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## Group May Block Plans for San Lorenzo Village

By Amy Sylvestri  
San Leandro Times

A group representing various unions has filed an appeal on the housing development planned for San Lorenzo Village, so the long-empty site of the former Mervyn's store may stay that way for the foreseeable future.

In February, the Alameda County Planning Commission approved a mixed-use development proposed by Demmon Partners to build 163 apartments with 12,000-square-feet of retail space on the 5.1-acre Hesperian Boulevard parcel.

Now, a group called the "East Bay Residents for Responsible Development," a labor union coalition, has filed an appeal to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors to block the project on the grounds of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Rob Selna, the lawyer representing Demmon Partners, said that the unions don't truly want an environmental study to be conducted, they are just trying to pressure Demmon into using union labor.

Selna says the proof of that is that the group didn't send in a letter of concern about the project until hours before it went to the Planning Commission after a series of eleventh hour meetings between the unions and Demmon failed to yield an agreement.

Selna estimates that paying union wages would add \$4 million to the project's \$53 million budget, which he says Demmon

cannot afford.

And Selna says that the Board of Supervisors is notoriously union-friendly and three supervisors (Nate Miley, Keith Carson, and Scott Haggerty) are up for see BLOCK, page 7

## Plans in Works for Old Caltrans Property

By Amy Sylvestri  
San Leandro Times

A 300-acre swath of land from Cherryland to South Hayward that was once set for an expansion of state route 238 (Mission Boulevard) could be turned into sites for housing.

CalTrans bought the land in the 1960s for what was once termed the "Foothill Freeway," but the 14-mile project never materialized and the City of Hayward eventually bought the land, which is divided into ten parcels located both within the city limits and in the unincorporated area.

Hayward describes the parcels as being in a pre-planning state and have earmarked large portions of it for affordable and market rate multi-family housing.

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PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

County Supervisor Nate Miley; Mike O'Donnell, managing director of the Mattress Recycling Council; Frank Atkins, director of retail, Habitat for Humanity East Bay; and Patty Wang Cross, events manager of Habitat for Humanity East Bay cut the ribbon to open the permanent mattress recycling center at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore on San Leandro Street in Oakland last week.

## New Drop-Off Spot for Old Mattresses

By Jim Knowles  
San Leandro Times

Supervisor Nate Miley and recycling firms aren't going to take the problem of mattress dumping lying down.

Miley stepped up to the microphone at a ribbon cutting ceremony last week to announce that everybody has to get tough

on illegal dumping of mattresses.

Miley works with the Mattress Recycling Council's program, called "Bye Bye Mattress," to have old mattresses recycled, and not left on the street.

At a ribbon cutting last Thursday, they launched a permanent mattress drop-off location at the Habitat for Humanity Re-

Store at 9235 San Leandro St. in Oakland. Mattresses and box springs will be accepted Tuesday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The parking lot now has signs so it will be hassle-free to drop off an unwanted mattress.

"This is my district, so I'm pleased see MATTRESS, page 15

## Planner Promotes Green New Deal

By Amy Sylvestri  
San Leandro Times

The "Green New Deal" has been in the news since February when New York Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez announced the platform of social and economic measures to combat climate change.

Last week, San Leandro resident and urban planner Emily Breslin gave a talk at the Station SL co-working space on Hays Street about what the Green New Deal might mean to San Leandro.

Breslin spoke about what

might be done to get the city on the right track for the future, including using public transportation.

The San Leandro town hall on April 22 was one of over 250 meetings held around the country in commemoration of Earth Day to discuss the ambitious environmental reform plan.

"I'm really into the trajectory of human civilization," said Breslin. "When you look at that trajectory, we're realizing it's not very sustainable."

Breslin said that the trend

“When you look at the trajectory, we’re realizing it’s not sustainable.”

— Emily Breslin

toward urban sprawl has led to more people spending time commuting in cars and therefore more carbon dioxide released in the atmosphere. She told the crowd of around 50 that the basic infrastructure of how people live, how they go to work, and more will have to change in order to secure a sustainable future.

The Green New Deal, like FDR's New Deal, would revitalize the economy, proponents say. Record low unemployment figures and record high stocks see GREEN, page 18

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

### SAN LEANDRO SCHOOL BOARD

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



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# Piedmont DAR Honors Two Students for Citizenship

By Lynn Peterson Martin and Kay Arnold  
Special to the Times

Grace Blair of San Leandro High School, daughter of Courtney and Wesley Blair; and Maeve Gilbert of Piedmont High School, daughter of Jamie Pehanich and Len Gilbert, were this year's Piedmont Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizens Award winners.

One candidate from each participating school is nominated by the school's staff, based on an outstanding degree of the criteria:

**Dependability**, including truthfulness, loyalty and punctuality

**Service**, including cooperation, courtesy and consideration of others

**Leadership**, including personality, self-control, and the ability to assume responsibility

**Patriotism**, which includes unselfish loyalty to family, school, community and nation.

Each candidate receives a DAR Good Citizen Award consisting of a pin, a certificate, and a wallet card.

Each candidate is also given the option to enter the DAR Good Citizens Scholarship Contest,

which includes:

• Part I (70%) consists of the student describing how he/she has tried to manifest the qualities of a good citizen. This Information is submitted together with a copy of a grade transcript and two letters of recommendation from a close adult associate (other than family).

• Part II (Essay) (30%) is administered under supervision of a faculty or DAR member proctor and must be completed within 2 hours. This year's essay title was "Our American Heritage and Our Responsibility for Preserving It," with a focus on What new challenges will America face as we move forward into the future?

Each contest entry is evaluated by independent, non-DAR judges. The Chapter's winning entry receives a small scholarship as well as the Good Citizens Award materials and is advanced through state and national levels of judging. The finalist at each level receives a small scholarship.

Both of this year's Good Citizens opted to compete in the



PHOTO BY BEVERLY MAYNE

DAR Good Citizen award winners Maeve Gilbert (center) with her parents (left) Len Gilbert and Jamie Pehanich; and Grace Blair of San Leandro with her mother Courtney Blair.

Scholarship Contest and Piedmont Chapter NSDAR's winning entry this year was Grace Blair of San Leandro High School.

## Mass for Santos Set for 9:30 a.m. Saturday May 4

The public is invited by the Santos family to a celebration of the life of former Mayor Tony Santos. A Memorial Mass will be held at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 2500 Bermuda Ave. in San Leandro, on Saturday, May 4, at 9:30 a.m.

## Senior Lunch Menu

Lunch provided by Spectrum Community Services

A low-cost senior lunch provided by Spectrum Community Services is served on weekdays at the San Leandro Senior Center, 13909 East 14th St.

Everyone age 60 and up can have lunch. A suggested donation is \$3.75, but no one is refused for lack of funds. Call 24 hours ahead to reserve a lunch (825-9793) or sign up at the Senior Center.

The menu for lunch next week, May 6 to May 10, is:

Monday – Birthday lunch, baked fish, vegetables, orzo

with spinach, chickpeas and birthday cake.

Tuesday – Beef stir-fry with broccoli and cauliflower, brown rice, apple.

Wednesday – Cheese tortellini with pesto, tomato rice soup, carrots, whole-wheat crackers, strawberries.

Thursday – Chicken tetrazzini with vegetables, tossed vegetable salad, fruit mix.

Friday – Roast turkey, maple squash puree, garden salad, strawberries, garden salad.

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# POLICE & FIRE



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## Future Firefighters?

The Alameda County Fire Department played host to the kids of their staff last week during "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day."

## One of Two Alameda County Jails to Close Permanently

Last week, Alameda County Sheriff Greg Ahern announced the closing of the Glenn Dyer Jail in Oakland.

"After extensive budgetary review and consideration of all possible options, we have made the difficult decision to close the Glenn E. Dyer Detention Facility," said Ahern in a written statement.

The jail, located on 6th Street near downtown Oakland, is a 20-story high-rise with a total capacity of 834 inmates.

There are 576 cells on the six housing floors and two cells are on the hospital floor. The cells are a minimum of 80 square feet.

There are two outdoor recreation yards, including a roof-top deck.

The process of transferring inmates to Santa Rita Jail is beginning, according to Sgt. Ray Kelley of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office.

The dates and times of inmate transfer will not be made public for security purposes, but it's estimated that the transition will be finished in June, Kelly said.

Santa Rita has a capacity of up to 4,000 inmates.



PHOTO COURTESY OF ACSO

The Glenn Dyer Jail in Oakland will soon be shut down, with inmates transferred to Santa Rita Jail in Dublin.

## Man Killed in Solo I-880 Collision

A man was killed Monday morning while driving southbound on I-880 near the Davis Street exit, according to the California Highway Patrol.

Ruben Castro, 32, of Castro

Valley was pronounced dead at the scene when his car hit the wall on the right shoulder of the freeway at 7:15 a.m.

No others cars were involved in the accident. The CHP said no drugs or alcohol are believed to be involved and they are investigating whether Castro had a medical emergency before the crash.

A Sig Alert was issued after the crash and one lane was closed while the CHP investigated, but all lanes were reopened by 9:30 a.m.



## Shelter Event Saturday

This Saturday, May 4, is "empty the shelters day" at Alameda County Animal Shelters. Qualified adopters may adopt a pet for a reduced fee of just \$25. See available pets online at [www.alamedacountysheriff.org/cws\\_petadoption.php](http://www.alamedacountysheriff.org/cws_petadoption.php). If you can't make it on Saturday, the county shelter is open daily for you to meet pets (excluding county holidays) from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at 4595 Gleason Drive in Dublin.

