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Pacific Gas & Electric work dig on Bancroft Avenue to replace gas pipes. The work will continue through the summer.

Big Dig on Bancroft; Gas Pipes Replaced

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

Work is underway to upgrade the natural gas distribution lines on Bancroft Avenue.

The gas lines are being replaced along a couple blocks of Bancroft and the adjoining Blossom Way and McKinley Court.

The lines are under the street and on

private property. Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) said it notified residents in the area when the work began.

The work will continue through September.

Gas meters also may have to be upgraded as part of the work, according to PG&E. And a contractor will inspect sewer lines to make sure there is no conflict with the gas lines.

PG&E may also need to prune some vegetation for its crews to safely complete the work.

Lines will be emptied for replacement in a safe manner. At that time, customers in the area may hear a loud, steady noise and smell a small amount of natural gas. This is normal, the company said, and anyone with concerns is

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COVID Rules Lifted, but Keep Mask Handy

State order eases restrictions but virus is still a health threat

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

As of Tuesday, most of California's COVID-19 restrictions were removed, but that doesn't mean you can toss your facemask just yet.

This week's order erases restrictions that have been in place since January 2021 including limiting indoor capacity for dining or entertainment.

Face coverings will still be required in public places even if you are fully vaccinated

"COVID-19 is still a very real threat to unvaccinated individuals," said Dr. Nicholas Moss, Alameda County Health Officer. "We urge all residents to continue using COVID-19 safety precautions to protect vulnerable residents including young children who are not yet eligible for vaccine."

The good news is that Alameda County is exiting the color-coded Blueprint for a Safer Economy in the least restricted Tier 4.

Nearly 80 percent of Alameda County residents 12 and older have received at least one dose of vaccine and some 65 percent of residents have completed their vaccinations.

Health officials say keep it simple. If you don't know

the vaccination status of those around you, wear a mask.

This includes continuing the practice of masking re-

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Ohlone Land Trust Opens Talks With City

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

A women-led nonprofit group dedicated to restoring Bay Area land stewardship to indigenous people says it wants to work with San Leandro on maintaining its history and traditions and potentially acquiring some property.

Corrina Gould, a tribal spokesperson for the Confederated Villages of Lisjan-Ohlone spoke to the San Leandro City Council last Monday about the Sogorea

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San Leandrans Welcome Totem Pole

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

San Leandrans came to see the totem pole carved by the Lummi Nation, as it made a stop here on its journey across the country.

Native American carvers brought a 24-foot long, 5,000-pound total pole to San Leandro's Marina Park on Thursday, June 3, one stop on a nationwide journey aimed at restoring peace to the nation and to the earth.

The House of Tears Carv-

ers of the Lummi Nation in Washington State call the annual journey the Red Road to D.C. The tradition began shortly after the 9/11 attacks, when the tribe and the carvers thought the whole country could use healing.

This year's journey began in Washington state on April 23 and will travel down the West Coast and will make its way to Washington, D.C. to present the totem pole to President Biden.

The totem pole will then

“Each and every one of you has a part of the puzzle.”

— Totem pole carver
Doug James

go on display at the Smithsonian Institutes Museum of the American Indian in the capital.

The pole itself depicts past and present struggles, with carvings including a bald eagle, salmon, a wolf, a bear and imprisoned children.

A crowd of more than a hundred came to see the pole, participate in a blessing, and listen to speakers call to respect sites sacred to Native peoples, restore the environment, respect Native Amer-

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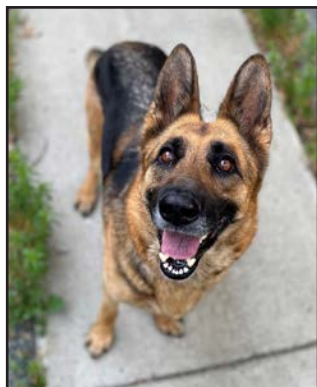
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Pets of the Week



Nena

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter are Nena the dog and Cappuccino the rabbit.

Nena is a sweet, smart, 7-year-old girl who knows "sit", "shake", and "down." She enjoys playing fetch and going on walks, and would love a home with older children and adults.



Cappuccino

Cappuccino is a female rabbit who is playful and curious.

She enjoys moving her toys about her room and snacking on fresh herbs like dill, basil, and cilantro.

For more information on Nena or Cappuccino, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at 510-293-7200.

Join the SL Library's Summer Reading Program

Reading Colors Your World is the theme for the San Leandro Library's annual Summer Reading Program, and all ages are encouraged to have fun reading, learning and exploring from June 1 to July 31.

Each week, you can earn a different badge and an entry into the weekly raffle by reading, participating in a Library program, or completing a fun activity. There will be weekly raffle prizes for kids, teens and adults.

Earn eight badges by July

31 to win a finisher prize pack. At the end of the summer, you'll also get a grand prize raffle entry for every badge you've completed.

Everyone, from babies and toddlers to kids and teens to adults, can participate at home or online. To join, simply visit the library's website at sanleandro.org/summerreading, or stop by the Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave.

At the end of the summer, the Friends of the Library will donate \$1 for every badge earned in the Summer Reading Program to local nonprofit Building Futures.

The library will also offer an array of virtual programs this summer, including storytimes, reading enrichment and technology clubs for kids, and weekly events just for teens.

Every Saturday in June and July, kids ages 3 to 11 can pick up a free Grab & Go craft kit from the Main Library. Check the library's online calendar or follow on social media to learn more.

For more information, contact Kelly Keefer with the San Leandro Public Library at KKeefer@sanleandro.org.



The Hayward Municipal Band will return to Memorial Park in Hayward on Sunday.

Hayward Municipal Band To Return on Sunday

The Hayward Municipal Band begins its free concerts again in June at Memorial Park.

The high-spirited Hayward Municipal Band will resume its free summer concerts after a year off due to COVID-19. Performances will be held June 20, June 27 and July 4. All concerts will take place at 2:30 p.m. in Memorial Park, 24176 Mission Blvd. Hayward.

This will be the band's 64th season presenting quality music in a family-friendly setting. The group plays a wide variety of genres – classical,

popular, jazz, Latin, marches and musicals, under the direction of Kathy Morelli Maier.

Enjoy an outdoor picnic while listening to the band's return to Memorial Park.

