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San Leandro High School No. 1 singles tennis player Ben Duong battled Ajay Ralleta of Mt. Eden last Thursday in a close first set. Ralleta won the match 7-6, 6-0 as Duong played out the second set despite a banged up knee.

San Leandro Tennis Tops Mt. Eden, 4-3

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

The doubles-duos pulled through as the San Leandro boys tennis team won in a close match against Mt. Eden last Thursday, 4-3.

The Pirates won all three doubles matches, two on the court, and the third by default as the Monarchs were a doubles team short. So the Pirates only needed to

win one of the four singles matches to win the overall team score.

They did it when San Leandro's No. 2 singles player Wesley Tat pulled out the win over Allen Mercado of Mt. Eden - 6-3, 6-7, 6-4.

Tat's style is to hit soft shots, almost lobs, but he keeps getting the ball in, wearing down his opponents with his consistency.

In the No. 1 singles match, Ben Duong

of San Leandro battled down to the wire in the first set, a 7-6 tiebreaker won by Ajay Ralleta of Mt. Eden. Ralleta cruised in the second set, 6-0, after Doung fell and bloodied his knee, but he fought through the pain and finished the match.

In the No. 3 singles match, Julian Sanderson of Mt. Eden beat Kaho Moon of San Leandro - 6-1, 6-4.

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Rapid Bus Line to Open By Year's End

AC Transit's Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line stations almost finished

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

A rainy winter delayed construction on AC Transit's Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project, but officials say that the "light rail on wheels" bus route will be running by the end of the year.

The ambitious \$216 million rapid-bus line has been in the works for over 15 years and was originally supposed to stretch from Berkeley to Bayfair. But AC Transit could only get approval for a truncated 9.5-mile route between downtown Oakland to the San Leandro BART station.

The San Leandro City Council nixed the rest of the route through town to Bayfair, saying it would disrupt traffic on East 14th Street.

Back in 2014, AC Transit said BRT would be running before the end of 2016. But construction didn't start until April of 2017. At a recent San Leandro facilities and Technology Committee meeting, AC Transit officials said that the construction is around 60 percent complete today and on track to have the busses running by the end of this year.

Most of the route will include dedicated bus lanes in the middle of the road, but in San Leandro the bus-only lane will go just a few blocks into the city before turning off East 14th Street at Davis Street and heading to the San Leandro BART station.

All of the bus stop platforms have been constructed, but finishing touches won't be in place until closer to the end of the year, see BRT, page 14

Council To Host Budget Discussion

The City Council invites the public to attend an upcoming council meeting that will include an in-depth discussion of the city's upcoming Fiscal Year 2019-20 budget on Monday, April 15, at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 835 East 14th St.

Throughout the spring of every other year, City staff develop a draft biennial (two-year) budget that is presented to the City Council for their review and feedback prior to their formal adoption of the budget in June. Each budget year begins on July 1 and ends on June 30. This meeting is part of the ongoing process of public meetings that provide an opportunity for discussion, in- see BUDGET, page 9

Council OK's 687-Unit Apartment Complex

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

A 687-unit apartment complex was unanimously approved recently by the city's Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Adjustments, drawing little of the opposition that much smaller proposed apartment developments have gotten in San Leandro recently.

Maximus Real Estate Partners will build two apartment buildings at the 5.7-acre site about one-quarter mile north of the San Leandro BART station at 899 Alvarado St.

One building will be five stories, the other six stories



A rendering gives an impression of what the apartments might look like.

with a shared underground parking garage with 892 spaces, a 550-square-foot cafe, play area, dog park, roof-top garden, and

running path.

One wall will be devoted to a large public art piece made up of thousands of orange and yellow

laser cut pieces which will be arranged to mimic a migration of Monarch butterflies.

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CITY COUNCIL

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

SAN LEANDRO SCHOOL BOARD

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



PETS OF THE WEEK



Whitney



Amber

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are Whitney the cat and Amber the bunny.

Whitney is a gorgeous, 4-year-old tortie with long fur. She's a little shy at first but has a sweet personality once she gets to know you. She needs a loving, patient family to help her blossom.

Amber is a social bunny with big brown eyes. While a bit shy when she first meets you, she quickly warms up and is very sweet.

She allows handling and loves nibbling on timothy hay and greens.

For more information on Whitney or Amber, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at 293-7200.

Correction

In the story on Mayor Pauline Cutter's State of the City speech, "Cutter Speech Calls for Sustainability" (March 28, 2019), the planned apartment complex mentioned in the speech had the wrong address. It should have said 899 Alvarado St.

SIRs Meets Monthly at Metropolitan Golf Links

SIRs, an organization of retired men, meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the Wedgewood Center at the Metropolitan Golf Links, 10051 Doolittle Drive in Oakland. Happy hour starts at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at noon.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE RUIZ PARISOTTO

Jasmine LaRose plays Rose in the musical *Gypsy*, running this weekend at the San Leandro High School Performing Arts Center.

Gypsy Runs a Final Week at SLHS

The musical *Gypsy* will run for one more weekend at the San Leandro High Performing Arts Center, featuring students from San Leandro High School as well as several children from elementary schools.

Loosely based on the life of Gypsy Rose Lee, the show features singing and dancing that will send you home humming.

The musical tells the story of Rose, the overbearing "stage mother." She pushes her daughters, June and Louise, into show business, hoping they can have the stardom that she wanted

for herself.

The show runs Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. on April 12, 13 and 14.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors, and \$8 for students. Tickets at the door, or advance tickets on sale at www.sanleandropac.com.

Help Remove Non-Native Plants at Park

Help Friends of San Leandro Creek remove non-native plants like ivy and blackberry from the creekside at Chabot Park, Estudillo Avenue and Sylvian Circle, on Saturday, April 20, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Volunteers should wear long pants and sleeves, sturdy shoes, and

mosquito repellent. FSLC will provide tools, snacks, drinks and a free pizza lunch for all. Scout troops, clubs and groups are welcome, as well as individuals. The Friends will certify volunteer hours for community service for schools. For more information and to register visit www.fslc.org.

Historical Society To Host Open House

The San Leandro Historical Society invites the public to an open house on Saturday, April 13, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Little Brown Church on the grounds of Casa Peralta, 384 W. Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro.

A slide show and history of the building will be presented from 2:30 to 3 p.m. Bring family and friends. Enjoy wine and refreshments, including home-baked cookies. Admission is free. Drop in at any time.

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Gala Fundraiser Brings in \$156,000 For Davis Street Resource Center

Davis Street supporters came together on March 27 at the Sequoyah Country Club and raised \$156,170 to support the Davis Street Family Resource Center's programs for families and seniors.

The sold-out event, "A Night in Havana," featured Cuban themed décor for a colorful evening of dining and dancing in support of Davis Street.

Davis Street recognized Gordon Galvan for his 10 years of service and leadership on the Davis Street Board of Directors and welcomed Dr. Susan Cota as Board President.

The gala raised critically needed funds to support all the programs at Davis Street which serves thousands of people. Davis Street helps low income families of the Eden area and surrounding communities through short and long-term assistance.

Davis Street programs include a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Primary Care Clinic providing medical, dental, vision, pediatric services, behavioral, and women's health services; food and clothing; subsidized child care; housing and utility assistance and referrals; quality affordable childcare at five childcare centers; and Stepping Stones Growth Center, providing programs for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Gala sponsors included:

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"I'm eternally grateful to our core supporters for making this our highest grossing event ever, and am excited to welcome Dr. Cota as we write the next chapter of Davis Street history," said Davis Street CEO Rose Padilla Johnson.

POLICE & FIRE

Police Arrest Auto Burglary Suspects after High-Speed Chase

San Leandro Police arrested two men on April 3 following an auto burglary, high-speed car chase and foot pursuit across Interstate 580 in Oakland.

Two San Leandro police sergeants patrolling downtown saw a gold-colored Honda Accord speeding out of the Washington Plaza shopping center with the car's back window smashed out and several patrons in the shopping center pointing at the car as it fled, according to a San Leandro police press release.

The police tried to stop the Honda, which continued to flee, increasing its speed as it headed towards Interstate 580. Some officers responded to assist in the pursuit, while others checked for victims at Washington Plaza, police said.

The sergeants pursued the vehicle on I-580 towards Oakland as the Honda exited and re-entered the freeway a few times.

The Honda finally exited the freeway at Seminary Avenue where it became disabled after crashing into another vehicle in a construction zone.

