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Heavy equipment operators demolished a former bank building at East 14th and Davis streets in downtown San Leandro to make way for a new apartment building.

## Demolition Opens Space for Apartments

Planned apartments part of Transit Oriented Development plan

Inner City Demolition just opened up some space in downtown San Leandro.

A former bank at the corner of East 14th and Davis streets was razed over the last two weeks to prepare the lot for an apartment building to be called Town

Hall Square.

The 180-unit, multi-family residential project has been planned for nearly a decade. It's a major part of the 2007 Downtown San Leandro Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Strategy.

City planners say the project will complement the Centro Callan development which is nearly completed just across the street.

According to city officials, the TOD  
*see DEMOLITION, page 12*

## White House Policies Protested At Root Park

Rally in San Leandro joins protests across the country on Saturday

By Mike McGuire  
*San Leandro Times*

People from San Leandro and neighboring cities filled the block in front of Root Park near City Hall on Saturday to protest Trump Administration policies.

When people ran out of room to stand at the park, they crossed East 14th Street and demonstrated on the other side of the street, too.

Organizers estimated about 500 people attended, as part of a day of "Hands Off" demonstrations across the country taking on Trump policies on

tariffs and inflation, and layoffs at federal agencies.

In the Bay Area, larger demonstrations were held in both Oakland and San Francisco, along with smaller demonstrations in such places as Livermore, Hayward and Alameda.

People held up signs as many drivers passing by honked in support, but there was only one speech, a short one by Mayor Juan Gonzalez III. He said he was impressed  
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PHOTO BY MIKE MCGUIRE

The crowd at the "Hands Off" rally protested Trump Administration policies at Root Park on Saturday.

## World War II, O.P.D. Veteran Jessen to Celebrate 104th Birthday at Harry's Hofbrau

By Jim Knowles  
*San Leandro Times*

World War II and Oakland Police Department veteran Toft Jessen will celebrate his 104th birthday at Harry's Hofbrau in San Leandro next Thursday, April 17, at 11 a.m.

Jessen will be honored by the Oakland Chief of Police, a motorcycle honor guard, and many colleagues and friends.

Jessen was born in San

Leandro in 1921 and drafted into the army in 1943 just after his 22nd birthday. His background as an athlete enabled him to join an elite glider squadron.

His squadron executed advance missions for Allied troops, landing on the Normandy coast on June 6, 1944. He fought through what became known as "The Longest Day" and continued his ser-



Toft Jessen in 2024

vice throughout the war.

In recognition of his heroism, France awarded Jessen with its highest distinction, The Legion of Honor, presented to him by Consul General Frederic Jung on Sept. 18, 2023 in Dublin, California, ahead of the 80th anniversary of D-Day. This award honors those who risked their lives to help liberate France.

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## MEETING SCHEDULES

**CITY COUNCIL**  
Council meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, City Hall, 835 E. 14th St., San Leandro. For more information, call the City Clerk at 577-3367.

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# Arab American Heritage Exhibit on Display at Library

The San Leandro Main Library celebrates National Arab American Heritage Month throughout April, hosting “Arab Americans: History, Culture, and Contributions,” a traveling exhibition created by the Arab American National Museum (AANM).

The exhibit illustrates how Arab Americans have been

“Exhibits like this help us recognize the importance of the people around us.”

— Library Director  
Brian Simons

integral to American society for more than 125 years. Through this traveling exhibition, visitors will explore this community’s history, culture, and contributions through

statistics, stories, and images.

The exhibit will be displayed at the Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave, during the Library’s open hours through April 30.

“San Leandro is so richly diverse, which poses a good challenge to have as a library,” said Library Director Brian Simons. “Exhibits like this help us recognize the importance of the people around us. Finding and acquiring this exhibit is very special. It illustrates Arab Americans’ contributions to supporting and shaping America.”

The AANM is the first and only museum in the United States devoted to documenting and sharing Arab American contributions that shaped the economic, political, and cultural landscapes of American life.

The Museum, in Dearborn, Michigan, also illuminates the shared experiences of immigrants and ethnic groups, paying tribute to our nation’s diversity.



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

The display on Arab Americans is on display at the Main Library in April.

For more information about this exhibit, contact Kelly Keefer at 510-577-3954 or KKeefe@sanleandro.org.

## St. Leander School 2025 Classic Car Show Invites Car Owners to Enter

Calling all lowriders, hot rodders, muscle cars and classic car owners. The St. Leander School 2025 Classic Car Show will be held on Saturday, May 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Leander School, 550 W. Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro. Join St. Leander’s inaugural classic car show fundraising event. Registration is \$30. To register your classic car for this event, visit [stleanderschool.org/car-show](http://stleanderschool.org/car-show) by Sunday, May 5. Participant space is limited. Admission to the show is free to the public. All proceeds support student grants and scholarships.

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## Community Calendar

### Alta Mira Club Great Gatsby Shrimp Fest

The Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave. in San Leandro, will host The Great Gatsby Shrimp Fest on Saturday, April 12. Social hour at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. \$55 per person, dine in or take out. Includes all-you-can-eat shrimp, pasta, salad, bread and dessert. For tickets and information, call 510-562-7144.

### The Hearing Loss Association: Learn About Tinnitus

The Hearing Loss Association of American, East Bay will hold its monthly meeting on Saturday, April 12, at Kaiser Permanente, Fabiola Building, 3801 Howe St, Basement G-26, in Oakland. Social and refreshments at 9:30 a.m., presentation at 10 a.m., and free pizza at 11:30 a.m. Learn about tinnitus (ringing or noise in the ears) and ways to manage it. UC San Francisco audiologist Dr. Troy Cascia will present information about tinnitus and ways people can manage it. The meeting is available both in-person and virtually on Zoom. Register at: [www.HearingLossEB.org](http://www.HearingLossEB.org) by Friday, April 11.

