





## MEETING SCHEDULES

### CITY COUNCIL

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

### SAN LEANDRO SCHOOL BOARD

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



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## Pets of the Week



Estrella



Abracadabra

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter are Estrella the dog and Abracadabra the bunny.

**Estrella** is a smart, 7-year-old pup. She enjoys warm baths, playing with tennis balls, and going for walks. She's very attentive to people and enjoys exploring new places. She's spayed and ready to go home. Okay with kids

15 and older.

**Abracadabra** is a handsome, neutered bunny. He'll come up to sniff you and say hello and then he'll enjoy lounging in your lap. He likes greens, hay, and making new friends. He's looking forward to finding his new, loving family.

For more information on Estrella or Abracadabra, call the Hayward Shelter at 293-7200.

## Ping Pong for 50 and Over

The Hayward Area Recreation and Park District has table tennis for players 50 and older on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon at the San Lorenzo

Community Center, 1970 Via Buena Vista in San Lorenzo. All levels welcome. Drop-in fee \$2 per player. For more information, call 881-6766.

## Top Comics Coming For 'Lighten Up' Show

An all-star lineup of comedians is coming to the San Leandro Performing Arts Center on Friday, March 2, presented by Brian Copeland.

Bay Area and nationally known comedians will take the stage include Bob Scarlatte, Johnny Steele, and Will Durst. From Comedy Central, Joe Klocek and Dan St. Paul will be on hand.

Copeland, and actor, comedian, author, TV and radio host, and San Leandro resident, says this is the first of several comedy shows he plans for this year.

Comedian Julia Jackson also has a solo show, "Children Are Forever (All Sales Final!)" and was a regular on Copeland's KGO radio show "Headliners on Headlines" where comedians do their take on the day's news.

Chris Riggins has been described as an up-and-coming comedian who's opened for Dave Chappelle. He gets a lot of his material from living in Oakland, and says, "I love the soul of Oakland, the vibe of Oakland, I love



Dan St. Paul says, "This week I'm celebrating 30 years of marriage. Thank you. Four incredible women."

everything there...including the negativity of Oakland, because without that we could not really see how great the other parts are."

Also on the bill is Justin Lockwood, who said, "The first time I smoked weed with my mom was in utero." And on a philosophical note: "I don't regret the mistakes of my youth. They've taught me how to cover

up the much bigger mistakes of my adulthood."

Brian Copeland presents "Lighten Up for March," Friday, March 2, at 8 p.m. at the San Leandro Performing Arts Center, 2250 Bancroft Ave. Tickets are \$40 online, \$50 at the door, \$15 for high school students. For tickets, call 800-838-3006 or go to [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com).

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## Pet of the Week



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A fire broke out early Sunday morning at a business park on Teagarden Street.

## Three-Alarm Fire on Teagarden

A 3-alarm fire broke out at a business park on the 2900 block

of Teagarden Street early Sunday morning, destroying three businesses.

The fire started at just before 4 a.m. and heavy smoke and flames were visible from I-880, according to Aisha Knowles, spokeswoman for the Alameda County Fire.

The California Highway Patrol closed the right lane of the freeway just before the Marina Boulevard exit while firefighters

put out the blaze. The firefighters stayed on the scene until late Sunday morning in order to put out hot spots.

Knowles said that no one was injured and the cause of the fire is under investigation.

Firefighters from Oakland, Hayward, and Alameda aided the ACFD in putting out the fire.

The damaged businesses were a granite store, Bay Linens, and Lumber Liquidators.

## Mascot: Students tell school board it's time for them to make a decision

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Angel Guzman, member of the student mascot committee, said the committee told the board the Phoenix was still their pick – and if the board didn't like it, they should just decide among the top vote-getters which were Grizzlies, Raptors, Legends, and Mavericks.

The board ultimately went with the Grizzlies because it was also popular in the student voting.

But even that mascot – which is the California state animal and used by countless schools – was debated.

The board said they had to consider every possible “red flag.”

Board member Penny Peck said that the grizzly could bring to mind Sarah Palin, who once described herself as a “mama grizzly” in a campaign ad several years ago.

And Assistant Principal Eugene Santillan said Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos once said guns might be acceptable at schools if a grizzly bear approaches a campus.

For a while, the board talked about tabling the issue until the next school year. But the students of the mascot committee urged the board to stop dragging their feet and decide.

