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Boxing champion Andre Ward talks with fans at his amateur boxing program at the Hayward Adult School.

Ward Hosts Amateur Boxing Tourney

The noon-time line was long on Saturday, July 14, but the fans didn't seem to mind in the least.

It was a chance to meet and talk to a real hometown hero – five-time World Boxing Champion and 2004 Olympic Gold Medalist

Andre S.O.G. Ward.

Ward was at Hayward Adult School to host his first amateur boxing event Saturday afternoon in conjunction with the Alameda County Deputy Sheriff's Activities League Boxing Academy (DSAL Boxing) program.

"Amateur boxing is where I got my start and it's extremely important to me to stay connected with the young boxers currently competing in the sport and to provide any knowledge and inspiration I can give them,"

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Ghirardelli Moving to Tech Campus

Longtime chocolate company says it needs more office space

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

The newest tenant of the San Leandro Tech Campus isn't a cutting edge start-up, but a 166-year-old business – Ghirardelli Chocolate.

Ghirardelli says they've outgrown their offices at the chocolate factory at 1111-139th Ave. in San Leandro. In early 2019, they will move into offices in the second building, now under construction at the tech campus at 1600 Alvarado Street.

"We've outgrown our current space and the new office will create a more open collaborative environment and will make it easier for us to retain and recruit top talent," said Ghirardelli CEO Joel Burrows in a press release.

Ghirardelli has been headquartered in San Leandro since 1967. The chocolate factory and the store will remain on 139th Avenue.

Ghirardelli will only occupy a portion of the new building at the tech campus. They are declining to make public the amount of space they will be leasing, according to according to Kelly Chang, a spokesperson for Westlake Realty Group, the parent company of the tech campus developer Westlake Urban. Chang said they're looking for tenants to occupy the rest of the building.

The first building at the tech

campus has been occupied by OSIsoft since 2016. OSIsoft partnered with Westlake in creating the tech campus project. Each of the office buildings has 132,000

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Cutter Goes To So Cal City Summit

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

Mayor Pauline Cutter attended the 2018 Resilient Cities Summit last week along with 50 other mayors in Rancho Palos Verdes in Southern California.

The event is called an "educational retreat" for elected officials who had a chance to meet with developers, environmental authorities, and other experts to talk about how cities can "evolve" in regards to infrastructure, their economy, social services, and climate change.

Topics at the summit included sustainable land use, "green" building options, and long-term infrastructure improvements.

"So much was discussed,"

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Lighten Up on Saturday with Comedy Lineup

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

It couldn't come at a better time.

Brian Copeland is bringing back another of his series of comedy shows in San Leandro. "Lighten Up for Summer" will hit the stage this Saturday night (July 28) at the Performing Arts Center at San Leandro High.

The comics could all be headliners in most comedy shows, and Copeland takes pride in that.

Grammy nominated Bruce Baum, a *Tonight Show* veteran, and San Francisco Comedy Competition finalist Mark Pitta, an Arroyo High grad, are just

a couple of the top comics on the bill.

Chicago Steve Barkley, who performed here on New Years Eve, will be returning.

"Chicago Steve on New Years Eve burned the house down," Copeland said. "So people requested bringing him back."

But Copeland likes to bring in new comedians to make every show unique, too, such as Stephen B.

"Stephen B. used to perform here in the Tommy T (comedy club) days," Copeland. "But he's based in Sacramento now and



Comedian Mark Pitta is on the bill for Saturday's comedy show.

hasn't performed here in years."

Bruce Baum also hasn't been here in ages, Copeland said.

"So it's kind of a big party for comedians. I put on a lot of people I don't see all the time, and who the audience will really enjoy," Copeland said.

Nicole Tran is a newer comic that another comedian brought up for five minutes in a previous show here. She went over so well, Copeland is giving her a spot in Saturday's show.

"She just tore the place apart," Copeland said. "People said bring her back. She's really funny. She's the one I had the

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Pets of the Week



Stubby



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The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are Stubby the cat and Silky the cat. Stubby is a shy 9-year-old. Although he has a sweet personality he needs a patient family who'll give him the time he needs

to open up and feel comfortable. Silky is a 16-year-old, gentle boy with lots of love to give. He's looking for someone with a big heart to give him a second chance. With kitten season in full swing, this sweet senior gets overlooked. For more information on Stubby or Silky, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at 293-7200.

Join San Leandro High Student Run to Support A Homeless Shelter

The Jefferson Service Club at San Leandro High will host a 9-mile run to raise money for a homeless rehabilitation center on Monday, Sept. 10, starting at 12:30 p.m.

The run will be over the Bay

Bridge from Treasure Island to Oakland. Registration for the run is \$100 with a t-shirt included. To register and for more information, call Jack Nelson at 303-2305 or email SLjeffersonservice@gmail.com.

SL Democratic Club to Meet

The San Leandro Democratic Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, July 26, at 6:30

p.m. in the Trustee Room of the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave.

San Leandro Native Explores Phenomenon of Deja Vu

San Leandro native Cynthia M. Goodwin recently published her new book, *God, You & Deja Vu*, available on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Ebay and Majesty Bible & Gifts.

Goodwin attended Corvallis School, Washington Manor Jr. High and Marina High School. She lives in the Central Valley now, but returns weekly to see her family.

In her book, Goodwin explores the phenomenon of deja vu. Why do we have these deja vu experiences where we are convinced we have lived through the same thing before but consciously understand we have never been in the place prior to this experience?

It's simple to define yet challenging to explain. It is a French term meaning "deja," already, and vu, "seen" or already seen. The dictionary says "the illusion of having already experienced something actually being experienced for the first time."

This is not to be confused with the colloquial statements used today to explain the monotony of an event that occurs redundantly, says Goodwin.

Scientists and psychologists have attempted to explain this phenomenon, though the tendency is to relate the extraordinary

with the ordinary to make sense of it based upon empirical data, Goodwin says.

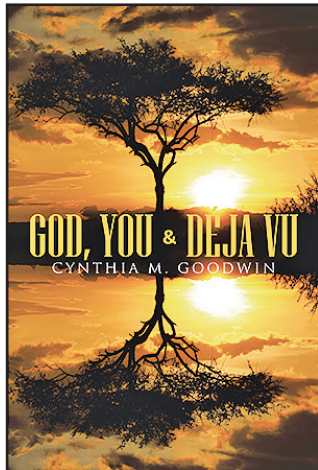
In the case of deja vu, mankind will never be able to utilize statistical analysis because it defies this kind of scrutiny, Goodwin says. God reveals certain things to us in His perfect timing,

In the case of deja vu, mankind will never be able to utilize statistical analysis.

and this is often not our timing.

Goodwin believes that God desires to bring us closer to His will for us, not by forcing us into choices, but by allowing free will and providing a second chance to do what is right in His eyes.

"This book was written as a direct result of God speaking to me in a dream regarding deja vu and provides an in-depth discovery of deja vu experiences as it relates to second chances God offers to us during the course of our lifetime."



