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The Redwood Christian High School Class of 2021 graduated as the superintendent read each student's accomplishments and their hopes and dreams.

## Class of 2021 Graduates at Redwood Christian

Redwood Christian High School graduated seventy-five seniors at Redwood Chapel Community Church on May 27, following Covid-19 protocols.

Superintendent Dr. Al Hearne and Principal Ben Warner read each graduate's individual accomplishments as well

as their hopes and dreams, while board chairman Harry Bruno and board member Phil Carlton presented the diplomas.

The three valedictorians were Jonathan Burckin, Sara Lee, and Rohan John, sharing the message of their Class Verse, Ephesians 2:10, which was read

by Jezriel Salonga. "The Star-Spangled Banner" was performed by senior Emily Miller.

Student Council President Gail Mojica greeted everyone with the invocation and welcome, and Student

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## Drought to Have Long-Term Effects

By Michael Singer  
San Leandro Times

California's drought will do more than prevent you from watering your lawn every day. It could also make your groceries more expensive and cause utility bills to rise.

Alameda County is currently in its second driest year since 1977 when water conservation was at an all-time high. This is the 10th driest year to date in 127 years, according to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR).

Statewide, 75 percent of California is in the most extreme levels of drought, also known as "exceptional drought."

The severe drought conditions mean water shortages are widespread, surface water is depleted, and federal irrigation water deliveries are lower than in previous years, according to DWR.

The dry conditions also mean food supplies can be affected. Exports such as avocados, berries, broccoli, grapes, and lettuce could all see prices rise about 3 percent, according to the USDA.

California provides one-quarter of the food supply in the United States, according to the California Department of Food and Agriculture. It's a \$50 billion industry that depends on water resources.

The exceptional drought conditions are restricting recreational activities that center on water resources. Recreation

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## Manheimer Appointed Interim Police Chief

By Jim Knowles  
San Leandro Times

The position of police chief of San Leandro will continue for the foreseeable future to be a temp job.

The City of San Leandro hired an interim police chief last week to replace the acting chief who has held the post for the past four months.

Susan Manheimer, who retired as police chief in San Mateo, started the job on Monday as the interim police chief of San Leandro. Manheimer will hold the job until the city hires a permanent police chief.

At the beginning of the year, Chief Jeff Tudor announced he would retire in

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## Assembly Candidates Appear in Online Forums

Election day on Tuesday for candidates in District 18 replacing Bon-

By Mike McGuire  
San Leandro Times

Most of the candidates running in a special election next Tuesday, June 29 to succeed Assemblymember Rob Bonta in state Assembly District 18 appeared at two recent online forums.

One forum was hosted by San Leandro's Unity in the Community and other community groups on June 12, and another by the League of Women Voters (LWV) on June 15. Both forums are on YouTube.

**“We need to include climate in every single thing we do.”**

— James Aguilar, school board member and state Assembly candidate

James Aguilar, at 21 the youngest candidate, said at the LWV forum he is running as an educator who already has held several public offices and is endorsed by former state Schools Superintendent Delaine Eastin. He would also like California to pass its own Green New Deal.

“We need to include climate in every single thing we do,” James Aguilar said.

Another candidate, Victor Aguilar points to his work on the San Leandro City Council as a reason to apply what he's

learned to fight for at the state level. He said he would like to see universal affordable health care, especially after losing his mother to Covid.

“California's response to Covid would have been very different if we valued people over profits,” said Victor Aguilar.

Mia Bonta said she is running to police the police, establish a right to housing and attain equity in education. Bonta cites her “25 years of service to children” and has

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## Pets of the Week



**Luna**

Luna is a sweet female bunny. Luna is particular about her room and will rearrange her bedding until it is just right. She enjoys snacking on basil and cilantro and is good with handling.

Dottie is a belly rub queen who has patiently been waiting to be adopted since March. She is 7 years old, loves peo-



**Dottie**

ple, going for walks, and smelling the flowers. She would like to be the only pet in the home. For more information on Luna or Dottie, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at 510-293-7200.

## Chabot Theater to Host CV Pride Celebration, Screening of 'Milk'

Celebrate Pride Month and share LGBTQ history at 6 p.m. this Saturday at the Chabot Theater at a screening of the award-winning film "Milk," starring Sean Penn, followed by a special on-stage appearance by AIDS and LGBTQ-rights activist Cleve Jones for a Q&A session.

In 1983, at the onset of the AIDS pandemic, Jones co-founded the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, which has

grown into one of the largest and most influential AIDS advocacy organizations in the United States.

He conceived the The Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, which – at 54 tons – has become the world's largest piece of community folk art.

Jones will personally sign copies of his book, "When We Rise: My Life in the Movement," which will be available for purchase.

Tickets are available at: [www.thechabot.com](http://www.thechabot.com). The evening is sponsored by Castro Valley Pride, Books on B in Hayward, and the Chabot Theater.

A pop-up dinner will begin at the Chabot at 5 p.m.

## Student from San Leandro Earns Ph.D. from Columbia University

Erica Linn Eliason, daughter of Dr. Donald Eliason and Cynthia Eliason, has herself become a doctor having completed her Ph.D. at Columbia University School of Social Work.

Erica graduated in 2009 from San Leandro High School after attending Bancroft Middle School and Roosevelt Elementary.

Her dissertation is entitled, "The Effects of Health Insurance Eligibility Policies on Maternal Care Access and Childbirth Outcomes." Findings from her research have been published in journals such as Health Affairs, American Journal of Public Health, Preventive Medicine, and Women's Health Issues.

Erica also holds a MPH in Health Policy Analysis from Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health and a BA in Health, Science, and Society from Sarah Lawrence College. She has accepted a postdoctoral fellowship at Brown University.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE ELIASON FAMILY

Erica Eliason, who grew up in San Leandro, recently earned a Ph.D. at the Columbia University School of Social Work.

## Get a Digital Copy of Your Vaccination Shot Record

California health officials announced a new digital Covid-19 vaccine record for Californians on Friday. The tool is an option for vaccinated residents to access their record from the state's immunization registry systems.