“If we have another board meeting, it's going to be the same

thing again – there will be people waiting to jump out of their seats to say something negative about whatever you choose,” said Guzman. “You have the mascots in front of you, you have the

**“You have the mascots in front of you, you have the pros and cons of each one. We are waiting for you to make a decision.”**

— Angel Guzman,  
San Lorenzo High student

pros and cons of each one. We are waiting for you to make a decision.”

And the decision was made

just in time, too, because the school's yearbook production is on hold, waiting for the mascot, according to San Lorenzo High principal Allison Silvestri.

Now, the school will spend \$200,000 to re-brand with the grizzly logo.

Memorabilia with the old Rebel name and logo will be donated to the Hayward Area Historical Society and alumni groups.

But the mascot saga might not be over quite yet – there was some confusion over whether the agenda for the meeting had been properly posted, so the vote may be subject to a Brown Act appeal.

The board said they will be checking with their legal counsel and may have to re-vote at a later date if an error was made.

And even if the San Lorenzo High mascot issue is settled, the school board might be going through the same process again soon – student board member Aguilar asked that the name of the Arroyo High Dons be reconsidered and placed on a future agenda, as Dons (the Spanish honorific title) are male by definition and the name could be considered sexist.

## Man Found With Drugs And Guns

San Leandro police found a man walking down the street on 88th Avenue in Oakland carrying a large amount of drugs and three guns last week.

Oscar Lopez, 35, of Oakland was stopped by police on Feb. 13 at around 5:30 p.m. and because they believed he was acting suspiciously.

Lopez was found with a large amount of methamphetamine, several baggies of cocaine, a loaded handgun and two assault rifles, and drug paraphernalia, police said.

Lopez is being held in lieu of \$220,000 bail.

### CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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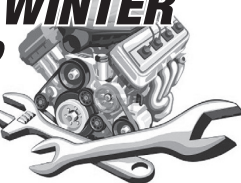
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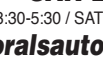
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# NEIGHBORS



Maybelle Rasmussen ready to blow out the candles on her birthday cake.

## Retired Teacher Turns 100 Years Old

Maybelle Rasmussen turned 100 on Jan. 28 and was honored at the luncheon of the California Retired Teachers Association, held on Feb. 6.

Maybelle received commendations from the City of Hayward, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, Congressman Eric Swalwell, and Assemblyman Bill Quirk. The Creekside Middle School Concert and Honor Choir sang

“Happy Birthday.”

Maybelle grew up on the William Meek property that her father purchased and built a house. She attended local schools and graduated from Hayward Union High School in 1935.

In 1941, Maybelle received a bachelor of arts degree and elementary teaching credential with majors in music and natural history from San Jose State College.

## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

### ❖ Chanticleers Theatre

*Dial M for Murder*  
Chanticleers Theatre, 3683 Quail Avenue in Castro Valley, proudly presents *Dial M for Murder*, through Feb. 25. This thriller by Frederick Knott and directed by

Katina Letheule is about Tony Wendice and his wife, Margot, and how he plans to murder her for her money. He blackmails a scoundrel he used to know into strangling her for a fee of one thousand pounds, and arrang-

es a brilliant alibi for himself. Unfortunately the murderer gets murdered and the victim survives. Tickets are \$25 for general admission and \$20 for students and seniors over 60. For more information, call 733-5483.

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**ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** Stop being the wool-gathering Lamb, and start turning that dream project into reality. You have the ideas, the drive and the charisma to persuade others to follow your lead. So do it.



**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** You've scored some big successes. But remember that all hardworking Ferdinands and Ferdinandas need some time to restore their energies and refresh their spirits.



**GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** You're gaining a stronger mental image of what you're trying to achieve. Now look for the facts that will help get this to develop from a concept into a solid proposal.



**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** Some of you eager-to-please Moon Children might want to delay some decisions until midweek, when you can again think more with your head than your heart.



**LEO (July 23 - August 22):** A new business venture seems to offer everything you've been looking for. But be careful that that rosy picture doesn't betray traces of red ink under the surface.



**VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22):** A volatile situation needs the kind of thoughtful and considerate care you can provide right now. There'll be plenty of time later to analyze what might have gone wrong.



**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22):** Your loyalty to a friend in a tough situation earns you respect from people you care about. Those who criticize you don't understand what friendship is all about.



**SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21):** Your strong work ethic is rewarded with the kind of challenging opportunity you love to tackle. Now, go ahead and celebrate with family and/or close friends.



**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** A legal matter you thought had been finally resolved could require a second look. But don't make any moves without consulting your lawyer.



