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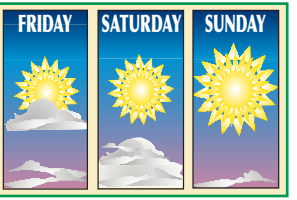
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## City Celebrates Portuguese Immigrants

San Leandro dignitaries laid a wreath at the Statue of the Portuguese Immigrant at Root Park on East 14th Street on Saturday, part of a series of events in Portuguese communities throughout the state. San Leandro has been home to Portuguese immigrants since the 1800s. The wreath ceremony started in 1969 when then-Governor Ronald Reagan established Portuguese Immigrant Week in California.

## Friends of San Leandro Creek to Host Talk on Urban Stream Landscaping

Dr. A. L. Riley (retired San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board and author) will be coming to San Leandro next Tuesday to illustrate how to manage urban streams, and the proper landscaping in California, with its now very wet soil, presented by the Friends of San Leandro Creek.

Riley will give a presentation twice – on Tuesday, March 14, at 6:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, Estudillo Room, 300 Estudillo Ave.; and then again on Monday, March 20, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the San Leandro City Hall South Offices, 999 East 14th St.

The presentations will be followed by a hands-on restoration training that will take place at Root Park on Saturday, March 25. This training will center



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

An expert will speak in San Leandro next week on landscaping urban streams.

upon biotechnical erosion control measures, utilizing various soil bioengineering principles that

can be designed and implemented by local volunteers, neighbors, students, stewards, city staff, and

any others interested in low-tech measures that mimic nature's own erosion control solutions.

## City Makes Loan for 'Iconic' Obelisk

Special tax district says obelisk will bring attention to downtown

By Amy Sylvestri  
San Leandro Times

The City of San Leandro recently loaned the San Leandro Improvement Association (SLIA) \$285,000, largely to erect a "landmark" sign downtown.

SLIA was created as a "community benefit district" in 2013 when downtown property owners voted to assess themselves an additional tax to pay for things like beautification, additional security, and public relations work.

The SLIA collects about \$375,000 in tax assessments annually. Nevertheless, it asked the city for the loan.

The 10-year, \$285,000 loan comes with a 3 percent interest rate.

The majority of the loan (\$170,000) will be used to create a "landmark sign" at the intersection of East 14th and Davis Street.

Marco Li Mandri, the president of San Diego-based New City America, the company who created the SLIA and dozens of other such districts around the country, has said the sign will bring as much attention to downtown as the "Truth Is Beauty" statue at the OSISOft building.

LiMandri promised the sign, which would be in front of the Sizzler, will be an obelisk that is "iconic in the way 'Truth is Beauty' is iconic."

An additional \$90,000 will

be spent on a bocce ball court in Root Park. About \$10,000 would be spent on a pressure washer to clean sidewalks and about

see LOAN, page 5

## Speed Limit Reduced on Major Streets

By Amy Sylvestri  
San Leandro Times

Get ready to slow down on some of San Leandro's busiest streets – the City Council unanimously approved cutting the speed limit by 5 m.p.h. on five streets and by 10 m.p.h. on one additional roadway.

Once the new signs are up in about a month, drivers will have to lower their speeds or face citations on these streets:

- San Leandro Boulevard from Davis Street to Williams Street will drop from 40 m.p.h. to 30 m.p.h.

- Alvarado Street from Marina Boulevard to Portola Drive will go from 40 m.p.h. to 35 m.p.h.

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

### SAN LEANDRO SCHOOL BOARD

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



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## Immigration Attorney To Speak at Library

The San Leandro Public Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., will host an immigration discussion on Tuesday, March 14, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. with Eleonore Zwinger, senior staff attorney and director of Alameda County immigration programs at the International Institute of the Bay Area.

The International Institute welcomes, educates and serves immigrants and refugees, providing immigration clinics for victims of interpersonal violence. Zwinger will lead a discussion in the library's lecture hall about immigration including topics such as immigration law, immigrants' rights and detention of immigrants

and refugees.

The majority of the time will be spent on questions submitted by the community. A representative from the San Leandro Police Department will be in attendance to explain what being a sanctuary city means.

If you have a question you would like discussed at this event, call 577-3992 or email [asilveira@sanleandro.org](mailto:asilveira@sanleandro.org). Questions will be included with others that are being collected at the community read events.

The program is a part of the "Read the Book - Join the Conversation" community read, sponsored by the San Leandro Public Library.

## Adult School Transition Center

San Leandro Adult School, 1448 Williams St. in San Leandro, invites the community to learn about its transition services, which include assistance with education, em-

ployment and personal support services.

Learn about the adult school's transition services at an open house on Thursday, March 9, at 5:30 p.m.



## St. Leander's 7th Grade Volleyball Wins Oakland Diocese Championship

After winning the Metro League playoffs, St. Leander's 7th grade girls volleyball team represented the Metro League, winning the Oakland Diocese Volleyball Championship. St. Leander's beat Madeline and St. Anne to move onto the final game in the tournament, and played with heart to beat Corpus Christi in the third set to win the championship. The St. Leander's 7th grade girls volleyball team is (top row) assistant coach Kathy Feder, Maribel Romero, Parris Bates, Myah White, Jathziry Esquivel, Ysabella Lucero, Abigail Sanchez, and head coach Fredy Oviedo. (Bottom row) Angel Oviedo, Kaylie Gomez, and Kendal Kibanoff.

## Music Fest to Raise Funds For School Music Programs

Come to see San Leandro bands at the Cherry City Music Fest 2017 at The Englander on Saturday, March 18, at 6:30 p.m. to benefit music programs in San Leandro schools.

Join the fun with the bands the San Leandroids, Future/Past, Pugsley & the Dugger Brothers,

and In Your Head.

Doors open at 6 p.m. Donation of \$25 at the door, or \$10 for students.

All the proceeds from this show, organized by Keep Music Rockin' Foundation, benefit music at San Leandro public schools.

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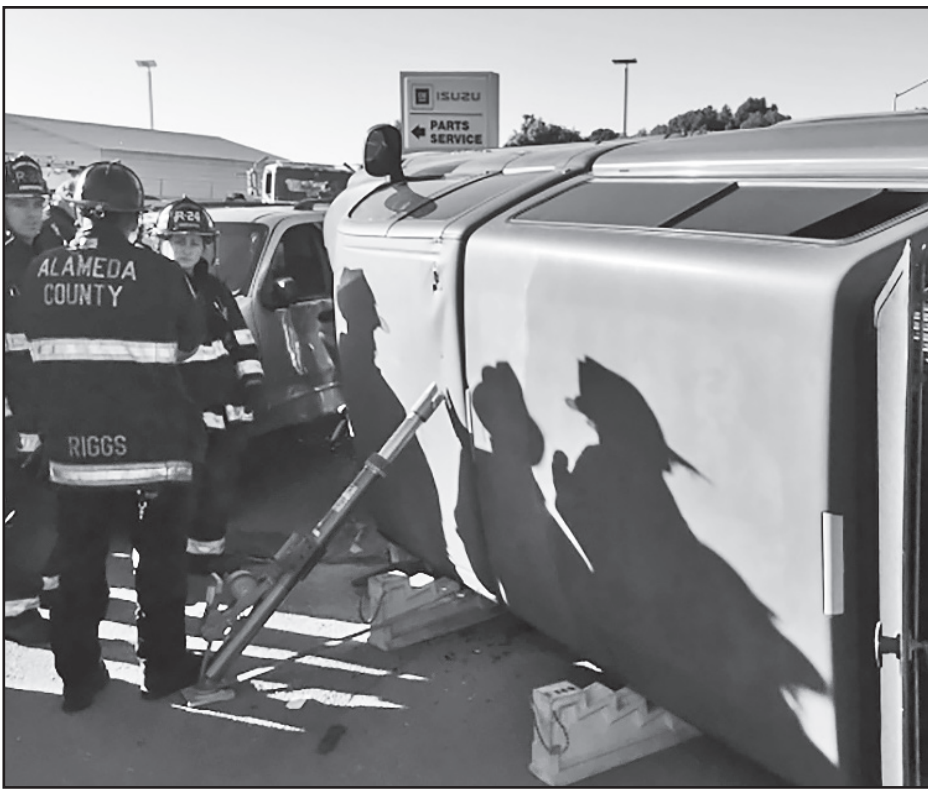


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## Truck Flips on Davis Street

Alameda County firefighters had to break through the windshield to rescue a driver who was trapped after his truck flipped on its side following a crash last Wednesday. The crash happened just after 4 p.m. at the intersection of Alvarado and Davis Streets. The driver's injuries were not life-threatening.

