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Three hundred students performed as families packed the house at the Arroyo High School gymnasium for the 72nd Annual San Lorenzo School District Music Festival.

Music Festival Fills Arroyo Gym

More than a thousand family members gathered on March 8 at Arroyo High School to watch 300 K-12 San Lorenzo Unified School District students perform in school choirs and a middle/high school orchestra during its 72nd Annual District Music Festival.

Elementary students from all nine of the district's elementary schools took the stage to sing a total of 12 songs in English and Spanish. Middle and high school musicians performed two pieces together in a joint orchestra, which included students from Arroyo and San Lorenzo high schools, as well as Edendale and Washington Manor middle schools.

A choir from East Bay Arts High School performed

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EBMUD Board Holds Up on Quarry Project

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

Bay-O-Vista and nearby neighborhoods won't be seeing a lot of dump trucks headed to the old quarry site on Lake Chabot Road any time soon, following a Tuesday meeting of the East Bay Municipal Utilities District (EBMUD) board of directors.

EBMUD is abandoning, at least for the near future, its proposal to move trench soils to the quarry from pipe replacement projects throughout its two-county service area. The agency had planned new park and hiking trails once the project is completed, but that

would take 40 years or more.

EBMUD sees an advantage in it taking that long for its ongoing supply of trench soil to fill up the old quarry, but at least some nearby residents strongly disagree. The old quarry site is on county land, adjacent to the Bay-O-Vista neighborhood in San Leandro.

EBMUD announced on Tuesday it was letting a purchase option on the land lapse, would not pursue a required environmental impact report, and was dropping its request

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Azevedo Steps Back On Library Name

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

City Councilman Bryan Azevedo took a step back on his plan to change the name of the San Leandro Library.

At the March 6 City Council meeting, Azevedo said that after hearing from constituents he has decided to modify the proposal after it ran into a lot of opposition.

But since that meeting, Azevedo has decided to nix

the plan altogether.

"I've heard from the people and it's not what people want," Azevedo said this week.

So at next Monday's City Council meeting, an item will be on the agenda to toss out the plan. Azevedo expects the council will go along with his desire to nix the library name

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City Council Lists Priorities for Upcoming Year at Annual Planning Session

The San Leandro City Council conducted its Annual Planning Session in a day-long, public meeting in late February.

The council heard a financial forecast from the finance director, a presentation on bond and revenue, and set priorities for the upcoming year.

The City Council listed both accomplishments and challenges in the past year that City Hall sent in a press release. Accomplishments include:

- The City Council approved an updated strategy for unfunded liabilities
- Completed a comprehensive

diversity, equity, and inclusion plan

- Guiding policy for traffic safety and roadway design (Vision Zero)
- 2023 Housing Element completed without exception, placing San Leandro among a small group of cities with that distinction

The City Council agreed to move forward with the following Community Priorities:

- \$1.49 million grant obtained and work began to reduce urban temperatures, tree-planting program

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- Establish and implement

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CITY COUNCIL

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

SAN LEANDRO SCHOOL BOARD

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



Pets of the Week



Bugs Bunny

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are a bunny and a guinea pig.

Bugs Bunny is a sweet, male bunny who is easy to



Ms. Frizzle

handle. Right now all rabbit adoptions are free to qualified homes, sponsored by Al Hops.

Ms. Frizzle is a female guinea pig who loves her daily salad. Watch her run up with happy trills to get fresh basil, cilantro, and other garden greens.

To adopt or for more information on Bugs Bunny or Ms. Frizzle, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at 510-293-7200.



U.S. NAVY PHOTO BY SEAMAN NATASHA CHEVALIERLOSADA

IN THE SERVICE – Chief Personnel Specialist Jenny Andaya from San Leandro, California processes a sailor's travel claim in the personnel office aboard the U.S. Navy's aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan in the Philippine Sea. The USS Reagan, the flagship of Carrier Strike Group 5, provides a combat-ready force that defends the United States, and supports alliances, partnerships and collective maritime interests in the Indo-Pacific region.

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CV-Eden Area Chamber of Commerce

Castro Valley/Eden Area Woodroe Woods School, 750 Chamber of Commerce Fargo Ave. in San Leandro. will host a mixer on Thursday, March 23, at 6 p.m. at Everyone is welcome to attend.