Swalwell to Host Trail Hike Saturday

Congressman Eric Swalwell will host a "Hike With Your Rep" event for residents in the 15th Congressional District from 8:30 to 10 a.m. this Saturday, June 19.

The hike will be along the Iron Horse Regional Trail in Pleasanton and Dublin. Bring your own water, and meet in the Dublin/Pleasanton BART parking lot at 5801 Owens Drive in Pleasanton, on the south side of I-580. Masks will be required throughout the event.

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Readers Remember: Share Your Photos and Stories

Our readers are invited to share their photos or a story on July 22. Send to jimk@ebpublishing.com or call 510-614-1557 for more information.

Send items in by July 9. The section will be published For advertising, call 510-915-1513 or 510-614-1559.

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The San Leandro Library's ESL Conversation Clubs help adults practice their English speaking and conversation skills in a fun and supportive environment. Participants will build confidence in their communication skills and meet other English language learners. Everyone is welcome to attend, all learners of all skill levels.

The ESL Conversation Clubs meet on Zoom. This virtual event is free. Go to www.sanleandrolibrary.org to register. Meeting Time for the Adult ESL Conversation Clubs Hosted by Project Literacy: Saturday, June 19, from 10 to 11 a.m. Email PROJECTLITERACY@SANLEANDRO.ORG for more information, or call 510-577-3971.

Virtual Watercolor Class

The San Leandro Library will present a virtual watercolor class on Thursday, June 17, from 6 to 7 p.m. Watercolor can be a challenge to learn because of its fluid nature, transparency and the surprising things that can happen when water and color mix. After a brief introduction to watercolor materials, the class will practice techniques for using the brush, creating washes and mixing colors. To register and receive a supply list, email kmullesch@sanleandro.org. Call 510-577-3971 for information.

Virtual Teen Craft Workshop

A virtual teen craft workshop on houseplants will be held on Friday, June 18, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., hosted by the San Leandro Library. Don't worry if you don't have a green thumb. Craft a beautiful houseplant with paper! You don't have to be super crafty for this event. For teens going into the 7th through 12th grades. Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/SLPLTeenPlants>. For more information, email kmandalay@sanleandro.org.

Eden Garden Club Plant Sale

The Eden Garden Club is having a plant sale on Saturday, June 19, from 9 a.m. to noon at 19910 Forest Ave. in Castro Valley with annuals and perennials, vegetables, herbs, natives, succulents, shrubs and more. An assortment of pots, trays, plant stands, garden supplies, garden art and landscaping materials will be available. Proceeds benefit Eden Garden Club's Garden Grants supporting school gardens from CVUSD and HUSD.

Father's Day at Aviation Museum

Oakland Aviation Museum, 8252, Earhardt Road in Oakland, will host a Father's Day Open Cockpit Day on June 20, from noon to 4 p.m. View many famous

aircraft, including the A-3 Skywarrior, A-4 Skyhawk, A-6 Intruder, MiG-15, Harrier Jump Jet, Cessna O-2, and the P-51 Mustang. Flight simulators, music by Friends of Ken Band, barbecue, model railway exhibit, remote-control aircraft display, and ham radio demonstration. Social distancing and masks required. Admission prices are: adults \$15, seniors \$12, teens/military \$10, kids 5 to 12 \$8, no charge for kids under 4.

American Legion Post Blood Drive

Due to the critical shortage of blood donors right now the American Legion Post 117 is holding a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 20, at the Veterans Memorial Building, 1105 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro. Register online at vitalant.org or same day walk-ins are welcome.

San Lorenzo Adult School Online

For the first time in over a decade, San Lorenzo Adult School will be open for summer school from June 21 to July 23. Students may enroll in the High School Diploma class for credit completion, and ESL classes which will be offered at all levels. All classes will be held online. Register now through June 11 at bit.ly/sumr_reg.

Hayward Arts Council Workshop

The Hayward Arts Council invites the public to a free art workshop titled "Let Your Creativity Flow" by Castro Valley artist Ann Maloney-Mason from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 26.

Maloney-Mason is an award-winning visual artist, graphic designer, and educator. Her paintings include colors and patterns encountered in daily events. She uses found objects in her 3D artworks.

At the workshop she will illustrate the process and development of a painting and how to find inspiration and motivation to paint during challenging times.

RSVP is required at www.haywardartscouncil.org by Thursday, June 25. After registering, each participant will receive a confirmation email the day before the workshop containing the link to join.

2nd Infantry Division Reunion

The Second (Indianhead) Division Association is searching for anyone who served in the Army's 2nd Infantry Division at any time. For information about the association and the 99th annual reunion in Kansas City, Missouri from Sept. 29 to Oct. 3, visit the association's website at www.2ida.org or contact Bob Haynes at 2idahq@comcast.net or (224) 225-1202.



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Smooth as Glass

Workers replaced a big window that had been broken, installing a new one at the San Leandro BART station this week.

Hike: Take a walk and have a talk

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town hall meeting, back in January 2020, seems like a million years ago," Swalwell said. "We've all been through a lot since then. But as we re-emerge from Covid restrictions, I'm eager to see my constituents in person again."

Swalwell will give a quick talk at the start and chat with people during the walk. About halfway through, he will stop for a question-and-answer session.

Local Students Make Dean's List

Northeastern University in Boston, Mass. announced the dean's list for the Spring semester.

Two local students made the dean's list:

Wanjiku Githere of San Leandro, Calif., a Northeastern University student majoring in behavioral neuroscience; and **Estefan Cervantes** of Oakland, Calif., a Northeastern University student majoring in mechanical engineering.



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City Hall Re-Opens this Week with Limited Access and Hours

Visit by appointment only Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The City of San Leandro on Tuesday began reopening of limited in-person services at City Hall.

An appointment must be scheduled before arriving at City Hall. Walk-in visits will not be accepted. Appointments will be available Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Requests to schedule in-person appointments for Community Development (e.g., Permit Center, Planning Division) and Engineering & Transportation Department (Inspections) can be found on the city’s website (www.sanleandro.org).

“As we emerge from the pandemic, I’m looking forward to returning to in-person interactions,” said Mayor Pauline Russo Cutler. “The reopening of City Hall through our new online appointment system is a great start as we continue to stay cautiously optimistic in our quest to defeat this virus. Our residents will receive high quality service from City Hall as staff are prepared to welcome them back.”