## DA Settles Environmental Suit With Auto Parts Chain

Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley, along with other California District Attorneys, announced recently that Alameda County Superior Court Judge Brad Seligman has ordered the Missouri-based O'Reilly Auto

Parts to pay \$9.86 million as part of a settlement of a civil environmental prosecution alleging the company mishandled hazardous waste.

The lawsuit claimed that more than 525 O'Reilly stores throughout the state unlawfully handled, transported and disposed of used oil, used oil filters, and various hazardous wastes and materials over a 5-year period.

Those hazardous wastes and materials included automotive fluids, alkaline batteries, electronic waste, aerosol cans and other toxic, ignitable and corrosive wastes.

During 2013 and 2014, inspectors from the Alameda County DA's Office Environmental Protection Division, investigators from other district attorney offices,

and environmental regulators statewide, conducted a series of undercover inspections of waste bins originating at O'Reilly stores.

The inspections revealed that O'Reilly had been routinely sending used oil, filters, and hazardous wastes to local landfills throughout California.

O'Reilly's website tells patrons that they can bring their used oil filters to the store to have them properly disposed.

The investigation also revealed that O'Reilly was routinely transporting hazardous wastes from its stores to its California distribution centers without required licenses.

The statewide inspections revealed that 42 out of 43 of the O'Reilly stores were in violation

## Two More Arrested in Gun Battle that led to Car Crash

Two more people were arrested last week for their alleged ties to a shootout and subsequent car crash that gravely injured an elderly couple last November.

Back on Nov. 17 at around 12:30 p.m. shots were fired in the area of MacArthur Boulevard and I-580. Moments later, police received 911 calls about a car crash on the 300 block of Dowling Boulevard, according to Lt. Robert McManus of the San Leandro police.

When officers arrived at the collision, they found a man suffering from a non-life-threatening gunshot wound at the crash scene.

That man was later identified as Davlon Harris, 33, of Oakland. He is currently free on \$200,000 bail and his next scheduled court appearance is March 23.

The man collided with a car driven by a couple who had no involvement in the shootout and they were trapped inside.

Alameda County Fire personnel used the "jaws of life" to free the couple from the severely



PHOTO COURTESY OF SLPD

The aftermath of a rolling shootout that led to a multi-car crash on Dowling Boulevard last November. Three people have been arrested in connection with the crime.

damaged car.

A third vehicle got away from the scene. It was a rental that was returned and eventually traced to Marcus Jones, 32.

Jones was arrested outside of an apartment on Thrush Avenue on Feb. 28. A search of the home yielded \$250,000 to \$300,000 in cash, marijuana, and guns.

Jones' girlfriend Jennifer Orr,

21, was also arrested.

Jones and Orr are accused of a variety of crimes including gun and drug possession but they have not yet been charged in relation to the gun battle, though police say those charges are still pending further investigation.

Jones and Orr are scheduled to be arraigned today at 2 p.m. at Hayward Hall of Justice.

## Assault At BART Station

A man is accused of sexually assaulting another man at the San Leandro BART station on March 2.

The incident occurred at around 9 a.m. in the station's parking lot after the suspect offered the victim a ride to BART. Once parked at the station, the assault allegedly took place, according to BART police.

The police have not released any information as to the nature of the alleged assault.

The victim and suspect knew each other before the incident. The investigation into the crime is ongoing and no further details are being released at this time.

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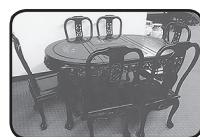
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## Rancho Days at the SL Library

Visit the History Room at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., on Saturday, March 11, from 1 to 3 p.m. and learn about the California Rancho Era, which spanned from 1784 to 1846.

The theme this year will focus on the life of *Californio* women, with a discussion given by a living history actress. Ladies, young and

older, will have a fun opportunity to dress as a Californio senorita.

The City of San Leandro was once *Rancho San Leandro*, established by José Joaquín Estudillo with the receipt of a 7,000-acre land grant in 1842.

Visitors can also view and handle rancho replicas to gain a greater understanding of rancho daily life and view a fascinating

information exhibit on March 6 from 4 to 6 p.m., March 8 from 1 to 5 p.m., March 9 from 1 to 3 p.m., and March 11 from 1 to 3 p.m. On any of these days, receive a free full-color recipe booklet on traditional rancho recipes.

The San Leandro Main Library is located on 300 Estudillo Avenue in Downtown San Leandro. Admission is free.

## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

### ❖ *The Maltese Bodkin*

#### at San Leandro Museum

The San Leandro Players present *The Maltese Bodkin* on Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. from March 11 to April 9, and Fridays from March 31 to April 7, at the San Leandro Museum/Auditorium, 320 West Estudillo Ave., in San Leandro. Written by David Belke and directed by Sage Hindley the play follows the intrepid gumshoe as he solves the mystery of the deadly bodkin amid savory and unsavory

characters from the realm of Shakespeare. Tickets are \$20, or \$15 for seniors, TBA members, under 12 and students. For more information or reservations, call 895-2573. Order tickets online at [www.slplayers.org](http://www.slplayers.org).

### ❖ Morrisson Theatre

The Morrisson Theatre Chorus, under the musical direction of César Cancino, will present “Spring Concert: Stage and Screen” on Friday and Saturday, March 17 and 18, at 8

p.m.; and Sunday, March 19, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$18 adult, \$15 for under 30/over 60 and \$12 for students. For tickets or more information, go to [www.dmtonline.org](http://www.dmtonline.org) or call 881-6777. The Douglas Morrisson Theatre is located at 22311 N. Third St. in Hayward.

### ❖ Adobe Art Gallery

The Adobe Art Gallery, 20395 San Miguel Ave. in Castro Valley, presents the works of Sorensdale Recreation Center in the upcoming exhibit *The Artist Within 2*, featuring a variety of media including two and three-dimensional work. The exhibit opens with an artists reception on Saturday, March 25, from 1 to 3 p.m. and runs through April 29. Hours are Thursday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Sorensdale Recreation Center is a facility and program of the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (HARD) that provides opportunities for people with developmental disabilities to learn and practice recreational, educational, daily living and community skills.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### ❖ Assumption School Dinner & Dance

Everyone is invited to Assumption Catholic School’s 28th Annual Auction, Dinner & Dance fundraiser – “Celebrate the Night in Black & White” on Saturday, March 11, at the Colombo Club, 5321 Claremont Ave. in Oakland. The evening kicks off at 5 p.m. with a silent auction, followed by dinner, dancing and a live auction. Tickets are \$50 per person (adults only) for an evening of dinner, dancing and celebration in support of the school. To make a donation or purchase tickets, go to [www.assumption-school-sl.org](http://www.assumption-school-sl.org) and click on the “Auction” tab at the bottom of the page.