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News Briefs

Local Author to Read at Books Inc.

San Leandro author Vincent Traugher Meis will read from his new book *Colton's Terrible Wonderful Year* at Books Inc., 2483 Washington Ave., on Friday, March 24, at 4 p.m. Raised by two dads who are not Black, biracial teen Colton is on a quest to meet his surrogate mom who might help him navigate being a Black teenager in today's America. Along the way he learns about love, non-traditional families, community, and what is important in life. The event is free.

Dolores Movie Screening in Honor of Cesar Chavez Day

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

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Community Calendar

The League of Women Voters Eden Area to Host "Meet Your Electeds"

The League of Women Voters of the Eden Area (LWVEA) invites you to a free event, "Meet Your Electeds," on Thursday, March 16, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at Hayward City Hall, 777 B St., in Hayward. The League has invited elected officials from Hayward, San Leandro, Castro Valley, and San Lorenzo to the event. Anyone is welcome, but registration is requested and space is limited. Register using this link: <https://bit.ly/LWVEA-Meet-The-Elected-Mar16>. Light refreshments will be served. We will hear from some of the newly elected officials. The League will also be celebrating International Women's Day at the event.

Juggling and Circus Show at the Library

Circus of Smiles juggling and circus show will perform on Wednesday, March 22, at 6:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Circus of Smiles offers non-stop excitement and family-friendly theatrics that get people laughing and participating. All ages welcome.

San Leandro Democratic Club

The San Leandro Democratic Club's guest speaker will be City Councilwoman Xouhoa Bowen at the club's in-person meeting on Thursday, March 23, at 6:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. The public is invited. Masks are preferred.

Castro Valley Orchestra to Perform

Castro Valley Orchestra will present a concert at Redwood Chapel Community Church, 19300 Redwood Road in Castro Valley, on Sunday, March 26, at 3:30 p.m. The orchestra will perform compositions by Mozart, Borodin, Lalo and Saint-Saens. Students from the performing arts program at Holy Names College will appear with the orchestra. Admission is free and a reception will be held immediately after the concert.

Monarch Butterfly Talk at Eden Garden Club

The Eden Garden Club will meet on Monday, March 27, at 9:30 a.m. at the Castro Valley Methodist Church 19806 Wisteria St. in Castro Valley. Speaker Carol Dixon will talk about monarch butterflies and their milkweed host plants. Carol has a MA in biological science from CSU Hayward, instructor of Biology and Ecology at Chabot and Ohlone Colleges for 22 years, and 16 years at Castro Valley High School. Explore the monarch's fantastic migration, overwintering and future survival with the help of gardeners planting milkweed. Meetings are free and guests are always welcome. For more information, call 510 397-1268.

County and City to Host Storm Damage Forum

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

San Leandro Toastmasters To Meet at the Library

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

San Leandro Scholarship Foundation Dinner and Silent Auction

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

Senior Meals Serving Lunch on Weekdays

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

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

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

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

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

Visit the website for more information at, www.SpectrumCS.org

The menu for the upcoming week is:

Thursday, March 16: Turkey and veggie sauté, roasted cauliflower, brown rice, fruit.

Friday, March 17: St. Patrick's Day! Corned beef, roasted potatoes, cabbage and carrots, whole wheat roll, fruit and dessert.

Monday, March 20: First Day of Spring! Turkey chili, tossed vegetable salad, cornbread, fruit.

Tuesday, March 21: Apricot glazed pork, Tuscan bean soup, green beans, whole wheat roll, fruit.

Wednesday, March 22: Chicken cacciatore with whole wheat pasta, baby carrots, fruit.

Thursday, March 23: Baked cod with sun-dried tomato sauce over rice pilaf, hearty vegetable soup, fruit.

Friday, March 24: Veggie burger on whole wheat bun with lettuce, tomato and onion, chickpea carrot salad, fruit.



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Who Goes There?

The dogs in a house on Washington Avenue keep an eye out for anybody passing by, and they don't miss a thing.

