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PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

The footbridge over San Leandro Creek that connects Haas Avenue to Cary Drive is slightly out of order.

## Fallen Tree Takes Down Footbridge

By Jim Knowles  
San Leandro Times

Nearby residents stopped by to check out the footbridge over San Leandro Creek that was knocked down by a fallen tree in a recent storm on March 21.

The footbridge runs from the east end of Haas Avenue to Cary Drive on the other side of the creek. A large tree fell on the bridge, knocking it loose from its moorings at one end where it fell down into the creek.

The bridge is used by lots of people

in the neighborhood, including students walking to Bancroft Middle School.

The city and school district sent out a joint statement on Wednesday, announcing they had formed “a joint partnership to address the damage caused to the

see FOOTBRIDGE, page 11

## Comments Sought For Steven Taylor Memorial Park

By Michael Singer  
San Leandro Times

This summer, the public will be invited to comment on what will be included in the Steven Taylor Sanctity of Life Memorial Pavilion at Marina Park.

The San Leandro City Council heard a presentation about what elements are being considered to add to the 13,500-square-foot site at its March 20 meeting. The project is anticipated to cost the city a total of \$625,000. The City Council is expected to issue a proclamation on April 17 honoring the site and allowing the project to move forward.

“The project is designed to be a public space to bolster

community understanding, reconciliation, and awareness of belonging and promote healing among San Leandro residents,” Engineering and Transportation director Sheila Marquises said.

Initial design suggestions included a stone memorial for Taylor with eight benches surrounding it: each with a theme such as justice, healing, empathy, strength, reflection, remembrance, learning, and caring. It will also include an information kiosk that would include contact information about mental health services.

The designs presented last see TAYLOR, page 12

## EBMUD Board Eases Drought Restrictions

The East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) board of directors eased drought restrictions this week, ending the 8 percent drought surcharge and mandatory 10 percent water use reduction.

The EBMUD board voted for the change after viewing a report that water supplies were sufficient to meet customer demand, EBMUD announced

this week. The Excessive Water Use Penalty Ordinance has been suspended, and the 10 percent mandatory conservation is now a 10 percent voluntary water use reduction, EBMUD announced this week.

To date, EBMUD reservoirs are 88 percent full and projected to continue to refill

see EASES, page 11

## Family on Vacation Watches Theft on Phone

By Jim Knowles  
San Leandro Times

Bruce Calderon and his wife couldn’t believe what they were seeing when the phone alert came in.

On the screen, they saw two people pull up in their driveway in San Lorenzo, casually step out of the car and saw off and steal the catalytic converter from under Calderon’s Toyota Tundra pickup.

All Calderon could do was watch, since he, his wife and young son, had just flown to

South Korea to visit his wife’s family.

But it was more than that. Calderon, who served in the U.S. Marine Corps, said he can see that both suspects were armed. And they put his vehicle out of commission, which is specially equipped for his use as a disabled veteran.

“I see this live, I immediately took a flight back to the United States,” Calderon said. see THEFT, page 10



An image from a video from Bruce Calderon’s security camera shows someone about to crawl under his pickup truck and saw off the catalytic converter that Calderon watched live from the other side of the Pacific Ocean.

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## MEETING SCHEDULES

### CITY COUNCIL

Council meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers, City Hall, 835 E. 14th St., San Leandro. For more information, call the City Clerk at 577-3367.

### SAN LEANDRO SCHOOL BOARD

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



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## Pets of the Week



Chavo Del Ocho



RJ

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are Chavo Del Ocho, a male cat, and RJ, a pit bull puppy.

**Chavo Del Ocho** is a 7-year-old, male cat who is neutered, microchipped, and ready to go home. This super sweet boy leans in for pets, enjoys being read to, and is an easy going cat.

**RJ** is a 9-month-old, male, pit bull puppy who loves playing and going on adventures.

RJ is good with other dogs and enjoys toys. He would like an active family with teens, adults, and potentially other dogs.

For more information about Chavo Del Ocho or RB or to adopt, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at 510-294-7200.

## District Attorney Looking into Several Police Involved Deaths

By Michael Singer  
San Leandro Times

Alameda County District Attorney Pamela Price announced the creation of a Public Accountability Unit (PAU) last month, following the police-involved death of Tyre Nichols in Memphis, Tennessee, and her campaign promise of accountability.

The division is expected to investigate and prosecute wrongdoing by law enforcement and public officials. DA Price has said she asked several local police chiefs and Alameda County Sheriff Yesenia Sanchez to return evidence for six officer-involved shootings and two prison deaths, with the intention of reopening the cases for further review to determine whether charges should be filed or not.

"This unit and its work are the start of the reckoning Alameda County has asked for holding people accountable



District Attorney Pamela Price

for their misconduct," Price said in a statement.

The eight cases include Cody Chavez involving Pleasanton police in 2022; Caleb Smith involving Hayward police in 2021; Joshua Gloria involving Fremont police in 2021; Agustin Gonzalez involving Hayward police in 2019; Mack Jody Woodfox involving the Oakland police in 2008, and Andrew Moppin-Buckskin involving the Oakland police in 2007.

The deaths of Mario Gon-

zalez, who was in the custody of the Alameda Police Department in 2021, and Vinetta Martin, who died at Santa Rita Jail in 2021, will also be reopened.

Three of the cases were reviewed and dismissed by former District Attorney Nancy O'Malley.

"These reports were released at the 11th hour, just weeks before I took office," Price said. "As the top prosecutor, I want to review each case thoroughly to ensure justice has not been forgotten."

Price added, "I've made sure that my office has attempted to reach out to each of the families of the deceased. The healing process cannot begin until we do our due diligence."

Due to the age of some of the cases, the statute of limitations may have run out for certain charges, such as involuntary manslaughter, which has a 3-year window.

Additional details were not released as some of the cases under review are still being investigated.

## Chabad San Leandro To Host Passover Seder

Chabad of San Leandro invites you to join a Passover Seder with insight, inspiration, community and a delicious gourmet cuisine on Wednesday, April 5, at 7 p.m.

Interactive and enjoyable for the entire family. No prior experience necessary.

You must RSVP by March 30 at [www.jewishsanleandro.com/seder2023](http://www.jewishsanleandro.com/seder2023) where you will also find the address.

Making your own seder at home? We would love to help you celebrate by gifting you the special Shmurah Matzah.

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## Community Calendar

### Dolores Movie Screening in Honor of Cesar Chavez Day

Celebrate Cesar Chavez day with a film screening of *Dolores*, a documentary on Dolores Huerta, César Chávez's colleague and co-founder of the United Farm Worker's Union on Thursday, March 30, from 6 to 7:30 at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Huerta led the fight for racial and labor justice alongside Chavez, becoming one of the most defiant feminists of the twentieth century, and she continues the fight to this day. Run time: 90 minutes. Film is not rated.