Author Cynthia Goodwin, who grew up in San Leandro, has written a spiritual book exploring the phenomenon of deja vu.

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Truck Flies Off I-580

A work truck flew off west-bound I-580 at around 5:45 a.m. Wednesday and landed on Foothill Road near Mattox Road in the unincorporated area. No one was seriously injured and the driver was able to get out of the vehicle on his own before emergency services arrived and took him to the hospital. Alameda County firefighters, the Castro Valley branch of the California Highway Patrol, and ambulance services all provided aid at the scene.



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Man Killed on Bayfair BART Platform One of Three Murders on Transit System

A man died after being punched at the Bayfair BART station early last Saturday morning, one of three killings on the transit system within five days.

BART police say the crimes, which all occurred at different stations, are unrelated.

In the San Leandro incident, a man was punched during a fight at around 1 a.m., which caused him to fall and fatally hit his head on the concrete of the train platform.

The man, identified as Don Stevens, 47, had a pulse when paramedics arrived and he was taken to the hospital where he was pronounced dead a short time later.

The suspect is described as an African American man who stands 5-foot-8 to 5-foot-10, medium build with a dark complexion. He has shoulder length dreadlocks in a ponytail with a scruffy beard.

In another incident, a man who was in a fight on July 18 at the Pleasant Hill station was found dead two days later at his home in Pittsburg. Authorities said that Gerald Bisbee, 51, died after wounds he sustained in the altercation became infected.

BART police say Bisbee was attacked by a man named Abdul Bey, 20, who was arrested and

is being held in Contra Costa County jail.

And in the most recent case, 18-year-old Nia Long was killed and her sister seriously wounded in an unprovoked stabbing attack at the MacArthur station at around 9:30 Sunday night.

The suspect fled the scene but was arrested Monday at the Pleasant Hill BART station and has been identified as John Lee Cowell, 27, a transient.

BART says the victims and Cowell both boarded a train in Concord at the same time and exited at MacArthur, where Cowell stabbed them on the platform.

Traffic Stop Leads to Arrest of Parolee, More Guns and Drugs

A traffic stop led to the recovery of a gun from a convicted felon on Monday. That's the second time a firearm has been found that way by the same officer in San Leandro this month.

In the most recent incident, the officer spotted a 1996 Buick Sedan speeding on I-880 southbound near the Davis Street exit at around 5 p.m. on July 23.

The officer estimated the driver was going around 90 m.p.h., according to Lt. Robert McManus of the San Leandro police.

The driver exited onto Lewelling Boulevard and the officer pulled him over.

The driver, identified as Marquis Crenshaw, 30, of Oakland, was found to be on parole, which means that police can search his car.

The cop found a loaded 9mm Glock pistol hidden behind a panel in the car's dashboard.

Upon further inspection, the officer found that someone had damaged the gun's serial number in what police believe was an attempt to remove the serial number

from the gun.

Detectives continued their investigation at Crenshaw's apartment on 74th Avenue in Oakland, where they recovered a loaded Springfield Armory XDS 9mm pistol from Crenshaw's bedroom and several pills of a suspected illegal drug believed to be ecstasy.

The first arrest by the same officer occurred on July 10, after he was patrolling the In-N-Out parking lot in the 15500 block of Hesperian Blvd. and stopped a SUV after he saw the driver commit several traffic violations,

which resulted in the arrest of a convicted felon, and recovery of a loaded, stolen semi-automatic pistol.

Crenshaw is being held on suspicion of several gun-related charges, including being an ex-felon in possession of firearms.

Crenshaw is also being held for violating of the terms and conditions of his probation.

Crenshaw is currently being held in lieu of \$390,000 bail at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin and is expected to appear in court later this week.

Got an Old Mattress You Want To Get Rid of?

As a public service, mattresses and box springs will be accepted from residents for free this Saturday, July 28 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Ashland Square, 16640 East 14th Street. The mattresses will be recycled.

The event is made possible through the Mattress Recycling Council's California Bye Bye

Mattress Program.

These mattress collections events are also a part of Supervisor Nate Miley's Communities United Against Blight (CURB) county-wide initiative.

No bulky items including furniture, appliances, hazardous materials or construction debris will be accepted.

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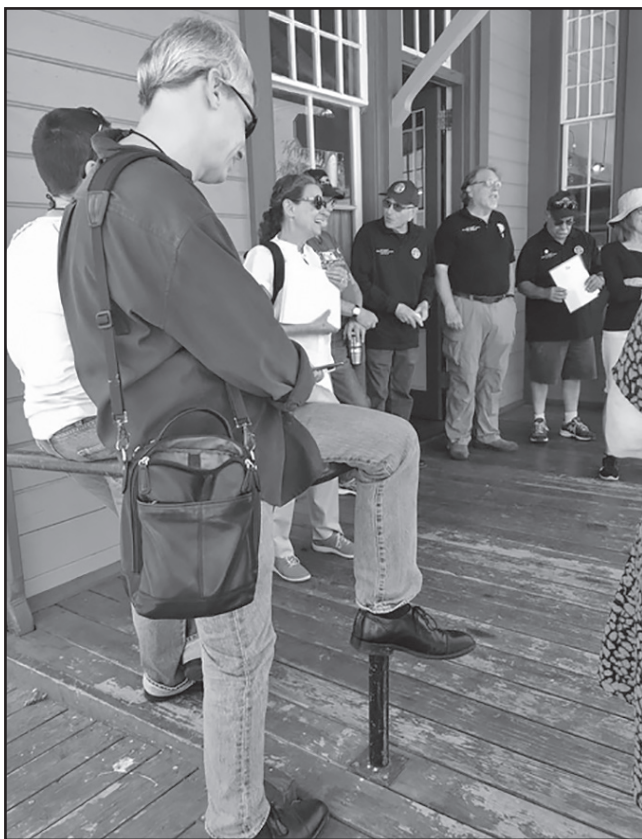
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A Historical Walk Down Davis Street

Did you happen to drive down Davis Street last Saturday and wonder what the big group of people were doing? The San Leandro Historical Society was leading a Davis Street History Walk. The tour guide was showing photos of vanished landmarks—San Leandro's first city hall, the Alameda County Courthouse, Caterpillar Tractor, and Thrasher Swim Tank to name just a few—providing views of Davis Street in the 19th and early 20th centuries. There were stories of William Heath Davis (for whom the street is named), the Webber House and the woman who owned it, San Leandro's first firemen, the Hayward Fault Earthquake of 1868, and many other details of early San Leandro life.

The walk ended at a building that has not vanished—the 1898 Southern Pacific Depot which is now the home of the San Leandro Historical Railway Society. The SLHRS has tended and restored this building since 1988. The tour walkers were impressed by the working model railroads and the history of this building. The SLHRS G and O outdoor railway is the only public garden railroad in Northern California. "The details are fantastic. They even have a bonsai expert to shape the trees for their outdoor display," said Leah Hall. The HO



Folks gathered at the 1898 Southern Pacific Depot at the end of the history walk down Davis Street in San Leandro.

scale indoor railroad represents the Southern Pacific Overland Route from San Leandro to Reno, Nevada, and it's so big that it takes a model train going at scale speed 45 minutes to complete the route.