The digital records can be used to gain access to businesses or events like concerts or sports events that require proof of full vaccination. The digital record will show

the same information as the paper card.

Officials recommend, however, that Californians hang on to their paper cards from the CDC.

"If one of the state's nearly 20 million vaccinated Californians misplaces their paper card, the Digital COVID-19 Vaccine Record provides a convenient backup," said California State Epidemiologist Dr. Erica Pan.

If you were vaccinated in

California, go to [myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov](http://myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov) and enter your information to access the digital record.

California lifted many pandemic-related restrictions last week. Vaccinated people are no longer required to wear masks at most indoor locations. Everyone must continue to wear masks in some places such as mass transit. And employers can choose to keep everyone masked, vaccinated or not.

## SL Students Graduate from Oregon State

Oregon State University's class of 2021 included two students from San Leandro – Martin A. Chavez, bachelor of science, computer science; and Frank T. Li, bachelor of science, computer science.

The graduates were celebrated with an in-person, informal processional of graduates through the Corvallis campus to Reser Stadium followed by brief remarks from OSU leaders on June 11.

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# Community Calendar

## Virtual Teen Craft Workshop

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

## SL Democratic Club to Meet

The San Leandro Democratic will hold its monthly meeting on Zoom on Thursday, June 24, at 6:30 p.m. with guest speakers from Lavender Seniors of the East Bay, Bay Area Lesbian Archives, and Rainbow San Leandro. Register for the meeting at: <http://tiny.cc/b5aytz>

## Hayward Arts Council Workshop

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

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

At the workshop she will illustrate the process and development of a painting and how to find inspiration and motivation to

paint during challenging times.

RSVP is required at [www.hayward-arts-council.org](http://www.hayward-arts-council.org) by Thursday, June 25. After registering, each participant will receive a confirmation email the day before the workshop containing the link to join.

## 2nd Infantry Division Reunion

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

## Marina High All-Alumni Reunion

Marina High School All-Alumni Reunion will be held for everyone who attended Marina High School on Saturday, July 31, from noon to 7 p.m. at Bonaire Park, Juniper Street and Sagewood Avenue in San Leandro. No cost, bring your own food, barbecue pits will be available, bring your own drinks (no alcohol allowed), shade umbrellas if you have them, and chairs. When you check in, you will be given a free raffle ticket for our no cost raffle. Come and say hi to your former classmates. Event is posted on Facebook, Marina Peeps, if you wish to RSVP or have any questions.

Items for the calendar can be emailed to [jimk@ebpublishing.com](mailto:jimk@ebpublishing.com) or call 510-614-1557.

## Chief: Long career in police work

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June. But Tudor left the job in February, and Luis Torres was appointed acting police chief, moving up from his position as captain. City Hall said at the time that Torres would hold the job until a permanent chief was appointed.

Manheimer filled in as acting police chief in Oakland from April 2020 until February of this year. Manheimer replaced Anne Kirkpatrick who was fired by the Oakland Police Commission and Mayor Libby Schaff.

Manheimer has a 37-year career in law enforcement in the Bay Area, 22 years as a Chief of Police in San Mateo. Before that she worked for 17 years with the San Francisco Police Department, including work in robbery and violent gang suppression, according to the National Police Foundation. She was both a lieutenant and captain in the Tenderloin Task Force, and headed the Safety Ambassador Program in San Francisco.



Interim Chief Susan Manheimer started on Monday.

"Chief Manheimer is a well-known law enforcement servant leader, an advocate for culture change, community builder, and a track record of results throughout her extensive career," said City Manager Fran Robustelli in a press release.

In San Mateo, she was part of many programs, including revitalizing downtown San Mateo with the Homeless Outreach Team, and the Field Crisis Team that responds to incidents involving homeless people and people in a mental crisis, according to the National Police Foundation.

Manheimer said she saw a department with a commit-

ment to the community.

"I'm energized to give them fresh perspectives and an opportunity to implement innovative approaches in partnership with our City and community leaders as they serve and protect San Leandro," Manheimer said.

Manheimer received her bachelor of arts degree in business management from Saint Mary's College in Moraga, where she has taught a popular class on public policy. She earned a master of arts in educational leadership from San Diego State University.

She is a graduate of the POST Command College Executive training program and remains an instructor for law enforcement executives for the California Police Chiefs Association.

Manheimer will serve in the interim role until the permanent police chief recruitment process has concluded and a final candidate is appointed, City Hall said last week.

## Graduates: A challenging year

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Council Vice-President Rayah Miller closed the evening in prayer.

Seventeen graduates have been continuous students since kindergarten: Davis James Banks, Jonathan Ramsay Burckin, Conner Weng Kit Chia, Bethany Cecil Christian, Joshua Lennon Dupree, Caleb William Enos, Rhys David Fosdahl, Olivia Karinda Fryling, Michael Vincent Goldman, Rohan Elijah John, Jeremy Maxwell Lee, Sarah Abigail Lee, Makayla Pomai-ka'i Massone, Noah Anthony Sanchez, Allison Frances Sablan Truscott, Britney Lois

Sablan Truscott and Sarah Jacquelyn Williams.

Four graduates are the children of Redwood Christian High School alumni.

"These graduates have completed a most challenging

senior year, but through it all, they have met every challenge with the commitment necessary and are now ready academically and spiritually for their next challenge," said Superintendent Hearne.

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LIFESTYLE

It’s Prime Time for Artichokes



If you’re lucky enough to have artichokes growing in your backyard garden (and they *are* easy to grow here in the East Bay), you’ve probably been enjoying them for the past couple of weeks.

But if not, you’ll find plenty of them on local produce shelves or at the Farmers’ Market.

Real fans might want to drive down to Castroville over the July 24-25 weekend for the Annual Artichoke Festival at the Monterey County Fair-

grounds (visit [artichokefestival.org](http://artichokefestival.org)). Most of the nation’s supply comes from that part of California.

To cook artichokes, wash them under cold running water. Peel the stems at the base and remove the small bottom leaves. (If desired, trim sharp tips of leaves.)