### County and City to Host Storm Damage Forum

Alameda County and the City of San Leandro will host a public forum on storm damage on Thursday, March 30, from 6 to 7:45 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Hear updates from the county and city on canal repair plans in San Leandro. Engineers will respond to questions. Hosted by Supervisor Lena Tam and Mayor Juan Gonzalez. Residents are encouraged to RSVP and submit questions before the meeting to <https://bit.ly/3yCmCxx>

### San Leandro Toastmasters To Meet at the Library

San Leandro Toastmasters will meet on Thursday, March 30, from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. This is the first in-person meeting since the onset of the pandemic.

### Plant Giveaway at San Leandro History Museum

If you have a planter in need of a new plant, stop by the San Leandro History Museum, 320 West Estudillo Ave., on Saturday, April 1, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. to get a free succulent, while supplies last. While you are at the museum, stay and enjoy a presentation on how San Leandro went from being a farming community to a city of sunshine and flowers in the 1930s.

### St. John's Church Easter Bake Sale & Raffle

St. John's Church Community Room, 264 E. Lewelling Blvd. in San Lorenzo, will hold a Easter Bake Sale & Raffle on Saturday, April 1, from 4 to 6 p.m.; and Sunday, April 2, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be baked goods, Portuguese bread, trinkets and treasures, raffle prizes as well as bunny bag raffle prizes and a continental breakfast.

### Hearing Loss Support Group to Meet

The Hearing Loss Support Group will meet on Saturday, April 8, via Zoom. Greeting at 9:30 a.m., presentation at 10 a.m. RSVP at [www.hearinglosseeb.org](http://www.hearinglosseeb.org) and click on monthly meetings. The speaker will be Cochlear Implant Basics founder and producer Richard Pocker, who received bilateral cochlear implants 35 years after becoming deaf at age 30. With rehabilitation, he has gone from zero speech recognition to 85 percent. Richard has made it his mission to spread information about cochlear implants with particular hopes that education will help others who can benefit from implants. If you have any questions, contact Andrea Doehrman at [andreadoehrman@gmail.com](mailto:andreadoehrman@gmail.com).

### San Leandro Scholarship Foundation Dinner and Silent Auction

The San Leandro Scholarship Foundation invites everyone to the Dinner and Silent Auction on Thursday, April 20, at the San Leandro Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St. Silent auction and entertainment at 6 p.m., dinner and speaker at 7 p.m. To donate or purchase tickets, visit [SanLeandroSF.com/2023-Dinner-and-Silent-Auction](http://SanLeandroSF.com/2023-Dinner-and-Silent-Auction). For more information, email [SanLeandroSF@gmail.com](mailto:SanLeandroSF@gmail.com).

### American Legion Post 649 Monthly Meeting

American Legion Post 649 in Castro Valley meets on the first Monday of every month at 1800 (6 p.m.) for dinner, followed by the meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Moose Lodge, 20385 Rutledge Road in Castro Valley. When there is a Monday holiday, the meeting will be on the second Monday. For more information, call Jim Smith at 510-305-2280.

## Volunteers Needed for SL Creek Cleanup Day

The Friends of San Leandro Creek will host a creek cleanup on Friday, March 31, from 10 a.m. to noon on San Leandro Creek at Hegenberger Road in Oakland.

Volunteers are needed to clean up where the creek meets the bay. Meet at the creek over-crossing on the southwest side of Hegenberger - 220 Hegenberger Road in Oakland. Park in the Hegenberger's parking lot.

Recommended: sturdy shoes, long pants and sleeves, mosquito repellent. Bring gloves if you have them. Gloves, snacks and drinks will be provided. To make

this a plastic bag free event, please bring your own gloves and 5-gallon bucket (or two).

For more information, call Susan Levenson with Friends of San Leandro Creek at 510-577-6069.

All participants are required to fill out the waiver form, which will be available on-site. Children under 14 years of age are welcome at creek cleanups, but must be accompanied by an adult.

The Friends will certify volunteer hours for community service.

Sign up here: <https://ncrarecycles.wildapricot.org/event-5209610>

## Cherry Festival Invites Artisans, Food Vendors, Performers to Sign Up

The San Leandro Cherry Festival is coming back and artisans, food vendors, performers, and community organizations are invited to apply. This event brings nearly

50,000 visitors from around the Bay. Don't miss this great opportunity. The application deadline is April 7. Visit [www.sanleandrocherryfest.com](http://www.sanleandrocherryfest.com) for more information.

## Senior Meals Serving Lunch on Weekdays

Senior Meals prepared by Spectrum Community Services are available weekdays at the San Leandro Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St. Join us for a tasty, nutritious lunch Monday through Friday at noon.

Anyone who is 60 years or better is eligible to register to come get a meal.

You must register first, and make lunch reservations three days in advance.

Spectrum requests a \$3.75 donation towards each meal or get our valued 10-meal ticket for only \$35.

Option to dine-in or take-away is available. To make your advanced reservation, call and leave a message for the San Leandro Spectrum Meals Program: 510-881-0302

Visit the website for more information at, [www.SpectrumCS.org](http://www.SpectrumCS.org)

### The menu for the upcoming week is:

Thursday, March 30: Teriyaki chicken, ginger sweet potato soup, vegetable blend, pineapple vegetable rice, fruit.

Friday, March 31: Cesar Chavez Day holiday.

Monday, April 3: Egg salad sandwich with whole wheat bread with lettuce, tomato and onion, chef's choice vegetable soup, fruit.

Tuesday, April 4: Turkey chili, tossed vegetable salad, cornbread, fruit.

Wednesday, April 5: Vegetable stir fry, house salad, brown rice, fruit.

Thursday, April 6: Chicken gumbo w/ okra, red beans, brown rice, fruit.

Friday, April 7: Southwestern baked cod, Southwestern side salad, carrots, rice pilaf, fruit, dessert.

## Briefs & Announcements

### 2nd Annual Downtown Family Earth Day Festival

Families are invited for a fun afternoon of celebrating Earth Day at the 2nd Annual Downtown Family Earth Day Festival on Saturday, April 15, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Casa Peralta, 384 W. Estudillo San Leandro. Learn about our local ecosystem, including urban re-forestation, protecting the watershed, and reducing our carbon footprint. There will be lots of hands-on activities like making "seed bombs," decorating reusable totes, and more. Bring a used toy for the "Toy Swap" and your bike for the bike skills rodeo. Admission is free. Visit [downtownsanleandro.com](http://downtownsanleandro.com) for more information.