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CITY CORNER

**San Leandro Celebrates Cinco de Mayo**  
**Friday, May 3 - 6:00 p.m.**  
**Marina Community Center**  
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**CRITICAL THINKERS**

WE

- ANTICIPATE, PERSEVERE AND REFLECT
- ARE OPEN AND CURIOUS
- ARE FLEXIBLE AND CREATIVE

**HEALTHY MIND & BODY**

WE

- PURSUE A PASSIONATE, JOYFUL AND VIBRANT LIFE

**GRADUATE**

COMMUNICATORS & COLLABORATORS

WE

- DELIVER INFORMATION EFFECTIVELY
- COLLABORATE

**PROFILE**

ETHICAL & CULTURAL LEADERS

WE

- ACT WITH INTEGRITY AND RESPECT FOR SELF AND OTHERS
- WITHIN ACTIONS AND ARE COMMITTED TO SHAPING A BETTER COMMUNITY AND WORLD



## NEIGHBORS



## Burningham Family Celebrates Fred's 100th Birthday

Fred Burningham (center, in baseball cap) turned 100 on April 20. His family hosted a dinner celebration at JP's family restaurant in Castro valley. Fred was born in England and moved to Canada. He and his beloved wife (Winifred) then came to San Leandro many years ago. They both proudly became citizens of the United States. Fred loves living in San Leandro.

## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

### ❖ Chanticleers Theatre Other Desert Cities

Chanticleers Theatre, 3683 Quail Ave. in Castro Valley, presents *Other Desert Cities*, opening

Friday, May 3. This funny and searing play, by Jon Robin Baitz (creator of the hit ABC show *Brothers & Sisters*), was recently one of the hottest tickets on

Broadway and a finalist for the 2012 Pulitzer Prize. The show runs from May 3 to May 26 on Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. (no show on May 5). Opening night, May 3, includes Chanticleers traditional complimentary hors d'oeuvres, desserts and beverage gala. General admission is \$25, seniors (60+), students, and military is \$20. On Bargain Night, May 4, all tickets are \$18. For tickets, call 510-SEE-LIVE (733-5483) or go to chanticleers.org.

### ❖ Student Art Display

Art by local students will be on display from May 1 through June 3 at the Hayward Area Historical Society (HAHS), 22380 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward with an opening reception on Wednesday, May 1, from 5 to 7 p.m. The Gallery is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** This is a good week to look at healing bruised feelings and re-establishing weakened relationships. It's also a good week to start new projects and make new job-linked contacts.



**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Music and art dominate the week, giving the sensual Bovine a lot to appreciate. On the practical side, deal firmly, but fairly, with those who might try to undermine your work efforts.



**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Good feelings continue to flow from your recent efforts to reconnect with family and friends. But be ready to defuse a dispute before it can disrupt all that peace and harmony.



**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** A practical view of a romanticized situation could help to clarify some of its more confusing aspects before you make a decision that could be tough to undo later on.



**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Pay more attention to what a recent spate of workplace criticism might say about your performance and not what you think it implies about you personally. Some flexibility might be called for.



**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** With new information, and new promises of support (not to mention growing self-confidence), this could be a good time to restart a project you couldn't quite handle before.



**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Before you decide to close down a problem-loaded project and make a fresh start with someone else, try once more to reach a compromise with your balky partner. He or she might surprise you.



**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** While you continue earning points for your sharp negotiating skills, be alert for an attempt to undercut your efforts. You'll need to provide solid facts and figures to stay in the game.



**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** A minor health problem might cause you to ease up on your usually busy schedule. But you'll soon be back in the saddle and ready to pick up the reins and charge ahead.



**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** The adventurous Sea Goat might be eager to take on a new challenge. But before you do, you might want to take some time to check out previously overlooked factors.



**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** A feeling of being overwhelmed by all that you have to do can be eased by setting priorities. Deal with the most urgent and time-sensitive situations first, and then work down the line.



**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Creating a calm, peaceful place for yourself in the middle of a roiling emotional whirlpool this week starts when you, and no one else, decide how to make decisions about your life.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR



### ❖ 21st Annual Cinco De Mayo Celebration

The City of San Leandro City Council will host its 21st annual Cinco de Mayo Celebration on Friday, May 3, at 6 p.m. at the Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd. The fiesta is free and promises to be a fun celebration of Mexico's culture and traditions. Mariachi bands and the Ballet Folklorico de Carlos Moreno will perform. Children will be able to make traditional Mexican arts and crafts. Spanish translation, and an ASL sign language interpreter will be available. Light refreshments will be served.

### ❖ Buon Tempo Club Family Dinner

The Buon Tempo Club is having a family style dinner on Tuesday, May 7, at 7 p. m. at Transfiguration Church, in the Mt. Tabor Hall, 4000 E. Castro Valley Blvd., in Castro Valley. Everyone is welcome to attend. A five-course dinner of pasta pesto and chicken will be served. Red and white wine and soda are also included. Happy hour is at 6 p.m. The dinner is \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members. Make reservations by Friday, May 3, by calling the Buon Tempo dinner line at 483-6929. For more information, about events or membership visit [www.buontempoclub.org](http://www.buontempoclub.org).

### ❖ SL Garden Club Spring Luncheon

The San Leandro Garden Club will host the 47th annual spring salad bar luncheon, "Plant Seeds of Happiness," on Saturday, May 4, at the First United Methodist Church, 1600 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro. Doors open at 10:30 a.m., luncheon will start at noon. A donation of \$17 is suggested. There will be a pick-a-prize raffle. Previously loved jewelry, plants, accessories, and pot scrubbers will be on sale. Reserved seating only, to make reservations, call Sharon at 785-2057.

### ❖ San Leandro Readers Roundtable

The San Leandro Readers Roundtable meets Saturday, May 4, at 2 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Avenue, to discuss *Sing, Unburied, Sing*, Jesmyn Ward's tale of a family's journey through Mississippi's past and present. All are welcome, and all books discussed are available for purchase in the Library's Booktique bookstore.

### ❖ All Saints Food Pantry

Everyone is invited to get free food at the Food Pantry at All Saints, Saturday, May 4, at 911 Dowling Blvd., San Leandro. The only requirement is that you live in Alameda County. Hospitality room opens at noon. Come between 1 and 2 p.m. with your grocery bags. Fresh fruits, vegetables, and breads, as well as packaged foods are available. The Food Pantry is a project of All Saints Neighborhood Center. The pantry is open the first Saturday of every month.

### ❖ Busby Berkeley Films at SL Museum

Experience the extravagant dance fantasies, flamboyant costumes, perfectly timed choreography and extreme camera angles of classic Busby Berkeley films on Saturday, May 4, at the San Leandro History Museum, 320 W. Estudillo Ave. At 11:15 a.m. see *42nd Street* and *Gold Diggers* at 2 p.m. Admission is free. Bring your favorite movie snacks. For more information, call 577-3990 or email [asilveira@sanleandro.org](mailto:asilveira@sanleandro.org).

### ❖ 72nd Annual Rose Show

Visit the East Bay Rose Society's 72nd Annual

Rose Show at the Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave. in Oakland on Sunday, May 5, from 1:30 to 5 p.m. Admission is free. Hundreds of blooms from local gardens will be on display. The theme this year is "English Roses in the Garden." Come see which colorful and fragrant roses grow well in the East Bay. Talk with the growers, ask questions of rosarians, and purchase rose plants. The East Bay Rose Society also welcomes the public to attend its meetings held most months on the third Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Lakeside Park Garden Center. For more information, go to [www.eastbayroses.org](http://www.eastbayroses.org).

### ❖ Ohlone Audubon Meeting

Ohlone Audubon will meet on Tuesday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Ed Harper, who has traveled around the world to photograph birds, will speak on the topic "Fabulous Falklands. He just returned from the Falkland Islands in January and says it's at the top of his world destinations. No admission charge and refreshments will be served. For more information, go to [www.ohloneaudubon.org](http://www.ohloneaudubon.org).

### ❖ Youth Orchestra Concert

The Youth Orchestra of Southern Alameda County (YOSAC) will present its Spring Concert on Saturday, May 11, at 3 p.m. at Cal State East Bay, Music Building. YOSAC Concert Orchestra, Symphony Orchestra and the Horizons Ensemble will perform their works. Tickets are \$10 general, \$5 seniors and students. YOSAC is a nonprofit organization started by parents, teachers and music professionals to augment school instrumental programs of Southern Alameda County. For more information, visit [www.yosac.com](http://www.yosac.com).

### ❖ Hearing Loss Association Meeting

The Hearing Loss Association meeting will be on Saturday, May 11, at the Oakland Kaiser Hospital, Fabiola Bldg., 3801 Howe St., lower level, room G26. Refreshments at 9:30 a.m with the program beginning at 10 a.m. The speaker will be Attorney Steven Derby, whose law practice is exclusively devoted to people with disabilities. He tells how best to deal with unfair treatment in society. Parking is free on Saturdays at the garage on Howe St. For more information, call 221-6080 or email [info@hearinglosseeb.org](mailto:info@hearinglosseeb.org).

### ❖ Mothers Day at Hayward Shoreline

If your mother enjoys being outdoors, bring her to the the Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center, 4901 Breakwater Ave. in Hayward on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12 to discover shoreline dwellers in the teach and touch tank. A naturalist will be on hand to help you explore crabs, barnacles, worms, snails, and more in this up close, hands on experience. Afterwards, make a craft activity and take a self led hike in the 1800 acre park. For all ages and the fee is \$7 per person. To register in advance, call 670-7270.

### ❖ CV High Class of 1969 Reunion

The Castro Valley High School Class of 1969 will celebrate its 50-year reunion on Sept. 14 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Pleasanton. The class is planning a fun, energy filled event, a casual time to visit, reconnect and discover what has been happening for the last 50 years. Tickets must be purchased in advance. For more information, email: [cvhs69reunion@yahoo.com](mailto:cvhs69reunion@yahoo.com).

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





# Summer Backyard Bucket List:

- ✓ Sip my favorite beverage
- ✓ Put my feet up and read a book
- ✓ Chat with friends
- ✓ Entertain
- ✓ Throw a ball for my four legged friend
- ✓ Play with the kids
- ✓ Watch the birds, butterflies and clouds
- ✓ Fire up the BBQ and smell the goodness

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# Pirates Baseball Beats Grizzlies, Keeps Playoff Hopes Alive

By Andrew Joseph  
San Leandro Times

The San Leandro High School baseball team beat San Lorenzo, 11-3, on Friday on the Grizzlies home field.

"We wanted to play better today than we did on Wednesday and I believe we accomplished that," said Pirates head coach Mike Bungarz. "The first inning was not good for us but we settled down and played solid baseball."