Stand artichokes upright in a deep saucepan large enough to hold them snugly. Add 1 teaspoon salt and two to three inches boiling water. (Lemon juice, herbs, garlic powder or

onion powder may be added, if desired.)

Cover and boil gently 35 to 45 minutes or until base can be pierced easily with fork. (Add a little more boiling water, if needed.) Turn artichokes upside down to drain. Serve hot or cover and refrigerate to chill.

There are, of course, many way of serving artichokes—stuffing them or incorporating them into other dishes. But that often takes more fussing than true artichoke lovers have the patience for. The easiest way to serve them is with a favorite dipping sauce.

For the novice, here’s how to eat them. Pull off the outer petals one at a time, dip, and draw the end through your front teeth, scraping off the edible pulp from the inside of the leaf.

When you reach the purple cone of light-colored leaves, scrape away the fuzzy portion with a spoon to reveal the artichoke heart which extends down into the stem. Cut into bite-sized pieces, dip and enjoy.

GRILLED GARLIC ARTICHOKES

- 2 large artichokes
- 1 lemon, quartered
- 3/4 cup olive oil
- 4 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper

Fill a large bowl with cold water. Squeeze the juice from one lemon wedge into the water. Trim the tops from the artichokes, then cut in half lengthwise, and place halves into the bowl of lemon water to prevent them from turning brown.

Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Meanwhile, preheat an outdoor grill for medium-high heat.

Add artichokes to boiling

water, and cook for about 15 minutes. Drain. Squeeze the remaining lemon wedges into a medium bowl. Stir in the olive oil and garlic, and season with salt and pepper.

Brush the artichokes with a coating of the garlic dip, and place them on the preheated grill.

Grill the artichokes for 5 to 10 minutes, basting with dip and turning frequently, until the tips are a little charred. Serve immediately with remaining dip.

HERBED MAYONNAISE DIP

- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 teaspoon each chopped parsley and chives (or green onions, green part only)
- 1/4 teaspoon tarragon

Mix all ingredients well and serve with cooked artichokes.

FRENCH FRIED ARTICHOKE HEARTS

- 1 cup fish batter mix
- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/4 cup beer
- 2 pounds baby artichokes, prepared as directed and quartered
- 1 cup Italian bread crumbs
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- Solid vegetable shortening for frying, about 1 inch deep

Heat shortening to 350°F. Mix together the batter mix, baking powder, water and beer. Dip artichokes in batter mix, then roll in bread crumbs mixed with Parmesan cheese.

Fry 2 or 3 minutes or until light golden brown.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF

Xinyang Zhang  
Case Number:  
RP21100674

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

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

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

**A HEARING on the petition will be held on August 2, 2021, 9:31 a.m., Dept. 202, at 2120 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA 94704.**

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

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

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

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

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

Attorney for petitioner: Suzan Yee, Esq.  
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Health and Wellness Psychology, locat-  
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The name of the business(es):  
Pupuseria Jennifer located at 1914 Re-  
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/s/ Carmen A. Cruz Castro  
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NAME STATEMENT  
Pursuant to Business and  
Professions Code  
Sections 17900-17930  
The name of the business(es):  
Micheal D. Booker Entertainment. lo-  
cated at 23060 Eddy Street,Hayward  
Ca 94541, in Alameda County, is here-  
by registered by the following own-  
er(s): Micheal D. Booker 23060 Eddy  
Street,Hayward Ca 94541. This busi-  
ness is conducted by an individual. This  
business commenced 0525/2021  
/s/ Micheal D. Booker  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
Pursuant to Business and  
Professions Code  
Sections 17900-17930  
The name of the business(es):  
Divine Hair Studio. located at 345 Estu-  
dillo Suite 210, San Leandro Ca 94577,  
in Alameda County, is hereby regis-  
tered by the following owner(s): Lori  
J. Romo, 5433 Foothill Blvd. Oakland  
Ca 94601. This business is conducted  
by an individual. This business com-  
menced 06/01/2021  
/s/ Lori Jean Romo  
This statement was filed with the Coun-  
ty Clerk of Alameda County on date in-  
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## HEALTH &amp; FITNESS

## Are There Treatments for the Ringing in My Ears?

By Jim Miller

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Tinnitus (pronounced tin-NIGHT-us) is the sensation of hearing a ringing, buzzing, roaring, hissing or whistling sound in one or both ears when no external sound is present.

New research indicates that tinnitus, a common hearing problem, affects around 50 million Americans. Here's what you should know along with some tips and treatments that may help.

The sounds, which can vary in pitch and loudness, are usually worse when background noise is low, so you may be more aware of it at night when you're trying to fall asleep in a quiet room.

For most people tinnitus is merely annoying, but for many others it can be extremely disturbing.

Tinnitus itself is not a disease, but rather a symptom of some other underlying health condition. The best way to find out what's causing your tinnitus is to see an audiologist, or an otolaryngologist – a doctor who specializes in ear, nose and throat diseases (commonly called an ENT).

The various things that can cause tinnitus are:

- Hearing loss, which is the most common cause.
- Middle ear obstructions usually caused by a build-up of earwax deep in the ear canal.
- The side effects of many different prescription and nonprescription medicines like aspirin, ibuprofen, certain blood pressure medicines and diuretics, some antidepressants, cancer medicines and antibiotics.
- Various medical conditions such as high blood



**While there's no cure for tinnitus there are many ways to treat it.**

pressure, vascular disease, diabetes, allergies, ear or sinus infections, traumatic brain injury, depression, stress and more.

**Treatments**

While there's no cure for tinnitus there are many ways to

treat it depending on the cause. For example, if your tinnitus is caused by a wax build-up in your ears or a medical condition like high blood pressure or a thyroid problem, treating the problem may reduce or eliminate the noise.

Or, if you think a medication you're taking may be causing the problem, switching to a different drug, or lowering the dosage may provide some relief.

Or if you have hearing loss, getting a hearing aid can help mask your tinnitus by improving your ability to hear actual sounds.

Another treatment option that can help suppress or mask the tinnitus so it's less bothersome are "sound therapies" that can be as simple as a fan or a white noise machine.

