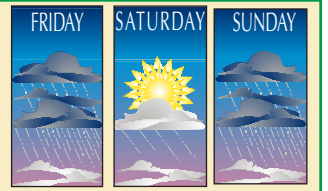


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San Leandro High art students in the Advanced Drawing and Painting class display their paintings that are now in the SKY exhibition at The Drawing Room Annex in San Francisco.

Art Students Looking Up

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

Everybody looks up at the sky once in a while, but the artists in a class at San Leandro High notice a lot more than most of us do.

The students in the Advanced Drawing and Painting class had an assignment

to paint the sky from their teacher, Lee Rosenberg. The paintings were accepted as part of the SKY exhibition at The Drawing Room Annex in San Francisco where they are on display through March 26.

The exhibit asks artists to think about what is possible, how environmental

degradation affects you and how you affect the environment. At the opening of the exhibit, 1,600 people passed through the gallery, Rosenberg said.

“People were really impressed, and for a lot of our students it was their first painting of the year, but they

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City Hall Asks Residents to Decide on Budget

An adequate budget, or what's really needed – but it will cost more

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

As San Leandro lawmakers and residents debate how to allocate its upcoming budget, questions remain about how the city can improve services and facilities without increasing the number of its staff or raising taxes.

Earlier this month, the city's Finance Department showed a preliminary budget that shows San Leandro could operate on a proposed \$136 million budget in the fiscal year starting in July 2023. But those budgets would leave lit-

tle room for hiring more staff to handle next year's workloads, which could increase now that COVID restrictions have eased. Nor would it address a growing list of renovations and repairs to city properties.

Last Saturday was the second of three public meetings where residents are asked to identify what they want the city budget to focus on. So far, the public and the City Council agree on three focus

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Some Voters Vexed by Ranked Choice Voting

But proponents say RCV more democratic

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

Ranked-choice voting drew many detractors and a few defenders to a community forum held at the San Leandro Main Library on Estudillo Avenue last Saturday.

“You’ve got a great idea, it looks good on paper, but it’s not working,” said audience

member John Guerrero.

Guerrero called for fixing the system. Other speakers called the system unduly complicated and confusing, with some claiming seniors in particular found it hard to navigate.

The mathematical algorithm used to calculate elec-

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Local Authors Speak at Books Inc.

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

Two local writers were featured at a book talk recently at Books Inc. at 2483 Washington Ave., whose opening in September gave San Leandro a bookstore of its own after going without one for several years.

The talk was part of the bookstore's efforts to spread recognition of local writers, which includes a display at the store and an evolving series of book talks.

Monica Simmons and Melody Simmons-Hudson, sisters in life and partners in business, spoke about the special challenges facing Black

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PHOTO BY MIKE MCGUIRE

Monica Simmons (at left) and Melody Simmons-Hudson talk about their book *The Invi\$ible Women* at Books Inc. in San Leandro last month.

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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



McGraw

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter are McGraw, a bunny, and Megamind, a pit bull mix.

McGraw is a male bunny who is independent and an easy keeper. He enjoys snacking on fresh salad and napping in his bunny castle. Right now all rabbit adoptions are free to qualified homes, sponsored by Al Hops.



Megamind

Megamind is a 3 year old, male, pit bull mix who is friendly and independent. He enjoys playing with people and would like a home with older children and potentially other dogs.

For more information or to adopt, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at 510-293-7200.



PHOTO COURTESY INNER WHEEL CLUB

Inner Wheel Club Members Attend Mystery Tea Luncheon

Inner Wheel Club of San Leandro members recently attended Alta Mira Club's delightful Mystery Tea Luncheon. The luncheon guests were entertained by three authors – Janet Finsilver, Faye Snowden and Simon Wood – who talked about their lives, their inspiration, and the book writing process. A wonderful afternoon was enjoyed by all in the beautiful Ygnacio Peralta Home, a California Historical Landmark. In the photo are Inner Wheel Club members- Front- Pearl Johnston, Linda Mahadevan, Penny Robb, Pam Whitman (guest), and Kristina Seher. Email iwclubofsanleandro@gmail.com for more information about Inner Wheel.

SL Art Watercolor Demo

The San Leandro Art Association will host a free art demonstration on Tuesday, March 14, at the Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave.

Socializing and refreshments at 5:30 p.m., the general meeting starts at 6 p.m., and the art demonstration begins at 6:30 p.m. Local artist Georgia Sommers will demonstrate a technique using rubber stamps that she uses to teach watercolor to those who don't think they can do anything artistic. Stop by and see how easy it can be to be creative. Members will also display artwork for the Artist of the Month contest. All ages are welcome to participate in this free event. For more information contact sanleandroart.contact@gmail.com.

Mandarin Storytime at Manor Library

Join Mandarin Storytime 2 p.m. Community Educators at the Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd., on Saturday, March 11, from 1:30 to 2 p.m. Community Educators lead families in songs, books, and poetry. Bring the whole family!

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Community Calendar

Dance Celebrates Iranian New Year

Celebrate Nowruz Festival, Saturday, Mar. 11, from 2 to 3 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Watch Beshkan Dance Academy perform traditional dances, listen to Persian New Year stories and then engage in a workshop to learn a dance. All ages welcome at this celebration of Spring.

Speakers to Address Farms and Farm Workers

The Militant Labor Forum presents a program to discuss the conditions faced by small farmers and workers in the San Joaquin Valley on Saturday, March 11, at 11 a.m. at 675 Hegenberger Road in Oakland. The speakers are Will Scott, vegetable farmer and president of the African American Farmers of California; and Bernie Senter, trade unionist and Socialist Workers Party member. Suggested donation: \$5, unemployed \$1. For more information, call 510-686-1351 or email mlfoakland@sbcglobal.net

Project Literacy Tutor Training: Spring 2023

San Leandro Public Library's adult and family literacy program, Project Literacy, is currently seeking Volunteer Literacy Tutors. Find out how you can help others in your community learn to read and write by registering for Project Literacy's upcoming trainings. Both required trainings will take place on Tuesday, March 14, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library; and Tuesday, March 21, from 6 to 8 p.m. at San Leandro Main Library or on Zoom. To register or for more information, call 510-577-3944 or email PROJECTLITERACY@SANLEANDRO.ORG

The League of Women Voters Eden Area to Host "Meet Your Electeds"

The League of Women Voters of the Eden Area (LWVEA) invites you to a free event, "Meet Your Electeds," on Thursday, March 16, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Hayward City Hall, 777 B St., in Hayward. The League has invited elected officials from Hayward, San Leandro, Castro Valley, and San Lorenzo to the event. Anyone is welcome, but registration is requested and space is limited. Register using this link: <https://bit.ly/LWVEA-Meet-The-Elected-Mar16>. Light refreshments will be served. We will hear from some of the newly elected officials. The League will also be celebrating International Women's Day at the event.