The Grizzlies got out to an early 3-0 lead in the first inning, but San Leandro responded with a barrage of runs in the second inning for an 11-3 lead that held up as the final score.

"As a team we have battled diversity all year so coming back from a 3-0 trail to win today was not unfamiliar to us," said San Leandro outfielder Tyler Shonnard.

The pitching staff for the Pirates proved to be one of the pivotal factors in this game, not allowing any runs after the second inning and consistently getting strikes.

"Our chemistry is really good with our guys," said Bungarz. "Both teams today have known each other and grown up together

for many years."

This game is considered the biggest rivalry game of the year for both schools because all the student-athletes know each other from growing up in the same area.

"We have beaten a lot of good teams this season like Arroyo, so I am happy whether we make the playoffs or not," added Shonnard.

San Leandro won its first four games of the season and they are hoping for a playoff run this year. The Pirates are now 12-10 overall and 6-5 in league play.

"This upcoming series against Berkeley is an important must-win series to solidify our spot heading into Western Alameda County Conference (WACC) playoffs and heading into the North Coast Section (NCS) playoffs," added first baseman Enrique Aguirre. "To beat them we have to pitch well, play clean defense, and have timely hitting."

The Pirates will travel to Berkeley for a game on Friday at 4 p.m., the second game against Berkeley this week, hoping to land a spot in the WACC playoff picture this postseason.



PHOTO BY ANDREW JOSEPH

San Leandro High batter Danny Garcia hits a single to center as the Pirates defeated San Lorenzo on Friday.

## Land: Three hundred acres available

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Some of the parcels are much closer to being developed than others – in fact, construction is already underway on 472 townhomes near the south Hayward BART station. But the futures of parcels in Cherryland and Castro Valley are still up in the air.

One parcel consists of nearly 19 acres, with 13 acres in the unincorporated area, and runs between Grove Way and Carlos Bee Park. It's zoned for neighborhood commercial and residential uses of up to medium density and also for open space.

The Cherryland parcel, called the "Apple/Oak parcel" is 4 acres, with 1.5 acres in the unincorporated area. It's zoned for high-density residential and commercial office uses.

"There is not a set site plan yet," said John Stefanski, management analyst with the City of Hayward. "A large portion of the land is set aside for open space and we have no intention of doing anything to take away from that."

Stefanski said that there would be a lot of public outreach as the project moves forward.

"It's an open-ended conversation," said Stefanski. "We are still trying to work it out."

Bruce King of the Friends of the San Lorenzo Creek, says that now is the time to make sure that, whatever winds up happening with the land, the creek – which runs from the Don Castro Regional Recreation Area to the bay near the Oro Loma Sanitary District – is well-preserved.

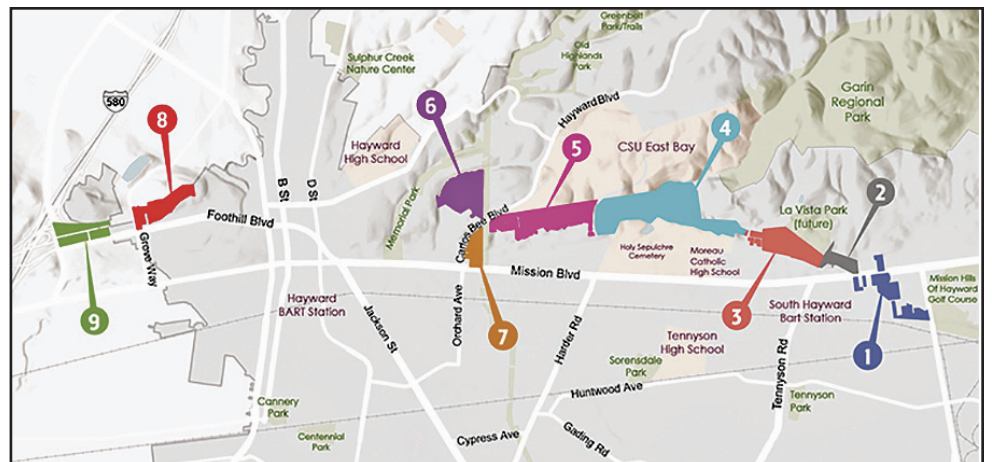
"The difficulty with the project is that it deals with multiple justifications and I'm not seeing a consistent plan for the whole area," said King. "Hayward, the county, and HARD (the Hayward Area Recreation District) need to start working together and working with the community to preserve the land. As the Friends, our primary objective is to protect the creek area and trails."

Stefanski said that King has given the city lots of background

information about creek preservation and that consideration for the creek and open space will be made as the project continues.

Whatever happens with the land, Hayward will need to finalize plans by 2022, or the property automatically will revert back to CalTrans as per terms of the contract.

**The parcels along the foothills parallel Mission Boulevard.**



## Block: 'It just seems wrong that this project may go down in flames'

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reelection in 2020 when they'll likely receive campaign contributions from union groups as they have in the past.

"There is a very real possibility that the supervisors might side with the unions," said Selna. "It just seems wrong that the project may go down in flames."

The union group is represented by attorneys Adams, Broadwell, Joseph & Cardozo, who represent a variety of union coalitions with similar-sounding names such as "Oakland Residents for Responsible Development," and "Contra Costa Residents for Responsible Development."

Requests for comment from the law firm and the union group were not immediately returned. At the Planning Commission

meeting, union representatives insisted that they did have legitimate concerns about things such as construction dust and dismissed Selna's allegation that they were only pressing for a CEQA review to benefit themselves.

But Selna says these groups pop up only when they want to

force a developer's hand.

"It's a tough situation because this opposition is trying to make this claim that has nothing to do with CEQA," said Selna. "No actual environmental groups opposed it."

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors will hear the appeal at their May 21 meeting.

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## SENIORS

## SOCIAL SECURITY

## Make the Best Use Of Check

By Jeffrey Eglow  
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

If you're like most on Social Security, you need that check every month to buy groceries and to keep a roof over your head. But for a fortunate few that check is essentially bonus money, totally unnecessary for day-to-day survival.

That situation is not as unusual as many may think. Some people may have inherited an income, won a lottery or had investments that did really well.

But just because they don't need that Social Security money to live on, it doesn't

see **CHECK** on page 9



## Senior Day Trips

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## 2020 Census Offers Temporary Jobs Ideally Suited for Retirees

By Jim Miller  
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

The 2020 Census is a once-a-decade job opportunity and a great fit for retirees that have some free time on their hands who wouldn't mind earning some extra income while helping the community.

The U.S. Census Bureau is currently in the process of recruiting over 500,000 temporary workers to help carry out the upcoming 2020 Census national head count of every person living in the U.S.

The U.S. Census helps determine each state's representation in Congress, how funds are spent for schools, hospitals, roads, and provides information to guide many decisions made by government agencies, private businesses and institutions.

Jobs within the census vary from working in the field canvassing, updating maps, doing follow up interviews with citizens in your community, or working in the office as a clerk doing administrative tasks or office operation supervisor, who oversees the field staff.

Some jobs will begin this summer, but the majority of positions will begin in late April 2020 and last a month or two.

These temporary part-time positions are located in every

county throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. Some positions require evening and/or weekend shifts because you must be available to interview members of the public when they're at home. And all positions require several days of on-line and classroom training.

The pay ranges between \$13.50 and \$30 per hour depending on position and location. To find the pay rates in your area, see [2020census.gov/en/jobs/locations.html](https://2020census.gov/en/jobs/locations.html).

## Job Qualifications

To be able to work for the 2020 census you must:

- Be at least 18 years old.
- Have a valid Social Security number.
- Be a U.S. citizen.
- Have a valid email address.
- Complete an application and answer assessment questions.
- Be registered with the Selective Service System or have a qualifying exemption, if you are a male born after Dec. 31, 1959.
- Pass a Census-performed criminal background check and a review of criminal records, including fingerprinting.
- Commit to completing training.
- Be available to work flexible hours, which can include days, evenings, and/or week-

ends.

In addition, most census jobs require employees to have access to a vehicle and a valid driver's license, unless public transportation is readily available. And have access to a computer with internet and an email account to complete training.

## How to Apply

The first step is to complete the online job application at [2020census.gov/en/jobs](https://2020census.gov/en/jobs). The process takes about 30 minutes and will include some assessment questions about your education, work, and other experience.

If you're a veteran who would like to claim veterans' preference, which provides preference over nonveteran applicants, you'll need supporting documentation.

For more information on the 2020 Census, or if you have questions or problems with the application process call 855-562-2020.

After you apply, an interviewer will reach out to potential hires to conduct a phone interview, but not all applicants will be interviewed. Job offers are made verbally, but candidates will also receive a letter by email.

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



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# SENIORS

## Will Medi-Cal Count Assets if Unaccessed Due to Dementia?

**Q** Our father is 90 years old and is being cared for in a nursing home, which costs about \$10,500 per month.

We need to apply for a Medi-Cal subsidy to help with the cost, but Dad has an old insurance policy with accumulated cash value which puts him over the \$2,000 Medi-Cal resource ceiling for a single person.

**Our Problem:** Dad has severe dementia, can't access it on his own, and we don't have authority to do it for him as Dad never signed a Durable Power of Attorney. Further, the insurance company won't even talk to us. Is there any way around this in terms of Medi-Cal?

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

**A** Yes, indeed! It's unfortunate that your father never created a Durable Power of Attorney (DPOA) which would now authorize you to access that policy on his behalf. But, so be it.

The good news is that Medi-Cal recognizes that these situations happen and provides a solution. However, some background:

It is generally known that Medi-Cal allocates an applicant's assets (which Medi-Cal calls "resources") into two categories: Those that are *exempt* (such as a home, furniture, and one automobile) and those that are *countable* (such as cash, savings, and investments).

Cash value in an insurance policy would normally be allocated to "countable" assets.

And, you are correct, in that a single person over age 65 cannot have more than \$2,000 in countable resources and qualify for a Medi-Cal Long Term Care ("Medi-Cal LTC") subsidy.

