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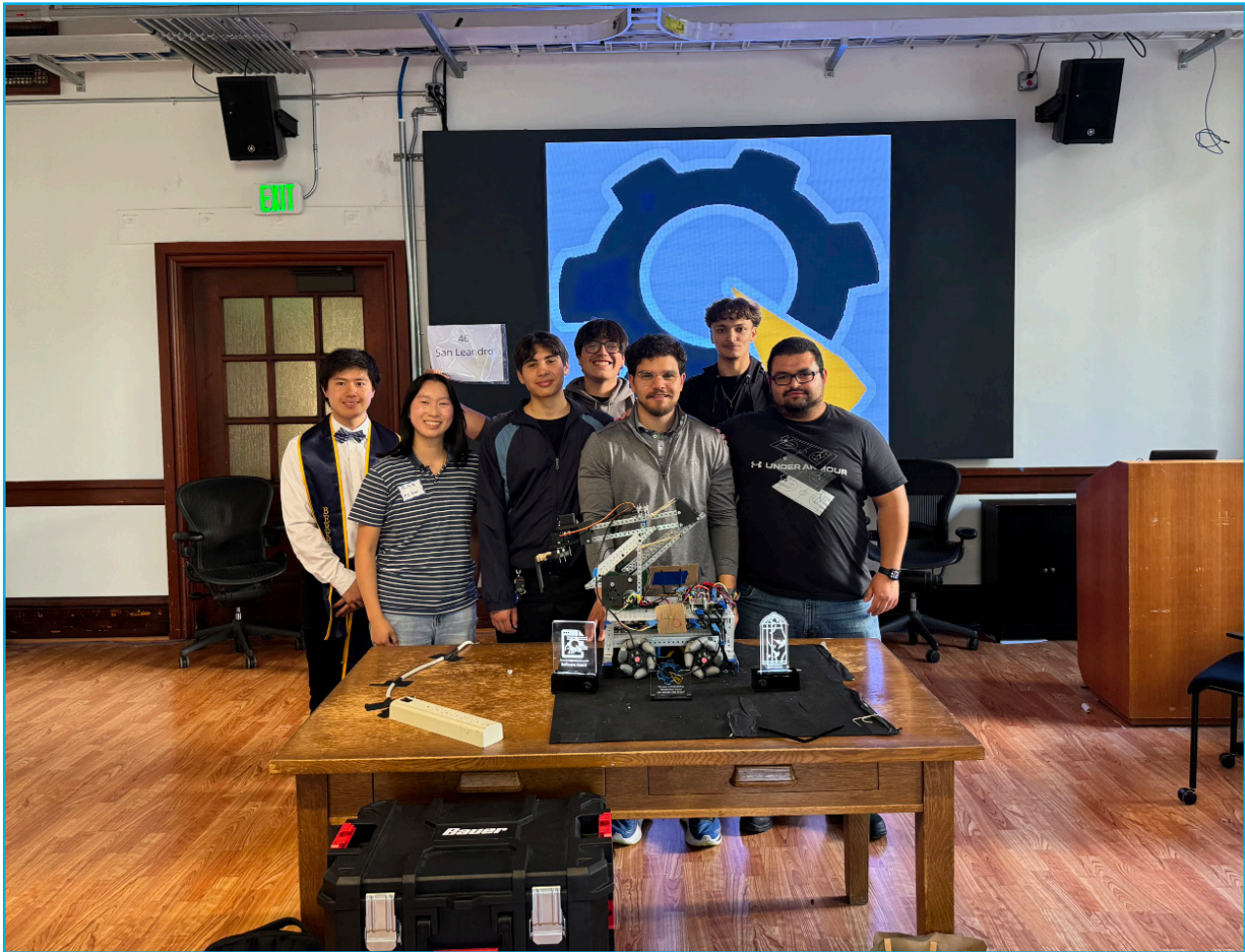


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The San Leandro High School Makers Club prepares for the robotics competition in Berkeley.

San Leandro High Makers Club – Contender in Robotics Competition

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

The San Leandro High School Makers Club took a strong second place in a Bay Area robotics competition held at UC Berkeley on April 27 and 28. It was a return to contention for a team that had won the twice-annual Pioneers In Electronics (PIE) champi-

onship a year ago. The club suffered a setback with the sudden death in a traffic collision last year of the club’s faculty advisor, Eddie Nava, who had founded the club just before the pandemic. The PIE competition brings teams from throughout the Bay Area to Berkeley to race their robots through an obstacle course, performing tasks

along the way. Control, manipulation and logic challenges are ever-present. “You have to program on the fly during the competition, adding new functions,” said club president Mateo Torres-Cohen. “But a big part of this competition was driving the robot and figuring out how to move it around the

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Man Arrested For Double Murder in SLZ

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

A San Lorenzo man suspected of a double homicide at his residence was booked into Santa Rita Jail last Friday following his arrest in Kansas City, Missouri, on May 5. Howard Reed, 31, is currently at Santa Rita Jail following his extradition from the Leavenworth County Detention Center in Kansas. Reed was wanted in connection with the shooting deaths of Jingwei “Melanie” Zhang, 32, and Dorothy Mak, 38, with whom he shared a residence in San Lorenzo, according to the Alameda County Sheriff’s Department. Reed is charged with two counts of murder, aggravated assault, and special circum-

stances of inflicting great bodily harm. The murder investigation began on May 4, after family members of Zhang and Mak raised concerns after neither woman had responded to phone calls or text messages since April 30. Family members from both families filed missing person reports, according to the sheriff’s department. Deputies were dispatched to the home in the 15000 block of Dermody Avenue to conduct a welfare check. During their investigation, deputies found both women dead inside the residence from gunshot wounds, according

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Police Make Arrest In Safeway Homicide

San Leandro police arrested a 13 year old at his school in a neighboring city last Thursday for the stabbing death of an 18 year old at the Safeway on Bancroft Avenue on April 2. Police were called to the Safeway at 555 Bancroft Ave. on April 2 about a stabbing where they found the victim, Zion Gooden, inside the store

suffering from stab wounds to his arm and chest, according to San Leandro police. Police performed life-saving measures and Gooden was transported to a local hospital, police said. But despite the efforts of medical personnel, Gooden succumbed to his injuries later in the evening. The suspect was eventual-

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Music Lined Up for Cherry Festival on June 1

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

The Cherry Festival is coming Saturday, June 1, with a parade, lots of food, cherry-pie eating contest, special cherry ice cream, and even bicycle lessons for kids who haven’t yet ridden a bike. Of course, cherries and cherry pies will be offered,

too. Two hundred booths, up from 140 last year, will be mostly selling goods that are either handmade or locally designed. The exceptions are community resource groups and event sponsors, according to Morgan Mack-Rose, executive director of the Downtown San Leandro Community Ben-

efit District, which organizes the event. Musical highlights include salsa, blues, rock and soul. Headliners are Erik Rangel and Orquesta America with special guest percussionist Karl Perrazo from Santana, Big Blu Soul Revue, and Eddie 9V, coming out from Atlanta for the festival.