The driver, later identified as 23 year old Sergio Chavez-Silva and his passenger, 30 year old Byron Perez-Olivera, both of Oakland, ran from the vehicle and fled across the east and west-bound freeway lanes, with the two sergeants following at a safe distance, police said.

Chavez-Silva was found hiding in the bushes on the freeway off-ramp and was arrested by the sergeants. Perez-Silva, who was also on probation for a previous burglary conviction, was found walking near a Shell gas station on Seminary Ave. and was arrested by SLPD officers.

Officers investigating the incident at the Washington Plaza determined that the men had broken into a truck parked near the

Sizzler restaurant, and fled after being confronted by witnesses, who smashed out the back window of the Honda, before it sped out of the parking lot.

"Auto burglaries are common crimes that have been occurring in most cities throughout the Bay Area, with tools, computers, cell phones and purses being stolen regularly," stated San Leandro Lt. Robert McManus in a press release. "Today's situation was very dangerous for everyone involved. We are glad that this ended without anyone injured."

Both men have been arrested by police on suspicion of auto burglary. Police will seek additional charges against Chavez-Silva, the driver of the Honda that led the sergeants on the high-speed pursuit. Perez-Silva is also being held for a violation of his probation.

Both men were transferred to Santa Rita Jail in Dublin.

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The Castro Valley Toastmasters weekly meetings are held every Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at 21966 Dolores Street in Castro Valley.

For more information call 566-9761 or go to <http://961.toastmastersclubs.org/>.

County Surveying Older Adults

The Area Agency on Aging (AAA) is conducting a survey for older adults to gain perspective on what community components are important for the development of the Countywide Plan for Older Adults.

The information collected

will be used by the county to shape future programs and services.

If you are age 55 and older, and reside in Alameda County, please take a few minutes to fill out the online survey at: <http://bit.ly/aaa2019survey>

Alameda County Social Services Agency

Are you 55 years of age or older AND live in Alameda County?

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NEIGHBORS



Exchange Students from Spain will visit a number of Bay Area attractions while staying with their host families this summer.

Host a Student from Spain this Summer

An exchange student program is looking for more host families to house 19 students from Spain who are coming to the Bay Area this summer.

Have a fun experience with your family learning about another culture, language and make a new lifelong friend. The students have studied English and want to experience life in an American home.

The students will stay for four weeks, from June 28 through July 26. The students range in age

from 13 to 17 and will have their own spending money and insurance. A Spanish group leader will be available for communication or to help with any problems.

Host families provide one student with their own bed, a place to keep belongings and meals. It's not necessary to speak Spanish to be a host family.

The 25 students in the group will go on three excursions each week during their stay. They will go to Great America, Alcatraz, an Oakland A's game, and other

attractions. The excursions are all paid for by the program, as well as their ground transportation. Host families are welcome to join the students on any of the excursions at a discounted rate. An effort will be made to place students according to age, gender and interests.

To be a host family or for more information on this cultural experience, contact Carolyn or Larry Mazzanti at carolyn10757@aol.com or call 265-4929.

IN THE SERVICE

U.S. Air Force Airman Ken- Joint Base San Antonio-Lack-
nard J. Moody Jr. graduated land, San Antonio, Texas.
from basic military training at The airman completed an

intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Moody is the son of **Ken-nard J. Moody Sr.** of Oakland, and **Glenda M. Jones** of Stockton and husband of **Aaliyah R. Moody** of San Leandro, Calif.

He is a 2015 graduate of Stellar Preparatory School, Hayward.



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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You're doing better on the flexibility issue, but you still need to loosen up a bit to show you can be less judgmental and more understanding about certain sensitive matters.



TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your personal aspect continues to dominate this week. But try to make time to deal with important career-linked matters as well. A change of plans might occur by the weekend.



GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Excuses are not really needed for much of the confusion occurring this week. However, explanations from all parties could help in working things out to everyone's satisfaction.



CANCER (June 21 to July 22) That surprising (but pleasant) recent turn of events continues to develop positive aspects. But be prepared for a bit of a jolt on another issue that needs attention.



LEO (July 23 to August 22) Creating a fuss might bring you that attention you want. But are you prepared for all the explaining you'd have to do? Better to use more subtle ways to make your bid.



VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) With education continuing to be a strong factor this week, this could be the time to start learning some new skills that can later be applied to a bid for a potential career move.



LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might do well to reconsider some of your current time priorities before you get so deeply involved in one project that you neglect meeting a deadline on another.



SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) With an important decision looming, you need to be careful about the information you're getting. Half-truths are essentially useless. Get the full story before you act.



SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Find out what everyone's role is expected to be before accepting that workplace proposal. Getting all the facts now could prevent serious problems later on.



CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A flexible position on a workplace matter could be the best course to follow during the next several days. A personal issue also benefits from an open-minded approach.



AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Involving too many people in your workplace problem can backfire. Remember: Allegiances can shift. Ask trusted colleagues for advice, but don't ask them to take sides.



PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Before submitting your suggestions, take more time to sharpen the points you want to make. The clearer the presentation, the more chance it has to get through when submitted.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



❖ Area Agency on Aging Survey

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❖ Hearing Loss Association Meeting

The Hearing Loss Association Meeting will be on Saturday, April 13, at the Oakland Kaiser Hospital, Fabiola Bldg., 3801 Howe St., lower level, room G26. Refreshments at 9:30 a.m. with the program beginning at 10 a.m. The speaker, Dr. Herb Dedo, was on the faculty of UCSF Medical school for 45 years, as chief of research paralysis of the vocal cord, taught ENT residents. He has much to discuss including Meniere's treatment. Parking is free on Saturdays at the garage on Howe St. For more information, call 221-6080 or email info@hearinglosseeb.org.

❖ Then They Came For Me...

Join the Castro Valley Community Alliance for a dynamic presentation and discussion about restrictions and internment of American ethnic groups, then and now, on Saturday, April 13, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Castro Valley Library, 3800 Norbridge Ave. in Castro Valley. Speakers include Velio (Al) Bronzini and Hiroshi Shimizu, who as children during WWII, experienced the repercussions from hatred and fear through ethnic profiling. ACLU of Northern California Organizing Director Ashley Morris will talk about what is happening now and how we can help.

❖ City of San Leandro Hosts Egg Hunt

The Recreation and Human Services Department will host the city's annual Egg Hunt for children age 10 and under on Saturday, April 13, at 10 a.m. at Stenzel Park. Bring your own basket. Parent supervision is required. Egg hunts will be divided into age groups. The Easter Bunny is expected so bring a camera. This event is made possible through a donation from the San Leandro Optimist Club. For more information, call the Recreation and Human Services Department at 577-3462.

❖ San Leandro Historical Society

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❖ St. Gerard Women's Club Bake Sale

The Members of St. Gerard Women's Club of St. John's Church, 264 E. Lewelling Blvd. in San Lorenzo, will have their Annual Easter Bake Sale and Raffle on Saturday, April 13, from 3 to 8:30 p.m.; and Sunday, April 14, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. A Continental Breakfast will be offered on Sunday starting at 8:30 a.m. Lots of delicious baked goods, raffle prizes and "jewelry table," with all proceeds going to St. John's Church. For more information call Cheryl Hoffmann at 278-2906 or Mary Barranco at 278-5315.

❖ You Can't Take It With You

The San Leandro Players will present *You Can't*

Take It With You, one of America's best loved classic comedies, at the San Leandro Museum/Auditorium, 320 West Estudillo Ave., running until April 14. The show runs Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m., and two Fridays at 8 p.m. on April 5 and April 12. Tickets are \$20 general, and \$15 for seniors TBA members, under 12 and students. For information or reservations call 895-2573, or order tickets online at www.splayers.org.

❖ Meeting of the East Bay Rose Society

The meeting of the East Bay Rose Society will be on Wednesday, April 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave. in Oakland. The topic will be "Simple Elegance the Japanese Way: Enjoying Flower Arranging with Shuji Ikeda," who is a senior professor of the Ikenobo School of flower arranging and has worked with flowers since childhood. He will teach a few basic techniques and principles on how to express the essence of the flowers. Enjoy snacks, people who talk roses and enjoy the show. For more information, visit www.eastbayroses.org.

❖ I.D.E.S. St. Salad Bar Lunch & Bingo

I.D.E.S. St. John, 1670 Orchard Ave. in San Leandro, will have a salad bar lunch and bingo on Saturday, April 20, at noon. Tickets are \$15 and includes four bingo cards. Extra bingo cards are 25 cents each. There will also be a 50/50 cash raffle. For tickets, call Darlene at 589-6536, Willie at 635-6326 or Frances at 886-1568.