Castro Valley Orchestra

Castro Valley Orchestra will present a concert at Redwood Chapel Community Church, 19300 Redwood Road in Castro Valley, on Sunday, March 26, at 3:30 p.m. The orchestra will perform compositions by Mozart, Borodin, Lalo and Saint-Saens. Students from the performing arts program at Holy Names College will appear with the orchestra. Admission is free and a reception will be held immediately after the concert.

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. For more information, email SanLeandroSF@gmail.com.

Women's History Month Tiny Art Show

Come view the Women's History Month Tiny Art Show of patron submitted art pieces inspired by women artists to highlight and celebrate women creatives at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., through the month of March. Learn about women's history and enjoy the talent in our community.

American Legion Post 649 Monthly Meeting

American Legion Post 649 in Castro Valley meets on the first Monday of every month at 1800 (6 p.m.) for dinner, followed by the meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Moose Lodge, 20385 Rutledge Road in Castro Valley. When there is a Monday holiday, the meeting will be on the second Monday. For more information, call Jim Smith at 510-305-2280.

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

The menu for the upcoming week is:

Thursday, March 9: Veggie chili over baked potato, broccoli, cornbread, fruit.

Friday, March 10: Baked lemon chicken with mushroom sauce, bean soup with kale, brown rice, fruit.

Monday, March 13: Veggie Shawarma, ginger sweet potato, soup, whole wheat pita, fruit.

Tuesday, March 14: Chicken stew, vegetable medley, salad, whole wheat roll, fruit.

Wednesday, March 15: Baked Southern cod over cilantro rice, Mexican coleslaw, corn and black beans, fruit.

Thursday, March 16: Turkey and veggie sauté, roasted cauliflower, brown rice, fruit.

Friday, March 17: St. Patrick's Day! Corned beef, roasted potatoes, cabbage and carrots, whole wheat roll, fruit and dessert.



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City Officials Look at Future Site of Steven Taylor Sanctity of Life Park

City officials visited the proposed new site for the Steven Taylor Sanctity of Life Park last week. It's in a more sheltered area of Marina Park but doesn't have the view of the water as the original site, at right. Speaking, wearing green scarf, is Sheila Marquises, director of the City of San Leandro Engineering and Transportation Department. To her left are members of the City Council's Facilities & Transportation Committee and City Manager



Fran Robustelli, while to her right are department staff and Assistant City Manager Janelle Cameron.

San Leandro Players Present *Blithe Spirit*

San Leandro Players present *Blithe Spirit* by Noel Coward, now running at the San Leandro Museum/Auditorium, 320 West Estudillo Ave.

Shows are on Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m., through April 2, plus two Friday shows on March 23 and March 31 at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$20 general; \$15 seniors & under 12 (other discounts may apply).

For tickets or more information, visit www.slplayers.org or call 510-895-2573. Wheelchair accessible.

Irish Dancers to Perform for St. Patrick's Day at Manor Library

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day a few days early with a performance from Rohan Murphy Dance Academy at the Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd., on Tuesday, March 14, at 6:30 p.m. The dancers will perform a variety of Irish dances to celebrate the culture of Ireland. All ages welcome.

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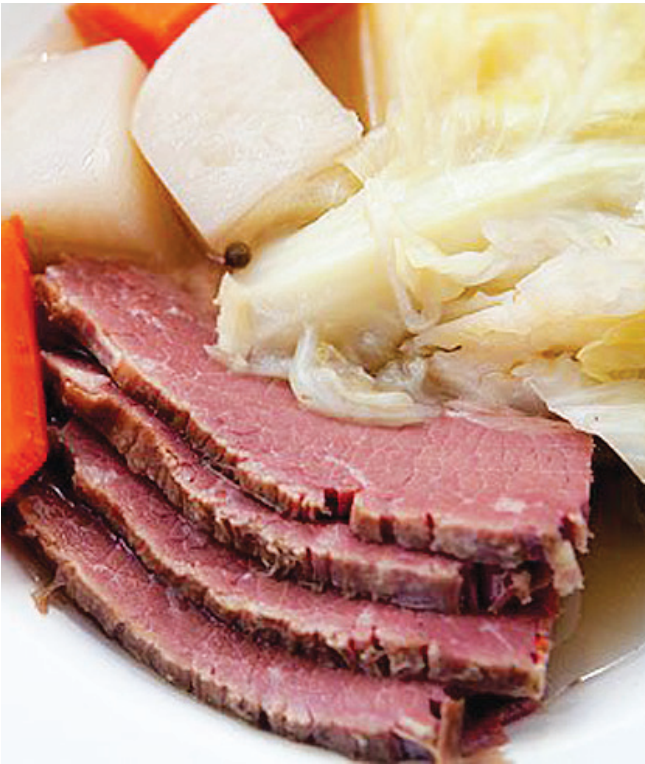
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A Dinner Fit for a Saint



Unless you're a vegetarian, it's very likely that you'll be eating corned beef and cabbage next Friday. It's a St. Patrick's Day staple – at least in the U.S. – and it will be on most

restaurants' menus that day. Though cabbage has long been an Irish food, corned beef only began to be associated with St. Patrick's Day at the beginning of the 20th Century when Irish

immigrants living on New York City's Lower East Side began substituting corned beef for their traditional dish of Irish bacon to save money. Because corned beef is made from the beef brisket, a less-tender cut, it's best when cooked for a few hours (remember "low and slow" when cooking *any* less tender cuts of beef). That's about all you need to know when it comes to preparing this simple St. Patrick's Day meal. If you're lucky enough to have some leftovers, corned beef hash and poached eggs make a splendid Sunday morning breakfast. Or get some sauerkraut and Swiss cheese and fix Reuben sandwiches for lunch.

TRADITIONAL CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE

- 3 pounds corned beef brisket with spice packet
- 10 small red potatoes
- 5 carrots, peeled and cut into 3-inch pieces
- 1 large head cabbage, cut into small wedges

Rinse corned beef, then place it in large pot or Dutch oven and cover with water. Add the spice packet that came with the corned beef. Cover pot and bring to a boil, then reduce to a simmer. Simmer approximately 50 minutes per pound or until tender. Add whole potatoes and carrots, and cook until the vegetables are almost tender. Then, add cabbage and cook for 15 more minutes. Remove meat and let rest 15 minutes. Place vegetables in a bowl and cover. Add as much broth (cooking liquid reserved in the Dutch oven or large pot) as you want. Slice meat across the grain. Yields 5 servings. *Cook's Tip:* If seasoning packet is not included with corned beef brisket, substitute 1-1/4 teaspoons pickling spice, or just add 15 peppercorns, 8 whole cloves and a bay leaf.