**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** Taking charge is what you like to do, and since you do it so well, expect to be asked to lead a special group. This could open an exciting new vista for you.



**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** An important matter might wind up being entrusted to you for handling. The responsibility is heavy, but you'll have support from people able and eager to help.



**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** A spouse or partner might make an important, even life-changing, suggestion. Consider it carefully. It could hold some of the answers you've both been looking for.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### ❖ San Leandro Democratic Club Meeting

The San Leandro Democratic Club will host a forum for candidates running this year for the San Leandro City Council and San Leandro school board and the Alameda County district attorney tonight, Feb. 22, at 6:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave.

### ❖ Ashland Holy Ghost Association Festa

The Ashland Holy Ghost Association's annual festa will be on Saturday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m. at Ashland Hall, 16490 Kent Ave. in San Lorenzo. This fundraising dinner includes torresmos-carne de vinha d' alhos served with all the trimmings. Dance to the music of Victor Silva from 9 p.m. till midnight. Cost for the dinner/dance is \$20 per person for adults, \$10 for children 6 to 12. For tickets, call Judy Jesus at 388-3332 or Michael at 566-9208.

### ❖ Lunar New Year Celebration

The San Leandro Public Library invites everyone to a colorful and festive Lunar New Year celebration on Saturday, Feb. 24, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Karp/Estudillo rooms at the Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Admission is free. Welcome the Year of the Dog with beautiful music, artful martial arts demonstrations, exciting dancing, live drumming performances, and magnificent lion dancers. The amazing performances scheduled include lion dancers of Vovinam Viet-Do-Dao of San Jose, Chung Ngai Dance Troupe, and EGO Korean Drummers. After the celebration, free Asian craft-making sessions for children will be hosted by the Asian Community Cultural Association (ACCA) of San Leandro from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Trustees Room.

### ❖ 4th Sunday Breakfast for Veterans

American Legion Post 117 will host breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. every 4th Sunday of the month at the San Leandro Veterans Memorial Bldg., 1105 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro. The menu will be eggs-to-order, bacon/sausage, hash browns, toast and coffee. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$5 for veterans, and all others. All donations benefit American Legion veteran programs.

### ❖ AARP Income Tax Preparation

Trained AARP volunteers will be on hand to prepare income tax returns for low and moderate income individuals and families, with emphasis on serving those over 55 years of age. These two locations offer these services: Senior Community Center, 13909 E 14th St., San Leandro, Tuesdays till April 10, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd., San Leandro, Fridays till April 13, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. To schedule an appointment, call 577-3462.

### ❖ Jewish Voice for Peace

The Bay Area Jewish Voice for Peace and several co-sponsors invite people to join them in an anti-Islamophobia/pro-immigrant canvassing of San Leandro shops asking them to post signs saying: "We stand with our Muslim, Arabic and immigrant neighbors," on Saturday Feb. 24, at 2 p.m. Meet across from the San Leandro BART Station at 1400 San Leandro Blvd. one block from W. Juana Avenue. For more information, email bayarea@jvp.org with "FEB 24" in the subject line.

### ❖ Castro Valley Toastmasters

Castro Valley Toastmasters will hold its annual International Speech & Table Topics Contests on Tuesday, Feb. 27, from 6:45 to 8:30 p.m. at the Baywood Court Retirement Community,

21966 Dolores St. in Castro Valley. Members will compete utilizing the skills they have learned in Toastmasters for prepared and impromptu speeches. If you are curious about Toastmasters or interested in what Toastmasters can do for you, come to this special event. The meeting will begin with a potluck. It's free and all are welcome. For more information, visit the website at <http://961.toastmastersclubs.org/>.

### ❖ San Leandro Parkinson's Support Group

The San Leandro Parkinson's Support Group will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, March 1, at 10:30 a.m. at the San Lorenzo Community Church at 945 Paseo Grande. The speaker will be neurologist Dr. Mathew Arnold. For more information, call Lona White at 276-3119.

### ❖ I.D.E.S. of Saint John Breakfast & Bingo

I.D.E.S. of Saint John, 1670 Orchard Ave. in San Leandro, will have a Pancake Breakfast and Bingo on Saturday, March 3, at 9 a.m. Breakfast is \$10 and includes four bingo cards, additional cards are 25 cents each. Bring canned food for the food drive. For more information and tickets, call Helder Quadros at 357-5846, or Willie Calvo at 635-6326, or Frances Leite at 886-1568.

