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PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Tree trimmers took down four tall eucalyptus trees last week next to the two trees that fell and knocked down the Cary-Haas Pedestrian Bridge.

## Trees Removed Near Downed Footbridge

**By Jim Knowles**  
*San Leandro Times*

A crew cut down four tall eucalyptus trees along San Leandro Creek last week, right next to the two trees that fell and wiped out the Cary Drive-Hass Avenue Pedestrian Bridge.

It looked like a little too late, but the trees were taken down because they

were in danger of falling, too, and doing more damage to nearby houses, said a school district spokesperson.

“Four trees were removed from school property that were in potential danger of falling on folks’ houses,” said Keziah Moss, spokesperson for the San Leandro Unified School District.

The two trees that fell during a storm in March brought down the 60-year-old pedestrian bridge. The tops of the trees knocked down a resident’s fence on the other side of the creek (the Haas Avenue side) along with the house’s power lines.

The trees that fell are on school district property, as Bancroft Middle School property extends to the creek.

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## Mayor Calls for More Police, and Funding for Arts

Gonzalez proposes ‘public safety bond’ to retrofit fire stations

**By Mike McGuire**  
*San Leandro Times*

San Leandro is making progress following the pandemic but still has serious needs it must address, Mayor Juan Gonzalez said in his first State of the City address on April 25.

A public safety bond and a mostly private fund to promote the arts in San Leandro were two of the changes the mayor said he would like to make.

Gonzalez also said he would also like to keep filling vacancies among 911 dispatchers and police officers, speaking to the 200 people who filled the Senior Community Center on East 14th Street.

The mayor noted that residents are frustrated over catalytic converter thefts, retail theft with apparent indifference by security officers present, and open disregard for traffic laws. He urged residents to report all crimes, despite some believing nothing will be done.

Gonzalez also urged kindness to victims of crimes, and noted the City Council *see MAYOR, page 10*

## Lawyer Wants Price Dismissed in Taylor Case

**By Michael Singer**  
*San Leandro Times*

The lawyer representing a former San Leandro police officer in the April 2020 shooting death of Steven Taylor has asked the judge to remove Alameda County District Attorney Pamela Price from the case, claiming her past social media posts and political affiliations shows bias against police.

Attorney Michael Rains filed a motion on April 26 to dismiss Price and hand over the prosecution to California State Attorney General Rob Bonta. Rains claims to have 10 years of social media posts by Price showing her bias against police, including referring to the Taylor shooting as an “execution” and a “murder.”

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## Annual FamFest Returning to Ashland

Music, games and gifts on hand this Saturday on East 14th

**By Mike McGuire**  
*San Leandro Times*

FamFest Spring returns to Ashland this Saturday with games, music, food, beer, and various attractions.

The family-oriented street festival will be held on East 14th Street, between 163rd and 164th Avenues, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Traffic will be closed along East 14th Street and re-routed to accommodate the setup of stages and booths.

Eden Area/Castro Valley Chamber of Commerce is hosting the event in the Ashland neighborhood as a smaller counterpart to the Fall Festival held in Castro Valley each year.

Musical performances include the Taiko drummers, Bad Boy Bruce & the Blues Mob, and Patron Latin Rhythm. Booths will have games for children, with some giving out keepsakes to kids, and give out information on community resources for adults.

“We thought the community in the Eden area might welcome free games for the kids more than rides you have to pay for,” said Gary Slate, executive director for the chamber. “We’re a little smaller scale here than Fall Festival anyway.”

The Alameda County Deputy Sheriff’s Athletic League is expected to bring its popular rock-climbing wall to the FamFest.

Admission and entertainment are free. Beer and food will be sold. Not only will

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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.

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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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# Jenny Lin Foundation Offers Free Summer Music Program for Young Musicians

The Jenny Lin Foundation is again offering a summer music program free of charge to young people in the Bay Area.

Instrumental musicians currently in 8th grade or higher are welcomed to join the String Orchestra or Symphonic Band. Students currently in 7th grade and up may register for the Choir.

Participants meet Mondays, Wednesdays and some Thursdays from 6:45 to 9 p.m. for five weeks, starting June 12. Rehearsals take place at Creekside Middle School in Castro Valley, and culminate with a large-scale community concert on Saturday, July 15, at the Chabot College Performing Arts Center in Hayward.

Jenny Lin Foundation is a non-profit organization established in 1994 after the brutal murder of 14-year-old Jenny Lin. It operates through volun-

teers and donations dedicated to promote child safety and youth music education.

For the many music and safety events that the Foundation has sponsored over decades, its founders John and Mei-lian Lin (Jenny's parents) were honored last year with the Jefferson Award for Public Service, the most prestigious and longest-standing public service award in the United States.

Through the annual Summer Music Program, Jenny Lin Foundation hopes to carry on Jenny's passion—music and friendship—and extend her life in a unique fashion. Student-musicians are encouraged to take advantage of this exceptional program to help maintain their skills and to continue performing in a group during the summer.

This is also an opportunity for participants to meet and interact with peers from



PHOTOS COURTESY OF JENNY LIN FOUNDATION

In the summer music program, students meet two or three times a week and the program culminates with a performance at Chabot College.

throughout the Bay Area, and hone their leadership skills. Last summer, about 200 young

people from 29 schools of 12 cities participated in the program, co-sponsored by Chabot College.

Registration for 2023 is now open. Visit <https://jennylinfoundation.org> to find out more.

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The goal of the program is to carry on Jenny Lin's passion for music and friendship as students continue to develop their skills during the summer.