GUINNESS BREAD

- 1 cup rolled oats, plus extra
- 2 cups whole wheat flour
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/4 cup melted butter
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 cup buttermilk

1 (12 ounce) can or bottle of Guinness beer
4 tablespoons cream
Preheat oven to 425°F. Grease an 8x8-inch baking pan. Mix together the oats, flour, sugar, baking soda, baking powder, and salt in a bowl. In a separate large bowl, stir together the butter, vanilla, buttermilk, and Guinness beer. Pour the flour mixture into the beer mixture, and gently stir until well blended. Pour batter into the prepared baking pan, and sprinkle with additional oats. Bake in preheated oven for 30 minutes, then turn the temperature down to 400°F and bake for an additional 30 minutes. Turn the oven off, open the door, and allow to cool for 30 minutes in the oven before turning out onto a wire rack. Makes 1 loaf.

CLASSIC IRISH SALAD

Lettuce
Hard boiled eggs, quartered
Tomatoes, quartered
16-ounce can sliced beets
Watercress
Slices of cucumber
Dressing:
2 hard boiled eggs
1/4 teaspoon dry mustard
1/2 level teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon soft brown sugar
1/2 tablespoon cider vinegar

Arrange lettuce leaves like a rose in deep bowl, biggest leaves on the outside, small leaves in the center. Scatter all or some of the listed ingredients between the leaves. Sieve egg yolks and add sugar, salt and mustard. Blend in vinegar and cream. Chop egg whites and add some to sauce. Scatter the rest over the salad. Do not dress salad beforehand. Serve dressing separately. Serves 8-10.

APPLE & BARLEY PUDDING

4 tablespoons pearl barley
1-1/2 pounds apples, peeled, cored and sliced
2 ounces sugar
3/4 tablespoon heavy cream
1 quart water
Put the barley in the water and bring to the boil. Add the sliced apples and continue cooking gently until the barley and apples are soft. Press through a sieve, or put through the blender, and put back in the saucepan. Add the sugar and lemon juice and bring to the boil again. Remove from the heat, allow to cool, and then chill. Serve cool with the cream stirred in.

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/s/ Steve Imai
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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT
OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FILE NUMBER 556359
The following person has abandoned the use of the fictitious business name:
Love for The Creator at 14325 Wake Ave., San Leandro CA 94578, in Alameda County. Full name of registrant is: **Sarah Cruz**, at 14325 Wake Ave., San Leandro CA 94578. The Fictitious Business Name Statement **Love for The Creator**, was filed on 09/09/2021 in the county of Alameda. Original File Number 582548. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) This statement was filed with the County clerk of Alameda County on: top right stamp date. NOTICE - This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14400, et seq., B&P Code.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda County on 02/08/2023.

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Public Safety Towers, LLC proposes the construction of a 75-ft above ground level (AGL) (80-ft AGL with appurtenances) stealth monopine communications tower facility to be located at 440 Peralta Avenue, in the City of San Leandro, within Alameda County, CA (Alameda County Parcel ID 75-225-1-4). Latitude: N 37° 43' 51.57" Longitude: W 122° 09' 56.20" Please submit any written comments within 30 days of the publication of this notice regarding the potential effects, if any, that the proposed construction may have on Historic Properties that are listed or eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places to: Tower Engineering Professionals, Inc. (Attn: George T. Swearingen) 326 Tryon Road, Raleigh, NC 27603 Telephone: (919) 661-6351 Fax: (919) 661-6350.

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/s/ James Lee
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The San Leandro High art students took a field trip this week to The Drawing Room Annex in the Mission District of San Francisco to where their work is on display.

Art: Students develop their own style

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came to work every day and really enjoyed the process," Rosenberg said.

One afternoon last week in the classroom, the students were glad to talk about how they go about painting.

Student Kearsten Sheridan's painting shows a great cloud surrounded by glowing yellow and orange sky. This developed during the course of doing the painting, Sheridan said, because the painting didn't start out that way.

"I began with greys and blues," Sheridan said. "I really enjoy painting with a lot of darkness and dullness but added more color to it and it became a really colorful painting. I love painting the ocean and clouds, so this was really in my element."

The students started with a photo of the sky and painted from that. They used acrylic paint and underpainting to build colors. Sometimes they recreate the photo and sometimes the photo is just a starting point and the painting takes off in a whole different direction.

Student Nehemiah Williams began with a photo of the sky he took while going down the freeway. He just saw the sky and clouds at that moment and had to get a picture.

When the assignment came up, he already had the photo.

Some of the students started drawing or painting on their own before they ever took a class.

"I love to draw," said Abigail Rodgers. "I've been drawing as long as I can remember."

With painting it's a little different. For one thing, it's hard to erase, Rodgers said. You can paint over something if you want to change it, though.

Mariana Sanchez said this class is her first time painting, but last year she took Mr. Rosenberg's character drawing class.

"It's a stress relieve, it calms me down," Sanchez said while working on her next painting assignment.

The assignment for the class last week was painting lemons on a fabric background. Just as with the sky assignment, they started off with a photo.

"You're following the photo at first and then it's just freehand," Sanchez said. "I stopped trying to copy and used blues and purple."

Luca Nguyen explained how using an odd number of lemons somehow makes the painting more interesting. In her SKY exhibit painting, she



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE SHERIDAN FAMILY

San Leandro High art student Kearsten Sheridan posed for a photo next to her sky painting at the art exhibition in San Francisco.

didn't use any white, even for the clouds. It was all blue and orange.

"I have a sort of abstract style, some are more technical," Nguyen said. "Everyone in here has their own style of painting."

The SKY exhibit is on display at The Drawing Room Annex, 780 Valencia St. in the Mission District of San Francisco. The Mission/16th St. BART station is just a couple of blocks away.

HEALTH & FITNESS

How to Deal With Setbacks In Fitness Plan

By Mitch Rothbardt
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

There's a lot of fitness information out there. Some good. Some... not so much.

The common thread is that they're all about how to do fitness-y things when everything's going well. When you're feeling good and have time.

When your world isn't crashing down on you for any one of a hundred reasons. But what do you do when things aren't great? It's not an easy topic, but it's important because we will all have setbacks. You'll get sick. Your kid will get sick. Work gets nuts. You'll get hurt. What do you do then?

1. Be kind to yourself. If you've had a setback, one of the most important things you can do is give yourself a break. Things happen that are out of our control sometimes. Maybe we just made a mistake. That's OK. I know that little voice inside your head may have a different idea about things, but that little voice can be a real jerk sometimes!

