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The San Leandro Chamber of Commerce brought manufactures together last week at the 21st Amendment Brewery to talk about creating supply chains, and have a beer.

Manufacturers Make Some Noise

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

The panel discussion on local manufacturing put on by the San Leandro Chamber of Commerce at the 21st Amendment Brewery last Tuesday was a little difficult to hear – thanks to some actual local manufacturing taking place as the brewery bottled beer

during the business roundtable.

The commotion made some speakers difficult to understand, but it underscored the Chamber’s hope for the future of San Leandro industry. They gathered together local business owners to discuss how to make San Leandro a player in a variety of industries, from manufacturing to tech.

The goal is to expand commerce through a stronger supply chain. Imagine a company who makes a widget being able to design, make, ship, and market it all though one or more company sites in San Leandro.

San Leandro is unique in that it has warehouses and large factory sites, said

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School District: ‘Perfect Storm’ Justifies Tax

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

The San Leandro School District says a “perfect storm” of funding issues is potentially on the horizon and a parcel tax is necessary to combat an uncertain economic future.

The current parcel tax (Measure L) will end in 2018. State funding is slowing down, and cuts to federal funding are possible, so the district needs to look at other ways of getting money, said Dr. Kevin Collins, the district’s assistant superintendent.

Collins said at the bare minimum the current parcel tax needs to be extended just to keep the district running as it is.

Measure L was passed by voters by a margin of less than 1 percent in November of 2012. It is assessed at \$39 per parcel and currently brings in about \$725,000 annually to the district.

At a special meeting Tuesday night, the school board discussed a new parcel tax. All board members said they were in favor of a tax, and instructed Collins to give them options about different amounts and lengths of the tax to be voted on at their next meeting.

San Leandro voters must pass any parcel tax by a super majority of 66 percent. The election would either be via a mail-in ballot in August or be placed on a special ballot in November. Either election would cost about \$300,000.

The district could have have placed the parcel tax on the November 2016 ballot, but it would have competed with the district

Measure J1 bond. And if the district waits for the 2018 general election, the current parcel tax will have expired.

That \$300,000 is more than the current parcel tax brings in

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Boy Killed By Train in San Lorenzo

An 11th grader riding his bike to school was struck and killed by a freight train in the area of Grant and Railroad avenues in San Lorenzo on Wednesday morning.

Emergency responders arrived shortly after 8 a.m. and declared the victim dead at the scene, according to the Alameda County Fire Department. Officials didn’t immediately release the name of the student at KIPP King Collegiate High School.

The boy was riding along the tracks over a narrow trestle north of Grant and Railroad avenues, according to the Sheriff’s Department.

The train was a southbound Union Pacific locomotive pulling several cars. The train sounded its horn and took preventative measures.

The incident is being investigated by the Sheriff’s Office and the Union Pacific Railroad police.

Katz-Lacabe Survives Harrowing Crash

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

Former school board member Mike Katz-Lacabe suffered broken bones and was air-lifted to the hospital after a car accident on April 21.

He went through surgery at a hospital in Chico and was transferred to a rehabilitation clinic in Hayward.

Katz-Lacabe’s youngest daughter, Camila, was also in the car at the time and fortunately came out of it with just bruises



Mike Katz Lacabe has been an advocate for citizen’s rights.

from the seatbelt and airbag.

Katz-Lacabe was driving with his daughter to his aunt’s ranch in Susanville to go horseback riding. Near the town of Chester, an SUV coming in the opposite direction made a left turn right in front of Katz Lacabe’s Toyota Prius.

Katz-Lacabe had a shattered knee, a broken collarbone, a broken sternum, and four broken ribs.

“The doctors were amazed that with the broken bones he didn’t have any organ damage,”

said his wife Marga Lacabe. “So he was very lucky.”

“The people who saw the car said they were amazed anybody lived, because the car looked so destroyed,” she said. “You feel horrible, but so grateful that he’s still alive.”

Katz-Lacabe was airlifted to a small hospital in Chester and then to a bigger hospital in Chico where he had surgery the next day. Then he was transferred to Kaiser Hospital in San Leandro

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

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



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Movie on Cinco de Mayo To Screen at SL Museum

San Leandro History Museum, 320 W. Estudillo Ave., will screen *Cinco de Mayo: La Batalla*, a film telling the true story of why Cinco de Mayo is celebrated, this Saturday at 11:30 a.m. and again at 2 p.m.

Admission is free.

The film is rated R for the violence of the battle scenes. In Spanish with English subtitles.

