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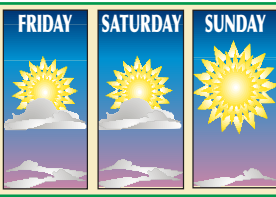
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Avance and other bands will play on Sunday on Parrott Street at the annual Sausage & Suds Music Festival.

## Annual Suds Festival on Tap Sunday

By Amy Sylvestri  
San Leandro Times

One of San Leandro's most popular community events hits downtown this Sunday – the Sausage and Suds Music Festival. Over 6,000 people are expected to come down to Parrott Street, near the intersection of East 14th Street from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

for food, music, and fun hosted by the San Leandro Downtown Association.

Admission to the festival is free and a \$20 ticket will get you a 2017 souvenir beer or wine glass and two drink pours. All proceeds benefit events put on by the Downtown Association, including the upcoming holiday "It's a Wonderful Night" party.

This is the 17th annual Sausage and Suds fest, and while last year it was a rainy day, the weather is expected to be all clear this weekend.

"We are really excited," said Jessica Cutter, volunteer special events coordinator for the San Leandro Downtown Association. *see FESTIVAL, page 14*

## Davis Street Takes PR Tack Over Pot Shop

'Preview' of cannabis dispensary comes before city approval to operate

By Amy Sylvestri  
San Leandro Times

The Davis Street Wellness Center has invited the public to preview their plans for a medical marijuana dispensary tonight (Thursday) at their proposed location on Teagarden Street – a part of the building occupied by the Davis Street Family Resource Center.

But the public preview is taking place before Davis Street Wellness has approval from the city to operate at that location and city officials have expressed doubts about the site.

The Wellness Center's conditional use permit needs to be approved by the city's Board of Zoning Adjustments (BZA) and the hearing is scheduled for next Thursday, Oct. 5.

And even if the plans pass the BZA, there is opposition from the City Council, as Mayor Pauline Cutter says she cannot support plans to open up a cannabis clinic in such close proximity of the Family Resource Center.

"I understand that (the public preview) is part of their strategy to get community support," said Cutter. "It's not a secret that I don't approve a clinic in a location where they serve children and families."

City laws prevent medical marijuana sales within 1,000 feet of schools, churches, and child-care centers, but they don't apply

in this case, as Davis Street's childcare happens offsite at various schools around San Leandro.

Davis Street Family Resource Center CEO Rose Johnson said that children do attend events at *see DAVIS, page 5*

## County to Improve East 14th Street

By Amy Sylvestri  
San Leandro Times

If all goes according to the county's plans, the pothole-riddled southern segment of East 14th Street will eventually be a smooth, bicycle and pedestrian-friendly corridor, complete with state-of-the-art lighting, underground utilities, and beautiful landscaping.

The Alameda County Public Works Agency held a meeting at the Ashland Community Center Tuesday night to show off plans for the East 14th Street/Mission Boulevard corridor improvement project, specifically for the one- *see EAST 14TH, page 14*

## Medical Supplies Headed to Houston

By Andrew Joseph  
San Leandro Times

Humanitarian aid organization MedShare held a press conference on Friday, Sept. 8, as volunteers prepared medical materials for shipment from San Leandro to Houston and South Florida for disaster relief of Hurricane Harvey and Irma as part of their disaster relief program.

MedShare's protocol to those communities in need is to collect biomedical equipment, medical supplies and basic care items. They also provide biomedical equipment training and service to healthcare organizations and medical professionals serving those communities in need.

There are supply drives being held at each one of MedShare's three locations in San Leandro, Atlanta, and New York for survivors of Hurricane Harvey and Irma. MedShare's partners to *see MEDSHARE, page 7*



PHOTO BY ANDREW JOSEPH

MedShare's Western Regional Director Eric Talbert delivers news of the company's efforts in the disaster relief of Hurricane Harvey and Irma.

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# Woman Trying to Help Puerto Rican Island

By Jim Knowles

San Leandro Times

A Castro Valley woman who's lived in the Caribbean wants to help the small island of Culebra, which is part of Puerto Rico, a United States Territory.

Kelly Marquez Johnson is of Puerto Rican descent, lived on St. Croix in the 1980s, and she visited Culebra many times. The small island, just off the main island of Puerto Rico, was devastated by both Hurricanes Irma and Maria.

All the hurricane assistance goes into Puerto Rico, but Johnson is afraid that little Culebra won't get help until much later if at all. Johnson said she just has to do something to help the little island where people rely on tourism to make a living.

"I'm Puerto Rican and I've

been going there for many years," said Johnson who was born in San Francisco. "They were hit by Irma and they were without power and then they got Maria."

She talked to a friend on the island who said people are being told to save rainwater to drink.

"They're not getting water," Johnson said. "They're saving rainwater because they don't have any other water. They're the poorest. They don't get anything until last."

So she's trying to raise money for batteries, small flashlights, canned meat and water purification tablets. Johnson plans to collect the goods and get a flight to deliver the items herself as soon as air travel resumes to Puerto Rico in October.



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Kelly Marquez Johnson is trying to help the island of Culebra, part of Puerto Rico. At right is Johnson's friend Guillen Pena, a retired policeman and water taxi driver in Culebra.



PHOTO COURTESY OF KELLY JOHNSON

An iPhone photo Johnson took of a beach in Culebra.

Her friend, Guillen Pena, is a retired park policeman on the island. Today Pena runs a little water taxi and Johnson said she would trust him with anything, so she would let him distribute the items she brings.

The electricity could be out for 4 to 6 months, so the restaurants and hotels will be without power. So the people will suffer without tourism, Johnson said.

"If everyone reading donated one dollar we could be part of something fantastic," Johnson

said. "We can collectively help. These are American citizens."

Johnson is contributing \$1,000 and has a goal of \$5,000 to help Culebra. She has set up a GoFundMe page for anyone who wants to contribute at www.gofundme.com/culebra-puerto-rico-in-crisis.

Johnson asked that if anyone would like more information they can call her at 862-6555 or write to Kelly Johnson, 20885 Redwood Road, #272, Castro Valley, CA 94546.



PHOTO COURTESY OF KELLY JOHNSON

## Breakthrough treatment for peripheral neuropathy

Peripheral neuropathy is a condition that many people have never heard of – yet it affects around 1 in 50 people, and almost 1 in every 10 people who are 55 or over.

It causes weakness, numbness and stabbing, tingling, buzzing and sometimes even pain, usually in the hands and feet, and is a result of damage to the peripheral nerves.

It is usually treated with prescription pain medication, but this does not address the underlying condition, which is a problem with the nervous system.

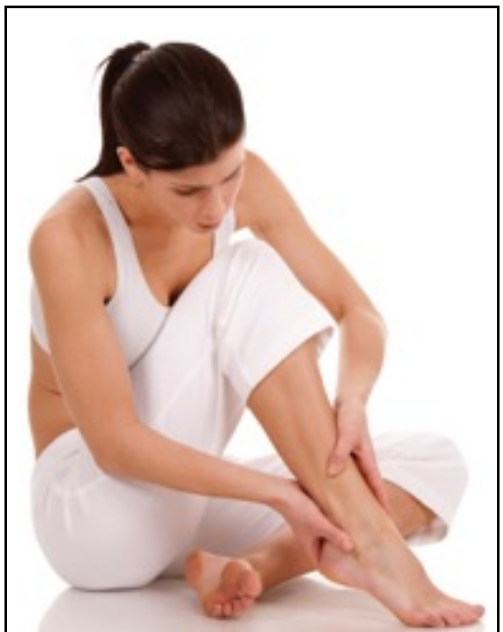
The peripheral nervous system connects your body to your spinal cord and brain. It allows the transfer of important information that keeps you alive and well. But mechanical problems of the body. These could have been caused by repetitive strains and other physical causes.