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# Community Calendar

## San Lorenzo Adult School Job Fair

San Lorenzo Adult School, 820 Bockman Road in San Lorenzo, will host a Job & Resource Fair on Thursday, May 4, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., free and open to the public. Some of the participants include: America's Job Center of California (AJCC), Amazon, Pacific Home Care Services, Alameda County Social Services and many more. A hundred free food boxes will be distributed on a first come, first served basis, courtesy of the San Lorenzo Family Help Center. The Job & Resource Fair comes just weeks ahead of the summer, so it's a great time to apply for seasonal work and long-term job opportunities. Anyone interested in participating as a vendor should contact Sharita Williams at 510-317-4201 or swilliams@slzusd.org or Diana Jesus at 510-576-1087 or dianej@rubiconprograms.org.

## Presentation on Asian American Contributions

The Asian Community Cultural Association (ACCA) of San Leandro will present "Asian American Contributions" in the Lecture Hall at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., on Saturday, May 6, from 1 to 3 p.m. Free and open to the public. The presentation shows the Asian contributions that helped make America diverse, vibrant and cosmopolitan.

## Arts & Crafts Swap Meet

California Brain Waves Healing Arts Program will host an arts & crafts swap on the first Wednesday of the month from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Art, craft, office, school supplies and recycled items.

## Friends of the Castro Valley Library Book Sale

The Friends of the Castro Valley Library, 3600 Norbridge Ave. in Castro Valley, will hold an indoor book sale, Friday through Sunday, May 5 to 7. Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday hours are 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (\$5 bag day). This sale will feature fiction and mystery books, all categories of nonfiction books, children's books, audio books, DVDs, and music CDs. Most books are \$1 or less; children's books are 25¢. We will have a nice selection of antiquarian and special books at slightly higher (but still bargain) prices. Member Preview is Friday night from 6 to 8 p.m. Memberships may be purchased or renewed at the door. Cash, checks, and credit/debit cards are accepted. Proceeds from the sale pay for library programs and amenities that would not otherwise be available. For more information, call 510-733-3285.

## Journal Making Session at the History Museum

Want to write your own history down? Come join us at the San Leandro History Museum, 320 W. Estudillo Ave., on Saturday, May 6, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and again from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. and create your own journal. Also the Mobile Memory Lab will be available. Bring up to 10 photos and a USB and we'll help you digitize your photos.

## River Otters Return

Join the Friends of San Leandro Creek for an online talk about the return of River Otters to the Bay and San Leandro Creek on Tuesday, May 9, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Megan Isadore, Director of River Otter Ecology Project, will speak about the Otter Spotter program in an interactive presentation filled with photos and video of those entertaining and important predators living in the San Francisco Bay Area. Sign up on Eventbrite.com and type "River Otter San Leandro" in the search bar.

## Soroptimist International Yard Sale

Soroptimist International of the East Bay will hold a Yard Sale on Saturday, May 13, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 3841 Somerset Ave. in Castro Valley. Donations of housewares, linens, toys, books, electronics, clothing, accessories, and small furniture are accepted on Friday, May 12, from 1 to 5 p.m. Please, no car seats, bed pillows, or items in poor condition. For more information, call Lynn Levin at 510-593-7377. Proceeds benefit local charities and scholarships for women.

## Church of the Assumption Hoedown Throwdown — Music, Food and Dancing

The Church of the Assumption, 1100 Fulton Ave. in San Leandro, invites everyone to the Hoedown Throwdown on Saturday, May 6, a fun night of friends, music, dancing, and great food.

Saloon doors open at 5:30 p.m. No-host bar with western-themed cocktails. Dinner includes Wild West hors d'oeuvres, barbecued chicken, pulled pork, cowboy baked beans, Western salad, biscuits

and dessert.

Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$20 for school alumni and \$10 for children 5 to 10 years old. No charge for kids under 5. Open to the entire community and all denominations are welcome.

To purchase tickets: <https://assumption-hoedown-throwdown.square.site/> To learn more: <http://www.assumption-sanleandro.org/news-events.html>.

## V.A. Mobile Medical Outreach Team Coming to SL Library

The V.A. Palo Alto Mobile Medical Outreach Team will be at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., on Thursday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The team will provide veterans with examinations, consultations, referrals and assist with healthcare enrollment for those not already enrolled in V.A. Healthcare.

• Enrolled veterans should

bring their Healthcare I.D. cards and a list of current medications.

• Those not enrolled should bring a copy of their DD-214 (Proof of Service Document).

The outreach event will be in the Trustee's Room on the first floor. All are welcome.

For more information, call David Moragne at 510-577-3993 or email [sanleandrovr@gmail.com](mailto:sanleandrovr@gmail.com)

## Chanticleers Presents *Six Degrees of Separation*

Chanticleers Theater, 3683 Quail Avenue in Castro Valley, presents *Six Degrees of Separation*, the thought-provoking play by John Guare, running on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m., and

Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. through May 21. Tickets are available by calling 510-SEE-LIVE or going online to [chanticleers.org](http://chanticleers.org). Tickets are \$25-\$30 each with \$10 student tickets available on Thursdays.

## San Leandro to Host Cinco de Mayo Celebration on May 5

Mayor Juan González and the San Leandro City Council invite the community to San Leandro's annual Cinco de Mayo Celebration on Friday, May 5, at 6:00 p.m. at the Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St. in San Leandro.

The fiesta is free and open to the public and will feature mariachi music and performances performed by the Ballet Folklorico Costa de Oro and Mariachi Halcones

de Oakland.

Children will have the chance to make arts and crafts. Light refreshments will be served.

This event is made possible by the City of San Leandro and donations from several local businesses and individuals, including the Optimist Club of San Leandro.