SLHS United Parents Crab Feed

San Leandro High School United Parents are hosting a crab feed on Saturday, March 25, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the San Leandro Boys & Girls Club, 2200 San Leandro Blvd. Dinner includes fresh Dungeness

crab, pasta, salad, French bread. No-host bar and dessert bar. Raffle and auction. Tickets are \$65 if ordered by March 11, or \$70 by the ticket deadline of March 18. Pre-sold tickets only. Tick-

ets available at www.32auctions.com/SLHSUnitedParentsCRAB. Support students and staff at San Leandro High School. For more information or to pay by check, email slhsunitedparents@gmail.com

San Leandro Garden Club to Meet on Tuesday

The San Leandro Garden Club will meet on Tuesday, March 21, at 10:30 a.m. at the Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave. in San Leandro. This month's speaker is Gladys Relivaldez, a former garden club scholarship winner

and current employee of the City of San Leandro. Meet with members who care about gardening and each other. Club activities include sharing gardening tips and plants, guest speakers, tours, garden-oriented crafts, social and fundraising

events. Donations are given to local organizations that assist the vulnerable and disadvantaged people in the community and to people who help improve our environment. Guests are welcome. For more information, email: www.gardensforthe

Cherry Festival Returns in June

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

This event brings nearly 50,000 visitors from around the Bay. Don't miss this great opportunity. The application deadline is April 7. Visit www.sanleandrocherryfest.com for more information.

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Spring for Some Lamb

Although high-quality California lamb is available year-round, sales more than double this time of year as families gather for Easter and Passover feasts. A culinary bridge across cultures, lamb is a common staple of spring cooking that dates back to ancient times and is rooted in a number of religious traditions. It is the most popular meat consumed worldwide, but in this country it still ranks below beef, pork and poultry. Lamb is simple to cook. One way to prepare leg of lamb is by sprinkling the outside with

granulated garlic, black pepper, leaf thyme and a little rosemary; another way is with a Dijon mustard sauce. The lamb is baked at about 350°F for 30 minutes to the pound. Probably the worst thing people do to lamb is overcook it or to smother it in mint jelly. Lamb should not be cooked past an internal temperature of 150°F. Mint jelly overpowers the taste of the meat. Instead, try serving lamb with Mint Sauce that's much lighter than the jelly. Health-wise, lamb contains very little marbling, so the fat can easily be trimmed. It has

about the same number of calories as beef and it is high in B vitamins, niacin, zinc and iron.

MARINATED LEG OF LAMB

- 2/3 cup olive oil
- 1/3 cup wine vinegar
- 1 medium onion, sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, slivered
- 1 teaspoon ginger spice
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 (4- to 5-pound) leg of lamb

In bowl, combine oil, vinegar, onion, garlic, ginger, salt and pepper and mix well. Pour over lamb in shallow dish and refrigerate 6 hours or overnight, turning lamb occasionally. Drain lamb, reserving marinade, and place meat on rack in shallow roasting pan. Roast at 325°F for about 2-1/2 hours or until done as desired, basting frequently with marinade. Makes 6 to 8 servings. more sugar or vinegar as needed.

LAMB SHANKS WITH LENTILS

- 1 pound dried lentils, rinsed
- 2 medium carrots, chopped
- 1 onion, chopped
- 4 sprigs thyme or 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 bottle red win
- 4 lamb shanks
- Salt and pepper to taste

Heat oven to 400°F. Combine

first 7 ingredients in roasting pan or casserole and stir; bring to a boil on top of stove, then nestle lamb shanks among lentils, cover pan and put in oven. Lower heat to 350°F and let cook, undisturbed, for about an hour. Uncover and stir lentils gently; season with salt and pepper. Recover and cook about an hour more, until lentils are very tender and meat begins to pull away from bone. Don't worry about overcooking the lentils. When lamb is tender, uncover pan, raise heat to 400°F and cook for another 15 minutes, just to brown top of shanks a bit. Makes 4 servings.

LAMB CHOPS WITH ROSEMARY

- 4 (1-1/2 inch thick) lamb chops
- 1-1/2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon minced rosemary leaves
- 2 teaspoons minced parsley
- 1/4 cup red wine
- 3 tablespoons butter
- Salt and freshly ground pepper

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

WOMEN IN BUSINESS



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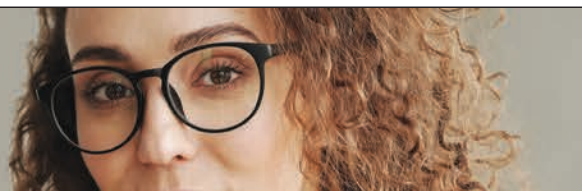
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REAL ESTATE GALLERY



Storms Hampering Real Estate Transactions

California is reeling from another spate of horrid weather as Mother Nature continues to pound the Golden State. As the state has encountered a seemingly endless flow of atmospheric rivers, the continuing deluges are devastating the state's infrastructure, closing parks and services and deeply affecting those who call California home.