If something is going on, give yourself a break, deal with it, get back to your life as quickly as possible, and don't look back. As usual, Shakespeare said it best, "Things without all remedy should be without regard: what's done is done." (I hope your setback wasn't killing the king of Scotland.)

2. DON'T PANIC!! Injuries are a common setback; oftentimes, the reaction to one is more damaging than the injury itself. I've seen people fear reinjury to such an extent that they neglect the exact work that'll help prevent one. Approach injuries with curiosity and let discomfort and pain be your guide. If something hurts, don't do it, but try to figure out why it hurts. You may be surprised how often the answer is a correctable movement pattern, not an actual injury.

3. Develop a routine. If you remember only one thing about this article, remember this: Habits win. The best way to overcome a setback is to start BEFORE they even happen. Develop a routine and stick to it and you may not even realize there's even been one.

4. Talk to someone. Sometimes we just don't know how to deal with a particular setback, and that's OK. We can't know everything. Talk to someone who can help, whether it's a therapist, trainer, doctor, physical therapist, or your Aunt Minnie. (Aunt Minnie will tell it like it is, so be careful!)

I know this is a very difficult topic to address. Setbacks come in all shapes and sizes, from very serious to mildly inconvenient and it's impossible to put all that in one basket. Just know that you've suffered setbacks before and gotten through them. You can do it again.

Mitch Rothbardt is the owner and head trainer at Castro Valley Fitness. Email him at: Mitch@castrovalleyfitness.com



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REAL ESTATE GALLERY



Increasing US Household Numbers Pressuring the Market

With real estate markets fluctuating as they have been the past 10 months, prognosticating has increased as pundits have been weighing in with their projections. Some are forecasting doom and gloom while others are putting a more positive spin on things. Most focus on data that includes interest rates, current inventory and pricing. One source I follow, however, adds another level to the discussion:

Household formation data.

A recent article from the Pew Research Center authored by Richard Fry, Jeffrey S. Passel and D'Vera Cohn stated that "growth in the number of U.S. households during the 2010s, according to newly released 2020 census data, slowed to its lowest pace in history." They continue by stating, "From 2010 to 2020, the number of households increased by 10.1 million – fewer than in any decade from 1950 to 2010. For example, in the 1970s, when the adult population was much

smaller, the U.S. added 16.9 million households."

Even as the population had grown, the numbers of those branching out on their own was decreasing. Some of the factors included an increase in multi-generational households, surges in the cost of living (including higher home prices) and, at the latter part of the decade, the pandemic which induced a homeward migration for many who had been living on their own.

Had the trend continued, it would have meant a decrease in the number of homes needed in the years ahead. Interestingly, however, the trend is now reversing as data from the US Census Bureau indicates that household formation is back on the rise. Ycharts.com, in tracking census data, states, "US Household Formation is at a current level of 2.063M, up from 1.984M last month and up from 1.636M one year ago. This is a change of 3.98% from last month and 26.10% from

one year ago."

Simply put, increasing numbers are leaving the comfort of the nest and striking out on their own. Whether forming a household by themselves or with a spouse, partner or roommate(s), this trend signifies a greater need for housing going forward than initially projected. It also means that as long as inventory remains low, we will continue to see upward pressure on pricing from homebuyers who not only are striking out on their own, they are actively seeking to capture the benefits of home ownership.

Interestingly, this signifies there is more happening within the real estate market than most realize.

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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Tucked back at the end of the street this great home, sitting at 2,827 sq. ft., has space for everything! Built in 1976 the 5-Bedroom, 3-Bath home features a grand living room - with a deck with views - and a family room with a gas burning fireplace and wet bar. In addition to the primary bedroom suite and 2 additional bedrooms on the main floor; there are 2 large rooms downstairs that can be used as additional bedrooms, an office, gym, etc. The interior of the home has been recently painted and boasts new floors throughout. Another bonus of the property is a large storage area underneath the house.



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Cucumber Bitter Taste Solved

Last year, I planted cucumbers and was disappointed. They had a bitter and odd taste to them. A neighbor suggested that they were being pollinated by the squash plants growing nearby. Will moving the squash to a different location solve this problem?

By Buzz Bertolero
THE DIRT GARDENER

Grapes are pruned. The problem will not be fixed by relocating the squash plants. Squash and cucumbers can't cross-pollinate as the genetic structure of the two plants is very different. Only members of the same species can interbreed. Squash will cross-pollinate with other

squashes, melons, and pumpkins. This brings us to the next fallacy of this old-wives tale. If the two plants could crossbreed, would it affect the current year's fruits? The answer is that this is also no. When two plants cross-pollinate, the results are unknown until you grow the saved seed the following year. This is a moot point if you plant new plants each year. Thus, cucumbers, squashes, melons, and pumpkins can grow side by side without problems. The bitterness in cucumbers is due to a naturally occurring compound called cucurbitin. All cucumber plants contain varying amounts of this compound triggered by environmental stress. Environmental stress comes from high temperatures, heavy soil that is too wet, dry,

and drains poorly, low fertility, insects, and foliage diseases. Frequently, it is a combination of many of these factors. However, I believe uneven or irregular watering contributes to the problem in the Bay Area. This is mainly a problem when the growing season has below-normal temperatures in the spring coupled with rapid changes in temperatures from mild to hot during the summer months. Bay Area gardeners tend to water with the same frequency regardless of the temperature. Yes, we water more when it's hot, but never the less when the temperatures go below normal. The other factor is soil preparation. Overall, it's pretty minimal for our adobe, clay soil. Soil amendments must be added yearly in the spring to replenish what was lost last year. So be generous with the commercial or homemade

compost. In addition, mulching is encouraged in a vegetable garden to even out the moisture and insulate the surface roots from the sun. Adjust your watering pattern based on the weather forecast on your phone and make adjustment weekly. Also, overly mature or improperly stored cucumbers may also develop a mild bitterness; however, it's often not severe.

Note: The cucurbitin is often concentrated at the stem end of the vegetable and in the light green layer under the skin of the cucumber. You can limit the bitterness by peeling cucumbers from the blossom end toward the stem end and cutting off the last inch. Ripping your peeling knife after each slice is best to avoid spreading the bitter taste.



