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PHOTO BY MIKE McGUIRI

Some seniors about to graduate beamed while others looked more serious at the San Leandro High School graduation held at Burrell Field on June 6. Below, some of the graduates displayed messages on their mortar boards.

590 Graduate from San Leandro High

By Mike McGuire

Some 590 San Leandro Times Some 590 San Leandro High School seniors graduated Thursday night, June 6, in front of about 2,500 family members, friends and school staff who filled the grandstands at Burrell Field on a beautiful evening.

Cheers erupted often, and sometimes the marching band struck a few notes, as the students walked across the stage to get their diplomas after being variously welcomed and praised by district officials and student leaders.

The San Leandro High School Concert Band began the event with "Pomp And Circumstance," followed by the "Star Spangled Banner" performed by SLHS Notables. see GRADUATION page 11



Averiett Vows She Won't Put **Up with Police Misconduct**

SAN LEANDRO • CALIFORNIA

By Michael Singer San Leandro Times

Only a few weeks into her Leandro Times about her new job, San Leandro Police public safety goals and how Chief Angela Averiett says she her familiarity with the area is tackling the department's and diverse professional backchallenges head-on

trauma in San Leandro, and recent years. what this department has years, and one of the themes That's a lot," Averiett said. that I kept hearing about, consistency in leadership," Averiett said.

AY-ver-it) talked with the San

ground help provide stable "There's been a lot of leadership after changes in

"Since 2020, I am the city's gone through over the last five sixth chief in four years...

Averiett was preceded as was that they needed some police chief in the past four years by Jeff Tudor, Susan Manheimer, Abdul Pridgen, Chief Averiett (pronounced and Kevin Hart, and two temsee AVERIETT, page 11

Man Convicted of Assault on Police

An Alameda County jury Boulevard. convicted 64-year-old Terry ting a felonious assault upon a way parking lot, he ran away peace officer and causing great from them and fled to his bodily injury.

Marketplace at 699 Lewelling

When the officers ap-Gordon on June 4 of commit- proached Gordon in the Safeparked car, according to San The trial stemmed from a Leandro police. A brief phys-2017 incident during which ical altercation between the two San Leandro patrol offi- officers and Gordon ensued cers attempted to stop Gordon next to and inside of the vehifor suspected shoplifting from cle. Gordon was able to start Safeway in the Greenhouse the car and put it into gear to see CONVICTED page 12

Students in Action Club to Vie For National Award in New York

By Mike McGuire San Leandro Times

San Leandro High School's Students In Action Service a busy year serving others, Club is a finalist for a presti- including a vaping buyback gious national award for com- at the school, a canned goods munity service, with the award drive before Thanksgiving, being made in New York City helping fund a bike repair in September.

Multiplying Good Foundation, formerly the Jefferson drive to get smoke detectors Awards, encourages students in San Leandro High School at high schools and in the bathrooms. community to carry out projects that better people's lives locally. The club advisor is Jan

Othen, who teaches health and coaches at the high school.

Students In Action had clinic at the Davis Street Resource Center, and leading a

The school district gets



some of its funds for anti-va- Jan Othen joins club co-vice president Colten Wadsee STUDENTS page 12 kins at a tree-planting.

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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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to call his own.

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The Pets of the Week at status. Rufus would do best

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To adopt or meet Rufus or back when he is nervous and a guinea pig, call the Hayward can help in his journey to Animal Shelter at 510-293-

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Students Perform at Special Meeting

The San Leandro Elementary Choir (above), whose members come from every San Leandro elementary school, performed at the May 21 "Celebrating Schools" San Leandro school board meeting held in the

COMMIT YOUR FAMILY

TO BE FIT!

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Gym, Swim & Tennis Club

Indoors

<u>k outdoors gym</u>

Swim Lessons Available for Members Only



The choir director is Mr. in Dancers, from Roos-Christopher Rieder, who evelt Elementary School, teaches at Bancroft Mid- wrap up a number at the dle School.

Performing Arts Center. Above, the Roosevelt Lat-Performing Arts Center.

SL School District Summer **Feeding Program Hours**

San Leandro School Dis- 26th, Monday through Friday, trict "Summer Feeding"- free Serving Lunch Only: 11:45 to everyone 18 and under. All 12:00. Jefferson Elementary sites closed June 19, July 4 School, and San Leandro Boys and 5.

onsite. Site names, dates, and Breakfast: 7:30 - 7:45, Boys serving times are as follows: & Girls Serving Breakfast: Chabot Camp open June 17th 7:45-8:00, Lunch 12:00 -Friday, Serving Lunch Only: site addresses and menu go to 12:00 -12:15. Cherry Grove slusd.us and scroll down to Park open June 17th - July "Announcements."

& Girls Club open June 17th Food must be consumed - July 19th, Jefferson Serving August 8th, Monday thru 12:15. For Summer Feeding



Community Calendar

Meet the Author - Discussion with Lynda Rutledge

Lynda will discuss her writing process, answer questions and will be available to sign books on Thursday, June 13, at 6:30 p.m. at the Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro.

Mindfulness for Stress Relief - May is Mental Health **Awareness Month**

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

Rainbow Resource Fest

Join an all-ages, fun-filled day celebrating Pride Month and the services offered by community partners at the Rainbow Resource Fest on Saturday, June 15, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library Plaza, 300 Estudillo Ave. Live music with musical guest Melba's Kitchen, rainbow snow cones, crafts, drawing prizes, and more.

Monday Movie Matinees at the Main Library

Come to the family-frindly movie matinees on Mondays at 1 p.m. from June 10 to July 29 in the Lecture Hall of the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Check the website calendar for exact movies. www.sanleandrolibrary.org

Preschool Art Crafternoon

Inspire your child's creativity at the Preschool Art Crafternoon on Tuesday, June 18, from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd. Geared towards ages 3 to 5, young artists engage in hands-on art projects, sparking imagination and developing fine motor skills in a supportive and inspiring environment.