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Elisa L. from Castro Valley says "My work requires a lot of walking and I started to limp and have severe leg cramps at night. I couldn't even put my bare feet on the floor. My doctor told me to stretch....I tried icing....Also, I had to take Ibuprofen every 6

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## Back to School at Royal Sunset

Last week, the students at Royal Sunset High School in Cherryland went to a special "welcome back" event to get them back in the swing of things for the school year and learn about the services that are available to them in their community. The students got a chance to speak with representatives from the Alameda County Sheriff's Office, San Lorenzo Library Teen Services, La Familia, Soulciety/Reach, and the military. The event was sponsored by the school's leadership class including Jessyca Quinteros, Braulia Robles, Sergio Alaniz, Damien Wright, Johnathan Diaz, Saul Trujillo, pictured above with Luna.

## District Attorney Launches 'Justice Restoration' for Young Offenders

Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley announced last week that her office and several other county agencies are launching a special program to benefit youths who are in the criminal justice system.

The "Alameda County Justice Restoration Project" takes young adults ages 18 to 24 who have been charged with felonies or are on felony probation and enters them in counseling, individualized coaching, case management and other programs in an attempt to reduce recidivism.

Now in its pilot phase, the project will serve 29 young adults, and the full program, which starts in January will serve an additional 150 people.

"This project provides a pathway for a better life," said O'Malley in a written statement. "We understand that recidivism is a problem that affects communities throughout the county, the state, and the nation. Repeatedly jailing low-level offenders without providing supportive services and opportunities for employment and education is not the answer. The criminal justice system and our citizens are best served when we embrace new ideas and approaches to addressing crime, punishment, and rehabilitation."

A key partner is La Familia Counseling Services, a community based organization that will support young adults returning to their neighborhoods in Alameda County through its individualized coaching. Clients will be paired for 18 months with coaches with similar life experiences who will provide dedicated engagement and mentorship. Coaches will coordinate with probation officers and trained professionals to streamline access to an array of services that are challenging for clients to navigate without support.

The program has been developed and spearheaded by the Alameda County District Attorney's Office in collaboration with the Probation Department, the County Administrator's Office,



Nancy O'Malley

and the Sheriff's Office, among other county partners.

The project is funded by a mix of federal, state, county, and philanthropic dollars, including funding from Alameda County.

## Suspect in Cop Hit and Run Charged by District Attorney

The man arrested last week for striking two San Leandro police officers with his car while trying to flee the scene of a suspected robbery has been charged with multiple felonies by the Alameda county District attorney's Office.

On Sept. 17, Terry Gordon, 57, allegedly stole from the Safeway at the Greenhouse Marketplace shopping center.

While driving away, his car hit two officers, leaving

them with injuries that are not life-threatening. The next day he was arrested in Oakland after his vehicle was spotted in that city.

Gordon was arraigned late last week and charged with crimes including attempted murder, assault on a police officer, second degree robbery, and great bodily injury.

Gordon is currently being held without bail at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin and expected to next appear in court to enter a plea on Oct. 11.



Terry Gordon



Alameda Police are asking the public's help in identifying this suspected Peeping Tom.

## SL Man a Prowler, Not a Peeping Tom

A San Leandro man who was arrested in Alameda for prowling near a home on Santa Clara Avenue is not the Peeping Tom police in that city have been looking for for several weeks.

The 35-year-old man was arrested on Sept. 24 just before 11 p.m. after a witness reported him in a backyard acting suspiciously, according to Alameda police.

He was cited and later released on suspicion of prowling.

But Alameda police say they don't think the San Leandro man is the same suspect who is thought to be connected to three other peeping incidents.

That suspect is described as a Hispanic or light-skinned Afri-

can-American in his 20s to early 30s. Anyone with information is asked to call Alameda police at 337-8340.

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# NEIGHBORS



Students at Principled Academy in San Leandro place painted rocks all over a giant globe where their ancestors are from to celebrate International Day of Peace.

## Students at Principled Academy Celebrate International Day of Peace

**By Isaac Durst**  
Head of Principled Academy

Once a year, on the anniversary of International Day of Peace, the students of The Principled Academy get excited and get their rocks ready. The rocks are painted and placed all over a giant globe where their ancestors are from. The students are a microcosm of the diverse city of San Leandro. They know the importance of peace at home and abroad. They know that the world could use some encouragement.

After placing their peace rocks on the globe, they take a short, but noisy walk down the block to encourage people to “honk for peace” while holding various peace signs.

The march is brief, the voices grow quiet, and the students return to their studies. However, the rocks last. It is possible that this year there will be more days of peace. Maybe there is hope that our future leaders will make a difference. Perhaps we can learn a little something from them.

## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

❖ **Chanticleers Theatre**  
*The Addams Family*  
*The Addams Family*, a magnificently macabre musical comedy, will open at the Chanticleers Theatre, 3583 Quail Avenue in Castro Valley on Friday, Oct. 6, with the traditional complimentary hors d'oeuvres, desserts and beverage gala. In the

kooky, upside-down world of the Addams Family, a grave crisis is brewing. It is every father's worst nightmare but in reverse. Curtain time for Friday and Saturday evenings is 8 p.m., and Sunday matinees start at 2 p.m. through Nov. 5 (no show on Oct. 8). For tickets (general-\$25, seniors and students-\$20, bargain night Oct. 7-\$18), call Seelive at 733-5483 or visit chanticleers.org.

❖ **Hitchcock Classics at SL History Museum**  
San Leandro History Museum, 320 West Estudillo Ave., is screening two of Alfred Hitchcock's most suspenseful and terrifying movies on Saturday, Oct. 7. *Rear Window* will be shown at 11:15 a.m. and *The Birds* will begin at 2 p.m. Admission is free.

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- ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** This is a good time for the usually outspoken Aries to be a bit more discreet. You still can get your point across, but do it in a way less likely to turn off a potential supporter.
- TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** Good news: All that hard work you put in is beginning to pay off. But you need to watch that tendency to insist on doing things your way or no way. Be a bit more flexible.
- GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** You might want to delay making a decision on the future of a long-standing relationship until you check out some heretofore hidden details that are just now beginning to emerge.
- CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** Your reluctance to compromise on an important issue could backfire without more facts to support your position. Weigh your options carefully before making your next move.
- LEO (July 23 - August 22):** This is a good time for ambitious Leos or Leonas to shift from planning their next move to actually doing it. Your communication skills help persuade others to join you.
- VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22):** Relationships -- personal or professional -- present new challenges. Be careful not to let a sudden surge of stubbornness influence how you choose to deal with them.
- LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22):** You might need more facts before you can decide on a possible career change. But you should have no problem making a decision about an important personal matter.
- SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21):** You're respected by most people for your direct, no-nonsense approach to the issues. But be careful you don't replace honest skepticism with stinging sarcasm.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** A newly emerging situation could require a good deal of attention and some difficult decision-making. However, close friends will help you see it through.
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** Family matters need attention. Check things out carefully. There still might be unresolved tensions that could hinder your efforts to repair damaged relationships.
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** Of course you deserve to indulge yourself in something special. But for now, tuck that bit of mad money away. You'll need it to help with a looming cash crunch.
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San Leandro Adult School will offer a new class, “Parent Help, Pay It Forward Math.” This class is geared for parents of children in 4th through 8th grade who are struggling in math. The class runs till Nov. 15 on Mondays and Wednesdays at either 1 to 3 p.m., or 6 to 8 p.m. There is no fee for this class. For more information, call 667-6250 or go to [www.sanleandroadultschool.org/classes/](http://www.sanleandroadultschool.org/classes/)
- ❖ **Perry and The Fundudes**  
Perry and The Fundudes will play at The 21st Amendment Brewery, 2010 Williams St. in San Leandro on Saturday, Sept. 30, from 3 to 6 p.m. Great beer, music and a taco truck. BYOB, order in food, bring pets, spouses, X-ez. For more information, call 595-2111 or visit the website [www.21st-amendment.com](http://www.21st-amendment.com).

❖ **San Leandro Moon Festival**  
The 5th annual San Leandro Moon Festival will be held on Saturday, Sept. 30, from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. in front of the Seagull Picnic Area at the San Leandro Marina Park. The free festival features cultural entertainment, vendor information, moon cake tasting and free door prize drawings. Everyone is invited. Bring lawn chairs or blankets and sunscreen. The San Leandro Moon Festival is hosted by the Asian Community Cultural Association of San Leandro. For more information, call Arlene Lum at 1-800-819-2828.