Despite the popular misconception in the United States, the

5th of May is not a Mexican “independence day,” nor is it a national holiday. It is, nonetheless, an important date in Mexican history, marking the Battle of Puebla, an important victory by Mexico over the French army.

This picture, from director Rafa Lara, gives us a look at the time in Mexico’s history, when the French attempted to take over Mexico.

Town Hall Meeting for Council Districts 1, 2 and 5

A Town Hall Meeting for City Council Districts 1, 2 and 5 will be held on Monday, May 8, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Senior Center, 13909 East 14th St.

Residents will have an opportunity to comment and ask questions, learn about city projects, initiatives and new programs. Childcare will be provided.

Join the BIKE SL Ride From Downtown to Marina

The San Leandro Downtown Association will host a free, family-friendly bicycle ride, BIKE SL, on Sunday, May 7, to celebrate biking in San Leandro.

Bicyclists will meet at The Englander Pub, 101 Parrott St., beginning at 9 a.m. for check-in. The ride to the San Leandro Marina and back will begin at 10

a.m., led by a police escort.

Everyone in the ride must fill out the waiver which can be downloaded at www.sanleandro-downtownassociation.org. Event organizers remind everyone to wear a helmet. May is National Bike Month, and the San Leandro Downtown Association has sponsored Bike SL for the past 7 years.



PHOTO COURTESY OF BRESLOW IMAGING

Redwood Christian School breaks ground for a new middle school and high school gymnasium at its San Lorenzo campus. Pictured from left, director of advancement Mike Kady, business manager Ed Hubbard, board member Philip Carlton, architect Anthony Tabacco, general contractor Dan McNely, elementary principal Dale Huemoller, superintendent Al Hearne, superintendent emeritus Bruce Johnson, founding superintendent Gus Enderlin, board member Harry Bruno, board member April Nunez, board member Steve Swanson, middle school and high school principal Ben Warner, and athletic director Jim Cleveland.

Redwood Breaks Ground on Gym

Redwood Christian School broke ground on April 19 to launch the construction of the Bruce D. Johnson Gymnasium at its middle school and high school campus in San Lorenzo.

The gym is named after the school’s superintendent emeritus, who served RCS for 42 years. Bruce Johnson joined Redwood Christian Schools in 1974 as a PE teacher and director of athletics. In 1986, he became the school’s second superintendent, retiring last June.

Over 500 students and guests gathered to celebrate

the groundbreaking ceremony. RCS Superintendent Al Hearne served as master of ceremonies. Bruce Johnson and Director of

Athletics Jim Cleveland spoke on the history of the campus and the benefits of an on-site gymnasium.

Tickets on Sale for Alta Mira Club’s Shrimp Fest

The Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave. in San Leandro, is having a shrimp fest on Saturday, May 20, with a social hour at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$35 and includes all-you-can-eat shrimp, pasta, salad, bread and ice cream. Plus

a drawing for a 7-night stay at the Maui Lea Resort. Proceeds benefit the Alta Mira Club’s charitable purposes. For tickets, send a check to the Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave., San Leandro CA 94577. For more information, call 614-9680.

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Ready to Roll

A 1960s-era Chevrolet Camaro Super Sport looks like its ready to roll as it rests at Quality Tune-Up on Washington Avenue.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

❖ Mads Tolling Quartet at CV Center for the Arts

The Mads Tolling Quartet will present an eclectic concert of jazz, classical and Hollywood selections on Friday, May 5, at 7:30 p.m. at the Castro Valley Center for the arts, 19501 Redwood Road. Tolling is a two-time Grammy winner whose five CDs have received rave reviews in major publications. Tickets cost from \$20 to \$25 and available online at www.cvarts-foundation.org; or at the Center Box Office, 19501 Redwood Road, Thursdays and Fridays 3 to 5 p.m. or phone 889-8961; or at the CV Adult School, 4430 Alma Ave.

❖ Lighten Up for Spring at CV Center for the Arts

Brian Copeland and 10 other comics will perform in another evening of uproarious laughter on Saturday, May 6, at 7 p.m. at the Castro Valley Center for the arts, 19501 Redwood Road. Suitable for ages 14 and up. Tickets cost from \$40 to \$60 and are available at the door.

❖ **Singin' In The Rain**
Bancroft Musical Theatre
Bancroft Musical Theatre presents *Singin' In The Rain*, opening on Saturday, May 13, at 8 p.m. at the San Leandro High School Performing Arts Center, 2250 Bancroft Ave. with an opening

night fundraising gala from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the lobby. The gala will boast live entertainment, "mocktails," heavy hors d'oeuvres, a raffle, interviews from the cast and creative team and more. Tickets for the opening night gala can be purchased at the door and are \$25 per person and include preferred seating. *Sinigin In The Rain* has a seven-show run: May at 13, 18, 19 and 20 at 8p.m., and May 14, 20 and 21 at 2:30 p.m. In an effort to make live theatre more accessible to San Leandro Families tickets are only \$5.