### ❖ Hearing Loss Association Meeting

The Hearing Loss Association will meet on Saturday, March 11, at the Oakland Kaiser Permanente Hospital, Fabiola Bldg., 3801 Howe St., lower level, room G26. Parking is free in the old garage across from Howe St. Refreshments are at 9:30 a.m. with the program starting at 10 a.m. Audiologist Dr. Susanna Storm, one of the of the founders of Blue Sky Hearing & Audiology in Berkeley will be the speaker. For more information, email [athos.artist@att.net](mailto:athos.artist@att.net) or call Kay at 886-4717.

### ❖ San Leandro Shorties Film Festival

The San Leandro Performing Arts Center will host the 2nd Annual San Leandro Education Foundation Shorties Award Night on Saturday, March 11, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the San Leandro Performing Arts Center, 2250 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro. The SLED Shorties Award Night will feature all winners and runners up of the 5 film categories from high school students all across Alameda County. Tickets cost \$10 for adults, \$25 for reserve seating and free with student ID. Purchase reserve tickets online at [www.sledshorties.com](http://www.sledshorties.com).

### ❖ Ramana Vieira at the Sound Room

Ramana Vieira will perform Fado with a hint of Portuguese world music on Saturday, March 11, from 8 to 10 p.m. at The Sound Room, 2147 Broadway in Oakland. Tickets are \$15 and can be ordered at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/profile/20370>, or [www.soundroom.org](http://www.soundroom.org) or call 496-4180.

### ❖ Alta Mira Club

The Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave. in San Leandro, will have a corned beef and cabbage dinner on Saturday, March 11. The social hour starts at 5 p.m. and dinner begins at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20. For tickets, call 914-5684.

### ❖ I.D.E.S. of Alvarado St. Crab Feed

I.D.E.S. of Alvarado St. will have its annual crab feed on Saturday, March 11, at the hall on 790 Antonio St. in San Leandro. No host cocktails at 6 p.m. with dinner starting at 7 p.m. Dinner will include crab, pasta, salad, garlic bread and wine. Tickets are \$50 per person and may be purchased by calling 385-2847 or 635-3580 or by mail. Make check payable to I.D.E.S. and send to P.O. Box 781, San Leandro CA, 94577.

### ❖ Eagles Eden Auxiliary Bingo Luncheon

The Fraternal Order of Eagles Eden Auxiliary #1139 will have its bingo luncheon on Monday, March 13, from noon to 2:30 p.m. at the Eagles Hall, 21406 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward. A typical St. Patrick’s Day fare of corned beef & cabbage, salad, dessert, coffee tea will be served for a one time donation of \$7 which will include one bingo card. The

Eagles motto is “People Helping People”. For more information, call 584-1568.

### ❖ East Bay Rose Society

The East Bay Rose Society will meet on Wednesday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave. in Oakland, featuring speaker Joe Truskot, master rosarian, who has grown over 500 varieties of roses in his garden. Enjoy snacks, meet people who talk roses and enjoy the show. The rose society’s website is [www.eastbayroses.org.yroses.org](http://www.eastbayroses.org.yroses.org).

### ❖ St. Felicitas St. Patrick’s Day Luncheon

Tickets are now on sale for the St. Felicitas Parish Young at Heart St. Patrick’s Day Luncheon on Wednesday, March 15, at 1662 Manor Blvd. in San Leandro. Doors open at 11 a.m. and lunch is served at noon. Wear something green. Corned beef and cabbage, red potatoes, carrots, rye bread, dessert, coffee or apple cider will be served. Tickets are \$6. Entertainment and door prizes at the luncheon. Tickets must be purchased no later than the Monday before the luncheon. Tickets available at the parish office Monday through Thursday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

### ❖ Adult School Career Open House

San Leandro Adult School, 1448 Williams St., will host a Career Technical Education (CTE) Open House on Thursday, March 16, from 6 to 8 p.m. Learn about the following certificated training programs: Medical, Business, Accounting, and Computers. Meet the instructors. Most classes begin April 3. For more information, call 667-6250 or go to [www.sanleandroadult-school.org](http://www.sanleandroadult-school.org).

### ❖ Catholic Daughters Salad Bar Luncheon

The Catholic Daughters, Court #2400, will host the 3rd Annual Salad Bar Luncheon and Bingo on Saturday, March 18, at the St. Felicitas Church Msgr. McGinty Hall on 1662 Manor Blvd. in San Leandro. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$15 and proceeds support the Rice Bowl Project. To reserve your seat, RSVP Kim at 940-5949 by Sunday, March 12.

### ❖ The Kiwanis Club Pancake Breakfast

The Hayward/Castro Valley Kiwanis Club will have a pancake breakfast on Saturday, March 18, from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Kenneth Aitken Senior Center, 17800 Redwood Road in Castro Valley. The cost is \$10 per person for adults, \$30 for a family of 4, \$5 for children from 5 to 10. Proceeds go to community projects and scholarships. Come join the fun with a cake walk, basket raffles, silent auction, and door prizes. For more information, call 886-1100.

### ❖ Open Cockpit Day at Aviation Museum

The Oakland Aviation Museum, 8252 Earhart Road (just off Doolittle Drive) in Oakland, will host an Open Cockpit day on Sunday, March 19, from noon to 4 p.m. Visitors can sit in famous aircraft, including the A-3 Skywarrior, A-4 Skyhawk, A-7 Corsair, Harrier and the MiG-15. Refreshments will be available and live music will be provided by The Friends of Ken Band, plus kids’ activities, magic show, face painting and balloons, and a roller derby demonstration by the Quad City Derby Bombshells, and a drone demonstration. The Oakland Aviation Museum aims to educate the public on the development of aviation at historic North Field. For more information, call 638-7100 or go to [www.oaklandaviationmuseum.org](http://www.oaklandaviationmuseum.org).

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**ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** You’re correct to want to help someone who seems to need assistance. But be careful that he or she isn’t pulling the wool over those gorgeous Sheep’s eyes. You need more facts.



**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** Your Bovine optimism soon will dispel the gloom cast by those naysayers and pessimists who still hover close by. Also, that good news you recently received is part of a fuller message to come.



**GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** Feeling jealous over a colleague’s success drains the energy you need to meet your own challenges. Wish him or her well, and focus on what you need to do. Results start to show in mid-March.



**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** You’re likely to feel somewhat Crabby these days, so watch what you say, or you could find yourself making lots of apologies. Your mood starts to brighten by the weekend.



**LEO (July 23 - August 22):** Your pride might still be hurting from those unflattering remarks someone made about you. But cheer up, you’re about to prove once again why you’re the Top Cat in whatever you do.



**VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22):** A misunderstanding with a co-worker could become a real problem unless it’s resolved soon. Allow a third party to come in and assess the situation without pressure or prejudice.



**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22):** Call a family meeting to discuss the care of a loved one at this difficult time. Be careful not to let yourself be pushed into shouldering the full burden on your own.



**SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21):** An upcoming decision could open the way to an exciting venture. However, there are some risks you should know about. Ask more questions before making a commitment.



**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** Personal matters need your attention during the earlier part of the week. You can start to shift your focus to your workaday world by midweek. Friday brings news.



**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** You’ve been going at a hectic pace for quite a while. It’s time now for some much-needed rest and recreation to recharge those hardworking batteries.



**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** This is a good time to upgrade your current skills or consider getting into an entirely different training program so that you can be prepared for new career opportunities.