❖ **Weldonians 80th Anniversary Reunion**  
The Weldonians 80th Anniversary Reunion will be held on Saturday, Sept. 30, at 11:30 a.m. in Danville. For details contact Marlynne Leonardson at (925) 642-7192 or email her at: [mleonardson@yahoo.com](mailto:mleonardson@yahoo.com). The Weldonians was a youth band and majorette corps founded by Weldon L. Leonardson in 1937 and performed all over the Bay Area and at the World's Fairs in San Francisco, Seattle and Spokane.

❖ **San Leandro Parkinson's Support Group**  
The San Leandro Parkinson's Support Group will meet on Thursday, Oct. 5, at 10 a.m. at the San Lorenzo Community Church at 945 Paseo Grande. The speaker will be Steve Blake, who is a nutritional biochemistry specialist. For more information, call Lona White, 276-3119.

❖ **Blessing of the Animals**  
You are invited to the Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, Oct. 7, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the San Lorenzo Community Church, 945 Paseo Grande. Open to pets and people of all faiths, individual pet blessings, pet remembrance, St. Francis medal and certificate provided.

❖ **San Leandro Readers Roundtable**  
The San Leandro Readers Roundtable will meet on Saturday, Oct. 7, at 2 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Avenue. The book *Lab Girl*, Hope Jahren's memoir about becoming a geobiologist and a gifted teacher will be discussed. All are welcome, and all books discussed are available for purchase at the Library's Booktique bookstore.

❖ **Veterans Art Project Exhibition**  
The Veterans Art Project coordinated by the Alameda County Arts Commission at the Oakland Vet Center presents an exhibition at the Sun Gallery, 1015 E St. in Hayward. Artworks include visual storytelling, textile artworks, paintings, and collaborative community artworks. The gallery is open Friday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and this exhibit runs through Oct. 8. Admission is free. The project, funded by the California Arts Council, provides veterans with

opportunities to express themselves in a supportive environment, explore visual art making techniques, and engage in community building.

❖ **Sons In Retirement Meetings**  
Sons In Retirement (SIRs), an organization of retired men, meets on the second Wednesday of each month. Meetings are held at the Wedgewood Center at Metropolitan Golf Links, 10051 Doolittle Dr. in Oakland. Happy Hour starts at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at noon. Great guest speakers. Guests are welcome. Come and meet new friends. For more information, call MEL at 357-0601.

❖ **Tarot's Mysterious History Slide Show**  
Join Amber Jayanti, founder of the International School for Tarot & Qabalah, for a fascinating and educational slide show and narrated journey through the tarot's mysterious history on Saturday, Oct. 14 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at the Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd. in San Leandro. Through a slide show for adults and teens, visit places such as ancient Egypt, Palestine, Rome and Greece, Renaissance Italy, pre-and post-World War II Europe and the United States. Refreshments served. For more information, call 577-7971.

❖ **Pancake Breakfast at Alta Mira Club**  
Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave. in San Leandro, will host a pancake breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 14, from 8 a.m. to noon. Tickets are \$6 for adults, and \$3 for children. For tickets, call Isabel Polvarosa at 483-2073 or buy tickets at the door.

❖ **Ashland-Cherryland FamFest**  
The 3rd Annual Ashland-Cherryland FamFest and 5K Fun Run will be on Saturday, Oct. 14, at the REACH Ashland Youth Center in Ashland. The morning will kick off with the 5K Run from 9 to 10 a.m., followed from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. by entertainment, sports activities, health screenings, activities for children, and food vendor booths. For more information about the FamFest, visit [www.acfamfest.org](http://www.acfamfest.org) or call 686-3653.

❖ **St. Felicitas Oktoberfest Luncheon**  
Tickets are now on sale for St. Felicitas Parish, 1662 Manor Blvd. in San Leandro, for the Young at Heart luncheon on Wednesday, Oct. 18, serving bratwurst sausage and all the fixings plus dessert and a beverage. Doors open at 11:45 a.m. and lunch is served at noon. Tickets are \$7. Entertainment and door prizes at each luncheon. Tickets must be purchased no later than the Monday before the luncheon. Tickets available at the parish office Monday through Thursday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

❖ **Castro Valley Women's Club**  
The community is invited to the Castro Valley Women's Club Clubhouse, on Wednesday, Oct. 18, at 1 p.m. at 18330 Redwood Road in Castro Valley. The guest speaker will be from SOS Wheels on Meals who will talk about the current local programs and issues. Join us for a great opportunity to hear how the organization helps homebound seniors right here in our own community. For more information, call 461-7692.

❖ **Prostate World Group Meetings**  
Prostate World, a support group for men and their significant others, holds meetings every second Tuesday of the month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at St. Rose Hospital, Pavilion Bldg., Room B, 27190 Calaroga Avenue in Hayward. Guest speakers present the latest information on prostate cancer. For more information, call Lonnie Silva at 783-5121 or email [prostateworld@comcast.net](mailto:prostateworld@comcast.net).

Calendar items should be submitted at least one week prior to the desired edition of the Times, which is published Thursdays. Space limitations require we print items of the most general interest.







## MedShare: 'Like a food bank for medical supplies'

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keep their initiative going include Coca-Cola, Kaiser Permanente, Sutter Health, Dignity Health and the University of California, San Francisco.

"We are like a food bank for medical supplies that helps those in need in various counties around the world," said Eric Talbert, the Western Regional Director for MedShare. "With the recent hurricane disasters in Houston and South Florida we need all the help and support we can get from the community."

MedShare is coordinating and expediting shipments of critical supplies with logistics partners, equipping medical mission team volunteers who travel to affected regions to provide direct aid, and will continue to provide support after the initial response. MedShare is partnering with Convoy of Hope to send essential care items and medical supplies to the Texas Diaper Bank and local medical clinics in the Houston area.

A representative of Coca-Cola in Union City, John Andrews, was at MedShare on Friday to show support for the disasters and explain how his company is providing financial aid to hurricane victims.

## Demo Club Meets Tonight

The San Leandro Democratic Club meets tonight (Thursday, Sept. 28) from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave.

"The Coca-Cola foundation has donated \$1 million to the American Red Cross to support the relief efforts in the wake of Hurricane Harvey," Andrews said. "These funds will provide immediate resources for food and shelter and longterm aid in rebuilding along the storm's path. Continued support is needed and can be given by entering the code underneath the cap of each Coke bottle at [Coke.com/give](http://Coke.com/give), which will then be converted into monetary aid for relief efforts."

"We know this will be a long-term effort like many of the other disasters MedShare has responded to before," said Talbert. "MedShare has prepared medical supplies and has received financial donations from many of our partners for Hurricane Harvey relief, but we desperately need more."

Over 70 people in the United States have died as a result of category 4 Hurricane Harvey and 30,000 people need temporary shelter as their homes were damaged or destroyed. The Federal Emergency Management Agency estimates that 450,000 people will need disaster assistance due to Harvey.

To help MedShare, people can donate the needed medical supplies and basic care items listed at [MedShare.org](http://MedShare.org), donate to MedShare's Disaster Relief Fund, and volunteer to sort and box supplies to be sent to affected areas.

MedShare is located at 2937 Alvarado St. in San Leandro and is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. MedShare encourages the community to follow their social media on Facebook @medsharewaternregion, Twitter @medshare, and Instagram @medshareofficial.

## Deputies Neutralize Possible Bomb

Device looked like a real bomb but could have been fake

By Amy Sylvestri  
San Leandro Times

Police located and neutralized a suspected pipe bomb at a county-owned recycling facility in unincorporated San Leandro Wednesday morning.

The Alameda County Sheriff's Office bomb squad was called to the scene at around 8 a.m. after the device was spotted

in a dumpster by an employee at the Alameda County General Services Agency property and salvage yard on the 15800 block of Foothill Boulevard, next to Fairmont Hospital.

The bomb squad said it appeared to be a pipe bomb, but there was a possibility of it being a fake device, said Sgt. Ray Kelley of the sheriff's office.