Eric Rangel, a San Francisco percussionist and vocalist, has been performing for over 20 years in the Bay Area and elsewhere. He has played with such stars as Pete, Coke and Sheila Escovedo, Tito Puente, Francisco Aquabella, Dizzy Gillespie, Carlos “Patato” Valdez, Freddie Hubbard,

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Student from San Leandro Conducts Research in Rural Cascadia

Jack Leal, class of '26, a rising junior at the University of Puget Sound, recently had his summary of his ethnographic research published in the Journal of Northwest Anthropology.

Ethnographic research involves collecting data through long-term immersion and firsthand observation and interviews. Ethnographers watch life unfold naturally rather than in a lab, using the

gathered data to understand how societies and individuals operate.

Leal hails from San Leandro, California, and is majoring in Sociology & Anthropology. Under the mentorship of Prof. Andrew Gardner, he authored a paper titled "Cultivating Connection: My Ethnographic Experience in the Rural Town of St. John." This paper marks the second time a Puget Sound under-

graduate has contributed to the Ethnographic Survey of Rural Cascadia (ERSC), a longitudinal project led by Gardner.

"Being published as an undergraduate is a dream come true," Leal said.

He said that the experience boosted his confidence in the field and reinforced his passion for anthropology.

Through a month of immersive fieldwork, Leal discovered the power of curiosity, which led him to uncover unexpected insights and form meaningful connections within the community of St. John, particularly with individuals he may not have initially sought to engage with.

One such encounter occurred when he met a man named Steve, after getting lost in the town. Steve wore a MAGA hat, and at first glance appeared to be someone Leal typically wouldn't engage with. But when Steve offered to give him a ride, Leal quick-



PHOTOS COURTESY OF JACK LEAL

Jack Leal, a student at the University of Puget Sound, studied the rural town of St. John (left) in Washington state and published what he found in the Northwest Journal of Anthropology.

ly learned they weren't so different.

"The more we talked, the more his exterior disintegrated, the more his hat became nothing but something to keep the sun out of his eyes," Leal said. "After this encounter, I realized the more divided we become, the more robust the sense of simplification percolates through our social fabric. After this experience, I wondered what other views limited me from other social connections."

Leal reflected on the strength of curiosity, emphasizing that it doesn't involve assumptions or set expectations. "Curiosity led me to places I would have never thought to explore, full of people I would have never thought to have met," he said.

This realization underscores the importance of approaching research with an open mind and a thirst for discovery. For Leal, the ability to publish his research while still an undergraduate student is a testament to his dedication and hard work.

"It's an incredible feeling and something I would have never expected," he said.

Outside of the classroom, Leal participates in Puget Sound Outdoors, where he shares his passion for adventure and exploration. He also serves as a Spanish tutor and a writer for The Trail.

Leal's publication marks a significant milestone in his academic journey and exemplifies the excellence of undergraduate scholarship at Puget Sound.

"This experience has impacted me in many ways," he said. "One was realizing how confident I was in the field. This came down to trust in the ethnographic process and myself. Second, this research secured my affinity for anthropology, a key factor in choosing Sociology & Anthropology as my major."

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Community Calendar

Mindfulness for Stress Relief – May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Join the library for a special 4-part series where you will learn and practice techniques to relieve stress in some of the most challenging areas of life. All workshops will be held on Thursdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. May 30 – Relationships; June 6 – Work; June 20 – Health. Register for one or more by calling 510-577-3971. Space is limited.

Church Invites Older Adults to Senior Citizens Club

First United Methodist Church, 1600 Bancroft Ave., invites older adults to participate in a 6-week program of seated exercise, meditation/labyrinth walk and tea time. Join us on Tuesday mornings, May 7 through June 11, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. No charge. Drop-ins welcome, no need to attend all six sessions. For more information call the church office at 510-483-0606.

Kiwanis Club of San Leandro Meets on Tuesdays

The Kiwanis Club of San Leandro meets on Tuesdays at noon, except for the first Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the Barbara Lee Health Center, 2251 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro. To attend on Zoom: Meeting ID: 759 9480 8209 Password: 560475.

Averiett to Speak at SL Democratic Club

The San Leandro Democratic Club will meet on Thursday, May 23, at 6:30 p.m. in the Trustees Room of the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. The guest speaker will be San Leandro Interim Police Chief Angela Averiett. An informal meet and greet will begin at 6 p.m. prior to the main meeting. The public is invited to attend.

Soroptimist Club Garage Sale

The Soroptimist Club will hold a garage sale on Saturday, May 25, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 3841 Somerset Ave. in Castro Valley. Household, small appliance, office, textiles, fashion, clothes, and miscellaneous at prices you love to pay. Come by and shop to help the club in its mission of supporting women and girls in gaining social and economic empowerment through education. Donations can be dropped off by calling Lynn at 510-593-7377 to arrange.

American Legion Post 117 Sunday Breakfast

American Legion Post 117 of San Leandro will host its monthly Fourth Sunday Breakfast on Sunday, May 26, from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial Building, 1105 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro. Pancakes with sausage, eggs, coffee, tea, juice. Veterans \$7, non-veterans \$8.

Have a Burger to Benefit American Legion Auxiliary

Join the Habit Burger Grill, 1540 East 14th St. in San Leandro, in support of American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 117 of San Leandro on Tuesday, May 28, from 4 to 8 p.m. The Habit Burger Grill will donate 20 percent of sales to the club.

League of Women Voters Town Hall on Homelessness

The League of Women Voters of the Eden Area and the Castro Valley Women's Club are co-sponsoring a Town Hall meeting "Conversations about Homelessness in the Castro Valley/Eden Area: Reality, Challenges, and Resources" on Saturday, June 8, at 11 a.m. at 18330 Redwood Road in Castro Valley. The panelists include: Melissa Moore, director, Street Medicine Institute; Sabrina Fuentes, case manager, HEPPAC; Lucy Kasdin, program director, LCSW; Rev. Aaron Horner, community outreach pastor, First Presbyterian Church, and CHP Officer C. Oliveri. For more information, email lwvea57@gmail.com.

Eden Bazaar Fundraiser for Community Center

Come visit the Eden Bazaar 2024 on Saturday, June 8, from 1 to 7 p.m., and Sunday, June 9, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the Eden Township Japanese Community Center, 710 Elgin St. in San Lorenzo. Enjoy barbecued chicken teriyaki or ribs, sushi, udon, curry rice, pastries, shave ice and more. The event includes children's games and a silent auction. The bazaar is a fundraiser for Eden JACL and Eden Township Japanese Community Center. For more information see: <https://www.edenjapanesecc.org/events>

Postal Services Asks Homeowners to Inspect and Repair Mailboxes if Necessary

The U.S. Postal Service is asking homeowners to inspect and repair their mailboxes during Mailbox Improvement Week.

Each year, the Postal Service designates the third full week of May as "Mailbox Improvement Week" to encourage customers to examine and, where necessary, improve the appearance of their mailboxes.

"Repairing suburban and rural mailboxes improves the appearance of our community and makes delivering and receiving mail safer for our letter carriers and customers," says Sacramento Postmaster Gabriel Magdaleno. "The Postal Service makes this annual request because of the wear and tear that occurs to mailboxes every year."

Some of the typical activities homeowners may need to do include:

- Replacing loose hinges on a mailbox door
- Repainting a mailbox that may have started to rust or peel
- Remounting a loosened mailbox post
- Replacing or adding house numbers



"If a homeowner plans to install a new mailbox or replace a worn one, he or she must use only Postal Service – approved traditional, contemporary or locking full/limited-service mailboxes," said Magdaleno. "Customers must be careful when purchasing curbside mail receptacles because the use of unapproved boxes is prohibited. Customers may use a custom-built

mailbox, but they must consult with their local post office to ensure it conforms to guidelines applying to size, strength and quality of construction."

