Chill both while preparing the blackberries.

Combine berries, flour, sugar and lemon juice. Spoon into pie shell, and dot with butter or margarine. Cover with top crust, and slash in several places.

Bake for 15 minutes. Reduce heat to 350°F and continue baking for 35 to 40 minutes, or until browned. Serves 5-6.

GRASSHOPPER PIE

- 25 Oreo cookies  
1/2 cup butter, melted  
2 cups marshmallow creme  
1/4 cup creme de menthe  
2 cups whipping cream

Crush cookies and set aside 1/4 cup of crumbs. Place remaining crumbs in a medium bowl and mix in melted butter. Press mixture firmly into bottom and sides of a 9 inch springform pan.

In a large mixing bowl, whip together marshmallow creme and creme de menthe until smooth. In a separate bowl, whip cream until soft peaks form, then fold into marshmallow mixture. Pour mixture into pan and sprinkle reserved cookie crumbs on top. Freeze at least 2 hours, until firm. Remove from freezer 20 minutes before serving to soften slightly.

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County Clerk

ALAMEDA COUNTY

By-----, Deputy

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code

Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es):

Elite Merch LLC, located at 123 California Ave San Leandro, CA 94577. in Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Elite Merch LLC, located at 123 California Ave San Leandro, CA 94577. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. This business commenced 01/01/2023

/s/ Lula Burnett

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Sections 17900-17930

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Amber Lens Photography, located at 14660 Hanover St, San Leandro, CA 94579. in Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Felipe Ochoa, 14660 Hanover St, San Leandro, CA 94579. This business is conducted by an Individual. This business commenced 03/22/23

/s/ Felipe Ochoa

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The name of the business(es):

Adaptive Structural Design & Forensics, located at 1611 138th Avenue San Leandro, CA 94578. in Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jeffrey S. Falero, 1611 138th Avenue San Leandro, CA 94578. This business is conducted by an Individual. This business commenced 02/17/2023

/s/ Jeffrey S. Falero

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ALAMEDA COUNTY

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FILE NO. 596528

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code

Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es):

DNG Plumbing, located at 2625 Jacobs Place, Hayward, CA 94541. in Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): DNG Plumbing, 22625 Jacobs Place, Hayward, CA 94541. This business is conducted by a Corporation. This business commenced N/A

/s/ Don Ortega

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code

Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es):

Ancestors Cafe & Market, located at 2956 Teagarden Street San Leandro, CA 94577. in Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Paleru LLC, 2956 Teagarden Street San Leandro, CA 94577. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. This business commenced N/A

/s/ Jijad S. Hijazi

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NAME STATEMENT

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code

Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es):

Downtime Trails, located at 409 Warwick Ave San Leandro, CA 94577. in Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kevin Smallman, located at 409 Warwick Ave San Leandro, CA 94577. This business is conducted by an Individual. This business commenced N/A

/s/ Kevin Smallman

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code

Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es):

Garcia's Recycling, located at 21176 Bartlett Lane, Hayward, CA 94541. in Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Claudia S. Picos, 21176 Bartlett Lane, Hayward, CA 94541. This business is conducted by Married Couple. This business commenced 08/27/2012

/s/ Claudia S. Picos

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FILE NO. 593350

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code

Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es):

Orchids By Angelica, located at 1041 Via Honda San Lorenzo, CA 94580. in Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Angelica Lobelo, 1041 Via Honda San Lorenzo, CA 94580. This business is conducted by an Individual. This business commenced N/A

/s/ Angelica Lobelo

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LEGAL NOTICES

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
Case No: 23CV028691  
Superior Court of California, County of Alameda. In the matter of the petition to change the name(s) of **Daisy Adelene Velasco** Petitioner(s) **Daisy Adelene Velasco** has/have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name(s) as follows: **Daisy Adelene Velasco** to **Daisy Adelene Lopez**. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. **1221 Oak Street Dept. 14, Oakland, CA 94612 on APRIL 25, 2023 at 9:30 o'clock am.** A copy of this order to show cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county The San Leandro Times. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter are directed to make known any objection that they may have to the granting of the petition for change of name by filing a written objection, which includes the reasons for the objection, with the court at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and by appearing in court at the hearing to show cause why the petition for change of name should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
**Dated: MARCH 06, 2023**  
**CHARLES A. SMILEY - Judge of the Superior Court**  
**MAR 23, 30, APR 06, 13, 2023**  
**0570-SLT**





PHOTO BY JULIA MARQUIS

Earth Day activities for the kids will be part of the celebration at Casa Peralta on Saturday, April 15.

## Downtown San Leandro to Host 2nd Annual Family Earth Day

San Leandro welcomes families to celebrate Earth Day on the grounds of the historic Casa Peralta, 384 W. Estudillo Ave., on Saturday, April 15, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This free, family-friendly event will feature interactive booths where families can learn about the local watershed, urban reforestation, native-plant gardening, and more. There will be engaging, hands-on activities like "seed bomb" making, reusable tote decorating, mural painting, a used toy exchange at the "Buy Nothing Toy Swap," and a creative reuse project from SCRAP SF.