For more information, contact Liz Hodgins at 510-577-3473 or [ehodgins@sanleandro.org](mailto:ehodgins@sanleandro.org).

## Letter Carriers to Pick Up Food Donations for Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

The National Association of Letter Carriers will hold their annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive on Saturday, May 13.

Please leave bagged, non-perishable, food items near your mailbox to be picked up by your letter carrier to help the one in six individuals in need. (Forty-two percent of the collected food goes to feed

children)

Over the past 31 years the one day, nationwide food drive, has collected over 1.9 billion pounds of food.

The Food Drive has served local food pantries year round, with the help of the Hayward Salvation Army, and local pantries.

All donations are greatly needed and appreciated.

## Senior Meals Menu For Upcoming Week

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

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

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

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

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

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

## The menu for the upcoming week is:

Thursday, May 4: Cod with lemon yogurt sauce, brussels sprouts, peas and carrots, orzo, fruit.

Friday, May 5: Cinco de Mayo! Taco soup, black beans, cilantro lime rice, fruit, dessert.

Monday, May 8: Turkey and veggie saute, roasted cauliflower, brown rice, fruit.

Tuesday, May 9: Cabbage roll soup, vegetable medley, salad, whole wheat roll, fruit.

Wednesday, May 10: Cod with sun-dried tomato sauce, carrot coins, green beans, rice pilaf, fruit.

Thursday, May 11: Veggie burrito bowl over brown rice, tossed vegetable salad, fruit.

Friday, May 12: Garlic rosemary lemon chicken, rosemary red potatoes, carrots, brown rice, fruit.

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Friday is El Día de la Batalla de Puebla, but We'll Just Call it *Cinco de Mayo*

Mexicans observe Cinco de Mayo as an important national holiday, commemorating the 1862 victory of their country's outnumbered forces against the invading French forces of Napoleon III in the town of Puebla.

It is widely celebrated with music and dinner parties in California, a state which favors Mexican food over any other ethnic cuisine.



**SIZZLING STEAK FAJITAS**  
8–10 flour tortillas, warmed

- 1 onion, sliced
  - 1 green bell pepper, cut into strips
  - 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
  - 1 pound sirloin or flank steak, cut into strips
  - Fajita seasoning, recipe follows (or use 1 pkg. of Lawry's Fajita Seasoning)
  - 1/4 cup water
  - 1 tomato, cut into wedges
- Cook onion and green pepper in

an oiled skillet over medium-high heat until tender; set aside.

In same skillet, brown meat; drain fat. Mix in seasonings and water. Bring mixture to a boil; reduce heat to low and cook uncovered for 5 minutes. Return onion and green pepper to skillet; add tomatoes. Heat through and serve with warmed tortillas. Serves 6.

**Fajita Seasoning**

- 1 tablespoon chili powder
  - 1-1/2 teaspoons cumin
  - 1 teaspoon black pepper
  - 1 teaspoon salt
  - 1/2 teaspoon paprika
  - 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
  - 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
  - 1/4 teaspoon onion powder
  - 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes (or pinch of cayenne, to taste)
- Combine all ingredients. Yields 1 ounce, enough for 8-10 servings.

- 1 (8-ounce) can tomato sauce
  - 1 teaspoon paprika
  - 1 teaspoon oregano
  - 2 teaspoons chili powder
  - 1/2 teaspoon cumin
  - 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
  - 3 cups shredded cheese, Jack or Cheddar combos
  - 1-1/4 cups enchilada sauce
  - 12 corn tortillas
- If using chicken, boil chicken in water. Then rinse and shred with fork. Add onion and garlic.
- If using ground beef, brown with onion and garlic, drain.
- Add next 7 ingredients (Worcestershire sauce through black pepper). In another skillet, heat oil. Add tortillas, one at a time, for 10 seconds on each side. Drain on paper towel. In a 10x13-inch baking pan, pour just enough enchilada sauce in the bottom to coat the bottom of the pan.

Fill each tortilla with a spoonful of meat mixture. Cheese, onions, and/or olives can be put inside each enchilada at this time, if desired. Roll tortilla and place seam side down in pan. Continue with remaining tortillas. Pour remaining enchilada sauce over tortillas and top with cheese. Additional olives may be added if desired.

(At this time, pan may be refrigerated for several hours or overnight.)

Bake in 350°F oven for 20 minutes (30 minutes if refrigerated). Top with sour cream. Serves 4-6.

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Sections 17900-17930  
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## SENIORS

## Joint Tenancy vs Tenancy In Common

*Q. My brothers and I plan to buy a home together, and wonder whether we should take title to the home as joint tenants or as tenants-in-common. Can you explain the difference?*

**By Gene L. Osofsky, Esq.**  
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A. Sure. There are distinct differences between these forms of ownership. The principal differences pertain to the equality of ownership and the right of survivorship. Here is the breakdown:

**Joint Tenancy:** For owners of property to qualify as Joint Tenants, the property must be (1) acquired at the same time, (2) by the same deed which clearly states that the owners are joint tenants, (3) the interests of all joint tenants must be equal, and (4) each must have the right of full access and possession of the property. These four requirements are often called the “4 unities” in the law of joint tenancy. If so acquired, this form of ownership creates the following right of succession: upon the death of the other joint tenant(s), the last surviving joint tenant takes ownership of the entire property, without probate or other proceedings. This right of survivorship is one of the most important features of Joint Tenancy ownership.

**Tenancy-In-Common:** By comparison, persons who own their interest as Ten-



siblings. I presume that, if any of you passed away, each brother would want his share to go to his own family, which may include his own spouse or children, rather than to the other brothers. In that event, you would want to acquire title as Co-Tenants, so that this preference is clear.