However, what is not well known is that there is actually a third category of resources, i.e. resources that are *unavailable*. Resources are unavailable when they cannot be accessed, such as when (1) there is a dispute pertaining to their ownership, (2) where there are various co-owners who object to sale or liquidation, and — apropos to your own situation — (3) where the owner is comatose or suffers from dementia, cannot access them himself and there is no DPOA which authorizes an agent to do so on his behalf.

Your situation would fall into the last example and be considered unavailable when tallying up your father's countable resources when seeking a Medi-Cal LTC subsidy.

Here's the good news: So long as an applicant's resources are unavailable, they are treated the same as resources that are exempt, i.e. they do not count when determining whether an applicant is under or over the Medi-Cal resource cap.

That is precisely your situation. Thus, the insurance policy cash value should not disqualify your father from a Medi-Cal LTC subsidy.

My suggestion is that you se-



cure a doctor's letter attesting to your father's incapacity and corresponding inability to handle his financial affairs. Then, when you submit his application for a Medi-Cal LTC subsidy, include that doctor's letter with the other required documents, advise that your father never created a DPOA which would authorize an agent to handle his financial affairs on his behalf, and assert that the insurance policy cash value should therefore be considered "unavailable."

Some Medi-Cal eligibility workers may be unfamiliar with this concept, and so you might do well to engage an Elder Law attorney with experience in these matters to help you.

The upside benefit of securing a Medi-Cal LTC subsidy can be quite dramatic and can relieve what would otherwise be tremendous financial stress to your family in finding a way to help pay for your father's care. Good wishes in your effort.

Gene L. Osofsky is an estate planning and elder law attorney in Hayward. Visit his website at [www.LawyerForSeniors.com](http://www.LawyerForSeniors.com)



## Check: Social Security Money Strategies

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mean they shouldn't make the most of it. There are some specific things they should do to make sure they are getting the maximum benefit.

Many baby boomers see their investments and retirement income differently than they did before the 2008 recession. They are looking for sources of guaranteed income instead of more risky investments.

While Social Security is guaranteed income, if they are wise about how they leverage it, they can have even more guaranteed income, he says.

Strategies for people who are in this situation include:

- Don't take Social Security until you are 70. This is the best strategy since there are few investments that offer a similar low risk, guaranteed 8 percent annual growth.

By waiting until age 70 to receive benefits, your monthly payments may increase by as much as 32%, not including any cost of living increases that may be added to this amount. For example, someone who could get \$2,000 a month at the "full retirement age" of 66 would get \$2,640

if they postponed taking Social Security until they were 70.

- Spend the Social Security check instead of 401(k) or IRA funds. Most people are taxed on only 50 percent to 85 percent of their Social Security benefit. But they are taxed on 100 percent of any withdrawals from traditional IRAs or 401(k) accounts.

- Give it to the kids. Use the Social Security checks to pay premiums on life insurance policies so your heirs will receive a larger inheritance. Your heirs will receive this death benefit tax free.

- Don't delay getting Social Security past 70. Since the benefit stops growing at 8 percent once the beneficiary reaches 70, it makes no sense to delay the start of getting the checks past that age.

Even if some people don't

need their Social Security check for day to day living, it is still foolish to not maximize its value so it can benefit them and their families.

Jeffrey Eglow is the Chief Investment Officer for Guardian Wealth Advisory and has more than 30 years of investment management experience.

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## LIFESTYLE

## Olé! Celebrating Cinco de Mayo

Sunday is Cinco de Mayo, an important and festive Mexican holiday, celebrating the victory of the Mexican Army over the French at the Battle of Puebla in 1862.

It is often called Mexican Independence Day – in error, since Mexico declared its independence on Sept. 16, 1810, some fifty years earlier.

It has evolved into the favorite celebration of Mexican culture and heritage in California, where Mexican food is arguably the state's most popular cuisine. Here are some favorites.

## EMPANADAS

## Shell:

- 2 cups flour
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup shortening
- 1/3 cup ice water

## Filling:

- 1 medium sized onion, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 4 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 tomatoes, peeled
- 2 cups cooked beef, chopped
- 1/2 cup beef stock
- 1/4 cup raisins
- 1 teaspoon vinegar

- 1/8 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cumin
- Salt and pepper, to taste

*For the shell:* Preheat oven to 375°F.

Sift together flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Cut the shortening into the flour as though you were making a pie crust by working it in with your fingertips until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs.

Sprinkle dough with just enough ice water so that it will just hold together. Knead together briefly and allow to rest, covered about 10 minutes.

Roll dough out on a lightly floured board to circles about 3-4 inches in diameter.

Place a spoonful of empanada filling on one side of the circle. Moisten the edges of the circle with a small amount of water and fold the dough over the filling to make a half circle. Press the edges together to seal.

Bake at 375°F for 15-20 minutes. Makes 1 dozen.

*For the Filling:* Sauté onions and garlic in hot oil until translucent.

Add meat, sauté 5 more minutes. Stir in tomatoes, stock and remaining ingredients. Simmer for 30 minutes.

## SOUTHWEST CHICKEN SALAD

- 4 cups cubed rotisserie chicken
- 2 cups frozen corn, thawed
- 1 cup chopped roasted sweet red peppers
- 1 cup chopped red onion
- 1 cup minced fresh cilantro

## Dressing:

- 3 tablespoons lime juice
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 teaspoons honey
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon coarsely ground pepper

Torn mixed salad greens

In a large bowl, combine the first five ingredients. In a small bowl, whisk the dressing ingredients; pour over chicken mixture and toss to coat. Refrigerate until serving. To serve, top salad greens with chicken salad; sprinkle with sliced almonds, if desired. Yields 12 servings.

## CHICKEN &amp; CHEESE QUESADILLAS

- 8 burrito-size flour tortillas
- 2 cups shredded rotisserie chicken (without skin)

- 2 cups shredded Cheddar-Monterey Jack cheese
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro, plus extra for serving
- 2 teaspoons vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup Ranch Dressing
- 1/2 cup chunky salsa

On 4 tortillas, layer chicken, cheese and 1/4 cup cilantro. Top with remaining tortillas. Brush top of each quesadilla with about 1/2 teaspoon oil.

Heat 12-inch nonstick skillet over medium heat. Place 1 quesadilla in skillet oil side down; brush top side with about 1/2 teaspoon oil. Cook about 1 minute or until light golden brown.

Carefully turn quesadilla; cook 1 minute longer or until golden brown. Repeat with remaining quesadillas. Drizzle quesadillas with dressing and salsa. Sprinkle with 1 tablespoon cilantro. To serve, cut into wedges. Serves 4.

## CARNE CON PAPPAS

- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 4 medium potatoes, diced into 1-inch squares
- 1 medium onion, thinly sliced
- 1 (1-pound) thinly sliced beef sirloin tip steak
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1-1/2 cups mild salsa

Heat olive oil in large skillet. Add diced potatoes and cook for 10-12 minutes, stirring occasionally, until potatoes begin to soften. Add onions, salt, pepper, sliced meat.

Cover and simmer for 5 minutes. Add salsa and stir. Simmer for 2-3 minutes.

Serve directly from pan or from a large bowl. Yields 4 servings.

## MEXICAN RICE

- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon garlic salt



Empanadas are pastry shell turnovers made by folding dough over a savory filling and sealing it. They are then baked or fried.

- 1 cup uncooked long-grain rice
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup tomato sauce
- 2 cups chicken broth

Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium heat and add rice. Cook, stirring constantly, until puffed and golden. While rice is cooking, sprinkle with salt and cumin.

Stir in onions and cook until tender. Stir in tomato sauce and chicken broth; bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low, cover and simmer for 20 to 25 minutes. Fluff with a fork. Serves 4.

## BEEF CHIMICHANGAS

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- 1 pound ground beef
- Vegetable oil
- 1-3/4 cups water

- Salsa, mild
- 1 (1.5 ounce) package Ortega Burrito Seasoning
- 8 (8-inch) soft-taco-size flour tortillas, warmed
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- Guacamole (optional)

Brown beef; drain. Stir in water and burrito seasoning mix. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low; cook, stirring constantly, for 5 to 6 minutes or until mixture is thickened.

Place beef mixture evenly on each tortilla; sprinkle with cheese. Fold into burritos; secure ends with toothpicks.

Add vegetable oil to 1-inch depth in medium skillet; heat over high heat for 3 to 4 minutes.

Place 1 or 2 burritos in oil; fry, turning frequently, for 1 to 2 minutes or until golden brown. Remove with slotted spoon; drain. Repeat with remaining burritos. Remove wooden picks.

Serve with salsa and guacamole. Yields 8 servings.

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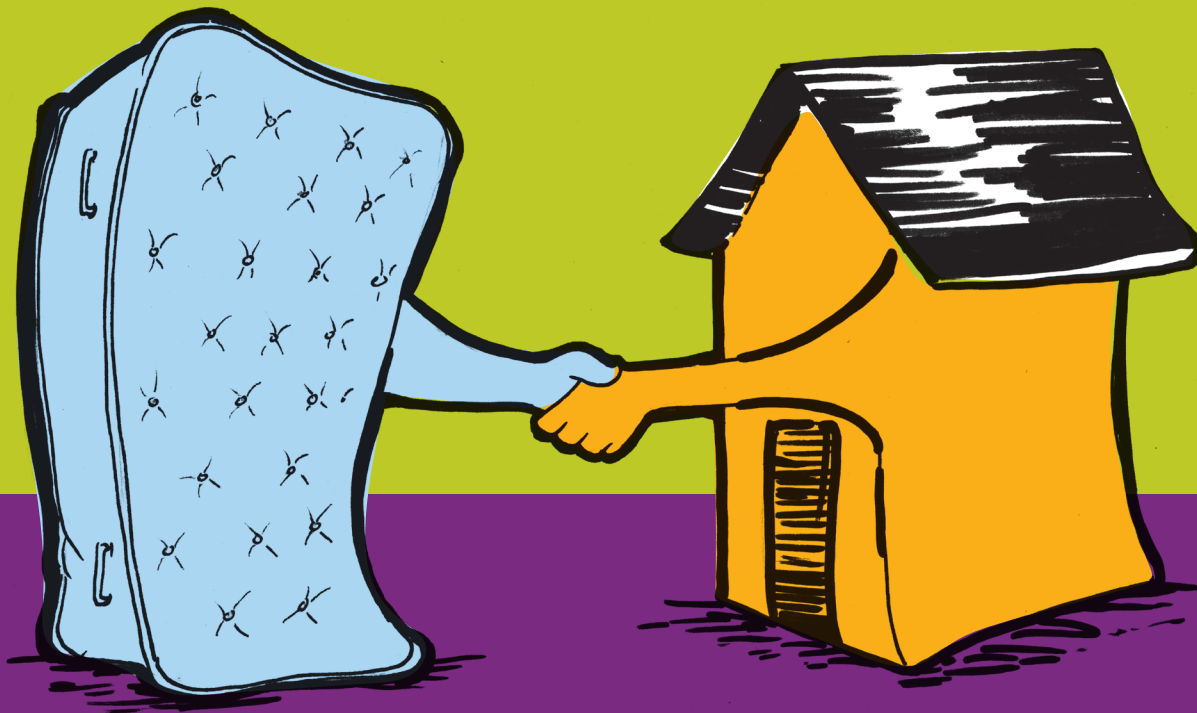
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# REAL ESTATE GALLERY



## REAL ESTATE REALITY

By Carl Medford, CRS  
Special to the Times

GUEST COMMENTARY



## California Association of Realtors Bolsters Disclosure Requirements

It is an age-old question asked by sellers preparing their homes for sale: "What exactly am I obligated to disclose?"