❖ **Cambodian Dance Performance**
In celebration of Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month, the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., presents a performance of Cambodian dance by Charya Burt on Thursday, May 18, from 7 to 8 p.m. Admission is free. Burt is an acclaimed master dancer, choreographer, vocalist and teacher of Classical Cambodian Dance who has injected new life into the dance form by creating classically inspired, inventive new works.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

❖ **Beach Boys Tribute Band at the Library**
In celebration of Older Americans Month, surf on down to the San Leandro Public Library on Saturday, May 6, from 2 to 3 p.m. for some good vibrations from the Rip-TiDes, a vintage, '60s-style, rock 'n' roll band. The retro rockin' band performs a variety of '60s garage band standards, early Beatles, classic Beach Boys and related vocals, surf and lounge instrumentals, and some unique cool tunes.

❖ **Keep Music Rockin' Benefit**
Three San Leandro bands will perform to benefit the Keep Music Rockin' Foundation (KMR), on Saturday, May 6, at 7 p.m. at the Bal Theatre, 14808 East 14th St. in San Leandro. The lineup will be *In Your Head* (SL High/Rock), *Pugsley and the Dugger Brothers* (Rock/Country Blues), and *The San Leandroids* (80's Cover and Rock). Refreshments and drinks will be sold. Tickets (\$25 for adults and \$5 for students) are available at the door or on-line through The Bal Theatre website: www.baltheatre.com. KMR is a non-profit organization that supports public school and music programs.

❖ **Chihuahua Palooza**
Small dogs will be up for adoption on Saturday, May 6, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Chihuahua Palooza at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward. Chihuahuas, chihuahua mixes, and other small dogs are available. See the doggie fashion shows at 1:30 and 3 p.m. Half-priced spay/neuter vouchers available. Adoption fee of \$20 includes spay/neuter, 5-in-1 canine vaccination, Bordatella and rabies vaccination, and a microchip.

❖ **Cinco de Mayo Film at SL History Museum**
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❖ **I.D.E.S. of Saint John Lunch & Bingo**
I.D.E.S. of Saint John, 1670 Orchard Ave. in San Leandro, will have a Spaghetti Lunch & Bingo on Saturday, May 6, at noon. Lunch is \$10 per person and includes three bingo cards, extra cards are 25 cents apiece. Please bring canned food for the food drive. For more information, call Willie Calvo at 635-6326 or Helder Quadros at 357-5846.

❖ **70th Annual Spring Rose Show**
Visit the East Bay Rose Society's 70th Annual Spring Rose Show on Sunday, May 7, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave. in Oakland. Admission is free. The East Bay Rose Society also welcomes the public to its meetings on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Lakeside Park Garden Center. For more information visit www.eastbayroses.org or call Barbara at 525-4057.

❖ **San Leandro Rotary Club Grant**
The Rotary Club of San Leandro's community grant application is now open through May 5. Grant guidelines and an application can be found at www.sanleandrorotary.org under Community Grant Documents.

❖ **Garden Show and Luncheon**
A Garden Show and luncheon will be presented on Sunday, May 7, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the San Lorenzo High School, 50 E. Lewelling Blvd. in San Lorenzo. The school will have its one-acre native plant garden open for the

Bringing Back the Natives free self-guided tour of its native plant gardens in the East Bay. Plant sale, and informative talks will be taking place. For more information, visit www.bringingbackthenatives.net or call Steve Wiley 305-0153.

❖ **Film on Single-Payer Health Care Plan**
A film and discussion on single-payer health care will be presented on Sunday, May 7, from 2 o 4 p.m. at the San Lorenzo Library, 395 Paseo Grande in San Lorenzo. See the film, *Now Is the Time*, followed by a discussion on health care for all. Light snacks. Wheelchair accessible. For more information, email aruchlis@gmail.com.

❖ **BIKE San Leandro**
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❖ **Eagles Lunch & Bingo**
The Fraternal Order of Eagles (FOE) Auxiliary 1139 will host a charity bingo luncheon on Monday, May 8, at noon at the Eagles Hall, 21406 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward. Chicken and rice, veggies, salad, rolls, dessert, coffee and tea will be served. For a donation of \$8 you will also receive one bingo card. Bring a friend and join the group for a fun afternoon. For more information, call 584-1568.