Kids in the second through sixth grade can practice skills and learn the "rules of the road" at a Family Bicycle Rodeo. Bring your own bike and helmet or use those provided by rodeo presenters, Bike East Bay.

"Our goal with the Downtown Family Earth Day is to provide a balance of age-appropriate activities for younger children and engaging information for families looking to incorporate small changes into their life that help conserve our planet and its resources," says Morgan Mack-Rose, Executive Director of Downtown San Leandro Benefit District.

ASL interpretation will be available.

The Family Earth Day Festival is a Downtown San Leandro Community Benefit District event sponsored by the City of San Leandro Department of Sustainability and the following partners; Alameda County Industries, Bay Area Black Deaf Advocates, Bike East Bay, Buy Nothing San Leandro, Common Vision, Friends of the San Leandro Creek, Homegrown Habitats, Rising Sun Center for Opportunity, San Leandro 2050, and Stop-Waste.org.

More information is available at [www.downtownsanleandro.com](http://www.downtownsanleandro.com) and on Facebook @DWTNSanLeandro.

# A Novel Gift Idea for the Graduate

**Q** Our grandson will be graduating from college soon, and we would like to get him a gift which recognizes the beginning of his adult life and career. We thought that something of a "legal" nature might be worthwhile, and wondered if you have any ideas?

By Gene L. Osofsky, Esq.  
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

**A** Great thought and indeed I do. Why not arrange through your attorney to provide him with a basic estate planning package, which would include an Advance Health Care Directive, a Durable Power Of Attorney and a simple Will. The message, of course, is that he has now formally entered the world of adulthood and needs to take prudent steps to protect himself and his loved ones from the unexpected. He would also learn that these essential "life planning documents" need to be kept up-to-date as circumstances change, e.g. when he marries, has a child, purchases a home or acquires wealth.

Understandably, his focus will most likely be upon other things, such as deciding where he will live, beginning a new career, and perhaps finding a life partner. But your thoughtfulness can also teach him that these new adventures come with a certain responsibility. What if, for example, he were in an accident or suffered serious illness and became unable to manage his own affairs or direct his medical treatment.



**A basic estate planning package send the message that the graduate has now formally entered the world of adulthood and needs to take prudent steps to protect themselves and their loved ones.**

This happens!

In our own family, while our son was away at college, he suddenly had to undergo emergency surgery. I can assure you it was quite unsettling to have to scurry around to prepare and arrange the remote signing of an Advance Health Care Directive while, at the same time, make emergency travel plans to be with him. Fortunately, everything turned out fine, but one never knows.



While your grandson's own parents may feel that, should anything happen, they can always make decisions for him, they may be surprised to learn that the law does not agree. Once he turns 18, he becomes an adult in the eyes of the law, and his parents no longer have the legal right to make decisions for him or direct his medical care. Instead, if suitable legal documents were not in place, they could only acquire

that legal authority through a court ordered conservatorship, a public, time-consuming and expensive legal proceeding.

Your grandson need not worry that his designated Agents will take over management of his life.

The Advance Health Care Directive and the Durable Power Of Attorney can be "springing powers". This means that they would only "spring to life" and become operational when—and if—he became incapacitated and could not make those decisions for himself.

Also, he need not feel obliged to name his parents as his agents. Instead, he could name whomever he wishes, such as a sibling or even a very good friend to serve as his agent or successor agent.

One of the other benefits of this gift would be his introduction to a professional with whom he might build a relationship, and who might be able to assist him over the years as he matures.

You might also consider introducing him to your banker or stockbroker, help him establish a contributory IRA and discover the wonders of compound interest. Indeed, you might be able to show him how—with regular contributions—he could be a millionaire by the time he is your age.

Gene L. Osofsky is an East Bay Attorney. For more senior articles visit his website at: [www.LawyerForSeniors.com](http://www.LawyerForSeniors.com)



## SL Dahlia Society Sale

The San Leandro Dahlia Society will be selling dahlia tubers and cuttings/small plants on Saturday, April 22, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Mulford Garden Improvement Association Clubhouse, 13055 Aurora Drive in San Leandro, (across from Garfield Elementary School).

Tubers will sell for \$6 while cuttings are \$8—a bargain either way. Dahlias bloom in a variety of colors, shapes, and sizes. Knowledgeable helpers will be able to give you planting advice. Periodically, there will be a demonstration of planting tubers for the inexperienced grower. Come early for the best selection.

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# REAL ESTATE GALLERY



## REAL ESTATE REALITY

By Carl Medford, CRS  
Special to the Times

GUEST COMMENTARY



## Ten Ideas to Transform Your Kitchen

For those who spend a lot of time in their kitchens, here are some newer ideas that make life easier. While some features might not work in existing kitchens, if you are looking to upgrade, effective planning will ensure you can include the options you like.

1. Under-counter microwaves. If you have limited counter space or want to install a better exhaust fan than Space-Saver over-the-range microwaves provide, under-counter microwave drawers are great! Sharp's units have a tilt-out screen viewable from above.