Juneteenth Cooking Presentation At the Main Library

Come to a Juneteenth Holiday celebration with a presentation by Chef Wanda Blake of Wanda's Cooking on Tuesday, June, 18, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Delve into the rich culinary traditions tied to this meaningful holiday while enjoying light refreshments. Discover the stories behind the flavors and celebrate the spirit of Juneteenth.

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St. Gerard Women's Club Country Hoedown & Old Time Rock 'n' Roll

The St. Gerard Women's Club will host a Country Hoedown & Old Time Rock N' Roll at St. John's Church, 264 E. Lewelling Blvd. in San Lorenzo on Saturday, June 29, starting at 5:30 p.m. Lots of good grub will be served starting at 6pm. provided by Texas Roadhouse. Cost is \$25 per person and all are welcome. There will be a Big Bag Raffle, Door Prizes, Dancing and more. For reservations or tickets call Pat at 510-278-4161.

Resolve to Lose Weight by Joining TOPS

Join TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) for the support you need to start your weight loss journey. TOPS is a non-profit weight loss support group that meets on Fridays at 9 a.m. at the United Methodist Church, 19806 Wisteria Street in Castro Valley. For more information, call Sandy Montero at 510-299-7312. Join for fellowship and support. What do you have to lose?

Life Skills Camp for Youth Ages 14-22

Join workshops on time management, budgeting, applying for jobs, and more on Tuesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. through July 23 at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Registration open now for individual sessions. Door prizes and snacks at every session. sanleandro.libcal.com.

The Oakland Aviation Museum Will Host an Open House on Sunday

Oakland Aviation Museum, 8252, Earhardt Road in Oakland, will host an Open Cockpit Day on Sunday, June 16, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

View many famous aircraft, including the A-3 Skywarrior, A-4 Skyhawk, A-6 Intruder, MiG-15, Harrier Jump Jet, T-39 Saberliner, and the P-51 Mustang.Short Solent Flying Boat tour for an additional fee. Flight simulators, music by Friends of Ken Band, barbecue, European Train Enthusiasts exhibit, and a ham radio exhibit.

Admission prices are: adults \$18, seniors \$15, teens/ military \$13, kids 5 to 12 \$10, no charge for kids under 4.



PHOTO COURTESY OAKLAND AVIATION MUSEUM

Montero Awarded by TOPS For Taking Off the Pounds

Sandy Montero of San Leandro was awarded regional and state honors at a TOPS Recognition Day Convention in Redding on May 18 for losing 160 pounds and staying at her goal weight for a year.

Montero a member of the Castro Valley chapter of TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), a non-profit weight loss support organization.

'We're very proud of Sandy, she's an inspiration," said Collette Koski, current Chapter Leader. If you are interested in how TOPS can help you, call Sandy at 510-299-7312



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San Leandro Students Make Dean's List

• The University of Dean's List. Dubuque congratulated students on being appointed to

California.

• Lehigh University named the Spring Semester 2024 the students who made the Dean's List, including Chetna Dean's List in spring 2024, Bhusari from San Leandro, including two students from San Leandro, Calif. - Leia Full-time students in good Barnes and Hannah Gonzales. Students on the Dean's List

academic standing who earn a term grade point average of earned a scholastic average of 3.5 or above and who do not 3.6 or better while carrying have any grades of Incomplete at least 12 hours of regularly for the term are named to the graded courses.



More Events

Learn about Animal Care and **Operations at the Zoo**

Come for an evening with zoologists and explore the fascinating world of animal care and behind-the-scenes operations at the zoo on Thursday, June 13, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Hear firsthand experiences from two zoo staff members, including a staff member from the Oakland Zoo, and learn what it's like to work with wildlife every day. Bring your questions for an engaging Q&A session.

Drag Story Hour with PerSia

Celebrate Pride Month with Drag Story Hour featuring PerSia at the Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd. on Thursday, June 27, at 6:30 p.m. Join us for a magical experience as PerSia shares captivating stories and spreads love, diversity, and acceptance through the art of storytelling and fabulous performances.





pounds.

for more information.

For Dad on Sunday, a Few of his Favorite Things



in towns and cities across the friends. country, but it wasn't until signed a presidential procla- treat him to a favorite meal. mation in 1966 that the third Sunday of June was officially designated as Father's Day.

Now, 58 years later, it has become a day to not only 1 well-trimmed beef rib

he first Father's Day honor your father, but all men roast was observed 114 years who have taken over that role, ago in Spokane, Wash- including stepfathers, uncles, ington. The idea quickly spread grandfathers, and adult male

Your Dad probably doesn't parsley President Lyndon Johnson need another tie, so why not 2 tablespoons Dijon-style-

RIB ROAST WITH MUSTARD-PEPPER RUB

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF

John William Baker **Case Number:** 24PR072745

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: John William Baker, Aka "Petey" Baker

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

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on July 17, 2024, 10:15 a.m., Dept. 201, at 2120 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA 94704.

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

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

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

Petitioner: Gary Baker.