An important comment about joint tenancy: if a joint tenant conveys his/her interest to someone else, or even to his own trust, that transfer may sever the joint tenancy, eliminate the right of survivorship, and create a Tenancy-In-Common. So, be mindful about such transfers when you do your own estate planning.

*Gene L. Osofsky is an elder law and estate planning attorney who has been helping East Bay families for over 30 years. Visit: [LawyerForSeniors.com](http://LawyerForSeniors.com)*

ants-In-Common can have different percentage interests in the property and can acquire their interests by different deeds and at different times. Further, upon death of a Co-Tenant, his interest goes, not to the other co-tenants, but to his own beneficiaries or heirs.

In terms of succession upon death, it is sometimes helpful to think of Joint Tenancy as requiring, upon death, a “side-ways” movement of ownership to the other surviving Joint Tenant(s), whereas upon the death of an owner holding his interest as a Co-Tenant, the succession moves “down-stream” to his/her own heirs or beneficiaries.

Because of the right of survivorship, married couples will often hold title to their home as Joint Tenants, as most couples typically want the surviving spouse to acquire ownership of the entire home or other property, which would then occur without the need for probate. By contrast, co-owners who are friends, business partners, or even siblings, who may have their own families, would – upon their own death – typically wish their interest to go down to their own family members, and not to the other surviving co-tenants. This difference is significant.

In your situation, you indicate that you plan on making a purchase with your



**Margaret Denham turned 100 this week and celebrated her birthday with friends. She's lived at the same house in San Leandro since 1945.**

## Denham Celebrates 100th Birthday

Longtime San Leandro resident Margaret Denham celebrated her 100th birthday this week.

Margaret was born in Hutchinson, Kansas. Her family moved to Oakland, California in 1926, and she's a graduate of Castlemont High School and Merritt Business College.

Margaret married William Jack Denham in 1942. She worked at the Alameda Naval Air Station during World War II while her husband was in

the Army Air Corp, serving in Europe. In 1945, they settled in San Leandro where she still resides.

Margaret survives her husband and oldest son and has two daughters, one granddaughter, one great grandson, one great granddaughter along with one great great granddaughter and two great great grandsons.

She has been very active with many senior groups over the years.

## Pets of the Week



**Stefani**

**Stefani** is an 8-year-old pit bull mix looking for a home that is calm but adventurous. Stefani loves toys and loves her naps. She would like to find a home with older kids.



**Carl**

**Carl** is a 10-year-old domestic short hair looking for a low-energy home. Carl loves his mid-morning cat naps, and his afternoon power naps. He is looking for a calm home to call his own.

To adopt or for more information on Stefani or Carl, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at 510-293-7200.

## Libertarian Party Monthly Meet-Up

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# REAL ESTATE GALLERY



## REAL ESTATE REALITY

By Carl Medford, CRS  
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GUEST COMMENTARY



## Highest & Best Practices Invalidate Negotiation

Back when foreclosures littered neighborhoods like dandelions on a lawn, banks needed to sort through dozens of offers. They devised a simple solution: set offer deadlines, sort incoming offers and send the top few respondents identical counters which read, "Highest & Best."

Buyer agents hated the practice. With no way of knowing what competing offers were, buyers had to blindly guess and re-submit based solely on gut instinct. If they won, they'd head into escrow. If not, they went to the next property with no idea of how close they were to winning. It was like trying to hit a dartboard bullseye from 100 feet away while blindfolded.

As foreclosures dwindled, "Highest & Best" counters started disappearing. Unfortu-

nately, a few agents resurrected the practice. "If multiple offers are coming," they reasoned, "let's make things as easy for us as possible." The worst multiple counter I saw stated, "Highest price, best terms."

This practice is problematic in that it robs buyers of the ability to negotiate. It flies in the face of best practices where listing agents make the effort to communicate with buyer agents to get the best offer for their sellers. Using the example of an auction, buyers know the price and terms they need to beat and bow out only when their max has been exceeded. This requires an effort from listing agents to either craft a detailed multiple counter or get on the phone and negotiate.

There's a deeper problem. A multiple counter needs concrete terms that can be accept-

ed. If multiple buyers write offers and the seller issues a multiple counter, every buyer countered should be able to sign the seller's counter and send it back. If more than one counter comes back signed, the seller chooses one. When a counter includes, "Highest & Best", it is not valid because "Highest & Best" are not terms – they are suggestions.

Listing agents using "Highest & Best" tactics argue it is the best way to get high offers. I disagree. One listing agent I know recently received 8 offers and, instead of telling the seller to simply pick one, called the top three agents and negotiated a final price dramatically higher than the initial offers. As a seller, which approach would you prefer?

While heavy-handed banks could get away with the practice for a time, in my opinion, licensed Realtors should adhere to higher standards and actually negotiate.

*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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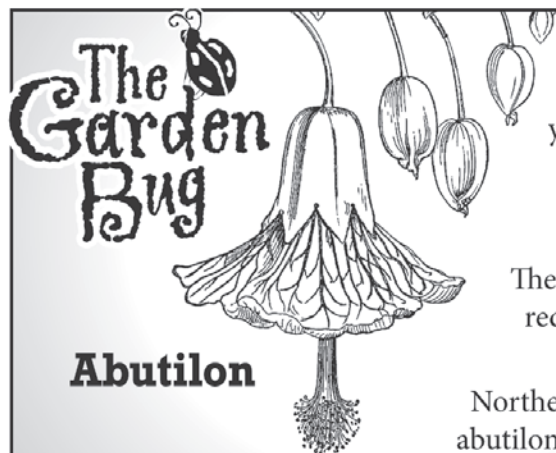


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## After Weeks of Decline, Mortgage Rates Increase

The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage increased modestly for the second straight week, but with the rate of inflation decelerating rates should gently decline over the course of 2023. Incoming data suggest the housing market has stabilized from a sales and house price perspective. The prospect of lower mortgage rates for the remainder of the year should be welcome news to borrowers who are looking to purchase a home.