Information on the use of names or numbers on mailboxes or answers to any other questions can be obtained from your local postmaster.

Eden Garden Club to Host Pop-Up Sale on May 25

The Eden Garden Club is having a Plant Pop-Up Sale on Saturday, May 25, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 20095 Mission Blvd. in Cherryland. Drop off donations between 6 and 9 a.m.

The sale features veggies, herbs, annuals, perennials, berries, natives, succulents, pots and homemade baked goods. After 3 p.m. schools can have any unsold plants. Proceeds benefit school garden grants awarded to CVUSD and HUSD schools.

Averiett to Speak at Public Safety Forum on Siempre Verde Park

Join Interim Police Chief Angela Averiett, City Manager Fran Robustelli and City Councilwoman Xouhoa Bowen at the District 5 Public Safety Forum on Tuesday, May 28, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Siempre Verde Park, 455 Park St. in San Leandro.

American Legion Post 117 to Hold Memorial Day Ceremony

American Legion Post 117 of San Leandro and the City of San Leandro will hold a Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 27, from 8:30 to 9 a.m. in the plaza in front of the police station, 901 East 14th St. Refreshments will be served at 8 a.m.

Acknowledgements of this day will be given by Mayor Juan González and Post 117 Commander Don Reed.

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'Cue Tips

The long Memorial Day weekend reignites our annual love affair with barbecue season.

Never mind that you put away the grill last fall without properly cleaning it. And you might as well brush aside those reports about carcinogens in grilled foods. It's the unofficial start of summer and grill we must!

If you're new to the grill, or if you just want some brush-up advice, here are some pointers.

Always grill foods on a clean, oiled rack. Preheat the barbecue with the rack in place. Once the rack is very hot, use a metal brush to scrape the rack clean. Then wipe off the rack with an old towel dipped in cooking oil.

Always place foods to be grilled on a hot rack.

Direct and indirect cooking are the two ways to grill food properly. The direct method, similar to broiling, means the food is cooked directly over the heat source. For even cooking, food should be turned, with tongs, once halfway through the grilling time.

The indirect, covered method is similar to roasting, but with the added benefits of that grilled texture, flavor and appearance.

Always cook burgers to 160°F, turning occasionally with a spatula, but no pressing!

For steaks, cook to 145°F for



medium rare, 160°F for medium doneness; for chicken, 180°F.

WESTERN GRILLED STEAKS

- 2 pounds boneless beef chuck shoulder steaks or top round steaks, cut 1-inch thick
- Barbecue Sauce:
 - 1 cup ketchup
 - 1/2 cup cider vinegar
 - 1/2 cup water
 - 3 tablespoons packed brown sugar
 - 1 tablespoon Worcestershire

- sauce
- 1 teaspoon hot pepper sauce

In a small saucepan, combine all sauce ingredients; bring to boil. Reduce heat; simmer 10 minutes. Reserve 1/2 cup sauce for brushing on steaks while grilling; cover and refrigerate. Cool remaining sauce for marinade.

Place beef steaks and marinade in plastic bag; turn to coat. Close bag securely; marinate in refrigerator 6 hours or overnight, turning occasionally.

Remove beef from marinade; discard marinade. Place beef on hot grid over medium ash-covered

coals. Grill chuck shoulder steaks 14 to 19 minutes (top round steaks 14 to 18 minutes) for medium-rare to medium done-ness, turning once. Brush both sides of steaks with reserved sauce during last 5 to 6 minutes of grilling.

Trim fat from steaks; carve meat into thin slices. Makes six servings.

BBQ CHICKEN

- 5 to 6 pounds assorted frying chicken pieces
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- Salt and freshly-ground pepper
- Barbecue Sauce

Prepare grill for indirect cooking and position grilling rack 4 to 6 inches from heat.

Run chicken pieces with oil and sprinkle them with salt and pepper. For the initial browning, place the chicken pieces, skin-side-down, directly over the hot coals (you will move them later for indirect cooking). Turn frequently for about 10 minutes until browned on both sides. Have a spray bottle of water at hand to douse flare-ups.

Move chicken to another part of the grill so the pieces are no longer directly over the fire (although they may overlap slightly).

Cover the grill, with vents open halfway, and cook for 10 minutes. Turn and cook, covered, 5 minutes more. Brush generously with sauce, cover, cook a final 5 minutes. Pass the remaining sauce around the table.

GRILLED PORK CHOPS

- 4 pork rib chops, about 1-1/4 inches thick each
- Marinade:
 - 1/4 cup plus 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
 - 3 tablespoons soy sauce
 - 1 olive oil
 - 1/2 teaspoon light brown sugar
 - 1/4 teaspoon chopped fresh rosemary
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 1/4 teaspoon black pepper

Marinade: In a medium bowl whisk together the marinade in-

gredients.

Place the chops in a large, resealable plastic bag and pour in the marinade. Press the air out of the bag and seal tightly. Turn the bag to distribute the marinade, place in a bowl and refrigerate for 30 minutes. Remove the chops from the bag and discard the marinade.

Sear the chops over direct high heat (500°F) for 6 minutes, turning once halfway through searing time. (The best way to gauge the temperature is to set an oven thermometer on the grate.) Continue grilling over Indirect Medium heat until the juices run clear, 6 to 8 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Serves 4

GRILLED HAMBURGERS

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1/2 cup minced onion
- 2 garlic cloves, pressed
- Steak seasoning or Worcestershire sauce
- 2 avocados
- 1 red onion, sliced thin
- 1 jar roasted red peppers
- 6 large onion rolls

Mix together ground beef, minced onion and pressed garlic. Pat into patties and sprinkle with steak seasoning.

Grill to your liking, turning several times to lock in juices. Place hamburger patties on an onion roll and top with red onion, lots of roasted red peppers, and avocado slices. Makes 6 burgers.

Robotics: Team spent months preparing for the competition

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course.”

The 15-member club spent months preparing for the 2-day competition, and sent a team

of six to the PIE event.

“There’s a lot of pressure at the competition,” said Rafael Zapien, the club’s mechanical team lead.

“There’s always something that goes wrong,” said Torres-Cohen. “Those things need to be figured out on the spot and fixed.”

The assigned tasks this year centered around a simulated escape from Alcatraz. Fortunately, none of the heavy-looking robots that entered were required to actually float in water.

Zapien, Torres-Cohen and club vice-president Jocelyn Avalos had high praise for industry mentors who helped the club prepare for the competi-

tion, notably Daniel Gomez and Dan Scharff.

The club’s original president, Martin Martinez, who graduated several years ago and now owns his own company, mentors as well. Teacher Quanina Quan took over as club advisor after the loss of Mr. Nava.

The Maker Club had started as an offshoot of Nava’s Product Design class, but over time came to focus more on robotics. The members also work on projects other than robotics in between competitions, the three students said.

But it takes months to prepare for the competition, Torres-Cohen said. “I suppose if we had all our final parts lined up and in one place, we could assemble the robot in a week. But it never works out like that.”