1563 Boxwood Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94579 (510) 332-7705 LEGAL 0219-SLT 24PRO72745 06/13/24, 06/20/24, 06/27/24

(2 to 4 ribs), small end, back bone removed Rub:

1/4 cup chopped fresh

- mustard
- 1 tablespoon mixed black and
- white peppercorns or black
- peppercorns, cracked 2 large cloves garlic, minced teaspoon salt

Heat oven to 350°F. Combine rub ingredients in small bowl; press evenly onto all surfaces of beef roast. a boil in large saucepan. Add

shallow roasting pan. Insert spoon of the salt; return to a ghetti ovenproof meat thermometer boil. Reduce heat to medium; so tip is centered in thickest cover and cook 12 minutes part of beef, not resting in fat or until potatoes are tender. or touching bone. Do not add Drain. water or cover. Roast in 350°F for medium doneness.

thermometer registers 135°F hand mixer or manual potato parsley, brown sugar, salt, for medium rare; 150°F for masher until smooth. medium doneness. Transfer roast to carving board; tent ter, horseradish, 1-1/2 tealoosely with aluminum foil. spoons salt, and pepper; stir a boil. Stir in red wine. Sim-Let stand 15 to 20 minutes. until blended. Add additional mer on low, stirring frequently (Temperature will continue cream, 1 tablespoon at a time, for at least an hour. A longer to rise about 10°F to reach if necessary for desired con-simmer makes for a better 145°F for medium rare; 160°F for medium.) Carve roast into slices. Makes 8 to 10 servings. ings.

HORSERADISH **MASHED POTATOES**

8 medium potatoes, cut into 1-inch pieces

4 cloves garlic, peeled, whole 2 teaspoons salt, divided

1/2 to 3/4 cup heavy cream 1/2 stick butter, cut into pieces

3 to 4 tablespoons prepared

horseradish 3/4 teaspoon pepper 1/4 cup chopped green onions

or snipped chives

1/4-1/2 teaspoon crushed Bring 2 inches of water to

pepper flakes 1/4 teaspoon black pepper 1/4 cup Cabernet

Add 1/2 cup cream, but-

sistency. Stir in green onions.

FAMILY SPAGHETTI

2 pounds Italian sausage,

small onion, chopped

3-4 garlic cloves, minced

1 (28-oz.) can diced

2 (6-oz.) cans tomato

2 (15-oz.) cans tomato

2 teaspoons dried parsley

1-1/2 teaspoons brown

tomatoes

paste

sauce

sugar

1 cup water

3 teaspoons basil

1 teaspoon salt

casings removed



Place roast, fat-side up, in potatoes, garlic and 1/2 tea- 1 pound package spa-

Parmesan cheese

In large, heavy stockpot, brown Italian sausage, break-Cook potatoes and garlic ing up as you stir. Add onions oven 2-1/4 to 2-1/2 hours for over medium-low heat 1 min- and continue to cook, stirring medium rare; 2-3/4 to 3 hours ute to evaporate excess mois- occasionally until onions are ture, stirring occasionally, softened. Add garlic, toma-Remove from heat. Mash po- toes, tomato paste, tomato Remove roast when meat tatoes and garlic with electric sauce and water. Add basil, crushed red pepper, and black pepper.

> Stir well and barely bring to sauce, just be careful not to let Makes 8 (3/4-cup) serv- it burn!

> > Cook spaghetti according to package directions. Spoon sauce over drained spaghetti noodles and sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Serves 10.

OLD-FASHIONED COCONUT CREAM PIE

- 1 cup sweetened flaked coconut
- 3 cups half-and-half
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 3/4 cup white sugar
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 (9-inch) pie shell, baked
- 1 cup frozen whipped topping,

thawed

Preheat oven to 350°F. Spread the coconut on a baking sheet and bake it, stirring occasionally, until golden brown, about 5 minutes.

In a medium saucepan, combine the half-and-half, eggs, sugar, flour and salt and mix well. Bring to a boil over low heat, stirring constantly. Remove the pan from the heat, and stir in 3/4 cup of the toasted coconut and the vanilla extract. Reserve the remaining coconut to top the pie.

Pour the filling into the pie shell and chill until firm, about 4 hours.

Top with whipped topping and with the reserved coconut.



HOROSCOPE by Salomé © 2019 King Features Synd., Inc. ARIES (March 21 to April 19): Be careful about doing someone a favor when you don't know the full story behind the request. Don't rely on someone's

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): That workplace problem still needs your attention before you can finally close the book on it. Meanwhile, a longanticipated reunion gets closer to becoming a happy reality.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): You might be demanding more from others than they can give. Best advice: Have a long and frank talk to determine what the facts are. Tensions should abate as the week winds down.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Aspects are favorable throughout this week

LEO (July 23 - August 22): It's time to stop licking your wounds from past

awkward position. Best advice: Deal with it immediately. The longer you delay, the more difficult it will be to get out of it.

readv for whatever your workaday world holds for you. The same positive energy spills over into your personal relationships.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): A prospect might be less than it appears to be. Like the Archer in your sign, you always aim for the truth. And this is no time to settle for less than full disclosure. 23

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Start doing some serious thinking about 20 a career move that could entail more than just changing job sites. Some lifestyle changes might also be involved.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): With tensions easing at the workplace, a more positive environment once again encourages the free flow of ideas that are so typical of the always-innovative Aquarian.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Show some of that usually hidden steelstrong Piscean backbone and stand up for yourself if you hope to make a case for that promotion you know you deserve.

unsubstantiated assurances. Insist on all the facts before you act.

for making contacts that could be important to your career plans. Meanwhile, an old friend offers the advice you're seeking.

help the Lion get back into rip-roaring shape.

yourself harder than you need to

VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): Take time out to go over what's expected of you before you begin your new project. Otherwise, you run the risk of pushing

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): An unusual request could put you in an

SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): You should feel recharged and



Congratulations to San Leandro High School Class of 2024

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hanges resulting from the class action lawsuit against the National Association of Realtors are tentatively scheduled to become standard practice* as of August 17th, 2024. As of this date, buyers will need to sign a representation agreement to have a real

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their purchase.

It has been standard practice for years for sellers to sign a listing agreement with their agent that outlines the terms of their contract. Although a similar form (Buyer Representation And Broker Compensation Agreement) has been available for years, many buyer agents have never utilized it. As of the

estate agent assist them in middle of August, however, it will no longer be optional.