Kelley said that the device had to be destroyed immediately before it is determined to be real or fake so there is no risk of it going off. So police won't know if there was a "credible threat" until their investigation is complete. The device will be investigated and surveillance cameras in the area will be reviewed.

"It looked like one (a real

bomb), but it could have been a hoax," said Kelly. "We rendered it safe."

No buildings were evacuated, but police did clear the immediate area and destroyed the item.

The area is safe and no one was injured. Additional details are not known at this time and an investigation is ongoing, Kelly said.

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## HEALTH &amp; FITNESS

## Recognize the Signs of Peripheral Artery Disease

Many people dismiss leg pain as a normal sign of aging. But for 8.5 million Americans, the cause of their pain can be a life- or limb-threatening condition called peripheral artery disease (PAD).

Everyone, especially those at highest risk, should know the signs of PAD and how to prevent and treat it. With new drugs on the way, health plan coverage for exercise therapy and new treatment guidelines for health care providers, there are now more tools than ever to combat this disease.

Unfortunately, the disease often goes undetected and untreated although it's more common than atrial fibrillation and heart failure.

### What is PAD?

PAD happens when fatty de-

posits build up in arteries in the legs and feet. The condition is often undiagnosed, yet ignoring the signs of PAD is dangerous. Not only does it increase your risk for heart attack and stroke, these blockages can restrict circulation to the legs and feet. Left untreated, PAD can end in amputation.

Cigarette smokers have the highest risk — so high, in fact, that PAD screening should be routine in smokers. People with diabetes and those with cardiovascular risk factors such as high blood pressure, obesity or physical inactivity are also at risk.

### What Can You Do About Peripheral Artery Disease?

Simple measures can catch PAD before it's too late. You can manage or reverse it with proper



Early detection and treatment of peripheral artery disease are key. If you have risk factors, you should be screened regularly. Speak to your doctor about any problems you're having with your legs and feet.

care. If you have risk factors, take your socks off at the doctor's office. Your socks and shoes cover up many of the signs of this crippling disease:

- Leg pain: The most common symptom of peripheral artery disease in the legs is painful muscle cramping in the hips, thighs or calves when walking, climbing stairs or exercising. The pain often goes away after a few minutes of resting. This type of pain is called intermittent claudication.

Thanks to a recent ruling, it's easier for people to keep PAD from getting worse. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services now covers supervised exercise therapy for people with intermittent claudication.

You may be eligible for up to 36 sessions during a 12-week period with an optional second round of treatment. Ask your doctor if this therapy is available to you.

- Skin problems or discoloration on your legs and feet: Be aware of redness or other color changes in the skin on your legs and feet. Temperature changes may also be noticeable — your feet will feel cooler than other parts of your leg.

- Leg or foot wounds that are slow to heal: If cuts or other wounds on your feet or toes aren't improving after a couple of weeks, you should ask about PAD.

- Poor nail growth: Slow-growing or thickened toenails can be a sign of reduced blood flow to the legs and feet.

Early detection and treatment are key. Speak to your doctor about any problems you're having with your legs and feet.

For more information about PAD management, visit the American Heart Association at [www.heart.org/PAD](http://www.heart.org/PAD).

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## Eden Medical Wants to Hear from its Patients

By Meri Johnson-Wicks  
Special to the Times

Clinicians perform best when they listen to — and act on — what patients and their family members have to say about their care, its delivery and its design.

In 2014, Eden Medical Center launched a Patient and Family Advisory Council to infuse both patient- and family-centered feedback into healthcare.

The council consists of current or former patients and family members who meet with health care providers once a month.

At these meetings, the team reviews ideas that seek to improve the patient experience, elevate quality of care at the hospital and encourage better relationships between patient, family members and providers.

Patient and Family Advisors share their stories, experiences, and perspectives to foster continuous improvement in the care provided at Eden Medical Center.

"I can't overstate the value of having a patient's perspective on the work that we do every day," said Bryan Daylor, Eden's chief operating officer. "The council has helped us work on improvement

projects and patient education material, and has even weighed in on how to design exam rooms and explore bioethics questions — the scope is really unlimited."

Eden is currently looking for individuals to join the Patient and Family Advisory Council who:

- Have experience as health-care consumers or care-givers
- Are interested in playing an integral part in the process of continuous improvement.
- Are open minded and able to work in a collaborative environment
- Have time to attend regular meetings
- Possess clear, tactful communication skills

The process for becoming an advisor includes an initial phone screening and then an interview.

The minimum time commitment for volunteer Patient and Family Advisors is four hours a month for the council meeting. Additional time commitments are based on advisors' availability and interest in the topic at hand.

This is a volunteer position and is not compensated.

Meri Johnson-Wicks is Manager of Risk Management at Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley.

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**Limited seating. Call 510-538-2035 to register.**

Eden Health District is dedicated to improving the health of the people in its community by investing resources in health and wellness programs that meet identified goals. For more information about Eden Health District, visit [ethd.org](http://ethd.org).

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# FALL HOME IMPROVEMENT

## Conquer Your Cool-Weather Checklist

**M**ake sure your home is well-prepared for the cold weather coming later this fall. There are a number of ways you can keep comfortable and keep your energy bills in check all season.

It is estimated that nearly half of all heating and cooling equipment in U.S. homes never performs to its advertised capacity and efficiency due to incorrect installation, according to U.S. government statistics.

And, if you have an older system that was built before current efficiency standards, you could be spending more than needed on heating your home.

If you need to replace your system, be sure to have it properly installed by a professional, certified by North American Technician Excellence (NATE), the nation's largest independent, nonprofit certification body for heating and air conditioning technicians.

Beyond having an efficient heating system properly installed, there are several other steps you can take to make your home is cool-weather friendly:

- Clean heating filters. Check them every few weeks and change them at least twice in the season, or as directed by the manufacturer.

- Turn down the thermostat or install a programmable thermostat to regulate temperature.

- Clean the furnace area. Don't keep chemicals or cleaning products near a heater, and don't store anything next to it that could impede ventilation.

- Keep vents and returns free of obstructions. Don't lay carpet over vents or place furniture over or in front of them.

To find a qualified local contractor who employs certified technicians, look for the NATE logo or go to [HVACAdvice.com](http://HVACAdvice.com).

— StatePoint

## Tackle These Top 5 Home Maintenance Projects

**F**all is the perfect time to complete those pesky home maintenance projects left on your to do list.

If you've been putting off these chores, you're not alone, but it could cost you. In fact, a national survey from Erie Insurance shows many Americans are putting themselves and their homes at financial risk by delaying important home maintenance tasks.

Make sure you're protected by focusing on these five areas:

- ✓ **The Roof.** Twenty-three percent of homeowners admit they never inspect their roof or have it inspected unless there is a problem, according to the Erie Insurance survey. Unfortunately,

replacing a roof is also one of the biggest expenses a homeowner may have if not maintained properly. Nationally, the average homeowner spends about \$6,600 to install a new roof, but prices can soar upwards of \$20,000.

Don't be stuck with a hefty roof repair bill. Have it inspected to see if any shingles are damaged and need to be replaced.

The fall season is optimal since roofing is best installed when temperatures are cooler and you'll catch any problems before winter weather kicks in.

- ✓ **The Gutters.** Make sure downspouts drain away from the foundation and are clear of debris. Clogged gutters can lead to

major issues like uneven floors, cracks in walls and interior water damage.

This type of claim, also known as seepage, is a maintenance issue and often not covered under your home insurance policy. To prevent any major issues, clean gutters at least twice a year in fall and spring.

- ✓ **Dryer Exhaust Duct.** Does it take you two to three cycles to dry a load of laundry? If so, you may need to clean your dryer vent.

One in five (21 percent) admit they never clean their clothes dryer ducts, unless they have a problem. But lint build-up can catch fire easily. Over 15,000 dryer fires occurred nationwide from 2010-2014, with the majority being ignited by dust, fiber and lint, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

Avoid this disaster with a thorough cleaning at least once a year.

- ✓ **Fireplace Chimney.** Erie Insurance found nearly half (46 percent) of people who own a home with a fireplace never have their chimneys cleaned.