"History matters," said His-

torical Society President Cindy Simons, who led the walk. "Stories from the past give us a sense of community and help us feel like we belong to something larger than our brief moment in time." The group on the tour would agree.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

❖ **Woodminster Amphitheater** The Producers Associates continues the 52nd season of the Woodminster Summer Musicals with *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. This

Biblical saga put to music comes to life August 3 (opening), 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, and 12, all at 8 p.m. at Woodminster Amphitheater, 3540 Sanborn Dr. in Oakland's Joaquin Miller Park, located on Joaquin Miller Road at upper Sanborn Drive. Told entirely through song, the musical follows Joseph, favorite son of Jacob, as he overcomes many challenges through his honesty and good character. Tickets for the musical range from \$32 to \$69. Tickets are available by phone at 531-9597, online at www.woodminster.com or in person at Woodminster Amphitheater on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and weekends from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or at the box office 2 hours before any performance.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A longtime situation starts to move into a new phase. The question for the uncertain Lamb right now is whether to move with it. Facts emerge by midmonth to help you decide.



TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A talent for organizing your priorities allows the Divine Bovine to enjoy a busy social life and not miss a beat in meeting all workplace and/or family commitments.



GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) What began as a dubious undertaking has now become one of your favorite projects. Your enthusiasm for it rallies support from other doubters-turned-believers.



CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Accept the help of friends to get you through an unexpectedly difficult situation. There'll be time enough later to investigate how all this could have happened so fast.



LEO (July 23 to August 22) Change is a major factor for the Big Cat through midmonth. Be prepared to deal with it on a number of levels, including travel plans and workplace situations.



VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might not like all the changes that have begun to take place around you. But try to find something positive in at least some of them that you can put to good use.



LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A family member's unsettling experience could create more problems if it's not handled with care and love. And who's the best one to offer all that? You, of course.



SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) It might not be the right time for you to start a new venture. But it's a good time to start gathering facts and figures so you'll be set when the GO! sign lights up.



SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) The sagacious Sagittarius should have no trouble deciding between those who can and those who cannot be trusted to carry out a workplace commitment.



CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Surprise, surprise. It looks as if that one person you once thought you could never hope to win over to your side suddenly just might choose to join you.



AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might have to set aside your pride for now and accept a change that isn't to your advantage. Cheer up. There'll be time later to turn this around in your favor.



PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your creative self emerges as dominant through midmonth. This should help you restart that writing or arts project you've left on the shelf for far too long.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

❖ **San Leandro Democratic Club**

The San Leandro Democratic Club will hold its monthly meeting tonight, July 26, at 6:30 p.m. in the Trustee Room of the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave.

❖ **Mission Bay Flea Market**

The annual Mission Bay Flea Market will be on Saturday, July 28, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Mission Bay Clubhouse, 15333 Wicks Blvd. in San Leandro. Those who have purchased a table space will receive instructions and a table number. Enjoy the day and share your treasures. There will be free coffee, and snacks available for purchase.

❖ **Elders Take the Mic**

Elders will take the mic and share their personal and poignant life stories on Saturday, July 28, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Hayward Senior Center, 22325 North Third St. in Hayward. No charge for admission. Hear stories about childhood mischief, moments of hardship and triumph, or reflections on the retired life. Get inspired to join the class and write your own story. RSVP is appreciated by calling the Hayward Area Senior Center at 881-6766.

❖ **Coyote Hills Community Bike Ride**

Join the Cherry City Cyclists and Bike Walk San Leandro for a community bike ride on Sunday, July 29. 18 miles with +/- options. Meet at the Union City BART station (west side) at 9:30 a.m. There will be a stop at Sno-Crave for an ice cream treat. For more information, see Facebook for details: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2042899222705189/>

❖ **Block Party at Drake's Brewing Co.**

Drake's Brewing Co., 1933 Davis Street (behind the Walmart), will host a block party on Friday, Aug. 3, from 4 to 9 p.m. to support the San Leandro Education Foundation (SLED). Proceeds from beer sales and all donations at the door will go to support teachers and students in San Leandro public schools. A \$5 per person donation (or more) grants you access to this evening of live music, local food trucks and fresh beer. To drink, you must have a Drake's Brewing Co. glass, which can be purchased at the event or brought from home if you already have one. An entry package of one glass and three beer tokens is available for \$18, with individual beer tokens available for \$4 each. Feel free to bring your own lawn chairs to make yourself comfortable, tailgater style.

❖ **SL Rotary Club "Slow Good BBQ"**

The Rotary Club of San Leandro will host "Slow Good BBQ," on Saturday, Aug. 4, from 3 to 6 p.m., at the historic Little Brown Church, 384 W Estudillo Ave., next to Casa Peralta. The fundraiser supports the 4th Annual New Shoes School Drive led by council member Lee Thomas in partnership with the San Leandro Education Foundation. Guests are encouraged to donate a new pair of shoes and enter a salsa recipe competition. RSVP by July 27. Cost is \$20 per person. Contact council member Lee Thomas at 577-0603 or email lthomas@sanleandro.org.

❖ **National Night Out**

Come to Praises of Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 1395 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro, for National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 7, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Backpacks with school supplies will be distributed to children in grades

K-12 accompanied by an adult, while supplies last. Hot dogs, popcorn, jumpers, games and other activities. For more information, call 483-1811.

❖ **Sam Pelican Memorial Golf Tournament**

Entries are now being accepted for the Sam Pelican Memorial Golf tournament on Thursday, Aug. 2, at the Metropolitan Golf Links, 10051, Doolittle Dr. in Oakland. LAEF is a nonprofit 501(C)(3) organization that provides academic scholarships and grants to eligible students in pursuit of higher education. This year, the foundation gave more than \$85,000 to deserving students. For registration and more information, call Fraternal Secretary Ms. Gisele at (925) 828-3883.

❖ **San Leandro Marina Cleanup**

Marina neighbors will have a community cleanup of the area around the San Leandro Marina on Saturday, Aug. 11, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Meet at the Seagull Picnic Area at Marina Park. For more information, call Bryan Azevedo at 706-3125.

❖ **Legos On Display**

A Legos city is on display Friday through Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m., through Aug. 16, on the second floor of the Bay Area Family Church, 2305 Washington Ave. in San Leandro. See, build or buy Legos. Admission is \$5, cash only at the door, or tickets online at: brickshow2018.eventbrite.com.

❖ **Kiwanis Club of San Leandro**

Join the Kiwanis Club of San Leandro for weekly meetings. The first Tuesday is for socializing. Dinner is open menu and starts at 5:30 p.m. The following Tuesdays are luncheons from 12:10 to 1:30 p.m. and with have a speaker. All meetings are held at The Englander, 101 Parrott Street in San Leandro.