❖ **Art Demonstration by Susan Ashley**
Experimental artist, Susan Ashley will demonstrate her style of painting at the next meeting of the San Leandro Art Association on Tuesday, May 9, at 7 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Admission is free.

❖ **Sons In Retirement Meetings**
SIRs, an organization of retired men, meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the Wedgewood Center at the 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.

❖ **Bingo de Mayo**
All Saints Episcopal Church, 911 Dowling Blvd. in San Leandro will have a Bingo de Mayo celebration on Saturday, May 13, beginning at 5 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the church and its house-building mission in Tijuana, Mexico. For \$25 you can get 6 cards for 7 Bingo rounds with prize gift cards ranging in value from \$50 to \$250. Total value of prizes over \$900. In addition to the bingo fun a Mexican Food Buffet with taquitos, empanadas, and churros will be offered. Purchase your tickets today at <http://tinyurl.com/BingoDeMayo>.

❖ **Hearing Loss Association Meeting**
A meeting of the Hearing Loss Association will meet on Saturday, May 13, at the Oakland Kaiser Permanente Hospital, Fabiola Bldg., 3801 Howe St., lower level, room G26. Refreshments offered at 9:30 a.m. with the program starting at 10 a.m. Steve Sells hearing-impaired engineer will be the speaker. Park free on Saturday in the garage across from Howe St. For more information, email athos.artist@att.net or call Kay at 886-4717.

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.

REAL ESTATE GALLERY



Get Your Home Ready for Summer

By Carl Medford, CRS
Special to the Times

Having weathered the first "hot" weekend of the year, our pool suddenly went from dormant to Party Central. With winter officially behind us, it's time to start getting your home ready for the summer months. Here is what we recommend:

1. Get your air conditioning serviced NOW.

Once the first official heat wave kicks in and people realize their A/C units are not working

correctly, everyone will be calling the service techs. Whereas techs are looking for business right now, once the heat begins in earnest they get booked quickly. It could mean many long, hot days before they show up.

2. Get the pool running now.

If you have a pool, consider getting the filters changed now. Pools function better with clean filters, and a visit from a pool tech can head off any other potential issues as well. A quick tune up of the entire system, including any sweeps, can make sure summer fun goes uninterrupted by pool equipment failures. To save energy and keep the water warmer, consider getting a removeable cover.

3. Consider upgrading your barbecue to natural gas.

For many, summer kicks off with visits to the propane supplier to make sure the BBQ has enough gas for its first official use. If this is the year you are looking to upgrade to a new system, consider getting a unit that runs on natural gas. We did this at our house a few years ago and we love the fact that trips to get tanks refilled are a thing of the past. Running a gas connection out to the barbecue

area is usually quite easy for any qualified plumber, and the cost to operate on natural gas is much lower than propane. Most important, you will never run out of gas halfway through cooking!

4. Consider changing your landscaping.

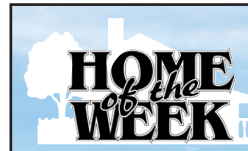
The drought may be over, but California's incessant demand for water is never ending. Make this the year that you upgrade your landscaping to items that do not have high water requirements. Drought-resistant plants should top your list, and artificial turf is showing up in ever-increasing numbers of yards.

5. Add new outdoor features.

Consider hiring an outdoor consultant to upgrade your yard to add exciting features such as fire pits, conversation centers, gazebos, lighting systems and more!

It won't be long before home centers have long lines, beat the rush and start today!

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2471 Sitka Street	94577: \$510,000 [3 BD - 1,018 SF - 1951
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1469 151st Avenue	94578: \$500,000 [4 BD - 1,726 SF - 1952
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1524 Halsey Avenue	94578: \$420,000 [3 BD - 1,260 SF - 1948
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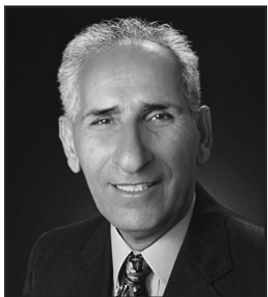
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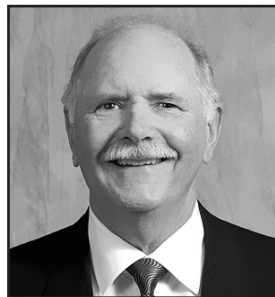
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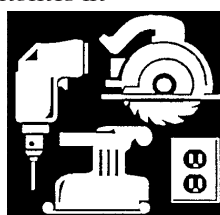
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Manufacture: Spring company owner has seen ups and downs

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CEO Emily Griego. The city likes to tout 21st Amendment because the brewery remodeled the former Kellogg's cereal plant on Williams Street.