**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** Keep a low profile in order to avoid being lured away from the job at hand. Focus on what has to be done, and do it. There’ll be time later to enjoy fun with family and friends.





# City Ordinance Would Make Landlords Pay Tenants' Relocation Fees

## Tenants say it just makes it easier for landlords to evict you

By Amy Sylvestri  
San Leandro Times

The City Council is in the process of creating an ordinance that will require landlords to pay long-term tenants if they are forced to leave their apartments due to high rents.

But tenants say that, while relocation assistance may be helpful, it doesn't solve the underlying problem of sky-high rents that more and more people are unable to afford.

The Tenant Relocation Assistance Program the council is considering would have landlords pay three months rent to tenants who are forced to move for a "landlord-caused" reason, most often a rent hike.

Under the ordinance, the tenant would be eligible for the money if rent is increased by 20 percent or more and the tenant chooses to leave.

In special circumstances when at least one resident in the home is over 62, under 18, or disabled, the tenants would also be paid an additional \$1,000.

But tenants say it doesn't truly protect them, it simply gives landlords an easier way to get rid of them and raise rents.

As the ordinance was discussed by the city's Rules Committee last week, some speakers said that landlords would happily pay the moving assistance if they

could recoup the cost by doubling the rent for the next tenant.

"It's like guilt-free eviction," said one man. "'Here's a check, walk away.' Meanwhile my family is devastated."

Tom Silva, a landlord and part of the Rental Housing Association, says his organization is supportive of the ordinance,

**"It's a guilt-free eviction. Here's a check, walk away."**

but said that the details need to be fine-tuned.

Tenants who spoke at the meeting were less positive.

"It's just a payout," a woman said. "Many tenants are happy where they are. They don't want to move, they want stability."

Under the ordinance, eligible tenants would have to have been in residence over five years and the ordinance would require landlords to notify the occupant at least 90 days before they'd have to move, whereas the state of California only requires 60 days.

The assistance would be paid by landlords and the administration of the program would happen through the city. Landlords would be required to pay \$10 per rental unit annual fee to cover the administrative costs.

But Councilman Pete Ballew – who sits on the Rules Committee along with Councilman Lee Thomas and Mayor Pauline Cutter – questioned the effectiveness of the \$10 fee.

"Landlords aren't going to pay that, tenants are going to pay that – landlords are going to pass that on," said Ballew.

Ballew also suggested that the assistance money not be given to the exiting tenant on the last day of occupancy, as people who are moving need the money to secure a new place.

"They have to lay out their first and last, their security deposit," said Ballew.

Councilman Lee Thomas also had some questions about closing loopholes in the ordinance.

"What's going to stop a landlord from evicting them at the four-year marker?" asked Thomas. "We need to figure out if there's something else we can do to strengthen it."

The ordinance will now going back to city staff for further tweaking before coming back to the Rules Committee. Once the Rules Committee has a draft they approve of, it will go to the City Council for a vote.

"There's a lot to think about," said Mayor Pauline Cutter. "We have some more work to do on this."

## Learn All About Little Free Libraries

The San Leandro Library will host a program to celebrate Little Free Libraries in San Leandro this Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. There will be information on building and installing the little libraries, a question-and-answer round table, and Mayor Pauline Cutter and other officials will speak.

## Loan: Beautification

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\$15,000 on other items to beautify downtown including tables, chairs, and planters.

According to the most recent financial report available, the SLIA listed \$372,000 from assessments and \$122,000 in money carried over from previous years.

Despite having more money than they spent that fiscal year, the district says it is relatively new and so it doesn't have sufficient cash saved up for the projects so they need the loan.

The City of San Leandro owns 25 percent of the land downtown, so the city pays about a quarter of SLIA's revenue.

The district expects to pay back the loan with the assessments it gets from the property owners, according to Eric Engelbart, San Leandro's deputy city manager. If the district doesn't make the payments on schedule, the city has first right to the tax assessments the district collects.

Some question why the city is in the loan business at all, as the city recently had some trouble with a loan to the Davis Street Family Resource Center, which was not paid back on schedule. Davis Street eventually repaid the loan in full over six months after it was originally due.

Engelbart says the city loans money simply because it can be in the best interest of San Leandro in general. They can also earn more interest on a loan than if the money stayed in the city reserve fund.

"The city keeps substantial reserves on hand at all times," said Engelbart. "Those reserves are held with the State Local Agency Investment Fund, which earns well under 1 percent interest. Loans to non-profits enable

those organizations to provide valuable services to the community while giving the city a better return."

The city recently gave an \$800,000 "forgivable loan" – in other words, a gift – to BRIDGE Housing to build a day care center that will reserve half its spots for seeLOAN, page 14

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## Opera Auditions On Sunday in SF

The New York Lyric Opera Theatre will hold auditions for its 2017 National Vocal Competition (Western Division), Summer Music Program and Season Auditions this Sunday at San Francisco Conservatory of Music, Osher Salon, 50 Oak St. in San Francisco.

Singers from all over the world participate in this prestigious summer music program in New York City.

Audition repertoire requirements are: Main stage or cover role participants: two arias, art or sacred songs, or lieder (or combination thereof). Chorus/lieder participants: one aria, art song, musical theatre, lieder, or sacred song.

There is no age minimum or limit to apply. Competition auditions are from 3 to 5:30 p.m. Season and summer program auditions are from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Admission: Competition audition fee: \$50; summer program and season fee: \$35.

To apply for the Competition, Summer Music Program or Season auditions, email info@newyorklyricopera.org or call (646) 755-8043.

## San Leandro Players Present *The Maltese Bodkin*

The San Leandro Players present *The Maltese Bodkin* by David Belke, directed by Sage Hindley at the San Leandro Museum/Auditorium, 320 West Estudillo Ave., San Leandro. Performances will be on Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. from March 11 to April 9, and Fridays from March 31 to April 7. Follow the intrepid gumshoe as he solves the mystery of the deadly bodkin amid savory and unsavory characters from the realm of Shakespeare. Tickets are \$20, or \$15 for seniors, TBA members, under 12 and students. For more information or reservations, call 895-2573. Order tickets online at [www.slplayers.org](http://www.slplayers.org).

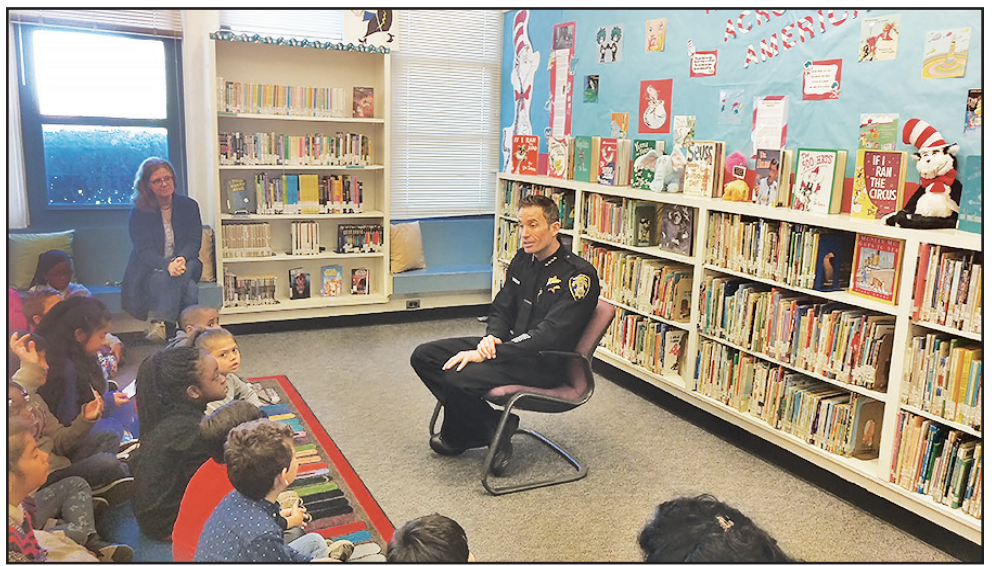


Ben Yuen plays Mercutio in *The Maltese Bodkin*, opening on Saturday.