❖ **SL Players at San Leandro Museum**

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❖ **Bill Owens Photo Exhibit**

PhotoCentral, 1099 E St. in Hayward, presents "Altamont to America: Bill Owens and the Legacy of Suburbia," opening on Saturday, Aug. 18, with a reception from 2 to 5 p.m. and running through Oct. 20. The exhibit celebrates the work of Bill Owens, spanning six decades, for his 80th birthday. The exhibition coincides with the book release of the same title. Bill will be on hand to sign copies of the limited edition book. Gallery hours: Upstairs gallery – Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Downstairs gallery – Monday 5 to 10 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and by appointment. For more information, call PhotoCentral at 881-6721 or email info@photocentral.org.

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HEALTH & FITNESS

Five Surprising Things You May Not Know About Heart Disease

Every day, your heart beats an estimated 100,000 times to move 2,000 gallons of blood through your body. That equates to more than 2.5 billion beats in your lifetime! It's no surprise heart health is a priority for many people, especially considering that heart disease is so common.

One in four deaths in the United States is caused by heart disease. More than 610,000 people die of heart disease in the U.S. every year, making it the leading cause of death for both men and women, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

You know you need to eat a nutritious diet, exercise and avoid smoking. However, there's a lot more you need to know to protect yourself and your family. Consider these five surprising things your doctor may not have told you about heart disease.

1. Heart disease can be caused by a genetic disorder

You may never heard of familial hypercholesterolemia (FH), a common, but inherited genetic disorder that causes heart disease.

FH affects approximately one in 250 people worldwide, but currently 90 percent of people born with this genetic condition

are not diagnosed.

Individuals with FH have a high amount of low density lipoprotein (LDL) or "bad" cholesterol in their blood from birth. This lifelong burden of cholesterol is a major reason why FH leads to very early and severe heart disease.

The good news is that FH is manageable if detected and treated early in life. If high cholesterol and early heart disease runs in your family, learn more at thefhfoundation.org.

2. Many heart attacks occur outside the hospital

About 47 percent of sudden cardiac deaths occur outside a hospital, according to the CDC. This suggests that many people with heart disease don't recognize or act on early warning signs.

Heart attacks have several major warning signs and symptoms:

- Chest pain or discomfort.
- Upper body pain or discomfort in the arms, back, neck, jaw or upper stomach.
- Shortness of breath.
- Nausea, lightheadedness or cold sweats.



KEEP HEART HEALTHY: You know you need to eat a nutritious diet, exercise and avoid smoking. However, there's a lot more you need to know to protect yourself and your family.

Know the signs. Trust yourself. If you have any of these symptoms or sense something is just not right, call 911.

3. Heart disease affects young people

Many people think heart disease occurs in old age, but it can affect people of all ages. Even if you or your family members are 30 years old or younger, you could be affected, especially if you have risk factors like high cholesterol or a family history of heart disease.

Keep in mind, each child with a family member with FH has a 50 percent chance of inheriting the disorder, which is present since birth. Untreated individuals with FH have up to a 20 times increased lifetime risk of

early heart disease, yet 90 percent of people with FH are undiagnosed, according to the FH Foundation.

4. Children (even infants) can have high cholesterol

Many adults are regularly screened for high cholesterol, but it's not as common for children to be screened, although the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that all children between the ages of 9 to 11 be screened for high cholesterol.

These guidelines also recommend screening for FH as early as age 2 years if there is a family history of high cholesterol, early heart disease or known FH. Talk to your children's doctor about screening.

FH is characterized by an LDL-C level of over 190 mg/dL in adults, or over 160 mg/dL in children. FH may also be confirmed with a genetic test, although this is not necessary for diagnosis.

Being diagnosed with high cholesterol, heart disease or even FH is not a death sentence. Every person's health considerations are unique, but by working with your doctor, you can come up with a plan to help manage your health and maintain the strongest heart possible.

5. You can maintain a healthy heart at any age

This could include lifestyle changes and medications to manage the LDL cholesterol level in the blood. The key is to keep asking questions, learn about your specific health needs and stay dedicated to your heart health plan.

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Join us for an evening of illumination — by the end of the evening you'll be better educated about how to keep parents safe, have a better understanding about what programs and services are offered in Alameda County, housing options, senior in-home support and more!

Program Agenda

Activities to Help Your Parent Remain Independent & Safe

Lara Calvert, Executive Director, Spectrum Community Services

Adult Day Programs & Available Community Resources for Seniors & Care Partners

Jane Hanson, MSW, Family Caregiver Support Program Coordinator, Daybreak Adult Care Centers

Everything You Wanted to Know About Housing & Care Options

Caryn Doherty, LCSW, Director of Care Management, Senior Alternatives Home Care & Care Management

Seating for the program is limited. Call (510) 538-2035 to register

Eden Health District is a not-for-profit agency originally established in 1948 by the residents of Castro Valley, Hayward, San Leandro and San Lorenzo. The District not only invests its resources in providing grants to local non-profit organizations, enabling them to provide much-needed health care services to those in need, but provides free community education programs such as this program to improve the health of the communities they serve.

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Ghirardelli: Moving offices

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square feet of space.

A third office building is planned but there's no construction schedule in place, Chang said. Plans for a 202-unit apartment complex at the campus with a 100,000-square-foot parking garage has been approved by the San Leandro City Council.

Chocolate might not be the high-tech business the city has said it's keen on attracting, but Chang said that Westlake is open to all sorts of tenants.

"There is a desire for tech, but at the same time we aren't going to turn down Ghirardelli," said Chang.

Westlake said they were happy to see a major brand choose a location in a Transit Oriented Development area so employees will be able to take mass transit.

Ghirardelli is the third-oldest chocolate company in the United States behind Baker's and Whitman's.

In 1849, founder Domenico Ghirardelli got started in the chocolate business after doing



An artist's rendering from Westlake Urban of what the new Tech Campus building will look like.

some gold prospecting and opening up a tent-based confection store in Stockton to serve his fellow miners.

The business grew and moved to San Francisco in the 1850s. Many of Domenico Ghirardelli's original production facilities in San Francisco became Ghirardelli Square, and in 1967 the factory was moved to San Leandro. In the 1960s, Ghirardelli was bought

by Golden Grain and then Quaker Oats, and is currently owned by Lindt of Switzerland.

Burrows said that the move to the tech campus will help their company and San Leandro move into the future.

"As a premium employer, we're proud to be taking the necessary steps to be at the forefront of change in our community," said Burrows.

Comedy: Bringing entertainment to town

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most requests for."

Also on the bill is Chip Franklin from KGO radio and Daymon Ferguson who appeared on Copeland's KGO radio program "Headliners on the Headlines," as well as the Punch Line comedy club in San Francisco.

Copeland's idea is having top-flight comedy shows right here in his home town of San Leandro, so people don't have to travel to the city and pay bridge tolls and look for parking.