In the sale and purchase of a home, there are two parties – the seller and the buyer. Ideally, each entity has its own representation by an agent who is also their fiduciary: a listing agent representing the seller and a buyer's agent representing the buyer. This system ensures that the buyer and seller each have their own impartial representative working on their behalf.

California allows another option, called Dual Agency, which permits one broker to represent both the seller AND the buyer. Due to the perceived inability of one person to objectively represent both parties, dual agency is actually not allowed in many other states. In those states where permissible, the arrangement must be clearly disclosed. In truth, it is exceedingly difficult (some would say impossible) for one party to represent both sides equally. Additionally, dual agency is one of the leading

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causes for litigation and, for this reason, discouraged by many brokerages. It is recommended that, even in states that allow dual agency, the buyer has their own separate representation.

There is concern that the impending mandated changes may result in a higher number of buyers going direct to the listing agent to try to cut a deal, thinking they will not have to sign a buyer-broker agreement. Truth is, if they want any agent to represent them - even if it is the listing agent – a representation agreement will be required.

In other words, there are no shortcuts by going direct to the listing agent and there may, instead, be increased liability - especially to the buyers.

If you are looking to buy a home, we recommend you interview a few agents to determine which one will best represent you, and then sign their buyer-broker agreement to ensure you have adequate professional representation.

*Subject to final court approval

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RECENT HOME SALES

Castro Valley

5840 Cold Water Drive 94552: \$1,050,000 [4 BD - 1,891 SF - 1972 4126 Moreland Drive 94546: \$1,080,000 [3 BD - 1,218 SF - 1952 5640 Cold Water Drive 94552: \$1,375,000 [3 BD - 1,504 SF - 1965 5292 Fairweather Court 94552: \$1,650,000 [4 BD - 2,092 SF - 1998 5275 Greenridge Road 94552: \$1,770,000 [2,579 SF - 1960

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25505 Compton Court #114 94544: \$560,000 [2 BD - 1,040 SF - 1990 27726 Eucalyptus Court 94544: \$680,000 [1,549 SF - 1977 735 Lilly Avenue 94544: \$800,000 [3 BD - 1,304 SF - 1950 22611 Sierra Avenue 94541: \$820,000 [3 BD - 1,114 SF - 1952 27557 Stromberg Court 94545: \$820,000 [4 BD - 1,474 SF - 1970 26712 Peterman Avenue 94545: \$835,000 [3 BD - 1,238 SF - 1957 22643 Madrone Street 94541: \$850,000 [3 BD - 1,140 SF - 1942 1848 Trym Street 94541: \$850,000 [3 BD - 1,211 SF - 1956 23632 Odom Drive 94541: \$875,000 [3 BD - 1,070 SF - 1951 27841 Biscayne Avenue 94544: \$929,000 [3 BD - 1,216 SF - 1954 28851 Hideaway Street 94544: \$1,220,000 [4 BD - 2,022 SF - 2021 1018 Mckeever Avenue 94541: \$1,280,000 [1 BD - 1,858 SF - 1939 692 Woodchuck Place 94544: \$1,400,000 [4 BD - 2,513 SF - 1972

TOTAL SALES: 13 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$560,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$850.000 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$1,400,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT \$916,846

San Leandro

13547 Bancroft Avenue #15 94578: \$458,000 [2 BD - 811 SF - 1970 690 Fargo Avenue #6 94579: \$510,000 [2 BD - 1,020 SF - 1965 1118 Dutton Avenue 94577: \$570,000 [2 BD - 680 SF - 1925 15205 Hesperian Boulevard #C 94578: \$610,000 [3 BD - 1,348 SF - 1987 963 Douglas Drive 94577: \$630,000 [3 BD - 1,137 SF - 1942 2236 Croyden Place 94577: \$735,000 [2 BD - 1,723 SF - 1977 1232 Betty Avenue 94578: \$742,000 [3 BD - 1,606 SF - 1948 2062 Altamont Road 94578: \$760,000 [2 BD - 926 SF - 1958 744 Arthur Avenue 94577: \$785,000 [3 BD - 950 SF - 1942 428 Warwick Avenue 94577: \$838,000 [3 BD - 816 SF - 1919 15158 Norton Street 94579: \$945,000 [4 BD - 1,425 SF - 1949 14748 Midland Road 94578: \$947,000 [2 BD - 1,320 SF - 1940 150 Georgia Way 94577: \$990,000 [3 BD - 1,451 SF - 1941 2078 Whelan Avenue 94577: \$1,010,000 [2 BD - 1,478 SF - 1944 1048 Cumberland Avenue 94579: \$1,125,000 [3 BD - 1,590 SF - 1950 1225 Sandelin Avenue 94577: \$1,288,000 [4 BD - 2,446 SF - 1950 TOTAL SALES: 16

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Suckers from the Roots of Plum Trees – No Easy Solution

By Buzz Bertolero pecial to the Times

I have a pink flowering Prunus Blireiana Plum that has created a small forest of suckers. They're coming in my peonies, roses, and iris beds twenty feet from the main trunk. Could gophers have caused this? What is the best way to remove them without damaging the tree and the other plants?