❖ Bayfair Toastmasters

Bayfair Toastmasters is a small, growing club seeking new members who want to learn the art of public speaking. All are welcome to the club's weekly meetings every Wednesday from noon to 1 a.m. in the Bayfair Mall 2nd floor meeting room above the food court. Come through Entrance 5 facing the Century Theater. For more information, call Noreen at 538-6025 or Wayne at 407-0048.

❖ 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, second through the fourth or fifth, are luncheons and are from 12:10 to 1:30 p.m. and will have a speaker. All meetings are held at The Englander, 101 Parrott Street in San Leandro.

❖ Personal Emergency Preparedness

Attend an interactive workshop on emergency preparedness on Thursday, April 18, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd., Thunderbolt room in San Leandro. Topics will include what to do before, during and after an earthquake. Discussions will be on how to make a family plan, build an emergency kit, what items should be included and the proper way to store it. Staff from the Alameda County Fire Department will lead the workshop. To sign up log on to: www.sanleandorec.org #13968 or visit Marina Community Center.

❖ San Leandro LeTip Meeting

Come see how LeTip can help your business sales grow. Meetings are held every Thursday at 7 a.m. at Denny's Restaurant, 1803 Marina Blvd. in San Leandro. LeTip is a professional organization whose purpose is the exchange of business leads. Each business category can only be represented by only one person. For more information, call Robert West at 912-0555.

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

Tennis: San Leandro High doubles duos post wins; Tat's win in singles makes the difference

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In the No. 4 singles match, Nikesh Poudel of Mt. Eden beat Philip G. Mariam of San Leandro – 7-6, 4-6, 6-4.

But in the doubles matches, San Leandro rolled to victory. In No. 1 doubles, Sonny Lew and Joshua Rodrigues of San Leandro beat Mohit Gupta and Kyle Carino of Mt. Eden – 6-0, 6-0.

In No. 2 doubles, Mohit Singh and Jeremiah Rodriguez beat Areeb Khan and Christian Ocoma of Mt. Eden – 6-0, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles player Joshua Rodriguez said he was switched to a singles player earlier in the year, but went back to playing doubles, which he prefers. He likes to talk to his doubles partner and plan strategy.

“I feel more comfortable in doubles,” he said. “I talk to my doubles partner after each point.”

Rodriguez twin brother, Jeremiah Rodriguez, is on the No. 2 doubles tandem. The twins have played together before as a doubles team, but they’ve decided they do better playing with another doubles partner.

Jeremiah said he plays well with his current doubles partner Mohit Singh.

“He makes it easy for me when I’m at the net because his shots go deep,” he said.



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

San Leandro tennis player Wesley Tat returns a shot in the No. 2 singles match, hitting the ball high but consistently getting the ball inbounds. Tat went on to win his match 6-3, 6-7, 6-4.

Briefs & Announcements

And Then They Came for Me...

Join the Castro Valley Community Alliance for a dynamic presentation and discussion about restrictions and internment of American ethnic groups, then and now, on Saturday, April 13, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Castro Valley Library, 3800 Norbridge Ave. in Castro Valley. Speakers include Velio (Al) Bronzini and Hiroshi Shimizu, who as children during WWII, experienced the repercussions from hatred and fear through ethnic profiling.

Easter Treasure Hunt

Heritage Baptist Church will host an Easter Treasure Hunt at James Monroe Elementary School, 3750 Monterey Blvd. in San Leandro, on Saturday, April 20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This free event will include games, prizes, and exciting activities for children 4-11 years old. For information go to www.hbc.or/easter or call 357-7023.

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The name of the business:

Bay Du Acupuncture Herbs located at 237 Estudillo Avenue #202, San Leandro, CA 94577, in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jia Zhong Du, 400 Springlake Drive, San Leandro, CA 94578. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced on 10/09/2018.

/s/Jia Zhong Du

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The name of the business:

(1) Windy Treats (2) Lion's Garden (3) Divines Cloud 9 (4) Stovall Group & Associates (5) Merry For Jane, located at 24438 Santa Clara Street #3035, Hayward, CA 94540, in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1) JeAnna Stovall and (2) Margaret J. Stovall, 660 Fargo Avenue #9, San Leandro, CA 94579. This business is conducted by a general partnership. This business commenced on N/A.

/s/JeAnna Stovall, Margaret J. Stovall

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/s/Raymond Zeng

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Bamboo Advance Beauty College located at 14624 E. 14th Street, San Leandro, CA 94578, in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Mai-Pham Investments LLC, 232 Lexington Avenue, Hayward, CA 94544. This business is conducted by a limited liability company. This business commenced on N/A.

/s/Bamboo Advance Beauty College

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The name of the business:

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

/s/P & G Power Corp.

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

/s/Geri Baskind

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The name of the business:

Red Lion Plumbing and Rooter located at 824 Williams Street, San Leandro, CA 94577, in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Luis Martinez, 824 Williams Street, San Leandro, CA 94577. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced on N/A.

/s/Luis Martinez

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Al's Detailing located at 15785 Washington Avenue, San Lorenzo, CA 94580, in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Alan Quisenberry, 281 Juana Avenue, Apt. 305, San Leandro, CA 94577. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced on 02-06-12.

/s/Alan Quisenberry

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The name of the business:

The New Fairmont Beauty Salon located at 1596 150th Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94578, in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Violante Pereira, 593 Grove Way, Hayward, CA 94541. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced on 2-1-2010.

/s/Violante Pereira

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The name of the business:

Carrie's Learning Space located at 1471 166th Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94578, in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Carrie Banks, 1471 166th Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94578. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced on 4/20/2018.

/s/Carrie Banks

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The name of the business:

Nate's Customs & Collision located at 2420 Davis Street, San Leandro, CA 94577, in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Nathan Jaramillo, 2586 Williams Street, San Leandro, CA 94577. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced on N/A.

/s/Nathan Jaramillo

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The name of the business:

Melissa Michelle Grooming located at 1109 MacArthur Blvd, San Leandro, CA 94577, in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Melissa Michelle Grooming Inc., 875 Begier Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94577. This business is conducted by a corporation. This business commenced on 3-28-19.

/s/Melissa Michelle Grooming, Inc.

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The name of the business:

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

/s/Pedro Matias Pablo

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

/s/Power Nex Construction, INC.

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AUTOMOTIVE

Lexus Moves Down Market and Up Volume

By Steve Schaefer
San Leandro Times

With the new UX, Lexus expands its crossover line-up down market. They are hoping to not only sell young buyers their first Lexus, but their first luxury car.

Lexus introduced the industry's first luxury crossover—the legendary RX—20 years ago, and as part of Toyota enjoys a link to hybrid cars going back the same two decades. It makes sense, then, to introduce the UX with gas-only and hybrid powertrains. Opt for the UX 200 with its 2.0-liter four or if you have greener goals, the UX 250h, with a more efficient 2.0-liter engine combined with

Lexus' 4th-generation hybrid system.

Lexus claims that UX stands for Urban X-over (crossover), but it's also possible that they've already used up most of the available letters with their expanded range of crossovers!

While this arrival is being heralded as "new and exciting," a cynic could say that Lexus looked around and realized that other brands were already selling dinky high-riding mini-utes and they didn't want to miss out.

As Lexus moves smaller and smaller, it means the UX is the first Lexus to use the shared Toyota small car Global Architecture Compact (GA-C) platform. While this also underpins the humble Corolla,

it represents the latest tech for compacts, and reduces development costs.

As a Lexus, this newborn gets the same gaping maw up front, but the texture is a clever block-shape mesh pattern that gives a different appearance depending on your viewpoint. That should have an impact in close, urban environments (including Japan). The Takumi (artisan in Japanese) clay modeling process was used to refine the surfaces, which is a challenge with all the different lines a Lexus has to wear these days. Despite the issues of downsizing design cues onto a smaller platform, Lexus has delivered a good-looking vehicle.

Lexus claims that some of the design elements have prac-



Inspired by a traditional Japanese concept that blurs the boundary between a home's exterior and interior, designers created a feeling of seamless continuity for the UX.

tical value, such as the Unique Aero Stabilizing Blade Lights in back. It could possibly make a difference at high speed, but we all know that with crossovers, any SUV features, including wheel arch moldings for protecting against flying

gravel, are all for show.

In the EV industry, white and blue are commonly used to communicate high tech efficiency, and it's nice to know that only the hybrid version of the UX gets Ultra White and Ultra Sonic Blue Mica 2.0 paint options. You can pick from 10 more hues, too. Cadmium Orange and Nori Green offer multilayer applications and enlarged mica particles for dramatic effect. These are great selling points for millennials, who are apparently more interested in looking good in town than getting covered in mud offroad.