While some sellers willingly provide extensive details to prevent any possibility of ending up in a legal dispute, others, concerned that too much disclosure might actually harm their home's salability, prefer to disclose only what is absolutely necessary.

All sellers in California are required to disclose all known material facts about their property. In an effort to ensure sellers know their full obligations, the California Association of Realtors (C.A.R.) just released a new mandatory advisory that is now a required part of every listing agreement.

Titled *Disclosure Information Advisory* (Form DIA), it includes the following:

"Among the disclosure requirements, sellers have an affirmative duty to disclose to

buyers all material conditions, defects and/or issues known to them that might impact the value or desirability of the Property. Failing to provide those disclosures may lead to a claim or a lawsuit against you which can be very costly and time consuming."

To facilitate seller disclosure obligations, C.A.R. provides a number of forms that use a Q&A format designed to make the disclosure process as easy and complete as possible.

Here are some keys for completing the disclosures correctly:

Read the forms carefully to fully understand each question. Completely answer every question – do not leave any blanks. If you do not know an answer, do not guess – write in "Do not know."

If you respond "Yes" to any question, write an explanation in the appropriate section.

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future property values, fully disclose.

If in doubt, disclose.

If selling, when filling out the listing documents you will be presented with C.A.R. form DIA. It has been designed to protect you – read it carefully, and then ... disclose.

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## Irregular Watering, Cool Weather Can Cause Problems for Melons

By Buzz Bertolero  
Special to the Times

**Q** This will be my third attempt in growing melons. Previously, melons formed, but turned yellow, shriveled up and died, or they remained small and never matured. What do I need to do to prevent this from occurring this year?

**A** May is a great month to plant all types of melons along with pumpkins. You'll find a good selection of varieties available from seed and transplants at your favorite garden center. Melons require warm summer temperatures.

So mild conditions are not favorable and could be a reason for your problems. The average summer temperature should be in the mid to high seventies with six hours or more of direct sun per day, preferably in the afternoon.

The blossom rot or drop on melons as well as pumpkins, cucumbers, and squash is called Blossom End Rot.

On tomatoes and peppers,

Blossom End Rot causes the bottom of the fruit to develop a brown and or tan colored blotch. This disease is not caused by a pathogen. A calcium deficiency is one cause.

You can correct the calcium problem by supplementing your soil amendments with Oyster Shell Lime, Dolomite Lime or Agricultural Lime but not Hydrated Lime at the time of planting.

For those plants already in the ground, Bonide Rot-Stop can be applied to the blossom during blooming.

The primary cause of the majority of the cases of Blossom End Rot is irregular watering. Melons like to be kept moist but not soggy wet.

The addition of soil amendments can't be emphasized enough. With our heavy clay, we need to be generous with the addition of organic matter as it significantly aids in having a soil the drains efficiently.

We tend to be creatures of habit and water April through September the same, regardless of the weather conditions. Because our summer weather changes from cool to hot, you



need to adjust the watering pattern. You need to monitor the weather forecasts and adjust the frequency that is how often you water.

This can be challenging as wet soil or soil that goes from wet to dry can cause Blossom End Rot. There is no set rule as the variables such as the soil drainage and temperature vary from location to location.

You should determine what the average temperature is for your yard and how often you would normally water. This serves as a baseline or norm. You would increase the frequen-

cy when it's hotter and reduce in when it's cooler.

While the frequency changes the volume remains constant. You change the watering pattern base on the weather. The five to seven day or longer forecast available online, on TV, newspaper, etc. should give you a great idea as what to expect.

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## Make Sure to Contain Your Cane Berries

By Buzz Bertolero  
Special to the Times

**Q** I want to plant raspberries and blackberries in a six-foot-wide side yard. How might I control the underground runners? I'm considering planting the vines in the ground or building a raised bed with a root barrier. Which option do you favor?



as each side should get an equal amount of light.

**A** You're correct in being concerned about the underground stems or rhizomes. Raspberries and blackberries, also known as cane berries, are very intrusive and do not respect a property line.

Planting them on any type of shared fence is a major mistake. You'll have a difficult time controlling the vegetative growth that grows through and under the fence into your neighbor's yard.

Cane berries are a guaranteed expensive neighbor dispute waiting to happen. So, I'd be looking to plant them off the fence line in a two-foot-high, four-foot-wide raised bed. A root barrier is always a good idea whether the vines are in a raised bed or in the ground as another layer of protection.

In the center of the bed construct a "T" bar trellis. Use a 4" x 8" post every six feet with a 2" x 4" cross beam, with wires running between the supports, and attach the vines to the wire.

Also, with the vines off the fence line, you are able to harvest the berries from both sides

Cane berries fruit only on the second-year wood; so, once you have finished harvesting the crop, cut the fruiting canes off at the ground. Otherwise, you'll create a thick, thorny, unmanageable vegetative mess.

The new growth at the base of the plants is then attached to the trellis for next year's crop.

Runners will eventually escape and appear in the space between the bed and the fence. You can control the shoots by hand, pulling them or spraying them with a nonselective herbicide.

There are now two dwarf varieties, Raspberry Shortcakes and Baby Cakes Blackberry, that give you a third option and it's the option I prefer. They have a compact, upright growth habit, growing three to four feet, so they don't require staking or trellising.

I'd plant them in a raised bed and grow them as a fruiting hedge. The fruit is borne on the second-year growth so you still have to prune off the stems after harvesting.

Raspberry Shortcakes and

Baby Cakes Blackberry are ideal for individual containers. Joining strawberries and blueberries, they expand the homegrown fruit available to be grown on a deck, patio or balcony.

Fresh raspberries and blackberries are a now reality for all types of gardeners.

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## Mortgage Rates Continue to Climb for Fourth Week

According to Freddie Mac's weekly nationwide survey, fixed mortgage rates posted a fourth consecutive week of increases. The 30-year FRM averaged 4.20 last week, up from the previous week at 4.17 percent. A year ago at this time, the FRM averaged 4.58 percent.

"Despite the recent rise in mortgage rates, both existing and new home sales continue to show strength – indicating the lagged effect of lower rates on housing demand. This, along with improved affordability, should push housing activity higher in the coming months," said Sam Khater,

Freddie Mac's chief economist.

Fifteen-year rates averaged 3.64 percent last week, and five-year hybrid adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 3.77 percent. A year ago at this time, the 15-year FRM averaged 4.02 percent and the 5-year ARM averaged 3.74 percent.

### OPEN HOMES

SAT. & SUN.  
MAY 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>

CITY	SAT	SUN	ADDRESS	PRICE	BDRM./BA.	REALTOR	AGENT	PHONE
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A	—	2-4	954 Lee Ave.	\$860,000	3/1.5	Robert Jones & Assoc.	Matt Jones	510-357-0120
S	2-4:30	2-4:30	739 Estudillo Ave.	\$980,000	4/3	Marvin Gardens	Greg Novak	510-472-4770
A	2-4:30	—	1234 View Dr.	\$999,000	6/4	Robert Jones & Assoc.	Matt Jones	510-357-0120
C	—	1-3	5695 Jensen Rd.	\$1,799,000	5/4	J. Rockcliff RE	Kristy Peixoto	925-251-2536

One-Line Open Home Listings run Wednesdays in the Castro Valley Forum (22,500 circ.) and Thursdays in the San Leandro Times (38,500 circ.) for \$25. For more information and a listing form, call 614-1558.

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**Saturday,  
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## Spring Cleaning Event

### EVENT FEATURES

#### Citywide Garage Sale ~ 8am - 1pm

Host a garage sale at your home. The City will provide free advertising, including a map and listing in the May 16 edition of the *San Leandro Times*.

#### Spring Cleaning Event ~ 10am - 3pm

Bring appliances, mattresses, electronics, scrap metal, clean wood/yard trimmings, tires household batteries and fluorescent lamps. Residents may also drop off cell phones, chargers, CDs, DVDs and audio and video tapes for recycling.

Keep your neighborhood clean and green! Pull out your old, unused items from the attic in preparation for San Leandro's annual Citywide Garage Sale and Spring Cleaning Event.



### SIGN UP TO PARTICIPATE

Sign up online or complete and submit this form by May 8th to receive free garage sale advertising and/or access to the recycling event.