2. Touchless faucets. Don't want to touch the faucet with dirty hands? Newer models can be activated by a wave.

3. Knee-activated built-in trash/recycling bins. Foot activated trash cans are great but consume floor space. Blum makes servo-activated drives for cabinet-installed trash/recy-

cling bins that open with a knee bump. They also close with a nudge that engages the self-closing device.

4. Externally mounted hood vent fans. Most exhaust fans are so noisy that many refuse to use them when cooking. If you want serious suction with substantially less noise, install a hood vent that features an external fan mounted on your home's roof.

5. Workstation sinks. Want a sink that handles more tasks? An example would be Kohler's 33" Stages stainless steel sink which includes a bottom grid, basin rack, integral drainboard, cutting board and prep bowls.

6. Pot fillers. Long a staple in commercial kitchens, these are faucets mounted over a cook top that conveniently supply water so heavy water-filled pots need not be lugged across a kitchen.

7. Second sink. A smaller secondary sink means food

or beverage prep can still happen while the main sink is being used for cleanup.

8. Blind corner pullouts. The latest generation by Rev-A-Shelf not only maximize the difficult-to-access space, they swing in and out with the touch of a finger.

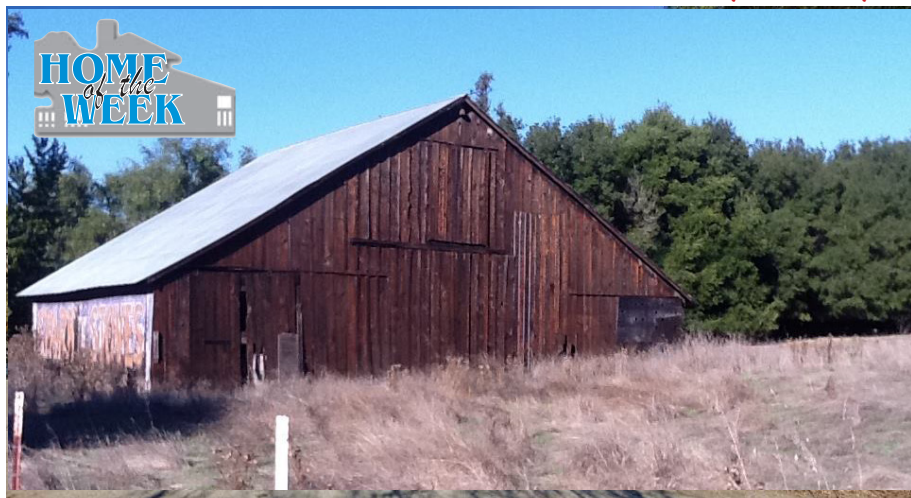
9. Warming drawer. Want to prepare food ahead of time and keep it warm? Warming drawers are wonderful: you can also warm dishes for service or, if your drawer allows, utilize it as a low-heat slow cooker.

10. Magnetic knife holder. Instead of knife blocks that consume counter space or drawers which can dull knives, install a magnetic knife holder on a wall or side of a cabinet convenient to your prep area.

While not a complete list, these are great items to install and will go a long way to making time spent in your kitchen more pleasurable!

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.

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## It's Not Too Late To Prune Apple Trees

By Buzz Bertolero  
THE DIRT GARDENER

My husband did a major "hack" job on our apple tree a few years ago, resulting in no apples that year. So, we didn't prune for the last two years, and the apples returned. Am I too late in the year to give them a trim?

There were hundreds of toothpick-like branches all over, so I just nipped

them all off, plus a lot of long thin shoots. Boy, I'm determined to learn how to do this properly.

No. It's not too late to prune an Apple tree. Apples, pears, and plums always produce many shoots from a pruning point; hence, the copious toothpick size shoots. Even though the buds are swelling, they may not open for several more weeks as apples are one of the latest trees to break dormancy. Also, if they are open, It would prevent me from pruning. You need to re-establish the structure of the tree. I'd remove most of the spindly growth that developed and keep only those that will reestablish the scaffolding branches. The fruiting spurs on apples last a long time, so you still should have some



apples from the leftover growth this year. I've included a website link with more detailed info for you. The video is not from the Bay Area; the pruning techniques are universal. Paste the link into your browser: How to Prune Apple Trees: 12 Steps with pictures (scroll down to the bottom of the page.) It's not a problem to remove unwanted growth during the growing season so you can remove them right away instead of waiting. However, maturing apples are susceptible to sunburn during the summer. So, you must be careful not to remove any foliage that shades the apples.

Buzz Bertolero is an Advanced 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).