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Total: 5 – Average Price: \$1,178,000
High: \$1,735,000 – Low: \$815,000

4805 Kathleen Avenue 94546: 2230
170th Avenue 94546: \$815,000 [4
BD - 2,153 SF - 1948
18922 Redwood Road 94546:
\$945,000 [4 BD - 1,792 SF - 1962
2453 Mikemary Court 94546:
\$1,130,000 [3 BD - 1,664 SF -
1955
20320 Anita Avenue 94546:
\$1,265,000
25078 Century Oaks Circle 94552:
\$1,735,000 [4 BD - 2,672 SF -
1995

HAYWARD

Total: 17 – Average Price: \$794,823
High: \$1,200,000 – Low: \$450,000

25550 Southwick Drive #102 94544:
\$450,000 [2 BD - 1,040 SF - 1990
20449 Meekland Avenue 94541:
\$500,000 [2 BD - 982 SF - 1943
21062 Gary Drive #110 94546:
\$553,000 [2 BD - 1,050 SF - 1980
25912 Hayward Boulevard #309

94542: \$585,000 [2 BD - 1,404
SF - 1983
24632 Diamond Ridge Drive 94544:
\$645,000 [2 BD - 1,520 SF - 1991
350 Raymond Drive 94544:
\$745,000 [4 BD - 1,586 SF - 1950
25742 Underwood Avenue 94544:
\$749,000 [3 BD - 1,059 SF - 1952
24576 Oneil Avenue 94544:
\$765,000 [2 BD - 1,032 SF - 1947
27437 Lyford Street 94544:
\$825,000 [4 BD - 1,413 SF - 1956
22616 7th Street 94541: \$830,000
[2,620 SF - 1957
27831 Miami Avenue 94545:
\$855,000 [3 BD - 1,252 SF - 1955
31031 Hershey Way 94544:
\$880,000 [3 BD - 1,161 SF - 1955
27714 Treat Lane 94545: \$880,000
[4 BD - 1,576 SF - 1994
30455 Vanderbilt Street 94544:
\$950,000 [4 BD - 2,097 SF - 1962
1744 Osage Court 94545:
\$1,000,000 [4 BD - 1,904 SF -
1965
2775 Lancaster Road 94542:

\$1,100,000 [3 BD - 1,563 SF -
1958
24432 Gina Court 94541:
\$1,200,000 [4 BD - 2,637 SF -
1988

SAN LEANDRO

Total: 7 – Average Price: \$800,000
High: \$950,000 – Low: \$700,000

1313 Fargo Avenue 94579:
\$700,000 [2 BD - 1,114 SF - 1950
14517 Cypress Street 94579:
\$710,000 [3 BD - 1,076 SF - 1952
14786 Farnsworth Street 94579:
\$715,000 [3 BD - 1,081 SF - 1951
2061 Whelan Avenue 94577:
\$735,000 [2 BD - 1,288 SF - 1944
824 Dolores Avenue 94577:
\$840,000 [3 BD - 1,410 SF - 1955
2033 Sundberg Avenue 94577:
\$950,000 [5 BD - 2,044 SF - 1967
1080 Lee Avenue 94577: \$950,000
[2 BD - 1,376 SF - 1935

SAN LORENZO

Total: 2 – Average Price: \$675,000
High: \$675,000 – Low: \$675,000

17259 Via Flores 94580: \$675,000
[3 BD - 1,656 SF - 1947
781 Videll Street 94580: \$675,000
[3 BD - 1,034 SF - 1951



The Hoopbus will come to Siempre Verde Park on Sunday, March 19.

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Mortgage Rates Continue to Climb Up

As we started the year, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage decreased with expectations of lower economic growth, inflation and a loosening of monetary policy. However, given sustained economic growth and continued inflation, mortgage rates boomeranged and are inching up toward seven percent. Lower mortgage rates back in January brought buyers back into the market. Now that rates are moving up, affordability is hindered and making it difficult for potential buyers to act, particularly for repeat buyers with existing mortgages at less than half of current rates.



WEEKEND GARDENER

March Jobs

Arbor Day is celebrated in California in March, so make a plan—and pick a spot—to plant a tree.

Strawberries

If the weather is nice this weekend, get out and do some serious work. Finish pruning roses, grapes and deciduous fruit and nut trees. (If you want more grape vines, stick a few of the pruned cuttings into the ground—they root easily.) Put any bulbs that haven’t been planted into the ground right away. Pull weeds while the ground is still very moist and before they take over everything.

Roses

If your cymbidium orchids are bulging out of their containers, repot them from now until the end of June. Remove the old bark, discard dead roots and rotted bulbs, and transfer the entire plant into a larger container filled with cymbidium mix or bark. You can also split up the plant into groups of three to five bulbs with leaves and repot each division individually

Wildflowers

Wildflowers still can be sown and are excellent for erosion control on hillsides in the East Bay.

SLHS United Parents Crab Feed

San Leandro High School United Parents are hosting a crab feed on Saturday, March 25, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the San Leandro Boys & Girls Club, 2200 San Leandro Blvd. Dinner includes fresh Dungeness crab, pasta, salad, French bread. No-host bar and dessert bar. Raffle and auction. Tickets are \$65 if ordered by March 11, or \$70 by the ticket deadline of March 18. Pre-sold tickets only. Tickets available at www.32auctions.com/SLHSUnitedParentsCRAB. Support students and staff at San Leandro High School. For more information or to pay by check, email slhsunitedparentspirates@gmail.com

The Weather and You Too Much of a Good Thing

By Mike Pechner
Special to the Times

Sometimes you wish for something and you get more than you bargained for. The current forecast of a “Pineapple Express” or Atmospheric River from the sub-tropical Pacific brings the possibility of"too much of a good thing.”

After weeks of cold storms and record low temperatures, the weather pendulum swings the other way as warm, sub-tropical air along with copious amounts of moisture heads towards Northern California on Thursday afternoon. These weather systems have huge implications for California in terms of adequate water supply and the greater possibility of flooding.

The flooding from the early January storms fell short of predictions, especially in the North Bay along the Russian River. The high water did exploit some weaknesses in the levees in the Southern Sacramento and Northern San Joaquin valleys and a few local streams and creeks did overflow here in the East Bay but for the most part damage was limited. But given the fact we have already had a whole season of rainfall, the heavy rain expected Thursday and into the weekend might be more than we need.

I would keep with KCBS Radio and watch KTVU and be informed on the latest forecast. I would also get sandbags ready as soon as the Alameda County and cities put them out. Finally, keep any eye on the times of highest tide on San Francisco Bay because that is the time problems can arise as water flowing out to the bay can be backed up by incoming high tides.

Some local flooding on highways and streets is likely. Be weatherwise and know what’s going on in your neighborhood and be prepared.


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Keep the Library's Name As It Is

Editor,

We read Lee Thomas's Letter to the Editor in the February 28, 2023 edition of San Leandro Times. We could not agree more. Please do not rename the San Leandro Library.

Our family has been in this area for almost 200 years ever since my great, great, great, grandfather Guillermo Castro received his "Castro's Valley" land grant from Spain in 1827. My ancestors have always lived in San Leandro, our family's home was next door to the original library and added to the present library's site.