### Eden Garden Club's Plant Pop-Up Sale

Eden Garden Club will hold a plant sale on Saturday, April 12, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Books on B, 1014 B St. in Hayward, featuring a variety of garden plants and homemade treats. Proceeds benefit school garden grants awarded to Castro Valley and Hayward schools. For more information, call Bonnie Remigio at 510-881-1794.

### San Leandro Garden Club to Meet

The San Leandro Garden Club will meet on Tuesday, April 15, at 10:30 a.m. at the Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd., San Leandro. This month's speaker will be Yon Hardisty, founder of the local non-profit For-estr. They sponsor local events including cleaning parks, hosting scion (grafting) workshops, and picking backyard fruit and sharing it with local food pantries.

### Washington Home Owners Monthly Meeting

The Washington Home Owners Association will host its monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 16, at 6:30 p.m. at the Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd. in San Leandro. Norma Layton, supervising librarian at the Manor Branch Library, will speak about the programs and events at our Manor Library. In addition, this will be the annual election of board members and officers to the Washington Home Owners Association. All are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, visit the website at : [www.whoasl.com](http://www.whoasl.com) or you can call Bob Glaze at 510-352-2058.

### Senior Lunch Program at First Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian Church of San Leandro, 180 Estudillo Ave., will offer a senior "Young at Heart" lunch program the third Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m. Each lunch will be followed by a program ranging from musical groups to information about local charities.

### 24th Annual Arroyo Athletic Boosters Car Show

The Arroyo Athletic Boosters will hold its 24th Annual Car Show, a day of amazing cars and bikes, on Saturday, May 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Arroyo High School, 15701 Lorenzo Ave. in San Lorenzo. Free admission. To register a vehicle in the show, visit <https://ahs-car-show-2025.cheddarup.com> Pre-registration: \$15 cars, \$15 bikes. Day of show: \$30 cars, \$20 bikes. Email [Arroyo.Athletic.Boosters@gmail.com](mailto:Arroyo.Athletic.Boosters@gmail.com) for more information.

### Resolve to Lose Weight by Joining TOPS

Resolve to lose weight in 2025. Join TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) for the support you need to start your weight loss journey. TOPS is a non-profit weight loss support group that meets on Fridays at 9:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church, 19806 Wisteria Street in Castro Valley. For more information, call Sandy Montero at 510-299-7312. Join for fellowship and support. What do you have to lose?

## Lorentzen to Speak On Robert Maheu at CV Center for Arts

By Terry Liebowitz  
Special to the Times

Robert Maheu, whose real-life adventures are the basis for the "Mission: Impossible" TV show and movies, is the subject of a book by Tom Lorentzen who will speak in Castro Valley.

Castro Valley Arts Foundation presents Lorentzen as part of their Speaker Series on Wednesday, April 16, at 7 p.m. in the Exhibition Room at the Castro Valley Center for the Arts, 19501 Redwood Road.

The enigmatic Maheu and Castro Valley's own Tom Lorentzen were close friends and business partners. Hear Lorentzen's first-hand stories of this man of intrigue and danger. Glimpse the worlds of the FBI, CIA, the Kennedys, and Howard Hughes. Maheu's life touched many of the important events of the 20th century.

Tom Lorentzen has also lived a storied life, serving in appointed roles under three U.S. Presidents. He was confirmed by the U.S. Senate to serve on the National Board to the Institute of Museum & Library Services. He also served as Senior Consultant



Tom Lorentzen will speak on April 16 about Robert Maheu.

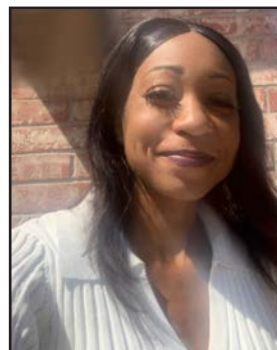
to the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission and the Ronald Regan Presidential Foundation.

Currently, Lorentzen is a faculty member of the Hutton House Lecture Program at Long Island University and writes a bi-weekly column for the Castro Valley Forum. The lecture is a unique opportunity to talk to someone who has been at the forefront of history.

Tickets are \$11.32. For tickets: [cvartsfoundation.org](http://cvartsfoundation.org) or call 510-889-8961. Free parking, disabled access.

## The Martina Show Now on Spotify

The Martina Show is now available on Spotify. Martina Lawson Hines of San Leandro invites her viewers hear the show's new theme song by Chelsi Alexis, Prestige, and Celeste Butler, on Spotify. Find the show at: Spotify.com and type The Martina Show in the search bar. Footage of previously recorded shows are available at YouTube.com/TheMartinaTalkShow.



Martina Lawson Hines

## San Leandro Toastmasters Meet Every Thursday at the Main Library

San Leandro Toastmasters meets every Thursday from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. online through Zoom. Email [sanleandrotm@gmail.com](mailto:sanleandrotm@gmail.com) for more information.

Also, the Toastmasters meet in person at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., on the last Thursday of every month from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m.

## Events at the Library

### Movies at the Main Library

Starting in April, the San Leandro Public Library will be showing a free film every month in the Lecture Hall. Wicked will be shown no Saturday, April 12, at 1 p.m. Follow the adventures of Glinda and Elphaba in this recently released film based on the Broadway musical. Rated PG. Runtime 160 minutes. Costumes optional.

### Countdown to College: What High School Students & Families Should Know

Learn what you can be doing now to set yourself up for college success on Saturday, April 12, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Geared for high school students. The program will be led by experts from Bound4College, hosted by the San Leandro Education Foundation, the San Leandro Public Library, and the San Leandro Unified School District. Snacks and door prizes.