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### CASTRO VALLEY

Total: 8 – Average Price: \$1,030,000  
High: \$1,505,000 – Low: \$635,000

4617 James Avenue 94546: \$635,000  
[1 BD - 1,156 SF - 1935  
19814 San Miguel Avenue 94546:  
\$700,000 [3 BD - 1,248 SF - 1948  
2598 Miramar Avenue 94546:  
\$900,000 [5 BD - 1,633 SF - 1946  
17971 Beardsley Street 94546:  
\$1,000,000 [3 BD - 1,545 SF - 1950  
19641 Betrose Court 94546:  
\$1,075,000 [3 BD - 1,264 SF - 1954  
18408 Pepper Street 94546:  
\$1,100,000 [3 BD - 1,664 SF - 1965  
18988 Sandy Road 94546: \$1,325,000  
[3 BD - 1,878 SF - 1947  
18297 Lake Chabot Road 94546:  
\$1,505,000 [4 BD - 2,248 SF - 2020

### HAYWARD

Total: 23 – Average Price: \$902,108  
High: \$2,498,000 – Low: \$185,000

29265 Vagabond Lane 94544:  
\$185,000  
442 Hampton Road 94541: \$350,000  
[2 BD - 864 SF - 1940  
490 West Sunset Boulevard 94541:  
\$450,000 [2 BD - 844 SF - 1945  
21361 Gary Drive #15 94546:  
\$465,000 [2 BD - 936 SF - 1961  
1315 A Street #204 94541: \$495,000  
[1 BD - 944 SF - 1984  
21103 Gary Drive #403a 94546:  
\$560,000 [2 BD - 1,100 SF - 1993  
677 Dartmore Lane #249 94544:  
\$642,000 [3 BD - 1,045 SF - 1988  
3478 Baumberg Avenue 94545:  
\$699,000 [2 BD - 1,008 SF - 1940  
124 Fagundes Street 94544: \$715,000  
[3 BD - 924 SF - 1950  
23975 Myrtle Street 94541: \$750,000  
[2 BD - 1,044 SF - 1947  
29243 Hub Court 94544: \$800,000 [2

BD - 1,558 SF - 2020  
791 Marin Avenue 94541: \$810,000 [3  
BD - 1,482 SF - 1952  
1763 Eugenia Avenue 94545:  
\$835,000 [3 BD - 1,224 SF - 1964  
24699 Woodacre Avenue 94544:  
\$850,000 [3 BD - 1,161 SF - 1956  
27644 Loyola Avenue 94545:  
\$870,000 [3 BD - 1,128 SF - 1957  
27467 Palmwood Avenue 94545:  
\$880,000 [3 BD - 1,539 SF - 1956  
27836 East 16th Street 94544:  
\$900,000 [3 BD - 1,896 SF - 1986  
24723 Kay Avenue 94545: \$930,000  
[3 BD - 1,602 SF - 1959  
2443 Lancaster Court 94542:  
\$1,280,000 [5 BD - 2,630 SF - 1957  
29864 Cantera Drive 94544:  
\$1,530,000 [4 BD - 2,701 SF - 2017  
28270 Fox Hollow Drive 94542:  
\$1,625,000  
28571 Harvey Avenue 94544:  
\$1,629,500  
3571 Star Ridge Road 94542:  
\$2,498,000 [3 BD - 3,959 SF - 1990

### SAN LEANDRO

Total: 17 – Average Price: \$830,000  
High: \$1,150,000 – Low: \$550,000

1662 Oriole Avenue 94578: \$550,000  
[2 BD - 696 SF - 1940  
15520 Lark Street 94578: \$550,000  
[3 BD - 1,248 SF - 1925  
454 Juana Avenue #456 94577:  
\$606,000 [2 BD - 1,260 SF - 1971  
2041 Clarke Street 94577: \$700,000  
[3 BD - 936 SF - 1944  
13927 Seagate Drive #244 94577:  
\$722,000 [3 BD - 1,595 SF - 1988  
1680 163rd Avenue 94578: \$735,000  
[3 BD - 2,190 SF - 1927  
13833 Rose Drive #1c 94578:

\$750,000 [4 BD - 2,145 SF - 1981  
14561 Acacia Street 94579: \$778,000  
[3 BD - 1,566 SF - 1953  
3589 Camillo Drive 94578: \$790,000 [3  
BD - 1,195 SF - 1955  
47 Georgia Way 94577: \$850,000 [2  
BD - 1,412 SF - 1941  
1776 Vining Drive 94579: \$865,000 [4  
BD - 1,377 SF - 1956  
15581 Faris Street 94579: \$870,000  
[4 BD - 1,578 SF - 1980  
1324 Oakes Boulevard 94577:  
\$999,000 [3 BD - 1,774 SF - 1974  
16026 Selborne Drive 94578:  
\$1,045,000 [3 BD - 1,600 SF - 1949  
357 Napoleon Drive 94577: \$1,050,000

[5 BD - 2,403 SF - 2000  
629 Elsie Avenue 94577: \$1,100,000  
[5 BD - 2,268 SF - 1910  
500 Begier Avenue 94577: \$1,150,000  
[3 BD - 2,378 SF - 1953

### SAN LORENZO

Total: 3 – Average Price: \$811,666  
High: \$1,005,000 – Low: \$660,000

15854 Paseo Largavista 94580:  
\$725,000 [3 BD - 1,056 SF - 1944  
17202 Via Flores 94580: \$820,000 [3  
BD - 1,494 SF - 1962  
16044 Via Catherine 94580: \$900,000  
[4 BD - 1,579 SF - 1956  
1222 Via El Monte 94580: \$920,000  
[3 BD - 1,723 SF - 1951

## Mortgage Rates Decrease for the Third Consecutive Week

Economic uncertainty continues to bring mortgage rates down. Over the last several weeks, declining rates have brought borrowers back to the market but, as the spring homebuying season gets underway, low inventory remains a key challenge for prospective buyers.