My grandmother, helped many Spanish and Portuguese immigrants settle in our city. She donated historical deeds, photos, and even an original portrait of Guillermo Castro to the San Leandro Library (somebody threw the portrait away and stole the frame). My grandfather served on many of our City's Councils and served our community well.

In the 1930s, my mother's pet monkey got loose in the library and scattered books for a few days before being recaptured – truly library news. My brother, sister and I attended "Story Telling" in the San Leandro Library's basement in the 1940s. (We may still owe late fees).

There have been a great many individuals that have contributed greatly to San Leandro. These past great contributors served our city and were not paid. For over 125 years the San Leandro Library has historically been known as the "San Leandro Library."

Our history is what it was and cannot be changed. Please do not jump on the present "Lets Rename Everything" bandwagon in favor of someone paid substantially for their services or has particular special interests at heart.

Do not rename the San Leandro Library.

Jeff and Dee Kerry
San Leandro

Library Doesn't Need A New Name

Editor,

I like the name San Leandro Public Library. It's descriptive and direct. It doesn't need to be replaced by a person's name. I love

the library and I love San Leandro. I think San Leandro Public Library is a fine name.

Roy W. Daniels
San Leandro

Protect San Leandro Renters

Editor,

I was glad to see the number of people who spoke up at the Feb. 25 meeting for tenant protections, and the Council members' responsiveness on this topic. San Leandro needs to protect renters this year with an ordinance that gives meaningful stability.

Rental housing is not just a venture where owners can try their luck, it's the foundation of working families' lives. It is only fair to require landlords give renters a true chance to keep their housing. That means eviction only for just cause and limits on annual rental increases.

Yes, renter protections can reduce what landlords make compared to the alternative. But guess what—it's a business, and in the United States we regulate businesses to make sure what they're selling isn't dangerous. It also costs dairies money to keep the pesticides out of milk. This is just the same kind of common-sense regulation, against eviction which destroys lives even more reliably.

Renter protections are not enough on their own to bring about affordability—no one regulation is, just as no one building is. But they represent vital harm reduction while we build the vastly more homes needed at all income levels to make San Leandro truly welcoming.

John Minot
San Leandro

Banks Should Stop Investing in Fossil Fuels

Editor,

Wall Street nearly destroyed the world economy in 2008. Now in less than two decades the major four banks (BoFA Citi, Chase and Wells Fargo) are heavily investing in fossil fuels. The Too Big to Fail banks are apparently Too Big for Facts about climate change! Because of the 2008 meltdown the average family lost \$100,000 according to some estimates. Now with the heavy investments in the oil industry the cost will be

infinitely higher for us and future generations. One innovative group of seniors (open to people over 60) is an organization called the Third Act (thirdact.org). They are currently planning a Day of Action on March 21 at banks throughout the country, locally in Oakland, Alameda, Walnut Creek Sonoma, Santa Cruz and San Francisco.

In 2008 we could rescue the economy with bailouts and yet the economy limped along for years. There is however no financial instrument which will turn back a climate catastrophe caused by heavily investing in the industry that has created climate change in the first place! Something like ninety seven percent of scientists confirm that climate change is man made a development created by investments in the industry that fuels a climate crisis.

It's time for the banks to do some climate based due diligence and stop investing in the planet's number one bad investment and enemy.

Craig Williams
San Leandro

Roads Can't Handle EBMUD's Quarry Plan

Editor,

I find recent issues of the San Leandro Times to be a fascinating compilation of evidence against the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) proposal to add up to 100 fully loaded dump trucks, per day, to our fragile roadways for the next 40 to 80 years.

Many letters to the editor have expressed concern and frustration over the recent reduction of traffic lanes on Grand Avenue south of Estudillo Ave. Writers have reported increased wait times and subsequent backups onto Interstate 580 that are already occurring as a result of the reduced traffic lanes on Grand Avenue.

Writers have also expressed concern about potential danger to pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists resulting from the addition of bike lanes on Grand Avenue between the off-ramps from eastbound I-580 and westbound I-580. These are the very same off-ramps that would be used by some of the 100 fully loaded trucks, per day, that EBMUD is asking to add to our roadways.

During my 33 years as a member of the City of San Leandro's Engineering Department staff, I became very familiar with the structural challenges, and movement, taking place on Lake Chabot Road and the adjacent slopes. Just take a look at the pavement on Lake Chabot Road between Estudillo Avenue and Astor Drive. Notice the longitudinal cracks in the asphalt running parallel to the centerline of the roadway as Lake Chabot Road is already tearing



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itself apart and falling into Chabot Park below. Repeated crack sealing by city maintenance staff is an ongoing struggle to keep rainwater out of the supporting structure of the roadway where EBMUD is asking permission to add up to 500 loaded, bouncing, vibrating trucks, per week for the next 40 to 80 years.

Another prime example, supporting the rejection of EBMUD's request, can be found on page 11 of the Feb. 9, 2023 edition of The Times. A photo shows the recent collapse of "slope stabilization rock" onto Lake Chabot Road. That stabilization rock had been placed there after a previous failure of the original slope which supports the homes on Astor Court above. This unruly slope already threatens the complete destruction of homes on Astor Court, and that threat exists without the added rumbling vibration of EBMUD's 26,000 trucks per year making their way to the former quarry site.

I believe EBMUD is asking the City Council to accept liability for damages that would result from the addition of up to 100 daily loaded trucks passing through San Leandro to gain access to the former quarry that sits just outside the city limits of San Leandro. I stand firmly opposed to this incredibly irresponsible proposal.

Jerry Maughan,
Jerry Maughan is a retired engineering inspector with the City of San Leandro

Quarry Project Paused

Editor,

I wanted to update and alert all those opposed to the EBMUD Quarry Project. Our Save Lake Chabot Road Coalition met with EBMUD General Manager Chan on Feb. 9th. We were informed at that time that the Project had been put on "pause" due to our concerns that the Quarry site and Lake Chabot Road itself were totally inappropriate for this Project. However, we were also informed that EBMUD might seek to resurrect the Project in two years if alternative sites for their trench soil dump can not be found.

Our group is working to find a suitable buyer for the Quarry site

now, but we would like EBMUD Directors to terminate this location as a site for their soil dump, permanently! To that end, the Quarry Project will be on the EBMUD Board of Directors' meeting agenda on Tuesday, March 14th, at 1pm at their facility located at 375 11th Street, Oakland, CA. Please join us in voicing your concern that this Project be terminated, as it will always be totally inappropriate in this very fragile, environmentally unsafe location. Parking is limited in the area, but the BART station at 12th Street is within a short walking distance. Please check our website at www.savelakechabotroad.com for continued updates. Thank you for your support. It has made all the difference.