The City is taking the following actions to prepare for the reopening of City Hall:

- Hand sanitizer stations installed at public entrances
- Plastic partitions and barriers at all public counters
- Disposable masks available to visitors as needed
- Clear signage with protocols posted at entrances, restrooms, elevators, hallways, and conference rooms

City staff will check-in visitors, verify appointments, screen for symptoms, and reinforce the requirement of wearing face masks and social distancing. City Hall will limit public access to the Lorraine Blvd. entryway. A video tutorial of completing an appointment and arriving at City Hall is located on the City’s YouTube Channel.

This reopening plan will continue to evolve as the City navigates the pandemic’s uncertainties while balancing operational needs with recommended safety protocols. The City adheres to public health directives from the county, state, and federal governments.

County Library Kicks Off Summer Reading Program

The Alameda County Library invites people of all ages and abilities to come along for the 2021 Summer Adventure, the reimagined Summer Reading Game.

From June 15 to Aug. 15, engage in this year’s *A World of Stories* theme by exploring new and creative ways to share your stories while also learning about others’ stories through listening, watching, and of course – reading.

An Adventure Guide with activities for all to enjoy, including youth we served through Social Justice Services, is available at participating AC Library locations, including the San Lorenzo Library, 395 Paseo Grande in San Lorenzo.

“We all have stories to tell, no matter how young or old we are. Sharing stories is a powerful way to connect and cultivate kindness in our communities. You can write a story, make a video, do a dance—create in your own way,” said county librarian Cindy Chadwick.

Join the Alameda County Library for a World of Stories, to create, explore, connect, and learn your way to a book gift and other exciting prizes. Prizes and book gifts have been purchased locally to support Alameda County small businesses.

For more information about the 2021 Summer Adventure, visit aclibrary.org/summer.

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NOTICE OF PETITION
TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF

Zhouhao Xie
Case Number:
RP21100678

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **Zhouhao Xie**

A Petition for Probate has been filed by **Zhi Yong Zheng**, in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda. The Petition for Probate requests that **Zhi Yong Zheng**, be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on August 2, 2021, 9:45 a.m., Dept. 202, at 2120 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA 94704.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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League of Women Voters Film on Justice System

The League of Women Voters of the Eden Area is sponsoring a free film virtual screening and facilitated discussion on Thursday, June 24, at 7 p.m.

The film “Racially Charged: America’s Misdemeanor Problem” exposes how our country’s history of racial injustice evolved into

an enormous abuse of power within the justice system. 13 million people a year – most of them poor and people of color – are caught in this system.

Film viewing at 7 p.m., facilitated discussion at 7:40 p.m.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83941254291>

San Lorenzo Schools Summer Meal Program

The San Lorenzo Unified School District (SLZUSD) will continue its “The Seamless Summer Feeding Program” during the summer days when the schools are in session.

This program provides free meals to SLZUSD community members who meet the following criteria:

All children 18 years or younger, and persons 19 or older with a physical or mental disability who also participate in a public or private education programs during the school year.

Meals at no charge will be served at the following locations June 16 through July 14:

Bohannon Middle School, 800 Bockman Road in San Lorenzo. Lunch for enrolled students will be served during instructional day. Community lunch from 11:45 a.m. to noon in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Arroyo High School, 15701 Lorenzo Ave. in San Lorenzo. Lunch for enrolled students will be served during the instructional day. Community lunch from 11:30 a.m. to noon at the outside serving windows.

SENIORS

The Five Essential Parts of a Good Estate Plan

Q. My wife and I would like to set up a basic estate plan. What are the essentials?

By Gene L. Osofsky, Esq.
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

A. Many people believe that if they have a will, their estate planning is complete. But actually there is much more to a good estate plan.

A good plan should be designed to avoid probate, minimize estate taxes, protect assets if you need to move into a nursing home, and appoint someone whom you trust to act

for you if you become disabled. Here is a list of the basics:

(1) Will: The most basic document is a will. A will directs who will receive your property upon your death and who will be your executor to see that your wishes are honored. If you have minor children, it may also nominate guardians for them.

But a will usually requires a probate proceeding, and only controls property that is part of your probate estate. Indeed, many people own assets which are not part of their probate estate, such as joint tenancy assets, life insurance policies, re-

tirement plans, IRA's, 401K's, and annuities.

The disposition of these non-probate assets is controlled by the

form of title or by the associated beneficiary designation, and not by your will. For example, property held in joint tenancy goes to the surviving joint tenant, regardless of what the will says.

(2) Durable Power Of Attorney ("DPOA"): In a DPOA you designate a person to act in your



place for financial matters when you are unable to act for yourself.

The DPOA is usually considered a better alternative than a court supervised conservatorship, which can be cumbersome, public, and expensive. A DPOA can, if properly drawn, also authorize long-term care planning on your behalf. But the DPOA ceases to exist upon your death, and therefore cannot function as a will-substitute.

(3) Advance Healthcare Directive: By this directive, you nominate someone to make health care decisions for you in the event you are unable to do so

yourself. It usually also expresses your wishes about end-of-life matters, burial and autopsy, and will authorize your agent to access your medical records and select physicians for you.

(4) Trust. If you have a home or other significant assets, you should also consider creating a trust. Unlike a will, a trust is designed to avoid probate and, upon your death, pass your trust assets to your beneficiaries in a manner which is usually speedier and less costly than a probate proceeding.

Also, if you become incapacitated, a trust typically appoints a successor trustee to step in to handle your financial affairs during your lifetime.

Unlike the DPOA, a trust does not suddenly cease to exist upon your death, but remains in effect long enough to distribute your trust assets as you have directed. In larger estates, trusts may also include provisions to minimize estate tax.

(5) Beneficiary Designations. At the same time that you create an estate plan, you should also review all bene-

ficiary designations on assets such as insurance policies, retirement plans, annuities, and bank and brokerage accounts.

This is because these beneficiary designations override your will or trust, and you should make sure that they reflect your wishes and are current. Example: a Pay-On-Death ("POD") designation on a bank account will, upon your demise, distribute the funds therein to the POD beneficiaries, without probate or trust administration.

A good estate plan should also be customized to your particular circumstances. For example, if you are concerned about future long-term care expenses, you may wish to integrate long-term care planning into your estate plan, so that you or your spouse may access available government benefits (e.g., Medi-Cal) to help pay for that care without depleting a lifetime of savings or impoverishing the survivor.

