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EBMUD Board Approves Rate Hike

Rates will increase over the next 2 years for infrastructure improvements

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

The board of directors of the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) voted 6-to-1 Tuesday to raise water rates by over 18 percent.

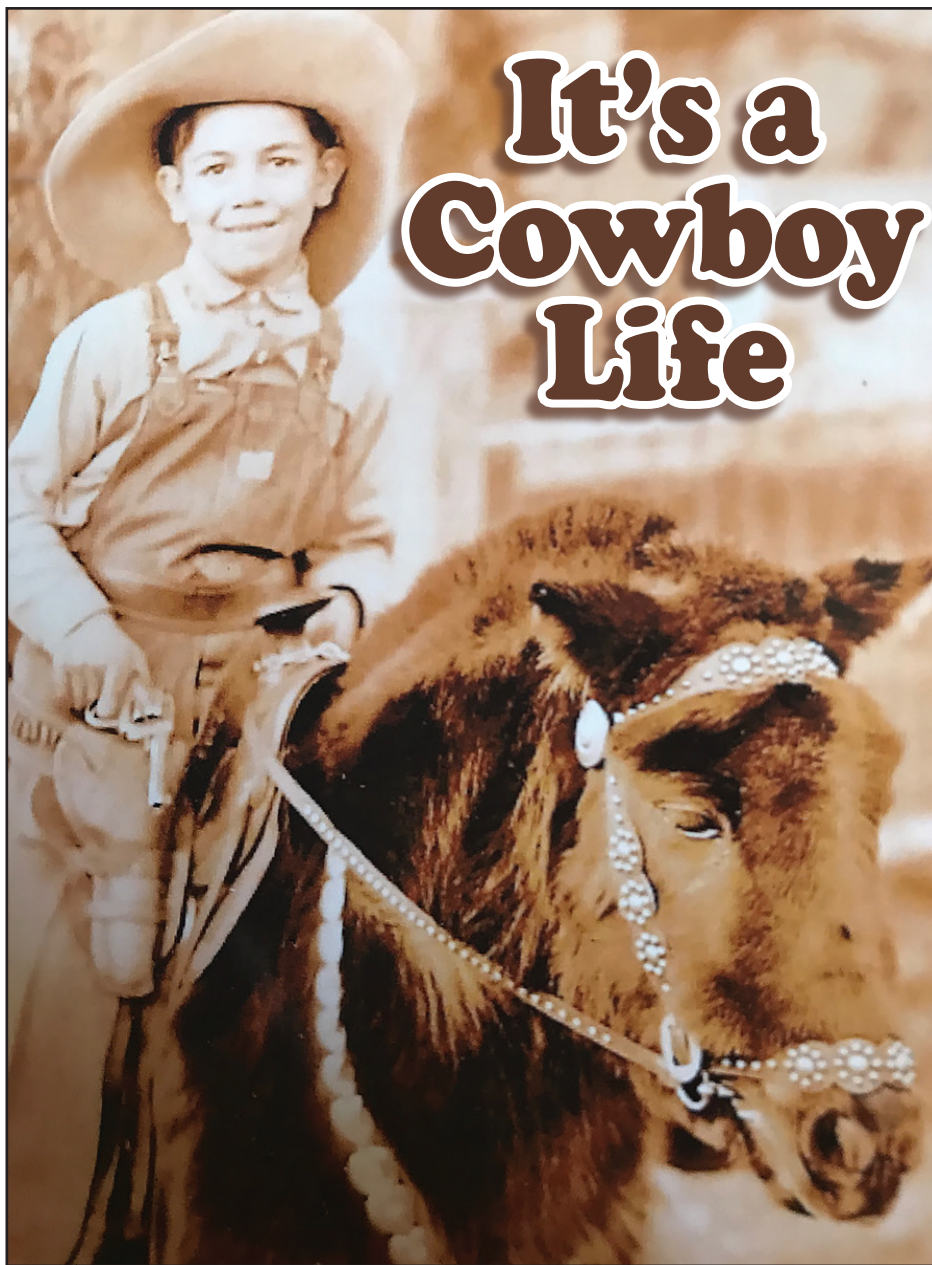
The rates will be increased by 9.25 percent as of July 12 and another 9 percent rate hike will occur in July of 2018.

"As a public not-for-profit agency, we work hard to make smart decisions with the dollars entrusted to us by our customers," said board president Lesa McIntosh in a written statement. "We don't take the decision to raise rates lightly, but these are challenging times and we have to make difficult decisions in order to support the public health of our East Bay customers."

The average household using 200 gallons of water per day will be billed about \$4.30 more per month for the rest of this year – bills will go from about \$47 to \$51 – and an additional \$4.60 this time next year.

That's on top of rate increases totaling over 35 percent since 2013.

EBMUD says the higher rates will fund the first two years of a five-year \$608 million project that will improve pipelines and other infrastructure.



Earl "Bud" Batteate began his horse-riding career at a very young age.

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

Earl "Bud" Batteate got the rodeo bug when he was just 7 years old and rode his first calf, which means he has just about 92 years of experience in being a cowboy.

Batteate turns 99 years old in August and he's still living the cowboy way of life at his home in

Cherryland. Pictures of his younger days line the walls – there's a good photo of him in his 30s with his wife Patricia sitting on his lap and a bottle of booze and a pistol in either hand. His family calls him a living legend.

Batteate was born in San Leandro and grew up in the East Bay. Asked if his neighborhood

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Developer Purchases Kraft Plant; Public Speaks at Town Hall

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

The old Kraft plant at 100 Halcyon Drive has been purchased by a developer and will be demolished this August to make way for three smaller industrial buildings.

The Trammell Crow Company purchased the site back in February and they plan three buildings for high-tech manufacturing, assembly and distribution.

When Kraft and Heinz merged in 2015, seven of their plants – including the 328,000-square-foot San Leandro location – were closed. At the San Leandro plant, 130 jobs were lost.

The news about the old Kraft building came at a town hall meeting Monday night at the Marina Community Center, where residents of Districts 3, 4, and 6 got a chance to talk to their council members as well as other city staff. It was a platform designed for people to ask questions and get their concerns heard by City Hall.

The issues that were brought up were both large and small. One woman living near Stenzel Park complained of balls batted into her backyard. Another speaker said he moved to San Leandro from Oakland to give his kids a safer place to grow up, but now he sees crime increasing in San Leandro and thinks the police are understaffed.

"That's an issue I see growing in this city," he said. "A lot of people are calling San Leandro 'South Oakland.'"

Mike Katz-Lacabe addressed city staff, asking when any of the three medical marijuana dispensaries that the council approved beginning back in 2015 would finally open for business.

Cynthia Battenberg, the city's community development director

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City Plans Special Concert At Marina

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

The city of San Leandro is planning a special concert in Marina Park this September and if it is a hit, there will be a series of performances next summer.

The City Council heard a plan for a test concert at its meeting last week after Councilwoman Deborah Cox said she got the idea for a public concert from a constituent. Similar free concerts are held weekly during the summer in San Francisco, Concord, Pleasanton, and several cities all over the Bay Area.

The pilot concert will be on a yet-to-be determined week night sometime in the month of September at an estimated cost of \$6,000.

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Alco Fire Prompts 'Shelter in Place' Order



PHOTO COURTESY OF RAUL ALVAREZ

A two-alarm fire broke out at Alco Iron & Metal Tuesday afternoon, creating heavy smoke that prompted a "shelter in place" order for residents west of I-880.

The fire broke out at around 4:30 p.m. at the metal recycling facility at the corner of Doolittle Drive and Davis Street, according to the Alameda County Fire Department.

The fire department sent out an advisory telling people to close

their windows and remain indoors due to the heavy smoke. That advisory was lifted just before 9 p.m.