There are three levels—base, F SPORT, and Luxury, all with standard all-wheel drive. My test car, in the aforementioned Ultra Sonic Blue Mica 2.0 paint, was an F SPORT, so the block pattern on its grill was made up of individual L-shaped pieces! You get L-shaped chrome moldings, too.

But it's not just about looks. The F SPORT UX 250h receives exclusive suspension tuning with revised springs and stabilizer bars for a tighter ride. It also flaunts more rigid 18-inch unique wheels. One hopes the urban jungle's roads don't communicate too much to the passengers.

That could be mitigated by the F SPORT exclusive interior, with sport seats made with special foam. The cockpit takes inspiration from its super luxury siblings, including the clever sliding ring in the instrument panel and perforated leather steering wheel.

Lexus employed the Japanese concept called engawa, in having the upper part of the instrument panel look like it extends out beyond the windshield and into the fenders. While it's an interesting aesthetic, much like living in an Eichler house with its floor-to-ceiling windows, Lexus claims practical benefits (like those aerodynamic taillamps). They claim the design aids in parking in small spaces.

Japanese traditions are fine, but Chief Engineer Kako spent time in Europe to define the UX's interior appearance and quality. Lexus offers a wide selection of interior color combinations, such as Glazed Caramel and Birch with Lapis—or Circuit Red in the F SPORT.

How much benefit does the hybrid provide? The EPA numbers show that every UX is efficient. The 250h, with its additional motor and battery, is 300 pounds heavier, but earns 6 mpg better numbers overall than the 200 (41 City, 38 Highway, 30 Overall vs. 29, 37, and 33 respectively). You can see that most of the improvement is in town—perfect.

The 200 and 250h base models are just \$2,000 apart. The UX 250h starts at \$34,000, the F SPORT at \$36,000, and the Luxury bases at \$39,200. My tester ended up at \$42,785 with some options. That's the going rate for little luxury crossovers these days.

Steve Schaefer lives in Castro Valley. He has been reviewing new cars in the Times for 27 years.

**Saturday,
May 18**

Spring Cleaning Event

EVENT FEATURES

Citywide Garage Sale ~ 8am - 1pm

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

Spring Cleaning Event ~ 10am - 3pm

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

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



SIGN UP TO PARTICIPATE

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

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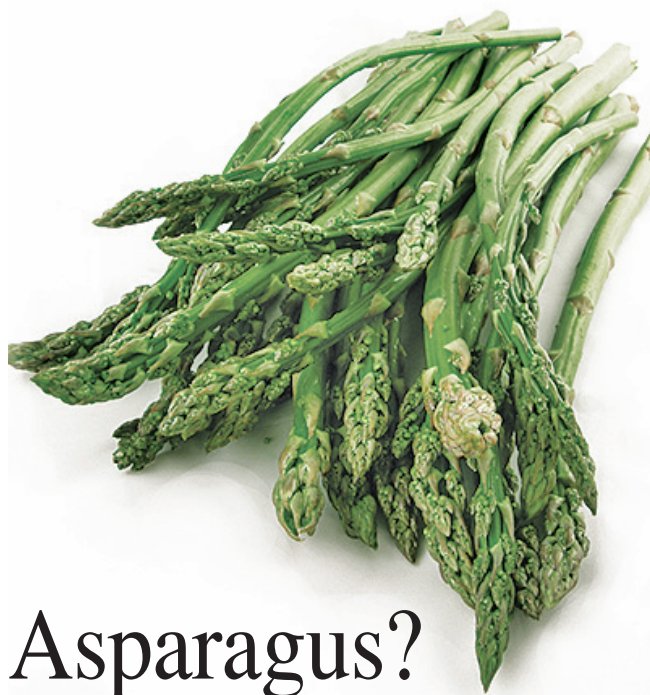
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LIFESTYLE



Asparagus? Make it Snappy!

A familiar sound around many kitchens these days is the snap of fresh California asparagus being prepared. Since asparagus breaks naturally between its tough and tender parts, it needs only a quick bend to snap off the edible tips.

California produces nearly a hundred million pounds of asparagus each year (about 70 percent of the nation's supply) and about a quarter of that is consumed right here in the state.

Most of it is grown in nearby Stockton and Salinas, so we get it fresh. (Stockton holds its annual Asparagus Festival this Friday, Saturday and Sunday, see www.visitstockton.org/events/san-joaquin-asparagus-festival/ for details.)

Best if used the day of purchase, asparagus can be stored in the refrigerator for a couple of days by standing the spears upright on a damp towel or in a dish with about an inch of water and covered

loosely with a plastic bag.

Asparagus can be boiled, steamed, roasted, stir-fried, grilled or microwaved. However you do it, cook only until the spears are tender-crisp.

To serve (hot or cold), drizzle with lemon juice or butter, or serve with sour cream, yogurt or a mayonnaise-based dressing.

ROASTED ASPARAGUS & HOLLANDAISE

2 pounds thick asparagus spears
Olive oil

Sauce:
Juice of 1/2 lemon (about 1-1/2 teaspoons)
1 teaspoon water

2 egg yolks
1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter cut into 8 pieces
Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 450°F. Lightly oil a large baking sheet. Rinse

asparagus and snap off tough ends. Pat dry and arrange in single layer on baking sheet. Sprinkle with olive oil and toss to coat them. Roast the spears 8 to 10 minutes, turning them at least once, until they are tender but firm. Set aside to serve warm or at room temperature.

Just before serving, make the Hollandaise sauce: In the top of a double boiler over simmering water, combine lemon juice, water, yolks and one piece of butter. Stir constantly with a wire whip, never stopping and being sure to reach all parts of the pan. As soon as the butter is about half melted, add another piece, and so on. Continue the process, stirring in another chunk of butter as soon as the previous one is half melted. When all the butter is in, add salt and pepper and immediately pour the sauce either onto the asparagus or into a warmed serving dish. Serves 6.

ASPARAGUS BISQUE

1 cube butter
3/4 cup flour
2 quarts whole milk
1 cup chicken stock
1 teaspoon white pepper
1 teaspoon salt
1 bay leaf
3 cups cooked asparagus tips cut into 1/2-inch pieces
Instant potatoes (to thicken bisque, if necessary)
Sourdough croutons, sour cream, dill weed

In stockpot, melt butter and add flour, stirring constantly so roux mixture doesn't burn. Add 1 quart milk slowly to roux, stirring constantly. When combined and thickened, add remaining milk and chicken stock. Add white pepper, salt and bay leaf. Add asparagus and cook soup slowly for 1 hour.

To serve, top bisque with large sourdough croutons and a spoonful of sour cream. Sprinkle with dill weed. Makes 1 gallon.

ASPARAGUS STIR-FRY

3/4 pound fresh asparagus
3/4 cup chicken broth
1 tablespoon cornstarch
1 teaspoon soy sauce
1 teaspoon sesame oil
3/4 pound sea scallops, cut in half if large, and patted dry
1 cup sliced mushrooms
1 clove garlic, minced
1 cup cherry tomato halves
2 to 3 thin green onions, sliced diagonally
2 cups hot cooked rice

Trim asparagus, rinse and cut into 2-inch diagonal pieces. Cook in boiling water until tender-crisp, about 3 to 5 minutes. Drain and rinse under cold water.

Combine chicken broth, cornstarch and soy sauce; reserve.

In a large nonstick skillet sprayed with nonstick cooking spray, heat oil. Stir-fry scallops and mushrooms with garlic until scallops are just cooked through,

about 4 minutes. Stir in cornstarch mixture.

Cook, stirring, until sauce thickens. Add drained asparagus, tomatoes and green onions; heat. Serve over rice. Serves 4.

ASPARAGUS PASTA

2 pounds asparagus
1/3 cup plain bread crumbs made from stale bread and ground in a blender, then refrigerated
1/2 cup olive oil
4 medium cloves garlic, minced
1/4 cup minced fresh parsley
1/4 cup lemon juice
1 teaspoon salt
1 pound dry spaghetti

Bring four quarts of salted water to a boil in a large pot for cooking pasta.

Snap off tough ends from the asparagus spears. Cut spears in half lengthwise, then slice them on the bias into 1-inch pieces. Steam the asparagus until tender-crisp, about 2 minutes. Set the cooked asparagus aside.