Anne Cawood
San Leandro

Support a National Infrastructure Bank

Editor,

Federal Reserve Chairman Powell's testimony before Congress this week suggested that raising unemployment by 2,000,000 workers is necessary to stop inflation. This is untrue. A better route is for Congress to pass HR3339, a bill to form a National Infrastructure Bank (NIB) with \$5 trillion in lending authority, 10 times the amount of the Infrastructure Bill passed by Congress.

The NIB would operate outside the federal budget, dramatically increase the number of well-paid construction, manufacturing, and technical jobs, all while not adding one cent to the federal deficit or increasing inflation.

San Leandro could get whatever it needs for financing infrastructure such as a railroad crossing separation on south Washington Blvd and widening the 14th Street bridge just south of City Hall so northbound drivers don't have to fight over that one lane narrowing all the time.

The San Leandro City Council could help by passing a Resolution of Support for HR3339 as the City Councils of Los Angeles, San Francisco, Richmond, the Fresno Council of Governments, and many other city councils around the country have done.

Don Siefkes
San Leandro

New, Free to Play, Futsal Courts Open at Hayward Adult School

Hundreds of residents attended a ribbon-cutting celebration on Feb. 24 for the new, state-of-the-art Sunset Futsal Courts at 300 Laurel Avenue in Hayward.

Futsal is a modified form of soccer played with five players per side. The new facility has four futsal courts for youth play (convertible to two, adult-sized courts), perimeter netting and fencing, restrooms, lighting, a covered entry kiosk, seating and viewing areas, and accessible parking.

The Alameda County Deputy Sheriffs' Activities League (DSAL) will operate the facility and staff it with professional coaches and instructors. Families interested in participating the free soccer programs at the Sunset Futsal Courts can visit DSAL's website to learn more at: <https://www.acdsal.org> and click on the "Recreation" box.

The Sunset Futsal Courts are the result of a multi-year, community-driven process to transform unused space into free sports and recreation facilities to ease the shortage of parks and safe spaces for kids to exercise and play in the area.

"Growing up with H.A.R.D., you could see how important parks and sports opportunities were to the health of the Hayward area community," said Rick Hatcher, President of the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District Board of Directors. "As a

district, we are honored to be able to be a major funder and the builder of the Sunset Futsal Courts for the community. We are excited to see all the programming that DSAL will provide."

"We are incredibly grateful to H.A.R.D., DSAL, the Sheriff's Office, the Hayward Unified School District, and our funders for making this achievement possible" said Captain Martin Neideffer, Alameda County Sheriff's Department. "We knew we were on the right track when thousands of kids showed up, and yet we struggled for years to find safe places for the kids to play. Now have access to a beautiful, state-of-the-art soccer park that will be the pride of the community."

"This partnership continues to highlight the commitment we have as a community to ensure that our students have safe spaces for healthy activities," said Chien Wu-Fernandez, Interim Superintendent, Hayward Unified School District. "Hayward Unified is proud to be a contributing partner and excited for the launch of this facility."

According to new research from the Aspen Institute State of Play 2022, the average family in the U.S. paid \$883 annually to provide access for one child in their primary sport.

Another report from the Aspen Institute and the Eat



Hundreds of people came to see the new Sunset Futsal Courts at Hayward Adult School.

Learn Play foundation focuses specifically on the State of Play in Oakland and finds that residents in Oakland neighborhoods where people most identify as a person of color have access to 66% less park space per person than those in predominantly white neighborhoods.

As a result of these and other barriers, youth in low-income communities and communities of color lack access

to the most basic resources, such as quality, accessible playing fields; affordable equipment; quality coaching and training; and the ability to compete.

The Sunset Futsal Park is just one element of DSAL's comprehensive Community Capitals Policing initiative that focuses on investing in communities that have been left behind after decades of disinvestment.



Budget: It will take more money to meet ongoing budget challenges

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areas: housing and homelessness, public safety, and infrastructure.

To achieve those goals and handle the increased workload, the city's Finance department proposes hiring 43 new full-time employees such as cops and city office workers. They also recommend that the city chip away at its backlog of repairs, maintenance, and improvements to roads, parks, and city buildings.

But to do all these things would require more money than what's in the \$136 million budget.

Delivering what people want against what the city can pay for will be a balancing act, according to City Financial Director T. Michael Yeun.

"The finance department must submit a balanced budget to the city council in May," Yeun said. "As part of our budget process, we have to

take into account how we can operate city services as they currently are and forecast what it would take to meet ongoing budget challenges."

If the city hired, maintained, and properly funded its proposed capital improvement projects, there would be a budget shortfall of at least \$23 million in its fiscal year 2023-24 and of \$20 million in its fiscal year 2024-25.

To put the staffing shortfall in perspective, prior to 2008, San Leandro maintained 703 employees (388 full-time and 315 part-time). During the COVID pandemic, that number was cut to 487 employees (318 full-time/169 part-time). Currently, the city has 480 employees (313 full-time/167 part-time).

In June 2022, the police department reported that it was at 60 percent of its normal staffing levels due to cops and dispatchers leaving the

“The finance department proposes hiring 43 new full-time employees

force. The current campaign to recruit new cadets has been successful but challenging, according to City Manager Fran Robustelli.

"For every 100 people recruited, only one will make it through the process of becoming an officer or dispatcher," Robustelli said. "Either they can't pass the test, or the physical demands are too great."

Parts of the wish lists have already been budgeted for, including some of the cost to buy

the Nimitz Motel and its transformation into a navigation center. Budget resources that provide access to permanent housing for all income levels have been included in the development projects downtown as well as Bay Fair mall and the Marina Shoreline.

Appointees to the city's newly formed citizen's police review board are now in place. A new mental health services response team—part of San Leandro's plan to provide empathetic, trusted, and responsive services.

Residents have had two out of three opportunities this month to chime in on where they want their tax dollars spent. Those attending the in-person Budget Engagement Meetings typically agree with the City Council's priorities. Yet more can be done, says San Leandro resident Douglas Spaulding.

"In all the things the city

is trying to accomplish, I still feel like the human services department gets the short shrift," Spaulding told the Times. "For example, we will have new housing developments at the Marina, thanks to the Shoreline project. Those were substantial meetings, and there's a timeline to make it sooner than later. Meanwhile, the Steven Taylor Sanctity of Life Park has not yet had those planning meetings. The city didn't understand they needed to hire a landscape architect,

and it has been delayed. I'm not sure how that serves equity."

San Leandro's finance staff are expected to present public feedback in early April with an assessment of what the city can do to make up any shortcomings later that month. The City Council is expected to vote on a balanced budget in May.

The next public Budget Engagement meeting will be held virtually on Thursday, May 11, starting at 6 p.m.

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Ranked: 'We caught this one mistake, but do we know it was the only mistake?'