The fire was under control by 8 p.m. and the Alameda County Sheriff's Office's drone was used to check on hot spots. Crews remained on the scene for an overnight watch and were released at about 11 a.m. on Wednesday.

No injuries were reported and the cause of the fire is under investigation.

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Self-Improvement by Design at the Library

The San Leandro Library is hosting a variety of activities this summer, including lifestyle "design" classes. All events are free and take place at the Main Library, 300 Estudillo Avenue.

Attend these programs in conjunction with the Adult Summer Reading Challenge, the free prize-filled summer program for all ages.

For more information, call the library's information desk at 577-3971 or visit www.sanleandrolibrary.org.

Family Zumba class at the San Leandro Main Library on Saturday, July 15, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Instructor Vanessa will teach you how to move your body to fun beats at this family friendly event.

Beginners are more than welcome. Light refreshments will be served and participants may enter for raffle winnings. No registration is required for this free library event but space is limited. Please wear comfortable shoes.

• Design a Green Lifestyle:

Attend the Eco Resource Faire.

Interested in doing your part to live a green, eco-friendly and sustainable life? Attend the free Eco Resource Faire at the San Leandro Main Library on Wednesday, July 19, from 1 to 4 p.m. The City of San Leandro Public Works Department will offer education on proper recycling practices while the Department of Engineering and Transportation will offer information about modes of green transportation, including their pedestrian and bike plans for the city.

Community partner Stop-Waste will offer information in reducing food waste. Rising Sun Energy Center will provide resources regarding free energy and water conservation services. Light refreshments will be served and participants may enter for raffle winnings. No registration is required.

• Design a Peaceful Lifestyle:

Attend Adult Sound Bath Meditations.

Restore inner peace today, July 13, from 7 to 8 p.m.; and on Friday, Aug. 18, from 4 to 5 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Square One Yoga and Inner Sounds Yoga instructor Missy Felsenstein uses quartz crystal singing bowls and specially tuned Paiste gongs in healing and meditative sound bath sessions. Light refreshments will be served and participants may enter for raffle winnings. No registration is required for this free library event but space is limited. Feel free to bring your own yoga mat.

• Design an Active Lifestyle:

Attend a Family Zumba Class.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF SL PLAYERS

Jessi Lee and Sage Hindley are among the stars of the San Leandro Players' production of *Arsenic and Old Lace*.

SL Players Present a Murder Farce

The San Leandro Players present *Arsenic and Old Lace*, one of America's funniest murder comedies – opening this weekend. A household of zany relatives and sidekicks bring insanity and mystery to the stage.

The play runs Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. July 15 through Aug. 13 and Fridays at 8 p.m. on Aug. 4 and Aug. 11. Shows are at the San Leandro Museum/Auditorium, 320 West Estudillo Avenue.

Tickets are \$20 general, \$15 seniors, TBA members, kids under 12, and students (with

ID). The San Leandro Museum is located two blocks east of the downtown San Leandro BART

Station. For more information or to buy tickets, call 895-2573 or visit www.slplayers.org.

Donate School Supplies

Help homeless children strive for a successful school year by donating to Building Futures' annual Back to School Drive through Aug. 14.

School supplies are needed for children of all ages, with an emphasis on backpacks. Collection bins are located at the Manor Branch Library (1241 Manor Blvd.), Zocalo Coffeehouse (645 Bancroft

Ave.), Floresta Dental (579 Floresta Blvd.), Church of Christ (601 MacArthur Blvd.), and Starbucks (1209 Marina Blvd., #1209).

School supplies can also be taken directly to Building Futures' office, 1395 Bancroft Ave., open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays. For more information, contact Kaeleigh Thorp at 357-0205 ext. 205 or kthorp@bfwc.org.

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IF YOU suffer from low back pain and/or sciatica, you are one of over 20 million adults in the US with this painful spinal condition... And it can really get you down.

Shooting, stabbing and burning pains from the low back, sometimes with additional pain and numbness and tingling through the buttock, leg all the way down to the tip of the toes are all some of the most common symptoms.

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superior, lasting relief. In fact, many who've suffered and have tried other remedies have told them they gave them back their lives!

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Flipping tires is just one of six grueling events that law enforcement officers will face at today's SWAT Challenge to benefit the George Mark Children's House.

Cheer on Cops at the SWAT Challenge

The public is invited to come to the San Leandro Marina today, July 13 at 9 a.m., to watch over 30 teams from across the region compete in the San Leandro Police Department's 10th Annual SWAT Fitness Challenge.

To register, each participating team was asked to raise \$500, which will be donated to the George Mark Children's House,

a pediatric palliative care center in San Leandro. This event has donated over \$150,000 to this worthy cause.

Teams will compete in six different events that test strength, endurance, and teamwork.

These events include tractor tire flips, swimming, over 10 miles of running, and a bulls-eye range course.

Each team will be scored individually for each event, and first, second, and third place finishes will be awarded to the teams with the best combined scores.

George Mark Children's House provides palliative care for children and young adults

with life-limiting illnesses. With an emphasis on quality of life and family-focused care, the organization bridges the gap between hospital and home.

"We would love nothing more than to see our community come out and support these officers who raised money for this worthy cause," said San Leandro police Lt. Randy Brandt, the founder and organizer of the challenge.

New Digs For Some Cherryland Firefighters

July 6 was moving day for some Alameda County firefighters.

After over 70 years of service, the American flag was lowered for the final time at Station 23 in Cherryland, located at the intersection of Grove Way and Meekland Avenue.

Their new station opened that same day at 19745 Meekland Avenue.

Teen Shot and Killed in Unincorporated Hayward

A teen was killed in unincorporated Hayward Saturday night and the suspect is still at large, according to the Alameda County Sheriff's office.

Officers responded to a report of a shooting on the 2100 block of Hill Avenue – which is about one mile south of Grove Way – at around 10:20 p.m. on July 8.

There, they found a 19-year-old man suffering multiple gunshot wounds. The victim was pronounced dead at the scene,

according to Sgt. Ray Kelly.

Kelly said that detectives and crime lab workers are currently processing evidence.

The Alameda County Coroner's Office identified the victim as Manuel Romero.

Further details including a motive for the shooting have not yet been released by authorities.

Anyone with information about the shooting is asked to call the sheriff's office at 667-7721. You may remain anonymous.



Manuel Romero

No Injuries in Pair of House Fires

A pair of unrelated house fires in the unincorporated area kept Alameda County firefighters busy this week.

On Monday, a fire broke out at a two-story townhouse in Cherryland on the 100 block of Sunset Boulevard at around noon.

After arriving at the scene, firefighters were told two children were trapped on the second floor and immediately made entry into the residence. The reports were unfounded and all of the occupants of the home were able to exit prior to the arrival of firefighters, according to the Alameda County Fire Department. The fire was contained to

the two-story unit of origin and did not extend to an adjacent townhouse. There were no reports of injuries residents, pets or firefighters.

A family of six (two adults and four children) is temporarily displaced as a result of fire and heavy smoke damage to the first floor of the residence and smoke damage on the second floor and they are staying with family members.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

On Tuesday, firefighters extinguished a 1-alarm fire at a two-story descending hillside home on the 16500 block of Han-

nah Drive in the unincorporated area near Foothill Boulevard.

The fire was initially reported by multiple callers passing by on I-580 and was put out within 15 minutes of firefighters arriving at the scene just after 5:30 a.m.

The blaze was contained to the backside of the residence, rear deck and area under the deck and firefighters prevented the fire from extending into the house. Although occupants of the home were evacuated during the fire, they were able to return to their residence afterwards.

There are no reports of injuries. The cause of the fire is unknown at this time.