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Total: 9 – Average Price: \$1,506,888  
High: \$3,400,000 – Low: \$700,000

1831 Strobbridge Avenue 94546: \$700,000 [6 BD - 2,204 SF - 1972]  
19901 Forest Avenue 94546: \$788,000 [3 BD - 1,437 SF - 1979]  
17069 President Drive 94546: \$843,000 [3 BD - 1,770 SF - 1968]  
17373 Robey Drive 94546: \$950,000 [3 BD - 2,276 SF - 1989]  
19100 Clement Drive 94552: \$1,350,000 [4 BD - 1,499 SF - 1985]  
5055 Wicks Lane 94546: \$1,731,000 [3,415 SF - 2004]  
25239 Century Oaks Circle 94552: \$1,800,000 [4 BD - 2,154 SF - 1996]  
4536 Hillsborough Drive 94546: \$2,000,000 [4 BD - 2,797 SF - 1969]  
5427 Jensen Road 94552: \$3,400,000 [3 BD - 7,790 SF - 1993]

### HAYWARD

Total: 28 – Average Price: \$853,375  
High: \$1,850,000 – Low: \$500,000

29870 Clearbrook Circle 94544: \$500,000 [3 BD - 2,942 SF - 1976]  
20860 Birch Street 94541: \$535,000 [2 BD - 1,150 SF - 1940]  
20903 Locust Street #B 94541: \$559,000 [2 BD - 1,307 SF - 1980]  
25445 Southwick Drive #108 94544: \$560,000 [2 BD - 1,130 SF - 1991]  
537 Solano Avenue 94541: \$660,000 [2 BD - 1,468 SF - 1951]  
21239 Gary Drive #206a 94546: \$660,500 [2 BD - 1,393 SF - 1992]  
24035 Myrtle Street 94541: \$675,000 [2 BD - 1,050 SF - 1947]  
1779 Gazelle Way 94541: \$680,000 [3 BD - 1,293 SF - 1972]  
26582 Voltaire Street 94544: \$710,000 [1,380 SF - 1980]

1238 Westwood Street 94544: \$725,000 [3 BD - 1,053 SF - 1953]  
22833 Myrtle Street 94541: \$755,000 [3 BD - 1,421 SF - 1950]  
362 Jerilyn Lane 94541: \$759,000 [3 BD - 1,149 SF - 1951]  
25764 Underwood Avenue 94544: \$763,000 [3 BD - 1,041 SF - 1952]  
282 Langley Way 94544: \$795,000 [3 BD - 1,082 SF - 1952]  
22421 Fuller Avenue 94541: \$805,000 [4 BD - 1,681 SF - 1925]  
25868 Atwell Place 94544: \$817,000 [3 BD - 1,433 SF - 1954]  
18407 Rainier Avenue 94541: \$840,000 [3 BD - 1,348 SF - 1948]  
641 Minerva Street 94544: \$850,000 [4 BD - 1,135 SF - 1955]  
29467 Taylor Avenue 94544: \$935,000 [3 BD - 1,469 SF - 1989]  
19424 Waverly Avenue 94541: \$950,000 [3 BD - 1,662 SF - 1952]  
25266 Villager Lane 94544: \$950,000 [4 BD - 2,119 SF - 2020]  
1160 D Street 94541: \$980,000 [3 BD -

1,200 SF - 1925]  
1283 Russell Way 94541: \$1,000,000 [4 BD - 1,680 SF - 1952]  
28044 Ziele Creek Drive 94542: \$1,075,000 [3 BD - 1,826 SF - 1988]  
2432 Homer Lane 94545: \$1,100,000 [3 BD - 1,945 SF - 2012]  
3287 Round Hill Drive 94542: \$1,155,000 [3 BD - 2,650 SF - 1969]  
27710 Klaus Court 94542: \$1,251,000 [4 BD - 2,515 SF - 1997]  
25512 Dario Terrace 94541: \$1,850,000 [4 BD - 3,310 SF - 1968]

### SAN LEANDRO

Total: 12 – Average Price: \$810,583  
High: \$1,325,000 – Low: \$300,000  
1579 165th Avenue #13 94578: \$300,000 [2 BD - 868 SF - 1990]  
1400 Carpenter Street #219 94577: \$450,000 [2 BD - 950 SF - 1983]  
400 Davis Street #302 94577: \$539,000 [2 BD - 1,671 SF - 1982]  
840 Woodgate Drive 94579: \$630,000 [2 BD - 1,169 SF - 1975]  
1437 153rd Avenue 94578: \$685,000 [2 BD - 935 SF - 1946]  
2233 Belvedere Avenue 94577: \$800,000

[3 BD - 1,196 SF - 1963]  
14634 Bancroft Avenue 94578: \$848,000 [2 BD - 1,957 SF - 1945]  
15368 Mendocino Street 94579: \$850,000 [3 BD - 1,126 SF - 1960]  
952 Dowling Boulevard 94577: \$950,000 [3 BD - 1,948 SF - 1935]  
900 Lee Avenue 94577: \$1,100,000 [2 BD - 1,616 SF - 1928]  
2351 Spinnaker Court 94579: \$1,250,000 [4 BD - 2,551 SF - 2000]  
702 Bridge Road 94577: \$1,325,000 [3 BD - 2,047 SF - 1931]

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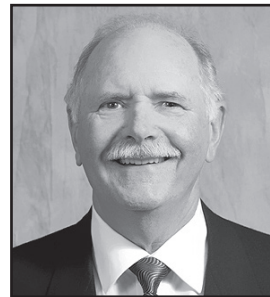
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# Mayor: 'No company should leave the Bay Area without first considering San Leandro'

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had recently passed a victims rights bill.