### Photography Class for Tweens At the Library

A 3-day photography workshop for kids ages 8 to 13 will cover the basics of photography and explore the career options that are available in the field, taught by students from the Machine Vision Club at California High School. The workshop will run from Tuesday, April 4, through Thursday, April 6, from 2 to 3 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Register at [sanleandro.libcal.com](http://sanleandro.libcal.com) or call 510-577-3960 for more information.

### Celebrate Spring or Easter with Cascarones

Celebrate the Spring or Easter holiday by making Cascarones (colorful confetti eggshells) on Thursday, April 6, at 3 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. A brief introduction to this fun Latino traditional craft activity will be presented. Supplies will be provided. Recommended for ages 4 and up. Register at <https://sanleandro.libcal.org>

### Resolved to Lose Weight in 2023

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?

### 2nd Division Association Reunion

The Second (Indianhead) Division Association is searching for anyone who served in the Army's 2nd Infantry Division at any time. The association will hold its 100th annual reunion in Colorado Springs, Colorado from September 20 to 24, 2023. For more information, visit [www.2ida.org/product/reunion/10](http://www.2ida.org/product/reunion/10) on the web, send an email to [2ida.pao@charter.net](mailto:2ida.pao@charter.net) or call Mike Davino at (919) 356-5692.

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The Season for Lamb

Historically, served as a spring delicacy, lamb’s delicate flavor combines and compliments a wide variety of herbs and spices, vegetables and fruits. It is a delicious, versatile alternative to other meats. Lamb lends itself to roasting, broiling, grilling, braising, stewing and stir-frying. It is best served

rare to medium. Overcooking can diminish its flavor and texture. When purchasing lamb, let color be the guide. Look for meat with a soft pink to red color with white marbling. It is best when cooked at low temperatures ( 325° to 350° F) and when not overcooked. Lamb is usually tender because

it is from animals less than one year old. However, look for good marbling (white flecks of fat), and meat that is fine textured and firm.

LAMB CHOPS WITH ROSEMARY

4 (1-1/2 inch thick) lamb chops  
1-1/2 tablespoons olive oil

- 1 tablespoon minced rosemary leaves
- 2 teaspoons minced parsley
- 1/4 cup red wine
- 3 tablespoons butter
- Salt and freshly ground pepper

Brown chops in hot oil in large skillet. Turn heat to low and cook to desired doneness, about 7 minutes on each side for medium. Remove to warm platter. Add rosemary, parsley and wine to skillet, heat to boiling and reduce slightly. Add butter and stir in. Return lamb to pan and coat with sauce. Season to taste with salt and pepper and serve at once. Makes 4 servings.

SHEPHERD’S PIE

1 pound ground lamb  
Salt and black pepper, to taste  
1 cup chopped onion  
1/2 cup chopped carrot  
3 cloves garlic, chopped  
2 teaspoons dried oregano  
1 cup dry white wine  
1 (28-oz.) can diced tomatoes  
1 tablespoon tomato paste  
1 cup frozen green peas  
1-1/2 pound gold potatoes, peeled, chopped  
1/2 cup half-and-half  
1/2 cup feta cheese  
3 tablespoons butter

Preheat oven to 375°F. Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a medium pot over medium. Season lamb with salt and pepper; add to pot and cook until browned, stirring, about 4 minutes. Remove from pot; set aside.

Add onion, carrot, garlic, and onion to pot; cook until softened, stirring, about 4 minutes. Add reserved lamb, wine, tomatoes, and tomato paste to pot. Bring to a boil over high heat; reduce to a simmer and cook, uncovered, 30 minutes. Add peas and simmer an additional 10 minutes, until stew is thickened and lamb is very tender.

Meanwhile, bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add potatoes and cook until soft, about 20 minutes. Drain and transfer potatoes to a large bowl. Add half-and-half, cheese, and butter; mash until just smooth.

Assemble the pie: Transfer stew filling to a 1 1/2-quart casserole dish. Spread potato topping evenly over. Bake until golden and puffy, about 30 minutes. Remove from oven, cool 10 minutes, and serve.

ROAST RACK OF LAMB

1/2 cup fresh bread crumbs  
2 tablespoons minced garlic  
2 tablespoons chopped fresh rosemary

- 1 teaspoon salt
  - 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
  - 2 tablespoons olive oil
  - 1 (7-bone) rack of lamb, trimmed and frenched
  - 1 teaspoon salt
  - 1 teaspoon black pepper
  - 2 tablespoons olive oil
  - 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- Preheat oven to 450°F. Move oven rack to the center position.

In a large bowl, combine bread crumbs, garlic, rosemary, 1 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Toss in 2 tablespoons olive oil to moisten mixture. Set aside.

Season the rack all over with salt and pepper. Heat 2 tablespoons olive oil in a large heavy oven proof skillet over high heat. Sear rack of lamb for 1 to 2 minutes on all sides. Set aside for a few minutes. Brush rack of lamb with the mustard. Roll in the bread crumb mixture until evenly coated. Cover the ends of the bones with foil to prevent charring.

Arrange the rack bone side down in the skillet. Roast the lamb in preheated oven for 12 to 18 minutes, depending on the degree of doneness you want. With a meat thermometer, take a reading in the center of the meat after 10 to 12 minutes and remove the meat, or let it cook longer, to your taste. Let it rest for 5 to 7 minutes, loosely covered, before carving between the ribs. Yields 4 servings.

LEGAL NOTICES

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MELISSA WILK County Clerk  
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By-----, Deputy  
FILE NO. 596305  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
Pursuant to Business and  
Professions Code  
Sections 17900-17930  
The name of the business(es):  
Elite Merch LLC, located at 123 California  
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owner(s): Elite Merch LLC, located at  
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This business is conducted by a Limited Liability  
Company. This business commenced 01/01/2023  
/s/ Lula Burnett  
This statement was filed with the County  
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The name of the business(es):  
Amber Lens Photography, located at  
14660 Hanover St, San Leandro, CA  
94579. in Alameda County, is hereby  
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Felipe Ochoa, 14660 Hanover St, San  
Leandro, CA 94579. This business is  
conducted by an Individual. This business  
commenced 03/22/23  
/s/ Felipe Ochoa  
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ALAMEDA COUNTY  
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NAME STATEMENT  
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The name of the business(es):  
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Place, Hayward, CA 94541. in Alameda  
County, is hereby registered by the following  
owner(s): DNG Plumbing, 22625  
Jacobs Place, Hayward, CA 94541. This  
business is conducted by a Corporation.  
This business commenced N/A  
/s/ Don Ortega  
This statement was filed with the County  
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by file stamp above.  
Expires MAR 21, 2028