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tion results came under fire from several in the audience. That algorithm is the private property of a corporation, Dominion Voting Systems, that the county hired to tabulate voting results.

"We cannot have a private vendor in charge of our elections," said audience member Alison Hayden. "We caught this one mistake they made, but do we really know it was the only mistake they made? Our votes are not being counted, they are being calculated."

"Who controls the algorithm?" asked another speaker, Wendy Huang.

Huang said that ranked-

choice is an example of further centralization of power over elections, in this case in private hands. She said she is an immigrant who had come to the United States to get away from centralized power.

Ranked-choice voting, under which voters get to cast votes for several candidates in order of preference, has been used in San Leandro and Oakland for over a decade, and in San Francisco since 2004, according to panel member Chris Jerdonek. Alameda County does not use it in county elections.

Under ranked-choice, if no candidate gets over 50 percent of first-place votes

initially, the candidate getting the fewest votes is eliminated and their voters' lower choices are then distributed to remaining candidates in the second round. This continues for as many rounds as needed until one candidate gets over 50 percent of the votes.

Ranked choice drew controversy in the November election when the Alameda County Registrar of Voters, Tim Dupuis, announced a flaw in the tabulation of ranked-choice votes, and the apparent winner in an Oakland school board race had actually lost.

About a hundred people attended Saturday's forum organized by Helena Straughter, founder of the San Leandro Democratic Club. The forum was sponsored by county Supervisor Nate Miley, other elected officials, and several groups and individuals. The moderator was Saleem Gilmore, executive director of Vote Oakland.

Supervisor Miley, attending remotely, started off the meeting by expressing his own doubts about ranked-choice and taking numerous questions from the audience, some of which followed lengthy expression of views. Some audience members shouted out critical responses to Miley's answers, but the meeting was mostly orderly.

Miley noted that the Board of Supervisors is awaiting legal advice from county counsel before asking for a recount in several close elections involving ranked-



PHOTO BY MIKE MCGUIRE

People came to the forum on Saturday to discuss ranked choice voting.

choice in Oakland and San Leandro — particularly that Oakland school board race where the winning candidate should have finished second. A legal problem arose when the elections results were certified before the errors were discovered. A judge's ruling, expected this week, may help clarify a path forward.

Supervisor Miley said he is concerned that ranked-choice may have the effect of disenfranchising minority voters. Pressed by an audience member, he said he didn't have firm data on this but would welcome an analysis by the Registrar of Voters office.

A panel of election experts followed Miley, and two of the three members supported ranked-choice. Former local League of Women Voters president Helen Hutchison

said that the results from ranked-choice better reflected views across the community, and saved some money, compared to holding a primary followed by a general election.

Chris Jerdonek, who serves on San Francisco's Elections Commission, said there were a number of ways Alameda County could make their system friendlier to voters, starting with regular open meetings to discuss election results and making all results public, in considerable mathematical detail.

The other panelist, former San Leandro City Councilman Benny Lee, said that ranked-choice in Alameda County is too secretive and too complicated. Lee works as a data analyst, and has been trying unsuccessfully for months to get information on votes cast

from the county.

Lee said that to be able to make any sense of election results as cast and then tabulated, one had to know how to use the pivot table function on the Microsoft Excel spreadsheet program. Perhaps five percent of the population is familiar with that, he said.

"Do we really want an election system that most voters don't understand?" Lee asked.

Straughter, keeping her own views unstated until the end of the meeting, said seniors have complained to her that they have given up voting because ranked-choice is too complicated. She suggested replacing Registrar of Voters Dupuis.

"If we're really saving money from ranked choice, someone please show me the budget," she said.

EBMUD Board to Discuss Pause on Quarry Site Project

The East Bay Municipal Utility District board of directors will discuss putting a "pause" on the controversial quarry site project in the hills above Bay-O-Vista at its next meeting on March 14.

EBMUD board member April Chan confirmed this week that the board will discuss the quarry site pause at the meeting, which will be on Tuesday, March 14, at 1:15 p.m. in the board room at EBMUD's headquarters, 375 - 11th St. in Oakland.

EBMUD wants to deposit trench soils from replacing water lines on the former quarry site. EBMUD's plans would improve the excavated hillside by adding soil over the next few decades and planting trees and grass to make a park with hiking trails.

But some nearby residents oppose the project due to the large number of trucks that would travel up Lake Chabot Road daily for the next 20 to 40 years.

— By Jim Knowles

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women in the workplace. They detail this theme in their new book, "The Invi\$ible Women: Addressing the Intersection of Pay and Racism In The Workplace."

They said Black women work hard and bring considerable skills to corporate workplaces but struggle to get their due in recognition, promotions and pay.

That pay gap even became a little worse during the pandemic, Melody Simmons-Hudson said, as other demographic groups narrowed pay gaps.

"It's not even the big things, it's lots of little things," she said of Black women's undervaluing in the workplace.

Monica Simmons, though, experienced at least one of those "big things" in 2016 when her boss flat-out told her he didn't like her because she was a Black woman.

She had plenty of skills to go elsewhere when her way was blocked there, but was loath to start all over and work her way up again.

"There's a cumulative loss of pay as you start over," said her sister Melody. "And this is one reason why Black women tend to have more jobs on their resume."

The two sisters started gathering other women's stories, with the original idea being to make a YouTube post. This evolved into a film, "Invisible Women: Black Women In Corporate America."

They also co-host "The Invisible Women Podcast," available on Spotify and Apple, and are running the pop-up Noir Wealth Experiences through the summer in Oakland's Jack London Square.

"It's a selfie place that's like walking into a live vision board for your life," said Monica Simmons. "It also serves as

a community gathering place."

"We want to see Black women respected, valued and paid fairly in the workplace," said Melody. "I'm doing this partly for my own daughter."

Monica said, "It's been a great ride every year since 2016, as we see year-by-year progress in our efforts."

The next book talk at Books Inc. will be with San Leandro author Vincent Traugher Meis on March 24 (time to be announced). Meis will talk about his books "First Born Sons" and the just-published "Colton's Terrible, Wonderful Year," his first Young Adult novel.

Meis moved to San Leandro in 2016, following a 35-year career as a teacher of English as a Second Language, both in this country and overseas.

"It's been quite a productive time. I've published five books since moving here,"



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he said. His books and short stories are often set in other countries. Some deal with issues of being a gay man in societies where this is not always welcome, and characters

in the U.S.-set novels are often Black, Brown or mixed-race.

Other local authors featured at Books Inc. include S.A. Bradley, Kirk Lombard, Obi Kaufmann, Cecily Wong,

Dylan Thuras, Victoria Kastner, Enrique Salmón, Acharya Shunya, Judith Larner Lowry, Alrie Middlebrook, Glenn Keator, and Malcolm Margolin.