The mayor's proposed public safety bond would focus on making firehouses seismically safe. They are below seismic safety standards now.

"We cannot afford to have first responders trapped in rubble during a major earthquake," the mayor said. "We know an earthquake is coming."

Gonzalez said that building housing and fighting homelessness were both parts of a key city priority. He said efforts continue to gain funding from state and federal partners for buying the Nimitz Hotel at 555 Levee Blvd., to use as a Navigation Center to start getting people off the streets.

Apart from the Navigation Center, he called for making sure there was shelter available for the unhoused by next winter.

"We must provide respite from the cold and the rain," he said.

He also celebrated the ongoing construction at Centro

Callan, at East 14th Street and Callan Avenue.

"Centro Callan represents the first truly mixed-use high-density development in the heart of downtown under the Downtown Transit Oriented Development Strategy," the mayor said. "We need to build more of all types of housing, including affordable housing."

The city was among the few in the state whose plan to build more housing has been accepted by the state without exceptions, said the mayor. Cities not in compliance risk state penalties under recent laws.

The city has necessary expenses, but he'd like to focus more on attracting businesses to town rather than raising taxes, Gonzalez said.

"No company should leave the Bay Area without first considering San Leandro," he said.

He also urged that the city make budget decisions based in part on the full cost of providing services. That is something he said the city hasn't always done in the past, leading to future liabilities

hanging over the city, and funding difficulties, Gonzalez said.

A big hidden cost has been employee pensions, Gonzalez said. Accounting rules for years let cities only account for pension costs when eventually paid, even though they had been owed to employees for decades and were growing all that time. As a result, cities did not necessarily put aside the money they would later need, in effect leading them to think they had more money to spend than they did.

The mayor said the state now requires those future obligations be counted when incurred, while the employee is still working, so that future obligations are clear. That requires closing any gap between what the city has set aside and what those costs will be, which is about \$150 million for San Leandro, he said.

Closing this "unfunded liability" gap eats into what funds are available for other purposes, he said.

Gonzalez said the same logic applies to city assets that wear out over time, like build-



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**Mayor Juan Gonzalez gave the State of the City Address at the Senior Community Center last week, calling for a bond to retrofit fire stations.**

ings and roads. The city has not always budgeted enough for regular maintenance and timely replacement, leading to larger bills on short notice when they fail.

The backlog of overdue maintenance is an estimated \$265 million, he said. This was worsened by the recent

storms, he added.

Gonzalez cited as recent successes the Public Works response to recent storms, made during bad weather while most city residents were comfortable inside their homes.

He said the city has made gains at hiring 911 dispatchers since running dangerously

short recently.

Recruitment of future police officers, once running as low as one per month, has picked up, he said, with 45 potential officers now being checked for fitness to start the police academy.

Gonzalez showed recruit- see MAYOR, page 12

## OPINION

### LETTERS to the EDITOR

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#### Balancing Speed and Convenience and Safer Streets Editor,

There is a consensus among the serious people in San Leandro that we must improve our streets to where active transportation options—walking, buses, biking—connect any two points safely. This is good: it makes the city safer, more livable, and is a large part of the climate action needed locally.

But when tradeoffs arise in pursuing these goals—when it means reducing car lanes or parking spaces, or even just making new parking optional—there is push-back from people not sure about what it means for them, or for others dependent on cars. That's not wrong either.

I propose a rule of thumb to help balance concerns. It is right that drivers should have access to

move through the city, to businesses and to their homes. What is not right is to privilege the speed or convenience of car use. Our planning and transportation decisions over most of the 20th century put car convenience foremost, and it was a bad idea: it ate away at our public space and made our neighborhoods polluted and dangerous.

Where does this rule of thumb take us? Safer speeds might mean it takes a few more minutes to drive across town. Repurposing parking spaces might make it more normal to park a few blocks from your destination and walk—except, of course, people with disabilities for whom we will prioritize parking. And when our streets are redesigned to be safe and complete for all users, they will transport far more people overall, because many who can use other methods than

driving will be happy to, once those methods are safe and complete.

Many cities that thought of themselves as culturally car-centric saw their culture change when the built environment did—and they nearly universally see the change was for the better. Let's work toward that new balance.

**John Minot**  
San Leandro

#### Thank You, Mayor

Editor,

Thank you, Mayor Gonzalez. Although I'm happy to see the Union Pacific Railroad preparing for safety upgrades along sections of San Leandro, my particular gratitude goes out to our mayor for politely, but firmly suggesting to the railroad company that it would be very good of them to address the obvious: the expanding rubbish, filth and homeless encampments—without so much as porta-potties—along the tracks in our community.

**Ellen Pelissero**  
San Leandro

#### Glad to Look at City Finances Editor,

I attended the mayor's State of the City address. It appears that we have a mayor who knows that running a city is running a business. Glad to see the finances broken down to see the cost of running a

city government.

**Carolyn M. Bryant**  
San Leandro

#### We're In Agreement

Editor,

This is one of those extremely rare occasions when I would agree with Ken Kellogg on something.

It's about his assessment of Alameda County District Attorney Pamela Price. Aside from what Kellogg reports, Price also announced that she prefers re-education to incarceration. Actually, SHE should be sent to a forced-labor reeducation camp.