The ongoing storms are also producing havoc in real estate transactions.

Homes are typically built to withstand moderate amounts of water. Unfortunately, when storms open up the floodgates, damage can be the result. Recent talks with home inspectors highlight some of the issues that are emerging.

Many of the bay area homes are built on expansive soil. As the soil dries, as has been the case with our recent drought, the soil shrinks. Add water, and it expands, and, if it expands too much, can cause foundation damage. Since the bay area only gets a moderate amount of rainfall in a normal

year, many homes do not have extensive drainage systems to divert water away from their foundations. Consequently, we are seeing many homes with increased levels of water in the crawlspaces and/or basements. This moisture is making it difficult for home and termite inspectors to get under homes to adequately inspect these areas.

Roofs are also being hit hard, and roofing companies have been deluged with requests for repairs to stem leaks. Older roofs are subject to the most potential damage as the storms can actually damage roofs already weakened by age. Other damage includes trees falling over, some of which are hitting structures. Driveways are being affected, retaining walls are losing integrity and faulty doors and windows are letting in moisture.

As the storms continue, buyers need to be cautious when buying a home. Some sellers provide home inspections to make the process easier. If those inspections are old, how-

ever, they may not reflect the current state of the home. Our recommendation is to check the date to ensure they are current. Additionally, check to make sure the inspectors were able to inspect all of the home. Many inspection companies will not enter crawlspaces that are significantly moist. It is also important to determine WHY a given crawl space has moisture: is it a result of recent rains, or does it indicate a more serious long-term issue.

Bottom line, given the potential for storm-related damage, if you currently buying a home, take a serious look at property condition.

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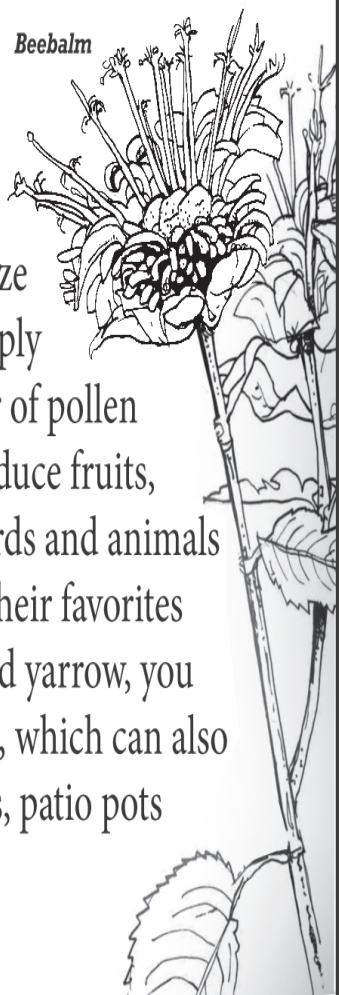
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Plants provide food, stabilize our soils, clean our air, supply

oxygen and support wildlife. The transfer of pollen must occur for plants to fertilize and produce fruits, seeds and young plants. Many insects, birds and animals transfer pollen as they feed; by growing their favorites such as beebalm, marigolds, pyeweed, and yarrow, you can attract many pollinators to your yard, which can also benefit your fruit trees, vegetable gardens, patio pots and flowering vines. - Brenda Weaver

Sources: homeguides.sfgate.com, www.nps.gov

Beebalm



Nearby Oleander Won't Harm Plants

Several years ago, our neighbors planted two Oleander bushes along our shared fence. They have become quite large, and the branches hang over the fence into the vegetable garden. I'm concerned as Oleander is a poisonous plant. Last summer, we stopped eating the vegetables to be safe as the spent flowers were all over the ground. Is the soil

contaminated? How about the water in our well? Would the apples from a nearby apple tree about fifteen to twenty feet away be a safety concern? What should we be doing this year to safeguard the area?