### Students – Apply for a Summer Job At the San Leandro Library

Apply for a summer job at the San Leandro Public Library. Develop job skills, give back to the community, and have fun. Teen volunteers must be entering grades 9 to 12 and able to commit to 4 weeks of volunteering. More information can be found at [sanleandro.org/library](http://sanleandro.org/library). Applications are due May 9.

### Mystical Movements: Explore The World Of Belly Dance

For Arab-American Heritage Month, the Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd., will present a family-friendly event featuring local belly dancer Nicole Maria on Tuesday, April 15, from 6 to 7 p.m. Experience the beauty and history of belly dancing through her captivating performance, followed by interactive lessons where participants can learn basic movements. Families and children of all ages are invited to celebrate and appreciate Arab-American culture together in this enjoyable and educational experience.

### Free Community Art Event: Make a Dreamcatcher With the Bay Area American Indian Council

Immerse yourself in indigenous values during a fun "crafternoon" - make a dreamcatcher with the teachers and mentors of the Bay Area American Indian Council on Thursday, April 17, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Celebrate at this finale event for the 2025 Community Read - Moon of the Crusted Snow. Enjoy pizza and an ice cream station after the crafting while supplies last.

### Homework Center at the Manor Branch Library

Need help with your homework? Come to the Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd., for after-school homework help on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m. This is for students in grades 1 through 5. Registration needed at [bit.ly/4fD096R](http://bit.ly/4fD096R) or call 510-577-7971.

### Bringing Nature Home

The Friends of San Leandro Creek invite the public to a free discussion moderated by Kathy Kramer, founder of the Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour, to watch Doug Tallamy's talk, "Nature's Best Hope" on Wednesday, April 16, at 5:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave.

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# The Importance of Matzos in the Celebration of Passover

Passover, one of the most significant observances on the Jewish calendar, begins at sunset on Saturday with the first Seder meal and continues until the evening of Tuesday, April 22.

It celebrates the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt. During the Seder banquet, the Haggadah is read which reenacts the journey.

The favorite kosher foods of Passover, baked or fried, are chock-full of symbolism – but no leavening. Matzo, an unleavened flat bread, is a staple that shows up in dozens of recipes. The dough is a mixture of flour and water, and is worked very quickly and baked in a very hot oven so it does not have a chance to rise.

## MATZO BALL SOUP

### Soup:

- 1 (5-pound) chicken
- 2 large celery stalks, chopped
- 2 large carrots, cut in chunks
- 1 onion, quartered
- 3 sprigs parsley
- Salt and pepper, to taste

### Matzo Balls:

- 4 eggs, lightly beaten
- 4 tablespoons chicken fat (from the above soup)
- 1 cup matzo meal
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1/4 cup hot water
- 12 cups salted water

Wash the chicken with water and place in pot. Cover with water and bring to a boil over high heat, skimming off bubbling foam as it forms. Add celery, carrots, onion, herbs, salt and pepper and simmer, half-covered at lower heat, for at least 45 minutes, until the chicken comes away easily from the bone. Pour soup through strainer to get a clear broth. Let cool. When broth has completely cooled, skim off the fat and save for the matzo balls.

In a mixing bowl, mix together 4 eggs and 4 tablespoons chicken fat. Stir in the matzo meal and salt. Add the 1/4 cup of hot water. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour.

Form the matzo dough into balls the size of walnuts. Bring the salted water to a boil. Add the matzo balls, cover, and cook for 20 minutes. Bring

the chicken broth to a simmer. Remove matzo balls from hot water with a slotted spoon and add to the simmering chicken broth just a few minutes before serving.

## PASSOVER MUFFINS

- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup peanut oil
- 1-1/2 cups boiling water
- 2 cup matzo meal
- 4 eggs

Preheat oven to 400°F.

Mix sugar, salt, oil and water in a saucepan and bring to full boil. Pour mixture over matzo meal and mix until well blended. Beat eggs thoroughly and add. Using wet hands, form mixture into small balls and drop into ungreased muffin tins. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes, lower temperature to 350°F and bake for 50 minutes until golden brown.

## MATZO MEAL PANCAKES

- 3/4 cup matzo meal



Matzo Ball Soup

- 1 cup water
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 4 large eggs, separated

Oil for cooking

Soak matzo meal in water. Add sugar, salt and egg yolks.

Mix well. Beat egg whites until stiff. Fold them into matzo mixture. Let batter rest at room temperature for 30 minutes.

Coat large skillet with oil and place over medium heat. When oil is hot, spoon enough batter to form small pancakes in skillet and cook 3 minutes on each side. Turn over pancakes when bubbles appear at top and cook bottom side until golden brown, 1 minute or so more. Repeat with remaining batter, using additional oil as needed. Makes 18 pancakes.

## MATZO CANDY

- 12 matzo crackers
- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 12-ounce) bag semi sweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup chopped walnuts

Preheat an oven to 350°F. Line two baking sheets with aluminum foil. Place the matzo crackers in a single layer on the lined baking sheets, breaking to fit, if necessary.

Bring the butter and brown sugar to a boil in a heavy bottomed saucepan over medium heat. Continue to cook, stirring constantly, until thick and smooth, about 3 minutes. Pour the hot sugar mixture over the matzo, and spread evenly with a heat proof spatula.

Place the caramel topped matzo in the preheated oven for 10 minutes. Remove from oven and evenly sprinkle the chocolate chips on top. Return pans to oven to melt chocolate, about 1 minute. Smooth melted chocolate to completely cover the caramel. Sprinkle with the chopped walnuts.

Chill in refrigerator for 20 minutes, or until set. Break into about 4 dozen small pieces to serve.