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By-----, Deputy  
FILE NO. 596502  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
Pursuant to Business and  
Professions Code  
Sections 17900-17930  
The name of the business(es):  
Adaptive Structural Design & Forensics,  
located at 1611 138th Avenue San  
Leandro, CA 94578. in Alameda County,  
is hereby registered by the following  
owner(s): Jeffrey S. Falero, 1611 138th  
Avenue San Leandro, CA 94578. This  
business is conducted by an Individual.  
This business commenced 02/17/2023  
/s/ Jeffrey S. Falero  
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MAR 30, APR 06, 13, 20, 2023  
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By-----, Deputy  
FILE NO. 596109  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
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Professions Code  
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The name of the business(es):  
Neighborhood Balcony Inspection, located at  
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in Alameda County, is hereby registered by  
the following owner(s): Jeffrey S Falero, 1611  
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business commenced 02/17/2023  
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MAR 09, 16, 23, 30, 2023  
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FILED MAR 16, 2023  
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ALAMEDA COUNTY  
By-----, Deputy  
FILE NO. 596380  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
Pursuant to Business and  
Professions Code  
Sections 17900-17930  
The name of the business(es):  
Ancestors Cafe & Market, located at 2956  
Teagarden Street San Leandro, CA 94577. in  
Alameda County, is hereby registered by the  
following owner(s): Paleru LLC, 2956 Teagarden  
Street San Leandro, CA 94577. This  
business is conducted by a Limited Liability  
Company. This business commenced N/A  
/s/ Jijad S. Hijazi  
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MAR 23, 30, APR 06, 13, 2023  
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ALAMEDA COUNTY  
By-----, Deputy  
FILE NO. 596236  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
Pursuant to Business and  
Professions Code  
Sections 17900-17930  
The name of the business(es):  
Downtime Trails, located at 409 Warwick  
Ave San Leandro, CA 94577. in Alameda  
County, is hereby registered by the following  
owner(s): Kevin Smallman, located at 409  
Warwick Ave San Leandro, CA 94577. This  
business is conducted by an Individual.  
This business commenced N/A  
/s/ Kevin Smallman  
This statement was filed with the County  
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MAR 23, 30, APR 06, 13, 2023  
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FILED MAR 16, 2023  
MELISSA WILK County  
ALAMEDA COUNTY  
By-----, Deputy  
FILE NO. 596380  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
Pursuant to Business and  
Professions Code  
Sections 17900-17930  
The name of the business(es):  
Ancestors Cafe & Market, located at  
2956 Teagarden Street San Leandro, CA  
94577. in Alameda County, is hereby  
registered by the following owner(s):  
Paleru LLC, 2956 Teagarden Street San  
Leandro, CA 94577. This business is  
conducted by a Limited Liability Company.  
This business commenced N/A  
/s/ Jijad S. Hijazi  
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LEGAL NOTICES

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME  
Case No: 23CV028691  
Superior Court of California, County of Alameda. In the matter of the petition to change the name(s) of Daisy Adelene Velasco Petitioner(s) Daisy Adelene Velasco has/have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name(s) as follows: Daisy Adelene Velasco to Daisy Adelene Lopez. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. 1221 Oak Street Dept. 14, Oakland, CA 94612 on APRIL 25, 2023 at 9:30 o'clock am. A copy of this order to show cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county The San Leandro Times. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter are directed to make known any objection that they may have to the granting of the petition for change of name by filing a written objection, which includes the reasons for the objection, with the court at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and by appearing in court at the hearing to show cause why the petition for change of name should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
Dated: MARCH 06, 2023  
CHARLES A. SMILEY - Judge of the Superior Court  
MAR 23, 30, APR 06, 13, 2023  
0570-SLT



# Four Important Spring Home Maintenance Steps

(BPT) - Maintenance is an important part of home ownership, but many people delay tasks, thinking a few weeks or even months won't do any harm. However, putting off home maintenance is risky because small issues that are simple to fix now can quickly lead to complex problems that are expensive to fix later.

Spring is the ideal time to give your home a once-over both inside and out to flag any issues and create a maintenance to-do list. According to the experts at State Farm, here are some top spring maintenance tasks to help protect your home:

## Inspect your Roof and Gutters

Your roof provides fundamental protection of your home from the elements in all seasons. Inspect your roof at least once annually for damage, discoloration, loss of granules and missing, worn or curling shingles. If you have the skills, you can do this yourself, or, call a qualified contractor who can come and do an inspection.

Some additional things to keep in mind, especially during rainy spring months: Gutters and downspouts should be safely attached, clear of leaves and other debris, and have no leaks. Position downspouts to direct water away from the home so it doesn't impact the foundation. Also, check that flashing is secure - the thin, metal material that's around windows, vents and chimneys to direct water away.

## HVAC System Maintenance

HVAC stands for your home's heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems. These systems work together to keep your home comfortable throughout the seasons. Regular maintenance helps keep them working well today and extends their life in the future while also saving on energy costs.

Start by setting a reminder every few months to replace filters. Dirty filters can block airflow and make the HVAC system work harder, decreasing efficiency and increasing energy costs. Then, schedule a spring maintenance check with a local HVAC professional. Pros will often check the thermostat, clean or replace filters, check refrigerant levels, inspect condenser and coils, and investigate unusual noises.

## Garage Spaces

Garages can quickly become cluttered and certain items pose risks, such as fuel that can start a fire or items



**SPRING INTO ACTION:** Spring is the ideal time to give your home a once-over both inside and out to flag any issues and create a maintenance to-do list.

that can be attractive to pests. Embrace spring by planning a day to clean out the garage so it is organized and safe.

If you store any fuel in the garage, use leak-proof containers out of the reach of children and pets, and away from po-

tential sources of fire ignition such as water heaters or power tools. Be smart about paint and home-improvement chemicals, too. A shed away from your home may be a better storage spot for combustible items. Many people also store furni-

ture, clothing and food in their garage, but these are all tempting to insects and rodents. Clothing and furniture can also soak up dust and fumes that destroy their integrity, even if pests don't. As for food, it's just too risky to store any in the garage. Even nonperishables like canned goods can spoil due to temperature fluctuations in garage spaces, so opt to store extra food elsewhere.

## Don't Forget to Check Your Smoke Detectors

Get in the habit of checking your smoke alarms on a regular basis, such as at the start of every season. Do this by hitting the test button on each device. If you don't already have them, make sure a smoke detector is located in every bedroom and living

space. This small investment and maintenance step can help save lives.

Additionally, don't wait until the alarms chirp at you to tell you batteries are low. Once a year, replace all the batteries in all the alarms to give you peace of mind that these critical devices are set up to work

well in an emergency.

If you need assistance with any of these spring home maintenance tasks, consider hiring a qualified, insured contractor in your area. Reach out to your local State Farm agent for a list of trustworthy professionals who can help.