The chamber would like to see more innovative uses for buildings around San Leandro.

"A lot of ideas come up," said Griego. "But we haven't reached

our full potential just yet."

Jeremy Goodwin moderated a panel on how to build networks of companies that work together. Goodwin is the founder of Syn-cFab, a startup that aims to do just that.

"In order for manufacturing to thrive, there must be a local supply chain," said Goodwin.

Panelists included San

Leandro business owners Hale Foote of Scandic Springs; Louis Rigaud of Halus, a wind turbine manufacturer; and Joe Vaughn Farsight of McIntyle Industries, a heating and air conditioning manufacturer.

They talked about the future of manufacturing and how it might stay alive in a high tech marketplace.

Foote's company makes custom springs in an astonishing amount of sizes, which go into everything from computers to pacemakers.

"We've been in San Leandro for 45 years and we've definitely seen the manufacturing landscape go up and down," said Foote. "Easier work left years ago to Mexico and Asia. What's left

here and what we are good at is specialized work."

Last week's talk was part of a series of forums for the business

community hosted by the Chamber of Commerce to promote San Leandro and discuss challenges about doing business in the city.

Tax: School district hired consultants to gauge public opinion

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annually, so many members of the school board indicated that they'd like either a longer 12 or 15 year life on the tax or a much higher tax amount in order to make the election worth it.

The school district hired Tramutola Advisors as consultants on the new tax and in February they commissioned a poll of about 500 San Leandrans to see if there is support for a parcel tax.

Larry Tramutola told the school board that that support is there from the public. The poll indicated that if the tax was doubled, about 68 percent of voters

would approve of the tax. Those polled showed less support as the amount increased.

"All parcel tax campaigns are difficult," said Tramutola. "There needs to be a lot of thinking about putting forward the best proposal we can."

So now the district must strategize and find a number voters will go for.

Collins said doubling the current tax to \$78 per parcel annually was one option. They are also considering \$87, \$97, and \$120 per parcel. The district may also opt to not include any end date at

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ROMERO, Joe Gonzalo CASTLEMAN, Martha Frances

■ **Joe Gonzalo Romero**, former resident of San Leandro, passed on Sunday, April 14, 2017, at age 73. Cremation was held in Denton, Texas.

■ **Martha F. Castelman** (May 12, 1926 – April 30, 2017), a resident of San Lorenzo, age 90, died on Sunday, April 30, peacefully in her home. She is preceded in death by her husband, Arthur Earl Castelman; and son, Randal Lynn Cas-

tleman. She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Ken and Ellen Castelman of Walnut Creek, Rob and Linda Castelman of Yuba City, and Cornelia Locher of White Plains, New York; her grandchildren, Kevin, Sean, Matthew, Amanda, Laura and Andrew; and many more family members and friends. Services for Martha will be held today, May 4, at 11 a.m. at the Church of the Nazarene, 19230 Lake Chabot Rd., in Castro Valley. Martha will be laid to rest at Irvington Memorial Cemetery, 41001 Chapel Way, in Fremont.

Jerry Edward Flory

Jerry, 88, passed away peacefully on April 16, 2017 with his wife of 66 years by his side. He was the eldest son of Duffy and Evelyn Flory, originally of Fort Worth, Texas.

Jerry's legacy lives on in the family he cherished: his wife, Alice; 3 children, David (Beatrix), Robert (Susy) and Teresa (Lou Gregus); 9 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his eldest son, Jerry "Jeff" Flory, Jr. (Sheila); and his sister, Carol McNely.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at Sequoyah Community Church in Oakland on Friday, May 19, at 10:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that you consider making a donation in Jerry's honor to The Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org).

Jo-Ann Sonja (Foreman) Farmer

1940-2017

Jo-Ann is survived by the family she so dearly loved: Jen, Kirk, Hillary, Tyler (Lauren), Jessica (Kyle, Norah, Harper), Emily (Jason, Sonja) and numerous relatives. Quietly and courageously she fought a very aggressive cancer. A native Californian, Jo-Ann attended school in Oakland and later lived in San Leandro. Her greatest gifts were a fierce loyalty and duty to those she loved, and an unbelievable knack to make us laugh at her bold beliefs.

Thanks to special friends, Lisa, Ronny, Nancy, Lynn, Jaret, her Moose and Shooters buddies, and everyone who was lucky enough to find themselves listening to one of her crazy stories.

A Celebration of her Life is being planned for a later date.