However, uncleaned chimneys are a leading cause of structure fires, reports the National Fire Protection Association. So, get the chimney cleaned before the cold weather hits and you find

yourself tossing logs in the hearth to keep the house toasty, and then have it cleaned annually.

- ✓ **Sump Pump and Pit.** Sump pumps remove excess water from homes that would otherwise cause property damage.

It's important to clean a sump pump and its pit annually to keep basements dry and help prevent

mold growth and water damage. Do this maintenance project in fall to help protect against heavy rainfalls and accumulated melting snow and ice of winter.

For more information on how you can protect your home through the seasons, visit [www.ErieInsurance.com](http://www.ErieInsurance.com).

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If you own a hillside home, please contact the Division of Building & Safety at (510) 577-3405.

**When:** October 5, 10, 12 and 17  
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# REAL ESTATE GALLERY



## REAL ESTATE REALITY

By Carl Medford, CRS  
Special to the Times

GUEST COMMENTARY



### Remove Buyers' Objections

The old adage used to be, "You have 60 seconds to sell your home."

Savvy sellers knew first impressions were everything, so they made sure the view from the curb was perfect and greeted anyone stepping inside with nice smells and well-staged rooms.

Everything has changed.

Prior to the internet, and especially smart phones, buyers needed to physically visit homes to determine if they were a fit. With the ability of devices to view high-definition pictures, the need to visit every home has gone the way of the brontosaurus.

Sellers no longer have 60 seconds — they have 15. And, the time doesn't start when buyers hit your sidewalk, it's 15 seconds from when they view your home's online profile.

Buyers enter criteria and list-

ings populate their phones. They begin moving from profile to profile. If a property's first picture grabs their attention, they continue looking. If not, it's swipe left and on to the next.

Compounding the issue, HGTV has dramatically elevated buyer tastes. They know exactly what they're seeking because they've seen it on Pinterest and property shows.

Homes that fit their criteria are explored online (think 3D tours) and, if everything looks good, a nod is given for a visit. Those that fail the initial test are not given a second chance and a buyer, once they've crossed it off their list, will never darken the door.

Additionally, today's buyers are different than their parents in another key area: They prefer move-in ready homes to those needing upgrades. With work and social events jamming their calendars, they want to come home, kick off their boots and regroup.

Homes resonating the most with buyers are those that most

closely resemble their HGTV ideals.

An effective way for sellers to deal with this mindset when prepping for a sale is to remove potential objections. Figure out what your home has that a buyer will *not* like and remove them. Expensive upgrades are not required — creativity goes a long way.

It's very possible to make kitchens gorgeous for \$6,000 to 8,000 — not \$60,000. Reface instead of replace. Use less expensive granite or quartz alternatives.

Replacement flooring need not be expensive and you don't need designer items. An experienced Realtor can guide you through the process and, once you're done, a professional stager can make it sizzle.

With a mere 15 seconds to get a yes, sellers that score are those who've successfully removed... objections.

Carl Medford is a licensed Realtor with Keller Williams Realty. This article is sponsored by the Central County Marketing Association.



### COMING SOON: 351 Accolade Dr. San Leandro

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## Learn the Art of Lawn Mowing

By Samantha Mazzotta  
Special to the Times

Wondering how to get those neat cross-hatch patterns in your lawn like the pros do?

Mowing in a specific pattern isn't the only way, nor the best way, to get those neat checkerboard stripes. A healthy lawn and proper mowing technique also are important.

Neat patterns, or stripes, are made noticeable by bending the grass blades in one direction on one stripe, and another direction on an opposing stripe.

Here are a few tips:

• **Raise your mower blades:** Cutting grass too low to the ground damages the plant, makes

it grow unevenly, and leaves it vulnerable to weeds, diseases and pests. It also makes patterns difficult or impossible to create.

• **Never cut more than one-third of the grass height:** Depending on the type of lawn, the ideal height may vary — Bermuda has an ideal height of about 1 inch, fescue or blue grass should be 2 to 3 inches tall, while St. Augustine should be mowed to a height of 3.5 to 4 inches. Let your grass grow at least one-third higher than its ideal height before mowing.

• **Never cut wet grass:** Cutting when dew or rain is still heavy on the grass will prevent a clean cut, damage the grass, cause clumping and hinders seeing an ideal pattern.

• **Maintain your mower:** Sharp

blades are essential for a good cut, as well as an efficient engine.

• **Change direction:** Once you get that nice pattern on the lawn, the best way to keep it is to change up the way you mow. Every other time, mow in a different pattern.

• **Overlap properly:** Each pass should be overlapped by the next by about 3 inches to make sure you don't miss a strip.

• **Don't worry about the corners... yet:** If the lawn has sharp or difficult corners, skip them until you've mowed the pattern you want on the rest of the lawn. Then go back and finish off each corner. Also skip uneven ground until the end, then raise the mower blades so you don't scalp the grass.

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## Leave Bearded Iris Alone; Sunflower Seeds May Disappoint

By Buzz Bertolero  
The Dirt Gardener

**I'm going to divide several clumps of Bearded Iris in the hope that it will increase the flowering. They flower sparsely along the edge of the clumps while the center has none. Is there anything special I need to do before replanting?**

**A** It is beneficial to periodically divide Bearded Iris. However, you can increase the flower production by leaving the clumps alone.

The decline in the production of flowers is a nutrient deficiency issue. The primary elements necessary for plant growth are Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium (N-P-K). Nitrogen (N) keeps plants green while Phosphorus (P) and Potassium (K) are for flower, fruit and hardiness. Bearded Iris stop blooming when the soil is depleted of Phosphorus (P) and Potassium (K).

Unlike Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium remain fixed in place and have little movement through the soil. Bearded Iris are shallow rooted and they will deplete the surface nutrients over time. Hence, all the flowering occurs at the outer edges because the new roots are expand-

ing into areas that haven't been depleted.

Fertilizing in the fall and winter months is critical for the spring blooms. This is when Bearded Iris flowers are forming for next year. Monthly applications of a granular 0-10-10 (N-P-K) such as EB Stone Ultra Bloom or a similar fertilizer now through March is recommended to replace the depleted nutrients.

Also, any of the liquid "bloom type" fertilizers such as Maxsea Bloom are acceptable.

Do not be concerned that the winter rains are going to leach the nutrients out of the root zone. Soil erosion is the only way the nutrients would be displaced.

After dividing Bearded Iris, there isn't anything special one needs to do to the roots/tubers prior to planting. Although, I'd remove any of the brown leaves and trim the remaining ones back to eight inches.

You should also prepare the soil by adding organic matter like soil conditioner or homemade compost, and sprinkle a starter fertilizer on the ground. The fertilizer is cultivated into the soil or covered with a layer of soil.

The key to planting Bearded Iris is not to bury the tubers. The tubers must be visible with a half



Bearded Iris will decline if there is a nutrient deficiency.

or more of them exposed above the soil line.

It's now a judgment call on your part whether to divide or not.

**Q** How would I go about saving the seeds from Burpee's Sunflowers for planting next year? The plants produced beautiful blooms on short stalks. I'd like to cover a large area with them, and I don't want any surprises.

**A** Seed saving is a popular activity; however, it's only recommended with open-pollinated varieties and not with the hybrids.

Plant characteristics such as flower form, color, height, leaf color, etc. from saved seeds are always unknown. The DNA or

the plant genetics will not be revealed until the seeds germinate.

Unfortunately for seed savers, most of the varieties from Burpee are hybrid crosses. You can double-check this online. In the variety description, any reference to an F-1 would indicate that it is a hybrid. Hence, to duplicate this year's success will require purchasing new seeds, as the saved seeds would be very unpredictable.

Therefore, I'd skip saving the seeds and avoid being disappointed.

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# East 14th: Bike lanes, trees and landscaping planned for East 14th

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mile portion between 162nd Avenue to I-238.

But the road is a state highway – Route 185, maintained by CalTrans – and the county is in the middle of getting the state to turn it over to the county.

The county says that they expect the state to give up control the road in late 2018 and they plan to be construction-ready as soon as that happens.