Set a large skillet over medium heat. Add bread crumbs and toast them, shaking the pan occasionally to redistribute the crumbs, until golden brown—about 5 minutes. Do not let crumbs burn. Set the toasted crumbs aside.

Heat the oil in the empty skillet. Add the garlic and sauté over medium heat until lightly colored, about 2 minutes. Stir in the parsley leaves, lemon juice and salt, and



cook for 30 seconds.

Add the asparagus to the pan and mix well. Taste and adjust seasonings if necessary.

While preparing the sauce, cook and drain the pasta, making sure that some water still clings to the noodles. Toss the hot pasta with the asparagus sauce and toasted bread crumbs. Mix well and transfer portions to warm pasta bowls. Serve immediately. Yields 4 servings.

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**Wednesday, April 24, 2019
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HEALTH & FITNESS

Health Benefits Of Plant-Based Nutrition

As people continue to look for ways to live healthier lifestyles, the plant-based diet continues to gain momentum.

A plant-based diet describes a way of eating in which there is an emphasis on plant foods in the form of colorful fruits and vegetables, legumes and whole grains.

Benefits of eating more plant foods are numerous. Plant foods are nutrient dense, which means that they provide an abundance of nutrients relative to their calorie cost.

Fruits, veggies, beans and whole grains are terrific sources of vitamins, minerals and phytonutrients and they're naturally cholesterol-free. Most contribute a fair amount of fiber, too, so they help to fill you up and keep your digestive tract running smoothly.

When you include plenty of these nutritious, filling foods in your diet, it leaves less room in your stomach for less healthy fare.

That said, as the proportion of U.S. consumers who adhere to a vegan diet grows, so does the desire for these people to get more protein.

Identifying Sources of Plant-Based Proteins

The major sources of plant-based protein include beans, peas and lentils but whole grains are also important. You may think of whole grains as more of a carb than a protein and that's true—most grains have more carbohydrate calories than protein calories. But whole grains contribute important essential amino acids to the diet.

Most vegans know that in order to get the full complement of essential amino acids (the building blocks of proteins in the body), it's important to consume both legumes (beans, peas, lentils) and whole grains.

Soy is one of the few complete plant-based proteins, meaning it contains the nine essential amino acids that your body cannot produce on its own.

How Much Protein Is Right For You?

Protein is important for maintaining lean body mass. Susan Bowerman, Registered Dietitian and Senior Director at Herbalife Nutrition says the Institute of

Medicine recommends you eat 10 to 35 percent of your total daily calories from protein.

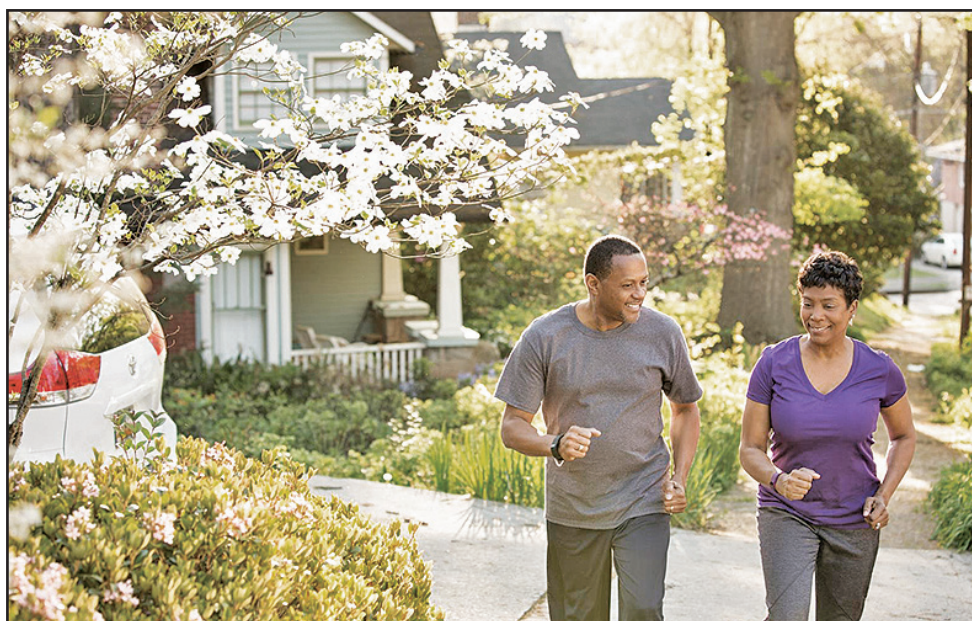
You can estimate your protein needs based on your current body weight. Simply multiply your body weight by 0.7. The number you get is a reasonable target for the amount of protein, in grams, that you should eat each day. For instance, a woman who weighs 140 pounds should aim for about 100g of protein a day.

Introducing Other Plant-Based Proteins

While most plant-based diets place an emphasis on whole foods, other plant-based foods that are derived from these whole foods can be included. So, in addition to legumes and whole grains (brown or wild rice, oats, quinoa, millet and the like), other sources of plant-based protein include soy milk, soy cheese, soy yogurt, tofu, tempeh, and protein powders made from plant sources such as soy, pea, rice, hemp, oats or quinoa.

For more information, visit www.herbalife.com.

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It's a healthy idea to be your own advocate when it comes to managing your cholesterol levels.

What You Need To Know About Cholesterol

New cholesterol guidelines from the American Heart Association emphasize a personalized approach to preventing and treating high cholesterol and cardiovascular disease.

What is Cholesterol?

Cholesterol is a waxy substance that your body makes to build cells. Too much can pose a problem. Extra cholesterol comes from foods including meat, poultry, dairy and tropical oils.

Why Cholesterol Matters

Cholesterol can slowly build up in your arteries and form a thick, hard deposit that narrows them and makes them less flexible. If a blood clot blocks a narrowed artery, a heart attack or stroke can result.

What To Do

Ask your doctor such questions as:

- *Q. What do cholesterol numbers mean?*
- A. There's no ideal target for low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C), but "lower is

better." Assessment with a risk calculator helps your doctor determine your personal risk and treatment options. A coronary artery calcium test may also help with your assessment.

• *Q. How can I lower my risk for heart disease?*

• A. A healthy lifestyle is critical. Also, while statins are still the first choice of medication for lowering cholesterol, new drugs are available for people who have had a heart attack or stroke and are at risk for another. Your doctor will monitor your progress.

• *Q. How do I know if my medicine is working?*

• A. It may take a few tries to find the right medicine and dose. "Finding the sweet spot for treatment is highly individualized," said Dr. Donald Lloyd-Jones, M.D., a member of the cholesterol guideline writing committee at Northwestern University in Chicago. "The latest guidelines strongly encourage patient and doctor to have detailed and personalized discussions about medication."

Ask your doctor about medicines, foods—such as grapefruit or pomegranate—or supplements that may interact with your cholesterol-lowering medication.

• *Q. When and how often should I follow up?*

• A. Have a follow-up visit one to three months after starting cholesterol-lowering medication to check that it's working, that you're taking it properly, and to monitor for side effects.

Learn More

The American Heart Association, supported by Sanofi and Regeneron, has information and resources for managing cholesterol and other cardiovascular risk factors. Visit www.heart.org/cholesterol for further facts, and www.heart.org/MyCholesterolGuide to download the free guide.

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Batalla Named Chief of City's Technology Team

The City of San Leandro's Information Technology Manager Tony Batalla has been appointed as the Chief Technology Officer, a new position that will oversee the city's Innovation Office and Information Technology Division.

Batalla, a San Leandro resident who grew up in the East Bay, has been serving as the Information Technology Manager since February 2014.

"Tony has proven to be highly effective in leveraging technology to improve the efficiency of city operations," noted City Manager Jeff Kay, who made the appointment. "Through his work in this new role, I know we'll continue to improve the services we provide to the community and support ongoing innovation efforts throughout San Leandro." "There is a natural synergy

between technology and innovation and this new responsibility will enable me to expand on the innovative work that has flourished in the city," said Batalla.

Before transitioning to local government, Mr. Batalla was an

IT engineer and manager in the private sector, including working as a consultant, and for a global biotechnology firm. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of San Francisco, and an MBA from the UCLA Anderson

School of Management.

As part of its innovation plans, the city is also recruiting for another newly created position within the IT Division: Innovation Technology Analyst. The incumbent will be tasked

with advancing the city's innovation-related projects in areas including: digital services, data analytics, open data, and the ongoing implementation of the Fiber Optics Master Plan & Smart City Strategy.

Budget: Public invited to ask questions, comment

continued from front page

including forecasted revenues and expenditures.