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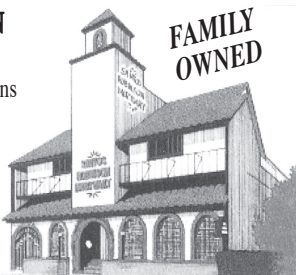
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Dorothy Franceschini

Dorothy died on March 31, 2017. She was born and raised in Oakland by Antonio and Maria Ferreira. She was the fifth of seven children. Dorothy met and married Paul Franceschini after a whirlwind courtship. They settled in San Leandro with their children, Nanette, Paul (Vivian) and Dorothy (Steven). They are also survived by their 3 granddaughters, Gina (Erick), Vanessa (Brandon) and Stephanie; and their 4 great-grandchildren, Erick, Jacob, Victoria and Jackson. Her husband, Paul, died in April 2012. Dorothy will also be missed by her surviving brothers, Manual Ferreira and Ray Ferreira; and her numerous nieces and nephews.

She always enjoyed bingo, her sewing club, trips to Reno and Cache Creek Casino with Paul, and raising her children and grandchildren. After some time, Dorothy moved into Marymount Villa Assisted Living, where she still got to enjoy her bingo and arts and crafts.

A Celebration of her Life will be held after her Memorial Mass which will be held on her birthday, May 5, at Transfiguration Church, 4000 E. Castro Valley Blvd., in Castro Valley at 11:30 a.m.

Her family would especially like to thank Marymount Villa for over four years of assisting Dorothy. They would also like to thank Kaiser Hospital and Suncrest Hospice Care.



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A Real Headline

Editor:

"City of San Leandro earns \$168,750; 24 new jobs created in San Leandro; and residents have more access to quality, affordable health care"

That should have been the headline for the article when the loan to Davis Street was paid in full. Instead, the great work of Davis Street has been overshadowed by articles and letters to the editor insinuating mismanagement of loan funds.

In fact, each year, Davis Street undergoes an independent financial audit by a third-party firm to ensure funds are properly expended. The independent audit is submitted with each Federal, State, County, City and private grant application, and is reviewed by the countless grantors we receive funding from.

Our board, comprised of attorneys, medical professionals, educators, local stakeholders and consumers also review the detailed monthly financials with our CPA.

Davis Street's operating budget for Fiscal Year 16/17 is \$12.4 million. Total money granted by the City for the same FY is \$46,731.

For pennies on the dollar, Davis Street provides thousands of residents emergency food, clothing, housing and utility assistance, medical, dental, counseling, and childcare services.

The \$12 million-plus gap or the remaining 99.8 percent is filled in by securing grants and donations from government agencies, health districts, businesses and individuals.

Davis Street is grateful for the \$1.5 million loan from the City to help launch the clinic but it was in fact – a loan. The city received \$168,750 in interest payments, the loan was fully repaid and we never missed a payment.

I hope we can now focus on the great work of Davis Street and the thousands that depend on us for services to make ends meet.

We thank the community for their unwavering support.

—Gordon Galvan

President, Board of Directors,
Davis Street Family Resource Center

Claims "Just Cause" Doesn't Prevent Evictions

Editor:

In two consecutive letters to the San Leandro Times, Guillermo Elenes flashes his badge as a member of the Democratic Party Central Committee, thus confirming my accusation that he's a "political operative."

Previously, he was writing as the spokesman for the "Unión de Vecinos," a phantom organization.

In the last letter, he writes as an advocate for the "blue collar workers," a cruel joke, for if something is clear about Elenes, it is that he's being an advocate for illegal scabs who've displaced U.S. blue collar workers from their jobs and housing.

I've put in 40 years as a blue collar worker and a tenant; I wonder what Elenes does for a living, other than

being a stooge for the Democratic Party.

In his previous letter, Elenes writes: "I speak for tenants, and have succeeded in passing a resolution affirming that Democrats believe in rent control and just cause" – toilet paper. Elenes never says that he is a tenant, a question that I raised.

"Just cause" doesn't prevent any eviction, the landlord can still keep on raising the rent until the tenant can no longer afford it and thus be forced to leave.

Elenes states that the Tenant Relocation Assistance Program is "bad for tenants." Elenes should explain why the landlords come out in force to oppose it.

Furthermore, Elenes writes that "Any proposed payment will not cover the cost of moving to a comparable unit." Therefore, Elenes prefers that the tenants receive absolutely nothing, because that's the law now.

It's good that Elenes clarified his position in the Democratic Party, for all of us, the tenants, know quite well who brought up this housing situation to us in California, with the democrats in Sacramento; they'd like to blame it on Donald Trump.