“We want all the planning work done and be ready to go,” said Dan Leary, an engineer with Bellecci & Associates, the company hired by the county for the project.

Leary presented plans for a phase of the project which will run about one mile from I-238 to

the REACH Center in Ashland. The Alameda County Public Works Agency says that \$10 million has been allocated to do repairs on the entire multi-phase project.

The new designs involves bulb-outs at intersections, which slows traffic and makes the crosswalks shorter and safer for pedestrians.

On the east side of the street, there will be bike lanes separated by an island running between cyclists and the street. The island will have trees, landscaping and streetlights. Leary explained that streetlights can't be installed on the existing sidewalks because CalTrans installed pipes underneath the cement years ago.

The space for the bike lane and island would be made possible by removing some of the painted island space in the middle of the street.

On the west side of the street, there would also be a bike lane, but it would run right next to curbside parked cars like most traditional bike lanes.

Leary estimated that bicycling and pedestrian use of the street would go up by 20 percent once the improvements take place.

One the other hand, available street parking will be reduced by about 5 percent.

“This will revitalize the corridor,” said Leary.

Public art will also factor into the makeover and the county

Arts Commission is planning a public meeting for sometime in early 2018.

Normally, a county or town wouldn't mind the street maintenance paid for by the state, but Alameda County Public Works director Daniel Woldesenbet told the Board of Supervisors earlier this year that the conditions were deteriorating to the point that the county needed to take over.

The county has taken over a segment of East 14th before. In 2005, Alameda County began doing the maintenance on East 14th from Thrush Avenue to 162nd Street and the utilities have since been placed underground and the street repaired and landscaped.

If you have questions about

the project or want to sign up for updates, call the Public Works

Agency at 670-5468 or email E14MissionProject@acpwa.org.

## Festival: Beer, bands and live entertainment

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“Last year it was raining, but it should be great this year.”

There will be a beer garden with 45 different brews, including selections from San Leandro breweries Drake's, 21st Amendment, and Cleophus Quealy, along with classics such as Bud Light. And there will be an assortment of wines and soft drinks available if beer is not your thing.

In addition to a variety of sausages, there will be soft pretzels and other fair-food favorites including kettle corn.

One new selection this year is the “kamikaze dog,” a special Japanese-style sausage from Aburaya, an Oakland restaurant.

There will be a “Chill Zone” at the corner of Parrott Street and Washington Avenue with games, face painting, a photo booth, and steel drum music.

The on-stage entertainment starts off at 10 a.m. with a performance from DC Dance and a chance to get moving with a free Zumba fitness lesson and workout.

At 11:15, local San Leandro musicians the Altered Ego Band will take the stage to play some original rock 'n' roll and then at 12:30, the Anthony Paule Soul Orchestra and vocalist Terrie Odabi will perform.

Sausage and Suds favorites Lydia Pense and Cold Blood hit the stage at 2 p.m. Pense and Cold Blood have been together since 1969, bringing a blend of rock, soul, and jazz.

Nerd-themed '80s cover band the Spazmatics play at 3:30 p.m., playing popular new wave songs from that era, complete with comedic choreography.

And 13-piece ensemble band Avance will close out the day, performing salsa music from 5 to 6 p.m.

“Sausage and Suds is a great event and we really hope people will come and have a great time,” said Cutter. “It's a chance to have fun, see your neighbors, and be out in the community.”

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True friend of many  
Passionate world traveler  
Notable contributor to charities  
Lover of life in all its myriad colors  
Missed by many but especially by  
Dennis, Diane, Joseph, Marilyn  
and their families

**BIELASKI, Walter**  
**CUEVAS, Manuel**  
**DeLORE, Elizabeth Rooney**  
**GRIPPI, Julia Mary**  
**PHILLIPS, Gary**  
**PISCITELLO, Michaelangelo Sr.**

■ **Walter Bielaski** (Sept. 26, 1927 – Sept. 13, 2017), a long-time resident of San Leandro, passed away from natural causes on Sept. 13, 2017 at age 89. Visitation was held on Sept. 21 followed by a Vigil service at Santos-Robinson Mortuary in San Leandro. The Funeral Liturgy was held on Sept. 22 at Church of Assumption in San Leandro. Burial was held at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward. Arrangements made by Santos-Robinson Mortuary (510-483-0123, [www.santos-robinson.com](http://www.santos-robinson.com)).

■ **Manuel Cuevas** (January 1, 1956 – September 6, 2017), a long time resident of the Bay Area, passed away in his Hayward home. Arrangements made by Tri-City Cremation & Funeral Service in Newark (510-494-1984).

■ **Julia Mary “Mimi” Grippi** (1923-2017), a resident of San Leandro, passed away peacefully, surrounded by the love of her family, on September 20, 2017. Julia is preceded in death by her husband of 70 years, Joe. She is survived by her daughter, Pamela Andrew; 3 grandsons, Todd (Dana), Jason (Julie), and Adam (Amanda) Andrew; and 4 great-grandchildren, Cooper, Mia, Chloe and Anneliesia Andrew.

### Michaelangelo “Michael” Piscitello, Sr.

Michaelangelo “Michael” Piscitello Sr. passed away peacefully on September 22, 2017 at home with his loving family and close loving friends at his side. Affectionately called “Uncle Mike” by both family and friends, Michael Sr. was born on March 25, 1926 at Monte Sano Hospital in Los Angeles to the late Vito Piscitello and the late Adelina Piscitello. Loving husband to Concetta Ann Piscitello (Scorsonelli). Loving brother to the late Vincenzina “Virginia” Vallerga (Piscitello), the late Philomena “Doll” Alston (Piscitello) and the late Josephine Alston (Piscitello). Loving father to Michael (“Bung”) Piscitello Jr. and Marcella (“Tot”) Schantz (Piscitello). Loving father-in-law to Mark Schantz Sr. Loving father to Yvonne Cinna (Matlin). Loving uncle and godfather to Joseph “Joey” Vallerga and Edward “Eddie” Vallerga. Loving uncle to Serena and Aurelia Alston (“The Twins”), Arion Alston, Chiron Erik Alston and Sean Alston. Loving uncle to the late Brian Alston and Sheila Alston. Loving grandfather to Mark Schantz Jr. and Michelle Schantz. Loving grandfather to Christy Brittain (Cinna) and Stephanie Cinna. Loving uncle and friend to numerous family and friends. Born in Los Angeles, Michael Sr. was raised and lived in San Leandro all of his life since he was 6 years old. He graduated from Castlemont High School in 1944 and attended San Francisco City College for two years after high school. Michael Sr. worked in the produce business with his father, Vito Piscitello, along with the rest of the Piscitello family, from his early teen years until his mid-20s. During the mid to late 1940s, Michael Sr. owned and operated the “Vallecitos Winery” in Livermore with

his father, Vito, and brother-in-law, John Joseph Vallerga (“Uncle Joe”). After operating the winery business, Michael Sr. entered the field of Architectural Design and Design Drafting profession which became his chosen career for the rest of his long life. Michael Sr. was a highly respected and acclaimed Architectural Designer and he won several awards for his outstanding work and attention to precise detail. Michael Sr. loved watching the Jeopardy! Television Show which was his nightly ritual. Michael Sr. also loved watching all Major League Baseball (MLB) games; however, he particularly liked watching the San Francisco Giants, the Oakland Athletics, the Los Angeles Dodgers and the New York Yankees. He loved watching Aaron Judge of the New York Yankees hit home runs, and Aaron was his all-time favorite MLB player (Michael Sr. had spent a considerable amount of time in Linden, California during his youthful years with his father when they were in the produce business together). Michael Sr. was a lover and aficionado of Italian Opera, and was very knowledgeable about the art form. His favorite operas were composed by Giuseppe Verdi and Giacomo Puccini. He especially enjoyed any aria sung by Luciano Pavarotti or Enrico Caruso. He loved classical music and was an avid listener and concert-goer. His favorite symphony was Beethoven's Symphony No. 6, the “Pastoral Symphony”. Michael Sr. will be missed by all family and friends whom he loved and cherished, and they, in turn, loved and cherished him.