Gophers would not cause excessive tree suckering as they cause the tree to suffer in other ways. They tend to gnaw on the roots, severely damaging them by causing dieback in the tree's canopy. Since the plum tree is not experiencing any damage, gophers are php?curid=593334">Link not your problem. Fruiting and non-fruiting plums not go away. will naturally sucker from their roots. This problem also occurs with cherries, popular apples, liquidambar, crape myrtles, and them after blooming in the \bigcap leas bloom unless tree roses. Unfortunately, there is no easy way to stop the suckers as it is part of the genetic make of these plants. Treating the suckers as they sprout is an answer, but chemical herbicides are problematical with the surrounding desirable plants and the main tree. Sucker Stopper, from Monterey Lawn and Garden, is a growth regulator that stops the growth when applied to suckers at the point of origin, usually at the trunk or an exposed root. You prune off the sucker growth and apply Sucker Stopper to pruned off area. The process was repeated as necessary. For those shoots originating underground roots away from the trunk, it's ineffective. For those shoots that pop up, you prune them off at the ground and or spot-treat them with a herbicide. It takes a lot longer for the new sucker to return with a chemical solution. I'd asked the nursery professional at your favorite garden center for a recommendation. You don't want to make an expensive mistake with the wrong product. Another thought is to have an arborist come on-site and evaluate the possibility of removing the exposed lateral plum roots. Finally, this is a problem that will



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Will Azaleas bloom again during the summer if you prune Pruning does not affect when Aza-

spring? If so, how much

Pruning is necessary?



Flowers

Root wood cuttings of azalea, chrysanthemum, carnation, fuchsia and hydrangea. Choose growth that is somewhat wood, not still bright green and pliable. Cut a 5- or 6-inch piece, strip all but the tiny young leaves at the top of the cutting and place it in light, sandy soil or potting mix up to the bottom leaf. Sprinkle foliage and thoroughly wet the soil mixture. Provide filtered light in a sheltered location and keep the soil mix moist until the roots are established, usually about a month. Then they can be transplanted to the garden

Vegetables

Feed tomatoes with a fertilizer rich in phosphorus (the middle number, such as 5-10-5 or 5-10-10). Stake or cage the plants. Toma-toes allowed to sprawl will generally produce more fruit, but some of it is likely to rot on the soil.

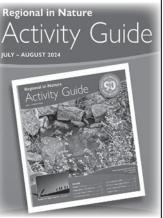
Some gardeners plant herbs, marigolds and allium in the vegetable garden to help repel insects.

Spraying

When spraying plants for insects and diseases, be sure to spray the underside of the leaves where pests usually concentrate. Bugs on bushes and shrubs can often be effectively removed with a strong spray of water from the garden hose.

This issue of the San Leandro Times contains the East Bay Regional Park District July-August 2024 Activity Guide.

If your copy of the Times does not include the EBRP Activity Guide, call 510-614-1555 or stop by the Times office (2060 Washington Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94577) between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday to obtain one.



you remove the buds after where we see them bloom

they have set. Azaleas are a second time. Some vari- tolero is an pruned only to shape them. eties will bloom a second A dvancedThe best time to prune is time in areas with a strong California after they finish flowering. marine influence, such Certified The old flowers must be as San Ramon, Martinez, Nursery manually removed as Aza- and Fremont. After sev- Professionleas do not self-shed. This eral heat spells, the cool, al. The Dirt allows you to simultane- moist air tricks the plants Gardener's website is ously shape and clean up into blooming again, but it www.dirtgardener.com, the plant(s). Azaleas only doesn't happen every year. and questions can be sent bloom in the spring; how- Encore Azaleas is a series by email to buzz@dirtever, there are locations of azaleas bred to bloom gardener.com.

twice a year, regardless of the climate.

Buzz Ber-



Mortgage Rates Pull Back

Mortgage rates retreated this week given incoming data showing slower growth. Rates are just shy of seven percent, and we expect them to modestly decline over the remainder of 2024. If a potential buyer is looking to buy a home this year, waiting for lower rates may result in small savings, but shopping around for the best rate remains tremendously beneficial.

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On Vacation, Take a Vacation from Working Out

HEALTH & FITNESS

By Mitch Rothbardt Special to the Times

Every once in a while, I realized why. love to ask our gym members what they want to read. This to worry about working out. ing out when on vacation.

suppose, but something felt a heck you want on vacation. little off. I thought about it and

Vacations aren't a time wherever you are? week, T.J. asked about work- They're a time to relax and knowing you can do whatever cise you're doing now because for a walk. It's about 75 and the way to get yourself moving. be with the people you go on you want without worrying you can easily start moving sunny as I write this, so get on School is letting out for vacation with. You work out about it? the summer, and people are when you're not on vacation, going away. It makes sense, I so you can do whatever the priceless. There are many rea-

Do you like to hike, swim,

How about relaxing and

Let me tell you, that's

you want with no worry.

positively affects your phys- outs, either. walk, explore? Just experience ical and mental health. You want some more good news? It much, one of the best things you have coming up in a couple doesn't matter how much exer- you can do to get started is go of months, a walk may just be closer to that worry-free zone out there! Heck, even if you do er and head trainer at Castro with a little activity.

is near the top of any list – the little late to see big changes, and easy...it is. ability to do whatever the heck but you can see some sooner That's the kind of thing that don't need to do crazy work-

sons to exercise, but that one on a trip next week, you're a glorious. If that seems simple

Exercise doesn't have to than you may think, and you be some crazy, complicated scheme. Just think about getting a little better. And if you're If you're not exercising looking to get ready for a trip

Mitch Rothbardt is the ownexercise a lot, going for a nice Valley Fitness. Email Mitch@ I won't lie, if you're going walk on a day like this can be *CastroValleyFitness.com*.

OPINION

LETTERS to the EDITOR

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We'll All Benefit from **Bowen's Leadership** Editor,

I've been appalled by the sensationalized San Leandro Times covtraining for freshman Councilmember Xouhoa Bowen. She gained well designed 3-week program on her own initiative and merit (as the first female Laotian refugee elected official and founder of a nonprofit should make us proud).

Characterizing this opportunity as an "Ivy League" extravagance is nonsense. The costs of this program pale in comparison to the amount of money the City of San Leandro routinely spends on outside consultants both learn and to meet other leaders at every turn.

learns will benefit our city. Who to lobby Congress for federal funds. wouldn't want to see our City Counership for years to come.