"A city's annual budget should always reflect the community's priorities and values," noted Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter. "I encourage any members of the public who may wish to learn more about the City's finances to come to this upcoming meeting. As always, the process will include opportunities for the public to ask questions or provide feedback that will help inform the City Council's decisions."

A newly updated Your City Budget webpage has been launched to provide additional

information. The webpage includes an overview of the budget cycle, a calendar of public meetings, and links to key resources such as financial forecasts. You can find the webpage at: <https://www.sanleandro.org/YourCity-Budget>.

This webpage may also be updated to include links to community survey questions or other opportunities for the public to share feedback about city services, values and priorities for budgeting.

For more information, contact Eric Engelbart at the City Manager's Office at eengelbart@sanleandro.org or at 577-3391.

Meet the Easter Bunny at Bayfair

Photos of kids with Easter Bunny

The Easter Bunny will be visiting Bayfair Center on Friday, April 12, through Saturday, April 20.

The shopping center invites children and their families to come meet Peter Cottontail in person, then pose for a photo with the Easter Bunny.

Photo packages start at just \$24.99 and each child receives a gift.

Bunny Photo Hours:

Friday, April 12, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday, April 13, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Sunday, April 14, from noon to 6 p.m.

Monday, April 15, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Tuesday, April 16, from noon to 8 p.m.

Wednesday, April 17, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Thursday, April 18, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday, April 19, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday, April 20, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

City Offers Grant For Youth Programs

The City of San Leandro Youth Advisory Commission (YAC) announced the release of the 2018-19 Youth Mini Grant program.

This innovative annual program provides grant funding to support organizations or programs that are youth-driven and have a positive impact on San Leandro youth.

The YAC raised the grant money by volunteering and implementing special fundraising events. Additional funds to support this program were generously donated by the San Leandro Optimist Club.

The total funding available for this year's mini-grant program is \$1,000. The amount per award will depend on the number of awards granted, and corresponding funding level.

Applications are available online, or at the Marina Community at 15301 Wicks Blvd., and the San Leandro Senior Community Center located at 13909 East 14th St.

The Commission is currently accepting applications through Monday, April 22.

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GUEST COMMENTARY



Market Swings Induce Confusion

It is a scenario from a theme park: the Bay Area housing market climbs steadily for 7-1/2 years, then suddenly adjusts and drops an average of 19%.

Without warning, it reverses in February and starts to climb once again. It has been quite a ride, and buyers and sellers both are developing a figurative case of whiplash.

While the shift has been more dramatic locally, the entire state has registered the recent swing in market direction.

An April 4, 2019 news release from the California Association of Realtors states, "California home sales bounced back in February after hitting the lowest sales level in more than 10 years the previous month. February's sales level was the highest in six months, and the monthly growth in sales was the highest since

January 2011.

"The statewide median home price dipped 0.6 percent to \$534,140 in February from a revised \$537,120 in January and was up 2.2 percent from \$522,440 in February 2018. February's price was the lowest since February 2018 and was primarily attributed to seasonal factors, as February typically marks the lowest price point for the year."

The effect of this reversal is increased confusion as sellers try to adjust to the sudden reappearance of multiple offers. Buyers, confident that the market had finally turned their way, are feeling like the rug has just been yanked out from under them.

Compounding the issue is the practice of some agents, particularly in northern Alameda County, to list homes at artificially low prices. With the shifting market, buyers have absolutely no idea what the real price should be and are scrambling to make sense of everything.

List prices in the Central County have historically been set closer to reality, which also causes confusion for buyers coming down from northerly cities who assume they must add a substantial amount of money to Central County prices to compete. Since most mid-county list prices are nearer to reality, there has been pushback from buyers who, totally confused, have declined to write offers altogether.

Many Central County agents are crying foul to the practices in Oakland and beyond, insisting that the egregious lowball pricing tactics are actually damaging the local market.

There will always be confusion in a shifting market and, it is safe to say, with the rapid fluctuations in the current market, it promises to be a wild ride for some time to come.

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When a Job – Big or Small – Means Digging, Call 811

By Samantha Mazzotta
Special to the Times

April is "National Safe Digging Month," a reminder for homeowners to call 811 before starting any excavation project, large or small.

Natural gas pipelines, electric power lines and other public utilities buried underground can lie just a few feet from the surface.

Whether planting a tree, installing a sprinkler system or building a fence, homeowners and professional excavators need to know where gas and electric lines lie underground to prevent injuries, property damage and outages.

Once every three minutes nationwide, a utility line is damaged by digging. Many of these incidents could have been pre-

vented with a call to 811, a free service that provides important information on where utilities exist beneath excavation areas.

Calling 811 (from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday) puts you in direct contact with Underground Service Alert (USA), which notifies local utility companies to mark the approximate location of their underground facilities in and around the excavation site, helping customers and contractors avoid them.

California law requires anyone doing excavation work to notify utilities at least two working days before digging.

Requests will be accepted as early as 14 days in advance of an excavation. Once a request is received, the customer or contractor will receive a list of notified utilities that may have under-



ground lines in the area.

PG&E offers these tips for a safe excavation:

If you believe a utility has not marked its lines, call 811 again to notify USA.

To help utilities, mark the proposed excavation area on paved surfaces with white chalk-based paint. On unpaved surfaces, use

flags or stakes to mark the proposed excavation area. Carefully hand-excavate within 24 inches on either side of a utility-marked facility. Be careful not to erase facility marks while working. If you cannot see the markings, call 811 and request a remarking.

The 811 requests are active for 28 days. Notify USA if work continues beyond that time. Immediately notify utilities about any type of contact or damage to their wires or pipes. If there is any type of damage, take these steps promptly:

1. Move to a safe location

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Yellow Jackets Likely Inhabitants of Junipers; Blackened Branches of Japanese Maple Caused by Fungus

By Buzz Bertolero
Special to the Times

Q I had a beehive in my junipers last year. I guess it got too cold for them because I don't see any activity. Is there something I can spray on junipers to make sure they don't come back?



This hive remains active until November when the process begins or ends again.

A More than likely this was a yellow jacket nest and not a beehive. In late November, yellow jacket nests become inactive as the worker and male yellow jackets die.

The queen abandons the old hive and hibernates elsewhere over the winter. In the spring, she emerges from her hibernation to seek and establish a new colony in a different location and never in an old hive.

Hornet, honeybee and bumblebee hives are inactive during cool, wet weather but you'll notice activity in March with the longer and warmer days.

With yellow jackets, your best defense is to set out yellow jacket traps in the spring, March or April, and trap the queen while she is searching for a new home. The traps from the previous year should be washed out with warm soapy water,

and new attractant should be installed. The attractant should also be refreshed in August for the fall season.

Q We have a six-year-old coral bark Japanese maple. Last year, a few of the smaller branches turned black, and we pruned them off. Now one of the three main branches is doing the same thing, and the leaves are withering. The shape of the plant will be ruined if we remove it. What should we be doing?

A It's never good news when the stems of a Japanese maple turn black. The black coloration is a primary indicator of a vascular disease called Verticillium Wilt, a soil-borne fungus disease that's common in our Bay Area soils.

When the infected stems are cut, you'll find black streaking through the tissue. It attacks a wide range of ornamental and herbaceous plants including tomatoes, peppers, roses, Pistache and Camphor trees.

The fungus works its way up the plant from the roots, disrupting the vascular tissue that is responsible for transporting water and nutrients throughout the plant.

Unfortunately, we have no controls for this problem. The disease does attack without warning. Our poorly draining, heavy clay soil and excessive summer watering doesn't help. It's particularly frustrating when Verticillium Wilt attacks established and thriving ornamentals. With tomatoes and other vegetables, we can plant resistant varieties, but that's not the case with Japanese maples.

I'd remove the infected

limb because it is not going to recover, and encourage the new growth by feeding it an organic fertilizer. A replacement branch can be selected from the new growth. Leaf blight can also cause dark, deadened shoots and curled, darkened leaves on the tree. Airborne bacteria such as Pseudomonas is also responsible for leaf and branch dieback on

a Japanese maple. But Verticillium Wilt is by far the primary suspect.

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Mortgage Rates Remain Steady After Large Drop

The average 30-year fixed-rate mortgage rose an average 0.5 points last week, according to Freddie Mac's weekly nationwide survey.

The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 4.08 percent last week, up from 4.06 percent a week earlier. A year ago at this time, the 30-year FRM averaged 4.40 percent.