### ❖ The Film Bullied at Castro Valley Library

The Castro Valley Community Alliance, in partnership with the Castro Valley Library, will show the film "Bullied," followed by a panel discussion on Saturday, March 3, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Castro Valley Library, 3600 Norbridge Ave. in Castro Valley. The film depicts the story of a teen and his experience with anti-gay bullying, the school's reaction, and the subsequent landmark court ruling.

### ❖ San Leandro Readers Roundtable

The San Leandro Readers Roundtable will meet on Saturday, March 3, at 2 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Avenue. The book up for discussion will be *The Good Lord Bird* by James McBride. This mixture of history and imagination is a moving exploration of identity and survival in Civil War-era America. All are welcome, and all books discussed are available for purchase in the Library's Booktique bookstore.

### ❖ All Saints Episcopal Church

All Saints Episcopal Church, 911 Dowling Blvd. in San Leandro, will host a food pantry on Saturday, March 3. Volunteers report at 11:30 a.m., the Hospitality Room with snacks for guests opens at noon, and the food distribution is from 1 to 2 p.m. Cleanup usually ends by 2:30 p.m. For more information, visit [saintsalive.net](http://saintsalive.net) and click "Social Ministries."

### ❖ San Leandro Toastmasters

The San Leandro Toastmasters meet on Thursday nights from 7 to 8 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. The group fosters improved communication and public speaking. All levels of speakers from novice to seasoned are welcome.

### ❖ Kiwanis Club of San Leandro

Join the Kiwanis Club of San Leandro for weekly meetings. The first Tuesday is for socializing. Dinner is open menu and starts at 5:30 p.m. The following Tuesdays, second through the fourth or fifth, are luncheons and are from 12:10 to 1:30 p.m. and will have a speaker. All meetings are held at The Englander, 101 Parrett Street in San Leandro.

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# SENIORS

## Baby Boomers Find Companionship Online

By Jim Miller  
Special to the Times

Whether you're interested in dating again or just looking for a friend to spend time with, online dating sites have become a very popular and effective way for baby boomers to meet new single people.

Making new friends can be challenging as we get older, which is why online dating sites are an excellent option for baby boomers. They provide an easy and convenient way to meet dozens of new people, without ever having to leave home.

And, to make things even easier, many sites today use match-making algorithms that factor in your interests and preferences so they can steer you to matches that are best suited for you.

Here are some other tips to help you get started.

**Choose a site or two:** There are literally hundreds of different matchmaking websites and apps available, so choosing can be a bit confusing. Costs typically range between \$15 and \$20 per month, however some dating sites are completely free to use.

Depending on your preferences here are some popular op-

tions to look into.

If you don't want to spend any money, free sites like OKCupid.com and PlentyofFish.com are good places to start, but these sites have a lot of advertising.

There are also free apps like Tinder (GoTinder.com) and Bumble.com, but these tend to be geared toward younger adults looking for casual romance.

If you're interested in lots of choices, consider Match.com, which has a huge membership in all demographics. Or, checkout eHarmony.com, which is also very large but more targeted for people who want to take things slow.

Or, if you are looking to find a specific type of person, there are hundreds of niche sites like: OurTime.com, SeniorPeopleMeet.com and 50more.com for those 50 and older; EliteSingles.com for professionals; DateMyPet.com for animal lovers; VeggieDate.org for vegetarians; JDate.com for Jewish singles; BlackPeopleMeet.com for African Americans; and ChristianMingle.com for Christians.

**Create a profile:** When you join a matchmaking site you'll need to create a personality profile that reflects who you are, in-

cluding recent photos, hobbies, interests, favorite activities and more. If you need some help, sites like ProfileHelper.com can write one for you for a fee.

**Use caution:** When you register with a site you remain anonymous. No one gets access to your personal contact information until you decide to give it out, so be prudent whom you give it to.

Before meeting, you should chat on the phone or video chat a few times, and when you do meet in person for the first time, meet in a public place or bring a friend along. And, if someone asks for money, don't send it. Online dating/sweetheart scams are out there, so be aware. If you want to be extra cautious, you can even do a quick background check on your date at MyMatchChecker.com.

**Don't be naive:** In an effort to get more responses, many people will exaggerate or flat out lie in their profiles, or post pictures that are 10 years old or 20 pounds lighter. So don't believe everything you see or read.

**Make an effort:** A lot of times, people — especially women — sit back and let others come to them. Don't be afraid to make the first move. When you find someone you like, send



Don't be afraid to make the first move when searching online for a new companion.

a short note that says, "I really enjoyed your profile. I think we have some things in common." Keep it simple.