"It's not a big money-making thing, it's a fun thing for the community because we just don't have a lot of entertainment here," Copeland said. "It's a hardship to pay tolls and parking in the city, but you can see a world-class comedy show right here, and then maybe go to one of our great restaurants in town, and you're close to home."

Brian Copeland Presents: *Lighten Up for Summer. Saturday,*



Daymon Ferguson says he's a full-time malcontent who likes fine wine, cheap beer and screaming into the void.

July 28, at 7 p.m. San Leandro Performing Arts Center, 2250 Bancroft Ave. Tickets at Brown-PaperTickets. General \$42, students (14-18) \$15. Tickets at the door, general \$52, students \$15.

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San Leandro Dodgers batter Fidel Sanchez lines a single to center field in a game this week at San Leandro Ball Park.

SL Dodgers Go 6-0 for the Week

The San Leandro Dodgers youth baseball team are turning out to be having a heck of a season, going 6-0 over the past week.

Last Tuesday, the Dodgers beat APS, 2-1, as James Rogge pitched five innings, giving up just two hits. Cam Weatherford pitched that last two innings for the save.

Fred Ramos doubled, walked, and scored a run. Devin Castro singled and scored a run.

On Thursday, the Dodgers beat All Pro by the same score, 2-1, with Matt Vallar pitching

seven innings and striking out four batters. Noah Amaral pitched two innings of relief to get the save.

Gordon Reed hit a pair of singles and an RBI. David Greene singled, walked, and drove in a run.

In the first game of Saturday's double-header, the Dodgers beat the All Sports Dawgs, 3-2, as Danny Mendoza pitched six innings, giving up 2 runs and striking out six Dawgs. James Cardera singled, scored a run and drew a walk.

In the second game of the doubleheader, the Dodgers won 5-4 as James Cardera threw six innings, struck out four and gave up 2 runs. Daniel Pasillas singled, scored once and drove in a run. Victor Hernandez hit a game-winning, walk-off sacrifice fly for the victory.

On Sunday the Dodgers beat the California Warriors, 3-0, in the first game of a doubleheader. Cam Weatherford pitched a complete game shutout, allowing just two hits and striking out 10 Warriors. Fidel Sanchez singled,

scored a run and stole a base. Josh Valenzuela also singled and stole a base.

The Dodgers won the second game of the doubleheader, 3-1. James Rogge threw a complete game 2-hitter giving up two hits and striking out six batters.

Enrique Batz singled and stole a base. Sammy Hadley walked and Tyler Finamore caught an outstanding game and threw out two runners attempting to steal a base.

The Dodgers record now stands at 30-8 on the season.

Donate to Building Futures Back to School Drive

You can help homeless children strive for a successful school year by donating to Building Futures' annual Back to School Drive.

Building Futures is collecting school supplies through Aug. 10 for children in its emergency shelters, safe house, and domestic violence outreach and intervention programs.

School supplies are needed for students of all ages, with an emphasis on backpacks and lunch boxes. Your generosity will support the children of our community, and equip them with the proper resources for a prepared and positive start this school year.

Collection bins are located at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave.; Zocalo Coffeehouse, 645 Bancroft Ave.;

San Leandro Senior Community Center, 13909 E. 14th St.; Floresta Dental, 579 Floresta Blvd.; Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd.; Church of Christ (601 MacArthur Blvd.); and Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd.

School supplies can also be taken directly to Building Futures' administrative office, 1395 Bancroft Ave., between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

Building Futures was founded in San Leandro 30 years ago. Building Futures helps individuals and families build safe and stable lives after homelessness and domestic violence.

For more information, contact Lorie Curtis at 510-924-3092 or lcurtis@bffc.org. To learn more about Building Futures, visit www.bffc.org.

'Truth Thursday' Returns To High Tech Campus

Downtown San Leandro's "Truth Thursdays" will return this week at the San Leandro Tech Campus, 1600 Alvarado St., with the next event set for Thursday, July 26, from 5 to 9 p.m.

Every fourth Thursday of the month throughout the summer, the space around the 55-foot

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GUEST COMMENTARY



Market Winds Bring New Opportunity, New Frustrations

With Bay Area housing inventory increasing and summer activities off and running, the sizzling housing market we've been entrenched in is starting to cool.

We are beginning to see offer deadlines pass with no contracts, price reductions and increases in the number of days homes sit on the market. As market momentum slows, a new group of buyers is emerging acting a bit like bears sampling the cool air after a long winter hibernation.

They are Move-Up Buyers.

By-and-large out of the market for the past few years due to extreme market volatility, move-ups are those who need to sell their existing home to purchase another.

With extremely limited inventory and intense multiple offer competition, there has been tremendous reluctance to sell with no guarantees of being able to secure a replacement home.

As these prospective move-up buyers see homes beginning to linger on the market longer than in past months, they are beginning to sniff a wind of opportunity. Still unwilling to sell their home first

and chance finding a replacement, they are now going out and tying up a replacement home with offers contingent on them selling their existing homes.

For the past number of years, sellers have been unwilling to look at offers contingent on a buyer selling their existing property due to the onslaught of other potential candidates willing to write contracts with no contingencies of any kind.

As the market shifts and offer deadlines pass with no bites, however, some sellers are willing to reconsider.

And therein lies a dilemma: if the home a prospective move-up wants to purchase is encountering a slower market, so too is their existing home.

The same market that has slowed to open the door to potential contingent purchases is also making it difficult for potential buyers to sell their current digs. It's a classic Catch 22: while we are seeing an increase in the number of homes going into contract contingent on a buyer's home selling, we are also seeing more deals fail because the buyer cannot get their

property sold in time to meet the contract deadlines.

This is especially prevalent with new home builders or out-of-state sellers in slower markets who secure purchase contracts and then give buyers very short windows to sell existing residences.

With Realtors scrambling to sell homes on both ends, owners are discovering that the shifting winds of opportunity can be fickle winds indeed.

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— Brenda Weaver

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820 St. Marys Avenue	94577: \$768,000	[2 BD - 1,396 SF - 1926
1279 139th Avenue	94578: \$679,000	[3 BD - 1,354 SF - 1947
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391 Anza Way	94578: \$385,000	[3 BD - 1,078 SF - 1954
1166 Coburn Court	94578: \$605,000	[3 BD - 1,461 SF - 1977
1000 Grace Street	94578: \$671,000	[3 BD - 1,121 SF - 1947
1581 Rake Court	94578: \$620,000	[2 BD - 981 SF - 1947
14658 Saturn Drive	94578: \$780,000	[3 BD - 1,592 SF - 1960
14818 Acacia Street	94579: \$610,000	[3 BD - 1,096 SF - 1953
916 Burkhart Avenue	94579: \$800,000	[3 BD - 1,590 SF - 1940
15332 Churchill Street	94579: \$682,500	[3 BD - 1,017 SF - 1950
15082 Edgemoor Street	94579: \$680,000	[3 BD - 1,020 SF - 1950
1290 Oberlin Avenue	94579: \$765,000	[3 BD - 1,459 SF - 1951
2373 Pacifica Court	94579: \$960,000	[4 BD - 2,303 SF - 1999
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17263 Via Anacapa	94580: \$565,000	[3 BD - 1,000 SF - 1944
17322 Via Chiquita	94580: \$670,000	[3 BD - 1,199 SF - 1951
17372 Via Magdalena	94580: \$730,000	[2 BD - 1,134 SF - 1947
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Thinning Apples Prevents ‘June Drop’ and Sunburn

Q We have an apple tree with three different varieties grafted on it. Each year two of the varieties develop a brown patch as if the fruit had been bruised. I also see the ground under the tree is littered with small green apples. What is my problem?