## CV Toastmasters Meet Tuesdays

The Castro Valley Toastmasters welcome everyone who wants to improve their communication skills in a friendly support-

ive atmosphere to their weekly meetings every Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at 21966 Dolores St. in Castro Valley.



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Readers came to schools all across the country last Thursday to encourage reading on Dr. Seuss's birthday, including schools in San Leandro. Above, Police Chief Jeff Tudor reads to students at Garfield Elementary School. Below, Sonal Patel, the district's director of teaching, reads at Washington Elementary School.

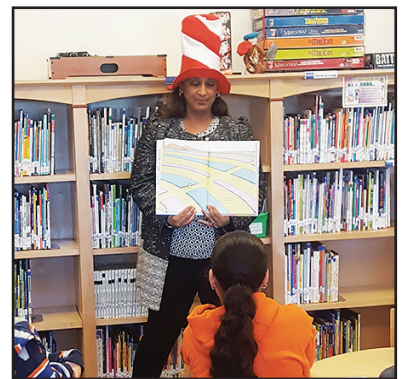
## Reading Day at the Schools

Schools hold pep rallies to get students excited about football, so why not do the same for reading?

To encourage kids to read, the NEA held its annual "Read Across America" last Thursday, March 2, the day that happens to be Dr. Seuss's birthday.

Across the country, teachers and principals wore "Cat in the Hat" hats, decorated their classrooms and put on activities to encourage reading. Elected officials, civic leaders and people from all walks of life came to schools to read to students to encourage reading.

The NEA says students who are motivated to read develop a lifelong love of reading and improve their academic achievement.



## League of Woman Voters to Host Forum On Friday to Meet Your Representatives

The public is invited to meet their elected officials at a program and reception on Friday, March 10, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Hayward City Hall, 2nd Floor, 777 B Street, Hayward. Elected leaders have been invited who represent the Eden Area: Hayward, San Leandro

and the surrounding unincorporated areas of Castro Valley, San Lorenzo, Cherryland, Ashland and Fairview.

A representative from each of the jurisdictions has been asked to give a brief presentation relating to the past accomplishments of their office and goals for 2017-18.

The program will be held in the Hayward City Hall Chambers. During the reception, the elected leaders will be available to answer questions from their constituents individually. The League has requested an RSVP to [lwvea@aol.com](mailto:lwvea@aol.com) for this free program.

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# REAL ESTATE GALLERY



## REAL ESTATE REALITY

By Carl Medford, CRS  
Special to the Times

GUEST COMMENTARY



### Home Preparation Bar Keeps Getting Raised

When my wife and I bought our first home, we were delighted to finally have our own digs. We knew things needed to be done, but we had stretched to our limit to get in and we were just happy to be there.

We understood that, over time, we'd be able to make improvements, but that patience was required until we had the necessary funds.

While we ended up making upgrades, throughout the entire

time we lived there, we could never afford furniture for the living room. Since the home also had a family room, we opted for a sign in the living room stating, "Under development."

It was there, on the raised hearth of our beautiful stone fireplace, until the day we moved out.

That kind of thing doesn't happen much anymore.

We just had an offer cancel on a listing in escrow because the parents decided their children could

do better. They'd been looking for months, written many offers, but had never been able to land a contract until ours.

The buyer's agent sent me the cancellation along with a note she'd sent to the buyers informing them that they'd have to look elsewhere for representation. "They don't understand the market," she said. "They're way too picky."

Keep in mind that this was a home where the sellers had invested considerable funds upgrading the home, including remodeling the kitchen with refaced cabinets, new quartz counters with stainless-steel sink and faucet, tile floor, refinished hardwood floors throughout, a stunning brand-new main bathroom, dramatically upgraded master bathroom, new furnace and A/C, fresh paint, newer roof, and more.

In short, it was a gorgeous home completely move-in ready.

Cancellation in hand, we contacted the back-up offer. The buyer's response when they went through the home again? "We don't have enough money to make

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### Tenant Finds 'Greasy Grime' in Oven after Moving In

By Samantha Mazzotta  
Special to the Times

**Q** I recently moved into a small apartment, and while the stove is old, it seems to work fine. Trouble is: When I lifted the stove lid to clean it, there was about an inch of greasy grime and rust. It's impossible to get completely clean, and I'm worried about a grease fire starting. What can I do?

**A** Talk to your apartment manager or landlord. While tenants are expected

to keep the apartment's appliances clean, it's neither fair nor safe to deal with a stove that is unreasonably dirty.

The manager may counter that you accepted the apartment with the appliances listed in good working condition, but I know very few people who have the time or wherewithal to pry open the stove hood and check the burners underneath during a tour or a final walk-through.

Review your apartment lease, which should comply with what's required by state and municipal tenant/landlord laws.

At the very least, insist that the manager help you clean the stove by sending a maintenance person to assess the situation and find a safe way to clean it.

If the stove is too difficult to clean, if it's rusting through or otherwise not in safe condition, most leases allow the management to replace it with an acceptable appliance. If the manager agrees to do this, get that pledge in writing along with an approximate date that the appliance will be replaced.

What if the manager or landlord refuses to do any of these things? Look up your state's statute by typing landlord law and the name of your state in a search engine box. The landlord may or may not be required to maintain or replace certain appliances.

Although there are some nightmare landlords out there, most like keeping the value of their properties up and appreciate tenants helping to keep them there.

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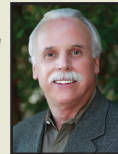
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## Home Prep: Standards raised to new levels

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necessary upgrades, so we will pass."

I was speechless.

Apparently, the days of buying an ordinary house you improve over time are going the way of the Dodo bird. Sellers, realizing this, frequently despair over the level of upgrades they feel they need to make before placing their home on the market.

Truth is, while buyers do want homes that are move-in ready, it feels like the bar is being raised every year. Since buyers are willing to pay a premium for nice, fully prepped homes, one has to wonder where this will finally end up.

Carl Medford is a licensed Realtor with Keller Williams Realty. This article is sponsored by the Central County Marketing Association at [www.ccmgtoday.com](http://www.ccmgtoday.com).

## Wipe Out Weeds Before Tilling; Landscape Lacks Luster

By Buzz Bertolero  
The Dirt Gardener

**Q** I have a vegetable garden that I maintain organically year round. However, the small field of weeds nearby is a big headache. I'd like to wipe out the weeds before I till the soil later this month with some sort of natural herbicide. What should I apply?

**A** Bonide Burn Out is a natural, non-selective herbicide available for grassy and broadleaf weeds. It uses a blend of citric acid and cloves to kill undesirable vegetation in eight hours or less.

For best results, apply it on a clear, sunny day. You should see wilting within 20 minutes with the seasonal weeds. The deeper-rooted perennial weeds take longer, and a second application may be necessary within a couple of days.

Burn Out can also be applied under the canopy of plants as long as the spray doesn't touch the bark, branches or foliage.

I'd make my first application in about 10 days before you're ready to till, or sooner if the weeds are going to seed.

Cultivating and mulching are the best methods of controlling the unwanted vegetation in your vegetable garden.