Some parts have to be store-bought, some of the proprietary parts are provided by PIE to shield competitors from their sometimes-high cost, and other parts are printed on the club’s several 3-D printers.

“We changed the whole robotic arm twice, and had to replace parts of it a few times,”



PHOTO BY MIKE MCGUIRE

Three of the leaders of the San Leandro High School Makers Club stand in front of awards the club has won. From left, mechanical team lead Rafael Zapien, club vice president Jocelyn Avalos and president Mateo Torres-Cohen.

Zapien said. “We had to shrink the base by 30 percent to fit the course at the competition.”

The three club leaders all hope to go on to careers in STEM fields (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) and all three take

classes in the high school’s relatively new STREAM academy, whose initials stand for Science, Technology, Robotics, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics.

The competitions help in meeting their long-rang goals,

because of who else is there.

“You meet lots of kids who are quite proficient from around the Bay Area,” Zapien said. “There is encouragement now and perhaps professional contacts later.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS

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San Leandro Man Killed by Hit-And-Run Driver

CHP makes arrest the following day of Hayward man driving pickup

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

A San Leandro man was stuck and killed by a driver who fled the scene on the night of May 15 on Lewelling Boulevard, west of Embers Way, near I-880.

Officers and other emergency personnel located Elza Paul Walters III, 59, of San Leandro in the roadway. He was pronounced dead at the scene at approximately 9:20 p.m. Officers said they did not see any vehicles connected to the crash.

The following day, the California Highway Patrol found the suspect's vehicle, a Toyota Tundra pickup, and the driver and arrested him. Officers matched evidence connecting the vehicle and arrested the driver, Than Moeun, 59, of Hayward, according to CHP officer Kylie Musselman.

Court records show Moeun was arraigned at the

East County Hall of Justice on Monday, May 20. He is charged with vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence and a hit-and-run resulting in a death. Moeun is currently at Santa Rita Jail pending \$125,000 in bail.

The CHP asks that if you or someone you know were in the area during the crash and may have witnessed it to call the CHP Hayward area office at 510-489-1500.

"In this type of situation, we often find what is called the 'bystander effect,'" Kylie Musselman said. "This happens when multiple people see an incident and are less likely to report it to authorities, usually under the assumption that someone else will report it. That's why we ask people if they see something they should say something. You could save a life or prevent a crime."

Adopt-A-Pet



Taco

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are a pit bull-Aussie mix and a Shiba Inu.

Taco is a 9-month-old pit bull-Aussie mix who is a sweet boy that would do well in an active home with some great training.

He wants to be near you and loves to play with toys, so play time is very important to this young lad. Taco would do well with teens up up due to his activity level and being



Simba

very jumpy.

Simba is a 3-year-old Shiba Inu who is calm, sophisticated, and looks for attention with his sweet dark eyes. He has a cat-like personality so he can sleep for long periods but also can run around with the house with a toy.

Simba is temporarily handicapped with a leg injury but that doesn't stop him from his calm walks.

To meet or adopt Taco or Simba, call the Hayward animal shelter at 510-293-7200.

SENIORS

What Is Fitness? What's Your Goal?

By Mitch Rothbardt
Special to the Times

All too often we look outside ourselves to come up with a definition of what fitness means.

It's a certain bodyweight. A certain look. The ability to do something, whether or not it actually means anything to us.

The wonderful thing about fitness is that we define it for ourselves.

For someone, fitness is how much they can squat. For someone else, fitness is being able to take care of their grandkids for a weekend. For someone else, it's being able to carry their groceries into the house.

And they're all correct.

You don't need to listen to other people to figure out what fitness is. Take some time and think about

what it really means to you.

Is it a performance goal, such as lifting a certain amount or running a certain distance?

Is it a health goal, such as getting off a medication or being able to keep up with the grandkids?

Is it a mental health goal because you realize you need to make yourself a priority for a few hours a week?

Maybe it's all of the above and that's OK. It can be whatever works for you.

And what's even better?

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Mitch Rothbardt is the owner and head trainer at Castro Valley Fitness. He can be reached at Mitch@CastroValleyFitness.com.



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Special to the Times

GUEST COMMENTARY



NAR Settlement Rule Changes Slated for August 17, 2024

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Beginning on August 17, 2024*, the settlement in the class action lawsuit against the National Association of Realtors (NAR) and major brokerages across the country will begin, ushering in key changes in the way Realtors are compensated. It is important to understand that NAR and the brokerages involved steadfastly deny any wrongdoing, but settled to prevent a string of lawsuits that could have gone on in perpetuity.

A fundamental change will be that, in the same way sellers must sign a listing agreement, buyers will be required to sign a brokerage agreement to have an agent represent them in a purchase.

Looking to get ahead of the curve, a local agent decided to start using the state Realtor Association's buyer-broker agreement before it became mandatory in August. After a preliminary meeting, the agent forwarded the documents for signature. The buyer responded mere minutes later by texting, "There is no way I'm signing this - I will not agree to pay any kind of a commission - I'm going to work with a rebate brokerage that doesn't

require me to sign or pay anything. In fact," he emphasized, "They give ME money back."

The agent began investigating and discovered that the brokerage in question did indeed provide a rebate but had specific rules tied to the program. They would show one property with no commitment, but before showing a second home, required that an exclusive representation agreement be signed. He also discovered that they, like all other brokerages, were gearing up to use the state association's buyer broker agreement. "We will not only be using the required agreement," he was informed, "Along with our disclosures, the package we will require is 19 pages long."

It is safe to say that there is significant confusion out there. Many buyers are oblivious to the impending changes, while others, aware that they might be required to pay a commission, are scrambling to buy before the August deadline. Some sellers, smelling blood in the water, are slashing cooperative commissions now. Confusing things even more, some listing agents believe they will get more immediate market share by adopting low flat fees paid to buyer agents while others are announcing they will provide buyer

representation at no charge, ensuring that they will end up in a dual agency relationship with the buyers.

To answer emerging questions, we will be dedicating the next few weeks in this column to provide clarification.

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2402 Stanton Hill Road 94546: \$385,000
2475 San Carlos Avenue 94546: \$800,000 [2 BD - 1,990 SF - 1953
1872 Grove Way 94546: \$980,000 [3 BD - 1,541 SF - 1951
4490 Heyer Avenue 94546: \$1,070,000 [3 BD - 1,463 SF - 1968
4755 Sorani Way 94546: \$1,191,000 [3 BD - 1,343 SF - 1963
19016 Mayberry Drive 94546: \$1,200,000 [3 BD - 1,232 SF - 1972
6070 Slopeview Court 94552: \$1,376,000 [4 BD - 2,039 SF - 1986
17976 Rockhurst Road 94546: \$1,425,000 [3 BD - 1,408 SF - 1960
19105 Santa Maria Avenue 94546: \$1,450,000 [3 BD - 2,311 SF - 1989

TOTAL SALES: 9
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$385,000 **MEDIAN AMOUNT:** \$1,191,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$1,450,000 **AVERAGE AMOUNT:** \$1,097,444