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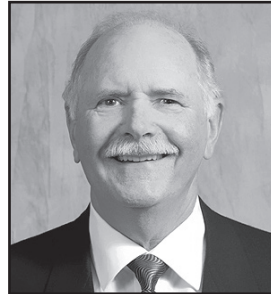
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ANSWERS ON PAGE 4



## City Creates Website for Eviction Moratorium Information

The City of San Leandro Housing Division in the Community Development Department has posted public information on its website (<https://www.sanleandro.org/284/Housing>) to assist tenants and residential landlords/rental property managers with the City's recent extension to its Eviction Moratorium.

On Feb. 21, the City Council approved an ordinance extending the City's Eviction Moratorium for one year, until Feb. 28, 2024.

The City Eviction Moratorium prohibits landlords from evicting residential tenants, as well as mobile home and recreational vehicle (RVs) owners, for nonpayment of rent where the inability to pay is due to either a substantial decrease in household income or increase

in medical expenses caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The City's moratorium only applies to tenants who have submitted written notification to their landlords that they cannot pay rent due to documented COVID-19 reasons.

Under the extension, tenants must submit to their landlord within 30 days after the date that your rent is due: 1) written notification that you cannot pay rent due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, and 2) documentation to support that claim. Tenants must provide this notice and documentation for every month of rent they cannot pay. The City Housing Division website contains a sample notice for tenants to use.

Once tenants submit the written notice with documentation to their landlord, the

landlord must submit a copy of the notice to the City within 5 days of receipt from their tenants by emailing to [housing@sanleandro.org](mailto:housing@sanleandro.org).

At the Feb. 21 meeting, the City Council also instructed city staff to present updated information on the impacts of the eviction moratorium extension on tenants and landlords to the City Council every 90 days to determine if the eviction moratorium should be terminated prior to Feb. 28, 2024. The first 90 day update to City Council is tentatively scheduled for the City Council meeting on May 15, 2023.

Separately from the City's Eviction Moratorium, the Alameda County Eviction Moratorium will end on April 29, 2023. After April 29, the City's Moratorium stays in effect in incorporated San Leandro. The City's Moratorium does not prohibit evictions for reasons other than nonpayment of rent.

## Warming Center Reopens Three Nights a Week

The San Leandro Warming Center has reopened at First United Methodist Church, 1600 Bancroft Ave., three nights per week.

The Warming Center reopened on March 16 and will be open for the homeless to spend the night on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays through April 30.

Overnight guests receive dinner at 6:30 p.m., breakfast at 6:30 a.m., limited overnight

storage for personal items, cots, and coordination with social services.

The Warming Center is sponsored by the City of San Leandro, the First United Methodist Church of San Leandro, and the Housing Consortium of the East Bay.

The San Leandro Warming Center's phone number is 510-832-1382, ext. 123, email: [slwarmingcenter@hceb.org](mailto:slwarmingcenter@hceb.org).

## Park It

## News from the East Bay Parks

By Ned MacKay  
Special to the Times

### Movie Night at Lake Chabot

The hit film "Sonic the Hedgehog 2" is the featured attraction during Family Movie Night from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 8 at Lake Chabot Regional Park in Castro Valley. This is a great way to spend an evening outdoors with your kids.

Registration is not required, and the program is free of charge. Arrive early to get a good seat on the lawn next to the Lake Chabot Marina. Bring a flashlight, wear warm clothes, and have a blanket or chairs for sitting. No pets, please; rain cancels the show.

Lake Chabot's entrance is on Lake Chabot Road a short distance north of Castro Valley.

### Easter Sunday On the Farm

A variety of activities are

planned during "Easter Sunday at the Farm," from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 9, at Ardenwood Historic Farm in Fremont.

Pet a bunny, visit the hens in their coop, and make your own pair of rabbit ears. Wear the ears as you hop through the sack course, then join the search for the giant egg.

Ardenwood is located at 34600 Ardenwood Boulevard, just north of Highway 84. The park's admission fees apply. Parking is free.

For more information, call 510-544-2797.

### Family Nature Fun Hour

Lots of different animals lay eggs. Find out more during Family Nature Fun Hour, a naturalist-led program from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 8, in the Doug Siden Visitor Center at Crab Cove in Alameda.

The program is free and registration is not needed. It repeats at the same time on Sunday, April 9. The visitor center is at 1252 McKay Avenue off Alameda's Central Avenue.

For more information, call 510-544-3187.

### Search for Insects and other Curiosities

Naturalist Anthony Fisher will lead a casual stroll through the Tilden Nature Area in Berkeley from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 8, in search of insects and other curiosities of nature. Some organisms will be put under a microscope before being returned to the wild.

The program is drop-in and free of charge. Meet Anthony at Tilden's Environmental Education Center, which is at the north end of Central Park Drive. For more information, call 510-544-2233.