There are also apps created by hearing aid companies, like

ReSound Relief (ReSound.com) or Relax by Starkey (Starkey.com), which allow you to stream customize sounds directly to your hearing aids, or (if you don't use hearing aids) through Bluetooth audio devices like headphones or speakers to help you manage your symptoms.

While currently there's no FDA approved drugs specifically designed to treat

tinnitus, there are also certain medications that may help. Your audiologist or ENT can help you figure out the best treatment options.

For more information on tinnitus treatments, visit the American Tinnitus Association at ATA.org.

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

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# REAL ESTATE GALLERY



## REAL ESTATE REALITY

By Carl Medford, CRS  
Special to the Times

GUEST COMMENTARY



## The Hidden Costs of Selling a Home

**T**alk to potential home sellers about selling costs and they usually focus on commissions.

While the commission historically was usually the largest fee a seller might encounter, in the everchanging market, this is no longer true. There are now significant costs that today's sellers are either unaware of or are failing to properly recognize.

If not carefully factored in, these "hidden costs" could make a sale less than profitable.

**Capital gains taxes.** According to Investopedia.com, "You can sell your primary residence and be exempt from capital gains taxes on the first \$250,000 if you are single and \$500,000 if married filing jointly. This exemption is only allowable once every two years."

As an example, if a married couple filing jointly purchased a primary home for \$200,000 and sold it after more than 2 years for \$700,000, they would deduct the purchase price from the sales price and end up with a profit of \$500,000. They would then each deduct their \$250,000 exemption for a total of \$500,000, which would in turn negate any capital gains tax implications.

This worked well until recently: with median single-family home sales prices soaring to \$1,210,000 in May, 2021, many sellers are suddenly realizing they will be hit with significant capital gains taxes once they sell their home.

Our advice: talk to a qualified tax accountant.

**Capital improvements.** With the demand for move-in ready homes rising steadily, sellers are discovering they can make significant gains by renovating their homes prior to sale.

Unfortunately, with the rising costs of labor and materials, improvement outlays are ramping up dramatically. It is not unusual for a seller to spend upwards of \$100,000 to get a home ready for the market.

Our advice: ask your Realtor to add your projected upgrade costs to a net sheet

showing anticipated proceeds.

**City taxes.** If you live in San Lorenzo, Castro Valley and other unincorporated areas of Alameda County including parts of San Leandro and Hayward, you will only pay the County transfer tax of \$1.10 per thousand dollars of purchase price. If, however, you reside in an Alameda County city from Hayward northward, expect to pay an additional City transfer tax which varies from city-to-city.

Our advice: make sure you know if you will be required to pay city transfer taxes.

Selling is stressful enough without any surprises: do your homework so you know your true bottom line.

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

## Mortgage Rates Continue to Drop

Long-term mortgage rates decreased again last week, according to Freddie Mac's weekly nationwide survey.

The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 2.93 percent for the week ending June 17, down from the previous week when it averaged 2.96 percent. A year ago at this time, the 30-year rate averaged 3.13 percent.

Fifteen-year fixed-rate mortgages averaged 2.24 percent, up slightly from 2.23 percent.

"While mortgage rates are low, purchase demand has weakened over the last couple of months, primarily due to affordability constraints stemming from high home prices," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's Chief Economist.

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## RECENT HOME SALES

Home sales information is compiled and provided by CalREsource and includes Bedrooms, Square Feet and Year Built when available

### SAN LEANDRO

Total: 27 - Average Price: \$809,851  
High: \$1,465,000 - Low: \$418,000

1460 Thrush Avenue #40  
\$418,000 2 BD - 820 SF - 1994  
1291 Douglas Court  
\$440,000 3 BD - 1,118 SF - 1942  
894 Lewelling Boulevard #12  
\$452,000 2 BD - 858 SF - 1987  
15956 East 14th Street #414  
\$485,000 2 BD - 918 SF - 2008  
2597 San Leandro Boulevard #12001  
\$500,000 2 BD - 982 SF - 1980  
1019 Midway Avenue  
\$525,000 3 BD - 933 SF - 1942  
962 Joaquin Avenue  
\$525,000 3 BD - 1,390 SF - 1980  
333 Warren Avenue  
\$600,000 2 BD - 1,037 SF - 1920  
13517 Aurora Drive #115  
\$684,000 3 BD - 1,270 SF - 1982  
16333 Ridgehaven Drive #1002  
\$786,500

1339 Gilmore Drive  
\$800,000 3 BD - 1,024 SF - 1943  
16622 Rolando Avenue  
\$800,000 3 BD - 1,014 SF - 1952  
1684 Manor Boulevard  
\$800,000 3 BD - 1,174 SF - 1954  
1017 Minerva Street  
\$805,000 2 BD - 1,233 SF - 1946  
688 Garside Court  
\$840,000 3 BD - 1,379 SF - 1948  
15147 Fleming Street  
\$850,000 4 BD - 1,340 SF - 1950  
13437 Doolittle Drive  
\$850,000 3 BD - 1,380 SF - 1973  
14139 Reed Avenue  
\$878,000 5 BD - 1,810 SF - 1958  
15042 Edgemoor Street  
\$890,000 5 BD - 1,449 SF - 1962  
281 Hollister Court  
\$902,000 2 BD - 1,351 SF - 1946  
14837 Crosby Street  
\$950,000 3 BD - 1,434 SF - 1956  
420 Joaquin Avenue  
\$970,000 4 BD - 2,228 SF - 1908

879 Juana Avenue  
\$1,000,500 2,120 SF - 1977  
588 Muscari Street  
\$1,170,000 4 BD - 2,894 SF - 2003  
580 Begier Avenue  
\$1,210,000 4 BD - 2,158 SF - 1932  
730 Oakes Boulevard  
\$1,270,000 3 BD - 2,476 SF - 1941  
1711 Scenicview Court  
\$1,465,000 3 BD - 2,578 SF - 1967