Hayward

25037 Copa Del Oro Drive #202 94545: \$520,000 [2 BD - 855 SF - 1986
3401 Bridge Road 94545: \$555,000 [2 BD - 1,072 SF - 1928
2263 D Street 94541: \$715,000 [2 BD - 936 SF - 1951
27384 Marigold Court 94545: \$720,000 [4 BD - 1,474 SF - 1971
26040 Cascade Street 94544: \$750,000 [3 BD - 1,085 SF - 1954
25320 Ironwood Court 94545: \$800,000 [3 BD - 1,503 SF - 1980
26557 Hickory Avenue 94544: \$830,000 [3 BD - 1,679 SF - 1953
2644 Sleepy Hollow Avenue 94545: \$835,000 [3 BD - 1,026 SF - 1958
101 Sunswep Court 94544: \$893,500 [3 BD - 1,625 SF - 2019
1663 Sylvia Street 94545: \$925,000 [3 BD - 1,546 SF - 2015
2169 Thayer Avenue 94545: \$990,000 [3 BD - 1,199 SF - 1960
355 B Street 94541: \$1,025,000 [4 BD - 1,607 SF - 2015
22488 Bayview Avenue 94541: \$1,125,000 [1,282 SF - 1971
24676 Sylvan Glen Court 94541: \$1,530,000 [4 BD - 2,136 SF - 1995
28650 Barn Rock Drive 94542: \$1,750,000 [5 BD - 3,653 SF - 1994
118 Sonas Drive 94542: \$1,820,000 [4 BD - 3,452 SF - 2010

TOTAL SALES: 16
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$520,000 **MEDIAN AMOUNT:** \$864,250
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$1,820,000 **AVERAGE AMOUNT:** \$986,468

San Leandro

1400 Carpenter Street #316 94577: \$408,000 [2 BD - 1,112 SF - 1983
2575 San Leandro Boulevard 94578: \$465,000 [2 BD - 982 SF - 1980
14250 Outrigger Drive #58 94577: \$580,000 [2 BD - 990 SF - 1988
2214 Windlass Way 94577: \$632,000 [2 BD - 1,062 SF - 1978
265 Castro Street 94577: \$710,000 [2 BD - 1,369 SF - 1925
1469 155th Avenue 94578: \$722,000 [3 BD - 1,120 SF - 1938
1011 Devonshire Avenue 94579: \$735,000 [3 BD - 988 SF - 1950
14009 Seagate Drive 94577: \$760,000 [3 BD - 1,660 SF - 1985
1440 Virginia Street 94577: \$785,000 [2 BD - 832 SF - 1942
14462 Maracaibo Road 94577: \$815,000 [3 BD - 1,346 SF - 1963



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Create a Bountiful Butterfly Garden

By Buzz Bertolero
The Dirt Gardener

I would like to attract more butterflies to our garden. What plants can I plant to encourage them into taking up residence in our neck of the woods?

Attracting butterflies to your garden can be a rewarding venture. A butterfly garden is a mixture of perennial and annual plants along with some ornamentals. They can be rewarding as it can also attract hummingbirds and bees.

But, for all their benefits, it may not be ideal for everyone.

The plants that attract butterflies are divided into two types: the host and nectar food plants.

Host plants are used by the adult butterfly to lay its eggs on while the nectar plants attract the mature adult butterflies.

The eggs then hatch into caterpillars that feed on the host plant; so, be prepared for lots of leaves that have been chewed on. Baby caterpillars eat quite a lot and will make your plants look as if they are being destroyed, but don't worry about that, this is necessary for their survival.

The young caterpillars continue to feed on the host plants

until they form their cocoons and emerge later as an adult.

If you don't want to look at the eaten plants, simply plant them in the center or the back of your butterfly garden or in areas that are not highly visible. But, don't plant your host plants too far away from the nectar plants. It's best to plant them right next to each other or in close proximity, as the tiny caterpillars cannot travel far to find their own food.

Most species of caterpillars are particular about the type of plants they eat. If the eggs are not laid on the correct plant(s), the new caterpillars will not survive. Hence, it's not advisable to plant a butterfly garden over a large area.

If you choose not to provide any host plants, you will have fewer butterflies. Ceanothus, Penstemon and Aster are a few of the host plants while nectar plants include Toyon, Lantana, Marigolds, Verbena, and Milkweed.

For a more complete list, check your favorite garden centers for a handout or go to www.gardenswithwings.com/what-is-a-butterfly-garden/host-plants.html.

In a glass of water, I started a store-bought Russet potato. It now has roots and some small leaves. Can it



To attract both female and male butterflies, use a combination of host plants and nectar plants.

be planted in soil and kept as a houseplant?

Potatoes are fun to grow as an edible but I wouldn't use them as a foliage plant. If grown indoors, they require a brightly lit location. Also, since they're not a perennial plant, their life span is about four to six months. The end is already near when they begin to flower.

You could start another plant in three months to replace the current plant. However, planting it in soil will extend its life.

When you discard the old plant, don't be surprised to find potatoes in the soil. Potatoes, like

beets, radishes, carrots and other edibles, are formed under the ground.

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14812 Crosby Street 94579: \$850,000 [3 BD - 1,148 SF - 1956]
450 Ruth Court 94578: \$875,000 [5 BD - 2,432 SF - 1975]
2142 Nome Street 94577: \$900,000 [3 BD - 1,018 SF - 1951]
1548 139th Avenue 94578: \$900,000 [2 BD - 1,283 SF - 1946]
908 Burkhart Avenue 94579: \$952,500 [3 BD - 1,565 SF - 1958]
2146 Harborview Drive 94577: \$998,000 [3 BD - 2,259 SF - 1960]
1794 View Drive 94577: \$1,255,000 [3 BD - 2,946 SF - 1958]
16770 Rolando Avenue 94578: \$1,275,000 [3 BD - 1,484 SF - 1958]
701 Tivoli Street 94577: \$1,305,000 [5 BD - 2,503 SF - 2004]
1999 Edgehill Court 94577: \$1,500,000 [4 BD - 2,676 SF - 1973]

TOTAL SALES: 21
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$408,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$825,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$1,500,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$868,928
San Lorenzo

974 Bevilacqua Street 94580: \$300,000 [5 BD - 1,848 SF - 1949]
1497 Via Manzanar 94580: \$872,000 [3 BD - 1,050 SF - 1951]
546 Cornell Street 94580: \$895,000 [3 BD - 1,514 SF - 1950]
1909 Keller Avenue 94580: \$900,000 [3 BD - 1,252 SF - 1955]
1109 Via Dolorosa 94580: \$1,110,000 [3 BD - 1,465 SF - 1950]

TOTAL SALES: 5
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$300,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$895,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$1,110,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$815,400

Mortgage Rates Continue to Decrease

Mortgage rates decreased for the second consecutive week. Given the news that inflation eased slightly, the 10-year Treasury yield dipped, leading to lower mortgage rates. The decrease in rates, albeit small, may provide a bit more wiggle room in the budgets of prospective homebuyers.