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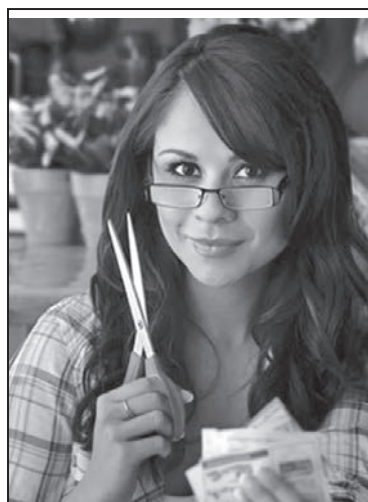
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**ARIES (March 21 to April 19):** You're doing better on the flexibility issue, but you still need to loosen up a bit to show that you can be less judgmental and more understanding about certain sensitive matters.



**TAURUS (April 20 - 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 that occurs this week. However, explanations from all parties could help in working things out to everyone's satisfaction.



**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** A 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 - August 22):** Creating a fuss might bring you the attention that you want. But are you prepared for all the explaining you'd have to do? It's better to use more subtle ways to make your bid.



**VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 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 (Sept. 23 - 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 - 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 (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** Find out what everyone's role is expected to be before accepting a workplace proposal. Getting all the facts now could prevent serious problems later on.



**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 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 (Jan. 20 - Feb. 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 (Feb. 19 - 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.



# REAL ESTATE GALLERY



## REAL ESTATE REALITY

By Carl Medford, CRS  
Special to the Times

GUEST COMMENTARY



# Steps for Getting Your Condo Sold

By Carl Medford, CRS  
Special to the Times

Last week I dealt with the fact that many condos have become 'blacklisted' by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, making it impossible for buyers to get a normal loan, thus rendering a sale virtually impossible. While there are still a few options available, the purchaser must either buy with cash, obtain a non-qualified mortgage (which comes with higher fees, rates and downpayment requirements, thus eliminating many poten-

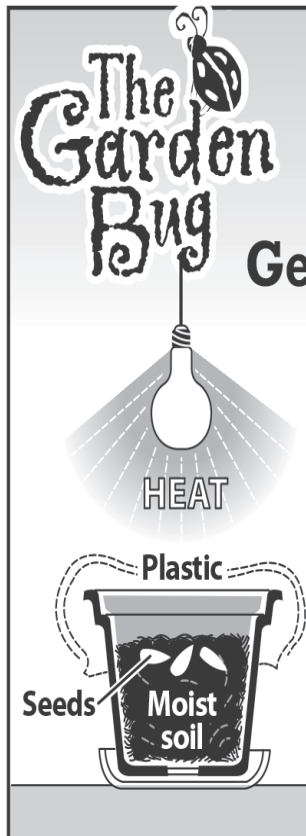
tial buyers) or, if a seller owns the property free and clear, they can opt to carry back financing for a predetermined period of time.

Unfortunately, all of these factors combine to keep condo prices lower than they might be otherwise. Ultimately, if a seller (or group of sellers in a specific development) wishes to see sales opening up for their condos, the best option is to get the complex off the blacklist.

John Dutra, an East

Bay loan officer, explains, "A Fannie Mae/Freddie Mac approval on a complex greatly expands the number of available buyers." Dutra, who has, over the years, helped many developments get Fannie Mae/Freddie Mac approvals reinstated, has developed a strategic plan to get things back on track so as to open the door for potential sales.

It is not always an easy process since the development seeking approval must verify that they have adequate insurance, the proper amount of reserves (mandated by the state), be free of any lawsuits or ongoing litigation, have met any state requirements for upgrades or retrofits (eg. California's Balcony Inspection laws, SB326 & SB721), be in overall good condition with an ongoing mainte-



Place potting soil in a small container. Moisten the soil well, but do not soak. Place seeds just below the surface of the soil, and cover the container with clear plastic, or insert it into a plastic bag, without letting plastic rest directly on the soil. This helps the soil retain moisture and heat. Place under a lamp for warmth, and keep the soil moist by "misting." As your sprouts appear and grow, remove plastic. Mist daily and keep sprouts warm until you are ready to transplant into your garden.

— Brenda Weaver

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### Castro Valley

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21314 Gary Drive #302 94546: \$566,000 [2 BD - 1,100 SF - 1991  
8387 Norris Canyon Road 94552: \$720,000 [2 BD - 1,448 SF - 1924  
4314 Shamrock Way 94546: \$806,000 [3 BD - 1,220 SF - 1959  
21965 Nugget Canyon Drive 94552: \$829,000 [3 BD - 1,618 SF - 1989  
21153 Tyee Court 94546: \$920,000 [3 BD - 1,317 SF - 1947  
18069 Judy Street 94546: \$970,000 [3 BD - 1,090 SF - 1953  
19435 Santa Maria Avenue 94546: \$1,235,000 [3 BD - 1,480 SF - 1927

**TOTAL SALES:** 8  
**LOWEST AMOUNT:** \$530,000 **MEDIAN AMOUNT:** \$817,500  
**HIGHEST AMOUNT:** \$1,235,000 **AVERAGE AMOUNT:** \$822,000

### SAN LEANDRO

2077 Washington Avenue #309 94577: \$300,000 [1 BD - 618 SF - 1984  
680 Fargo Avenue #20 94579: \$445,000 [2 BD - 910 SF - 1965  
241 West Juana Avenue 94577: \$670,000 [2 BD - 909 SF - 1917  
15067 Crosby Street 94579: \$770,000 [2 BD - 924 SF - 1948  
2110 167th Avenue 94578: \$785,000 [2 BD - 1,108 SF - 1940  
14981 Patton Avenue 94578: \$830,000 [2 BD - 1,328 SF - 1945  
379 Alvarado Street 94577: \$870,000 [3 BD - 1,599 SF - 2000