A With apple trees, fruit drop is a natural occurrence. It happens at the end of spring, and it's called the "June Drop." The amount will vary from year to year depending on the size of the fruit set.

The June Drop is Mother Nature's method of thinning itself. You can also manually thin the trees.

With the green and cooking types of apples, you thin the clusters down to three or four. With the yellow and red eating apples, one to two is recommended. Stripped apples can be done either way depending on their use.

Also, those apple clusters at the end of a branch should be removed completely. You prevent the branches from curving from the weight exposing the apples in the center of the tree. These curved branches will never straighten out.

Thinning also redistributes



the weight to prevent the limbs from breaking. Limb breakage is a concern in August and September.

The brown spots, blemishes, or bruising on the fruit is sunburn. You'll find sunburn damage on those maturing apples on the southwest side of the tree.

The apples at the end of the branches suffer the most damage, as there is little protection from the heat. It's also another reason for thinning. It's the foliage that provides shade, Mother

Nature's natural sunblock. That's why it is important to feed the trees in the spring to encourage the new growth and protect the crop.

The damaged apples from sunburn are still very edible, so I wouldn't discard them.

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Blame Mother Nature For Lack of Tomatoes

By Buzz Bertolero
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

Q My tomato plants are blooming, but only one plant has any tomatoes. I'm just wondering what went wrong and should I pull up the unproductive plants. My brother who lives approximately a half mile from me has the same problem. He thinks it's a pollination problem due to the lack of bees.

A The primary pollinator of tomatoes is not honey bees, but the wind. In those areas with poor air circulation, gently shaking the plant's midday is helpful in moving the pollen around.

That being said, I believe the weather has been the main reason for the lack of fruiting. Tomatoes are a warm season crop that likes like sunny days and warm nights.

When the nighttime temperature is below 55°F with cool days, you get no tomatoes.

The weather wasn't the greatest in April and May. The cherry varieties are producing, but the other types have suffered from the erratic weather pattern we have had this spring.

Tomatoes have different ripening times, so that may be a contributing



factor. In many years, the harvest is the most plentiful September through November. All that being said, it too late to start over so I wouldn't remove any plants.

Buzz Bertolero is an Advance Bertolero

Mortgage Rates Barely Move

Mortgage rates were once again mostly flat over the past week, inching backward slightly, according to Freddie Mac's nationwide survey.

"This meant there was no driving force to move mortgage rates in any meaningful way, which has been the theme in the last two months," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's chief economist. "That's good news for price sensitive home shoppers, given that this stability in borrowing costs allows them a little extra time to find the right home."

The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 4.52 percent last week, down from 4.53 percent a week earlier. A year ago at this time, the 30-year rate averaged 3.96 percent.

Fifteen-year loans averaged 4.00 percent, down from 4.02 percent.

Five-year hybrid adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 3.87 percent last week, up from 3.86 percent.



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Warriors, NBA Give an Assist to SL Boys & Girls Club

History was made at the Boys & Girls Club of San Leandro on Friday, June 1, when half a dozen members of the NBA champion Golden State Warriors arrived in full force.

Steph Curry, Kevin Durant, David West, Quinn Cook, Nick Young and JaVale McGee all took part in an onsite press conference and ribbon cutting of the newly upgraded Boys & Girls Club facility.

The club, in need of a make-over, was given the ultimate wish complete with a computer room, multi-purpose room and new garden and art classes as part of the NBA Cares Learn and Play Zone.

The program was presented by YouTubeTV, the NBA, and Golden State Warriors, in partnership with Kaiser Permanente and State Farm, making the upgrades to the Boys & Girls Club possible.

NBATV sportscaster, Ahmad Rashad, welcomed members of the community along with WNBA legends Ruthie Bolton and Jennifer Azzi, San Leandro Mayor Pauline Cutter and Kim Allen of State Farm, among others.

For Steph Curry, the event was a family affair as he was accompanied by his wife Ayesha with baby bump, and parents Dell and Sonya Curry, who was celebrating her birthday.

"We are a Dub nation strong in the Bay Area and it definitely



The Warriors joined city and school district officials and the kids for the ribbon cutting at the Boys & Girls Club.

rings true here in San Leandro," said Curry addressing an audience of about 100 kids.

Curry encouraged the youth in attendance to "invest in their education and invest in each other."

"It's great to use the resources we have within the NBA, the Warriors and our individual circles to donate our money or time to better the community," said Curry.

After the talk, Curry and his team members engaged the youth in art and science projects and creating snack packs for the needy.

"It's a great day to see how this center was transformed in four days," said Pastor Charley Hames, Jr. of Beebe Memorial Cathedral along with wife and event sponsor Michelle Gaskill Hames of Kaiser.

"This is a state of the art facility that the kids can be proud of," said NBA Commissioner Adam

Silver. "This is a place where they can develop their skills on or off the court."

Rick Welts, Warriors president and CEO said the Warriors Community Foundation, has given away \$9 million dollars to improve the outcomes of the community since it's re-launch in 2012. "While winning championships are a priority, the legacy of community service is what the NBA and the Warriors are very proud of."

The Boys & Girls Club of San Leandro is currently engaged in a \$10 million Capital Campaign to not only totally renovate the 53-year-old facility but to re-imagine how the Boys & Girls Club can deepen its impact in the community. The Club has received commitments totaling about 60 percent of the campaign goal and is aggressively seeking the remaining 40 percent.

Robert Glotch, Boys & Girls

Club Executive Director, was asked about how the NBA Legacy Project fit into the Club's long term building renovation plans. "We were totally honest and transparent with the NBA and the Warriors about our capital campaign and they identified areas of the Club that could be dramatically transformed now

as well as providing fixtures and furnishings that will also be part of the new facility. We are still at least a year or more away from starting construction and are still serving hundreds of kids in the facility, so the upgrades are greatly appreciated and came just in time for our busy summer season".

In addition to their summer

program The Boys & Girls Club of San Leandro serves over 1,300 kids each day during the school year at 12 sites throughout San Leandro and San Lorenzo in partnership with the San Leandro and San Lorenzo Unified School Districts. For more information about the Boys & Girls Club, call 483-5581.

Cutter: National League of Cities

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said Cutter. "There was a lot to take away."

Cutter said that one point was illustrated by officials from Santa Rosa, who spoke about how fires devastated their city last fall.