By Buzz Bertolero
THE DIRT GARDENER



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Oleander has been planted extensively throughout the Bay Area in gardens, public areas, and highway dividers. They have been a growing part of the landscape for over fifty years. Oleander plants are poisonous and pose a threat: however, no health issues or deaths have been reported in the past two decades. The Oleander toxin has to be ingested orally for problems to occur. Toddlers who like to put things in their mouths are at the greatest risk. The casual

contact or handling of the plant parts will not produce any adverse side effects. Although, breathing the smoke from burning Oleander debris can be fatal. Other examples of plants with similar toxic characteristics are tomatoes, potatoes, and rhubarb. The leaves of these plants are poisonous when ingested. Oleander roots rubbing or touching another edible or non-edible plant will not transmit the toxins. The spent flowers are not a threat unless they are eaten. And finally, I wouldn't be concerned about groundwater contamination from the roots. If you cut down the plants, you should treat the stumps as new growth will reappear. Your options include moving the vegetable garden to another location, renting space at a community garden, leaving it where it is, and cutting back the overhanging branches.

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1280 Stanhope Lane #242 94545: \$498,000 [2 BD - 1,007 SF - 1989
1414 Roosevelt Avenue 94544: \$785,000 3 BD - 1,210 SF - 1955
22250 Main Street 94541: \$800,000 3 BD - 1,444 SF - 1930
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27913 Tampa Avenue 94544: \$835,000 3 BD - 1,276 SF - 1954
1157 Huron Lane 94545: \$840,000 3 BD - 1,276 SF - 1957
1083 Citron Way 94545: \$845,000 3 BD - 1,164 SF - 1959
24428 Marie Drive 94542: \$890,000 [5 BD - 1,638 SF - 1948
2102 Jubilee Drive 94541: \$1,001,000 3 BD - 1,692 SF - 2017
399 Berry Avenue 94544: \$1,060,000 4 BD - 2,063 SF - 1960
442 A Street 94541: \$1,450,000 [3 BD - 2,460 SF - 1924
28620 Fox Hollow Drive 94542: \$1,475,000 4 BD - 2,962 SF - 1994
24987 Fairview Avenue 94542: \$1,551,000 4 BD - 2,238 SF - 1900
29836 Cantera Drive 94544: \$1,790,000 4 BD - 3,150 SF - 2017

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Total: 5 – Average Price: \$800,000
High: \$950,000 – Low: \$700,000

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15330 Inverness Street 94579: \$745,000 [3 BD - 1,115 SF - 1955
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2049 Orchard Avenue 94577: \$750,000 [3 BD - 2 BD - 1,174 SF - 1924

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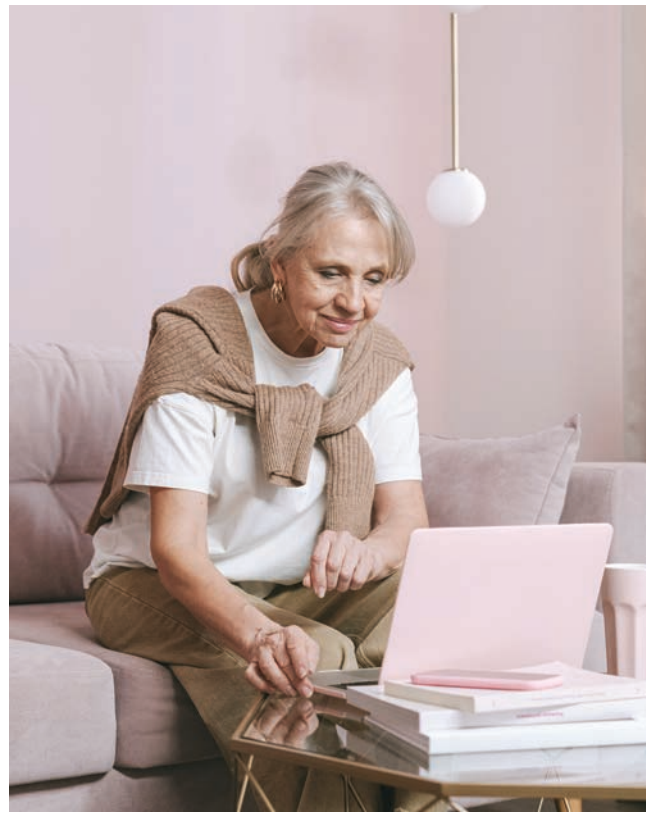
Q. I recently qualified for SSI and Medi-Cal, but I am going through a divorce. I worry that when my ex-spouse is ordered to pay me Spousal Support, I may then lose my SSI and Medi-Cal. Is there a way I can keep my public benefits and also receive support?