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Golf Gadgets for Older Golfers

By Jim Miller

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

There is a wide variety of adaptive golf equipment that can help older golfers who struggle with injuries, arthritis or loss of mobility.

Here are several golfing products that may help with different needs.

• Gripping Solutions

Gripping a golf club is a very common problem for seniors with hand arthritis or those who have hand or elbow injuries. To help alleviate this problem there are specially designed golf gloves and grips that can make a big difference.

Two of my favorite gloves are the Bionic Golf Gloves (BionicGloves.com) that have extra padding in the palm and finger joints to improve grip. And the Power Glove (PowerGlove.com) that has a small strap attached to the glove that loops around the club grip to secure it in your hand.

These run between \$20 and \$30.

Another option is to get oversized grips installed on your clubs. These can make gripping the club easier and more comfortable and are also very good at absorbing shock.

Oversized grips are usually either one-sixteenth-inch or one-eighth-inch larger in diameter than a standard grip, and cost around \$10 per grip. You can find these grips and have them installed at your local golf store or pro shop.

Or, for a grip-and-glove combination fix, check out Quantum Grip (QuantumGrip.com), which incorporates Velcro material recessed in the golf club grip and a companion golf glove that has mating Velcro material in the palm. Cost: \$25 per grip, and \$40 a glove.

• Upright Tools

For golfers with back, hip or knee problems, there are a number of different tools that can eliminate the repetitive bending and stooping that comes with playing golf.

For example, for teeing up the ball without bending over, consider the Tee-Up Foldaway by Zero Bend Golf. This is a 34-inch long-handled tool that has a trigger-style handgrip and a jaw that holds the ball and tee for easy placement. It costs \$70 at ZeroBendGolf.com.

For other stoop-proof tee-up solutions, see the Tee Pal Pro (\$70, TeePalLLC.com) and Joe's Original Backtee (\$25, UprightGolf.com).

ZeroBendGolf.com and UprightGolf.com also offer ball pickup tools and magnetic ball marker products that cost under \$15.

Or, if you just want a great all-around golf picker-upper, consider the Graball GrabAll Jaw – sold through Amazon.com for \$10 for a package of two. It attaches to the handle end of your putter and chipper and is designed to pick up golf balls, flagsticks, putters and green side chippers.

• Reflective Golf Balls

If diminished vision makes locating the ball challenging, Chromax golf balls (Chro-

maxGolf.com) can help. These are reflective colored golf balls that make them appear larger and brighter. Cost: \$10 for a three-pack.

• EasyCarts

There are also golf carts that can help older golfers tote their clubs around the course. If you like to walk, CaddyTek (CaddyTek.com) and Clicgear (Clicgearusa.com) has a variety of carts that are highly rated for function and foldability. Costs typically range between \$150 and \$300.

Or, for severe mobility loss,

the SoloRider specialized electric golf cart (SoloRider.com) provides the ability to play from a seated or standing-but-supported position. Retailing for \$10,500, plus a \$600 shipping fee, this cart is lightweight and precisely balanced so it can be driven on tee boxes and greens without causing any damage. Federal ADA laws require that all public golf courses allow them.

Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

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By Carl Medford, CRS
Special to the Times

GUEST COMMENTARY



Overheated Housing Market May Blow Away Summer Doldrums

Although it's exact location can vary year-to-year, the Intertropical Convergence Zone is where the northeast and the southeast trade winds merge. It encircles the earth near the thermal equator and is a region known for its monotonous calm weather.

With the advent of ships able to propel themselves, it is a welcomed territory because it means smooth sailing ahead.

In the days of wind-driven vessels, however, it was dreaded and feared. Ships becalmed in the still seas had no means of moving and often languished for days, weeks or even longer before they could escape.

The area is called The Doldrums. As a result, the word "doldrums" has, over the years, taken on new meaning and now refers to something stagnant, inactive or depressed.

In terms of real estate markets, it refers to a time when nothing much is happening and houses linger on the market for unreasonably long periods of time.

In the current overheated market, it is strange to think of real estate sales as being "in the doldrums." With houses flying off the market in mere days, we are reminded instead of wild, tempestuous seas.

Yet every year about this time, the real estate market historically has entered the doldrums, typically around mid-June. There are a number of reasons: children are out of school, Father's Day is on the horizon, graduations are in full swing and the supermarkets are gearing up for the 4th of July.

It is the official start to summer and everyone seems to take a collective pause to catch their breath. The length the market

remains in its slower state varies from year to year. In hot markets, it sometimes only lasts a couple of weeks before taking off again. Historically, that is. This year, all bets are off.

With the inventory of available homes for sale running at about 50% of what was available last year at this time and interest rates still at bargain-basement levels, the 2021 market has so far not given off any signals that it plans to enter the doldrums.

Whereas we would normally

see homes moving past their offer deadlines with very few or even no contracts in hand, listings staying on the market weeks instead of mere days and price reductions, so far it is business as usual.

Will we hit the doldrums in 2021? At this point, we will simply have to wait and see.

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

Mortgage Rates Slightly Lower

Long-term interest rates were down a little last week, remaining below the 3 percent mark, according to Freddie Mac's weekly national survey.

The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 2.96 percent for the week ending June 10, down from the previous week when it averaged 2.99 percent. A year ago at this time, the 30-year rate averaged 3.21 percent.

Fifteen-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 2.23 percent, down from 2.27 percent. A year ago at this time, the 15-year rate averaged 2.62 percent.

"The economy is recovering remarkably fast and as pandemic restrictions continue to lift, economic growth will remain strong over the coming months," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's Chief Economist.

"Despite the stronger economy, the housing market is experiencing a slowdown in purchase application activity due to modestly higher mortgage rates. However, it has yet to translate into a weaker home price trajectory because the shortage of inventory continues to cause pricing to remain elevated."

THE DIRT GARDENER

Neglected Peach Tree May Require an Arborist

By Buzz Bertolero

SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

Q: We have an overgrown peach tree that needs to be pruned. When is a good time to prune and fertilize it? I've been told that if a branch is larger than one's wrist, I should wait and prune it after the fruiting season is over. Is this right?

A: I'm not aware that there is any correlation between a branch size and one's wrist when pruning, so, I'm not sure where this is coming from. That said, the traditional time to prune fruit trees is during the winter months when they are dormant; however, they can be pruned in other seasons.

In your case, I'd prune it now if there is little to no fruit or if harvesting a crop is not a priority, otherwise wait until later. The timing is a judgment call on your part.