But it hasn't gone smoothly for Price since family members and friends of the 2-year-old boy who was shot and killed had a demonstration in front of her office, aware of her intention to water down the charges against the killers. More people should come out to confront these pro-criminal policies emanating from the White House via Sacramento.

Meanwhile, in the same edition of the SLT we find Craig Williams congratulating the City Council's clique that voted to provide free housing for crooks at the expense of small landlords. At the same time, officer Jason Fletcher, who acted to protect the community, is being prosecuted by the District Attorney's office.

It's understandable that criminals would vote these pro-criminal elements in office, but they wouldn't be elected without followers of the corrupt culture installed in the White House.

**Leo T. West**  
San Leandro

#### Project Must Be Terminated Editor,

EBMUD has put the Lake Chabot Road Quarry Project "on hold." However, it has not been terminated. It is not "off the table." The risk remains that EBMUD can easily "resurrect" the project in hopes that, if they wait awhile, we will go away and leave them alone. We are not done and we are not going anywhere. Our next move is to get as many folks as we can to the upcoming Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council (Castro Valley MAC) meeting on Monday May 15th at 6 p.m. at the Castro Valley Library (3600 Norbridge Ave). Although the Lake Chabot Road project is not on the CVMAC agenda we will be there and will address the council during the public comment period. Please join us. This project cannot go forward. This project must be completely terminated. It's not dead until it's dead. [savelakechabotroad.com](http://savelakechabotroad.com) for more details.

**Teri Schlesinger**  
San Leandro



# Trees: City asking federal government to pay for new bridge

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The City of San Leandro estimates that the cost to replace the pedestrian bridge could be up to \$5 million, said city spokesperson Paul Sanftner.

Sanftner said the city has sent a request to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for reimbursement to pay for the bridge, and that FEMA and Alameda County have advised the city to start work on tree removal and bridge replacement. (Alameda County Flood Control also owns some of the land around the creek.)

The city will be meeting with FEMA in a couple of weeks to go over the application for funding, Sanftner said.

What if FEMA doesn't cover the cost of replacing the bridge, or just covers part of the cost?

Sanftner said the city's understanding is that it's the



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Workers took down four trees on the Cary Drive side of the creek as the two fallen trees and bridge are seen in the foreground.

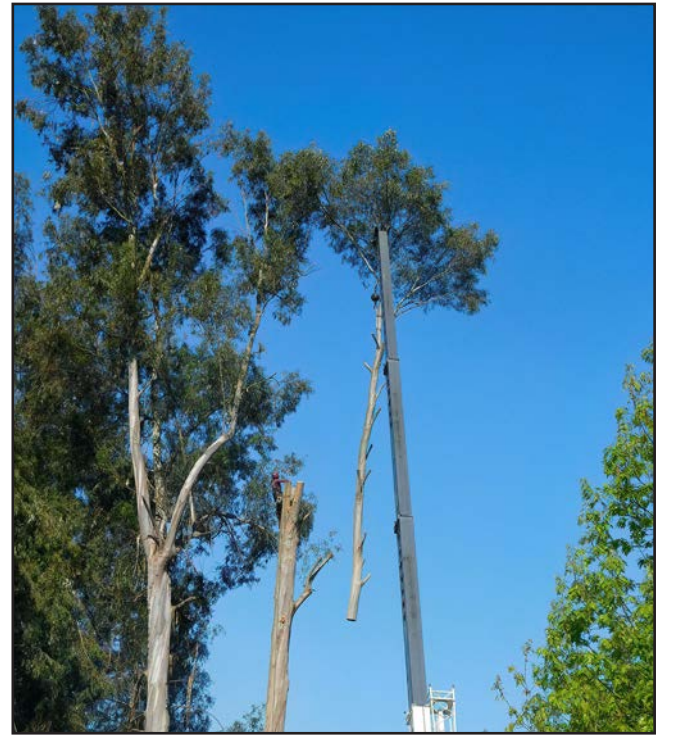


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The crew went up high to take down the trees one piece at a time.

school district's responsibility knocked down the bridge are because the trees that fell and on school district property.

## Lawyer: Rains says DA is biased

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"I have never seen stronger evidence of a DA with such a grave conflict of interest," Rains told the *Times*.

According to Rains, during her campaign, Price accepted \$5,000 from a pro-Steven Taylor group that was suing the police officer who shot Taylor, and the City of San Leandro.

"The treatment of cops by DA Price and the inappropriate actions she has taken to coddle criminals will not give my client a fair trial," Rains said.

The District Attorney's office declined to comment on pending litigation.

On April 18, 2020, San Leandro Police officers Jason Fletcher and Stefan Overton responded to a 911 call involving a man, later identified as 33-year-old Steven Taylor, who was reportedly shoplifting and had brandished a metal

baseball bat at a Walmart store employee. Taylor was shot once by Fletcher and Tasered multiple times before he died. Taylor had a history of mental illness and was unhoused at the time of his death.

Taylor's family, friends and supporters have maintained that he was suffering from a mental health crisis and lethal force should not have been used. The San Leandro Police Department has changed several of its policies on engaging people who are possibly having a mental health issue in the wake of the shooting.

In less than 40 seconds of first encountering Taylor with a baseball bat, Fletcher drew his firearm in his right hand and his Taser in his left hand, according to an independent report filed last year. Fletcher then activated his Taser three times and fired one fatal shot, the report said. Officer Over-

ton arrived at that time and fired his Taser once.

Former Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley charged Fletcher with voluntary manslaughter. The case was transferred to Price following her election win in November 2022.