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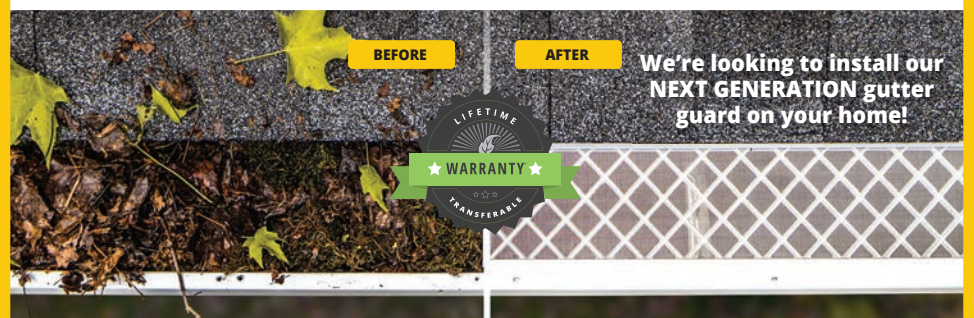


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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
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Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es):
Budget With Brittney, located at 14954 Inlet Court San Leandro, CA 94578 Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Brittney Jackson, located at 14954 Inlet Court San Leandro, CA 94578. This business is conducted by An Individual. This business commenced March 1, 2024
/s/Brittney Jackson
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
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Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es):
Salon of Serenity, located at 22461 Foothill Blvd., Ste. 117 Hayward, CA 94541 Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Rose Bradshaw, located at 22461 Foothill Blvd., Ste. 117 Hayward, CA 94541. This business is conducted by An Individual. This business commenced 9/20/97
/s/Rose Bradshaw
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
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The name of the business(es):
Los Tres Grandes Trucking, located at 2484 Baunann Ave., San Lorenzo, CA 94580 / 3258 Shawn Way, Hayward, CA 94541 Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Carlos Martinez, located at 3258 Shawn Way, Hayward, CA 94541. This business is conducted by An Individual. This business commenced 5/14/24
/s/Carlos Martinez
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Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es):
Inkbold Tattoo Studio, located at 2350 Saratoga Street Unit 108, Alameda, CA 94501. Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Bayarjargal Enkhbold, located at 2350 Saratoga Street Unit 108, Alameda, CA 94501. This business is conducted by An Individual. This business commenced 04/00/2024
/s/Bayarjargal Enkhbold
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NAME STATEMENT
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The name of the business(es):
Eluney's Boutique, located at 1600 Thrush Ave., San Leandro, CA 94578 / 1212 Coe Ave., San Leandro, CA 94579 Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Natali Serrano, located at 1212 Coe Ave., San Leandro, CA 94579. Jonathan Serrano 1212 Coe Ave., San Leandro, CA 94579. This business is conducted by Married Couple. This business commenced N/A
/s/Natali Serrano
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
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The name of the business(es):
New Day Community Church, located at 180 Lewelling Blvd, San Lorenzo, CA 94580. / PO Box 525, San Lorenzo, CA 94580. Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): San Lorenzo Baptist Church, located at PO Box 525, San Lorenzo, CA 94580. This business is conducted by a Corporation. This business commenced 03/31/2024
/s/Michael Ovaton
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
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Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es):
Chabot Car Wash, located at 20735 Lake Chabot Road, Castro Valley, CA 94546. Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Daryl Strom, located at 18416 Center Street, Castro Valley, CA 94546. This business is conducted by An Individual. This business commenced 03/01/2010
/s/Daryl Strom
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
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Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es):
Save Auto Glass, located at 2557 W Wenton Ave., 7D Hayward, CA 94545 / 371 Winton Ave., Hayward, CA 94545 Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ana Carolina Calix, located at 371 Winton Ave., Hayward, CA 94545. This business is conducted by An Individual. This business commenced 04/30/24
/s/Ana Carolina Calix
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
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Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es):
DAL, located at 15367 Betty street San Leandro, CA 94579. Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Karina Arevalo, located at 15367 Betty street San Leandro, CA 94579. This business is conducted by An Individual. This business commenced N/A
N/A/s/Karina Arevalo
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The name of the business(es):
CTR Diesel Performance, located at 1375 Manor Blvd., San Leandro, CA 94579. Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jorge Alberto Barrientos Matute, located at 1375 Manor Blvd., San Leandro, CA 94579. / Jorge Barrientos Rosales, located at 1552 Oriole Avenue San Leandro, CA 94578. This business is conducted by Co-partners. This business commenced 04/18/2024
N/A/s/ Jorge Barrientos Rosales
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
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The name of the business(es):
Bay Area Corazon Counseling, located at 14393 E 14th Street, Ste 200 San Leandro, CA 94578 Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Leticia Arreola-Garcia, located at 18144 Robscott Ave., Hayward, CA 94541. This business is conducted by An Individual. This business commenced N/A
/s/Leticia Arreola-Garcia
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
Pursuant to Business and Professions Code
Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es):
Mitchell Family Dentistry, located at 2421 Encinal Ave., Ste A, Alameda, CA 94501 / 28 Crest Road, Lafayette, CA 94549 Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kenneth Dental Practice, located at 28 Crest Road, Lafayette, CA 94549. This business is conducted by a Corporation
This business commenced N/A
/s/Martha Kraka
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ANSWERS ON PAGE 2

Music: Blues and soul on the bill

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Orestes Vilato, Ray Obiedo, and longtime Grateful Dead member Mickey Hart.

Rangel will appear at the Cherry Festival with his own band, Orquesta America, joined by Perazzo, a percussionist who has made three albums with Santana, one of them live in South America.

Big Blu Soul Revue brings San Francisco soul to their music and live shows, with a high energy that makes the audience get up and dance.

The band formed in 2012 and features long-time Bay Area guitarist and vocalist Jason Movrich, vocalist Lydia Walker, bassist John Bartlett, Blake Ritterman on drums, and saxophonist Brian Lassiter.

Eddie 9V left jobs and school behind at 15 to throw himself into Atlanta's roots and blues club circuit. By 2013, his band The Georgia Flood represented the Atlanta Blues Society in the International Blues Challenge in Memphis.

His debut album, "Left My Soul In Memphis," was



Big Blu Soul Revue, with singer Lydia Walker, brings their style of San Francisco soul to their high energy show.

one of the breakout releases of 2019. Guitar Player magazine describes his music as " ... a thrilling evocation of

blues and Memphis soul that manages to sound both lovingly vintage and positively modern."

In between those bands, you can enjoy dance events from Destined 2, the Roosevelt Elementary Latin Dancers, and DC Dance. Or do a FIT Dance Work Out, or benefit from some Dance Therapy. Drumming with Adaku leads into demonstrations with Palen's Martial Arts. There will be a DJ set from Production Logic techs, too.

There are plenty of craft items available at 97 artisan booths, along with community resources groups offering all kinds of services. Among those will be lessons in riding a bike, for kids who have not yet had the pleasure, offered by Bike East Bay.

Food will be abundant, with 21 food booths and 8 food trucks. One special treat, beyond cherry pie eating, will be cherry ice cream from Koolfi Creamery at 599 MacArthur Blvd. Koolfi, which brings Indian flavors and influences to ice cream, only sells the cherry ice cream at the Cherry Festival.

Murder: Gun tragedy

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to the sheriff's department. The coroner's report said the murders happened on May 1.

Reed was taken into custody on May 5 by the Kansas Highway Patrol, which received a License Plate Reader hit on his vehicle. They booked Reed into the Leavenworth Detention Center, where he remained until detectives brought him back to Alameda County and booked him into Santa Rita Jail.

Alameda County District Attorney Pamela Price's office issued a statement saying they

would pursue murder charges with special charges on behalf of the two victims and their families.

"This is another gun-related tragedy in our community, this time claiming the lives of two women," Price said in a press release. "Too often, guns and intimate partner violence turns deadly. Perhaps these two women would still be with us if he had not had a gun."