### SAN LORENZO

Total: 6 - Average Price: \$788,500  
High: \$939,000 - Low: \$455,000

920 Elgin Street #H  
\$455,000 2 BD - 900 SF - 1990  
16158 Via Walter  
\$800,000 3 BD - 1,231 SF - 1956  
771 Delano Street  
\$825,000 4 BD - 1,638 SF - 1952  
15464 Dermody Avenue  
\$835,000 3 BD - 1,431 SF - 1950  
15898 Via Paro  
\$877,000 3 BD - 1,000 SF - 1944  
1060 Via Palma  
\$939,000 2 BD - 1,144 SF - 1949

### CASTRO VALLEY

Total: 18 - Average Price: \$992,000  
High: \$1,462,000 - Low: \$585,000

4150 Ravenwood Place  
\$585,000 2 BD - 1,168 SF - 1970  
17108 Ehle Street  
\$700,000 2 BD - 802 SF - 1941

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4659 Heyer Avenue  
\$750,000 2 BD - 956 SF - 1949  
20111 West Ridge Court #9  
\$760,000 2 BD - 1,602 SF - 1977  
16981 Rolando Avenue  
\$773,000 2 BD - 976 SF - 1946  
22030 Queen Street  
\$828,000 2 BD - 1,192 SF - 1947  
21486 Bedford Drive  
\$850,000 3 BD - 1,488 SF - 1948  
20041 Rawhide Way  
\$920,000 2 BD - 1,571 SF - 1986  
18822 Parsons Avenue  
\$925,000 3 BD - 1,040 SF - 1950  
22232 Moyers Street  
\$933,000 3 BD - 1,930 SF - 1949  
18383 Sherwood Court  
\$1,022,000 3 BD - 1,583 SF - 1952  
3172 Carleen Drive  
\$1,100,000 3 BD - 1,618 SF - 1955  
18492 Lake Chabot Road  
\$1,132,000 3 BD - 1,880 SF - 1953  
3159 Terry Court  
\$1,180,000 3 BD - 2,016 SF - 1961  
7318 Longmont Loop  
\$1,250,000 4 BD - 2,251 SF - 2001  
19056 Schuster Avenue  
\$1,300,000 3 BD - 2,136 SF - 1955  
6420 Ridgewood Drive  
\$1,400,000 3 BD - 2,256 SF - 1990  
5660 Sun Ridge Court  
\$1,462,000 4 BD - 2,119 SF - 1974]

### HAYWARD

Total: 46 - Average Price: \$795,880  
High: \$1,500,000 - Low: \$332,500

29034 Tradewinds Lane  
\$332,500 2 BD - 1,604 SF - 2009  
655 River Oak Way #42  
\$361,000 1 BD - 531 SF - 1985  
26953 Hayward Boulevard #110  
\$425,000 1 BD - 869 SF - 1983  
260 Industrial Parkway #14  
\$425,000 2 BD - 952 SF - 1973  
21356 Santos Street  
\$483,000 3 BD - 1,542 SF - 1948  
1782 Gazelle Way  
\$489,000 2 BD - 1,054 SF - 1972  
27375 Marigold Court  
\$518,000 2 BD - 988 SF - 1971  
2407 Oliver Drive  
\$520,000 3 BD - 1,440 SF - 1970  
27637 Del Norte Court  
\$530,000 3 BD - 1,220 SF - 1970  
27605 Del Norte Court  
\$578,000 3 BD - 1,254 SF - 1970  
700 Old Oak Lane #4  
\$600,000 3 BD - 1,303 SF - 2011  
24644 Tioga Road  
\$601,000 3 BD - 1,050 SF - 1951  
252 Alden Road  
\$635,000 2 BD - 792 SF - 1937  
18446 Standish Avenue  
\$650,000 3 BD - 1,081 SF - 1950  
1839 Hill Avenue  
\$668,000 2 BD - 836 SF - 1953  
26172 Regal Avenue  
\$680,000 3 BD - 1,059 SF - 1952  
25350 Del Mar Avenue  
\$710,000 3 BD - 1,086 SF - 1952  
22853 Paseo Place  
\$725,000 3 BD - 1,700 SF - 2004  
19084 Corfu Place  
\$750,000 3 BD - 1,376 SF - 1978  
627 Moss Way  
\$760,000 3 BD - 1,704 SF - 2014  
1323 Martin Luther King Drive  
\$775,000 3 BD - 1,809 SF - 2013  
1660 East Avenue  
\$775,000 4 BD - 1,345 SF - 1954

402 Saint Andrews Street  
\$800,000 3 BD - 1,837 SF - 1951  
22516 Northview Drive  
\$800,000 4 BD - 1,284 SF - 1963  
27084 Underwood Avenue  
\$810,000 3 BD - 1,210 SF - 1955  
18637 Hunter Avenue  
\$825,000 3 BD - 1,051 SF - 1951  
23795 Lynn Street  
\$825,000 3 BD - 1,200 SF - 1958  
241 Spring Harvest Road  
\$825,000 3 BD - 1,611 SF - 2018  
25291 Spring Drive  
\$850,000 3 BD - 1,320 SF - 1964  
2381 Bermuda Lane  
\$860,000 3 BD - 1,215 SF - 1957  
25759 Belhaven Street  
\$880,000 3 BD - 1,359 SF - 1959  
947 Devon Drive  
\$895,000 2 BD - 820 SF - 1951  
448 Downen Place  
\$915,000 4 BD - 1,375 SF - 1957  
22884 Valley View Drive  
\$915,000 2 BD - 1,505 SF - 1940  
22795 Filbert Street  
\$920,000 4 BD - 1,716 SF - 2016  
24791 Papaya Street  
\$925,000 4 BD - 1,290 SF - 1959]  
509 Staccato Place  
\$960,000 3 BD - 1,915 SF - 2016  
26610 Peterman Avenue  
\$970,000 3 BD - 1,238 SF - 1957  
303 Medford Avenue  
\$990,000 3 BD - 1,411 SF - 1926  
30242 Vanderbilt Street  
\$1,000,000 4 BD - 2,098 SF - 1961  
26925 Claiborne Court  
\$1,060,000 3 BD - 1,820 SF - 1970  
688 Fiesta Place  
\$1,250,000 4 BD - 2,578 SF - 1971  
3605 Skyline Drive  
\$1,260,000 4 BD - 2,133 SF - 1976  
2519 Admiral Circle #Or  
\$1,285,000 4 BD - 2,377 SF - 2017  
3502 Hackamore Drive  
\$1,300,000 3 BD - 2,000 SF - 1966  
26886 Parkside Drive 94542:  
\$1,500,000 [5 BD - 4,190 SF - 1994

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### THE DIRT GARDENER

## Keeping a Pond Free of Mosquitos

By Buzz Bertolero  
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

**Q:** Is there a way to prevent mosquitoes from breeding in my pond? I'm not having a problem yet, but afraid it's not too far off.