## First United Methodist Church Hosting Centering Prayer via Zoom on Saturdays

First United Methodist Church invites you to explore Centering Prayer via Zoom during Lent.

Newcomers to Centering Prayer can learn more during an informal Q&A 8:30 to 9 a.m. each Saturday through

April 8.

After this short 30 minute orientation, stay for a weekly group prayer at 9 a.m.

If you are already familiar with Centering Prayer, you're invited to join the group practice from 9 to 10 a.m. each

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# OPINION

## LETTERS to the EDITOR

Letters must include the writer's name, address and phone number, and must be under 300 words. Letters can be edited for clarity or length. Letters are the views of the author and not necessarily the views of the newspaper or its advertisers. E-mail letters to: [letters@ebpublishing.com](mailto:letters@ebpublishing.com) or send by mail to: The Editor, San Leandro Times, 2060 Washington Ave., San Leandro, CA 94577.

### Stand By the Police Department Editor,

This is a letter in defense of our San Leandro Police Department. Why must we defend the actions of our police department attempting to protect us?

A mentally disturbed man who his family knew was having a "mental crisis" allowed him go into a shopping area swinging a baseball

bat at people and running toward the police officer who was forced to shoot him.

That honor should go to the police officer doing his job. Not a baseball bat armed potential killer who shoppers contacted the police in fear for their lives. Spend money wisely on worthwhile projects. Quit trying to appease the family of potential criminals attempting to harm

innocent people. Use that money (\$625,000) into defending the police officer. We should stand behind him.

How will any city ever hire new police officers who are not allowed to do their job to protect us, and risk the fear of jail time for defending us citizens.

Dee Kerry  
San Leandro

### Never Got Link for Passover Seder

Editor,

I left a message requesting the link to register to attend the Passover Seder for Chabad San Leandro after I read an article about it in the San Leandro Times on March 26, 2023.

Someone called me back and asked a few questions. One of his questions was if I am Jewish to which I answered "no." He told me he would send me the website link right away to register for the Passover

Seder on 4/5/2023, but he never did. I also sent them an email, but there was no answer to that either.

This event was posted in the San Leandro Times and it said everyone was welcome. If the organization is allowed to pick and choose who can join the event, then this is unethical if not illegal discrimination and the event shouldn't be posted in the newspaper for all San Leandrans to see.

Lynnette Lam  
San Leandro

### Oppose HR1

Editor,

It is shameful that the Republican-led House of Representatives has passed HR1, an amendment which is a big giveaway to big oil companies so they can pollute the water around the country. For example, some oil companies can get the go-ahead to build projects that will pollute the

San Francisco Bay near where I live.

It is hypocritical when Republican representatives label their political opponents "socialists" when in fact they are doing socialism themselves by giving oil companies a big giveaway by allowing them to do projects that will pollute the water. I urge the United States Senate to reject HR1.

Billy Trice, Jr.  
Oakland

### Questions

Editor,

Will New York's D.A. have long sleepless nights?

Is he certain to lose all Bragging rights?

Does this prove how crazy our great country is?

Will Trump run for Prez to stay out of priz?

George Z. Banks  
San Leandro



# Drier Weather for Late April

By Mike Pechner  
Special to the Times

The newest forecast models are in and show that the frequency and duration of the weather systems is abating, albeit slowly.

The second half of April will be drier and warmer. Up to this point, using the data from Hayward Airport, we have had two full seasonal of rainfall in six months.

Since October 1, 2022, the Hayward has recorded 30.05 inches of rain. Average for this date 14.08 inches, so this year is 213 percent of the average. Oakland Airport has

received 30.59 inches of rain since the season began, and 16.59 inches is the average for this date.

After a chilly morning start with scattered front, highs will be in the low 60s. Some light rain is likely late Thursday night into Friday morning.

Another relatively weak weather system is expect early next week. Right now, the storm track lifts northward into Washington late next week as high pressure moves in along with an associated warming trend. Temperatures may reach around 70 degrees.

Looking at the follow-

ing weekend, some forecast models bring back a relatively strong cold front into the Bay Area with snow in the Sierra. The snowpack is nearing historic proportions. Only two previous winter, 1937-38 and 1951-52 have seen more snow.

Both of those winters recorded over 810 inches of snow. So far this season, 722 inches has been recorded at the Central Sierra Snow Lab at Soda Spring near Donner Summit.

Now we wait for the snow melt to begin and see if the run-off does not cause flooding.

## City of SL to Host Free Shredding And Techno Trash Recycling

The City of San Leandro will host a free document shredding and techno trash recycling event on Saturday, April 8, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Public Works Service Center, 14200 Chapman Road.

This free event is part of the city's broader efforts to encourage recycling and make the disposal of hazardous waste more convenient. The program is only available to San Leandro residents.

Residents are asked to bring paper documents free

of binder clips, plastic report covers, and binders. Small paper clips and staples do not present any issues.

Envelopes and manila file folders will also be accepted. Service will be on a first-come, first-served basis and limited to the capacity of two commercial-sized shredding trucks.

Participants are limited to four record boxes (12x10x15) per household. All documents will be securely shredded onsite.