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# REAL ESTATE GALLERY



## REAL ESTATE REALITY

By Carl Medford, CRS  
Special to the Times

GUEST COMMENTARY



## Who Will Pay for Emerging Energy Requirements?

Living in a house built almost 100 years ago, one thing is clear: the builders were not proactively thinking about the electrical needs that would become reality a century later. In fact, the electrical requirements of modern Californians would have appeared to them as science fiction.

Fast forward to today, and despite our current requirements, we face the reality that electrical demand will dramatically increase in the decades ahead. Two mandates, issued by Governor Newsom, have set the stage for further dependence on electricity and will not only require significant upgrades to California's electrical infrastructure, but individual homes as well.

A statement issued on August 25th, 2022 by the

Governor's office boldly declared the state's intent to achieve 100 percent zero-emission vehicles by 2035. This means that every home in California will need the capability to charge electric vehicles.

Secondly, on November 16th, 2022, the Governor declared his intent to, "Reduce fossil fuel consumption to less than one-tenth of what we use today, a 94% drop in demand for oil and 86% drop in demand for all fossil fuels." The intent is to also remove dependence on natural gas, which currently accounts for a significant percentage of the state's heating, cooking and hot water production.

While these are admirable goals and can easily be factored into new construction, one must remember

a few key facts. First, as the state's weather morphs, increasing demand for air conditioning is straining the existing power grid and will continue to increase in the years ahead. Second, many older homes in the Golden State do not currently have the capability to handle the new electrical requirements and will require significant upgrades to meet the emerging demand. Third, many homes do not have places to charge electrical vehicles: does this mean curbside charging stations in these areas?

As is always the case, a significant portion of the costs to upgrade to the new standards will be borne by homeowners. One wonders when these mandates will appear and how they will be enforced. Some local cities already demand improvements to homes being sold, including sewer laterals, sidewalks and energy conservation upgrades.

When you factor in the cost of replacing gas-powered furnaces, hot water heaters and stoves with new electrical energy-efficient appliances along with the costs to increase electrical capacity to handle the upgrades and multiple electrical car charging stations, the costs to homeowners could literally be electrifying.

*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.*



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## Late April and May Is the Time to Plant Tomatoes

By **Buzz Bertolero**  
THE DIRT GARDENER

**Q** Could you explain the difference between Determinate and Indeterminate tomatoes? I get so confused each year when I buy my tomato plants. In addition, when is the ideal time to plant?

**A** All tomato varieties are not created equal, so knowing what you are growing is important. It's more than just the varietal name. Tomatoes are classified by their growth habit, which is determinate and indeterminate varieties. Determinate varieties do better in smaller spaces, making them ideal for containers. Indeterminate tomatoes are rigorous growers; hence, they require staking and a cage as they get large. Determinate plants are short and bushy and grow to only a height of about four feet. They are often called bush tomatoes. The tomatoes form on the plants' terminal

ends; hence, they are self-topping and seldom require support. They stop growing when the fruit sets on the terminal or top bud, ripen all their crop, usually over two weeks, and then die. Indeterminate varieties continue to grow indefinitely until killed by a frost. I like to refer to them as the Energizer Bunny of tomatoes. The plant always produces stems and leaves as the lead or terminal buds do not set fruit—the fruit set on the laterals. In addition, the fruit ripens progressively as the vine grows, so there are tomatoes in all stages of development at any one time. Cherry tomato varieties and Early Girl, Brandywine, and Big Boy are examples of Indeterminate tomatoes. Also important is the maturity date. This is how long a variety matures from the seed's date to harvest under ideal conditions. You use it as a guide because our growing conditions change yearly. So, if you expect tomatoes in August, you don't want to plant a late mature variety. Tomatoes are a warm-season crop that struggles and fails to set fruit with nighttime temperatures below 55 degrees. The key to growing tomatoes and developing fruit is not the daytime temperatures but how warm it is at night. Once the plants slow down, they



never recover and fail to meet expectation. The ideal time to plant is late April when the rainy season has concluded, and the temperature has warmed up. May is a great month to plant tomatoes.

**Q** I'd like to know why my Sun Azaleas are so tall and leggy. They flower okay, but only at the ends of the long stems. What must I do to make these plants more compact?

**A** Sun Azaleas are not low-growing compact plants. They typically reach a height of four to six feet depending on the variety, with the flowers on the end of the branches. Being a leggy grower is a common complaint with Sun Azaleas. You can correct this by pruning the plants after flowering to reduce the height by about fifty percent and then feed them with the Azalea, Camellia, and Rhododendron Food to encourage new growth. This doesn't have to be an annual task. They will look a bit ragged for a while but recover. If this is still too tall, you may want to replace them with a different plant.

*Buzz Bertolero is an Advanced California Certified Nursery Professional. The Dirt Gardener's website is [www.dirtgardener.com](http://www.dirtgardener.com) and questions can be sent by email to [buzz@dirtgardener.com](mailto:buzz@dirtgardener.com).*



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Total: 3 – Average Price: \$1,171,166  
High: \$1,725,000 – Low: \$800,000

4214 Seven Hills Road 94546: \$800,000 [2 BD - 1,173 SF - 1954  
18960 California Street 94546: \$988,500 [4 BD - 1,396 SF - 1955  
5911 Jensen Road 94552: \$1,725,000 [1,097 SF -

### HAYWARD

Total: 17 – Average Price: \$871,823  
High: \$1,566,000 – Low: \$305,000

1256 Stanhope Lane #159 94545: \$305,000 [1 BD - 748 SF - 1989  
29265 Vagabond Lane 94544: \$525,000  
25495 Southwick Drive #103 94544: \$670,000 [2 BD - 1,500 SF - 1991  
21985 Prospect Street 94541: \$700,000 [4 BD - 3,269 SF - 1953  
415 Rhythm Lane 94544: \$750,000 [2 BD - 1,286 SF - 2019  
24986 Willimet Way 94544: \$808,000 [3 BD - 1,153 SF - 1958  
26125 Gettysburg Avenue 94545: \$816,000 [3 BD - 1,148 SF - 1958  
24962 Papaya Street 94545: \$825,000 [4 BD - 1,573 SF - 1959  
23904 Pinnacles Court 94541: \$852,000 [3 BD - 1,788 SF - 1980  
26157 Adrian Avenue 94545: \$865,000 [3 BD - 1,244 SF - 1959  
809 Douglas Street 94544: \$875,000 [3 BD - 1,542 SF - 1995  
287 Orchard Avenue 94544: \$934,000 [3 BD - 1,647 SF - 1997  
210 Caterina Way 94545: \$980,000 [4 BD - 1,876 SF - 2017  
21672 Knoll Way 94546: \$1,070,000 [2 BD - 1,726 SF - 1962  
2503 Coldstream Way 94545: \$1,080,000 [3 BD - 1,703 SF - 2008  
3775 Oaks Drive 94542: \$1,200,000 [3 BD - 2,808 SF - 1967  
2749 Sunset Dune Way 94545: \$1,566,000 [5 BD - 2,687 SF - 2003