**A:** Mosquito's are easily controlled in ponds, fountains, water gardens, and birdbaths with a larvicide. They're only going to be a problem where water is stationary and not moving.

I'd also include any saucer where water may collect for more than 24 hours. With concerns about West Nile Virus, we need to be diligent in controlling mosquito's now that the rainy season is over.

A larvicide (also larvacide) is an insecticide specifically targeting an insect's larval life stage.

For mosquitoes, *Bacillus sphaericus* is explicitly used. When ingested, a toxin destroys their digestive tract. They are naturally occurring bacterium and pose no threat to kids, pets, other insects, or the environment.

In water, Mosquito Dunks and Bits, made by Summit Chemical Co, are available for controlling mosquitoes.

The Mosquito Dunk is a solid material in the shape of a donut. They float on the water's surface and will keep on working for 30 days or longer. While floating, they slowly release the Larvicide on the water's surface, where it is eaten by the mosquito larvae, which then die before reaching maturity.

You would apply one dunk per 100 square feet of surface water. They can easily be broken up to treat small areas,



**Gotcha! It is only the female mosquito that bites and it is her saliva that causes the pesky welt and itching.**

and any unused dunks retain their potency so you can store them indefinitely.

Mosquito Bits are designed to provide a quick kill when a large population of mosquito larvae is present. They're also used in those areas where the dunks are not practical such as in saucers. This fast-acting control needs to be reapplied every 14 days.

The Dirt Gardener's website is [www.dirtgardener.com](http://www.dirtgardener.com) and questions can be sent by email to [buzz@dirtgardener.com](mailto:buzz@dirtgardener.com).



### Summer Planting A-to-Z

Finish planting this big round of summer flowers and vegetables. Anything planted after July 4 should be to fill-in and replace the first big burst of annuals and vegetables.

The list of summer flowers is endless, starting the alyssum and ending with zinnias. This is really the last opportunity to plant summer flowering bulbs such as glad-ioluses, dahlias and lilies. Shrubs, vines, ground covers and herbs can be planted now.

This is the last weekend to plant tomatoes, squash, peppers, eggplant, melons and cucumbers from seedlings. Put in corn and beans from seed. These vegetables need constant hot weather to become prolific producers.

Water tomatoes and melons deeply enough that water penetrates at least 2 feet down. Feed all plants with a balanced, long-release fertilizer.

### Yellow Jackets

Never squash a yellow jacket. The dying pest releases an alarm pheromone that alerts others and in less than 15 seconds yellow jackets within a 15-foot radius will rally to the victim's aid by zeroing-in on you.

### Hanging Baskets

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# Candidates: Republican candidate says no live ammo for police

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proposed a plan to reduce homelessness by 75 percent within 3 years.

A number of local officeholders and groups have endorsed Bonta, notably Congresswoman Barbara Lee.

Malia Vella points to her record of getting affordable and workforce housing built in Alameda. Vella wants to repeal several current state laws that can be used to throw people out of housing. She has also been endorsed by a number of officeholders and community groups, notably including several state legislators.

Janani Ramachandran, an attorney and housing activist, said she was convinced to run when she was fighting evictions during the pandemic. Ramachandran wants tenant protections and a much higher minimum wage. She is endorsed by Congressman Ro Khanna, a prominent House progressive, and other officeholders and organizations.

Nelsy Batista describes herself as a formerly homeless single mother with a young child, and has made

social justice the focus of her write-in campaign for the legislature. Batista is an officially certified as a write-in candidate.

Stephen Slauson, who has previously run unsuccessfully several times for office, is the only Republican in the race and has taken issue with the other candidates on housing, health and policing. Slauson said he would like to abolish all state activities on housing and homelessness, leaving it up to housing markets to solve both problems. He would like to reduce violence, reduce taxes and "restart the California economy."

Slauson does go further than other candidates in one area of police reform. He doesn't think police should routinely go on patrol with live ammunition. He told viewers of the June 15 League of Women Voters forum that rubber bullets are less lethal but effective enough in most situations police are likely to face. Several who died at the hands of police would have survived if that change had been made, he said.

Most of the other candidates called for greater oversight of police and for greater use of mental health professionals in many calls now handled by police.

"Police should never interact with mental health crises," James Aguilar said flatly at the LWV forum.

Eugene Canson said at the June 12 forum that he was running to promote public health and to end California's chronic underinvestment in it. He also called for an end to a situation where people in the Black community in particular are afraid to call for mental health help for a loved one, fearing a violent police response.

Canson also noted that California is one of only four states that does not decertify abusive or criminal police officers statewide. This then allows them to go to work for a different department and continue the abuse, he said.

Socialist Workers Party candidate Joel Britton did not attend either forum. He is a retired meat cutter who

now works as a retail clerk. His party all, and does not believe either the Democratic nor Republican parties can be trusted to do so.

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#### Concerned About City Finances

Editor:

State and municipal debt has tripled since 2000 with unfunded public pension liabilities mostly to blame. State and local government pension systems are now \$1.5 trillion in debt.

Several states started passing substantial pension reform bills over the past five years to deal with this dilemma as it was long overdue to stop kicking the can down the road.

San Leandro was operating in the black until this year and now we are drowning in red ink and there is no plan to get out of the deep end. The City Council has done nothing to stop the bleeding.