Reed is scheduled to be in court for a plea hearing on July 3. He faces a potential sentence of 50 years to life in prison.

Arrest: Stabbing

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ly identified from surveillance footage, police said.

On May 16, the suspect was taken into custody at his school in a neighboring jurisdiction, police said. A search warrant served at his residence yielded further evidence linking him to the crime. Police didn't name the city or school where they arrested the juvenile or give his name.

Police said investigators

were able to piece together what led up to the stabbing through reviews of surveillance footage and interviews with witnesses at the scene. It appeared that a dispute arose between Gooden and a suspect over the juvenile's interaction with an associate of Gooden's, according to police. The confrontation escalated into a fight, during which Gooden was stabbed by the juvenile with a knife.

OPINION

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City Council Should Find Common Ground

Editor,

It appears there's been a significant increase in politicking within the letters to the editor of the San Leandro Times recently. Much of this involves criticizing three council members simply for advocating for their ideas — ideas that may very well have been driven by their constituents.

While I may not necessarily support these propositions, they certainly have the right to make them. Our council is becoming increasingly divided, much like our House of Representatives, with some members sending others to publicly badmouth their perceived opponents or electoral rivals.

I've stopped attending these council priority setting days because they are unproductive and

fail to develop focused plans. However, I did listen to the recording of the latest session, which, thankfully you can scan through. One bright spot was a presentation by our previous City Manager, who emphasized essential ground rules such as not vilifying others and focusing on a few key priorities (using a jars and rocks analogy). It appears these common sense guidelines were ignored.

What was the outcome of this priority session? We started the day with three major priorities, but ended with five. And as most people know, having many focuses actually means you have none — a dilution which is a recurring issue that results in nothing substantial being accomplished. And we also seem to have ended with an even more divided and uncooperative council.

As the elected body entrusted with the future of our city, you must do better. Instead of fixating on disagreements, we should find common ground. Try to understand and support each other's ideas, even if you don't fully agree. Let's focus on a few critical issues that can drive substantive progress for the betterment of San Leandro

Patty Breslin
San Leandro

Traffic Island Makes Street More Dangerous

Editor,

I recently collided with the traffic island that was unsafely constructed last year that was approved by San Leandro Public Works. The new dangerous island at Joaquin Avenue and MacArthur Boulevard has been hit many times by cars. It's a traffic hazard.

I have given San Leandro Public Works a notice to prevent any more damaged cars or a fatal accident. Please contact Nicole at Public Works at 510-577-3429 to report your accidents or collisions, since they refuse to correct this easy fix.

William Rodenburg and Victoria Yang
San Leandro

Try New Utility Plan
Editor,

Regarding PG&E's new monthly fee plan, it doesn't seem that the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) is looking out for the public. The best solution is not to continue arguing with the PUC, but, rather, copy the State of Nebraska where electricity generation is all public — no private utilities selling electricity. The average price in Nebraska is 11.3 cents/KWhr. No reason we can't do the same here in California.

Don Siefkes
San Leandro

Downtown Needs Real Cops, Not Rent-a-Cops

Editor,

I wish the San Leandro Police Department would be visible and enforce the laws themselves, instead of deferring to the Downtown San Leandro Rent-a-cop crew. I wish the San Leandro P.D. would crack down on the illegal fruit stands or at least shut them down for lack of business/resale permits?

How does a regular business feel when they have to pay permit fees, rent, taxes, and the fruit-stand owners/employees pocket cash and pay nothing to no one? I wish the SLPD would crack down on the homeless, illegal bike riders taking over the streets, unsafe drivers, illegal parking, etc.

When will the SLPD actually

show themselves and start cleaning up San Leandro?. Look at this place, look at the type of residents we have in some parts of the city. I call upon the City Council and leaders to pressure SLPD to "clean house" on all of this mayhem and low life behavior and to do their jobs. What happened to San Leandro, and why?

Robert Johansen
San Leandro

Questions Spending Public Money to Pitch Tax

Editor,

I want to thank Gloria Strohm for sharing the economic difficulties she and her family are experiencing as a middle-class household in San Leandro today and her questioning of the city spending over \$200,000 on a consultant to pitch a utility tax.

I agree with her that "the math isn't working." I would also like to thank former City Councilman Ed Hernandez for alerting the community on NextDoor and Facebook of what the City Council was planning on doing and for speaking out against a hike in the utility tax. No one would have known about what the city council was up to until this paper wrote about what was decided after the meeting.

Luis Ibarra
San Leandro

Robotics: 'I always knew I wanted to do engineering'



PHOTO BY RAFAEL ZAPIEN

Some of the awards won in recent years by the San Leandro High School Makers Club. Some of the equipment they use to build robots is in the background.

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The three students got interested in robotics in different ways, though Mr. Nava's classes inspired them.

Torres-Cohen was originally more interested in computers, but a friend in the Makers Club encouraged him to join.

"I always knew I wanted to do engineering, but I also liked space a lot," Avalos said.

Avalos found the Mars Rover inspirational. She's a junior now, and her dream school is the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M.I.T.). She credits Nava's Product Design class for interesting her in robotics and she would eventually like to work in aerospace.

For Zapien, Legos were the gateway technology. His older brother was a mechanical engineer in the military, and served as a good role model, he said. He wanted, though, to be a chemist, and still does.

But he took his first computer coding class in the fourth grade and was learning Java Script by middle school. He found out about the STREAM Academy in the Product Design class. He's a junior and hasn't finalized his college plans, or dreams, yet.

Torres-Cohen will be graduating from the high school this year, and PIE, which is based at UC Berkeley, offered him a job. He'll take it — but will happily attend San Jose State instead of Cal. He thinks the two schedules and the commute will work out.

The Makers Club is still rebuilding after the loss of Mr. Nava, and invites students to join. the club

other competitions we go to we meet high school students from Australia, and other places about as far away," Torres-Cohen said. Readers who want to help with their work can donate to a GoFundMe page at gofund.me/b1849ac4.

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Joanne Goodwin

Joanne Goodwin, a lifelong resident of San Leandro, passed away on May 8, 2024. She is preceded in death by her Husband of 40 years Richard Goodwin. Services will be held on May 23 at 9AM at Santos Robinson Mortuary at 160 Estudillo in San Leandro. Her lively discussions and laughter will be missed by her friends and family.

Joyce Sauer

Joyce Sauer, a beloved resident of San Leandro, CA, passed away on April 9, 2024, at the age of 81. She was born and raised in Berkeley, CA, and graduated from Presentation High School in 1960. Joyce was deeply devoted to her Catholic faith and found great joy in singing with the choirs at both St. Leander and Our Lady of Good Council churches in San Leandro. She dedicated much of her time to volunteering with various organizations, including St. Vincent De Paul, April Showers, San Leandro schools, Treasures Hospice Thrift Shop, and several food pantries.

Despite the challenges of being a single mother to four children, Joyce pursued her education and earned an Associates Degree in Accounting from Chabot College. She then embarked on a fulfilling career as an accounting clerk at the East Bay Regional Park District, a job she cherished.