### SAN LEANDRO

Total: 12 – Average Price: \$837,750  
High: \$1,450,000 – Low: \$350,000

116006 East 14th Street #205 94578: \$350,000 [1 BD - 659 SF - 1987  
470 Juana Avenue #U-472 94577: \$525,000 [2 BD - 1,268 SF - 1971  
2216 Heathrow Place 94577: \$750,000 [3 BD - 1,659 SF - 1979  
1769 Cedar Avenue 94579: \$778,000 [3 BD - 1,258 SF - 1952  
1849 Benedict Drive 94577: \$800,000 [3 BD - 1,490 SF - 1955  
16086 Gramercy Drive 94578: \$850,000 [2 BD - 1,303 SF - 1950  
1367 Santa Rosa Street 94577: \$850,000 [3 BD - 1,313 SF - 2000  
490 Superior Avenue 94577: \$875,000 [2 BD - 1,142 SF - 1927  
14985 Wiley Street 94579: \$880,000 [4 BD - 1,749 SF - 1953  
1381 Marybelle Avenue 94577: \$880,000 [4 BD - 1,365 SF - 1944  
15962 Gramercy Drive 94578: \$1,065,000 [4 BD - 1,468 SF - 1956  
802 Woodland Avenue 94577: \$1,450,000 [5 BD - 2,023 SF - 1927

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High: \$815,000 – Low: \$815,000

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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS



## Mortgage Rates Continue to Slide Down

Mortgage rates continued to slide down as financial market concerns came to the fore over the last two weeks. However, on the homebuyer front, the news is more positive with improved purchase demand and stabilizing home prices. If mortgage rates continue to slide over the next few weeks, look for a continued rebound during the first weeks of the spring homebuying season.

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### Irrigation Systems

Although the rainy season isn't probably over, warm weather is headed our way. Check drip irrigation systems and sprinklers to see that they are working properly and watering where and when they are supposed to. Replace broken or damaged parts.

### Vegetables

When planting radishes, corn carrots and lettuce, do so in successive plantings to lengthen the harvesting period. Remember that corns should be planted in blocks, not single rows, since they are wind-pollinated. If you started vegetable seeds already, thin them to prevent overcrowding when the plants are two or three inches tall.

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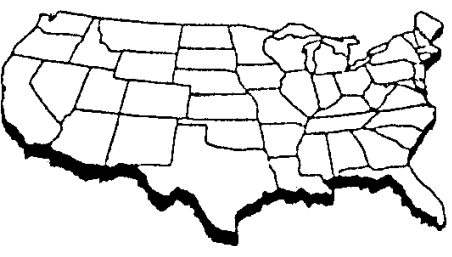
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# Theft: San Lorenzo resident says he's fed up with brazen theft

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"We have never had criminal activity on our court. The feeling of safety, belonging, feeling at home, was all ripped away from us when we saw this."

The two suspects pulled up – in a car with blackened windows and no license plates – in front of the driveway of Calderon's house on Corte Hornitos in San Lorenzo. A male suspect is seen in the video trying the door handles to both cars in the driveway.

Both were locked. He then takes a cordless electric saw and crawls under the pickup and about half a minute later crawls out with the catalytic converter.

During this time, his female accomplice stands by, appearing to be a lookout as she glances around.

Calderon says he can see from the video that the two suspects were armed.

"He has an L-shaped weapon on his waistband, and the female put a gun in her hoodie," Calderon said.

Calderon said his wife and son are still in Korea. He has sent out a description of the theft to about 200 news organizations and the story has run over the past week. He's determined to call attention to this, because he finds it so appalling.

"I served in Afghanistan. I was protecting my community, and this is what happens at my house?"

— Bruce Calderon

The suspect vehicle is stripped of its license plates and brand insignia, but based on a vehicle analysis by the sheriff's department it's an Audi Q5 between years 2015 and 2020.

Calderon served in the Marine Corps and is a disabled veteran.

"I fly the Marine flag 365 days a year," Calderon said. "I have a disabled Marine license plate."

This last point adds to Calderon's feelings about the theft – that they did this to somebody who has defended his country.

"I was serving in Afghanistan exactly 10 years ago," he said. "I was protecting my community, and this is what happens at my house? It's

appalling. I can't believe it."

There's an elementary school a block away from Calderon's house, which worries him even more.

"Kids walk down this street," he said.

Calderon's parents came from Nicaragua, granted political asylum in the United States.

"It was very difficult for my parents. They didn't have much formal education and no family support here," Calderon said. "My early memories are going from homeless shelter to homeless shelter in the Mission District."

But when his father got a license to drive a truck, he got a better paying job with Waste Management and the family moved to Union City.

"At 17, I enlisted in the Marines, at 18 I was fully trained as an intelligence analyst," Calderon said. "I was deployed to Afghanistan. From 20 to 23 I served in South Korea and Japan."

While he was in Korea, he met his wife. That was the reason for the trip to Korea, to visit her family.

Calderon got a VA loan to buy the family their house in San Lorenzo, which he says has always been a safe and lovely neighborhood.

Before leaving for the trip, Calderon said he took all the



A female accomplice appears to stand as a lookout while the male suspect cuts off the vehicle's catalytic converter with a portabel electric saw in an image from a video from Bruce Calderon's security camera.

precautions he could, including notifying police to put his property on vacation watch.

Calderon said somebody must have seen the vehicle and

know who the suspects are.

"I'm a Marine and the Marines will never live in fear," Calderon said. "But this isn't about vengeance. We should

live together as a community and help each other. This is San Lorenzo. Things like this just don't happen in San Lorenzo."

## Tuesday's Storm Causes Power Outage in San Leandro

A power outage lasted about an hour and a half in the north area of San Leandro on Tuesday morning.

The outage lasted from just before 8 a.m. until 9:32 a.m. and affected 1,141 customers, according to PG&E spokes-

person Andrea Pook.

There were two other small outages in San Leandro on the same morning that affected a total of 17 customers, Pook said.

Most of the outages around the Bay Area were related to

the storm, caused by downed trees or limbs breaking off trees and knocking down power lines, Pook said.

PG&E had crews working to restore power as quickly as possible.