In addition, there is an organic pre-emergent herbicide, Concern Weed Stopper Plus, that you may consider applying to control the weed seeds. It's not recommended if you're starting your vegetable garden from seeds as pre-emergent herbicide can't tell the difference between desirable and non-desirable seeds. However, there is no problem around rooted transplants or seedlings.

**Q** We've moved to a new condo and the landscaping leaves a lot to be desired. Plants are trimmed into little balls on top and rocks are placed up against the base of trees. Ugh! There is lots of work ahead correcting things. What are the best trees to plant in a small area with less invasive roots? In addition, when a tree is removed, is it true that there is a one-year waiting period before planting another?

**A** It's not unusual for decorative rock of any size to be used as a ground



Use a natural herbicide to kill undesirable vegetation.

cover instead of an organic or vegetative option. With rock, it's easy to remove the landscape debris and it doesn't decompose over time.

That being said, it's truly a taste and preference decision. So, I'd remove it once you decide on its replacement.

The waiting period after you remove a tree or shrub is a gardening myth. You can replant immediately.

The new planting hole should be twice as wide as the container and six to eight inches deeper. The native soil is amended with organic matter (compost, soil amendments, planting or potting soil) at a 50/50 ratio with a starter fertilizer placed at the bottom of the hole.

Make sure that the new plant is planted high out of the ground to allow for sinkage.

Since this is a small area, you don't want a large tree. So, how small of a tree would you like? Maybe the answer is a large shrub that has been trimmed to a single stem.

Once you have an idea, the nursery professional at your favorite garden center is the best resource for your answer.

Buzz Bertolero is an Advanced California Certified Nursery Professional and Senior Gardening Professional at Sloat Garden Centers. His web address is [www.dirtgardener.com](http://www.dirtgardener.com). Email questions to [dirtgarden@aol.com](mailto:dirtgarden@aol.com) or go to [Facebook.com/Buzz.Bertolero](https://www.facebook.com/Buzz.Bertolero).

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1443 Bockman Road	94580	\$520,000	3 BD - 1,339 SF - 1951
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955 Delano Street	94580	\$590,000	3 BD - 1,549 SF - 1951
1593 Fir Avenue	94580	\$513,000	2 BD - 1,120 SF - 1948
841 Hacienda Avenue	94580	\$465,000	3 BD - 1,168 SF - 1947
775 Mooney Avenue	94580	\$570,000	3 BD - 1,364 SF - 1951
15859 Paseo Del Campo	94580	\$486,500	3 BD - 1,128 SF - 1944
17103 Via Media	94580	\$475,000	3 BD - 1,068 SF - 1947

TOTAL SALES: 8

LOWEST AMOUNT: \$465,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$516,500

HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$590,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$523,688

### Sheffield Village

120 Covington Street	94605	\$815,000	3 BD - 1,412 SF - 1939
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### Castro Valley

19276 Almond Road	94546	\$615,000	4 BD - 1,810 SF - 1949
17987 Beardsley Street	94546	\$582,000	2 BD - 1,157 SF - 1950
19205 Carlton Avenue	94546	\$725,000	4 BD - 2,068 SF - 1950
19174 Gliddon Street	94546	\$605,000	3 BD - 1,133 SF - 1952
20041 Santa Maria Ave	94546	\$351,000	N/ABD - 1,442 SF - 1980
21781 Tanglewood Drive	94546	\$755,000	3 BD - 1,845 SF - 1948
17640 Vineyard Road	94546	\$898,000	4 BD - 2,633 SF - 1980
20111 West Ridge Ct #8	94546	\$500,000	2 BD - 1,467 SF - 1977
20876 Wilbeam Avenue	94546	\$550,000	2 BD - 656 SF - 1940

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A	—	1-4	505 Mitchell Avenue	\$769,000	3/2-1/2	Varos Real Estate	Terry Martinez	772-3746
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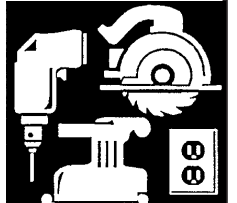
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# Speed Limit: 'Enforcing traffic is a challenge'

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• Davis Street from Doolittle Drive to the Bay will go from 35 m.p.h. to 30 m.p.h.

• Fairway Drive from Menlo Street to Aladdin Avenue/1-880 will go from 40 m.p.h. to 35 m.p.h.

• Teagarden Street from Marina Boulevard to Aladdin Avenue will go from 35 m.p.h. to 30 m.p.h.

• MacArthur Boulevard from Durant Avenue to Dutton Avenue will go from 35 m.p.h. to 30 m.p.h.

Reducing the speed limit isn't decided randomly. It's a state-mandated process, according to Keith Cooke, the city's engineering director.

Every decade, the city is required by the state to reestablish the speed limits on major roadways. This begins with a speed survey.

You might recognize those little cords that are occasionally placed across roadways. They measure the number of cars and their speed. That is combined with radar speed recordings and other data to determine the average speed of traffic on a given street.

Engineers take the "85th percentile" speed of cars – the rate at which 85 percent of vehicles travel under free-flowing driving conditions and round it to the



PHOTO BY AMY SYLVESTRI

**The speed limit on MacArthur Boulevard between Durant and Dutton avenues will be lowered from 35 to 30 m.p.h.**

nearest 5 m.p.h. increment.

During this most recent survey, six San Leandro roads qualified for reductions and no streets were recommended to have their limits increased.

The city's engineers say that the reason San Leandro Boulevard got a larger 10 m.p.h. reduction was because of the streetscape project, added pedestrian crossings, and construction around the downtown BART station over the past several years.

Councilwoman Corina Lopez

asked why even more streets can't have their posted speeds reduced in order to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety.

The answer is that speed survey. The city essentially has to create what they call "traffic-calming" conditions on a road to bring the average speed down so they can later bring the posted speed down.

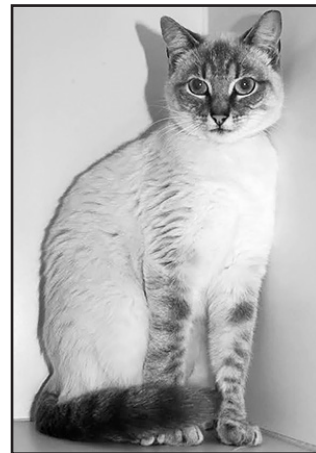
Traffic-calming techniques include things like speed bumps, curb extending bulb outs, and even additional traffic signals.

"It's not that we can just decide a speed limit," said Lopez. "The tail wags the dog in this issue."

Once the new signs are posted, the San Leandro police will enforcement the new limits. Chief Jeff Tudor told the council he has a limited number of traffic officers and a large city to cover.

"Enforcing traffic is a challenge," said Tudor. "There are always concerns over speeding. I wish we could be everywhere at once."

## Pets of the Week



**Duchess**



**Honey Bun**

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are Duchess the cat and Honey Bun the bunny.

**Duchess** is a quiet, independent teen. She prefers being with adults. While initially a bit shy, she comes out of her shell for a cheek rub or an ear scratch.

**Honey Bun** is a gentle, lop-eared boy with gorgeous blue eyes. He's a bit shy but allows all handling and enjoys nibbling timothy hay, cilantro and parsley.

For more information on Duchess or Honey Bun, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at 293-7200.

## Loan: SL City & Loan

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low-income clients.

The city also has a \$1.15 million loan out to the San Leandro School District that paid for construction costs on the Barbara Lee Wellness Center, the high

school's health center. Payments on that loan are current.