"Purchase mortgage application demand saw the second highest weekly increase over the last year and thanks to a spike in refinancing activity, overall mortgage demand rose to the highest level since the fall of 2016," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's chief economist. "While the housing market has faced many headwinds the last few months, it sailed through the turbulence to calmer seas with demand buttressed by a strong labor market and low mortgage rates. The benefits of the decline in mortgage rates that we've seen

this year will continue to unfold over the next few months due to the lag from changes in mortgage rates to market sentiment and ultimately home sales."

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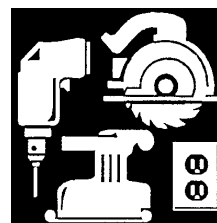
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BRT: Installing canopies

Nurses Picket at San Leandro Hospital Over Wages and Working Conditions

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according to AC Transit spokesman Robert Lyles.

"In San Leandro, what is left is the installation of the canopies and the artwork," said Lyles. "And those are two significant elements which will go in when it's close to opening."

The project will replace the 1 and 1R routes, but BRT buses will run more frequently and be faster than the old routes. Twelve buses will run the route per hour, with stations spaced about every one-third of a mile.

The project has received some criticism from business owners

along the route who said their stores are hard to access during construction. And once the stations are open, parking will be a problem, as BRT will permanently eliminate 302 parking spaces along the route—about 10 percent of parking spots along line.

Construction on the BRT line in San Leandro during the first week of April is scheduled on East 14th Street from Durant Avenue to Davis Street and on Davis Street from East 14th Street to San Leandro Boulevard. You can sign up to receive construction updates via email at www.brt.actransit.org.

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

Dozens of nurses at San Leandro Hospital hit the pavement with picket signs last Wednesday, protesting working conditions they say could potentially be unsafe for patients.

The nurses are members of the California Nurses Association who say they are short-staffed and overworked, particularly in the emergency room.

Simultaneous protests were held at both San Leandro Hospital and Alameda Hospital, both part of the county's Alameda Health System (AHS).

The nurses have been negotiating their contract for five months and say that AHS's practices are driving away more experienced nurses in an effort to cut costs.

"We are very concerned about the future of our community, our patients, and the nurses who work for the health system," said San Leandro emergency room nurse Raychel Cooke in a written statement. "Units are short-staffed, patients are waiting a long time



PHOTO BY AMY SYLVESTRI

Nurses picketed San Leandro Hospital last week, saying the hospital is under-staffed.

without getting a bed, and nurses are burned out by the unbearable workload."

Alameda Health System said that the contract negotiations will continue with the goal of reaching a mutually beneficial outcome.

"We are confident that the bargaining process will result in an agreement that provides nurses at Alameda and San Leandro hospitals with competitive salaries

and benefits and ensures our ability to meet the needs of those we serve in a sustainable manner," said AHS spokesperson Terry Lightfoot in a written statement.

LOCAL DEATHS

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Antônio "Tony" Roma

September 15, 1943 - April 5, 2019

Antônio "Tony" Roma of San Leandro passed away on April 5, 2019 at the age of 75. Raised in São Jorge in the Azores, he worked at Mt. Eden Cemetery in Hayward for 22 years. He is survived by his wife, Carol; granddaughter, Jessica; three sons, Anthony, Robert, and Paul; seven siblings and his mother. Viewing will be on April 11 at 8 am at Santos & Robinson, followed by Mass at St. Leander's and the burial at Mt. Eden. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the American Diabetes Association.

Karen Ruth Lent

Karen Ruth Lent passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on Saturday, March 30, 2019. She was 77 years old.

Karen was the second child of Harry and Ruth Peterson and younger sister of brother Roger. As an East Bay native and long-time resident of San Leandro, Karen spent her early childhood in Orinda before moving to Albany where she graduated from Albany High as class valedictorian in 1959.

Karen worked for over 30 years at World Savings and Loan, and was an avid art collector, world traveler, lifelong tennis player, and a huge fan of the Oakland A's, for whom she volunteered for many years, and the Golden State Warriors. She was deeply proud of her Swedish ancestry and was a member of many East Bay social and volunteer organizations. A natural sportswoman, she loved tennis, dabbled with golf, and was a past league bowler and a formidable bridge player.

She was extremely loving and always supportive of her family and friends. Those privileged to have known Karen will remember her love of trying new things, her intellectual curiosity, optimism and selfless generosity. She was a devoted friend who listened to all with compassion and supported the needs of those she loved.

The family is deeply grateful for the dedication and kindness of Karen's friends and caregivers who enabled her the comfort of her home to the end.

Karen is survived by her daughter, Stacey, and her husband Paul of San Francisco; Bryan and his wife Lilli of Castro Valley; and her grandchildren Taylor and Beckman.

A celebration of life will be held the first weekend in May.



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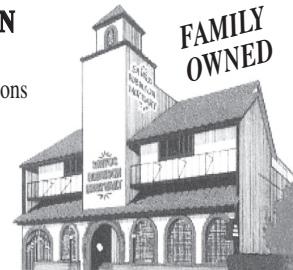
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Concerned Over Speeding Traffic On Haas Avenue

Editor:

As a resident of the Haas International Speedway, I was quite pleased to see the speed tracking signs go into place for a couple weeks. It was nice that people slowed down for the signs for that time.

It's a shame they won't slow down for the children or the residents that live here as they cut through to Bancroft Avenue. I wonder will someone need to die, or how many more fender benders must happen before we install speed bumps on this road? And exactly when will the traffic lights be activated, that were hung a year ago?

And to think, just at the end is the San Leandro Police Department. Shameful.

—Kari Cowan
San Leandro

Wonders About the Unusual Parking Ticket He Received

Editor:

Parking "Owed" Notice Enclosed That's what was printed on the envelope (quotation marks and all) of the parking ticket I received Wednesday night near the Englander. Not really sure why the quotation marks. I found this in a Google search:

"Titles of Short Works, Words as Words, Scare Quotes." There it is...not really a short work so I am guessing this is a scare quote.

These Parking signs have been around now for weeks. When I went inside the Englander a few weeks ago I was told not to worry about it, as I was always there after six. According to Benny Hill...er Lee, the city has put out plenty of notices. I know as soon as I get home from work I drop all my stuff on the floor and run to the TV to turn on the city of San Leandro station (channel 15 on Comcast), but I must have missed all those notices.

The ticket looks more like a receipt from the Home Depot, and there is no information about how to dispute it. Just says pay it within 15 days or it goes to collection.

There's a picture of my car, which proves that my car was parked. The City could (should) have let the public know exactly when enforcement was going to begin...right? Anyway I have a Monopoly game around somewhere, so I will be sure to grab a couple of crisp 20s and send in the "money."

—Fred Honsal
San Leandro

City Should Reconsider Decision To Privatize Parking Enforcement

Editor:

I am puzzled by the City's decision to farm out parking enforcement to a private contractor. It is hard to escape the conclusion that the San Leandro City Council members and city manager are seriously math challenged.

Eighty hours of enforcement per week is the equivalent of two full-time jobs. A couple of policemen more on the force should not cost more than

about \$300,000 and maybe another \$100,000 for equipment. If the revenue projection of \$800,000 is correct, the city would be \$400,000 ahead by doing the job itself.

That gain could help improve the city's precarious financial situation. It would also avoid having to pay the contractor in the event that the projected income from tickets is wildly optimistic. With better enforcement, ticket revenue is sure to decline over time.

I urge the Council to reconsider what appears to be a poor decision.

—Jim Mehner
Oakland

Upset Over City's Renewal of Red Light Cameras

Editor:

I read last week how "effective" the red light cameras are at making our streets safer. It is funny, because people speed down Washington Avenue daily. We have had cars stop along the boulevard in a blind curve as well as run the red light near the intersection of the 880 exit.

I noticed how much money actually goes to the red light company as opposed to the city. Interestingly in Fremont two years ago, the yellow lights were found to have been erroneously set too short so there was a spike in tickets. Further, in Los Angeles most red light tickets were issued to people doing a "California stop," or rolling through a stop at a red light where turning right on a red is prohibited. The fine of close to \$500 does not seem justified for a right turn which is what happened to me. That is what happened to me 2 years ago. I also read last week that most tickets are for drivers who don't live in San Leandro. Some cities even found an increase in rear-end accidents because drivers are so fearful of getting a ticket they slow down too fast.

I have yet to see a major accident being deterred due to a red light camera. I will not be voting for any of the city council members at the next election due to the renewal of these red light cameras.