Your first priority with overgrown fruit trees is reestablishing the scaffolding and secondary branches within the

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Peaches form on second year growth, so after severe pruning it may take several years before the tree fruits again.

canopy. You should remove any dead wood and all the crossing and rubbing branches. Also, remove the twisted and bending limbs, keeping those that add to the overall shape to the tree.

It may take several years to reestablish these branches with a neglected tree. Heavy or severe pruning removes the fruiting spurs. Peaches form on the second year's growth, so it will take several years before they fruit again.

If you're not confident in doing it yourself, I'd hire an

arborist to do the job.

Fruit trees are fertilized fed twice a year - once in March-April and again in June-July - with organic fruit tree fertilizer, which is evenly distributed under the canopy. You should water the tree the day before and immediately afterward.

Q: We have several, 20-year-old Deodar cedars planted along a hillside. Recently, our neighbor's trees were diagnosed with borers and they

are planted within 100 feet of ours. What can we do to keep our trees from getting this bug?

A: Deodar cedars are an excellent tree for dry hillsides, as they require little to no summer water and little or no fertilizer. However, an application of an organic tree fertilizer in the early spring won't hurt.

I'm going to assume that your trees show no signs of any problems, and this spring's new growth was lush and vigorous (needle drop in the spring is normal), so I wouldn't be concerned.

You shouldn't have anything to worry about as borers only attack trees under stress.

If the trees are planted on the slope, you need to be concerned with the soil erosion that occurs each winter.

A clear sign of a pending problem is soil building up against the upward side of the tree trunk. This soil build-up is burying the trees so that crown and root rot could become a huge problem.

Annually, the excess soil needs to be removed before the next rainy season begins.

Buzz Bertolero is an Advanced California Certified Nursery Professional. The Dirt Gardener's website is www.dirtgardener.com and questions can be sent by email to buzz@dirtgardener.com.



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Total: 10 – Average Price: \$831,650
High: \$1,030,000 – Low: \$465,000

1132 Carpentier Street #411
\$465,000 2 BD - 1,182 SF - 1983
1010 Trojan Avenue
\$760,000 3 BD - 1,156 SF - 1951
760 Saint Marys Avenue
\$785,000 2 BD - 1,150 SF - 1926
2248 Pipit Court
\$810,000 4 BD - 1,651 SF - 1999
2426 Wimbledon Lane
\$812,500 3 BD - 1,723 SF - 1978
16896 Robey Drive
\$834,000 3 BD - 1,656 SF - 1989
14027 Corvallis Street
\$855,000 3 BD - 1,081 SF - 1951
450 Lewis Avenue
\$965,000 2 BD - 1,311 SF - 1920
13463 Aurora Drive
\$1,000,000 4 BD - 1,820 SF - 1947
14677 Merced Street
\$1,030,000 3,013 SF - 1953

CASTRO VALLEY

Total: 18 – Average Price: \$1,032,750
High: \$1,550,000 – Low: \$720,000

19936 Center Street
\$720,000 3 BD - 1,034 SF - 1932
19913 Forest Avenue #3
\$725,000 2 BD - 1,303 SF - 1979
6931 Lariat Lane
\$790,000 2 BD - 1,571 SF - 1985
21133 Baker Road
\$820,000 3 BD - 1,213 SF - 1953
21445 Outlook Court
\$828,500 2 BD - 1,392 SF - 1958
4705 Audrey Drive
\$900,000 3 BD - 1,246 SF - 1954
22125 Lantana Court
\$905,000 3 BD - 1,424 SF - 1956
18982 Santa Maria Avenue
\$960,000 3 BD - 1,086 SF - 1948
18477 Magee Way
\$998,000 3 BD - 1,024 SF - 1952
3248 Sydney Way
\$1,000,000 3 BD - 1,746 SF - 1955
3910 Wilson Avenue
\$1,050,000 3 BD - 1,536 SF - 1965
19351 Santa Maria Avenue
\$1,080,000 3 BD - 1,368 SF - 1960
3654 Spyglass Court
\$1,175,000 3 BD - 2,162 SF - 1987
21781 Tanglewood Drive
\$1,200,000 3 BD - 1,845 SF - 1948
3257 Kerr Street
\$1,210,000 4 BD - 1,754 SF - 1956
19295 Barclay Road
\$1,300,000 4 BD - 2,086 SF - 1965
4641 Lockridge Way
\$1,378,000 4 BD - 2,092 SF - 1960
18492 Capricorn Court
\$1,550,000 5 BD - 2,428 SF - 1964

SAN LORENZO

Total: 4 – Average Price: \$721,250
High: \$830,000 – Low: \$465,000

605 Burnley Lane
\$535,000 3 BD - 1,468 SF - 1990
442 Crespi Place
\$740,000 4 BD - 1,814 SF - 2004
17348 Via Frances
\$780,000 3 BD - 1,379 SF - 1953
15725 Paseo Largavista
\$830,000 4 BD - 1,920 SF - 1944

HAYWARD

Total: 24 – Average Price: \$743,229
High: \$1,322,000 – Low: \$440,000

22329 Rockaway Lane
\$440,000 2 BD - 857 SF - 1942
1003 Cheryl Ann Circle #58
\$461,000 2 BD - 1,060 SF - 1979
29591 Vanderbilt Street #308
\$470,000 2 BD - 878 SF - 1988
24308 Alves Street
\$487,500 5 BD - 1,620 SF - 1950
24626 Diamond Ridge Drive
\$495,000 2 BD - 870 SF - 1991
25129 Angelina Lane #7
\$615,000 2 BD - 1,274 SF - 2002
22777 Atherton Street
\$630,000 3 BD - 1,224 SF - 1997
1859 Egret Lane
\$640,000 4 BD - 1,387 SF - 1965
522 Ravenna Way
\$665,000 4 BD - 2,138 SF - 2009
152 El Dorado Avenue
\$675,000 2 BD - 792 SF - 1922
26983 Lauderdale Avenue
\$715,000 3 BD - 1,215 SF - 1957
21034 Times Avenue
\$715,000 3 BD - 1,014 SF - 1951
1147 Martin Luther King Drive
\$750,000 3 BD - 1,704 SF - 2013
20898 Locust Street
\$785,000 3 BD - 1,184 SF - 1948
28170 Dickens Avenue
\$801,000 3 BD - 1,455 SF - 1956
2752 Longshores Drive
\$819,000 2 BD - 1,604 SF - 2010
897 Lester Avenue
\$820,000 3 BD - 1,318 SF - 1950
658 Gleneagle Avenue
\$870,000 3 BD - 1,392 SF - 1958
24679 Santa Clara Street
\$880,000 4 BD - 1,375 SF - 1958
612 Santina Drive
\$900,000 3 BD - 1,915 SF - 2016
1498 Cathy Way
\$922,000 2,109 SF - 1959
377 B Street
\$940,000 5 BD - 1,835 SF - 2016
175 Montevina Way
\$1,020,000 3 BD - 1,998 SF - 2010
251 Bridgewater Road
\$1,322,000 4 BD - 2,485 SF - 1999