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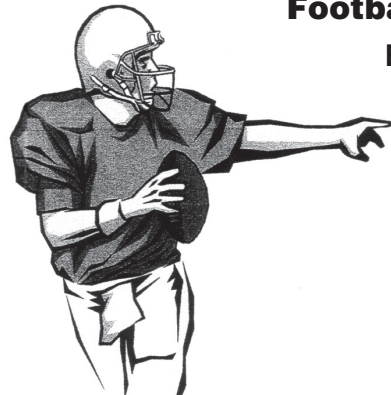
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NEIGHBORS

Quintells Celebrate 60 Years Together

John and Lucille Quintell of San Leandro celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last month. They were married on June 29, 1957.

The couple planned for a wedding in September or October, but they didn't want a long engagement. So John said he had "a bright idea."

John's boss was throwing a party at the Claremont Hotel after winning an award from Chrysler. John told Lucille to bring her overnight bag. After the party, they hopped in the car with another couple, drove up to Reno and got married.

"We drove back Sunday and we were back at work on Monday," John said. "We didn't have time for a honeymoon."

John grew up in Alameda and Lucille grew up in Hayward. Shortly after they got married they settled in San Leandro. John worked for most of his career at Peabody Mo-



John and Lucille Quintell of San Leandro celebrated 60 years together on June 29.

tors, a Chrysler-Plymouth dealership on East 14th Street near Broadmoor Boulevard.

The couple's daughter was born a year later, right on the

date of their first wedding anniversary. John and Lucille had two children, five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

❖ **Mamma Mia at Woodminster Amphitheater**
Woodminster Summer Musicals opens its 51st season on Friday, July 7, with the smash hit musical *Mamma Mia* at Woodminster Amphitheater in Joaquin Miller Park, on Joaquin Miller Road in the Oakland hills. Show times are at 8 p.m. Thursday through Sunday (July 13 to 16). *Mamma Mia* follows

the adventures of Sophie, a young woman who wants to discover the identity of her father before her own wedding. The lighthearted show is packed with upbeat and infectious ABBA songs that have people who aren't even ABBA fans tapping their feet. Tickets are available by calling the box office at 531-9597 or the website at www.woodminster.com.

or at the box office before any performance. Discounts are available for kids, groups, seniors and millennials.

❖ **San Leandro Players**
The San Leandro Players present *Arsenic and Old Lace*, July 15 through Aug. 13, at the San Leandro Museum/Auditorium, 320 West Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro. Performances are on Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sundays at 2 p.m.; and Fridays at 8 p.m. on Aug. 4 and Aug. 11. *Arsenic and Old Lace* by Joseph Kesselring, directed by Mark O'Neill is one of America's funniest murder comedies, as a household of zany relatives and sidekicks bring insanity and mystery to the stage. Tickets are \$20 general, and \$15 seniors, TBA members, under 12, and students. For more information and tickets, call 895-2573. Order tickets online at www.slplayers.org.

❖ **Morrisson Theatre**
The Morrisson Theatre Chorus, 22311 N. Third St. in Hayward, presents *Summer Concert: Flavors of Latin America* on Friday and Saturday, July 21 and 22, at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, July 23, at 2 p.m. The summer concert, directed by Cesar Cancino, will feature the lively, tropical, and romantic rhythms of Latin America. Tickets are \$18 for adults; \$15 for H.A.R.D. area residents, under 30, over 60; and \$12 for youth and students. The box office is open Tuesday through Friday, from 1 to 5 p.m. and can be reached at 881-6777. For more information and tickets, visit www.dmtonline.org.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

❖ **Free Meditation Sound Bath at SL Library**
A free meditation sound bath will be offered today, July 13, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Square One yoga instructor Missy will offer a free healing and relaxing meditation sound bath with sound bowls. Limited yoga mats will be available to borrow but feel free to bring your own mat. Light refreshments will be served.

❖ **Free Family Zumba Class at SL Library**
Start a healthier life with a free Family Zumba Class on Saturday, July 15, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Bring the family and enjoy a free Family Zumba Class. Instructor Vanessa will teach the Zumba basics and help you and your family move your bodies to fun, lively beats. Please wear comfortable shoes. Light refreshments served.

❖ **The Hot Rods Band at SL Main Library**
The Hot Rods Band will bring the energy and excitement of old-time rock 'n' roll to the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., on Saturday, July 15, from 2 to 3 p.m. Five talented musicians, performing on the saxophone, electric guitar, piano, bass, vocals and drums, will pay tribute to the Rockin' Fifties with the songs of Buddy Holly, Chuck Berry, Fats Domino, Ricky Nelson, and Jerry Lee Lewis – and to the Swinging Sixties, with the Beach Boys, the Beatles, the Rolling Stones and Motown. No charge for admission.

❖ **Wonderful Worms at Manor Library**
Discover the wonderful world of worms on Saturday, July 15, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd. in San Leandro. Squirm and dig in the garden, learn about worms and why they love dirt. We'll be making dirt pudding so dress for mess. Best for ages 3 and older. Register on or after July 1. For more information or to register, call 577-7971.

❖ **Group Bike Ride from SL to Alameda**
Join Bike Walk San Leandro for a leisurely-paced community bike ride from San Leandro BART to Alameda Harbor Bay Ferry Terminal via Oyster Bay Regional Shoreline on Sunday, July 16. Meet at SL BART at 9:30 a.m., roll out at 10 a.m. Round trip will be 17 miles with an option for a shorter 9 mile ride. For more information, see Facebook for details: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1602168416460502>.

❖ **Free Eco Resource Faire**
The City of San Leandro Public Works Recycling Program will present Recycling Education on Wednesday, July 19, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. The City of San Leandro Department of Engineering and Transportation will present Green Transportation Options, its Biking and Pedestrian plans. StopWaste will offer Green tips on food waste production. Rising Sun Energy Center will be offering free home energy and water conservation Services. Light refreshments served.

❖ **Chanticleers Theatre**
Elvis Has Left The Building runs to July 23 at the Chanticleers Theatre, 3683 Quail Ave. in Castro Valley. Jacob Russell-Snyder directs this comedy taking you back to December 20, 1970 and to the disappearance of Elvis Presley. No one, not even his wily manager, "The Colonel,"

knows of his whereabouts. Hi-jinks abound as the Colonel takes desperate measures to replace a man who is irreplaceable. This hilariously funny story will keep you guessing until the end. General admission is \$25; admission for seniors (60+), students and military is \$20. For more information or tickets, call SEE-LIVE 733-5483 or go to chanticleers.org.

❖ **Painting Workshop at Manor Library**
Paint a masterpiece using fruits and vegetables at the *Garden Buddies*: fruit and veggie art workshop on Saturday, July 29, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd. in San Leandro. Best for ages 3 and older. Register on or after July 15. Dress for mess or wear an apron from home. For more information or to register, call 577-7971.

❖ **San Leandro Art Association Exhibit**
Paintings by members of the San Leandro Art Association will be on display through July 31, at Zocalo Coffeehouse, 645 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro.

❖ **Hayward Area Historical Society**
The Hayward Area Historical Society (HAHS) presents *Unmentionable: The Indiscreet Stories of Artifacts* through October at the HAHS Museum of History and Culture at 22380 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward. This original exhibition explores all the unusual, icky, scandalous, disturbing, awful, discriminatory artifacts in the HAHS collection. The artifacts in this exhibition tell some not-so-great, but very important stories. The museum is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

❖ **Davis Street Backpack & Shoe Drive**
The Davis Street Resource Center, 3081 Teagarden Street in San Leandro needs your help collecting new shoes, backpacks and supplies for 300 plus low income and homeless children. New shoes needed include girls sizes 10 to 12, womens sizes 4 to 14, boys sizes 10 to 12 and mens sizes 5 to 13. Drop off all items at Davis Street Resource Center, open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call Kristal at 347-4620 ext. 163 or email kgonzalez@davisstreet.org.