Joyce had a zest for life and enjoyed dancing, hiking, traveling, playing games, and tending to her garden. However, her greatest joy came from being with her family, particularly her granddaughters. Joyce is survived by her children Sheri Sokoloff, Jennifer and John Sherwood, Joe and Cindy Sauer, and her granddaughters Jordan Zimmerman, Hannah Sherwood, Laurel Sherwood, Christina Sauer, Sarah Sauer, and Rebecca Hou. She was preceded in death by her oldest son, Mike Sauer, in 2010.

A memorial service will be held at St. Leander Church in San Leandro on Friday, May 31st at 10:00 am. Friends are welcome to attend. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to smiletrain.org, an organization that held great significance to Joyce.



Margaret Halland

August 1937 ~ March 2024



Margaret Halland would be the first person to say that she lived a charmed life. Born in Porterville, CA, she grew up in Castro Valley, graduated from Hayward High School, and earned a BA in English from UC Berkeley. Margaret enjoyed a long and fulfilling career teaching English in San Leandro, CA, first at Pacific High School, and when that campus closed, at San Leandro High School. She was a gifted teacher and coach who loved her students and inspired them to become more than they thought they could be. Many former students reached out to her over the years to share the impact she had on their lives.

Margaret cared deeply about politics, especially at the local level, working tirelessly for progressive candidates and issues.

Upon retiring after 30 years of teaching, Margaret pursued myriad interests: she traveled in Europe; she did volunteer work at numerous businesses; she played bridge, traveling to tournaments throughout the US and becoming a Life Master; she mastered the internet and became an online collector of children's alphabet books (at one point her collection exceeded 4,000); she read voraciously, especially mysteries, memorized and recited poetry, and enjoyed book club discussions with her English department colleagues and friends.

Margaret had a sharp wit and a whimsical sense of humor. She loved Miss Piggy and Kermit the Frog, Calvin and Hobbes, Rocky and Bullwinkle, The Princess Bride, and everything Edward Gorey.

Margaret was perhaps most content when she was working in a garden. She created beautiful spaces everywhere she lived, but was most proud of her backyard garden on Broadmoor Blvd. in San Leandro, beneath the towering redwood trees. There she laid meandering brick and stone paths, built small wood fences, decks, and trellises, planted scores of trees, shrubs, and flowers; there were birdhouses and water features (she loved that she had a working well), and signs of her creativity in unexpected places: a mosaic here, a driftwood sculpture there—little surprises in every "room" of paradise. Margaret's yard and home was a favorite gathering spot for family and friends for the entire 22 years she resided there.

In the fall of 2020, Margaret and her partner moved to Tacoma to be closer to family. At the new house Margaret immediately set to work creating a Pacific Northwest garden sanctuary. When she wasn't putting in the garden, she was building puzzles, playing Scrabble, and doing the NYT daily crossword puzzle. She died peacefully at home surrounded by the love of Colleen, her partner of 27 years, and her daughter, Kathy.



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Ace Hardware Plans to Open in Greenhouse Marketplace later this Year

Westlake Ace Hardware announced this week it will open a new store in San Leandro at the Greenhouse Marketplace shopping center.

The store is planned to open in late 2024 at the shopping center at 699 Lewelling Blvd, Suite 100. It will occupy about 15,000 square feet of retail space.

Westlake Ace owns and operates nine other locations in northern California: Chico, Northeast Fresno, Livermore, Mountain View, Pinole, Pleasant Hill, Santa Rosa (Guerneville Fulton Ace Hardware), Turlock, and Woodland. A new store in San Jose is scheduled to open soon.

The store will also offer such services as key cutting, automotive key fob replacement, and a propane tank exchange.

“Westlake Ace Hardware has been providing reliable service, helpful advice, and leading products to our customers in Northern Califor-

nia since 2019,” said Joe Jeffries, president and CEO of Ace Retail Holdings, the parent company of Westlake Ace Hardware. “San Leandro is a fantastic community. We are looking forward to show-

ing our new neighbors how we live the Ace Helpful Promise every day.”

Employment at Ace Hardware of San Leandro
The new store will be-

gin accepting applications for employment in the third quarter of 2024. To apply, email jobs@westlakehardware.com with “Ace Hardware of San Leandro” in the subject line.

Copeland to Perform *Grandma & Me* this Weekend at Main Library

Award-winning playwright and actor Brian Copeland’s hit solo show *Grandma & Me: An Ode to Single Parents* will come to the San Leandro Main Library Theater for a special two performance engagement Saturday, May 25 at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, May 26 at 2 p.m.

Copeland, known for hit shows including the record-setting *Not a Genuine Black Man*, as well as acclaimed productions of *The Waiting Period*, *The Scion*, and *The Jewelry Box*, brings his trademark blend of humor and poignancy to *Grandma & Me*.

The show takes audiences on a journey back to 1979 when his mother died suddenly, leaving behind five young children for his bereaved but fiercely protective 57-year-old grandmother to raise alone.

Where: San Leandro Community Library theater, 300 Estudillo Avenue, San Leandro.

Tickets: \$35 at the door

for non-subscribers of The Best of San Francisco Solo Series.

Since its opening in October 2022, this work has performed to sold-out crowds and captivated Bay Area theatergoers, with critics calling it a “beautiful tribute” (Theater Dogs) that “hits that sweet spot between funny and moving” (BroadwayWorld).

San Leandro Toastmasters Meet Every Thursday

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from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. online through Zoom. Email sanleandrotm@gmail.com for

Police Arrest Man For Sexual Assault On Haas Avenue

San Leandro police arrested a sexual assault suspect on May 15 after an hours-long surveillance operation in the city of Fremont.

Police said the suspect confessed to the crime during an interview.

The alleged assault took place on April 19 on the 100 block of Haas Avenue in San Leandro, according to San Leandro police.

The victim had significant facial injuries caused by the suspect, her boyfriend, according to police. The victim also told police she was held against her will and sexually assaulted by the suspect.

Detectives from the Special Victims Unit took over the investigation and acquired an

arrest warrant for the suspect, a 31-year-old resident of Lathrop, Calif.

On May 16, the suspect was charged by the Alameda County District Attorney’s Office with felony domestic violence, false imprisonment, and forcible sexual battery.

The San Leandro Police Department encourages anyone experiencing domestic violence, or anyone who knows of someone being victimized, to report it to your local police agency. For support and referrals for services, you may call the National Domestic Violence Line at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or call the 24-hour crisis line for domestic violence victims at (510)757-5123 or 1-800-947-8301.

City of San Leandro’s Home Earthquake Strengthening Course

The City of San Leandro is again offering its nationally recognized and award-winning Home Earthquake Strengthening Course to homeowners. This is a “do-it-yourself” course geared towards owners of older, raised-floor homes. Homeowners will be shown how to identify and strengthen structural weaknesses in their homes. Upon completion of this four-day course, each homeowner will have a customized blueprint for their seismic project.

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

When: June 6, 11, 13, and 18

This is a four-day course.

Where: The Senior Community Center @

13909 E. 14th Street, San Leandro

Time: 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Cost for City of San Leandro Residents:

\$30.00 for single / \$35.00 for couples

Cost for Non-Residents / Unincorporated

San Leandro: \$50.00 for single / \$60.00 for couples

Class size is limited.

REGISTRATION BY MAIL

PHONE, OR

EMAIL: Permitsbyemail@sanleandro.org

ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVE BASIS

For more information, please call Division of Building & Safety Services at (510) 577-3405.

TO REGISTER: Please mail your payment and information or call:



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Apply Now:

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