Controlling the Wildlife In Your Back Yard



By Samantha Mazzotta
Special to The Times

Wildlife often can be an annoying (and sometimes dangerous) presence in your yard, and it can be quite difficult to keep them out.

Deer, for example, can hop fences, and rabbits, moles and other mammals can tunnel underneath or squeeze between damaged or misaligned boards.

Squirrels routinely raid bird feeders, and other animals just meander through, searching for their favorite snack buffet – the trash barrel. Here are some tips:

- To prevent raccoons and coyotes, keep household trash in tightly covered containers, ideally inside the garage or a shed.
- Turn your compost frequently and cover with dirt to minimize odors, so that rodents don't start tunneling in.
- Deer sometimes can be dismayed by the smell of soap – some homeowners recommend putting bar soap remnants into mesh onion bags, and then tying them around tree branches near the areas you want deer to avoid.
- Set up bird feeders at least 5 feet away from trees and walls so it's harder for squirrels to reach them.
- Raised garden beds can discourage rabbits and make it harder for moles to tunnel directly to vegetable roots. Also, intersperse naturally repellent vegetables like

onion, garlic and chives throughout the garden, or edge it with flowers like lavender or marigold.

- Place firewood stacks or building materials several feet away from your house or shed, and make sure they're stacked so that air and light can get through them. This will discourage rodents and insects from taking up residence.

Home Tip: Reduce hiding places by removing unnecessary debris, junk or excess lawn ornaments from around your yard.



Mulch

Keep adding to mulches throughout the summer to keep roots cool, foil weeds and help to conserve water. Always water well before adding the mulch or you will insulate dry soil rather than moist. Pile mulch two to six inches deep under shrubs, trees, vines, flower and vegetable beds. Let grass clippings dry out a bit before piling them up or they will clump into a mat that is impervious to water.

Houseplants

Summer is the biggest growing season for houseplants. Feed them on a monthly basis. Some plants can come outdoors for a breather if they're protected from direct sun and wind.

Vegetable Feeding Time

For greater yields in the vegetable garden, feed eggplant, peppers, squashes and tomatoes when they bloom. You can hand-pollinate tomatoes by flicking blooms during the driest part of the day. Big plants can be taken care of with one or two shakes while holding onto their cages. The pollen is naturally sticky and this helps to spread it.

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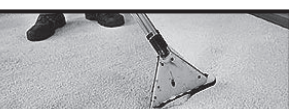
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Library Putting on 'Hygiene Theater'

Editor:

The San Leandro Library's policy of quarantining returned books for several days makes no sense. Covid-19 spreads by airborne transmission or through droplets. The risk of spread on surfaces is very low, 1 in 10,000.

The Annals of Internal Medicine reports that there "have been no reported cases of Covid-19 transmission directly from surfaces, such as books."

The San Leandro Library's rules regarding returning books are "hygiene theatre," more to ease patron's minds instead of being based on science.

It would be far better for our library to conduct vaccination programs to increase vaccine jabs, like the Castro Valley Library did, as a public health service.

—George Z. Banks
San Leandro

An Open Letter to President Biden

Dear Mr. President:

As a senior, retired Asian American, I appreciate very much your signing the "Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders Hate Crimes" bill and putting it into law.

Your wording is so impressive that I am pleased to quote, "Brighter days are ahead as long as we do it together."

There has been great joy and comfort to learn that the results produced by the vaccines are very promising. Nevertheless, I felt depressed in reading the newspapers that many countries are still in a dire situation because of a worldwide pandemic.

Mr. President, this retired Asian American often thinks ahead to the days when all our fellow citizens would be vaccinated and gladly return to a more normal and safer life. Moments of joy and happiness would certainly follow.

I would continue praying to God for an end to the deaths and suffering brought on by the tragic violence in our neighborhoods and communities.

Until then, I wish you and your families good health, happiness and a wonderful 2021.

—Alfred Kwok
San Leandro

Candidate Information at League of Women Voters' Website

Editor:

As I learn about the fights against voter suppression in other states, I feel grateful to live in California.

Not only is it easy to register to vote here, we are now receiving ballots in the mail, which can be submitted in a number of ways, including the drop box in front of our City Hall.

Registered voters in San Leandro should have received a ballot for the 18th Assembly District Special Primary Election recently.

Special elections are often overlooked by voters, but I encourage everyone to learn about the candidates and participate!

The League of Women Voters, of which I am a member, has as easy way to learn about the candidates and compare them side-by-side. It's a web site called Voters' Edge (votersedge.org). It contains information about the candidates' policy priorities and their backgrounds for this and all elections.

Check it out and vote! We are so fortunate to not have any barriers to participate.

—Christianne Selig
San Leandro

DA Story Should Have Included Crime Stats

Editor:

As an old journalism major I'm a big fan of the Times, but as a plot twist to the spiraling crime in Alameda County, your June 10th story on retiring DA Nancy O'Malley was a journalistic nullity.

It read like a resumé prepared by her mother or perhaps a press flack. The *one question* readers want to know is, incandescently obviously: What happened to crime stats on her watch?

Not a word about everyday criminal insults endured by county residents and well-documented on NextDoor, if not in the SLTimes.

The lack of prosecutions, of followup, of consequences for lawlessness is what stands out to many of those O'Malley was supposed to serve.

How about a follow-up story with the missing vitals? Numbers! And whether this DA realized the failures described and is gettin' outta Dodge. And what salary did we pay her?

—Gordon Imrie
San Leandro

And Don't Smoke While Filling Your Gas Tank

Editor:

A little while ago I saw part of a speech on TV with our president Joe Biden. Our fearless leader said that he was going to have a meeting with president Putin, and he was going to tell him what he was going to tell him.