Bob Bailev

Paying Bowen Will Help Save Money in the Long Run Editor,

Your offensive editorialized "news" story about Council member Bowen's request that the City fund her 3-week leadership training course at Harvard inspired readers to write revolting letters. They questioned her commitment and work money in the end. to make our city government do a better job at serving the needs of San

Leandro residents.

I like having experienced council members. But experience is not enough. We need leaders well versed in the current thinking and best pracerage of the unanimous City Council tices of governing. Bowen would decision to invest in leadership bring back what she learns. Paying for her doing her job, when they had for her to go is an investment.

When 60% of the city's budget acceptance to the prestigious and is tied up in fire and police ("little" San Leandro, as one letter writer described us, has the highest paid police officers in Alameda County), our council members have to set policies as Councilmember Bowen, we'd all to empower women and strengthen and work with staff to stretch what's families, among other attributes, that left to address all the other needs of the community.

For that, we need leaders educated by the best. We also need leaders, like Council member Bowen, to travel to other cities to attend regional seminars and workshops to who want to solve regional problems. excuse for the inflammatory attacks What Councilmember Bowen We need them to go to Washington which have become all too common.

cil elevate its game and better serve feel that no matter what I do, someshould have the benefit of her lead- twice since January and about to do it again.

> Then the school bond, which only San Leandro very few voted for but everyone is Bowen's Leadership Should Be a our city should be seen as a victory: Editor, paying for. Now, it's the stormwater fee (which, granted, hasn't been in- Editor, creased in 30 years and the one we have doesn't even cover the costs) and coming down the pike is a proposal to increase our utilities taxes by 57% to the highest in Alameda and builder of economic pathways County.

However, shorting council mon-

Sarah Bailey

Bowen Is Working Hard to Improve San Leandro Editor,

The San Leandro Times should be ashamed of their May 30th headline, "Bowen gets \$18,000 for Ivy League Seminar." It misrepresented the issue and inappropriately singled out Councilmember Xouhoa Bowen, resulting in letters to the editor attacking her. To be clear, this training is available to all members of City Council and the entire council voted unanimously to fund it.

Coincidentally or not, just a few weeks ago, two council members leaders who understand their retried calling out Councilmember Bowen at the City Council Priority work session, for what can only be San Leandro. described as making them look bad clearly not done theirs.

Those who spend their time and energy trying to diminish others, rather than serving those they repwere as focused and hard working be a lot better off.

It's frequently said that being a councilmember is a thankless job those who are doing the hard work on our behalf. Councilmember Bowen is one of those working hard to improve the lives of the people of San Leandro and there's simply no

I'm not naive enough to believe learn from others. Like other residents, I sometimes one letter to the editor will change

Source of Community Pride

Allow me to introduce you to the Xouhoa Bowen I know: a passionate and effective San Leandro champion for women and people of color.

The result of her San Leandro ey for education isn't the way to save community and partnership building? Community Impact Lab, a San Leandro non-profit organization she Editor, San Leandro founded that supports parents and

ers women with knowledge-sharing each City Council member and their workshops; and gives back to the outlined action plan, documented community through initiatives like through public social media, justifythe annual baby gift-basket program ing their \$10,000 and now \$18,000 for new mothers in need.

Bowen agree to exercise that proven in San Leandro. leadership for the benefit of the larger ing about San Leandro's diverse communities, their needs, and priorities.

criticisms of Bowen appear to be based on ignorant assumptions el-In fact, council members have 1) can continue their selfish profiting. resent, should be ashamed. If they a basic training/advocacy budget (legislative and training trips to Washington D.C. and Sacramento, for example); and 2) access to a separate fund within the City Manager's Editor, budget for city leaders to "gain skills and that is on us for not lifting up and insight at university institutions needs to change their billboard adto promote continuous learning."

Accepting an argument that Bowen is "over-budget" and insensitive to city finance by attending this presti-

As a San Leandro resident and people's behavior, but I hope that by business owner, I cannot imagine institutional policy is a lesson in: us all? If we are fortunate - and she one has their hands in my pockets. shining some light on the problems, why this minimal investment in one "How to destroy a city from within." is not discouraged by the noise - we First it's PG&E raising its rates others might see them more clearly. of San Leandro's pre-eminent and Tim Holmes rising civic leaders would not be a San Leandro source of community pride.

Bowen's growing leadership in a new generation rising to create a resilient future for San Leandro. article on the new Equity Grading Councilmember Bowen has my trust to listen first, then provide thoughtful and informed leadership to the nu- I appreciate the level of clarity and and leader, innovator, wife, mother, merous challenges faced by our City. detail on the policy itself. I also ap-

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City Council Members Abusing their Power

Together, we need to demand

children through gatherings; empow- an audit of all expenditures from for education expenses, and how Today, San Leandro is privileged their expense will be reimbursed to to have Councilmember Xouhoa improve the deteriorating conditions

I am supportive of education, but San Leandro community. As one of our a nurse working for 45 years in a newest council members, she is learn- hospital must justify their educational expenses approved for only less than \$900. \$10,000 is stealing from As the world changes, we need taxpayers, and \$18,000 is robbery.

These City Council members sponsibility to listen, learn, and are not representing the values and bring innovative solutions home to decisions required by their elected position. This is an abuse of power The published budget-busting and all current incumbents need to be voted out at the next election.

If residents do not vote against evated by at least one disgruntled this abuse of our budget, it will send a council member and their followers. message that City Council members Will Rodenburg San Leandro

50 Percent for Nothing

San Leandro Unified School vertising campaign around town to read: "You Belong In SLUSD, where you get 50% for turning in nothing!'

What kind of work ethic is this gious Harvard program pretends that teaching our middle and high school San Leandro's challenges are not students? If a plumber charges \$200 global, and that we have nothing to for a house call and forgets the tool for solving the issue, would anyone pay that plumber \$100? This SLUSD Jeannette Frechou San Leandro

More of This

I want to praise Mike McGuire's Policy. As a San Leandro resident and parent of a child in the SLUSD, **Deborah Acosta** preciate the opportunity to read the perspectives of the educators who will be implementing it. This is what local journalism should look like. More of this, please.