**TOTAL SALES:** 7  
**LOWEST AMOUNT:** \$300,000 **MEDIAN AMOUNT:** \$770,000  
**HIGHEST AMOUNT:** \$870,000 **AVERAGE AMOUNT:** \$667,142

### SAN LORENZO

23 Paseo Grande #C 94580: \$533,000 [2 BD - 1,056 SF - 1985  
17309 Via Melina 94580: \$550,000 [3 BD - 1,031 SF - 1952  
588 Via Pacheco 94580: \$840,000 [3 BD - 1,380 SF - 1944

**TOTAL SALES:** 3  
**LOWEST AMOUNT:** \$533,000 **MEDIAN AMOUNT:** \$550,000  
**HIGHEST AMOUNT:** \$840,000 **AVERAGE AMOUNT:** \$641,000

### HAYWARD

665 Dartmore Lane #257 94544: \$550,000 [2 BD - 894 SF - 1988  
25055 Oakridge Court 94541: \$710,000 [3 BD - 1,365 SF - 1973  
24454 Marie Drive 94542: \$717,000 [3 BD - 1,673 SF - 1948  
785 Dean Place 94541: \$755,000 [3 BD - 1,381 SF - 2005  
27239 Capri Avenue 94545: \$850,000 [3 BD - 1,128 SF - 1957  
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25928 Gushue Street 94544: \$960,000 [4 BD - 1,831 SF - 1991  
26985 Hayward Boulevard 94542: \$965,000 [3 BD - 1,662 SF - 2008  
2657 Warwick Place 94542: \$1,030,000 [3 BD - 1,699 SF - 1957  
29016 Tern Place 94545: \$1,730,000 [5 BD - 2,687 SF - 2005  
29144 Marshbrook Drive 94545: \$1,905,000 [5 BD - 3,213 SF - 2003

**TOTAL SALES:** 11  
**LOWEST AMOUNT:** \$550,000 **MEDIAN AMOUNT:** \$955,000  
**HIGHEST AMOUNT:** \$1,905,000 **AVERAGE AMOUNT:** \$1,011,545



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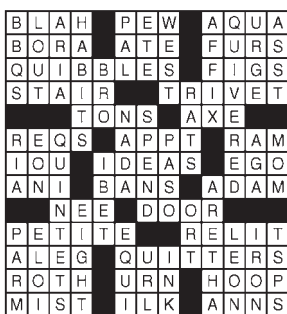
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nance program in place. Additionally, the development usually must be at least 70% owner occupied.

Many condo owners do not know where their developments are with regard to these items, so to begin, we recommend contacting the HOA so as to become fully informed. Secondly, it is important to attend all HOA meetings to be involved in any ongoing discussions. Third, you could also seek a position on the HOA Board to actually become involved in the decision-making process.

While some developments will be able to get approved with relatively minimum effort, others have a long, arduous process ahead of them. Dutra further explains, "Homeowners should be proactive in knowing how their HOA/Complex is doing and then insist on obtaining this approval. It is no longer an option to be without it." Successful sales begin with a healthy HOA.

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# PARENTS GUIDE

## Summer Strategies – Making the Most of Your Break

Summer break – just hearing those words can conjure up images of sunshine, relaxation, and a much-needed respite from the routines and responsibilities of school or work.

But while the idea of endless free time is appealing, it's easy to let the days slip by without truly making the most of them.

A successful summer break doesn't necessarily mean being productive every single moment. It's about intentionally using the time to recharge, pursue interests, and

set yourself up for success in the season ahead.

So, how can you ensure your summer is both enjoyable and fulfilling? Let's explore some strategies.

### Plan, but Don't Over-Plan

Resist the urge to schedule every minute of every day. The beauty of summer lies in its flexibility.

Instead of rigid timelines, consider creating a general framework of what you'd like to accomplish.

This could involve listing specific goals like reading

a certain number of books, mastering a new skill, or volunteering. Or simply outlining broad for each week – such as "Adventure Week," "Creative Week," or "Relaxation Week."

This way, you have direction without sacrificing spontaneity. Think of it as a road map, not a rigid itinerary.

### New Experiences

Summer is the perfect opportunity to step outside your comfort zone.

Always wanted to try kayaking? Sign up for a lesson. Curious about cooking a specific cuisine? Find a class or try some new recipes. Consider volunteering for a cause you care about.

Even small experiences, like trying a new ice cream flavor or exploring a different part of your city, can add excitement to your summer. These new experiences will keep you entertained, broaden your horizons and help you discover new interests.

### Rest and Recharge

While trying new things is great, don't forget the core purpose of a break: to rest and recharge.

Make sure you're getting



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Summer is a good time to step out and go where you want.

enough sleep, eating nutritious meals, and incorporating physical activity into your routine. Disconnect from technology regularly. Spend time outdoors, whether it's hiking, swimming, or simply relaxing in a park.

Mindfulness and medi-

tation can also be valuable tools for reducing stress and promoting relaxation. Remember, burnout can happen even during vacation if you don't prioritize self-care.

### Relationships

Summer offers a chance to reconnect with friends and family. Plan picnics, road trips, or game nights. Visit relatives you haven't seen in a while. Strengthen your bonds with the people who matter most.

These connections are crucial for your overall well-being and can provide a strong support system throughout the year. Put down your phone and be present when you're with loved ones, truly listening

and engaging in meaningful conversations.

### Learn Something New

Summer provides a wonderful opportunity for learning without the stress of grades or deadlines. Pick up a new hobby, learn a new language through an app, delve into a subject that always intrigued you.