No one can predict when a disaster will strike, but Cutter said that San Leandro can prepare by putting out bids for contracts to builders and other businesses that would provide clean-up in the aftermath of an emergency even before anything happens.

"We can sign the contracts and have things in place, have those things pre-done but not bought," said Cutter.

The conference also focused on having new construction in town be environmentally friendly and include things like solar panels.

"If you build with being green in mind, it costs more



Mayor Cutter spent last week at the Resilient Cities Summit in Rancho Palos Verdes.

now, but saves in the long-run," said Cutter.

Cutter attended the conference for free on a grant from summit hosts the National League of Cities, the U.S. Green Building Council, and the Urban Land Institute.

Cutter said that the event was a way to make contacts and that the city is looking into public-private partnerships in the future.

One such partnership that Cutter pointed out was the city's \$800,000 grant to fund a daycare center at the Marea Alta affordable housing project.

"You have to make sure you are looking a different incomes levels and different lifestyles when planning," said Cutter. "It was really clear to me that to be successful as a city, you have to have equity in mind at all times and make sure all things are in place for everyone."

Cutter says the city will keep equity and environmental improvements as priorities as San Leandro moves forward on big projects including the marina development and the proposed transit village/retail project at Bayfair.

LOCAL DEATHS

Charles William "Bill" Finch

April 16, 1938 ~ June 25, 2018



Charles William "Bill" Finch, was born April 16, 1938 in Anniston, Alabama. Bill passed away June 25, 2018. He was a long time resident and business owner in San Leandro, Ca. His family was present when he went home to be with our Heavenly Father.

Bill was preceded in death by his mother, Verna Finch and father Joseph Finch. Bill graduated from Fremont High School, Oakland Ca. then went on to serve in the US Navy. He was stationed in Southern California when he met his wife Mary. Bill wrote Mary many love letters from overseas. Later Bill moved back to the Bay Area, settling in San Leandro where he started his own business with Rexair, the Rainbow Company.

Bill had a love for people and helped many of them make their own successes. He was known to be a trickster; always making others laugh. Bill was a loving great-grandparent, grandparent, father and husband. He had a love for his family and the time he shared with them. Bill was always enthusiastic about life. One of his favorite quotes to share with others was "Act enthusiastic and you'll BE enthusiastic!"

Survivors include his wife Mary of 60 years, daughters Rebecca Kehret, Yvonne Acuna, son Bill Finch Jr. and 7 grandchildren, Kathryn Goetz, Ryan Carvin, Nicole Johnson, Danielle Coleman, Justin Decker, Dylan Finch, Cody Finch and 4 great-grandchildren Isabella Johnson, Lonnie Johnson, Cecil Coleman, Scarlett Rose Finch and Finch Coleman. Bill will be missed but will stay forever in our hearts until we meet again.

Friends and family are invited to gather Saturday, August 11th 2018, 11 a.m. at Neighborhood Church, 20600 John Dr., Castro Valley to share stories and celebrate his life.

Donations to the Scleroderma Research Foundation in honor of his daughter Yvonne.

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■ Elizabeth M. Gaylord, passed away July 20, 2018 at age 55. Always unselfish and kind, her generous heart was filled with love, fun, family and friends. Preceded in death by her husband and love of her life Charles (Tom) Gaylord. She leaves behind her daughter Danielle Gaylord. Elizabeth was loved and will be missed by all.

■ Frances May Dilling a long time resident of San Leandro passed away July 21, 2018 in Castro Valley.

Visitation for Frances will be today, July 26 at Santos-Robinson Mortuary, 160 Estudillo Ave., San Leandro from 12 Noon to 8 p.m. A Celebration of her life will be tomorrow, July 27 at Santos-Robinson Mortuary beginning at 11 a.m. Burial to follow at Mt. View Cemetery in Oakland.

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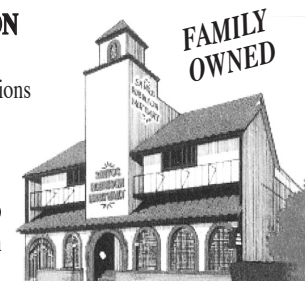
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City's Gag Order Called 'Smoke Screen' to Distract from Facts In the Investigative Report

Editor:

We support the City Council's diligence in securing an objective investigation of the unsubstantiated claims made by the Davis Street CEO; and also the Council's handling of the resulting report, including making the report public.

We congratulate Jeff Kay on his appointment as our new City Manager, and we congratulate Chris Zapata on his new position in Anaheim. The payout on his contract was fair, particularly compared to nearby communities like Alameda, where the departing City Manager received over \$900,000.

There are many San Leandro residents who believe Mr. Zapata's service was excellent; progress was made on affordable housing, businesses were supported including the Tech Campus and Lit San Leandro, and innovative community projects were developed like the community-based response to homelessness in San Leandro.

The investigative report did reveal questionable actions on the part of Davis Street, including intense lobbying to receive special treatment. Their failure to repay the City's \$1.5 million loan in a timely manner, even with several extensions, was disappointing; it's also disturbing that the property they used as collateral was already encumbered, and the loan documents they signed falsely stated otherwise.

This lobbying is cause for concern, and we hope the Mayor and Council will be vigilant in resisting future "insider" efforts to influence the decision-making process by anyone — corporations, individuals or nonprofit agencies.

We also support the request for commissioners to speak respectfully of past and current City staff when representing the city at public events. It's highly inappropriate for appointed officials, while on duty, to gossip about City staff. This in no way muzzles a commissioner who is planning to run for office outside of their current appointed position.

The "gag order" kerfuffle is a smoke screen to distract from the unflattering facts about Davis Street revealed in the investigative report.

—Peggy and Tom Combs
San Leandro

Can't Understand Why Choury Feels She is Being Persecuted

Editor:

There is no arguing with Ms. Choury ("Suffers 'Reprisal for Defense Of Religious Freedom'," Letters, July 19).

It doesn't matter to her that same-sex marriage has been legal in California since 2008. It doesn't matter that nobody is even forcing her to get same-sex married or asking anyone to put the 'two-man topper' on a

cake against their will (re. it is not like it is a soda). It doesn't matter that the Constitution specifically protects us from state sponsored religion.

Both her letters clearly show she wants to force her religion on us and at the same time call herself persecuted when we don't agree. Funny.

It also doesn't matter to her that our founding father Thomas Jefferson created the concept of separation of Church and State to protect new Americans from what many had just fled. He said "I contemplate with sovereign reverence that act of the whole American people which declared that their legislature should 'make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof,' thus building a wall of separation between Church & State."

That was 1802. That's only recent in geological terms but not of our country. And even Thomas and his buds, when breathing life into this country, and had the opportunity to write "Christianity" as the guiding philosophy of the United States of America as but they didn't as Ms. Choury claims.

Our history started with the notion of overcoming restrictions based on religion. If Ms. Choury wants to add religious restriction to herself she can. Why she thinks she is being persecuted is beyond understanding. I wish Ms. Choury the peace, strength, and tolerance to accept that she isn't the boss of Americans of other faiths or those of no religion since, again, there is no god.