Nate Atkinson San Leandro

Graduation: 'We faced how to live and learn during the pandemic'

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roller coaster of unexpect- protest messages. ed experiences, from the life-changing pandemic to were handed out, High School "accepting" the graduates and graduating high school," said Principal Maite Barloga greet- Superintendent of Schools Natalia Olivares, this year's ed and praised the graduates. Associated Student Body president. "Time has really flown Pirates! Are you excited? You dedication.'

"Most importantly, be today. proud of who you are," said Senior Class President Jody is not something you can do with his antics and the latter Luong. "Not only are we here alone. Behind you is a team for meeting all student needs to congratulate you on your of people who have been academic achievements but helping you since before you all become."

bergeld or high school special tough times. education teacher Alexandra Cota. Many waved to families lock eyes with your crew," in the stands.

academic hats worn at grad- need to go." "Our time together at uation. There were several SLHS has been an absolute flags of native lands, and some board members were all there,

"To our Class of 2024. by after learning virtually and should be," she said. "You've Lin did not give a speech, Valeeasing our way back to in-per- worked hard to get here. It's dictorian Korey Dang thanked son learning. None of us could been a true pleasure for me to many people and groups for have made it today without share this journey with you, having made high school the hard work, perseverance and and watch you grow into the strong young adults you are

Students formed two lines cheerleaders. Your families the Oakland Youth Sympho-

"Graduates, stand up and high school.

District leaders and school with school board President Just before the diplomas Evelyn Gonzalez formally Dr. Mike McLaughlin legally "certifying" them.

> While Salutatorian Angela "best time of my life."

Dang thanked all his teachers and the school administra-"Reaching a goal like this tion, the former for putting up "swiftly and effectively."

He thanked each memalso the individuals you have can remember. These loved ber of his family, along with ones have been your biggest friends from UCLA, Davis, on the stage to get their di- and friends have supported ny Orchestra, and Boys And plomas from either SLHS you, celebrating your success- Girls State, as well as God, Zoom)," Dang said. Associate Principal Beth Sil- es and helping you through for giving him strength and all the fun he had hoped for in to let the ties they had made

"We've gone through so unravel. Barloga said. "Give them a much more. We survived a

He urged graduates not Dang said.

through 12 years of school ee Julian Diaz Felix reminded literature, but also invaluable "Always try to find mean- lies," Our freshman year start- importance of flexibility, the About a hundred of the round of applause for all they global pandemic and Zoom ing in each day of your life. ed off not in hallways filled power of technology, and the screens."

Families and friends of graduates paying rapt attention to the ceremony as the

San Leandro High School Class of 2024 graduated at Burrell Field.

he said.

ish those who you hold dear," and learn during the pandemic. Through this we not only Student school board trust- learned algebra, history and the graduates and their fami- life skills. We learned the

HOTO BY MIKE McGUIRE

"We, the class of 2024, They had learned many have put our all into this things in the four years since, school for not only ourselves but for the wonderful people 'We faced a unique chal- who wait for us at home,"

Averiett: Modernize department, heal divisions

continued from front page porary terms by Assistant Chief Luis Torres.

Averiett says her top priorities include recruiting and retaining officers, modernizing the department, and healing divisions within the force and community. She said she aims to rebuild trust and safety, especially following the 2020 Stephen Taylor shooting.

One of her first actions was to hold a Public Safety Meeting at Siempre Verde Park on May 28 with City Coun- Averiett said that the departcilmember Xouhoa Bowen.

robbed or that people are not and injuries. going to walk out with a load They want to go to the library ground are integral to her and enjoy reading books with- approach, aiming to transform out getting harassed.

when they walk, drive, and through initiatives like the move to this community, so barbershop forums, which I am really taking a look at foster dialogue and mutual how we deploy our resources understanding. These forums and what we can do as a police built bridges, provided indepartment working with oth- sights into community needs, er city departments and other and fostered compassionate organizations within our city policing, she said. to help people feel safe."

strategy is to put more cops on Oakland, and one of the particthe streets as soon as possible. ipants was a longtime Oakland



"People are upset, so they left to fill the staffing. She said. "They're angry because achieving full staffing within

of clothes from your store. justice and civil rights back- ing on privacy. the department's culture and "I want people to feel safe improve community relations

"The very first one I went Part of that public safety to was at a barbershop in

resident," Averiett said. "He commitment to accountability stood up and said, 'I believe and transparency within the that 99 percent of cops are department. She supports her pigs.' I took great offense to officers but insists on dealing that because I knew what he with misconduct appropriatesaid was obviously a derogato- ly, so that reinforcing accountry way of describing officers. ability is a genuine practice, We agreed to disagree, but that not just a buzzword. This only reinforces our commit- commitment aims to assure ment to community outreach, the public of her dedication to including voter registration maintaining integrity and trust drives, food delivery to food in the police force, she said. banks, homeless cleanups, and visits to juvenile hall facilities."

ment has 17 officer vacancies the importance of listening to partment," Averiett said. "At and understanding community the same time, if an officer don't feel safe," Chief Averiett says she's optimistic about concerns. She advocates for or a professional staff person leveraging technology, such is caught up in some sort of they want to know if they open two years despite ongoing as Flock license plate reader wrongdoing, then they will be a business, they won't get challenges like retirements cameras and body-worn cameras, to enhance efficiency and think that that can be stated Averiett says her social effectiveness without infring-

Lastly, she underscores her a buzzword. It's a real action."

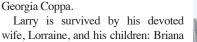


"I just want to very clearly state that I 100 percent support the women and the men of The chief also highlighted the San Leandro Police Dedealt with accordingly. I don't enough, that accountability really starts with me, and it's not

lenge figuring out how to live Felix said.