Online courses, library resources, and community workshops are all readily available and can provide enriching learning experiences. The key is to choose something you genuinely enjoy, so the learning process is intrinsically motivating. This could be anything from coding

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# PARENTS GUIDE

## Summer: Enjoy the season

continued from previous page  
to photography to playing a musical instrument.

### Set Realistic Goals And Track Your Progress

While summer is a time for relaxation, setting a few achievable goals can give you a sense of accomplishment and purpose.

These goals don't have to be as monumental. They can be as simple as reading a book a week, exercising three times a week, or de-cluttering a specific area of your home.

To stay on track, consider using a journal, planner, or app to monitor your progress. Celebrating small victories along the way can provide motivation and keep you feeling positive.

### Boredom Can Have Its Benefits

In our hyper-scheduled world, boredom is often viewed as a negative. But it can actually be a catalyst for creativity and innovation.

Instead of immediately



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**A summer evening is the time for outdoor theater.**

reaching for your phone when you feel bored, allow yourself to simply be. Let your mind wander, daydream, and explore different thoughts and ideas.

You might be surprised at what you discover. Boredom can be a powerful tool for self-discovery and can lead to unexpected passions and insights.

### Reflect and Re-evaluate

As summer winds down,

take some time to reflect on your experiences. What did you enjoy? What did you learn? What would you do differently next time?

This reflection can help you identify your priorities and make informed decisions about how you spend your time in the future.

It can also help you appreciate the value of the summer break and carry the positive energy and insights you gained into the rest of the year.

A successful summer break is about using your time to recharge, explore your interests, and connect with the people and things that matter most to you.

By prioritizing self-care and finding new experiences, you can create a summer that is both enjoyable and fulfilling.

So go ahead, embrace the sunshine and make this summer your best one yet.



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A walk in nature is great for your health and sense of well-being.

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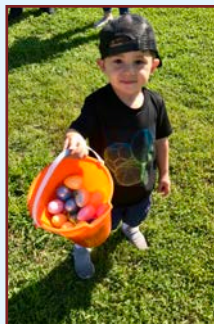
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All too often candy and medicine—both prescription and over-the-counter (OTC)—can look, smell, and even taste alike, says the California Poison Control System (CPCS).

This can be too great a temptation for children to resist, which makes safely storing and disposing of medicines critical.

Ninety-five percent of children under age five who are treated in emergency departments (ED) for ingesting medicine are there because medicines were accidentally left within their reach, according to a report from Safe Kids Worldwide, "Safe Storage, Safe Dosing, Safe Kids."

"Kids are great explorers

and when they find pills that look like candy or colorful liquid medicines that look like something cool to drink, they are almost certain to pop it into their mouth," says Dr. Rais Vohra, Medical Director for the Fresno/Madera Division of CPCS. "Unfortunately, that can all too often be dangerous for your child, resulting in a trip to the ED.

Those emergency room visits could have been prevented if parents had taken steps to help keep their child from accidentally eating or drinking medications, Dr. Vohra said.

CPCS offers parents and caregivers the following safety tips to help keep kids from accidentally eating or drinking medications.

9 Tips for Storing and Disposing Medicine Safely

- Some medicines that have bright colors, interesting containers, and a sweet smell

can be attractive to children, so help them avoid temptation by keeping all medicines out of their sight and reach.

- Never call any medicine 'candy' in front of children.

- Store all medicines in a locked cabinet, out of sight, and out of the reach of children.

- Keep all medicine in their original container with child-resistant caps. But remember: child-resistant caps are not 100 percent child-proof.

- After each use, make sure the medicine cap is on tight, and return it to a locked cabinet.

- Be aware that OTC items, such as eye drops and vitamins, can be just as dangerous as prescription medicines, so make sure to also keep them safely out of reach of children.

- Properly dispose of all medicines that are expired or

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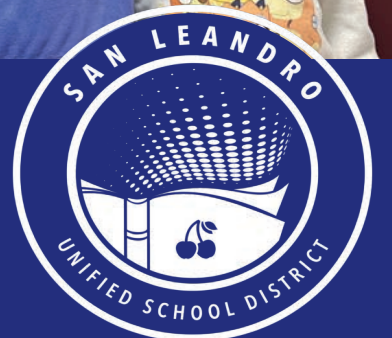
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Nestops Design Studio, located at 903 Sienna Loop San Leandro, CA 94579 Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Weijie Lu, located at 903 Sienna Loop San Leandro, CA 94579. This business is conducted by An Individual. This business commenced 03/11/2025  
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## LEGAL NOTICE

### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF

**Harry Thompson**  
**Case Number:**  
**25PR112945**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **Harry Thompson**,

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

THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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

**A HEARING on the petition will be held on April 28, 2025, 9:45 a.m. Dept. 201, at 2120 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA 94704.**

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

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

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

Attorney for Petitioner: **S. Samantha Sepehr 257364**  
**SCHOFIELD LAW GROUP 2950 Buskirk Ave, Ste 330 Walnut Creek, CA 94597 925-280-1700 ssepehr@schofieldlawgroup.com**

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# Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame Announces Youth Scholarships

The Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame recently announced the recipients of the 2025 Youth Scholarships, awarded through the Mary V. King/Wilma Chan Youth Scholarship Fund.

These scholarships support young women graduating from Alameda County high schools as they pursue post-secondary education.

This year, six outstanding students have been selected to receive a \$5,000 scholarship each:

- Yuying Huang – KIPP King Collegiate High School, San Leandro

- Ester Leng – Mission San Jose High School, Fremont

- Jasmith Levey Baskar – Dublin High School, Dublin

- Huan "Katie" Liang –

Oakland High School, Oakland

- Addison Lola – Newark Memorial High School, Newark

- Michelle Wong – Oakland High School, Oakland

Applicants were evaluated based on their academic achievements, leadership qualities, and commitment to community service. Spe-

cifically, they were asked to demonstrate how they embody the values of former Alameda County Supervisors Mary V. King and Wilma Chan—trailblazers who championed policies and programs benefiting women, girls, and families in Alameda County.