Elenes also tries to link me with Lee Thomas. While council member Thomas has been using all kinds of sneaky arguments to prevent the implementation of the ordinance, I have been speaking strongly for the implementation of this palliative for evicted tenants.

Finally, Elenes cannot avoid resorting to the politically correct accusation of "bigotry" and "repulsive" against me, when he only works with "Latinos" to whom he does very little favor with his position. What's more repulsive than being a stooge for the Democratic Party?

—Leo T. West
San Leandro

Praise for Times' Elder Law Columnist Osofsky

Editor:

I have lived in San Leandro for many years and have often enjoyed reading through the San Leandro Times for pleasure, but never once thought that one day it would lead me to the help I desperately needed.

Without going into details, I found myself in need of someone well versed in certain areas of the law and through serendipity I came across an article by Mr. Gene Osofsky, Esq. in a recent issue of the San Leandro Times and reached out to him in the hopes of some clarification and perhaps a reference, and instead found in Mr. Osofsky everything one could hope for as he was not only swiftly responsive but unbelievably informed and had all the answers I was looking for and then some, actually making me aware of other questions I needed to ask and solutions to their problems.

Mr. Osofsky also showed incredible compassion, which I believe most people would say, and my own previous experience has proved, is

a characteristic not many attorneys possess.

I hope the San Leandro Times realizes what an incredibly invaluable resource Mr. Osofsky and his column is to its readers, and I highly recommend to anyone who is in need of such an attorney to retain Mr. Osofsky as I can attest you will be very well represented as he is not only deeply knowledgeable in his area of expertise but he possesses the highest level of integrity, altruism and empathy that I have ever seen in any professional of his kind. He is a blessing to the field and a major asset to the San Leandro Times and its readers.

—Laura Ruh
San Leandro

Says "Bumbling" Trump Not Fit To Be President of the U.S.

Editor:

By the time this edition of the San Leandro Times is published, the first 100 days of the Trump, administration will have passed.

What is obvious by now to all but the most obtuse among us, is that Donald Trump isn't fit to be President of these United States.

The bumbling and ineptitude would be enough to cause concern if that was all that was going on. But there is a real possibility that this idiot is being controlled by Russian Premier Vladimir Putin.

The President's family, with all their conflicted ties, are firmly ensconced in the American government – a situation that will not end well, I fear.

—Vernon S. Burton
San Leandro

Special Words of Thanks to Downtown Cleanup Volunteers

Editor:

We want to thank the readers for their kind words of acknowledgment for our recent clean-up work for Downtown San Leandro. However, I think it's important to spotlight a few organizations that put forward a massive positive impact, and are deserving of the credit for the day.

I would sincerely like to thank all of the members of Sheet Metal Workers' Union Local No. 104 who came out (well over 50), ACCO Engineered Systems for providing gloves and vests, and to the rest of the many volunteers who believe in community beautification.

There was over 150 volunteers who believe in what we do. We look forward to continuing to find opportunities to engage with the City of San Leandro and the many great organizations to work towards community betterment and quality of life.

—Bryan Azevedo
San Leandro

Outraged by President Trump's Planned 30% EPA Funding Cut

Editor:

It is outrageous that President Trump is cutting 30 percent of funding for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

This agency is the one that promotes clean water and for the president to cut funding will result with the majority of Americans experiencing health problems due to dirty water which is contaminated by corporations who pollute it.

Clean water is about surviving and it is a way to be healthy. I urge

President Trump to not cut funding for the EPA.

—Billy Trice Jr.
Oakland

White House Not Abiding by the Laws the Rest of Us Respect

Editor:

Tax Day has passed, and nearly all of us fulfilled our civic duty to pay. But Donald Trump brags about how little he can get away with paying, with no civic shame.

Jeff Sessions committed perjury under oath, yet he faces no legal consequences now as Attorney General.

Michael Flynn and Paul Manafort failed to register as paid lobbyists of

foreign governments, in violation of the Foreign Agent Registration Act, yet they are not being prosecuted.

Trump, his daughter, Ivanka, and son-in-law have been receiving emoluments from foreign governments, in the form of exclusive trademark protections, yet no legal enforcement of the Constitution's prohibition is underway.

The privileged few are not abiding by the same laws that the rest of us must respect.

That just ain't right. That isn't the way our country is supposed to be governed.

—Bruce Joffe
Piedmont

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Nick Belkin
San Leandro



Yeah, I always take the airlines. I just went to Disneyland with my family. I have three family members with pilot's licenses and we fly to Reno. I work for a union and have to fly all over for my job, and I helped build the international terminal at San Francisco Airport.