— Jim Knowles

## OPINION

### LETTERS to the EDITOR

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#### EBMUD Should Use Other Options to Dispose of Trench Soils

Editor,

EBMUD has planned to purchase the former quarry site on Lake Chabot Road, adjacent to more than 3,500 local residents, in order to dispose of trench soils produced by replacing Alameda and Contra Costa County pipelines over the next 40-80 years. 60-80 dump trucks per weekday would be used to fill the quarry site with 3 million cubic yards of soil, and a construction site, including bulldozers, graders, and other diesel-powered

machinery, would be operated at the site.

The Save Lake Chabot Road Coalition, backed by 1600 signatures, has convinced EBMUD to put the project on hold -- a huge win for the community. But EBMUD board remains divided, despite a unanimous vote by the San Leandro City Council.

Although EBMUD Board President Andy Katz stated, "This site is far down the list and very unattractive as an option," board members feel bound to review all options before voting to permanently abandon the project.

In February, the Coalition presented options for EBMUD to consider, including: Using trenchless technologies employed by other districts to eliminate or reduce production of trench soils. Reaching out to ABAG (Association of Bay Area Governments) to identify wetlands and other projects that need fill. Engaging land brokers to identify remote land fill sites

EBMUD can now reduce the volume of trench soils at the source, activate beneficial re-use by cooperating with Bay Area cities, reduce public spending on land purchases, and preserve union jobs. This could serve as a model for other large water districts and help rate payers while maintaining a commitment to sustainability.

Please encourage EBMUD to pursue these options. Sign the petition against their project at [www.savelakechabotroad.com](http://www.savelakechabotroad.com).

Tim Ballas  
San Leandro

#### Time to Speak Up

Editor,

I just read the latest edition of

the *San Leandro Times* and if I had a long lost brother I'm sure that it would have been Phillip Gallagher as great minds think alike. (Letters to the editor, March 3, 2023, "Reasonable People, Speak Up")

Mr. Gallagher's letter reminds me of the 1976 movie "Network" when TV newsman Howard Beale (Peter Finch) yells out "I'm as mad as hell, and I'm not going to take this anymore." It's time for the temperate majority to speak up and let the over-the-top liberal City Council members know that they have pushed things too far.

Brent Heath  
San Leandro

#### Media Empowers Trump

Dear Editor,

Since Trump announced, erroneously, that he would be indicted last Tuesday, news media have been speculating breathlessly.

Newsflash: Trump thrives on media attention. As long as people talk about him and think about him, he has influence. When the media report on what he says, on what he posts on his blog, and speculates

on what he may or may not say, on what he may or may not do, Trump gets attention that empowers his influence. Media attention fuels a trumpster fire that few can resist looking at. Responsible reporters and pundits who want this alleged criminal to be accountable through our system of justice must stop speculating on his every word and action, and let the system do its function in the dispassionate, objective way it is designed to work.

Bruce Joffe  
Piedmont

#### A New National Monument

Avi Kwa Ame is along the California border with Nevada in the Mojave Desert. It is the sacred lands of American Indians such as the Hopi, Mojave and Paiute Peoples. Recently, President Biden established Avi Kwa Ame as a national monument. By being established as a monument, Avi Kwa Ame will be off-limits to both oil and gas drilling.

Billy Trice, Jr.  
Oakland



# Footbridge: City weighing cost of footbridge replacement

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Cary Drive/Haas Ave Pedestrian Bridge during the recent storms.”

Both City Manager Fran Robustelli and Superintendent Mike McLaughlin said they would do everything they could to find a safe solution.

## Petition Calls for Temporary Route, Bridge Replacement

Meanwhile, a petition on Change.org about the footbridge, signed by over 600 people so far, calls for the city to build a new bridge. But in the meantime, the petition calls for the city to establish a temporary route along the side of San Leandro Creek on Bancroft Middle School property, which is adjacent to the creek.

The City of San Leandro's first priority is to remove bridge debris from the creek to avoid environmental damage and prevent blockage of the creek, according to city spokesman Paul Sanftner.

The city's engineering

department is preparing an estimate of the design and construction needed for a new bridge. Storm damage is being collected by Alameda County which will evaluate whether the damage will qualify to be reimbursed by FEMA, Sanftner said.

## Bridge Repair Adds to List of Damage from Winter Storms

Repairing or replacing the bridge might be a while.

Sanftner said the City of San Leandro is still evaluating its ability to meet the \$10 million cost to repair the damage to Lake Chabot Road (including repair of a hill slide below a house) and flood gate repairs after this year's storms.

It's too early to commit to the construction of the bridge, Sanftner said.

“Any new construction will be part of a priority evaluation in the context of all the City's assets including backlog of maintenance, repair and replacement of failure and end of life assets we are managing,” he said.



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The east end of the footbridge, beneath the tree that fell, collapsed down into San Leandro Creek between the end of Haas Avenue and Cary Drive.

# Eases: EDMUD advises, continue to conserve

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as snow melts in the Sierra Nevada through spring and summer.

More changes could be in store after the EBMUD board reviews the final water report, due at the end of April.

“Our customers did a great

job of conserving, which helped us tremendously, as did our purchase of supplemental supplies. We thank our customers for saving water and ask that they continue to make conservation a way of life,” said board President Andy Katz.

Since April 2020, EBMUD

customers conserved 32,000 acre-feet of water.

“As our reservoirs fill up and our drought response winds down, we are grateful for the snow and rain we've seen this winter. But we know California will continue to experience periods of extreme

dryness,” Katz said.

EBMUD said it will continue to ban outdoor watering with potable water within 48 hours of rainfall, irrigating non-functional turf on non-residential sites, and washing vehicles without hose shut-off nozzles.

“Even with all our technology and the inventions that make modern life so much easier than it once was, it takes just one big natural disaster to wipe all that away and remind us that, here on Earth, we're still at the mercy of nature.”

— Neil deGrasse Tyson

# Protect from Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Carbon monoxide is winter's “silent killer.” Unintentional carbon monoxide deaths kill more than 400 Americans each year and sicken many others.

It's a colorless, odorless and tasteless gas undetectable to the human senses, so people don't realize that they are being poisoned.

Products that are typically involved in poisonings include malfunctioning fuel-burning appliances such as furnaces, ranges, water heaters and room heaters; engine-powered equipment such as portable generators; fireplaces; and charcoal that is burned in homes and other enclosed areas.

Symptoms can be variable, ranging from headache, fatigue, shortness of breath and dizziness to loss of consciousness and chest pain. In an effort to raise public awareness, California Poison Control of-

fers 10 tips to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning:

1. Have all heating equipment installed properly, and inspected by a professional prior to turning the heat on.

2. Carbon monoxide detectors should be installed in all homes, apartments, mobile homes and workplaces. When a detector goes off, assume that a real danger is present, and get all people and pets out of the structure immediately. Do not re-enter until a heating professional, the gas company or the fire department has declared the area safe.