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## It's Déjà Vu All Over Again

By Carl Medford, CRS  
Special to the Times

Back in 2005 when home purchase loans were available to those who could fog a mirror, home prices were scraping the stratosphere due to low inventory.

Armed with low-interest variable-rate loans, buyers who had no business buying were snapping up properties as fast as they could. The result? Inventory disappeared faster than flapjacks at a lumberjack breakfast.

As homes flew off the market the second they hit, prices ramped up, prompting buyers to quickly submit offers on any new listing that became active. Offers, by the way, that were written at ridiculously high prices with all contingencies removed.

The result? When the dust settled, many buyers began hav-

ing the "morning after" blues.

With homes selling so quickly, many buyers had no opportunity to fully investigate the homes they were purchasing. Consequently, once they moved in, some began to discover that their purchase failed to meet their expectations. The result? The uptick in home prices was accompanied by a sharp increase in litigation.

Looks like it's déjà vu... all over again.

It's no secret that home prices in the Bay Area are spiraling out of control, fueled by a hot local economy and extreme shortage of homes to purchase. Consequently, conditions now are very similar to the peaks of the 2005 real estate market.

There is one significant difference, however. Purchases now are by buyers with cash or loans with payments they can actually afford. Therefore, we do not see a market collapse on the horizon and, although prices are at all-time highs, this is not a bubble.

The factors that *are* the same as 2005 are significant, including limited time on the market, high prices and non-contingent offers.

There could easily be cause for a consumer warning: "Buyers forced to buy a home in a hurry at record high prices may come to regret their decision down the road."

In fact, recent surveys indicate that record numbers of new

homeowners are experiencing buyer's remorse. They feel they were pressured to buy, did not have time to evaluate their purchase, ended up with a home that was too small... and so on.

The result? Stay tuned. The last time we went through a similar market, the real winners were attorneys.

As buyers in the last market wallowed in regret, they looked for scapegoats. Could it be the current market will ultimately reap the same result? Stay tuned... the jury is still out.

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## Bold Colors Are Here To Stay in Home Decor

Colorful home decor is back in a big way, and here to stay. Color experts say people are increasingly at ease with bold colors and are showing their creativity with intensified hues.

### Expressing Creativity

Homeowners have come to appreciate the newfound infusion of vibrant hues into all aspects of everyday life. According to color expert Dee Schlotter, the influence of new technologies and a society propelled by ideals at an ever-evolving pace are driving color-packed palettes and providing a new platform for self-expression.

"Homeowners are articulating their creativity like never before. Fresh, bold color has permeated our daily lives, becoming an increasingly dramatic character in home decor and overall design," Schlotter said. "Homeowners who were once leery of color are now embracing it with open arms and a brand-new level of sophistication."

With the abundance of bold colors emerging in home decor,

the method for integrating color and lifestyle will vary from person to person. For example, some people retreat to the basics for simple yet adaptable, thoughtful use of home design elements. Others may prefer to express themselves through loud, unexpected design as fashionable, futuristic technology takes center stage.

### How To Use Bold Colors

- Remember, every room should have a theme and color is what ties that theme together. Choose bold colors that you can use more than once — in wall paint, fabric patterns, furniture and decorating accents.

- A room's color palette is never about just one color. It's about the combination of all the colors in a particular space. If bright wall colors aren't for you, try incorporating bold hues into other design details, from window treatments to flooring and fabric.

- Test first. Use a large test sheet and a "time test" — view your color in all light: morning, noon and night. Live with it for a few days to make sure you love it.

- Never hold a paint chip in front of a white wall, since bold colors will appear darker or more intense on the wall than they do on a small chip. Hold the paint color next to furniture, window treatments and flooring for a true "feel"

for how the color will look in the room.

- Go bold on one wall. Try fuchsia or teal or even black on one wall and neutral colors on the other walls for a punch of interest and appeal.

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# Plan: ‘We’re not politicians, just students who see a problem and try to solve it’

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Oakland, is the site they have their eyes on. This is where a building will house homeless people and have all the resources to help them get back to finding housing again.

It’s a tall order, but history has taught us that optimism and youthful energy have solved problems that everyone thought were impossible.

Of course this is going to cost a lot of money, said the club’s faculty advisor Jack Nelson. The figure is \$20 million.

“This is a big number,” Nelson. “I’ve been talking to my history classes about this.”