Funeral services will be provided by Santos-Robinson Mortuary, 160 Estudillo Ave., in San Leandro on Saturday, Oct. 7, at 1 p.m. (Michael Sr. designed the architectural remodel for Santos-Robinson Mortuary during the mid-1970s and won an award from the City of San Leandro for his excellent and aesthetically pleasing design of the building remodel). Michael Sr. will be interred at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward with his ashes being placed next to his loving mother, Adelina Piscitello (Sferra).



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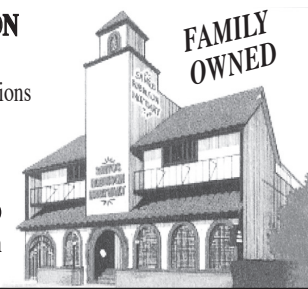
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### Gary Phillips

Gary Phillips went home to be with The Lord, September 20, 2017.

Gary leaves behind his sweet, adoring mother, Caroline Walsh, and his father, Ken Phillips.

Gary's wife, Suzi Phillips, “his little Darlin’”, will wait patiently to be reunited with him forever. Jake Rosko (deceased) and Dan Walsh (deceased) were Gary's stepfathers.

His loving daughters, Summer Phillips and Morgan Zeiger, and Gramma, who all love him dearly, also survive Gary.

Gary leaves behind many who will miss his jovial spirit and love for life, including his brother, Curtis Phillips; brother-in-law, Duane Aro; sister-in-law, Debbi Aro; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and friends and acquaintances, including his amazing boss, Vance Patterson, and all of his co-workers at AAA Fire.

Gary's affectionate fur-babies, his dog-son “Pepper”, grand-dog “Loki”, and “Joey” the cat miss him dearly.

Gary loved Jesus, his family, good food and gardening.

Gary's life will be celebrated on Saturday, Sept. 30, at 2 p.m. at Joy in Him Christian Fellowship, 18330 Redwood Road, in Castro Valley.

## Senior Center Gets Tables and Chairs from Home Depot

The San Leandro Home Depot on Davis Street donated new tables, chairs, paint and decorative plants for the outside patio at the San Leandro Senior Community Center (SCC).

Home Depot staff also offered their hands-on expertise to improve the existing furniture and build custom flower boxes.

The San Leandro Senior Center serves hundreds of seniors each day and the patio improvements promises to draw many visitors.





# OPINION

## LETTERS to the EDITOR

Letters must include the writer's name, address and phone number, and **must be under 300 words**. We reserve the right to edit as necessary. E-mail letters to: [letters@ebpublishing.com](mailto:letters@ebpublishing.com) or fax to: 510-483-4209, or send by mail to: The Editor, San Leandro Times, 2060 Washington Ave., San Leandro, CA 94577.

### Blames School Funding Problems On Home-Ownning Seniors

Editor:

On the topic of Measure B failing I want to state that the reason I voted no was not that I felt over-taxed as some others said. I'll pay the \$78 even with the mismanagement of previous bond initiative we are all stuck with.

My issue was that seniors who own homes in San Leandro were to continue to be exempted from paying the parcel tax. Sounds great to some but it is this very group that created the funding problem in the first place. How is that you ask? Here is my opinion.

If you were any older than 25 in 1978 you are now the generation of 65 and older. You are the heart of the baby boomer generation and as such you actually possess the majority of the wealth in the country due to your home ownership.

It was in 1978 that these very folks and their parents were the voters that passed Prop. 13, virtually hamstringing the funding of local government and local education. Then in 1984 this same group passed Prop 37, the California State Lottery Act of 1984, as a flim-flam way of replacing lost revenue for K-12 education. Then in 1997 the same group passed the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, to add a tax break on capital gains from home sales.

So this generation could be paying as little as \$1,000 a year on their average \$500-\$600K value home in San Leandro (see this paper for recent sales), they pushed educational funding to the population in the lower fifth of the economic scale (poorer people general buy the most lottery tickets), and then when they sell their homes they don't pay much or anything on the massive value gain.

Remember that this Measure B only applied to homeowners before anyone writes an angry letter about poor seniors on fixed incomes. If you own your home you are not really in the "poor" category.

The letters will come saying Prop. 13 ensures you don't get taxed out of your home. I get it. I am all for not being taxed out of my home also. The letters will also say that not all seniors with homes benefited the same from all the tax breaks. Okay, we know life is not fair, but I'll vote for Measure B's replacement if it removes the exemption but adds a lien on the home until it is sold, inherited, title transferred, or re-financed/reverse mortgaged etc. When the value is cashed in, the kids get their due.

I have no idea how many seniors own homes in San Leandro and what dollars this really would have kept from children's education. All homeowners/property owners have to contribute equally. An age exemption was just not right given all the history.

Ms. Prola, I'd be happy to help support the next Measure initiative.

—John Clouston, San Leandro

### Hopes More Voters Will Turn Out In Future to Support Schools

Editor:

The narrow failure of Measure B marks a sad day for San Leandro. I say this as a new resident and homeowner in this community, where I moved with my

wife earlier this year.

We were attracted to the city's diversity, convenience, and quality public schools. Unfortunately, the failure of Measure B is a step backwards for a district that really wasn't asking very much from property owners like me — a mere \$78 per year, or \$6.50 per month, with an exemption for seniors.

While it's a shame that the district has lost a small but helpful parcel tax to improve core education and maintain manageable class sizes, it's even more disheartening that voter turnout in this special election was so low. With less than a quarter of registered voters in the district submitting ballots on Measure B, a mere 3,085 residents vetoed additional funding for a school district where more than 36,000 registered voters live. Even those without children enrolled in the district should understand the virtues of a high quality, well supported school system. Good schools make for good property values, not to mention strong communities.

As for those who voted "no" on Measure B, I hope they enjoy their \$6.50 per month. Maybe they'll be able to afford a few more pumpkin spiced lattes this fall.

Hopefully next time, more voters will mark their ballots and send a better message — one that affirms that we care about our kids, our community, and our future.

—Matthew La Rocque, San Leandro

### Battle with City and Landlords Resulted in Some Tenant Relief

Editor:

After a long struggle against assorted enemies, a Tenant Relocation Assistance Program has been passed by the San Leandro City Council. The ordinance provides some relief for tenants who might be extremely abused by landlords. The most important thing to remember is that before this there was no relief whatsoever.

At the end of this long process I was the only one left speaking up for the passage of this ordinance, against a reluctant City Council, a gang of landlords who came in force to every meeting trying to delay the implementation of the ordinance and to water it down.

An additional group of people that opposed the ordinance, and had to be confronted, were representatives of the local chapter of the Democratic Party who sided with the landlords. This was not a surprise to me, considering that after years of Democratic administrations in Sacramento, and the White House, no adequate number of housing units have been built and no tenant protection laws have been passed, while the state is being flooded with illegals and a "Sanctuary" law is being passed to protect criminals.

Obviously, a rent control ordinance is needed, which is not going to be passed by this City Council. San Leandro tenants must get active to put it on the ballot. I still have some fighting left and I'd join but not by myself again.

—Leo T. West, San Leandro

### Believes Regulation Enforcement Crew Would Benefit San Leandro

Editor:

Would hiring an additional non-essen-

tial worker really benefit the city in the long run? In response to a letter last week ("To Beautify SL, He Says Hire Workers, Not Enforcers," Letters, Sept. 21), a compliance crew is actually a great idea. The crew will likely pay for themselves by issuing citations against the entire absentee/parasitic landlord class.

Furthermore, regulations enforced will ensure the beautification of our fine city for residents and business owners. Commercial buildings in our city are literally out of the 1960s in style and building material. No one wants to shop or eat in a run down strip mall.

To further direct resources into public work projects the entire public works department should be outsourced. Privatization ensures pension liabilities for non-essential workers aren't stuck on the city's books until the death of the worker. Yes, the death of the employee. Every American citizen should recognize the ever compounding liability each government agency faces because of pension obligations.