❖ **34th Annual National Night Out**
The 34th Annual National Night Out will be on Tuesday, August 1, from 4:30 to 8 p.m. at St. John's Catholic Church, 264 East Lewelling Blvd. in San Lorenzo. Help strengthen a stronger relationship with the community and the Sheriff's Office. Get to know your crime prevention unit. For more information, call Deputy J. Delgado at 260-9916 or by email JDelgado@acgov.org.

❖ **Occasional Help Needed at Building Futures**
Building Futures, which helps Alameda County residents build a future free of homelessness and family violence, is seeking volunteers for administrative tasks on an occasional basis. Your help is needed during business hours Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Service opportunities are intermittent and scheduled as-needed. Administrative tasks include assistance with mailings – folding letters, stuffing envelopes, applying postage and address labels, sorting donations, miscellaneous clerical tasks, making phone calls, and data entry. To volunteer or for more information, email Lorie at lcurtis@bfwc.org or call 924-3092.

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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): You clever Ewes and Rams love nothing more than to rise to a challenge. So, by all means, if you feel sure about your facts, step right up and defend your side of the issue.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): You've done some great work recently. Now it's time to reward yourself with something wonderful, perhaps a day at a spa or a night out with someone very special.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): You love to talk, but don't forget to make time to do a little more listening, otherwise you could miss out on an important message someone might be trying to send you.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Your aspect indicates some uncertainty about one of your goals. Use this period of shifting attitudes to reassess what you really want and what you're ready to do to get it.

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SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): You're a good friend to others. Now is the time to allow them to be good friends to you. Rely on their trusted advice to help you get through an uncertain period.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Family and friends are always important, but especially so at this time. Despite your hectic workplace schedule, make a real effort to include them in your life.

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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.

Our Readers Remember

Cava Gets Tryout with San Francisco Seals

By Earl Cava
Special to the Times

I played semi-pro baseball for Idora Realty. The uniforms we wore at one time were the original uniforms of the Oakland Oaks of the Pacific Coast League.

After school, I would go down to Oaks Park and work out with the team. So, I thought one day, I might get a tryout with the Oaks.

To my surprise, my coach, Ed Tickalot, told me that he got me a tryout with the San Francisco Seals. I was told to check in at Seals Stadium at 16th and Bryant streets on Saturday, Feb. 17, 1951.

I played second base and weighed 110 pounds. Ed said, "Put down 140 pounds."

It was a windy day. The first batter up hit a high fly ball and fortunately I caught it.

A sportswriter from the *San Francisco Chronicle*, Bob Stevens, happened to be there and gave me a write-up. For some reason, he put down my middle name (Jimmy) instead of my first name.

He wrote: "Manager (Lefty) O'Doul had his eyes open from the start when a little 140-pound second baseman from Oakland named Jimmy Cava went deep

into right field, turned at precisely the right moment, and gracefully hauled in a twisting fly.

"Didn't see any better catch in the Coast League last year than that one," observed the keeper of the Seals."

I went to the last cut and Joe Sprinz told me I didn't weigh 140 pounds. He was right. He told me, "Put some weight on and come back next season and we'll talk contract."

Unfortunately, the Korean War was on and Uncle Sam wanted me instead. So much for my baseball career.



PHOTO COURTESY OF EARL CAVA

Earl Cava played for Idora Realty and wore the original uniforms from the Oakland Oaks.

Quintell Lit Up Local Drag Strips

By John Quintell
Special to the Times

In the 1950s, there were round drive-ins with parking slots all around.

You stayed in your car and the waitress (called car-hops) came up and handed you the menu. When you were ready to order, you turned on your headlights and she came back to take your order.

The car hop came back later with your food on a tray that attached to your driver's side window. When you were done, you turned on your headlights again and she returned with the check.

Some of the drive-ins I remember were Gordon's on 150th Avenue and East 14th Street in San Leandro where a dental office is today. There was Andy's and Mel's in Oakland, and there were others that I can't remember now.

At that time, there were many car clubs around the Bay Area and members went to the

drive-ins after meetings and dances. Some of the clubs I remember were The Shamrocks, The Riffs and The Rod Benders of Alameda. And, there was Satans Angels, Sons of Satan, The Cam Shafers, The Pacers and The Knights, all of Hayward.

There were others like The Custom Kings, The King Pins, The Chevies, The Tire Burners and, of course, The Swanx of Oakland, San Francisco, San Rafael and Vallejo.

I was a member of the Oakland Swanx and, at that time, I had a custom 1935 white Ford Roadster. It had black leather interior, a rumble seat. What's that? the youngsters ask. Well, instead of a trunk it was an area that opened behind the front seat where you could sit two people.

I took the Ford to several car shows in 1956 — the National Roadster Show in Oakland, the first car show in San Mateo, and the Monterey Car Show. When I

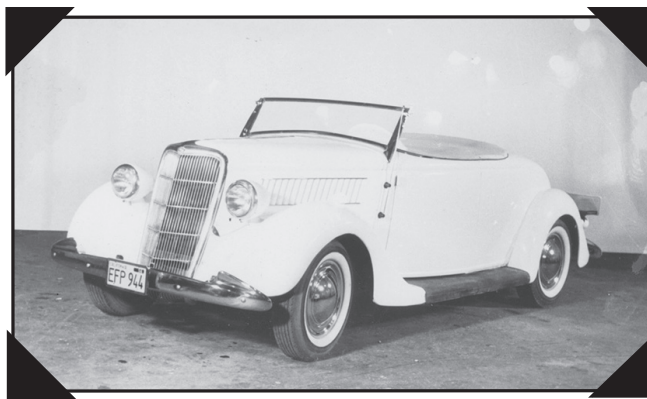


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John Quintell was a member of the Oakland Swanx car club and frequently raced this 1935 Ford Roadster at many of the local drag strips back in the day.

was not showing my car, I was Winters Raceway, and my first racing it on local drag strips like race was at a strip in San Jose. Kingdom Raceways in Lodi, at Ah, yes, I remember when.

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Lifelong SL Resident Recalls a Simpler Time

By Stephanie Choury
Special to the Times

It's 1959 and I'm 5 years old. It's our second Christmas in our new San Leandro home.

Evident are icons of the time: our big, boxy black-and-white TV, and my Little Lulu doll.

My childhood days were spent roller skating, biking, riding on my scooter or my friend's Flexy Flier. We played hoola-hoop, teeter-totter and jacks.

We ate Missile Pops while on the swings and sat on the front porch chatting until the sun

went down. No technological gadgets were around. We made up our own games.

I still live in the same house I was raised in. The manger scene, which dates back to my mother's childhood, is the same one I use today.

Jeong Family Photo

The Jeong family of San Leandro took a photo back in 1980, and another photo more recently.

Herman Jeong, in the center of the 1980 photo, sent these photos to show how his family has grown.

Herman, who served in the Korean War, retired from Safeway in 1992, and Jean is retired from working as a cashier at a bakery in Chinatown in Oakland.

"Two of my sons are engineers," Herman said.



1980 photo: Herman in middle, wife Jean to right, clockwise top left Alvin, Lisa, wife Jean, Kenny, Steve.

Today, Kenny is a civil engineer and Alvin is a mechanical engineer. Steve is a graphic designer for Foster Farms, and Lisa is an occupational therapist.



Recent photo: Lisa, Alvin, wife Jean, Herman, Steve, and Kenny.



PHOTO COURTESY OF STEPHANIE CHOURY

Stephanie Choury, pictured here at age 5 in 1959, still lives in the same house she was raised in and continues to use the same manger scene at Christmas.

Pirates Fan Shares Memorabilia

Jeff Sturm grew up in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania as a Pirates fan and he saved some great souvenirs, including a Pirates program from the 1971 World Series, and a "Long Ball Fan" that the fans waved to create wind to help send a fly ball over the fence.