Larry Coppa September 9, 1951 ~ June 1, 2024

Larry Coppa, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend, passed away suddenly on June 1, 2024, leaving behind a legacy of love and cherished memories. He was born on September 9, 1951, in Berkeley, CA, to Joseph and



(Joshua Cordeiro), Ariele (Bento Teran), Lara (Kevin McHugh), Linda (Steve Kruschke), and Andrew Coppa. He is also survived by his loving sister, Cheryl Ramos and family. He was a proud grandfather to Makayla, Christiana, Joshua Jr., Wyn, Mossi, Fiona, Hannah, Stella, and great-grandsons Waylon and Parker.

Larry had a passion for golfing and found great joy in his rounds at Tracy Golf Club. He especially cherished his time on the green with his friends Steve and Kevin, fondly referred to as "the 3 amigos," sharing laughs and friendly competition as they pursued their shared love for the game.

He loved watching the wildlife from his back patio. He took great pride in his home in Diablo Grande and considered himself extremely blessed.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Georgia Coppa, and his brother, Mike. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

A celebration of Larry's life is being planned, and details will be announced in the coming days. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to the Wounded Warrior Project, a cause that held special meaning to Larry.

Fry Memorial Chapel, 550 South Central Avenue, Tracy is care of funeral arrangements. An Online guest book is available at www.frymemorialchapel.com for condolences and special messages to the family, as well as updates on his Celebration of Life.



graduates had personalized have done to get you here and school. It's kind of shocking Don't be a stranger to old with chatter and excitement significance of staying conmessages or drawings on their know that this is your team seeing everyone's face here classmates. Say hi to those but it was in quiet corners nected even when physically mortarboards, the traditional that will take you where you today instead of their head (on who you once knew and cher- of our homes and staring at apart," Felix said.

Students: Anti-smoking efforts

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raise \$2,000 for each school, this will not be held on school started off this past school year iff's deputies. by holding a volunteer fair, need more volunteers.

where we talk and come up Award for the student division. with the projects that we do. students in it."

promote public service.

from a federal legal settlement school resumes in the fall, Christian Zahradka, and Grace with one-time vaping king Student In Action hopes to Garcia was an active member. California will celebrate its Rt. Rev. Dr. Marc Andrus, President Lincoln signed the move up to a buyback involv-The group also did a stu- ing a more immediate threat to member Leo Sheridan in pardent run from SLHS to four students' lives than smoking ticular for his support for the 114 Montecito Ave. in Oak- Bishop Co-adjutor, will be the veston Bay, Texas, to free the different Oakland schools to – guns. She hastened to add club's work on the school board. and planted trees at a San Lo- grounds, but at a safe location and coached in the district renzo elementary school. They in full cooperation with sher-

with Mayor Gonzalez's help, accomplishments to an expert Middle School before coming and directing SLHS students local panel in April, which led to the high school, and earlier to community groups that to their being named finalists had been athletic trainer at for the national award. They Berkeley High School. "I love working with these will make a presentation to students. Some are my golfers the national panel in New York advisor for six years, after so I have a great rapport with September 22 to 24, and that working several years previthem in school and on the golf panel will decide on the 2024 ously with its original advisor, course," Othen said. "That is national Multiplying Good Jack Nelson.

I love this club and all the led this school year by the know her by sight, but may student co-presidents Miguel know her voice. For years she ed in 1972 by Jacqueline Ken- (Martin also won the Found- Baseball instant replays, and sustained from Gordon's acnedy Onassis, then-U.S. Sena- er's Scholarship from the currently does that for both tions. One officer was treated day after the incident in Oak- our streets." tor Robert Taft Jr., and social national Multiplying Good the San Francisco Giants and and released from the hospital land by SLPD detectives, folentrepreneur Samuel Beard to organization). Co-vice pres- the (departing) Oakland A's. the same evening. But the lowing a brief vehicle pursuit. tencing hearing next month.

Host Juneteenth Celebration idents were Colten Watkins Othen said that when and Julia Li, treasurer was

Othen thanked school board

Othen has taught health for 34 years. She currently coaches both boys' and girls' The club presented their golf. She taught at Bancroft

Othen has been the club's

The Episcopal Diocese of bishops will be present: The two and a half years after land on Saturday, June 15, at Preacher. 11 a.m.

St. Paul's Episcopal to

join in this time of Celebra- federal holiday in 2021 and is months earlier, in April 1865. tion, Reflection, and Repen- celebrated annually on June

Convicted: Ran over officer

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third Juneteenth Feast Day, at Bishop, will be the Celebrant Emancipation Proclamation, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and The Rt. Rev. Austin Rios, Union troops arrived in Gal-

Everyone is welcome to dependence Day became a The Civil War had ended two

more than 250,000 people Juneteenth National In- then still enslaved in Texas.

"It's an important holiday," tance. A reception will follow. 19. The date commemorates says the Rev. Dr. Mauricio In a rare occurrence, two the day in 1865, when, almost Wilson, rector of St. Paul's.

officer who was run over "I am pleased to see justice suffered broken bones in the being served on behalf of our In doing so, Gordon left arm and left hand with heroic police officers," said Readers who have never knocked both officers to the extensive nerve damage. For- San Leandro Police Chief Students In Action was met Othen personally may not ground with the moving vehi- tunately, after 3 surgeries and Angela Averiett, "I would like cle and drove over one of them. 18 months of recovery and to thank the jury for their time Both officers were medi- physical therapy, the officer and efforts on bringing closure The foundation was found- Solomon and Justin Martin has announced Major League cally transported for injuries was able to return to full duty. to this horrific case by remov-Gordon was arrested the ing a dangerous individual off

Gordon now awaits a sen-





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