—Kim Loisel
San Leandro

Mobile Home Tenants Need to Speak Up on April 17

Editor:

What is going on in San Leandro's many mobile home parks? If you live in one, you know, and you need to share your knowledge with the Mayor and City Council. They claim they haven't heard from you enough.

If you don't know, the April 6 John Oliver Show (HBO) explains a lot — see www.youtube.com/watch?v=jC-C8fPQOaxU

The City has scheduled an outreach meeting for tenants to speak up about the pending Mobile Home Space Rent Ordinance, Wednesday April 17th at 6 p.m. at the Senior Center on East 14th Street. Park residents need to come to that meeting OR talk to the

City's Housing Specialists at 577-6005. MaryAnn and Kimberley are looking forward to hearing from park tenants, and have promised to keep comments anonymous.

Things at John Busch's former home, the former Estudillo Trailer Park, are getting really bad. The California Housing and Community Development agency posted a letter there February 21 threatening to pull the park's operating permit because the owner has been inserting modular homes up against existing tenants' mobile homes, violating the State's Mobile Home Residency Law.

The Harmony company, who manufactures the modulars and who now owns the park, responded by putting in even more modulars, threatening long-time tenants with eviction even though existing modulars haven't been selling.

On March 4, rather than vote on the ordinance written by City staff, the Council gave the park owners 90 days so that their lawyers could mount an attack. And yet—elderly, disabled people on fixed incomes are given 7 days to remove possessions and long standing storage sheds, many of which do not violate the Mobile Home Residency Law.

How could the City Where Kindness Matters make an unwritten 'gentleman's agreement' with these people. Are companies like Harmony LLC who you want to own San Leandro's future?

—Jacqueline Propps, Tenant
San Leandro

Important Documentary to be Screened April 25

Editor:

Why are school shootings the new norm for our students? How can we reduce mass shootings? Is it even possible to curtail or even eradicate domestic abuse?

A key part of the answer is to look at the messages that boys get from day one. Come explore this timely topic at a screening of the film *The Mask You Live In* on Thursday, April 25, at 6:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th Street.

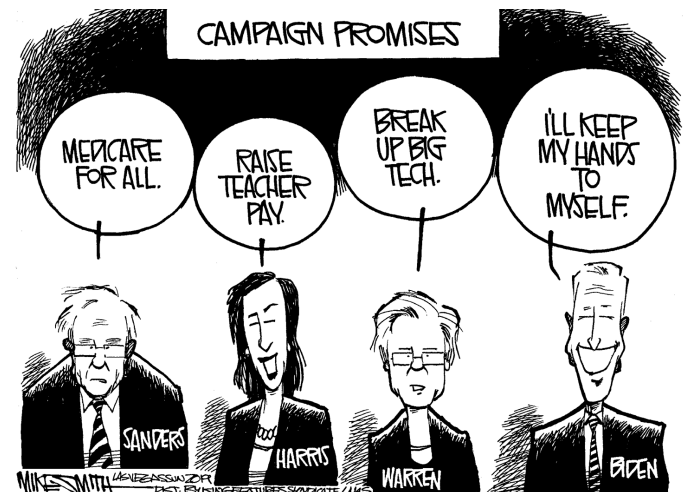
The Mask You Live In is a touching, heart-breaking and ultimately inspiring look at how boys and young men struggle to stay true to themselves while negotiating America's narrow definition of masculinity. Written, produced and directed by Jennifer Siebel Newsom, the film premiered at Sundance Film Festival in 2015.

The documentary presents the personal narratives of young boys and men, and features experts in neuroscience, psychology, sociology, sports, education, and media, further exploring how gender stereotypes are interconnected with race, class, and circumstance. *The Mask You Live In* ultimately illustrates how we, as a society, can raise a healthier generation of boys and young men.

"Just as our culture has harmed women and girls, so too are we harming our boys, which has led to a 'boy crisis' in America," said Newsom. "Our intention is that this film sparks a national conversation around masculinity and helps our boys overcome limiting stereotypes, encouraging them to stay true to themselves."

After the screening, there will be a panel discussion.

—Lisa Nicolas Banter
San Leandro



INQUIRING REPORTER

What's your favorite musical instrument?

— Asked around town

The bass guitar. I've listened to a lot of jazz and I like the sound of it. It's a fascinating piece.

Paul Mason
San Leandro



I love listening to guitar music. I listen to a whole range of music — jazz, reggae, and I like the artists that play on the Chick Corea album "Return to Forever."

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Violin and piano. Both of them have their own sound. Daniel D. is a great violinist. And the piano, just by itself. You don't need any other instruments.

Jackie Clark
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Piano. I've been playing piano since I was 4 years old. I'm self-taught. I love the violin, too.

Dr. Toni R. Martinez
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Piano. Just listening to the piano, it's range, and you can sing along with it. It goes well with voice. My daughter is a singer and she has an piano accompanist.

Michael Poe
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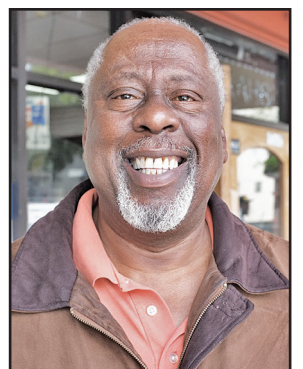




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It will cost at least \$3,000 to replace the two broken windows at Dupree's Furniture.

Store's Windows Smashed

Two of the big windows in front of the display room at Dupree's Furniture on East 14th Street were smashed last week. The windows held up but they were left with big spider-web cracks and it will cost at least \$3,000 to replace them, said Serena Dupree, daughter of owner Bill Dupree.

The damage happened sometime the night before last Wednesday when employees came to work. Serena said it looks like the damage was done with either a big rock or a baseball bat.

It's the worst damage to the store since a few years ago when a car drove through the glass, said Bill Dupree. "The car ended up next to the bedroom set," he said.

— By Jim Knowles



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

San Leandro Artists Inspired By Stations of the Cross

San Leandro artist Ginny Milo created replicas of the Stations of the Cross that are on display during Lent at the Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison St. in Oakland, by Lake Merritt.

Milo made replicas of the different stations from various churches in the East Bay, and she used various mediums for

each station.

The Stations of the Cross follows the path taken by Jesus from when he was condemned to death to the crucifixion. Traditionally there are 14 stations, but in recent years sometimes one more is added to represent Christ's resurrection from the dead.

Milo's exhibit is inside the Chapel of All Seasons at the Ca-

thedral of Christ the Light.

"This art installation is dedicated to my family, to my husband, and to my friends," Milo said. "I especially thank Adrian Mison Fulay for his generous support and his friendship. It is also dedicated in loving memory of Fr. Paul Minnihan, my former pastor, spiritual guide, and friend."

Apartments: OK from planning board

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Maximus project manager Rogelio Foronda said that his company is thinking of the apartments as a place for people to raise families, not just younger, single people.

"There is a need for family apartments, especially here in San Leandro," said Foronda at a Planning Commission meeting last month.

To that end, the project calls for 129 studio apartments, 302 one-bedroom units, 211 two-bedroom units, and 45 three-bedroom units.

Some critics of the project

pointed out that Maximus has decided to pay the city \$1,030,000 in lieu of providing legally mandated affordable housing on the site.

The property has been empty for the past 30 years since previous tenant Caterpillar left the site.

The headquarters of the Filarmonica Artista Amadrea de San Leandro, a Portuguese musical group, currently sits in the footprint of what will be the new development, but Maximus is building them a new facility across the street at 844 Alvarado Street.

Maximus also worked with

the neighboring F.H. Dailey car dealership to mitigate their concerns and that cooperation with neighbors was recognized by the Planning Commission.

"If more folks that came before us took the effort to meeting with neighbors like you've done, that would make our lives a lot easier," said Commissioner Michael Santos.

Though more than 15 times the size of the controversial proposed 45-unit apartment complex at 1388 Bancroft Avenue, this project received little public push-back and didn't require over two years worth of public meetings for approval. The Alvarado Street development is in a more industrial area, compared to the single-family homes that surround the Bancroft site.

Former Mayor Stephen Cassidy, a vocal opponent of the Bancroft apartments, was all for the Alvarado project, saying the location on the BART corridor was more appropriate for high-density housing.

"It's an incredibly impressive project," said Cassidy. "It's taking land that has been vacant since the 1980s and turning it into what will be the densest project in San Leandro history."

Foronda added that the building will benefit San Leandro beyond providing more housing opportunities. He said that the developers will be paying the school district a \$3 million school impact fee and, once the project is completed, they'll pay the city around \$3 million annually in property taxes.



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