The cover of the program shows many favorite expressions of Pirates longtime announcer Bob Prince, including

"How Sweet It Is" after a victory, "By a Gnat's Eyelash" on a close play, "California Here We Come" before a West Coast road trip, and "We Had 'em All the Way" after the Pirates eked out a win in the ninth.

The fan is emblazoned with the logo of the sponsor, Iron City Beer, and the handle is "The Green Weenie," which, according to the instructions on the fan, when aimed at opposing pitch-



ers and batters, produces "poor visibility, lousy timing, horrible judgement and severe jitters."

"The fans were handed out at a game when the Pirates played the Dodgers," Sturm recalls. "When a Pirate came to bat, we all were to fan like crazy to propel the ball. That created a wave-like effect in the stands so distracting that Don Drysdale had the umpires stop the game until we quit fanning."



Fans were handed out to affect opposing players.

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Dambley Family Forms Lasting Friendships

One sunny morning in about 1935, my grandmother Remedios Castro was getting her children ready for school. Her older daughter Mary decided that it was a nice day to take a picture of some of the neighborhood kids who passed their house at 2201 Cherry Street on their way to school.

They were a close group of Spanish, Portuguese and Italian friends growing up in a neighborhood where all their parents knew each other, and were there for each other if someone needed a helping hand.

The Tedeschi family was especially helpful. They owned a small grocery store in the middle of the neighborhood. During the Great Depression when some of our parents were out of a job, the Tedeschi's let them charge all their groceries, until they found

work again and were able to pay off their bill.

Assembled on grandma's porch were (front row, left to right) George Castro, Albert Andrade, Vincent Barber, and Michael Luciano. The two youngest children behind them are my brother Tony Castro (not in school yet) and me, Margaret Castro (Dambley). Next row are Tony Alga, Bill Castro, and Raymond Luciano. In the top row are Mary Luciano, Margaret Castro (Trujillo), John Cruz, and Annie Tedeschi.

The younger students attended McKinley Grammar School, and the older ones attended San Leandro High School. They didn't all graduate from the same high school, because after they reached a certain age, they quit school to get a job and help support their families, as many

students did during the Depression.

As young adults, George Castro became a barber and later worked for the San Leandro school district. Michael Luciano became a real estate agent, and I (Margaret Dambley) worked as a secretary. Bill Castro owned a gas station on the corner of First Avenue (now Marina Boulevard) and Washington Avenue.

Raymond Luciano became a barber, John Cruz owned a paint store, and Annie Tedeschi became a teacher. In 1945, she was one of my teachers at San Leandro High.

This was a great neighborhood to grow up in and now, even though there are just a few of us left, whenever we see each other it's as if the years fade away and the bond of friendship is still there.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE DAMBLEY FAMILY

Local children gather on the Dambley family porch before heading off to school.

'Cheers' to My First Home

By Jeannie Powers
Special to the Times

My first home — a condo in San Leandro!

Here I am (on the left) with my sister Katie, toasting my new place (in August 2016). After this we walked over to the farmer's market. I'm lucky enough to have her in the neighborhood, so this is something we do quite often together.

Note the outline of what will be the dining room table, done stylishly with toilet paper.



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Jeannie Powers, left, toasts her new condo with her sister.

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Jones, Jr. Recupers from Head Injury, Joins Family Real Estate Business

By Maggie Sharpe
San Leandro Times • July 24, 2003

Bob Jones has been in the real estate business in San Leandro since 1964. Now his son, Matt, has joined the family business on Joaquin Avenue.

Bob didn't imagine that he would one day be working alongside his son. In May, 1991, Matt sustained a serious head injury in a car accident. He came within an inch of his life, spending 35 days in a coma, breathing through a tube in his throat, before slowly starting to recuperate. It took months of rehabilitation for Matt to make a comeback.

"I knew words but I had to learn how to talk again," said Matt. "I didn't know how to put sentences together."

He says he's lucky because a lot of head injury victims lose large chunks of memory, but his

memory is intact.

He still has double vision which glasses are able to correct and he never regained the full use of his right arm. But that wasn't for lack of trying.

"When Matt was in rehabilitation, he swam 50 laps every day in an Olympic-size pool, using just one arm and one leg," said his dad. "I think that really helped him to recover."

Matt, who is now 30, is the youngest of the family. He and his brother, Rob, 34, and sister, Kristin, 33, all went through Roosevelt, Bancroft and San Leandro High schools.

Rob graduated from Cal State Hayward and now lives in Sacramento; Kristin is a graduate of Chico State and lives in Beaverton, Oregon. Their mother, Sharon, died of lung cancer in 1981 when she was just 36.

Slowly recovering from the

car accident, Matt maintained a positive attitude.

"I got a second chance at life," he said. "I just take it one day at a time."

He went back to school at Los Positas College, earning an A.A. degree and getting his Realtor's license.

"He didn't pass the real estate

test the first time," said his dad, "but he didn't give up. He studied some more, took the test a second time and this time he passed."

Bob describes Matt as "inspirational."

"When Matt goes to the Bay-O-Vista club to work out every morning, the whole place just lights up."

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Sharon, Bob, Matt, Rob and Kristin Jones in a family photo taken in 1980.

Batteate: A living legend

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has changed much over the years, Bud is no-nonsense.

"I suppose it has, but I never paid much attention to that sort of thing," he said.

The Batteate family made their living in the cattle business and had two cattle ranches. After settling down with his wife at the age of 18, Batteate went to work hauling cattle, with time for bull riding, bareback riding and bronc riding on the weekends.

And, Batteate still gets on a horse when he gets a chance. In May, he was a celebrity rider at the Rowell Ranch Rodeo cattle sorting competition. Two years ago, he took second place in the event, and this year his son, Mike, was on the team that took first place.

Business and rodeo events took him all over the west – Oregon, Idaho, Washington, Montana and Canada. A lot of the family is still in the "cowboy" line of work. His



PHOTO BY AMY SYLVESTRI

Earl "Bud" Batteate has a collection of photos and other memorabilia in his Cherryland home from more than 90 years of the cowboy life.

son, Nick, is a cattle rancher in San Ramon and a slew of other Batteates are in the business in Livermore, Turlock and beyond. More than one Batteate is on the Rowell Ranch Rodeo advisory board.

The Batteate family will also be helping with a special event later this month at Rowell Ranch Park – the National Day of the

Cowboy will be celebrated on the weekend of July 22 and 23.

The Rowell Ranch Rodeo Park will be open for the free event and the public is invited to come watch local cowboys shoe horses, build saddles, rope cattle and more. Visit www.rowellranchrodeo.com for more information.



PHOTO COURTESY OF BATTEATE FAMILY

Earl "Bud" Batteate rode a bucking bronc back in 1941 and he's still riding today.

Meeting: Dispensaries begin to take shape

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said that the first dispensary, Harborside, is expected to start construction on their facility on the corner of Marina Boulevard and Verna Court soon.

The Davis Street Wellness Center was scheduled to present their plans for a dispensary site at a Board of Zoning Adjustments meeting last week, but asked to postpone the meeting until September.

A planing application from

the third dispensary, Blum, was submitted to the city but it was incomplete, Battenberg said.

About 20 people shared their questions and concerns and most didn't get answers because of time constraints, but city staff say they are always listening.

If you couldn't make the town hall meeting, but would like to give the City Council a piece of your mind, you can always call them at 577-3357 or call the mayor at 577-3355.



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Councilmembers Benny Lee, Lee Thomas and Pete Ballew attended Monday night's meeting at the Marina Community Center.

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• Teens are welcome to lounge and relax at the cushy Teen Corner, attend film viewings, participate in DIY events, check out Maker Boxes, and take exclusive looks at advanced reader copies of up and coming titles.