Residents may also bring electronic media, such as floppy disks, CDs, DVDs, audio and video tapes, and CD cases for recycling. Techno trash must be kept separate from documents to be shredded. E-waste, including computers, monitors, printers, televisions, VCRs, and stereos are not accepted at this event.

For more information, call the City of San Leandro Recycling Hotline at 510-577-6026 or visit <http://www.sanleandro.org/recycle>



Gloria Vasoncellos, Zeny Farcon, Lynnette Flusche, Jeanetta Arenott attended the Inner Wheel USA spring national meeting.

## SL Inner Wheel Members Attend National IW Meeting

Inner Wheel Club of San Leandro members Gloria Vasoncellos, Lynnette Flusche, and Jeanetta Arenott recently attended the Inner Wheel USA Spring National Meeting in Folsom, California.

They presented IW International President Zeny Farcon with the club's flag and a copy of Images of America—San Leandro.

During the national meeting, Gloria was installed as

IWUSA President 2023-24, Lynnette National Treasurer, and Jeanetta District Chair.

For more information on the Inner Wheel Club of San Leandro, contact email [iw-clubofsanleandro@gmail.com](mailto:iw-clubofsanleandro@gmail.com)

## Survey: 'Your voice can help shape the direction of the Sheriff's Office'

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Valley, Fairview, Sunol, Hayward Acres, north Livermore, and the City of Dublin.

The community survey is currently open, and responses will be recorded until Friday, April 7.

While on the campaign trail, Sheriff Sanchez promised to focus on community collaboration, compassionate leadership, equitable practices, and community safety.

During the election cam-

paign, she outlined several priorities she believes will positively impact the citizens of Alameda County and Alameda County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) employees. Those priorities are Agency Health, Reentry and Rehabilitation, Accountability and Transparency, Community Engagement, and Racial Justice in Law Enforcement.

"To improve how our employees interact with community members in all areas of

the county, we must hear what they have to say about the services we are providing and the services we lack to identify what works well and where we can improve," sheriff's department Lieutenant Tya Modeste said. "Providing community members an opportunity to be heard is a crucial step in rebuilding trust and mutual respect within the communities we serve."

The feedback—positive or negative—helps Sheriff

Sanchez, her office, and staff understand how to better serve and strengthen their relationship with the diverse communities of Alameda County, Modeste added.

"Your voice can influence change," the Survey introduction reads. "By answering the survey, your voice can help shape the future direction of the Sheriff's Office."

The survey takes about 5 to 10 minutes to fill out. The first six questions are broken

down into multiple parts. Several of the questions ask if the respondent feels safe in their community, how they feel about deputies and the Sheriff's Office in general, whether they know how to contact law enforcement.

A few questions with opportunities to add comments ask about experiences with the Sheriff's Office. Options include a range of interactions, from simply dialing 911 to encountering a deputy on the bus or at the Oakland Airport to being jailed or having someone close to you spend time at Santa Rita Jail.

An additional series of questions ask about the role the Sheriff's Office should

take in the community—more or less involvement in neighborhood watch groups, the Deputy Sheriff's Activity League, and a presence in schools or community centers. It also asks if the Sheriff's Office should be responding to mental health crises, issues of homelessness, and human trafficking.

The last few questions ask for some information, including age, race, sex, and ZIP Code but do not ask for names or other contact information. You may skip any question you do not wish to answer.

The survey can be accessed by visiting the website ([tinyurl.com/acsheriffsurvey2023](https://tinyurl.com/acsheriffsurvey2023)).

## Soft: 'It seems DA Price has put the public at risk'

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torney Nancy O'Malley to reduce that time to 30 years.

The sentencing phase was delayed until this year.

Current District Attorney Pamela Price reviewed the case, Cardoza again negotiated for a reduced sentence, and the two sides reached a plea deal.

But Cardoza, who previously worked in the DA's office in Los Angeles, San

Francisco, and Alameda counties, says he's frustrated that his client will serve 16 years for shooting at police. At the same time, another case reviewed by Price resulted in a 15-year sentence for a young man convicted of killing three people.

"I've been doing defense for nearly two decades, and it seems that DA Price has put the public at risk," Cardoza told the Times. "My client shot

at but did not harm anyone. I think she is favoring lighter sentences for younger criminals to give them a chance. I find it an odd way to think about justice, but I feel it just encourages more young people to commit crimes in Alameda County, knowing the DA is likely to reduce your sentence."

A spokesperson with the San Leandro police union was not immediately available to

comment on the perspective of law enforcement. However, during the sentencing, Sergeant Steve Cesaretti read a victim statement in front of the judge, asking for a more severe sentence for Wilkerson.

"The priority that should be given to victims of violent crime by this D.A.'s office is now being given to violent criminals," Cesaretti said at the hearing.

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# Gardens: Native plants and bugs provide the food birds need

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es, Kramer said. They also showcase some homes' green features such as solar panels, heat pumps and induction ranges.

Registration for both tours is at [www.bringingbackthenatives.net](http://www.bringingbackthenatives.net).