I couldn't believe that the crowd was applauding this height of stupidity. I'm going to say what I'm going to say really.

But what really takes the cake is that when I went to the store to buy some batteries for my camera and some cooking oil I noticed on the cooking oil package a note that said if you get the oil too hot it could catch fire and you could get burned.

And on the batteries package it said don't eat the batteries. Has our society and culture been reduced down to that stupidity?

When I was a kid many years ago they taught us common sense. I know since then we have continuously been dumbing down our society, have we become of culture of just stupid people?

OK time for me to stop venting, and do my laundry, and yes I will try my best not to close the washing machine door on my hand. "That could hurt."

—Jon Lilley
San Leandro

Thanks to All for Welcoming Totem Pole Carvers

Editor:

This is a letter of gratitude to our community for its warm and generous welcome to the House of Tears Carvers of the Lummi Nation, Washington. Thank you, also, to the city of San Leandro for approving our non-profit organization's permit for our event.

Great Old Broads for Wilderness members hosted a stop on the Totem Pole Journey on its cross-country trip to Washington, D.C.

After visiting tribal Sacred Places from coast to coast, the totem pole will be presented to the Biden-Harris Administration. There, American Indian tribal leaders will state their expectation that Sacred Places are to be permanently protected.

San Leandro residents celebrated and honored the totem pole on its journey to sacred places in the United States. We want to acknowledge and remind our community that we live near the sacred places of our neighbors, the Lisjan (Ohlone) nation. To learn about sacred places all around us, please visit the Sogorea Te Land Trust website at <https://sogoreate-landtrust.org/>.

Great Old Broads for Wilderness is a national grassroots organization, led by women, that engages and inspires activism to preserve and protect wilderness and wild lands.

Our work includes efforts to educate others that healthy and vibrant public lands and biodiversity are essential to mitigating climate change. We do this work because this generation and generations to follow deserve a liveable planet on which they can thrive. Again, thank you for contributing to our efforts by joining us in a warm San Leandro welcome of our guests at Marina Park.

—Maureen Forney
San Leandro

Wealthy Should Pay More in Taxes

Editor:

It's outrageous that 25 rich billionaires paid far less tax, as a percentage of their income, than most taxpayers. Some paid zero, zip, nada. The latest analysis of plutocrats' tax returns shows big-time tax avoidance benefiting those whose earnings exceed \$2 million. It's legal, according to current tax laws, but it just ain't right.

Warren Buffet, for example, paid just \$23.7 million in taxes from 2014 to 2018, when his wealth rose by

\$24.3 billion. That's less than 0.1% of his earnings. What percent of your earnings went to taxes?

It's perfectly legal that losses on speculative investments, like the stock market, offset winning bets in future years. But, those untaxed earnings require higher taxes on the rest of us. Why should we cover oligarchs' losses while we don't share their gains? Why are capital gains taxed as half the rate of wages? These unfair tax laws should be changed.

—Bruce Joffe
Piedmont

INQUIRING REPORTER

Will you keep wearing a mask after it's no longer required? — Asked last

Yes, I'm going to wear it just to be considerate of others, and to be sure I'm safe, too.

Evelyn Merino
San Leandro



Yes, because I don't feel comfortable without it. It doesn't feel safe yet.

Margarita Alvarado
San Leandro



Nope, I'm already vaccinated, and if the CDC deems it okay, that's enough for me. I'm not at risk and I'm not putting anyone else at risk.

Mike Hawk
San Leandro



I would like to not wear it. That's a tough question. No, most likely I won't wear a mask once it's no longer required.

Chuck Mallory
San Leandro



I'm still going to wear it in stores and social events. I'll see how it works out. Maybe by the end of the year.

Larry White
San Leandro



Rules: Where masks are still required

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quirements for employees. Cal/OSHA, the state's Division of Occupational Safety and Health, said companies must continue to follow their current standards for face coverings as well as rules for protective equipment.

Businesses can still decide to keep masks mandatory for everyone – employee and customer alike.

As of this week, you are still required to wear a face covering:

- On public transit and in transit hubs, such as airports and train stations, and ferry landings;
- In schools and childcare settings;
- Health care and correctional facilities
- Homeless and emergency shelters and cooling centers

Masks continue to be required for unvaccinated people in businesses and other indoor public settings.

At 6 p.m. next Monday, June 21, Cal/OSHA will update employers on the latest standards, including such topics as navigating operations

for those who are vaccinated and those who are not, the new reporting and recording requirements, and responding to a positive Covid case.

Visit conta.cc/3iDA79e to register.

California has now changed its mask requirements to match the CDC's.

- Vaccinated people do not need to wear masks in most circumstances
- Unvaccinated people should wear masks in indoor, public settings
- Everyone should wear masks in:
 - Public transit
 - Hospitals
 - Long-term care facilities
 - Homeless shelters
 - Indoors in K-12 schools, childcare, and other youth settings



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Crews work in a trench below street level to get to the gas pipes. Below, new lines wait to be installed.

Dig: Temporary interruptions possible

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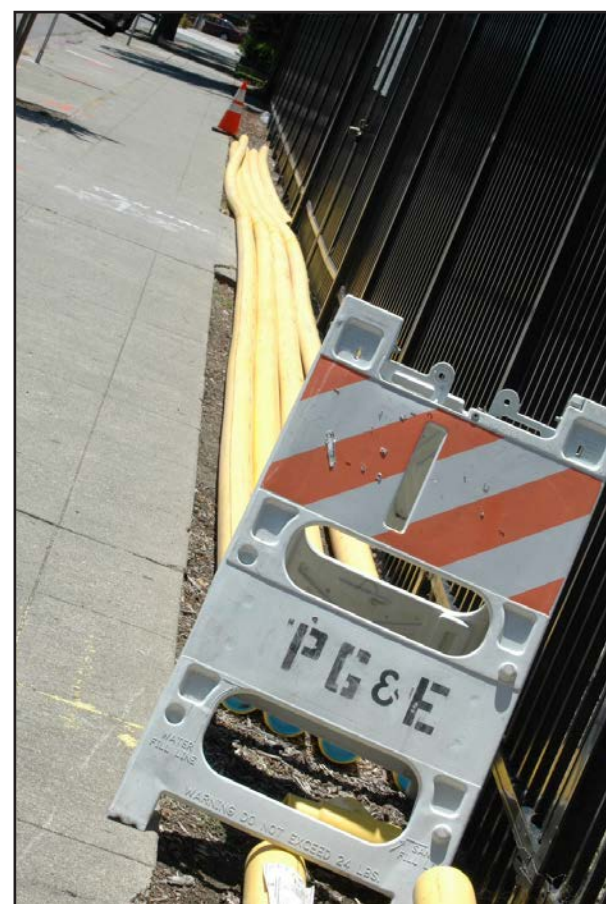
welcome to call 1-800-743-5000.