• Adults can attend adult book groups in English or Spanish, live author talks and performances, free film viewings, as well as Zumba, Sound Bath Meditations, Writers' Group meetings, and knitting group meetings.

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Presale Inspections Provide Preemptive Info

By Carl Medford, CRS
Special to the Times

It's standard procedure for buyers to order inspections once they get an accepted offer. While I understand a buyer's responsibility to thoroughly investigate their prospective purchase and pay for applicable inspections, this practice, in my opinion, is backwards and sets the stage for transaction failures.

I'm a firm believer in effective information management.

When prepping homes for sale, I encourage sellers to order inspections as early as possible. The more they know about their home, the better they can prepare and deal with potential issues.

Since surprises in escrow frequently derail transactions, a small upfront investment in inspection reports can save a seller thousands and even increase the price they get for their home.

A couple recently ordered

property, roof and termite inspections to help them assess the condition of their home prior to sale. They lived in a normal tract home built in the 1970s. We did not anticipate any issues as their home appeared to be in excellent condition.

We were startled when the property inspection report revealed numerous foundation cracks.

Concerned, we ordered a foundation inspection and discovered that the home's perimeter foundation had 105 feet of horizontal cracks. Cost to repair? \$40,000.

We ordered a second opinion from another foundation company and they concurred — it was the worst case of horizontal cracking they had ever seen, most likely resulting from a bad batch of concrete when the home was built.

The sellers began panicking. They'd purchased a home out-of-state and needed the proceeds from their existing house as quickly as possible.

We quickly discovered that, due to the recent massive rains, foundation issues had become a

significant issue Bay Area-wide and foundation repair companies were booked for months. We managed to find a company with a small scheduling window and had the work done immediately.

The home hit the market, sold in a week with multiple offers \$150,000 over asking and the sellers headed off to their new home.

Imagine if this had been detected while the home was in escrow. It could have resulted in a failed transaction or seriously delayed the close of escrow. Either option would have resulted in the consequent failure of the out-of-state purchase.

Our opinion? The more you know up front the better. For this reason, many sellers are now ordering pre-sale inspections. While it requires an up-front investment, it's a wise practice that I believe should become standard operating procedure.

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

Mortgage Rates Make a Big Jump Up

Long-term fixed-rate mortgage made their biggest jump last week since March 2017, according to Freddie Mac's weekly nationwide survey.

The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 3.96 percent, up from 3.88 percent a week earlier. A year ago at this time, it averaged 3.41 percent. Fifteen-year fixed-rate loans averaged 3.22 percent, up from the previous week when it averaged 3.17 percent.

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Water Damaged Carpet Needs Quick Attention

By Samantha Mazzotta
Special to the Times

My apartment's window air-conditioning unit dripped water from the front left corner for several days before I realized it, and the carpet underneath is soaking wet. How can I dry it quickly?

First off, since you live in an apartment, contact the landlord or management office right away. They should be informed of any damage that has occurred, as soon as it happens.



If an air conditioning unit is tilted too far forward, the condensation may drip inside rather than outside.

If the leaky air-conditioning unit belongs to the landlord or management company, then responsibility for the cost of the repair may belong to them. Many communities will send out a maintenance person or repair contractor to fix or replace both the leaky A/C unit and the damaged section of carpet.

If the A/C unit belongs to you, then you may be responsible for some or all of the repair cost. Some communities will make the repair anyway, so that the apartment meets their standards, and you'll have to negotiate with them about the cost or forfeit some of your security deposit.

You also can offer to do the repair yourself or hire a repair contractor yourself, at your cost. The landlord or management will want to check on the final result.

So, what needs to be repaired? You'll need to stop the A/C unit from leaking immediately. Shut

it off, take it out of the window if possible (have a helper assist you with the lift) and set in a plastic tub to let the condensed water drain out.

Remove and clean the air filter and look for an external drain hose, if the unit has one, that might have come loose. Check the window for any swelling or damage to the wood, which can occur if a leak continues for some time.

If the unit cools well, the problem may simply be that it is tilted too far forward, so that condensation runs inside along the bottom of the unit rather than dripping outside. Try placing the unit back into the window so that it has a slight tilt — about 5 degrees — up and out. Put a catch bucket underneath the leak area and turn the unit on for an hour or so, checking to see if condensation still comes inside. If this doesn't fix it, you may need

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Kill Grass Without Any Chemicals; The Ominous Oleander?

By Buzz Bertolero
The Dirt Gardener

I'm trying to kill off my lawn and replace it with drought-tolerant plants. Is there any weed killer available that won't harm my pets?

There are a number of organic herbicides available today that kill the existing grass along with being safe to use around pets and kids.

Bonide Burnout and Dr. Earth Final Stop are two.

Burnout uses acetic acid, commonly known as vinegar, clove oil and a lemon extract, while Final Stop uses citric acid, clove oil and a number of other essential oils. They do an excellent job in killing the grass and have a pleasant smell when applied.

They're both non-selective herbicides so don't spray them on any desirable plants. They bind themselves to the leaf surface of weeds and grasses and rapidly begin destroying the cell structure through a "burn down" process. There are no residue issues as they are 100 percent biodegradable. Once in the soil, they become inert so the roots of desirable and non-desirable plants are not affected.

Shallow-rooted cool-season grasses such as Fescue, Blue and Rye grass are easily killed but they aren't recommended for killing Bermuda Grass, St. Augustine Grass, Zoysia grass and other deep-rooted perennial grasses. With these varieties, you'll need to use a harsher herbicide.

Burnout and Final Stop are water soluble so don't turn on the sprinklers shortly after an application. It is best to wait until the foliage has dried.

You also might consider sheet mulching as an option.

Sheet mulching would kill the existing grass without using any chemicals but you'll need a good supply of cardboard or newspaper.

First, mow the grass as short as possible and then cover it with a thick layer of cardboard or newspaper which is then covered with a three-inch layer of mulch.

Next, cut holes in the layer, plant and install drip irrigation by converting the existing sprinklers to drip. The grass dies because of the lack of sunlight so photosynthesis can't take place. You'll find more information at <https://www.marinwater.org/158/Sheet-Mulching-Guide> or Google sheet mulching.



Oleander plants are only a health problem if ingested orally or inhaled from drifting smoke.

Note: If there are large mature shade trees around the area, they'll now need to be watered as the lawn watering did it before. This point is usually overlooked in the conversion, causing them to suffer from water stress. They can be watered using a soaker hose, drip stakes or deep-root irrigator. They can't go all summer without water.

How close can fruit trees and other edibles be planted near oleanders?

You can plant edibles next to oleander plants without any toxicity concerns. Oleander plants are only a health problem when they are ingested orally or inhaled from

drifting smoke. The toxins are never transmitted from casual contact or systematically from one plant to another.

I can't tell you the thousands of plants I've unloaded from growers or loaded into gardeners' cars without any ill effects in my earlier days. Nor the times which I've brush against a stem or branch, breaking the skin on my arms. So, I wouldn't be concerned.

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HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$655,000

MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$425,000

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Carpet: Dry it out

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to repair or replace the unit.

Next, the carpet. Blot the area with towels as soon as possible to remove excess water. You need to dry the area all the way down to the underlayment and flooring.

Clear that half of the room completely, or the whole room if possible. Pull back the carpet and padding. Note where the water stains have reached. If the flooring underneath is wet, you need to dry that immediately.

Make sure to check the carpet frequently after the repair for any smell of mildew or mold.

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Local Resident Presents Sunset's 'Smart Cottage'

By Linda Sandmark
Special to the Times

When *Sunset Magazine* hosted its annual Celebration Weekend open house in Sonoma May 20-21, San Leandro resident Chantal Lamers was on hand to help introduce visitors to a "Smart Cottage" filled with technology to enhance daily living.