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 1st Annual Zumbathon

May 11, 2019 @ 11am

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2351 Farley Street	94546: \$655,000	2 BD - 996 SF - 1948
19951 Lorena Circle	94546: \$660,000	3 BD - 1,660 SF - 1995
23119 Canyon Terrace Dr	94552: \$778,000	4 BD - 1,607 SF - 1996
4973 Audrey Drive	94546: \$785,000	3 BD - 1,544 SF - 1953
2345 Somerset Avenue	94546: \$800,000	5 BD - 2,080 SF - 1962
4635 Emily Court	94546: \$805,000	3 BD - 1,153 SF - 1958
18901 Walnut Road	94546: \$855,000	3 BD - 1,272 SF - 1955
19623 Betrose Court	94546: \$909,000	3 BD - 1,558 SF - 1954
17527 Kingston Way	94546: \$941,000	3 BD - 1,260 SF - 1954
18029 Joseph Drive	94546: \$1,000,000	4 BD - 2,488 SF - 1957
18128 Columbia Drive	94552: \$1,335,000	5 BD - 2,830 SF - 1981

TOTAL SALES: 12

LOWEST AMOUNT: \$650,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$802,500

HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$1,335,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$847,750

### San Leandro

740 Fargo Avenue	94579: \$421,000	2 BD - 840 SF - 1965
1078 Cumberland Avenue	94579: \$445,000	3 BD - 988 SF - 1950
936 Thornton Street	94577: \$525,000	3 BD - 1,125 SF - 1923
224 Bellevue Drive	94577: \$620,000	3 BD - 1,477 SF - 1927
1571 Randy Street	94579: \$675,000	3 BD - 1,204 SF - 1960
15504 Farnsworth Street	94579: \$680,000	3 BD - 1,190 SF - 1956
1682 Hickory Avenue	94579: \$689,000	3 BD - 1,096 SF - 1953
14666 Acacia Street	94579: \$700,000	4 BD - 1,750 SF - 1953
473 Lewis Avenue	94577: \$715,000	2 BD - 1,212 SF - 1924
16105 Carolyn Street	94578: \$720,000	2 BD - 1,277 SF - 1949
14764 Sylvia Way	94578: \$730,000	3 BD - 1,335 SF - 1945
15962 Gramercy Drive	94578: \$850,000	4 BD - 1,468 SF - 1956
1924 Marineview Drive	94577: \$965,000	3 BD - 2,398 SF - 1967

TOTAL SALES: 13

LOWEST AMOUNT: \$421,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$689,000

HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$965,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$671,923



## Mold Is Hazardous to Home and Health

By **Samantha Mazzotta**  
Special to the Times

If you've been noticing a mildew odor in your bathroom, that smell is most likely from mold growth. If you can't visually locate a patch of mildew or mold, such as in lower corners of the wall or the shower, contact a plumber. It's very likely that a water leak somewhere behind the wall is causing the mold problem.

Even a small amount of mold in a home can trigger allergies or breathing problems in many people. It's also a warning signal that water is damaging important parts of your home – not just the dry-wall but the wood framing, sheathing, foundation and more.

A leaky supply or drainpipe can mean water is dripping behind the walls. A plumber can inspect these pipes with-

out causing damage to the rest of the bathroom. The plumber will then recommend the best action to take to stop the moisture damage and remove the mold. If mold is affecting carpet or wallpaper in the area, you'll need to replace those items as well.

If dampness is a constant problem in the bathroom, make sure the room is getting adequate airflow, even if the original problem is repaired.

An exhaust fan is fairly inexpensive and quickly removes humidity from the bathroom – for example, after a hot shower. In most states a fan is required by building codes, and the plumber likely will recommend you install one if there isn't one already.

**Home Tip:** Clean up mold with a mild detergent rather than bleach, which can irritate your lungs.

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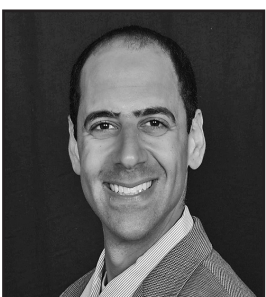
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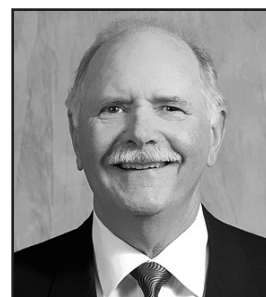
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# Mattress: Permanent mattress drop-off spot

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to have their collaboration,” Miley said at the ceremony. “It requires all of us to address illegal dumping, a plague to our communities.”

Miley went on to say that our society has a lot of products, but manufacturers now need to come up with ways to responsibly take care of the products once they're no longer useful.

The “Bye Bye Mattress” program has recycled 4 million mattresses in California since 2014, and is working with Miley's office to remove blight, said Mike O'Donnell, managing director of the Mattress Recycling Council (MRC).

The MRC was formed by the mattress industry to operate recycling programs in states that have enacted mattress recycling laws – California, Connecticut and Rhode Island. It works with manufacturers, local government, waste management firms, and recyclers to form a network to efficiently recycle used mattresses.

MRC is funded by a \$10.50 charge on every new mattress when sold. Two of the MRC's recycling centers are in Livermore, providing local employment, where they take apart the mattresses and box springs.

The metal springs go to metal recyclers, the padding can be used in carpet padding, wood



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

**The members of the Downtown Streets Team came to the ribbon cutting at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore last Thursday. The team cleans up the streets in downtown Oakland.**

and fibers can go to other uses. Up to 80 percent of the material in a mattress can be recycled, according to the MRC.

One of Miley's projects has

been to form a county anti-blight program – Communities United to Remove Blight (CURB) – to work for greater enforcement of statewide anti-dumping laws.

The Downtown Streets Team was also on hand for the ribbon cutting. The team is made up of volunteers who help with street cleaning and creek restoration.

## PhotoCentral Spring Exhibition

PhotoCentral's annual spring photography exhibition will be held jointly with the Adobe Art Center through May 11 at both galleries – PhotoCentral, 1099 E

St. in Hayward; and the Adobe Gallery, 20395 San Miguel Ave. in Castro Valley. Monday from 5 to 10 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and by

appointment.

Hours at the Adobe Art Center are Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and by appointment.

## Mayfest to Bring Bands, Comedians To The Englander

The 2nd Annual Mayfest will be held on Saturday, May 11, starting at 4 p.m. at The Englander, 101 Parrott St. in downtown San Leandro, with food, music and beers by local bands, local breweries and local talent.

Admission is \$20.

Bands include Shark Punch, Stereo Freakout, Altered Egos, Arsa, Phantom Hound and Groove Mafia.

Comedians and other performers will be Randy Farinelli, Angry Johnny, Rudy Ortiz, Casey Cope, Sean Boyles, Mean Dave, and Skip Wright.

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/s/JeAnna Stovall, Margaret J. Stovall

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
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Pursuant to Business and  
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Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business:

(1) Opal Quality Systems Management (2) Business Operations + Systems Services (3) Mercedes Productions (4) Mercedes Management Enterprises (5) Power and Pride (6) Opal Qsm, located at 3055 Alvarado Street, San Leandro, CA 94577, in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1) Deirdre Mercedes, 1944 109th Ave., Oakland, CA 94603. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced on 4-11-1998.

/s/Deirdre Mercedes

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**APR. 25, MAY 2, 9, 16, 2019  
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## NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF

**Stella F. Gigli  
Case Number:  
RP19014367**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **Stella F. Gigli, also known as "Stella Gigli", "Stella Cisneros", "Stella F. Medina", "Fedelina Stella Montes" and "Fedelina Stella Montez"**.

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

The PETITION requests that the decedent's wills and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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 5/22/2019, 9:31 a.m., Dept. 201, at 2120 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, 2nd Floor, 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.

Attorney for petitioner:  
Clifford R. Lancaster  
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## LEGAL NOTICE

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
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Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business:

Pablo Handyman located at 1274 62nd Avenue, Oakland, CA 94621, in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Pedro Matias Pablo, 1274 62nd Avenue, Oakland, CA 94621. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced on 3-29-19.

/s/Pedro Matias Pablo

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
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Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business:

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/s/P & G Power Corp.

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
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The name of the business:

Power Nex Construction Inc. located at 375 Santa Paula St., San Leandro, CA 94579, in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Power Nex Construction, INC., 375 Santa Paula St., San Leandro, CA 94579. This business is conducted by a corporation. This business commenced on N/A.

/s/Power Nex Construction, INC.

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
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The name of the business:

Special Kids Special Choices located at 20955 San Miguel Ave., Castro Valley, CA 94546, in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Geri Baskind, 20955 San Miguel Ave., Castro Valley, CA 94546. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced on 12/2012.

/s/Geri Baskind

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
Pursuant to Business and  
Professions Code  
Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business:

DayintheLifeguard located at 890 Dowling Blvd., San Leandro, CA 94577, in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Peter DeQuincy, 890 Dowling Blvd., San Leandro, CA 94577. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced on N/A.

/s/Peter DeQuincy

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
Pursuant to Business and  
Professions Code  
Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business:

Innovative Training Consultants, LLC located at 211 Joaquin Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94577, in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Innovative Training Consultants, LLC, 211 Joaquin Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94577. This business is conducted by a limited liability company. This business commenced on N/A.

/s/Innovative Training Consultants, LLC

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
Pursuant to Business and  
Professions Code  
Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business:

Golden Touch ILS located at 1271 Washington Ave., San Leandro, CA 94577, in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Pastoor C. Creese, 350 Breed Ave., San Leandro, CA 94577. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced on N/A.

/s/Pastoor C. Creese

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
Pursuant to Business and  
Professions Code  
Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business:

Lane Mortgage, LLC located at 604 Oakes Blvd., San Leandro, CA 94577, in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Lane Mortgage, LLC, 604 Oakes, San Leandro, CA 94577. This business is conducted by a limited liability company. This business commenced on 08/15/17.

/s/Lane Mortgage, LLC

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# City to Host Annual Cinco de Mayo Festival on Friday

The City of San Leandro City Council will host its 21st annual Cinco de Mayo Celebration on Friday, May 3, at 6 p.m. at the Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Boulevard.

The fiesta is free and promises to be a fun celebration of Mexico's culture and traditions. Cinco de Mayo commemorates the Mexican Army's victory over the French Empire at the Battle of Puebla, on May 5, 1862.

Mariachi bands and the Ballet

Folklorico de Carlos Moreno will perform. Children will be able to make traditional Mexican arts and crafts.

Spanish translation, and an ASL sign language interpreter will be available. Light refreshments will be served.