Nelson has held his annual marathons to raise money for

schools for as long as he’s been with the San Leandro school district. But this is an amount that’s way beyond any of those fundraisers.

A list of names appeared on the screen: Stephen Curry, Mark Zuckerberg, Draymond Green, Joe Lacobe, Tom Hanks, Warren Buffett.

“We can’t make them (contribute) but I suggest writing to them,” Nelson said. “It’s a social responsibility. It (homelessness) can be cured in a year.”

The club envisions a 300 to 400 unit building to house the homeless.

“We’d have security, make it safe,” Nelson said. “It would truly be an East Bay thing. Get

the whole community involved. It’s a step in the right direction.”

### Nelson to Retire

Nelson also announced his retirement after teaching for 32 years. Every year since 1990, Nelson has held a marathon to raise money for good school programs and other good causes. One year he ran all the way from Monterey to San Leandro High.

“It’s time, there are some good people to take my place, and my patience is probably a little less than it used to be,” Nelson said.

But Nelson will follow the progress of the homeless project.

“We’re going to the Oakland City Council in April,” he said. “I’ll see it through.”



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Student Celia Zie (right) explains the plan for housing the homeless on Friday as Kat Moses looks on.

# Hurting: ‘It is affecting us drastically’

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the past two months since the construction started right here.”

Norberto said that AC Transit has been communicating with her, but until the construction is over, not much can be done.

“I understand that it is an ongoing process and there’s not much we can do right now,” said Norberto. “But it is affecting us drastically.”

BRT is touted as “light rail on wheels,” a 9.5 mile route between 20th Street in Oakland to the downtown San Leandro BART station. It will feature both median and curbside elevated stations and will replace the existing Line 1 route once it’s running.

The \$213 million BRT project has been in the works for over 15 years. In 2014, AC Transit said the buses would be running by 2017. But the groundbreaking didn’t take place until 2016 and

now, AC Transit says construction will wrap up in 2019 and buses will be running by the end of that year.

According to AC Transit, BRT will eliminate 37 parking spaces in San Leandro – on East 14th Street and near the BART Station.

In addition to the burden on businesses, anyone driving down that part East 14th Street feels a bit of a squeeze, as the road has been winnowed down to one lane in each direction on some parts.

Peter Rodriguez works near the construction, but says he no longer walks downtown or to local restaurants on his lunch break because the construction is a hassle. “There’s definitely less foot traffic, you can just see that,” said Rodriguez. “It just is something you’d avoid if you could, so I don’t come this way as much.”

According to AC Transit, the



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Construction of a BRT station disrupts business at Angelina’s Pizza among other businesses.

current active construction sites in San Leandro are East 14th Street between Farrelly Drive and Durant Avenue, East 14th Street and Georgia Way, and East 14th Street between Haas and Toler avenues. A median station on East

14th Street at Durant Avenue is scheduled to begin construction in March.

You can sign up to receive construction updates via email at [www.actransit.org](http://www.actransit.org) under the BRT tab.

## SL Demos Host Candidates Forum

The San Leandro Democratic Club will host a forum for candidates running this year for the San Leandro City Council and San Leandro school board and the Alameda County district attorney on Thursday, Feb. 22, at 6:30 p.m.

at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Candidates who plan to attend include District Attorney Nancy O’Malley and district attorney candidate Pamela Price, and city council and school board candidates.

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Juan is survived by his children Jesse, Frank, Richard and Helen, 16 grand children and 27 great-grandchildren. He is predeceased by his sons Fred Lerma, Anthony Lerma and John. Juan loved to fish, hunt, and travel, and also liked going for long drives, but what he loved most was his family.

The Family would like to thank Reliance Hospice for all their help, and all of Juan’s family who came to see Juan. At Juan’s request no services will be held. Santos-Robinson Mortuary, San Leandro 510-483-0123, santos-robinson.com.



## LOCAL DEATHS

■ MACIEL ABACHERLI, Elaine M. (1933 - 2018), a resident of Castro Valley, was born in Castro Valley. Funeral Services were held at Sorensen Chapel, 1140 B St., in Hayward, on Feb. 16. She will be remembered for her kindness, strength and love of family.

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**Mass Shootings: 'Leave Our Flags At Half-Mast Permanently'**

Editor:

So here we are again, another mass school shooting, another set of grieving families, friends, and loved ones, and yet another hollow, form-letter expression of condolences from our president and elected officials who yet again steadfastly refuse to deal with the issue.

At this point wouldn't it just save time and effort to leave our flags at half-mast permanently.