Engelbart says the city is also currently exploring a loan to support renovation of the Bal Theatre, but no specific terms have been discussed yet.

## LOCAL DEATHS

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**BARNECUT, Hope J.**  
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**KIRKWOOD, Geraldine May**  
**MINJAREZ, Terence M. Sr.**  
**MOY, Ernest**  
**ORPIANO, Oscar C.**  
**PADILLA, Margaret E.**  
**ZAMORA, Sr., Pablo E.**

■ **BARNECUT, Hope J.**, a long time resident of San Leandro, passed on February 19, 2017. A Graveside Service was held celebrating her life on Feb. 28 at Lone Tree Cemetery in Hayward. Arrangements made by Santos-Robinson Mortuary in San Leandro (510-483-0123, [santos-robinson.com](http://santos-robinson.com)).

■ **KIRKWOOD, Geraldine May**, passed away March 3, 2017 at age 82. A Celebration of her Life will be held on Sunday, March 12, beginning at 11 a.m. at Bethel Community Presbyterian Church, 14235 Bancroft Ave., in San Leandro. Burial will be at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon, California. Arrangements made by Santos-Robinson Mortuary in San Leandro (510-483-0123, [santos-robinson.com](http://santos-robinson.com)).

■ **MINJAREZ, Terence M. Sr.**, a resident of San Leandro, passed away in March of 2017. A Memorial Mass will be held Thursday, March 16, at St. Leander Church, 550 W. Estudillo Ave., in San Leandro beginning at 10 a.m. Arrangements made by Santos-Robinson Mortuary in San Leandro (510-483-0123, [santos-robinson.com](http://santos-robinson.com)).

■ **MOY, Ernest**, born November 30, 1919 in Canton, China, passed on February 13, 2017 in San Leandro at age 97. He was a resident of San Leandro for 46 years. Memorial service and entombment was held at Chapel of the Chimes in Oakland.

■ **ORPIANO, Oscar C.**, a resident of San Leandro, passed away on March 3, 2017. Visitation will be Friday, March 10, from noon to 8 p.m. with a Vigil Service at 6 p.m. at Santos-Robinson Mortuary, 160 Estudillo Ave., in San Leandro. The Funeral Liturgy celebrating his life will be on Saturday, March 11, at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 2500 Bermuda Ave., in San Leandro. Interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward. Arrangements made by Santos-Robinson Mortuary in San Leandro (510-483-0123, [santos-robinson.com](http://santos-robinson.com)).

■ **ZAMORA, Sr., Pablo E.**, a resident of San Leandro, passed away on March 5, 2017. A Funeral Liturgy celebrating his life will be held today, March 9, at 11:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 2500 Bermuda Ave., in San Leandro. Interment at Lone Tree Cemetery in Hayward. Arrangements made by Santos-Robinson Mortuary in San Leandro (510-483-0123, [santos-robinson.com](http://santos-robinson.com)).

### Joyce Annette Jones

Joyce Annette Jones, 74, peacefully made her journey home Monday, March 6, 2017 in Sacramento surrounded by loving family.

Celebration of Life is at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 11, at Sierra 2 Center, Room 6, 2791 24th St., in Sacramento. Reception to follow. Rev. James Trapp will officiate.

Joyce was born March 25, 1942 to Maybelle Alice and Eldro Larsen. She married Leo E. Jones II March 7, 1970.

Those left to cherish her memory are her sisters, Sandra E. Scott and Donna J. Wiles; her children, Janice K. Hughes, Teresa L. Russi, Sandra M. Russi, Case E. Jones and Leo E. Jones III; 10 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; and other family members and her dear friends.



### Margaret E. Padilla

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Margaret passed away on February 20, 2017 at the age of 88. She enjoyed reading, shopping, and loved spending time with her family.

Margaret was preceded in death by her husband, Dave; and her son, Rusty. She is survived by her children, Norma, Donna (Richard), David (Lori), Fran (Ken), Dolores and Ginger; 16 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; 7 great-great-grandchildren, and 1 on the way. She also leaves her sister, Thelma Thogmartin; her brother, Bob Weatherill; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held at Santos-Robinson Mortuary today, March 9, from noon to 8 p.m. with a Rosary beginning at 6:30 p.m. A Chapel Blessing will be held at the mortuary on Friday, March 10, beginning at 11 a.m. Interment to follow at Mt. View Cemetery in Oakland.



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# OPINION

## LETTERS to the EDITOR

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### Wants San Leandro to Maintain Marina and Rebuild Ferry System

Editor:

Why are we decommissioning the marina? It could be our jewel. Let's maintain the channel and re-build our ferry system. Let's provide ferries to San Francisco, the peninsula, airports, ballparks and other locations around the bay.

During commute hours BART is packed, bridges are jammed. Look at our region ... trace 580 west starting from Livermore to Dublin, to 238, toward the bay and you will land ... at the San Leandro marina. Our marina is a logical point of departure for commuter ferries. The tri-valley area is projected to continue its phenomenal growth through mid-century. Let's capitalize on the geography and continuing regional growth to provide a much needed service.

In order to operate ferries, dredging is required. Disturbing the mud flat is not great, but the mileage and time spent circling the bay in cars isn't sustainable either.

Let's think about the implications of climate change, as well as resiliency for San Leandro. Over the next century the oceans & bay are forecast to rise. We could implement clamshell bucket style dredging for our channel and use the sediment to restore bay wetlands that have been degraded or are in danger of being destroyed by sea level rise.

How are we going to pay for this? Isn't there a plan to build higher housing density at the marina and a conference center? Requiring developers to fund infrastructure improvements, including ferries and other transportation options, could enhance the development and may also help the marina become a feasible destination. All that said, I hope there is some landscaping and a view across the water when they're done building and profiting.

Let's make it easier to live in and attract business to San Leandro by creating ferry service at the marina.

—Julie Head, San Leandro

### Our Civic Duty – to Hold Our Leaders Accountable

Editor:

This past Sunday, a tree came down with help from the strong winds. I was pleased to see a quick response from public works. Great job on their part.

What I was surprised to see was an older Bandit Wood Chipper. It did not appear to have the newer safety flaps and reverse bar. With all the money budgeted for development, two armored police vehicles, etc., I would think some should be spent towards newer safer equipment for the Public Works employees.

—Joe DeMotto, San Leandro

### Fred Korematsu 'Rightfully Considered a Hero'

Editor:

I normally wouldn't voice my objection to something published in the newspaper, but I am compelled to clarify exactly what the facts are in regards to a recent letter to the editor.

A cornerstone of our society is the assurance that no person be deprived

of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, a concept so fundamental that our predecessors incorporated it not just once into the 5th Amendment to the Constitution, but added it a second time to the 14th Amendment. Executive order 9066 was issued by President Roosevelt on Feb 19, 1942, and with that single pen stroke violated the constitutional rights of over 110,000 people of Japanese descent residing in the United States. The result of this action was mass incarceration (approximately 62% were US citizens).

At the time, the country was in a state of panic and hysteria. The reaction to this fear was to single out those of Japanese descent, force them out of their homes, split families up, and move them into prison without probable cause, let alone a trial by one's peers.

My father was living in San Francisco at the time. While he doesn't speak of his incarceration often, what he recounts is that his father was taken away by the FBI, the family was forced to live in the Tanforan horse stables while Topaz was being constructed, and life at Topaz was cold and dusty. Armed guards manned watch towers and barbed wire surrounded the internment camp. He was 13 when imprisoned, and spent the next 3 years of his life there.