—John Clouston
San Leandro

Good News Happening on Polvorosa Avenue in San Leandro

Editor:

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—Gerry Mellen
Board Member of SOS MOW

A Win-Win Just By Eating More Soybean Products

Editor:

There are actually more than two ways to make the president's trade war with China a win. Help domestic soybean farmers out by buying soybean products the next time you go shopping. Help yourself by eating healthy plant based food. Save the lives of chickens, pigs and cows. This is direct action any consumer can take. You can use your purchasing power to support domestic farming, better health choices for you and your family and saving the lives of

animals every time you shop.

Think about it.

—Benjamin Frager
San Leandro

Says Appropriate Remedy for Trump Actions is Impeachment

Editor:

The President of the United States capitulated beside the Russian president when asked what he said to Putin about Russian interference in our elections. Trump said he believed Putin's denials and blathered irrelevantly on and on about Hillary's email server. He dismissed the deep and detailed evidence compiled by our security agencies — NSA, CIA, FBI — and by the Special Council's investigation, calling them "witch hunts," deferring instead to Putin.

He publicly called our closest trading partners and military allies "foes" in the presence of a real foe. His wimpy performance is worse than disgusting; it is treasonous. He is weakening our alliances while supporting our adversaries.

In a democratic nation of law, impeachment is the appropriate remedy.

—Bruce Joffe
Piedmont

Asks: Where Does a Bank's Responsibility Begin and End?

Editor:

I have a friend who lives in Oakley, Calif., who was recently the victim of identity theft. She thinks someone where she works may have used a cell phone to take pictures of her drivers license and other information.

One day she noticed someone had accessed her bank accounts in Davis. She immediately notified Chase Bank and filed a complaint. Her mistake was not closing her accounts right away. A representative with the Chase Bank stated it is not their policy to file a police report because identity theft is a wide spread problem, and only the victims file police reports.

The suspect did not have a pin number, therefore she could not use an ATM. She was going inside different Chase Bank branches to withdraw monies in Davis. One day the suspect was in a Chase Financial Institution trying to withdraw more money. Chase confiscated the her false identification and sent her on her way.

When my friend filed a police report with Oakley Police (forwarded to Davis Police) she was advised that Chase Bank should have been proactive. Chase could have stalled the suspect by pretending to get the money she wanted and called the police. The suspect then could have been questioned and possibly arrested.

Instead Chase let the suspect get away with \$1,900. Now the suspect knows she cannot use this victim's stolen identity anymore and most likely has moved on to the next victim. Is that you?

The victim was given a copy of the false identification used by the suspect possibly to see if she knew her. A Chase representative told the victim it would take 30 days for her to get her monies back because an investigation had to be completed to determine if she was in cahoots

with the suspect. The victim's impression was that Chase wanted to make sure their insurance would cover it. The victim was never contacted by an investigator.

I googled whether financial institutions have an obligation to call the police in identity theft situations, and the answers I found were no. I started thinking did Chase Bank really investigate to see if the victim and suspect were in cahoots, or was the waiting period to make sure their insurance was going to cover it? Where does a Financial Institution's responsibility begin and end? How many times does a Financial Institution contribute to identity theft,

especially when letting suspects go and not calling the police? Do Insurance companies make monies off the big problem of identity theft?

—Kathleen Starzenski
San Leandro



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If you could have a supernatural power?

— Asked at the San Leandro Main Library

To be able to fly. You wouldn't have to deal with the traffic and you could see the world from a bird's eye view, Mt. Everest and the ocean.

Sharon Eisele
San Leandro



To be invisible. It would be a useful trait to have. You could employ it to fight crime. You would be able to prevent negative things from happening.

Nancy Miller
San Leandro

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Shereese Ellis
San Leandro



Omnipresence. To be everywhere, so I could be in touch with everything that's going on. I would know everything because I'm everywhere.

Emmanuel Uyong
Oakland

To be able to travel to anywhere just like that. I would go to all the states. I like Texas, the people are friendly, and I would go to Minnesota, and maybe to Indiana because my grandmother is from there.

Vicki Scott
San Leandro



Ward: Boxers, 8 and up, compete

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Ward said.

"Competitive opportunities are vital for a young boxer and I want to give them a platform to showcase their skills and I'm looking forward to being ringside to cheer them on."

Male and female boxers as young as eight-years-old on up through elite division athletes are in the program, which provides free coaching, fitness and mentoring for underserved youth in the East Bay.

The nonprofit DSAL was founded in 2005. Deputies volunteer time to coach youth and to raise money to pay for equipment and scholarships.

"This amateur boxing event will showcase competitive opportunities from youth throughout the state of California," said Sergeant Oscar Perez of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office. "This

event creates self-confidence for our youth, which helps them learn and perform at a fast and higher level, while teaching them to put forth their best effort no matter

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Sergeant Oscar Perez of the Sheriff's Department

what they strive for in life."

Long before racking up five world titles in two different weight divisions, a nine-year-old Andre Ward was taken to a boxing gym by his father, Frank, who asked trainer Virgil Hunter to teach his son "to hit and not get hit." Hunter, now Ward's Godfather, more than delivered on his promise, helping to develop his pupil into one of the most skilled technicians in boxing.

Known for his strong character and integrity outside the ring, Andre S.O.G. (Son-Of-God) Ward has visited numerous schools, prisons and youth facilities to share his inspirational success story.

All proceeds from Saturday's event go to benefit the Alameda County DSAL Boxing Academy.

For more information about the Academy, visit www.acdsal.org.



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Lego City

A Lego city is on display Friday through Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m., through Aug. 16, on the second floor of the Bay Area Family Church, 2305 Washington Ave. in San Leandro. See, build or buy Legos. Admission is \$5, cash only at the door, or tickets online at: brickshow2018.eventbrite.com.

SL Demos to Meet July 26

The San Leandro Democratic Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, July 26, at 6:30 p.m. in the Trustee Room of the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave.

This Day in History...

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Festa of Portuguese Immigrant on Alvarado

The annual festa of the Portuguese Immigrant will continue this weekend at the IDES Hall, 790 Antonio St. in San Leandro.

On Saturday, July 28, at 11 a.m. there will be the distribution of the "esmolas," raising of the Portuguese and American flags and the playing of the respective

national anthems. A rosary will be said at 4 p.m. Later a folkloric dance group will perform and a dinner of meat stew will be served for \$15 a plate, and a bazaar will be in the outside courtyard.

On Sunday, July 29, at 2 p.m. a Mass will be said inside the hall, followed by a procession with music by the Filarmonica Artista Amadora. Sopas and dessert will be served after the parade.

The religious part of the festa will be overseen by Father Pedro Lima, a young priest ordained in the diocese of Angra and now studying for his doctorate in theology in Rome.

The whole community is invited to the festa.

Born in San Leandro...

Actor Lloyd Bridges – film, stage and TV star – was born in San Leandro on Jan. 15, 1913.



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