Often times city's are not funded right and the retiring baby boomers will only exasperate the issue. A privatized public works also enables the lowest bidder with the best qualifications gets the job. The city reaps the benefits of basic economics and has money left over for even more beautification opposed to seeing Steve Souza into his old age.

Lastly, a teacher is an essential worker and should be compensated well. Yes, the role they play in the development of children is important. From a business perspective, well paid teaching jobs, attracts top talent. Top talent makes students well-educated. Well-educated students means higher test scores and higher property prices. Higher property prices means the city collects more taxes for "beautifying".

—Chris Connolly, San Leandro

### He Stands for the Flag

Editor:

I fought for this flag.

My family has spilled blood for this flag.

Countless cherished, loved, needed Americans died defending this flag. Gave their very lives!

When you disrespect this flag you disrespect me. When you disrespect me you lose my friendship, compassion, and fraternity.

I stand for the flag...if only to show my gratitude to those who sacrificed everything...not for themselves but for the rest of us.

I stand for the flag and feel honored and privileged to do so. My conscious tells me it is simply the right thing to do.

—James Gratz, Las Vegas  
formerly of San Leandro

### Thanks for Support of the San Leandro Art Association

Editor:

Once a year member artists of the San Leandro Art Association come together to showcase their personal best for the year.

We would like to express our appreciation to the San Leandro Times for supporting Art Fest 2017. The Times has been our creative partner in the community for many years and we are grateful to its staff for featuring our art shows.

We also thank another longtime creative partner, the San Leandro Library for generously hosting Art Fest 2017.

—Ginny Milo  
Member, San Leandro Art Association

### Farm Animals, Like Our Family Dog, Deserve Our Respect

Editor:

We are a nation of special observances. There is even a World Day for Farm Animals intended to memorialize the tens of billions of animals abused and killed for food.

Like most others, I always thought of farm animals as "food on the hoof." But when a friend sent me an amazing video ([www.facebook.com/LeoJuniorBulldog-French/videos/1198548160234565/](http://www.facebook.com/LeoJuniorBulldog-French/videos/1198548160234565/)), it dawned on me that farm animals are much like our family dog, fully deserving of our compassion and respect.

My internet search showed that

they get neither. Male baby chicks are routinely suffocated in plastic garbage bags or ground up alive. Laying hens are crowded into small wire cages that tear out their feathers. Breeding sows are kept pregnant in tiny metal crates. Dairy cows have their babies snatched away immediately upon birth, so we can drink their milk.

It was enough to drive someone to drink. Instead, it drove me to replace the animal products in my diet with a rich variety of plant-based meats and dairy items offered by my grocery store. I have since learned that a cruelty-free diet is also great for my health and for the health of our planet.

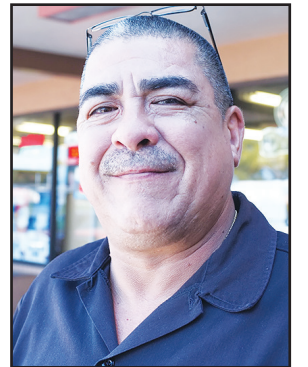
—Dennis Roth, San Leandro

## INQUIRING REPORTER

Which famous person would you want to have dinner with? — Asked at Marina Faire (Doolittle and Fairway)

Howard Stern. It's interesting to listen to him. I've liked him since I was a kid. Some people don't like him, and what he says isn't always good, but he says some stuff that's true.

**Steve Bustamante**  
Livermore,  
works in San Leandro



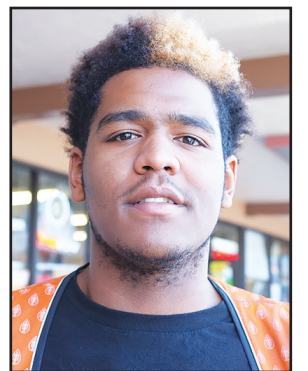
Cher. She's just an idol of mine. I've loved her since the '60s. She speaks her mind and doesn't care what people think.

**Dawn Fontano**  
Pleasanton,  
works in San Leandro



Probably Kevin Durant. He came to the Warriors. He's a great basketball player, and he seems like a cool person.

**Tank Rodgers**  
Oakland,  
works in San Leandro



Anybody, dead or alive? James Brown. I would have liked to hear what he says about music and how it all started.

**Trae Reddick**  
San Leandro



Trump. I really like him and I think he's doing a great job.

**Gary Ferriera**  
San Leandro







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## Art Fest 2017

The San Leandro Art Association's Art Fest 2017 was an impressive exhibit well-attended by the community on Sept. 15 and 16. Art association members Marcia O'Kane and Kathleen Kelley are seen here greeting visitors. The art association also showcased art of K-8th grade San Leandro students supported by its Dorothy Cunningham Fund.



## Fifth Annual Moon Festival To Be Held at Marina Park

The 5th annual San Leandro Moon Festival will be held on Saturday, Sept. 30, from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. in front of the Seagull Picnic Area at the San Leandro Marina Park.

The free festival features

cultural entertainment, vendor information, moon cake tasting and free door prize drawings.

Everyone is invited. Bring lawn chairs or blankets and sunscreen.

The San Leandro Moon Festival is hosted by the Asian Community Cultural Association of San Leandro.

For more information, call Arlene Lum at 1-800-819-2828.

## San Leandro Museum to Screen Classic Hitchcock Thrillers

San Leandro History Museum, 320 West Estudillo Ave., is screening two of Alfred Hitchcock's most suspenseful movies on Saturday, Oct. 7.

*Rear Window* will be shown at 11:15 a.m. and *The Birds* will begin at 2 p.m. Admission is free.

*Rear Window* (1954, PG, 1:52) has been called Alfred Hitchcock's 'voyeuristic masterpiece,' starring James Stewart and Grace Kelly. It is considered by many filmgoers, critics and scholars to be one of Hitchcock's best and one of the greatest movies

ever made.

A wheelchair-bound photographer spies on his neighbors from his apartment window and becomes convinced one of them has committed murder. Roger Ebert said of the film: "The experience is not so much like

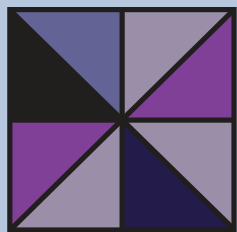
watching a movie, as like ... well, like spying on your neighbors. Hitchcock traps us right from the first ... And because Hitchcock makes us accomplices in Stewart's voyeurism, we're along for the ride."

*The Birds* (1963, PG-13,

1:59) is loosely based on the 1952 story of the same name by Daphne du Maurier. A wealthy San Francisco socialite pursues a potential boyfriend to a small Northern California town that slowly takes a turn for the bizarre when birds of all kinds suddenly

begin to attack people.

Never before had a director portrayed animals working in unison with intelligence. Special effects, including mechanical birds, live and wild birds on strings and film overlays of birds in flight made this a frightening film.



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Turning at the intersection of San Leandro Blvd. and Best Ave. can be a nail-biter! To improve traffic flow and safety at this location, the City's Engineering & Transportation Department plans to re-stripe the intersection at San Leandro Blvd. and Best Ave. this fall. We want to hear from you! Visit [www.sanleandro.org/oth](http://www.sanleandro.org/oth) to learn more and provide feedback about the proposed plan.

### The Oakland Ballet Company Presents Luna Mexicana

Dia De los Muertos Ballet Performance  
Tuesday, October 24 at 6 pm  
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2250 Bancroft Ave.



The City of San Leandro, in partnership with the San Leandro Unified School District, is proud to bring the acclaimed Oakland Ballet Company's Día de los Muertos performance *Luna Mexicana*. This free family-friendly performance is filled with dancing, colorful costumes, vibrant music, and traditional Mexican folk music. Free parking is available in the lot adjacent to the Performance Arts Center on Bancroft Ave. Event is free and open to the public but registration is required.

[www.lunamexicanasl.eventbrite.com](http://www.lunamexicanasl.eventbrite.com)

### Citywide Garage Sale

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### Interested in Serving in the City's First Administrative Hearing Board?

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The Board will be comprised of six members representing the City's six districts and will serve for two years. To learn more about Community Care or learn about this exciting volunteer opportunity, visit:

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