This event is made possible by the City of San Leandro and donations from several local businesses and individuals, including: The Optimist Club of San Leandro, Ballet de Carlos

Moreno, Mariachi Mexicanisimo, Los Pericos, and Guadalajara Bakery.

For more information, contact Lydia Rodriguez, Recreation Supervisor at 510-577-3477 or lrodriguez@sanleandro.org.

## Hundreds of Roses on Display This Sunday

Visit the East Bay Rose Society's 72nd Annual Rose Show at the Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave. in Oakland on Sunday, May 5, from 1:30 to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

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# Green: A renewable economy

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would suggest the economy is pretty healthy as it is today, but the plan would be to change the model towards the "re-industrialization" of a renewable economy, said Breslin.

## Zero Net Gas Emissions

Breslin compared the momentous task of reconfiguring the economy toward a green model and achieving zero-net greenhouse gas emissions to mobilizing the troops for World War II.

"Except every country is involved and we have to sustain this for the next 100 years," said Breslin. "So, it's pretty daunting."

Emily's mother Patty Breslin said that elements of the original New Deal such as the Conservation Corps and the Works Progress Administration could be used to do things like install solar infrastructure.

"It worked then and I think it's a good model to use now," said Patty Breslin.

The Green New Deal legis-



PHOTO BY AMY SYLVESTRI

Emily Breslin gave a talk at Staton SL in downtown San Leandro about the Green New Deal.

lation failed to advance in the U.S. Senate last month and plans for combating climate change in San Leandro are just concepts at this point, but the Breslins and others say they are hopeful for the future.

"Two things are heartening," said Emily Breslin. "One is that

3.5 percent of the population is all that is needed to champion a cause – that's just about 3,000 people in San Leandro and 11 million in the United States. And 53 percent of Americans say climate change is extremely or very important to their 2020 vote. That gives me a bit of hope."

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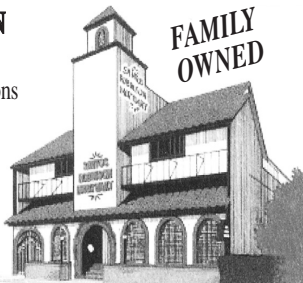
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### CRONE, John Joseph HUFFMAN, Janice

## John Joseph Crone

May 7, 1919 - April 5, 2019

John Joseph Crone of San Leandro, CA passed away on April 5, 2019, in Castro Valley, CA, 32 days short of his 100th birthday. John was born on May 7, 1919, in San Francisco, CA to the late Mildred and Walter Crone. He was the third of eight children and was the last surviving child.

John grew up in Willows, CA graduating from Willows High School in 1937. He then went on to attend the University of San Francisco. Prior to WWII, John started working for International Harvester (IH). During the war he worked in the San Francisco Shipyards. When the war was over, John returned to International Harvester Trucks working in the Parts Department, then as a Field Representative, and eventually becoming the West Coast Regional Parts Manager until retiring in 1978 with 37 years of service. Not ready to fully retire, he went to work for Bayshore International as a manager until retiring in 1984.

John was the husband of the late Lorraine (Smith); and the beloved husband of Mary (Waite) Crone for 72 years. He was preceded in death by his son, James Michael Crone. John is survived by his seven children; sons, Robert Crone (Susan) and Christopher Crone (Pamela); daughters, Patricia Carroll (Thomas), Gail Simmons (Peter), Rosemary Menard, Barbara Hemenez (William), and Deborah Crone-Palio (Richard); his 13 grandchildren, Jon Crone (Lisa), Roger Ficklin (Jennifer), Thomas Carroll (Nicole), Stephen Carroll (Tracy), Meegan Decker (Andy), Kerry Wynn (Marvin), Ryann Shoaf (Paul), Matthew Crone, David Sanford, Travis Hemenez (Carrie), Monica Hemenez, Katherine Crone, Stephanie Crone and 19 great-grandchildren.

John's favorite hobby was woodworking. He made beautiful baby cradles, plant stands, wine racks, cutting boards, rocking horses, and much more for family and friends. The most famous thing he and Mary built was the Crone Family Cabin in Lake Mont Pines, Arnold, CA. He did this with the help of his brothers and many dear friends they met at St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church in San Leandro, CA. John also enjoyed deer and elk hunting in California and Colorado and fishing, especially to Alaska, with family and friends. He and Mary traveled the United States and cruised the world together – there were few places they had not been to. He was an avid A's fan, did two crossword puzzles a day in the newspapers and loved playing poker with the guys. John was also a Third Degree Knight with the Knights of Columbus Council 1615. John and Mary were happiest at the Crone Cabin where they spent many weekends, summers and holidays with family and friends.

All are welcome to attend the Celebration of Life Service at Transfiguration Catholic Church, 4000 E. Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley, CA on Saturday, May 11, 2019, at 12:30 p.m., followed by a lunch reception in the hall. Please wear bright colors! In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution to Shriners Hospitals for Children, Attn: Office of Development, 2900 N. Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607, or FACE (Family Aid – Catholic Education), 2121 Harrison Street, #100, Oakland, CA 94612.



■ **Huffman, Janice**, died unexpectedly on April 20, 2019, at age 76. Janice loved her church family at First Southern Baptist in San Lorenzo, gardening, scrabble, sudoku, and Judge Judy. She is survived by her children Ron Misrack, Julie Sandoval, grandsons Brandon and Joshua, and sister Lorie Kaplan. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

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## OPINION

## LETTERS to the EDITOR

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**Davis Street: Focus is on Critical Needs of Low-Income Community**

Editor:

Helping Others Help Themselves  
The mission of Davis Street is to help improve "health, address poverty and increase the overall quality of life of residents in the Eden area. We do this by providing strategic assistance through a variety of integrated services that identify, focus and build upon our clients natural strengths." Those words mean as much today as they did in 1990 when we incorporated. Our services have changed intentionally over the past 27 years to meet the changing needs of our clients and the community.

From childcare to healthcare, from basic needs to working with people who live with disabilities, today's services exist because of our commitment to serve those in need. We do not turn anyone away and because of this we often find ourselves overcommitted. Why? Because when funds contract, our services do not. Our clients know they can depend on us in their darkest hours ....

As Davis Street has grown so has our organizational structure. We purchased the space on Teagarden at a time when it made sound business sense. Years later, the needs for and payment for our services shifted and it made sense for us to turn to a leased model for our primary facility. That sale -leaseback enabled us to keep our doors open and the services uninterrupted. That is our philosophy -to make sure low income children, families, seniors and the disabled are not turned away.

We were fortunate to have an asset to us to ensure those with the most needs continue to receive services despite mounting program costs and the need to restructure our debt load. Today, a lease structure makes sense for Davis Street. In the future, that may change, and if it does, we will take prudent steps in a different direction if the circumstances so dictate. We will make every possible effort to fulfill our mission to help people most in need and our commitment to remain relevant.

Hindsight is 20/20 and critical decisions must be fairly judged in the moment that they are made. To that end, the decisions and actions we've made over the last 27 years have been sound and relevant when they were made.

We cannot dwell on musing about the propriety of strategies dictated by a different time and set of circumstances or second guess ourselves years after making a decision to change strategies. Instead, our focus then and now must be on maintaining the critically needed services our low income community deserves against whatever barriers are placed in our path.

We invite you to visit us and encourage to continue to support programs to low income families in San Leandro.

—Susan Cota, Ed.D.  
President, Board of Directors  
Davis Street Community Center, Inc.

**Davis Street: Correcting Souza Letter's "Misrepresentations"**

Editor:

I feel compelled to correct the inaccuracies and misrepresentations included in Diana Souza's April 25th letter to the editor questioning the sale of the Davis Street building.

Ms. Souza starts off implying that the Davis Street Family Resource Center building on Teagarden was primarily purchased with donations from individual donors.

The reality is that while the 2008 capital campaign did help raise some of the funds, the building purchase also required large grant funding, including a federal grant, favorable terms from Reynolds & Brown, and a loan from Wells Fargo Bank.

Ms. Souza states that we went on and "accumulated millions of dollars in debt," — implying that we were spending money indiscriminately. The reality is that we systematically and purposefully incurred debt as we developed the first federally qualified healthcare clinic in Alameda County in more than 20 years.

When it comes to responding to the needs of the uninsured and underinsured, we simply cannot afford to sit back and play small. The needs are great and the number of people in need continues to grow.

The development of our medical clinic was a huge and costly endeavor. When we needed funds, we turned to the City of San Leandro. The City graciously agreed to loan us 1.5 million dollars for two years. When we realized that the clinic wouldn't be sustainable in time to pay off the loan, we asked the City for an extension. Our request was denied, leaving us looking for a way to pay our loan back while continuing to develop the clinic.

This circumstance is what Ms. Souza refers to as we "now felt the need to sell the building that the community bought." The truth is that we were up against a roadblock and we were forced to get creative. I put together a group of investors to buy the building and lease it back to DSFRC. In order to protect DSFRC's interests, the lease-back includes an option that when/if future finances allow, the Teagarden building will be available for DSFRC to purchase at the price it was sold for.

Ms. Souza's closing blow is both hurtful and mindboggling. She contends that she has "referred residents in need to them...DSFRC indicated that they have no money for that right now." Really?!

In the 12 years that I have been affiliated with DSFRC, I have never known us to turn away anyone who is truly in need. Whether it is back to school physicals, immunizations, dental care, childcare, clothing, housing assistance, mental health services, food from our pantry or a myriad of other services, DSFRC is — and will continue to be — here to help all our neighbors in need.

—Gordon Galvan  
Immediate Past President  
Davis Street Family Resource Center

**Kudos to City for Environmentally Responsible Investments**

Editor:

Kudos to the City of San Leandro for taking several steps towards socially and environmentally responsible investments.

In response to Wells Fargo's egregious treatment of its clients, San Leandro reinvested a large fund once held by Wells Fargo. Additionally, San Leandro's Finance Committee has recommended that a socially and environmentally responsible investment policy be presented to Council for approval. This proposed policy will prevent future investments in gun manufacturing, private prisons and fossil fuels.

Recently, the Finance Committee, consisting of Mayor Cutter, Council Members Hernandez and Lee, asked the city staff to send out requests for proposals for an institution to handle its daily operational accounts, currently serviced by Wells Fargo.