It's time to get input and buy-ins from all city employees as to how to fix this problem as more and more of our tax dollars are going to service this debt rather than funding other priorities such as education and infrastructure. And let's not forget that when interest rates finally rise it's really going to hit the fan.

City employees are paid a much higher wage than the private sector. Case in point would be our new city manager whose base salary is \$262,000 plus benefits including health and dental, sick leave, car allowance (yep, car allowance!) and retirement.



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Because of their exorbitant salaries we need all of them to make a larger contribution to their retirement and medical plans. We also need to reduce cost-of-living adjustments and raise the full retirement age to 66 rather than getting a full ride after working only 25 years for the city.

—Brent Heath  
San Leandro

#### Vote by Mail Eliminates Voter Secrecy

Editor:

I was reading the letter to the editor praising the California electoral system and wondered how people can live in their fantasy world, totally outside of the real world.

Regarding the June 29th election, here's the latest scam that

the Alameda County Registrar of Voters tried to implement and did, partially. You're not going to read anything in the media about it:

A few weeks ago I received a mail ballot marked as "Mandatory Vote by Mail Precinct." The explanation was that due to the fact my Precinct "contains less than 250 voters" the vote by mail was made "Mandatory."

But then, two weeks later, a big yellow card arrived telling me that "Your Polling Place has been revised" and provided me with the location of the precinct where I could vote in person.

Of course, to people like Ms. Selig there's nothing wrong here so, let me explain. During that interval most of the people that received that mandatory ballot have already voted and the county, most likely, revised their decision because it must have been challenged. The secrecy of the vote is eliminated, the chain of custody of the ballot is eliminated; we are supposed to trust the dozens of people who handle the ballots until they're counted. Who's the one "suppressing the vote"?

By the way, the League of Women Voters, of which Ms. Selig is member, is nothing but an agency for the Democratic Party. You just have to read their recommendations in order to verify it.

—Leo T. West  
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Castro Valley

I like warm weather but not hot. Not like this. It's hot today.

**Reggie Browne**  
San Leandro



Cold weather! Because you can always put on more clothes. When it's hot you can't do anything. I like the rain, too.

**Ronlenia Davis**  
Oakland

I just moved her from Las Vegas, so I'm accustomed to heat. But this is pleasant. I like this.

**Mark Aubin**  
Oakland





# Businesses Hopeful as COVID Restrictions Lifted

By Mike McGuire  
San Leandro Times

Business seems up all over town after Covid restrictions were lifted last week, but customers aren't necessarily all rushing back at once to restaurants, gyms and nail salons, the businesses most affected by those restrictions.

People did flock back to the Sons of Liberty Alehouse in the downtown plaza. The sunny, hot days helped — but most people still sat outdoors.

General Manager Alex Correa said they're now busy

all day, rather than just at peaks at lunchtime and dinner.

"Our outdoor seating has been popular ever since outdoor dining was allowed," she said.

Across the plaza, owner Matt Chan of Anytime Fitness said that while he could legally fit in more customers than before, his business has chosen not to — in order to give members the individual attention many of them seek.

At Paradiso restaurant on Bancroft Avenue, owner Erik Reese welcomed diners for

both indoor and outdoor dining, and is already planning to add a tasting room and private event space.

"I have all the problems every restaurant owner dreams of having," Reese said. "Lots of great customers, not enough staff or seats to serve more, and ingredients rising rapidly in price. I've gotten back three-quarters of my old business, but only 60 percent of my staff."

## 'A Different Dynamic Now'

At Porky's Pizza Palace in Washington Manor, manager Shawn Tavis said they had been slightly less busy overall during pandemic, but to-go and delivery orders had skyrocketed.

"There's a whole different dynamic now," he said. "Our dining room is often full, and they're doing a little better than the average pre-Covid."

Owner Kim Nguyen at Perfect Nails in the Greenhouse Marketplace said customers were still cautious about returning.

"Some customers are still staying home. It'll probably be a few months before they



PHOTOS BY MIKE MCGUIRE

Diners enjoy the patio at the Sons of Liberty Alehouse in Washington Plaza.



Customers inside Perfect Nails in the Greenhouse marketplace.

## Drought: This year's snowpack came up short

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that takes place on a reservoir, lake, or river will be curtailed. Already, 130 boats and houseboats on Lake Oroville had to relocate to a dry dock as water levels sunk below two of the lake's main docks.

The impact of the drought could also fuel an already dangerous fire season. Last year, more than 8,200 wildfires burned, displacing towns and communities up and down the state. The dry conditions put more strain on the power grid since hotter temperatures often result in more electricity for air conditioning and refrigeration.

Part of the reason for the water shortages is the lack of snowmelt and runoff from the Sierra Nevada. East Bay Municipal Utility District said its reservoirs are currently 64 percent full. The water supplier relies on snow and rain in the Mokelumne River watershed, 90 miles from the East Bay, which is now just 54 percent of average.

That's because the melting snow was consumed by trees or evaporation before it could reach the rivers, according to EBMUD's Director of Operations and Maintenance Dave Briggs.

"Many water suppliers

were surprised at how little runoff we got," said Briggs. "We predicted in the spring that we would end our water year at 475 thousand acre-feet of storage. But because of the dryness ... and the inability of our snowpack to run off and create water in our watersheds, we did not get as much

water as we thought from the little bit of snowpack we had accumulated."

But help is on the way. Starting in August, EBMUD may purchase up to 58,000-acre feet of water from the Sacramento River delivered through the Freeport Regional Water Facility, which can

move up to 100 million gallons daily to the East Bay.

In the interim, customers are asked to conserve water by reducing early morning watering to no more than three times a week, fixing water leaks, updating faucets and shower heads, and using drought-resistant plants in landscaping.

## Obituaries



**Christopher L. Shaffer**  
July 22, 1988 ~ March 28, 2021

Beloved son of Judy and Tim Shaffer passed away suddenly at the age of 32. He was loved by his family, his brothers and sisters, and his many, many friends.