Rhetoric and vitriol seem to be driving much of the political discourse these days. It's our civic duty as participants in this democracy to engage in discussion, investigation, and discovery, ensure we have accurate facts, and hold our leaders accountable to follow the law. Here are my facts. My father was born in the US, was an American citizen, had committed no criminal act, and his constitutional rights were taken away without due process.

—Andrew Maruoka, San Leandro

### Fred Korematsu 'Rightfully Considered a Hero'

Editor:

As a group of concerned San Leandro citizens, we felt the views expressed in the Feb. 16 letter to the editor, "Calls Korematsu 'a Criminal,' Not a Civil Rights Pioneer," were in no way representative of our community, one we know to be inclusive, open-minded, and tolerant. We were very heartened by the show of community support that offered a fair and fact-based view of Fred Korematsu and the injustices faced by the Japanese-American community during World War Two.

At a time when our country is embroiled in the controversy of an immigration ban, and talk of a Muslim registry, that kind of rhetoric reminds us how fragile constitutional protections are. Statements like those of Ms. Melendy represent a factual disconnect that can do real harm.

It was Fred Korematsu's right as an American citizen to challenge Executive Order 9066, and he's rightfully considered a hero. Let's hope that none of our friends, family, or neighbors will ever be called upon to defend their rights as he did.

—Lauren Alwan, Mary Beth Barloga, David Coltoff, Darlene Jenkins, Jenny Keystone, Jeff Leong,

Margaret McLean, Patricia Minnis, Debra Perrin, Jay Petersen, Hamid Rashidi, Addie Silveira, Linda Takei, Russell Takei, Ingrid Westgard

### Melendy: "I Haven't Change my Opinion" after all the Letters

Editor:

After reading all the letters to me, I haven't changed my opinion and hope that others do their own research too. Do you realize that not all Japanese in California were interned – those who relocated off the west coast and those who were exempted for college or military service weren't. And some East Coast American citizens of German or Italian ancestry were imprisoned (not interned)?

I wrote this hoping to cause people to rethink their acceptance of current interpretations, as the article extolling a war criminal as a civil rights hero was the last straw for me.

In the rural area where I was raised, where many civilians were plane spotters, "wartime necessity" still is understood. Some 40 years later, political expediency ruled. In urban areas, it seems the warnings of our founding fathers and many later writers about citizenship versus reliability in wartime have been forgotten.

I think we need to repeat the "mistakes" of our past, and also not label prudent actions as xenophobic. For example, can you imagine the chaos possible if the Japanese in the U.S. military weren't limited to fighting in Europe? But many probably think, along with one letter-writer, that it was wrong to impose this limitation. Only if we remain a free country can we offer any refuge to others.

—Cynthia Melendy, San Leandro

### "Not All Residents Think the Same Way Ms. Melendy Does"

Editor:

Fred Korematsu was not a criminal, but a citizen who questioned racist and fearful thinking that our government and society used to imprison its own citizens. I would hope that people realize that most of the interned Japanese-Americans in WWII were US-born citizens who were interned only because they were of Japanese ancestry. There was no equivalent internment of German-Americans.

Also, I take issue with the writer's equating internment as a sacrifice to support our country. "What about sacrificing to support your country? This was the same time that other Americans were voluntarily sacrificing to win the war and using rationing coupons."

No. Rationing and doing without common consumer goods was not equivalent to being targeted for violence, given mere days to pack only what you could carry, sell your businesses and farms and homes at undervalued and exploitative prices, and being imprisoned for years in camps with unweatherproofed barracks, minimal medical attention, and armed guards and barbed wire, all the while being questioned for loyalty.

The 442nd Regimental Combat Team, made up nearly entirely of Japanese-Americans, was the United States Army's most decorated infantry regiment ever and they embodied "sacrifice" and loyalty and integrity in the face of our country's blatant racism and betrayal.

As a resident of this town, I hope that people will realize that not all residents of San Leandro think the same way Ms. Melendy does. There are many

residents here who will stand against racism and question our government and society, just as Mr. Korematsu did.

—Katherine Porter, San Leandro

### Says President Trump Has It Right And San Leandro Has It Wrong On Immigration

Editor:

People who have violated U.S. law and entered the United States illegally, or knowingly allowed a visa to expire, had to know that they were at risk of being caught and deported. They knew the consequences and yet put themselves and their families at risk. They loudly blame the police, the immigration authorities and the courts for ripping apart their

families, but they don't have anyone to blame but themselves. The so-called undocumented workers were, and are, illegal aliens first.

By setting up sanctuary cities, San Leandro and other cities and towns are breaking the law, and not only that, they are condoning and inviting law breakers to come in and sign up for every kind of benefit which is there for the poorest among us, and in many cases, not paying for any of it. Thereby stretching the charity and its funding thin for our citizens who deserve it.

I don't agree with many of President Trump's policies and decisions but he has this one right and it's about time.

—Frank Powers, San Leandro

## INQUIRING REPORTER

### What bill do you hate to get?

— Asked at Estudillo Center on MacArthur

I think what bugs me is homeowner's insurance. I have earthquake insurance as well. I spend a lot on the things I don't want to happen. I like having insurance, though.

**Saul Schultheis-Gerry**  
San Leandro



PG&E, because it keeps going up. It went up from \$169 to over \$400.

**Ken Keim**  
San Leandro



I hate to get the PG&E bill lately, because I've been using the heater more this winter. It keeps getting higher.

**Launa Craig**  
Hayward



The PG&E bill because it keeps going up and up and up. I put it aside until I think I can handle it. I'm afraid to open it sometimes.

**Rosemary Gallegos**  
San Leandro



I guess the cell phone bill. It used to be up and down a lot when we switched carriers. But now it's a little more constant.

**Gail Delane**  
San Leandro





## Sign Up for Boys & Girls Club Basketball Program

The Boys and Girls Club of San Leandro is now taking sign-ups for its Spring 2017 instructional basketball program for all boys and girls in grades 3 through 6. The league begins in April 5.

The program is designed to give players a fun and competitive basketball experience. Each player is evaluated prior to being assigned to a team so that all teams have a balanced number of veterans and rookies.

All players are required to play two quarters per game, so no matter the child's ability level,

they will have an opportunity to be on the court and be a part of the action.

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

The basketball program fee is \$85 for current "After School" registered members or \$95 for all others and includes uniforms and awards.

The club is also looking for volunteer coaches for the program. For more information on the program or if you are interested in volunteering as a

coach please contact Ross Lim, at 566-3305.

## Youth Soccer League to Hold Registration

The Southern Alameda County Youth Soccer League will hold sign-ups for the upcoming season at the Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd. in San Leandro on Saturday, March 18, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Wednesday, March 29, from 7 to 9 p.m. Sign up before April 1 in person or online to get \$15 off the registration fee. The league's website is [www.sacysl.com](http://www.sacysl.com).



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## East Bay Rose Society to Meet on March 15

The East Bay Rose Society will meet on Wednesday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue

Ave. in Oakland, featuring speaker Joe Truskot, master rosarian, who has grown over 500 varieties of roses in his garden.

Enjoy snacks, meet people who talk roses and enjoy the show. The rose society's website is [www.eastbayroses.org](http://www.eastbayroses.org).

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## SL Girls Softball to Open Season Saturday

The opening day ceremony for the San Leandro Girl's Softball League will be on Saturday, March 11, at 9 a.m. on the softball field at San Leandro High, 2200 Bancroft Ave., featuring a flag presentation by the Girl Scouts and the "National Anthem" per-

formed by the San Leandro High band. The home opener games for many teams will be played after the ceremony.

For more information on the league, go to [www.sanleandro-girlssoftball.com](http://www.sanleandro-girlssoftball.com).

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