—Tony Shull, San Leandro

**Blames School Violence on 'Separation of Church and State'**

Editor:

A young girl once asked God "Why do you allow so much violence in schools?" To which God replied, "Dear child, I am not allowed in schools."

Whether with a gun, a knife, a nail bomb, a car to run people over, evil people will harm others if there is no moral impediment. We have disallowed "religion" in schools because some perceive the 2nd Amendment mandates the "separation of church and state."

That phrase is nowhere in the Constitution, but the courts have so misinterpreted that concept as to keep the Christian faith out of schools, and we are suffering because of it.

Our laws are based on Judeo-Christian teachings, yet we do not allow those teachings to be taught in schools. Some of the Ten Commandments are: Honor your father and mother; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not lie. Even in the New Testament, it says love the Lord your God and your neighbor as yourself (The Golden Rule).

Not a lot more needs to be said to attain virtue, morals, justice. But these are disallowed in schools because of the belief we must not allow God in schools.

Without an orderly God, there is disorder, anarchy, chaos, killing, stealing, all kinds of evil. We can try to treat the symptoms by addressing the weapon of choice, but the disease is much deeper and must be treated with a deeper cure towards the evil within.

We must, as a nation, turn this around and begin to allow God to transform us from the inside.

—Corey Anderson, San Leandro

**Government Should Be Allowed To Temporarily Confiscate Guns Based on Threats**

Editor:

We need to stop treating gun ownership as a supreme individual right.

In most cases of mass death, the shooter was known to be a threat before he killed. Based on threats of violence, mental disorder and other factors the government should be allowed to immediately, but temporarily, confiscate a person's guns.

To permanently keep the guns, the government would have to make a showing before a judge and provide reasonable compensation for the guns seized. Otherwise, what good does calling the FBI or police to report threats and dangerous behavior do without a legal procedure for them to act to protect

our safety?

—Stephen Cassidy, San Leandro

**Why Can't Government Treat the Underclass with Dignity?**

Editor:

Regarding the federal proposal for the SNAP (food stamp) program, I am stunned by the heartlessness of the cuts and the cluelessness – or is it just more heartlessness? – of beneficent Big Brother picking out the food for the grateful underclass, asking them to haul impossible loads of food by means of impossible transportation modes.

Added to the insult is the lack of access to fresh food, coupled with the insult of the misnomer of "Blue-Apron type program." In the nine plus years of our monthly food pantry, serving tens of thousands in the East Bay, we have offered a wide variety of canned and fresh foods for our guests to choose from. Some take something from all 30 or so options, others walk right past the canned vegetables to get to the fresh produce. Everyone leaves grateful, everyone has taken what they want, everyone has been treated with dignity. Can our federal government not do the same?

—Tom Breckenridge  
Food Pantry Coordinator  
All Saints Episcopal Church

**Stands By His Use of the Term 'NIMBYs'**

Editor:

As I predicted, the chorus of righteous indignation coming from the North Area NIMBYs is deafening. How dare you call us NIMBYs. We're such good people. I beg to differ.

Let's go over the record. You folks have stormed city hall like an angry mob demanding we rezone the city into your view of San Leandro and no one else's.

You've disparaged Tom Silva here and on social media and told him to build anywhere but in your neighborhood.

You've tried to have me banned from social media over the simple use of the term NIMBY because it hurts your tender feelings. You are going to shut down any dissenting opinion.

And, when that doesn't work, then comes the outrage.

Give me a break. You folks have turned a 5-letter acronym into a four letter word by your own actions.

In last week's paper, Irene P. Chowenhill, Cynthia Hicks and Dennis Chowenhill could not have been more clear when they stated, "But good news for Mr. Silva and Mr. Mulgrew: both San Lorenzo and Castro Valley are great sites for buildings that meets the housing needs of the area!"

If this isn't the textbook definition of NIMBYism I don't know what is. I, for one, am going to continue to use the term NIMBY loudly and clearly to contrast this hateful campaign against progress the North Area NIMBYs are waging.

—Gary Langbehn, San Leandro

**Wall Between U.S. and Mexico Would Cost Billions while Devastating Wildlife Refugees**

Editor:



Is history about to repeat itself?

When humans settled down around 8,000 years ago, walls went up: from Asia to Western Europe, walls along the borders, around cities. Hadrian's Wall, The Great Wall of China, the Berlin Wall, etc. None of them ever proved effective against any conquerors.

The Trump Administration wants to build a wall along our border with Mexico. But these are not the Middle Ages and there are many ways to get into the United States.