Scholarship recipients were also recognized for their

efforts to mentor others and break barriers in their communities.

Mary V. King was the first African American woman and Wilma Chan the first Asian American to serve as Alameda County Supervisors. Both dedicated their careers to advocating for social justice, education, and healthcare access, leaving a lasting impact

on the community.

The six scholarship recipients will be honored at the 30th Annual Alameda County Women's Hall of

Fame Luncheon & Inductee Ceremony on Saturday, April 26, at The Club at Castlewood in Pleasanton.

The event will also celebrate 12 new inductees into the Women's Hall of Fame.

## America's Field Trip Invites Students To Enter and Win an Unforgettable Trip

Winning students take a field trip to Kennedy Space Center, Yellowstone National Park, Independence Hall

America's Field Trip is a nationwide contest designed to engage elementary, middle, and high school students around America's upcoming 250th anniversary in 2026.

Students are invited to submit an essay, artwork, or poem answering the question: "What does America mean to you?"

### Field Trips for First-Place Winners

First-place winners will be awarded one of several unforgettable field trips to places like Kennedy Space Center in Florida; the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, Ohio; the National Archives in Washington, D.C. and more. Second-place winners and teachers can also earn

cash awards.

### Entries Due by April 16

Entries are due by April 16 at 5 p.m. Entry guidelines and submission instructions can be found on the website for America's Field Trip: <https://america250.org/fieldtrip>

Find teacher resources at: <https://america250.org/fieldtrip/teacher-resources/>



The Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame is one of the places students visit who had winning essays, art or poems.

## OPINION

### LETTERS to the EDITOR

Letters must include the writer's name, address and phone number, and must be under 300 words. Letters can be edited for clarity or length. Letters are the views of the author and not necessarily the views of the newspaper or its advertisers. E-mail letters to: [letters@ebpublishing.com](mailto:letters@ebpublishing.com) or send by mail to: The Editor, San Leandro Times, 2060 Washington Ave., San Leandro, CA 94577.

#### The Benefits of Immigration

Editor,  
I was in junior high school when my dad got real sick. They took him to UCLA medical center and did a lot of tests. The doctors couldn't figure out what was wrong.

Then a blood test intern who had arrived here from Korea on a student visa suggested a test for some disease that was common in his country but rarely appeared here. That test pointed out the problem. My dad got the appropriate medication, and returned home healthy.

What if Trump had been president and deported the intern? Our whole country benefits from immigrants from different countries, with different cultures, different religions, different races. Somewhere here, some "different" person has

the knowledge and experience to solve a pressing problem.

We need to maintain an inclusive society. Don't let MAGA deportation policies take away the special sauce that makes America truly great. Trump's policies wreck and weaken our country.

**Bruce Joffe**  
Piedmont

#### Uplifted by Turnout

Editor,  
It was uplifting to see the turnout on April 5th as thousands protested the attacks on workers, immigrants and democratic rights at home, but it will take a lot more to stop what is a rogue state dragging us to the edge of the abyss. Slogans like, "Payback at the primaries" and, "Dump Trump" will not resolve the very serious crises we face.

It is understandable that the degenerate, sexual predator and con man Trump is the target of people's anger, but Trump is not the cause of our, and the world's, problems. He is a symptom.

One aspect of this is the political situation. Workers have no political party and no voice.

Americans are disgusted with the two capitalist parties as we have seen our living standards and rights decline under their governance. A recent Gallup poll found that 63 percent of U.S. adults currently agree with the statement that the Republican and Democratic parties do such a poor job of representing the American people that a third major party is needed.

But we need to recognize that for the victims of US capitalism's foreign policy, "poor job" is an understatement. The Democratic Party refused to allow a Palestinian speaker at its national convention. Biden laid waste to Gaza and Trump wants to build a casino over the bodies of murdered Palestinians and is now threatening to bomb Iran.

As I write, the mass murderer and war criminal Netanyahu is a guest at the White House.

The "Hands Off" movement is the Democratic Party's attempt to get back in the game. Vote Blue is the goal. The protests are positive

and hopefully will take on a life of their own and a real movement and alternative working class political party is the result. Our future depends on it.

**Richard Mellor**  
San Leandro

#### Article Included Immaterial Information

Editor,  
We were glad to see that this paper covered in its March 27 issue the allegation that Vice Mayor Xouhoa Bowen made against Councilman Daniel Parra of the City of Fowler. However, we are angry about how that story was reported.

Most of the article quotes from an official statement that Bowen made about the assault she experienced and the subsequent charge that was filed, which was, of course, appropriate. What was not appropriate — 1) the insinuation that there is reason to question Bowen's allegation because she was not "more specific," 2) ending the article with completely immaterial and prejudicial information about how Bowen attended another National League of Cities conference recently and how much San Leandro council members are permitted to spend annually on professional development (it is infuriating that these points were

included, as they cast Bowen in a negative light and have nothing to do with whether she was physically assaulted), and 3) choosing the jump headline "Parra's attorney: 'He is innocent' when there are plenty of other options for a fairer jump headline."

We trust that you are aware of the fact that women chronically underreport the type of assault that Bowen has reported. In part this is because of a fear that we all share of being publicly dragged through the mud or otherwise shamed for reporting what happened. Your recent article completely validates this fear. Shame on you, San Leandro Times. We expect and demand better from you.