All PG&E workers carry photo identification and are happy to provide it upon request, the company said.

To insure safety when a new line is connected, a temporary interruption in service may be necessary, said PG&E spokeswoman Tamar Sarkissian. Customers will be notified of any interruption in gas service, and PG&E will schedule a gas relight at the customer's convenience.

A gas relight can also be scheduled by calling 1-800-743-5000.

The work may affect traffic and parking during work hours. Flaggers will be in place to direct traffic when needed. Driveways could be blocked briefly, but crews can provide access within a few minutes at the customer's request.



On this Day in History – June 17

1579 - Sir Francis Drake claimed San Francisco Bay for England.

1885 - The Statue of Liberty arrived in New York City aboard the French ship Iser.

1928 - Amelia Earhart began the flight that made her the first woman to successfully fly across the Atlantic Ocean.

1944 - The republic of Iceland was established.

1953 - Soviet tanks fought thousands of Berlin workers.

Talks: 'We are homeless in our own territory'

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Te' Land Trust and its goal of rematriation – a reclaiming of ancestral remains, spirituality, culture, knowledge and resources.

The Sogorea Te' has spent the last 20 years reaching out to various cities in Alameda County with the goal of securing the legal rights to these tribal sites, mostly small pieces of land less than an acre in size. The Land Trust says the land is important because of the generations of brutal violence and systematic subjugation against the Ohlone people.

Currently, the Sogorea Te' Land Trust has acquired three sites including its Lisjan site in East Oakland, Rammy in West Oakland, and part of the Gill Tract Community Farm in Berkeley. The Land Trust is currently working with the City Councils of Alameda and Albany on similar goals.

Gould says the group wants these lands to hold ceremonies, grow food, educate the public, and practice their traditions without, "the red tape of bureaucracy."

"People are used to thinking of the tribal communities as part of the past," Gould said. "The truth is we are part of the communities that are thriving. We want to be a part of the decision-making. We want to be a part of community building, with each of the cities that are in our territories. We will work with each of you so our grandchildren can see the world that we want – giving them a place where they can be. A place where they can see

their ceremonies come back, a place where their language is happening, a place where they can feel connected to the land that their ancestors had since the beginning of time."

Gould, who often visits Fourth Grade classes as part of their California history courses, says the students are very receptive to her message of land stewardship and respect for people and their homes.

"What does it mean when you go to your grandmother's house or your best friend's house? How do you behave yourself?" Gould said. "The Fourth Graders have the answers because we as adults have trained them. They know to say 'please' and 'thank you,' to ask permission, to not break things and to not simply grab things out of the refrigerator."

The most sacred places to the Sogorea Te' are the more than 425 shell mounds that circle San Francisco Bay. These sites were strategically placed near saltwater and freshwater sources such as San Leandro Creek to accommodate the various tribes including the Carquin, Huchiun, Irgin, an Tuibun.

All but a few of these shell mounds have been demolished or built over even as recently as last year. Without the Sogorea Te' and its supporters, Gould says the history of the original stewards of the land would be wiped out on paper.

"There are no Ohlone people recognized by the government," Gould said. "We are homeless in our own territory."

The Sogorea Te' is now

looking to establish a more integrated relationship with San Leandro where the city might be able to help it rematriate some sites as well as collect "shuumi" or tax money or to help with the land acquisition process.

Councilmember Corrina Lopez, who facilitated the presentation, urged the council to not only invite the Sogorea Te' to return in the fall for a more formal presentation but to help educate the public about the original land stewards.

"We should take action on what we say," Lopez said. "We must rematriate the land."

Lopez suggested the San Leandro Fire Training center on Lola Street as a possible site for the Sogorea Te' since the facilities will be moving to a new location in Dublin. Other suggestions include adding parts of Marina Park and name the new portion of the park and honor the Ohlone people, as well as including a place of recognition at the Mulford-Marina Branch Library. Lopez also suggested the city's libraries include Chochenyo language classes for the public.

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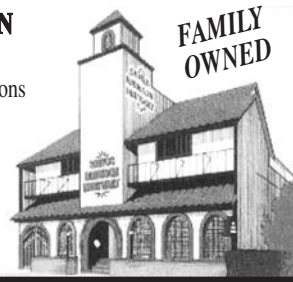
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Totem Pole: 'Our future is tied our being able to take care of nature'

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icans, be kind to each other, and respect women.

A banner on the flatbed truck carrying the totem pole read "Restore The Salmon."

Tribal member and carver Doug James called on audience members to get involved in solving these problems.

"Each and every one of you has a part of the puzzle," he said.

The event was co-sponsored in San Leandro by Great Old Broads for Wilderness,

a women-led national nature group. City Councilwoman Corina Lopez is a member and helped organize the event. She spoke about the need to respect nature and Native peoples.

"We often think of nature as something separate from us," Lopez said. "But our future is tied to our being able to take care of nature and take care of each other."

Head organizer of the San Leandro stop was Maureen Forney, also active with Great Old Broads for Wilderness.



PHOTO BY MIKE MCGUIRE

A crowd gathers around the totem pole brought to Marina Park last Thursday by the Lummi Tribe of Washington state.

Father's Day at Aviation Museum

Oakland Aviation Museum, 8252, Earhardt Road in Oakland, will host a Father's Day Open Cockpit Day on June 20, from noon to 4 p.m. View many famous aircraft, including the A-3 Skywarrior, A-4 Skyhawk, A-6 Intruder, MiG-15, Harrier Jump Jet, Cessna O-2, and the P-51 Mustang.

Flight simulators, music by Friends of Ken Band, barbecue, model railway exhibit, remote-control aircraft display, and ham radio demonstration. Social distancing and masks required. Admission prices are: adults \$15, seniors \$12, teens/military \$10, kids 5 to 12 \$8, no charge for kids under 4.

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