After review, City Staff is recommending Wells Fargo continue to serve the city, with JP Morgan Chase as a second choice (!).

Our Finance Committee appears to be careful stewards of our money and have made thoughtful and deliberate decisions regarding divestment from Wells Fargo, so I urge them to reject these two banks because of their large investments in climate changing fossil fuel projects and because of Wells Fargo's history of fraudulent behavior.

—Amy Chovnick  
San Leandro

**Honoring Tony Santos by Changing Election Procedure**

Editor:

Let's honor the memory of Tony Santos by getting rid of ranked choice voting in San Leandro.

—Allan Lindsay-O'Neal  
San Leandro

**Memoir Writing Class a "Valuable Experience for Seniors"**

Editor:

Thanks for the excellent article on the senior memoir writing classes, held last month at the Main Library.

As a member of this class, we were very fortunate in having a great teacher, Kathleen McCabe-Martin, who inspired us with her vast knowledge, excellent teaching techniques as well as her patience.

I hope the City of San Leandro continues to fund this valuable experience for seniors.

—George Z. Banks  
San Leandro

**EBMUD Rate Hike 'Shameful'**

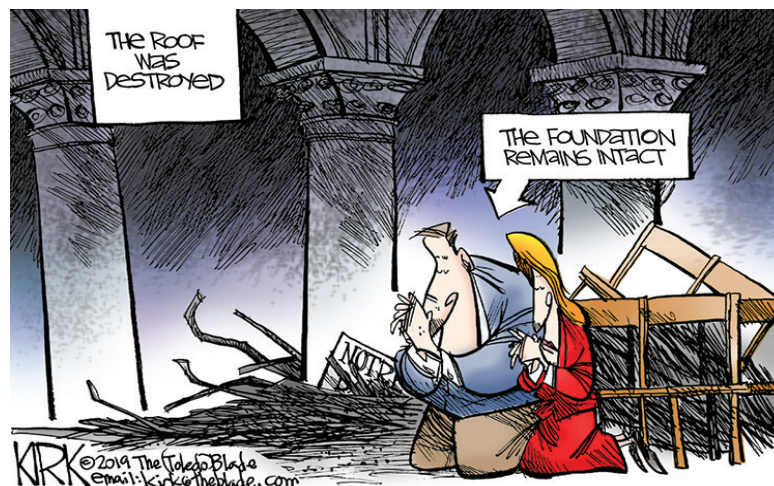
Editor:

It is shameful that EBMUD wants to raise the water rates again. They said that the rate hikes are needed to improve the aging infrastructure and outdated computer systems. The district could have found some other resources instead of taking advantage of customers and asking for more money.

—Billy Trice Jr.  
Oakland



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## INQUIRING REPORTER

## Who's your favorite actor?

— Asked downtown

Jennifer Aniston. I like her comedy, both in her TV shows and in her films.

**Itzel Orozco**  
San Leandro



Josh Brolin. He's sort of a throwback, a man's man. You don't see much of that anymore. Now it's almost like you have to apologize for being a man.

**Erik Block**  
San Leandro



Robert De Niro. When I was growing up my mom made me watch all the *Godfather* movies, over and over. He's a very diverse actor.

**Genara Horcasitas**  
Oakland,  
works in San Leandro



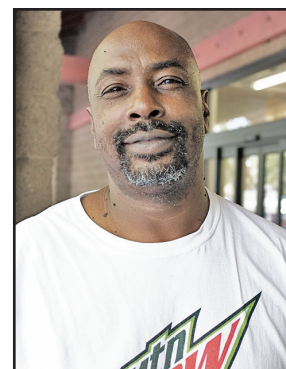
Steve McQueen, because he's a good actor. His acting is natural. It's like it's very real when he acts. He's cool, too.

**Ricardo Guevarra**  
San Leandro



Burt Reynolds. He was a good actor. I liked him in *Smokey & the Bandit* with Jackie Gleason — his humor. And I was always a Jackie Gleason fan, too.

**Dexter Alford**  
Oakland





## Pets of the Week



Tyson



Du

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are Tyson the dog and Du the dog.

**Tyson** is a handsome, 2-year-old German Shepherd who walks well on leash and is sweet and affectionate. He enjoys toys and does well with other dogs. He should be okay with older kids. He's neutered and vaccinations are up to date.

**Du** is a 9-month-old Rottweiler mix who loves attention and spending time with people.

His favorite toy is a tennis ball and he likes laying his head on your lap when you pet him. Might be okay with kids. Seems okay with other dogs.

For more information on Tyson or Du, call the Hayward Animal Shelter information line at 293-7200.

## Little Doggies Available at the Annual Chihuahua Palooza

The annual Chihuahua Palooza and Bissell Empty the Shelter pet adoption will be on Saturday, May 4, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court, in Hayward.

Dogs, puppies, cats, kittens,

bunnies, and Guinea pigs will be available. \$25 adoption fee to qualified homes.

Includes shots, spay/neuter, microchip (canines/felines). For more information, call 293-7200 or visit [www.HaywardAnimals.org](http://www.HaywardAnimals.org).

## Solo Comedy Series Now in Its Fifth Year

Brian Copeland put together a series of solo shows five years ago with his fingers crossed, just to see how it would go.

Now entering its fifth season, "The Best of San Francisco" solo series is rolling along, presenting top-tier performers that usually perform in San Francisco and other cities right here in San Leandro.

"I'm amazed how my little theater experiment has endured and thrived," Copeland said.

Copeland's idea was that people in a suburb might go for a great show, not having to travel over the bridge and pay for parking and all the hassle of going to the city.

Tickets are sold only for the entire series of eight shows from October to May at the Carnegie Theater at the San Leandro Main Library. Tickets are \$275 for the series, but it's a \$200 early bird



Irma Herrera wonders "Why Should I Mispronounce My Own Name?"

rate by May 5.

See ad on page 6 for subscriber rates and show times.

The performers lined up for the series include Kate Robards, Marga Gomez, Steve Budd, Don Reed, Frank Oliver and Irma Herrera. Copeland will perform two of his shows, *Grandma & Me* and the Christmas classic, *The Jewelry Box*.



## Busby Berkeley Films On Parade Saturday At San Leandro Museum

Experience the extravagant dance fantasies, flamboyant costumes, perfectly timed choreography and extreme camera angles of classic Busby Berkeley films this Saturday at the San Leandro History Museum, 320 W. Estudillo Ave.

At 11:15 a.m. see *42nd Street* and *Gold Diggers* at 2 p.m. Admission is free. Bring your favorite movie snacks. For more information call 577-3990 or email [asilveira@sanleandro.org](mailto:asilveira@sanleandro.org).

In *42nd Street* a revered Broadway director falls on hard times. He helms one ambitious final production before his retirement. His lead actress is torn

between two loves: the show's wealthy backer and an earnest but penniless actor. Meanwhile an aspiring young performer waits in the wings, hoping for her big break. (1933, NR, 1:29)

In *Gold Diggers of 1933* things get tough for showgirl pals during the Great Depression when all the Broadway shows close down.

A wealthy songwriter saves the day by funding a new Depression-themed musical for the girls to star in. When his high-society brother finds out and threatens to disown him, the girls scheme to keep the show going. (1933, NR, 1:38)

## Annual Bike SL Ride to Marina Starts at Casa Peralta on Sunday

The annual BikeSL bike ride, sponsored by the San Leandro Downtown Association, will be

on Sunday, May 5, starting at Casa Peralta, 384 W. Estudillo Ave. in downtown San Leandro.

Registration for the family ride opens at 9 a.m. The more challenging ride to Lake Chabot departs at 9:30 a.m., and the group ride to the Marina begins at 10:30 a.m.

Upon returning to Casa Peralta, there will be a raffle to win a bicycle.

### Reporter Wanted

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## City Council to Host Town Hall Meeting on May 13

Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter and San Leandro City Council members Deborah Cox, Ed Hernandez, and Vice Mayor Corina Lopez invite the community to a Town Hall meeting on Monday, May 13, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. The meeting is geared to residents of City Council districts 1, 2 and 5.

The agenda for the evening will include brief remarks from the mayor and council members. It's a chance for the public to have casual conversations with council members and representatives of all city departments. Regional agencies such as BART, AC Transit, and East Bay Community Energy will also be present to answer questions.

Light refreshments will be available. Interpretation also available upon request. For more information, contact Alice Kim, communications manager at [akim@sanleandro.org](mailto:akim@sanleandro.org) or call 577-3372.

## Hear About the Fabulous Falklands

Ohlone Audubon will meet on Tuesday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library 300 Estudillo Ave. Ed Harper, who has traveled around the world to photograph birds, will speak on the topic "Fabulous Falklands." He just returned from the Falkland Islands in January and says it's at the top of his world destinations. No admission charge. Refreshments served. For more information go to [www.ohloneaudubon.org](http://www.ohloneaudubon.org).

# TOWN HALL MEETING

## Districts 1, 2, & 5

Monday • May 13, 2019  
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Main Library  
Karp Room  
300 Estudillo Avenue  
San Leandro

Please join us for our upcoming annual Town Hall for Districts 1, 2, and 5 with council members Deborah Cox, Ed Hernandez, and Vice Mayor Corina Lopez. Get to know your district representatives, learn more about city services, and find information about our projects.

This year's Town Hall will be an Open House event!

Contact Alice Kim with the City Manager's Office at [akim@sanleandro.org](mailto:akim@sanleandro.org) for more information or to request interpretation.



Service Opportunity for Seniors

invites you to help leave no senior behind.

Please join us for our

11th Annual

## Spring Fundraising Luncheon

Saturday, May 18, 2019

11:30am - 2:00pm

Tickets: \$60 each

\$50 for Guests 60 years & older

San Leandro Senior Community Center

13909 E 14th Street

San Leandro, CA 94578

Gourmet Lunch, Raffle & Silent Auction

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT:

[www.sosmow.org/Spring2019](http://www.sosmow.org/Spring2019)

SOS Meals on Wheels works hard to ensure no senior in our community is hungry & alone. Please join us and help us reach our goal of \$30,000 to support vulnerable seniors.