Anthony Barrett
San Leandro



I don't travel a lot but it's worth taking an airplane if you have to go a long distance. I have daughters in Arkansas and Virginia and I would definitely take an airplane to see them.

Kevin and Rose Dominguez Wall
San Leandro



How else are you going to get there? There are some places you can only get to by plane.

Gloria Ruiz
San Leandro



Yeah, it's always worth it, especially when they have a special deal and it's cheap.

Danny and Stephanie Truong
San Leandro



Tax: Only one person speaks in opposition

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all, though the Measure L tax was promoted with a relatively short five year life.

"The strategy in the first parcel tax is to go for a short duration," Tramutola said.

The parcel tax will likely offer a senior exemption, as Measure L does.

It is to the district's advantage to sell the tax to seniors, as 46 percent of San Leandro's electorate are over the age of 65. Seniors are more likely to vote in mail-in elections, which generally have a low voter turnout (Tramutola estimated around 9,000 people would vote in an August mail-in election).

Essentially, those seniors are valuable to make sure the tax

passes and then they don't have to pay it, according to Tramutola.

"We need to communicate with them," said Tramutola. "The communication has to be more than 'Hey, you don't have to pay for it.' That's part of it, but we've got to do more than that."

Teacher's union president Jon Sherr and former mayor Stephen Cassidy both addressed the school board, indicating their support for the tax, though Cassidy warned against picking too high a figure that would scare off voters.

Only one person spoke out against a potential parcel tax, San Leandro resident Steve Parker. Parker said that with three school bonds and the current parcel tax, residents are already paying enough to the school district (those bonds are assessed at a combined total of \$100 per \$100,000 of assessed property value).

"I think a lot has been asked of the taxpayers in this city," said Parker. "I feel the debt we now owe is considerably high."

Parker went on to ask if the district's polling informed voters about the high-interest Capital Appreciation Bonds (CABs) that the district has to pay back. Those CABs have interest rates of up to five times the principal of the loan, though the district has since refinanced a small portion of its CABs.

The voter poll results showed that, among people who said they would not support a tax, the most common reason was feeling that money was being misspent or mismanaged (31 percent of negative responses) and 25 percent said taxes are already too high.

The district is currently paying back \$181 million in bonds, plus interest, including \$27.5 million of CAB principal, plus

interest.

"That's real money," said Parker. "I understand what this (parcel tax) is for, and I approve of what it is for, I just ask that you consider what you are asking."

The board will discuss the specifics of the parcel tax at their May 9 meeting at 7 p.m. at City Hall and likely make a resolution to put the tax on an upcoming ballot.

Crash: Feels lucky that it wasn't worse

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and then to a rehabilitation facility in Hayward.

One thing Katz-Lacabe always believes in is driving with your headlights on, said his wife, even in the middle of the day when the crash happened.

"He always said it increases the visibility," she said. "He may want to reconsider that theory."

Katz-Lacabe, speaking by phone from the rehabilitation facility, said he saw the SUV for a while before the crash as it slowed down to turn. At the last second, it turned right in front of him.

"When I first saw him, I didn't think anything of it," Katz-Lacabe said. "I was in a red car and that should stand out

"Just broken bones and my daughter walked away without a scratch."

with everything green right now."

A lot of collisions happen on Highway 36, Katz-Lacabe said he was told.

"I heard there have been seven head-ons this year on that highway, and six have been fatal," he said.

Katz-Lacabe said he feels lucky that it wasn't worse.

"Just broken bones and my daughter walked away without a scratch," he said. "As a parent, that's all you can ask for."

Hayward Animal Shelter To Hold Its Annual Chihuahua Palooza

Small dogs will be up for adoption this Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Chihuahua Palooza at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward.

Chihuahuas, chihuahua mixes, and other small dogs are available. See the doggie fashion

shows at 1:30 and 3 p.m. Half-priced spay/neuter vouchers available.

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Bands to Play at Bal Theatre to Benefit School Music Program

Three San Leandro bands will perform to benefit the Keep Music Rockin' Foundation (KMR), non-profit organization that supports public school and music programs, on Saturday, May 6, at 7 p.m. at the Bal Theatre, 14808 East 14th St. in San Leandro. The lineup will be In Your Head (SL High/Rock), Pugsley and the Dugger Brothers (Rock/Country Blues), and The San Leandroids (80's Cover and Rock). Refreshments and drinks will be sold. Tickets (\$25 for adults and

\$5 for students) are available at the door or on-line through The Bal Theatre website: www.baltheatre.com.

Open House Meeting On Biking, Walking

The City of San Leandro will host an open house to discuss walking, biking and public transportation tonight (Thursday, May 4) from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd. in San Leandro.

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