There will be a celebration of Life at Crown Memorial State Beach Park in Alameda on July 25th, 2021 at 12:30 p.m. All may attend.

### Jim Soland

April 6, 1944 - May 22, 2021

Jim Soland passed away May 22, 2021 at the age of 78. Jim was born April 6, 1944 to the late Herbert and Irene Soland in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Jim was the oldest of three boys; his brothers were Bruce and Barry. He was preceded in death by Bruce.

Jim was married and divorced to Jeanie McKinney. Bree was their only daughter. Since 1990, Jim resided with his partner Bev Benson in Palo Alto.

### Bree H. Soland

April 7, 1970 - May 22, 2021

Bree H. Soland passed away May 22, 2021 at the age of 51. She was born April 7, 1970 to the late James Soland and Jeanie McKinney in Berkeley, California.

In 1991 Bree went to New York to study the arts, where she met Slava Yasnopsky, whom she married later the same year. They were married for 11 years and divorced in 2003, though they remained close friends. For the last several years, Bree helped care for her father, who suffered from kidney disease.

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**ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** (March 21 to April 19) You feel ready to face up to a major change, although it might involve some risks. A once-dubious family member comes around and offers support and encouragement.



**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** A misunderstanding is easily cleared up. Then go ahead and enjoy some fun and games this week. A Libra might have ideas that merit serious consideration for the future.



**GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** A misunderstanding is easily cleared up. Then go ahead and enjoy some fun and games this week. A Libra might have ideas that merit serious consideration for the future.



**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** You might feel as if you're in an emotional pressure cooker, but the situation is about to change in your favor. Take time out for some well-earned fun.



**LEO (July 23 - August 22):** A shift in your workplace responsibilities creates resentment among some co-workers. Deal with it before it becomes a threat to your success on the job.



**VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22):** Expect some surprises in what you thought was one of your typically well-planned schedules. Deal with them, and then enjoy some lighthearted entertainment.



**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22):** Be careful: What appears to be a solid financial opportunity might have some hidden risks attached. A hazy personal matter needs to be cleared up.



**SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21):** It's a good time to strengthen ties with family and friends. You might feel unsure about a recent workplace decision, but time will prove you did the right thing.



**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** Just when you thought your relationship was comfortable and even predictable, your partner or spouse could spring a potentially life-changing surprise on you.



**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** Your usually generous self is overshadowed by your equally strong suspicious nature. You might be judging things too harshly. Keep an open mind.



**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** Love and romance dominate the week. Married Aquarians enjoy domestic harmony, while singles could soon be welcoming overtures from loving Leos.



**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** An old health problem recurs, but it is soon dealt with, leaving you eager to get back into the swing of things. A



# Cummins Machinists Picket Over Health Insurance

By Jim Knowles  
San Leandro Times

Machinists at Cummins on Wicks Boulevard have been picketing to bring attention to a hangup in their contract.

The machinists want to continue with Kaiser as their health insurance, but the company wants a different plan.

"The fight is about medical," said Mike Nelson, shop steward with Machinists Local 1546. "They're taking away our Kaiser and it would be a high deductible."

Cummins manufactures

and maintains engines and power systems with headquarters in Columbus, Indiana. The San Leandro plant repairs diesel and natural gas engines on city buses, trucks, ferries, and Amtrak locomotives.

The work is done both at the Cummins facility on Wicks, and by mobile crews who travel to the customer.

Field service technician Jon Roth is one of those mobile techs who goes out to repair locomotives for Amtrak or a ferry that crosses the bay.

"The medical plan is the

only hangup," Roth said. "We agree on everything else."

Cummins management said that the company is trying to bring the employees onto the Cummins health plan, which is competitive with the current plan and provides some additional benefits.

"We have offered extremely competitive benefit packages that have been approved and accepted by employees across our other branches in North America," said Cummins spokeswoman Katie Zarich.

## Public Invited to Celebrate Art Installation on Saturday

By Jim Knowles  
San Leandro Times

A group of local artist will mark the installation of the sculptures at Hesperian Boulevard and East 14th Street with a celebration on Saturday, June 26, from 2 to 7 p.m.

The sculptures by Marguerite Elliot were chosen by the San Leandro City Council to be installed for one year at The Hesperian Triangle at 14901 East 14th St.

Elliot and other artists with Local Artists Berkeley (LAB), a group of East Bay artists, announced the launching of the public art program and the celebration Saturday with live music and snacks.

The three sculptures that look similar to radio towers are called sentinels by the artist. Elliot said the sentinels keep watch over our sacred lands and symbolize the precarious interface between technology and the environment.

"Drawing energy from the earth, these Sentinels simultaneously broadcast warnings about the climate destruction we now face, while sending out waves of healing energy," Elliot said.

The celebration will in-



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**Artists installed the three sculptures at Hesperian Boulevard and East 14th Street where a celebration will be held on Saturday.**

clude live music, a DJ, snacks, menauts, and Matt the Katt Bay Area Disco, The Forget-

## Lifted: Take-out still popular

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is now in the patio, with the indoor area still closed for the time being.

Takeout remains strong but indoor dining is still slow at 50s-themed Boulevard Burgers, at 1027 MacArthur Blvd., said owner Desi Montoya.

"Some of our customers are older and bit cautious," he said.

He's sticking with 50 percent of capacity for now even

though he could legally offer 100 percent.

"The staff is all masked and vaccinated," he added.

Top Hatters Kitchen And Bar at 855 MacArthur Blvd. has reopened indoor dining after being take-out only all through the pandemic. Customers have also returned to the patio, which owner and executive chef Danvy Vu calls a perfect dining spot.

The restaurant had taken

precautions beyond what was legally required in order to protect elderly family members who lived with staff members, Vu told us back in December.

Kevin Ho, holding his 3-year-old son Jonah in his arms, was waiting for take-out at Top Hatters.

"It's take-out for us today," said Kevin Ho, "But both our kids are looking forward to us starting to go out to eat again."



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Cummins machinists, including shop steward Mike Nelson (front right), are picketing on Wicks Boulevard, saying that they want to keep their current health insurance plan and not the plan the company is offering.

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