3. During home renovations, ensure that appliance vents and chimneys are not blocked by tarps or debris.

4. Do not cover the bottom of natural gas or propane ovens with aluminum foil.

5. Never use fuel-burning camping equipment inside a home, garage, vehicle or tent unless it is specifically

designed for use in an enclosed space and provides instructions for safe use in such an area.

6. In climates with snow, make sure that chimneys and vents do not become blocked with snowfall.

7. Never operate a portable generator or any other gasoline engine-powered tool either in or near an enclosed space such as a garage, house or other building, or outside of an open window. Keep the generator as far from the house

as possible.

8. Do not use charcoal or hibachi grills indoors to cook with or for heat under any circumstances.

9. Do not attempt to heat your home by turning on the oven or clothes dryer and leaving the door open.

10. Never let a car engine run inside a closed space such as a garage. Drive out promptly after starting the car, and turn the car engine off as soon as you drive into an enclosed space.

## Obituaries

### Diane Fraser Dobberpuhl

July 26, 1929 ~ March 19, 2023

Diane F. Dobberpuhl of San Leandro, CA passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 19, 2023 at 93 years old. Diane was born on July 26, 1929 in Berkeley, CA to Scottish immigrants, Donald & Margaret Dickson. She was married to her late husband, Herbert W. Dobberpuhl, for 51 years and they had four children including Dana Muzzini (Joe) of Crockett, CA, Chris Dobberpuhl (Pam) of Danville, CA, Leslie Merken (Jeff) of Lafayette, CA, and Carolyn Anderson (Greg) of Orinda, CA.

Diane's brother, Donald J. Dickson (Elma), of Oakland, CA preceded her in death. Diane was loved dearly by her nine grandchildren: Andrea Muzzini-Ozog (Ryan), Danielle Muzzini, Brittany Anderson, Natalie Muzzini, Andrew Merken, Drew Anderson, Eric Dobberpuhl (Elizabeth), Ryan Anderson, Brian Merken and her three great-granddaughters: Mahina, Kahea and Madeline.

Diane graduated from Oakland Technical High School prior to working at the Oakland Tribune in classified ad sales and returned to work many years later at McCaulou's department store in Montclair Village. However, Diane's greatest pride and joy came from raising her family, supporting their many organizations and sports teams and vacationing as a family for more than 30 years in Twain Harte each summer. In her later years, Diane was an active member of the Red Hat Society and Quilters for whom she hosted several luncheons at her home.

Family & friends are invited to attend Diane's memorial service at Chapel of the Chimes, 4499 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland, CA on Friday, April 14, 2023 at 11:00am. Memorial donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or any organization of your liking.



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# Taylor: Police policies changed

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week would add a public stage for music, speeches, or performances and outdoor musical instruments that visitors can play.

The pavilion project was established to honor of Taylor, who was shot and killed by a San Leandro police officer as he was wielding a metal baseball bat at the Walmart store on Hesperian Boulevard on April 18, 2020. Taylor was 33 at the time.

Officer Jason Fletcher was later charged with voluntary manslaughter and will go on trial later this year if defense motions to throw out the charges are unsuccessful.

Taylor's family has maintained that he was having a mental health crisis, causing him to act irrationally. The San Leandro Police Department has since changed several of its policies in dealing with mental health cases and the use of force.

"Hopefully, this will bring the City of San Leandro together," Taylor's grandmother, Addie Kitchen, told the Times. "It's not just about Steven. It's about all of the Stevens in our country."

Kitchen has been a vocal advocate for police and mental health reforms in San Leandro since her grandson's death. She says she's pleased with the overall design of the pavilion and says she's hopeful that visitors will reflect on the inequality of violence against people of color at the hands of law enforcement.

Earlier this month, the Facilities and Transportation Committee decided to change the location of the memorial and move it closer to Neptune Drive near the Mallard Picnic area, where it's in the shade of the trees.

The original site along the jetty in the marina would have required major permits and environmental reviews, potentially delaying the project for years.

The next step is for the City Council to issue a proclamation for the site, scheduled for April 17, a day before the 3-year anniversary of Taylor's death. Marquises said the city will continue to reach out to the community for comment between May and August.

The Facilities and Transportation Committee is expected to compile the public's

ideas on September 6 before bringing them back to the council for review on September 18.

### Comment on Housing Funds

In other Council business, San Leandro will give citizens until May 1 to comment on how to spend \$808,949 in Community Development Block Grant funds for housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons. The money comes to the city as part of its participation in the Alameda County HOME Consortium.

In addition, the City will receive \$238,909 in new HOME Investment Partnership Program funds available for general administration and affordable housing.

The city will schedule a public hearing for May 1 to consider the final approval of its annual action plan.

At the beginning of the March 20 meeting, Mayor Juan Gonzalez issued a proclamation honoring César Chávez and welcomed 29 new volunteers stepping forward to join San Leandro boards and commissions.



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

A crowd came to the rally for the first Steven Taylor Day in 2021 that was held at Marina Park at the site that is now planned for the Steven Taylor Memorial.

## City of SL to Host Free Shredding And Techno Trash Recycling

The City of San Leandro will host a free document shredding and techno trash recycling event on Saturday, April 8, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Public Works Service Center, 14200 Chapman Road.

This free event is part of the city's broader efforts to encourage recycling and make the disposal of hazardous waste more convenient. The program is only available to San Leandro residents.

Residents are asked to bring paper documents free of binder clips, plastic report covers, and binders. Small paper clips and staples do not present any issues.

Envelopes and manila file folders will also be accepted. Service will be on a first-come, first-served basis and limited to the capacity of two commercial-sized shredding trucks.

Participants are limited to four record boxes (12x10x15) per household. All documents will be securely shredded onsite.

Residents may also bring electronic media, such as floppy disks, CDs, DVDs, audio and video tapes, and CD cases for recycling. Techno trash must be kept separate from documents to be shredded. E-waste, including computers, monitors, printers, televisions, VCRs, and stereos are not accepted at this event.

For more information, call the City of San Leandro Recycling Hotline at 510-577-6026 or visit <http://www.sanleandro.org/recycle>

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SUN. APRIL 2	BLUES BOTTLE BAND	4PM
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SAT. APRIL 8	VELVET HAMMER	6PM
SUN. APRIL 9	THE GGBS - MIZ DEE	4PM
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FRI. APRIL 14	DEE COCO & Co.	8PM
SAT. APRIL 15	3 O'CLOCK JUMP	1PM
SAT. APRIL 15	AUGUST REED BAND	6PM
SUN. APRIL 16	PATRÓN LATIN RHYTHMS	4PM
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