These illegals are not our enemies. There are basically two kinds: the drug dealers (and as long as Americans buy drugs they will come into the country), and the second type of illegals are looking for work.

They work hard in the fields, orchards, vineyards, factories and slaughter houses and do yard work, cleaning and such – jobs that most Americans don't want to do. What would we eat if Mexicans didn't grow and harvest our crops? We owe them a lot.

The wall build with taxpayers money is expected to cost \$23 billion to \$66 billion and would only serve to boost Trump's ego.

The Trump Administration's disregard for the environment would devastate wildlife refuges stretching from Texas across the Rio Grande into Mexico. The wall will cut off migration paths of animals that are in search of food and water.

Anyone interested in stopping the wall to save wildlife and refugees, please contact Defenders of Wildlife, 1130 17th St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20036, or go to [www.defenders.org](http://www.defenders.org).

—Anna M. Joe, San Leandro

**Trump Wall Would Separate Indigenous Peoples**

Editor:

President Trump is at it again. He is still insisting on building a wall between this country and Mexico.

This time he is attaching it to a budget that he has just proposed. There is only one problem: there are Indigenous Peoples known as the Tohono O' Odhams who live there. Their homeland is between the Gila River in Arizona and the Sea of Cortez in Mexico.

The Tohono O' Odhams in this country visit relatives on the side of Mexico daily as well as going to a pilgrimage in Sonora to pray to the statue of their saint, St. Francis, since many of them are Catholic.

This should make sense to conservative folks in this country since half of them are Catholic, but yet support Trump.

I urge the majority of Americans to oppose the president budget that includes the building of the wall.

—Billy Trice Jr., Oakland

## INQUIRING REPORTER

## What can we do about school shootings?

— Asked at Bayfair BART

Metal detectors and more security. And putting prayers back in school like in the old days.

**Royce Carter**  
Hayward



I would say we need more security at the schools. I guess metal detectors, and paying more attention to who's coming into the school.

**Tito Soulchild**  
San Leandro



Arm everyone. Absolutely. I'm not going into a school and shooting up the place if I know the teachers are armed. We have to defend ourselves. That's what the Second Amendment is for.

**Sean Falconer**  
Oakland



I don't think anything can be done. Maybe metal detectors. It should be easier to get guns, because then you can shoot back.

**Clint Hansen**  
San Jose



Have a government with the will to enact better gun control laws. Nobody needs a machine gun. What sport do you need that for?

**David Dolison**  
San Leandro





# Hospital: County health administrator says hospital is in the black

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year period.

But a campaign to "save" the hospital was launched and in 2013 Sutter sold the hospital to Alameda Health System (AHS), the county's public healthcare system, and gave them \$22 million to keep it running.

In 2015, the Alameda County Grand Jury said that AHS had major financial problems and San Leandro Hospital was \$12

million in the red that fiscal year. But that loss was paid off by Measure A, a half-cent "essential health services" sales tax which brings in about \$100 million annually, \$75 million of which goes to AHS.

AHS also received \$3 million from the city of San Leandro to keep the hospital afloat.

Now, Jackson says that the financial struggle is behind them and AHS is ready to make up-

grades at San Leandro Hospital.

"We went from a fairly significant loss a few years ago to being in the black," said Jackson at a City Council meeting last month. "I'm very proud that we're able to make such a significant financial investment in the community."

Councilman Benny Lee congratulated Jackson on getting emergency room wait times down from 72 minutes five years ago to less than a half hour today. Jackson added that, in that same span of time, the number of people they see in the emergency room each day has gone from an average of 70 to 95.

The new rehabilitation area will not affect emergency services at the hospital, Jackson said.

The third and fourth floors of the hospital will be turned into a 28-bed rehabilitation facility, administrative offices, and speech and physical therapy areas. The roof of the hospital will be turned into an outdoor walking and lounging area for patients and employees to relax and enjoy. Construction is set to be finished by the spring of 2019.

Mayor Pauline Cutter said it



TIMES FILE PHOTO

The third and fourth floors of San Leandro Hospital will be turned into a 28-bed rehabilitation facility and physical therapy areas and the roof will be for outdoor walking.

was hard to imagine San Leandro Hospital getting \$27 million in upgrades a few years ago when it looked like it might be shut

down entirely.

"Thinking back to six or seven years ago when a lot of people were worried about it

being closed, I just want to commend you for what you've done," Cutter said to Jackson "It's so important for the community."

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