Taylor's grandmother Addie Kitchen said she hopes the judge will have some concerns for her family and set a date for the trial.

"My hope is to get justice for my grandson's murder," Kitchen told the *Times*. "I believe our family has suffered enough trauma and grief because of his murder. I don't know what Mr. Rains's motives are for trying to delay the trial."

Last year, Kitchen filed a \$10 million federal lawsuit that names former Fletcher and the City of San Leandro as defendants in the death of her grandson.



PHOTO BY MIKE MCGUIRE

Mayor Juan Gonzalez gave his first State of the City Address to a packed Senior Community Center audience on April 25.

## Mayor: Endowment for the arts

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ment videos the city was using, to warm laughter from the crowd. One showed Chief of Police Abdul Pridgen shoveling a patch of ice off a lawn, asking "Are you tired of shoveling snow?" and urging people to come work for his department in sunny San Leandro, California.

That video and others are available at [www.wearourblue.org](http://www.wearourblue.org).

His speech, which ran well over an hour, closed with a proposal to residents and with his vision for the city.

"I want the residents of

San Leandro to rally around the arts," he said.

He called for establishment of a San Leandro Endowment for the Arts, a fund of \$5 million that would yield an average of \$250,000 each year for performing and installed art in the city. The endowment would help the city to apply for further grants for the arts, he said.

His vision is for a city with a wonderful culture, Gonzales said.

This would be one where "families flourish, elders are respected, and young people thrives," he said.

It would also be "teeming with recreational activities and community events," he added.

He wants it to be an innovative city with economic revitalization that lifts all boats, and where Vision Zero to eliminate vehicular accident deaths and serious injuries extends to eliminating crimes against people and their property. He sees restorative justice as driving reconciliation.

"I want a city that aspires to zero crime," Mayor Gonzalez said.

"Together we will build a brighter future for San Leandro," the mayor concluded.

## Learn About a Career in the CHP at Open House

The CHP will host a recruitment open house event on Saturday, May 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Dublin CHP office, 4999 Gleason Drive in Dublin.

Learn more about the CHP and the hiring process for numerous positions including Officer, Public Safety Dispatcher (PSD), Public Safety Operator (PSO), Explorer Cadets, and various professional staff positions. See the CHP Mobile Command Center, K-9 dog and motor officer presentations.

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# Key Hits Propel San Leandro to 5-2 Win over Mt. Eden

By Jim Knowles  
San Leandro Times

The San Leandro High baseball team beat Mt. Eden, 5-2, on Friday afternoon on the Pirates home field.

San Leandro pitcher Eli Seligman contributed at the plate too, driving in two runs with a double.

The Pirates also got key hits from Demorie Sherman with an RBI single, and Xavier Marquez who drove in two runs with a double to center-field.

The Pirates followed Friday's win with a 7-6 victory over American High on Saturday. The Pirates improved their record this season to 11-9 overall, and 6-2 in league play.

San Leandro will play its last game of the regular season this Friday at 4 p.m. at Tennyson High in Hayward.

The West Alameda County Conference baseball championships get underway next week.



San Leandro pitcher Eli Seligman kept Mt. Eden batters in check for a 5-2 win.



PHOTOS BY JIM KNOWLES

Xavier Marquez comes home with a run on a double by Eli Seligman.



Demorie Sherman dives back into first base to avoid a pickoff throw.

## FamFest: Food and music

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there be food booths, but it's being held right in front of the East 14th Street Eatery + Kitchen.

That "small-business incubator," formerly known as the Ashland Market & Cafe, provides low-cost commercial space for start-up businesses that include YoYo Treats, Baby Bean Pie, and Creative SIPS. It is operated by Mandela Partners, a nonprofit which

strives to further opportunities for businesses being started by immigrants and people of color.

The community event had its roots as a fun run sponsored by Alameda County District 4 Supervisor Nate Miley. The running event added a few booths at the finish line a few years back. It was held just once as a street fair in 2019. The Eden Area Chamber of Com-

merce recently agreed to take it over from the county following the COVID pandemic, which shut down in-person events.

Co-sponsors for the FamFest include Supervisor Miley, REACH Ashland Youth Center, Alameda County Economic & Civic Development, Alameda County Health Care Services Agency, the Oro Loma Sanitary District, and Mandela Partners.



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## Concepcion Espiritu Legaspi

March 29, 1939 ~ April 29, 2023

Concepcion Espiritu Legaspi, devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, was born on March 29, 1939 in Bacoar, Cavite, Philippines, and passed away peacefully in her home in San Leandro, CA on April 29, 2023. She was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Leon C. Legaspi, Jr., who passed away in 2012, and a child lost at birth in 1961. She is survived by her children, Leonora (Anthony), Erlinda (Joseph), Connie (Richard), and Manuel (Marie); three grandchildren, Manuel Jr., Ella, and Maximo; her siblings Manuel and Erlinda, and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.



Concepcion survived World War II in the Philippines and married Leon, a career US Army soldier, in 1954. She accompanied him on tours in Italy and Missouri before they started their family, ultimately settling in San Leandro. Concepcion loved to cook for, and care for her numerous family members and friends, and was especially beloved for creating Filipino specialties for everyone's enjoyment.

Visitation will be on Monday, May 8, 2023 from 12:00 Noon to 8:00 P.M. with a Rosary/Vigil Service beginning at 6:00 P.M. at Santos-Robinson Mortuary, 160 Estudillo Ave., San Leandro. The Funeral Mass/Liturgy celebrating Concepcion's life will take place on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 11:00 A.M. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 250 Bermuda Ave., San Leandro, with interment at Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno at 1:00 P.M.