Native plant advocates are often asked why native plants are better for the environment than introduced species, Kramer said. The answer is that native plants don't need chemical aids, or extra water. They have adapted over millennia to the local environment.

Kramer said another advantage is due to bugs — specifically the kind that feed birds. People know that birds eat seeds and nuts, but they require more protein when they reproduce, and caterpillars are a key food at those times, she said.

Even the smallest birds eat caterpillars while feeding enormous numbers to their chicks, she said. After getting their protein needs met, they happily eat nuts and seeds, too.

Many homeowners mistakenly go to a lot of trouble to kill pests, but end up killing all insects, she noted.

"There are supposed to be insects to eat the plants, to feed the birds," Kramer said. She said most insects will not eat enough to kill the plant.

"Native plants are bird feeders," said Tallamy. He noted that the United States and Canada have lost about 3 billion birds since 1970, partly because they keep encountering ecological dead zones where they cannot find enough food.

Tallamy said — in a video posted on the Native Gardens

website — that it takes nearly 10,000 caterpillars total for chickadees, a relatively small bird, to raise a brood of chicks. Both parents take turns gathering food, and deliver caterpillars about every three minutes to the nest, where the young stay for 16 to 18 days, his research shows.

Tallamy said that plants do their best to kill or discourage insects from eating them, so moths and butterflies have evolved defenses against specific plants' poisons over the thousands of years. They tend to specialize, laying their eggs that turn into caterpillars, on one particular species of plant.

Monarch butterflies are famously dependent on milkweed, a plant that poisons almost every other species of butterfly or moth, he said. It takes thousands of years of co-evolution for this to come about, he added.

Introduced plant species may look great but don't feed the local insects and birds, Tallamy said.

Birds need about 70 percent of the landscape to be native for them to easily find enough food for their young, he added.

Both Kramer and Tallamy said that some plants were superb at providing habitat for other wildlife.

"Some 5 percent of our native plants make 75 percent of the foods that drive the food web," Tallamy said. "Those are our keystone species."

He added that while oaks and native cherries support many species of insects, introduced species like ginkgo support almost none.

"Oaks are the powerhouse of plants," Kramer said. "Over



PHOTO COURTESY OF STEFANIE PRUEGEL

The front garden of Stefanie Pruegel's San Leandro home, which is part of the in-person Native Gardens tour on May 6.

300 species of butterflies and moths can lay their eggs in them."

Other keystone species in the Bay Area include native cherries, lupins, California lilacs, manzanitas, aster, and goldenrod, she said.

Kramer's advice to local gardeners is to plant keystone species, to replace introduced species that bring you no particular delight, and not to mow your lawn so often nor sweep up leaves so fast. There may be a moth or butterfly pupa in them.

Kramer also cautions that one might not be doing the environment a big favor by

buying just any "drought-resistant" plant for our drought-prone climate.

"Drought-resistant" often means a plant that evolved in a Mediterranean or southern African environment," she said. "Look for a native plant

with similar qualities."

Many resources about native plant gardens are available on the Natives Garden Tour website at

[www.bringingbackthenatives.net](http://www.bringingbackthenatives.net), including a section with talks and writings by

Dr. Tallamy. Included there is a guide to which native plants grow easily in the Bay Area, broken down by garden conditions.

"Every square inch of the planet has ecological significance, including your yard," said Tallamy.

## Raises: Increased compensation

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higher teacher compensation, and only lost less than one percent of its teachers that year, she added.

Starting pay for a new teacher in San Lorenzo will move from \$54,418 to \$65,084 under the new contract. The top of the pay scale for a teacher with advanced degrees and considerable experience will move from the current \$107,360 to \$128,403.

Similar raises also went to members of the district's other two unions representing non-academic workers, Service Employees International Union Local 1021 and San Lorenzo Chapter 692 of the California School Employees Association.

"I'm proud and thankful that our district has been able to reach agreement with our professional associations," said schools superintendent Daryl Camp in a release. "What we have achieved together puts us in a better position than ever to ensure a supportive learning environment for our students and be able to recruit, attract and retain excellent teachers and other staff to serve our students."

Contract talks had begun in September with all parties sharing a goal of making San Lorenzo school district salaries more competitive with surrounding school districts to retain teachers and staff, according to the school district.

According to Rosa, progress toward that goal had bogged down as talks continued, but the pace picked up again when the union started setting up meetings to talk with school board members. She said board members hadn't been fully aware just how much San Lorenzo teachers' pay and conditions had



PHOTO BY SCOTT FAUST

Teacher Kortney Shannon guides her physical education students at Bohannon Middle School

slipped behind teachers in other districts.

Rosa said the teachers had not been able to get the limits on class sizes they had sought, but did get some class size maximums for teachers of Special Day Classes, which require intensive work with individual special-needs students. Those teachers also gained released time each month for case management, to deal with the extra educational planning and paperwork that the state requires for their students.

Teachers also got increased compensation when any teacher loses their preparation period due to emergency coverage of other classes when the district cannot find a substitute teacher that day.

"This agreement goes a long way and contributes to reducing the vacancies and making us a district that can compete in the job market for all those various education positions," Rosa said during the March 21 board meeting.

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