As *Sunset Magazine's* Home Editor, Lamers is well versed in modern and stylish additions to the home. The Cottage was always something special, a charming little bungalow on the grounds of Sunset's Cornerstone property. It was built in the early 1900s and usually serves as a bridal dressing area for an adjacent wedding venue. Lamers and the *Sunset* staff transformed it for the Celebration weekend.

"The Smart Cottage will be featured in *Sunset's* September issue," says Lamers. "This is a preview. We even landscaped the front in a *Sunset*-variety of plants."

The plants outside are part of the "Sunset Western Garden Collection." Inside the Cottage were dozens of unusual features, such as Wi-Fi-connected appli-

ances and a dishwasher that can be started remotely using a smart phone. The refrigerator was particularly impressive, featuring streaming TV and radio stations on its front panels, and a camera that provides a look at the contents inside without opening the door.

The Cottage also introduced voice-activated TV, programmable lighting, a bedside device that monitors sleep cycles, and exterior doors that can be locked and unlocked from a phone. In a newly designed baby's room, a bassinet may be rocked remotely and the changing table records the baby's weight and number of diaper changes. Of course, all the faucets are touch-activated.

Tour guides at the *Sunset* Celebration Weekend invited readers to check out the September issue for "before and after" pictures of the Smart Cottage.

"Our plan is to use it as an ongoing smart home lab, where we will try out new products and occasionally hold events," adds Lamers.

Sunset Magazine is dedicated to the homes and lifestyles of the West, including travel, garden



PHOTO BY LINDA SANDMARK

Sunset Magazine Home Editor Chantal Lamers greets visitors on the porch of a "Smart Cottage" during *Sunset's* recent Celebration Weekend. Lamers has lived in San Leandro for two years.

and recipe features. Lamers' focus at *Sunset* includes home design, décor and DIY projects. She has also written for the *San Francisco Chronicle's* Home and Garden/Datebook sections.

Cornerstone in Sonoma is a *Sunset* property, featuring gar-

dens, outdoor test kitchens, shopping, wine tasting, dining, events and a wedding venue. It is located at 23570 Arnold Dr. in Sonoma

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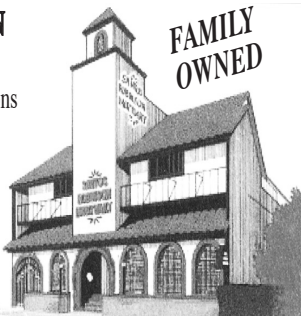
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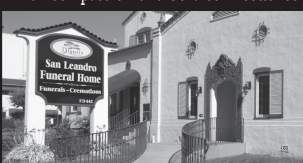
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Geraldine is survived by 4 sons, 1 stepdaughter, 2 stepsons, 3 grandsons and one great-grandchild.

Geraldine had a full and happy life. She will be deeply missed.

Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, July 29, at 11 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1600 Bancroft Ave., in San Leandro.

DA COSTA, Augusto J.

■ Augusto J. Da Costa passed away July 3, 2017 at the age of 77. The Rosary and Funeral Liturgy was held on July 10 at St. Leander Church. Burial took place on July 11 at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward. Arrangements made by Santos-Robinson Mortuary in San Leandro (510-483-0123, santos-robinson.com).

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Jim Williams graduated from San Leandro High School in 1947, he played football for the school team. He married Joyce McMillin (SLHS class of 1948) and they raised their three children, Donna (SLHS 1973), Jim (SLHS 1975) and Michael (SLHS 1980) in beautiful San Leandro.

Jim was a hard-working man and passionate about what he believed in. He worked for Industrial Steam for over 50 years. In 1970, he joined the Berkeley Wheelman, serving as Vice President, and began a life-long adventure of bicycling and making countless friends. His biking accomplishments include riding the Davis Double Century 22 times in a row (1974-1995), riding UP Haleakala, Maui (10,023 feet) and a multitude of other bike rides.

He loved to travel throughout the world, sometimes incorporating his love for biking into his travels. His journeys took him many times to France to ride along the Tour de France race route and standing at the finishing line. Joyce, his loving wife of 65 years, traveled along with him, driving the sag wagon when needed and cheered him on.

In 1995, they "retired" to Santa Rosa where Jim immediately joined the Santa Rosa Cycling Club, enjoying the country biking, volunteering for the Tour of California and making even more friends along the way.

He will be truly missed by his family and the many friends he made throughout his lifetime.



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Says Cassidy Has Solution for 'Ongoing Corruptness' in the City

Editor:

While I have just as many strong opinions as the next San Leandro resident, I have given up trying to argue with people who lack common sense and basic intelligence. Therefore, it was a breath of fresh air to see a letter from former Mayor Stephen Cassidy giving a common sense solution to what is the ongoing corruptness of politicians and staff in this city ("City Should Have a Better System For Handling Property Disputes," Letters, July 6).

When it starts with the current mayor, why wouldn't it be trickled down to the council members to think that they are above common courtesy to their neighbors when it comes to a property dispute?

While I was chair of the Board of Zoning Adjustments, I was part of the "City Family." Make no mistake, citizens who serve on boards, commissions, and the council are made to feel that they are much more special than the average citizen – part of some elite group.

If that is true, that should mean that they should be held to a higher standard as Mayor Cassidy notes, not that they are able to get freebies, jobs for a family member, or easy outs for their disputes with a neighbor.

While Council member Lee may do some good things for the people of San Leandro, that does not absolve him of wrongdoing in this case, just like Mayor Cutter doesn't get a pass with her daughter's job. When I read about how this situation went down, I was truly disappointed, but not surprised, as once again city administrators are taking advantage of citizens through their positions. It all comes down to perception.

It was clear from the last election, that there is so much apathy in this city that someone completely unqualified can run unopposed for City Council and skate right into the position. Based on my personal experiences with trying to get things done, I am pretty disgusted with politics here.

The city administration continues to ignore the citizens in areas like Davis West and allow the proliferation of illegal garage units. When confronted with the issue, both the police chief and city manager admitted that the problem is too complicated to deal with.

Just what do you all think your jobs are and when are you actually going to do something effective besides beg for more money for schools and roads? As far as Ms. Souza's letter, I would expect nothing better from her. Get some common sense and intelligence or get a new job.

—Janet Palma
San Leandro

Supports Sheriff Ahern's Stance On Immigration Enforcement

Editor:

Concerning the front page article on the San Leandro Times ("Full House on Immigration Gives Sheriff

an Earful," July 6), I fully support Sheriff Ahern and give a high five to his staff for doing their job to keep us safe and sound.

How could anyone who possesses any kind of basic common sense have an issue with his department notifying ICE that people who are already here illegally (strike 1) and are now been charged with a serious crime or crimes (strike 2) are going to be released back into the general public?

We all ready have enough felons roaming our streets due to our lax laws and we don't need any more of these less than desirable people living in the U.S.A.

—Brent Heath
San Leandro

On 'San Leandro's Burgeoning Medical Cannabis Industry'

Editor:

I am writing in response to the recent coverage of San Leandro's burgeoning medical cannabis industry.

At a recent meeting, the San Leandro City Council voted unanimously to approve a pilot program to permit up to 5 cannabis manufacturing and testing laboratories, emphasizing that this is in line with San Leandro's City's goal of embracing innovation and seeking new fiscal opportunities for the city.

This is in addition to the three approved medical cannabis dispensaries, one of which is held by the Davis Street Wellness Center, a supporter of the Davis Street Resource Center that I direct.

We are proud to have the support of the Wellness Center who will provide a high quality medicinal cannabis clinic adjacent to our facility on Teagarden Street (which is within the city's Green Zone).

Like the city of San Leandro, we are embracing the emerging medical cannabis industry as it aligns with Davis Streets' values: we seek to provide excellent, judgment-free services and resources to those in need. Having a medical cannabis clinic adjacent to Davis Street medical clinic will provide greater access to our card-carrying clients with mobility and transportation issues.