**Jessie Rubin and**  
**Jaimy Magdalena Mann**  
San Leandro

#### Protect Indian Lands

Editor,  
American Indians for several centuries have entrusted guardianship of sacred lands in this country. The lands are part of their way of life. However, President Trump wants to desecrate the lands for the benefit of the corporations who want to exploit it for both oil and minerals. This is cultural genocide and it should be stop immediately.

**Billy Trice Jr.**  
Oakland





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The crowd at the “Hands Off” protest chanted and waved signs as they lined up along East 14th Street in front of Root Park on Saturday.

## Protest: Rally goers bring homemade signs and American flags

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by the breadth of agreement among San Leandrans on the need for Washington to follow a different path.

“There are some people who are quite conservative here, and some people who are very liberal,” Gonzalez said.

There was a separate demonstration attended by about 100 people and overseen by a different organization, Indivisible, in Castro Valley on Friday night.

San Leandro’s protesters objected to the tariffs and layoffs at Social Security and Medicare. They rallied against Elon Musk and the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), proposed cutbacks at national parks and in health care, and a belief that democracy itself was under attack.

Some signs got specific:

One urged “Make My 401(k) great again.” Another suggested to Musk and Trump that “Mars Is Waiting,” showing a rocket possibly produced by Musk’s Space-X company.

One family dog, Bellem who came with the Rider family, purported to represent Canines Against Chaos, while the sign on his other side warned of DOGE. A common “Beware of Dog” sign, this one carried by a human, was edited to read “Beware of DOGE.”

Protests were held in all 50 states and in some overseas U.S. territories. Organizers said some 600,000 across the country had signed up in advance to attend, although this was not required to take part.

American flags were in abundance in San Leandro and often elsewhere, along with protest signs.

Demonstrators at some recent protests, particularly over the Middle East, had skewed toward the young. This one, however, drew people across the age spectrum. Some arrived by stroller, joined by students of various ages, younger adults often pushing those strollers, the middle-aged and the elderly.

Some observers at the large demonstrations ascribed this to members of those latter two age groups worrying about the value of their pensions.

Those based on 401(k) retirement plans depend for their value on the stock market’s wellbeing.

The administration’s greatly increased tariffs on foreign goods have unsettled those markets, leading to a recent drop in stock prices, and made people worry about their 401(k)’s value.



Fil Rodriguez has a suggestion for where Donald Trump and Elon Musk should go, at the Root Park protest against administration policies on Saturday.



The whole Rider family, joined by Bellem from Canines Against Chaos, came to the “Hands Off” protest. A different dog owner brought a sign reading “Beware of DOGE.”



Kathryn Garcia-Rivera holds sign showing a few things she would like the Trump Administration to keep its “Hands Off” at the demonstration by that name held at Root Park at East 14th Street & Dan Niemi Way on Saturday.



## Jessen: Shot, returned to duty

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After his military service, Jessen became an officer with the Oakland Police Department where he served from 1947 to 1984. He was once caught in an ambush and shot multiple times. But he returned to full duty.

His bravery and dedication continue to be legendary in the department and broader community.

The birthday party will take place at the weekly gathering of "The Thursday Club," a tradition of active and retired Oakland police officers, their families and friends. Supporters of law enforcement, including first responders – firefighters, EMTs, paramedics, and dispatchers – are always invited.

"The Thursday Club" has convened weekly since the 1960s, previously at various locations in Oakland before establishing its current home at Harry's Hofbrau.



Toft Jessen as an Oakland policeman in 1984.

All who wish to join in his contributions to both the honoring Jessen on this special occasion and recognize welcome.



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

All that remains of the former bank at the corner of East 14th and Davis streets is two of the bank's vaults. The demolition company will bring in some special equipment to remove them.

## Demolition: More people downtown

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Strategy works to bring more housing, retail, and jobs to the city's downtown to create a sense of place, reduce reliance on automobiles, maximize transit options, and promote a mixed-use, pedestrian-oriented community.

The seven-story building will include five floors of housing atop two floors of parking, as well as common areas and amenities.

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equipped with a full kitchen, including a refrigerator, dishwasher, range/oven, and in-unit washer and dryers.

City officials say the project will bring a number of economic benefits to the city and community. In the short term, it is estimated that the developer will invest over \$40 million in the development, pay over \$150,000 in Building Permit Fees, and contribute over \$4.5 million in Impact Fees to support the school dis-

trict, parks and other impacts of the project.

According to the City of San Leandro, in the long term, the project will result in a significant increase in property value and annual increases to property taxes contributed towards city services. Additionally, the over 400 residents living in the building are expected to shop in the downtown area, supporting local businesses and increasing annual sales tax revenue.

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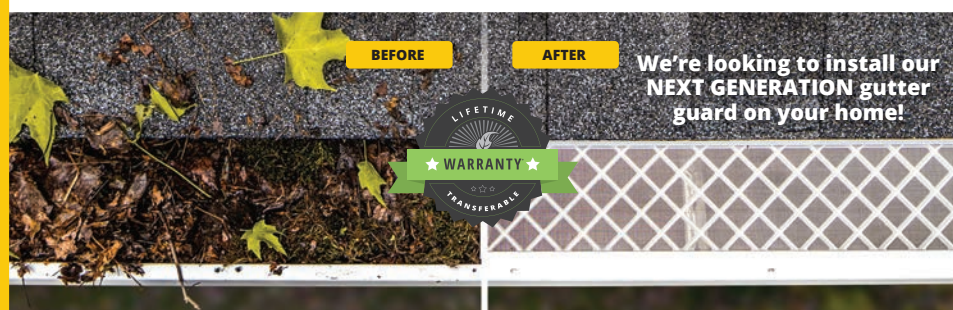


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