Davis Street and the Davis Street Wellness Center both incorporate social justice as a core value in our operations, and the Wellness Center will provide safe, professional and accessible medication to those who need it. This facility will operate in a professional, clinical setting to serve patients, many who are elderly and/or gravely ill that rely on cannabis to improve their quality of life.

The Wellness Center is the only San Leandro dispensary that will offer sliding scale fees for low-income cannabis patients, which is significant, as cannabis is not covered by most medical insurance plans.

The Wellness Center's comprehensive Community Benefits plan will generate tens of thousands of dollars for community programs for Davis Street and other worthy local causes,

and generate significant tax revenues for the city of San Leandro.

San Leandro voters and elected leaders have consistently supported measures to legitimize medical cannabis in San Leandro; Measure NN, the 2016 Marijuana Business Tax Measure, passed with more than 75% voter approval last November and City Council has amended the city Planning and Zoning regulations to accommodate this innovative industry within city borders.

Inspired by this high level of civic support, Davis Street Wellness Center is eager to work alongside city leaders and stakeholders to ensure its medicinal cannabis services will be an asset to the city and communities we serve.

—Rose Johnson, CEO
Davis Street Family Resource Center

'Criticism of Davis Street is as Hurtful as it is Inaccurate'

Editor:

A previous letter stating "concern" for Davis Street's families would be better informed learning a little something about our 25-year history in San Leandro. Our staff provides 15,000 families with medical and dental health and social services.

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The stated criticism of Davis Street is as hurtful as it is inaccurate. We appreciate the opportunity to correct those perceptions.

—Kathe Frates
San Leandro

Lack of Regulations on Housing Called 'a State of Emergency'

Editor:

It is unfortunate that City Council members did not pass the proposed Tenant Relocation Assistance Program into an ordinance.

We are in a state of emergency in our city. The market rate plan and lack of regulations allowed landlords to increase the rents causing homelessness and evictions. Everyday, there are many long-time renters who voluntarily or involuntarily leave their homes to seek other places to live. All because of economic hardships. Most often these are the vulnerable, seniors, disabled and hardworking people who can't own their own property. Being poor is not a crime. What is a crime is to allow for these displacements to happen to our fellow human beings.

The Rules Committee will once again either delete some items or add more adjustments on the already favorable proposal. It can even make it worse if the hardhearted dominates the ongoing process. The proposed draft was not entirely perfect for both landlords and tenants but a meaningful solution to dealing with a crisis.

The direction and goal of an ordinance is to be cognizant of problems and solving it. The proposed ordinance can address unjust behaviors on both sides, give relief to the needy, exercise and preserve the most basic human rights. Housing rights for tenants.

—Maria Luisa Penaranda
San Leandro

Impressed by Compassion and Caring of One San Leandro Family

Editor:

Last week my wheelchair-bound husband and I were outside a dental office waiting for his wheelchair ride service. His appointment was shorter than planned so the wait was longer than we expected.

My husband wanted to wait in the sun, so we did. I guess we looked stranded as we waited.

Two lovely children came across the parking lot from a nearby apartment. They said their mother had seen us waiting there and wondered if we needed a ride somewhere. I explained

the situation to them and thanked them.

I was so impressed to think of how very compassionate and caring this family must be. It stands out only because the tone of the nation seems to be lacking a great deal of compassion and caring.

If we, as a nation, take it upon ourselves to strive to be more compassionate, caring and understanding, the country will be a much nicer place to live.

Thanks to all the parents or caregivers who are indeed striving to make this country...great again!

—M. Marshall
San Leandro

INQUIRING REPORTER

Are you an early bird or a night owl?

— Asked at the San Leandro BART Station

A night owl. It's easier to stay alert at night than in the morning when you're groggy and you need coffee.

Jibraeel Abdelwahhab
San Leandro



I'm neither, really. I hate mornings and I'm too old to be staying up late.

Carrie Murphy
San Leandro

I'm a night person. I used to work swing shift so I was up late, and now I still like staying up late.

Deborah Sardella
San Leandro



I'm both. I like the mornings when you can hear the birds chirping and see people, and I like the night, being on BART or traveling when there's less people. It's more peaceful.

Joseph Jacobs
San Leandro

A night owl, because I'm not even alive in the morning. There's just a good vibe at night, and less people.

Catitia Muller
San Leandro



Cookoff Raises Funds for Stepping Stones

By Barry Zepel
Special to the Times

The organizing committee for the Fifth Annual Chetland Road Chili Cook-Off announced that its latest competition raised nearly \$7,000 for San Leandro-based Stepping Stones Growth Center.

More than 500 people attended the chili cook-off in April from throughout the Estudillo Estates neighborhood of San Leandro and surrounding communities.

In the spirit of supporting the local community, there were 20 entries in the chili competition, with many more people deciding to participate in the day's activities by spending \$10 or more to taste some or all of the various chili recipes. The tasters voted for what they considered the best recipes, with ribbons awarded to

the three most popular entries.

Winning chefs were Mayela Cuevas (first place for the second consecutive year), James Reid (second place), Sonia Acosta (third place and best decorated booth), and Alfredo Mathew (best vegetarian recipe). All are residents of San Leandro.

"We were again supported by generous sponsors and plenty of neighborhood participation," said Sara Tenorio, a leader of the event-organizing committee.

Among the guests in attendance was San Leandro Police Chief Jeff Tudor, "who was a surprise visitor and who took the mike to express his amazement and pride in our event," according to Tenorio. Also taking part, as has been the case in past years, were staff members of the Ala-

meda County Fire Department.

Entertainment was provided by musician Jerry Gee and the musical group, Bayfire. The featured beers were provided by San Leandro-based Drake's and Cleophous Quealy's breweries.

Youngsters were entertained by a clown in the Kids Zone portion of the event.

Members of the St. James Lutheran Church congregation of San Leandro ran a bake sale of cookies, cakes and brownies as part of the Chetland Road event, proceeds of which were part of the funds going to Stepping Stones Growth Center.

Stepping Stones Growth Center is a private, non-profit social services agency which has provided programs and services for children and adults with a



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Celebrating both the successes of the event and their tasty chili recipes were, left to right, cook-off winners Mayela Cuevas (first place), Sonia Acosta (third), James Reid (second) and Alfredo Mathew (best vegetarian recipe). Photo provided by Sara Tenorio

developmental disability since 1975. What first began as an after school program to provide reinforcement and enhancement of social, vocational and living

skills has evolved into an agency that provides a continuum of programs and services to more than 400 adults and children with a developmental disability. It is located at 311 MacArthur Blvd.

More information about Stepping Stones Growth Center is available at [http://www.stepping-](http://www.steppingstonesgrowth.org/)

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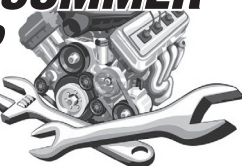
In previous years the Chetland Street Chili Cook-off has raised funds to support the George Mark Children's House of San Leandro, the Desmond Tumor Research Foundation and the Building Futures with Women and Children organization.

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There's a small stage area already in place at Marina Park, but the city may have to expand the area to accommodate a larger crowd during the pilot concert in the park this September.

Concert: Series is possible

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The performer hasn't been selected yet, but the City Council told the parks department to look up a variety of different musicians including classical and jazz, in addition to rock and Latin musicians.

Marina Park was chosen because the infrastructure is in place for a crowd including restrooms

and parking. The parks department expects a few hundred people at the pilot concert. If it's a success, the city could have a concert series with food trucks and kids' entertainment, and more in 2018.

"I'd love to see a regular schedule of events come from this," said Cox. "I hope this becomes our Stern Grove."

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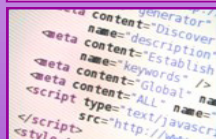
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