By Gene L. Osofsky
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

A. Yes, indeed, if the right strategy is implemented. Unfortunately, very few Family Law attorneys and judges are familiar with how to preserve these benefits in the divorce context. As a result, the sad fact is that many persons on SSI and/or Medi-Cal lose their benefits when they divorce. A bit of background might be helpful:

To qualify for Supplemental Security Income (“SSI”), an individual with a disability must meet two financial conditions: The individual must (a) have less than \$2,000 in non-exempt resources (e.g. savings), and (b) his or her monthly income must be less than the SSI benefit rate, currently \$1,133.73 (in 2023). An award of SSI also entitles the beneficiary to Medi-Cal.

In the divorce context, a spouse would typically be awarded both spousal support and a division of marital assets, such as bank accounts, IRA’s, etc. If that spouse were receiving SSI and/or Medi-Cal, the award of support and/or marital assets could render her ineligible for public benefits if they put her over the income or resource ceilings. The



your third party providers, selected by you, directly for the goods and services that you need, such as a car, computer, clothing, etc. A good trustee would comply with your requests for payment to your selected providers, so long as those payments did not undermine your ongoing eligibility for the public benefit programs. The trustee would also typically make periodic reports to the government programs to affirm compliance with the program rules.

To make this option work, it is essential that you engage an Elder Law or Special Needs attorney familiar with the use of the SNT in the divorce context. The SNT attorney would then work with your divorce attorney and would help educate the judge and opposing counsel as to the benefits of this technique.

Adult Child With Disability

The same technique would apply in the case of an adult child with a disability who receives SSI and Medi-Cal and for whom a parent is ordered to pay child support. By properly establishing and administering a SNT for that child, he or she could then receive the advantages of both public benefits AND child support, which together would enhance that child’s life.

For more reading, you may wish to visit website below and search for the article: “Special Needs Planning and Divorce.”

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question, then, is whether there is a way to preserve BOTH a spouse’s public benefits AND her right to support and to a share of marital assets in a divorce?

Answer: YES! Enter the Special Needs Trust (“SNT”). If set up properly, the SNT can hold both your court-ordered support and your share of community resources without impairing your right to SSI, and thus preserve both your public and “private” benefits.

Working with an attorney with expertise in this area, you could establish your own SNT and even select your own Trustee, who might be a parent, sibling, or even a trusted friend. Alternatively,

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Your court-ordered support would then be paid monthly directly to the SNT Trustee, rather than to you. The Trustee would then deposit the funds into your SNT and handle them in a manner compliant with the SSI and Medi-Cal rules. This typically would mean that the Trustee would not disburse funds directly to you, but instead would pay

Mortgage Rates Continue Their Upward Tjectory

Mortgage rates continue their upward trajectory as the Federal Reserve signals a more aggressive stance on monetary policy. Overall, consumers are spending in sectors that are not interest rate sensitive, such as travel and dining out. However, rate-sensitive sectors, such as housing, continue to be adversely affected. As a result, would-be homebuyers continue to face the compounding challenges of affordability and low inventory.



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change.

At a meeting in February, Azevedo proposed to rename the the San Leandro Main Library on Estudillo Avenue to the Bernard Ashcraft San Leandro Main Library. The City Council passed the "urgent" proposal, 4-3, to be sent the council's Rules Committee in March and then back to the City Council for approval in May.

But at the March 6 meeting, Azevedo said he wanted to remove the "urgent" label on the proposal, so that it just goes to the City Council's next priority-setting meeting (possibly in September). Also, Azevedo changed the item so that it could be named after anyone, not just Bernard Ashcraft. The change was passed unanimously by the City Council. (This is moot now, since Azevedo has decided to scratch the whole idea.)

Ashcraft has been active for many years in San Leandro for civil rights and founded African Americans for a Better San Leandro, he's CEO of the Bay Area Business Roundtable, and Unity in the Community, a grassroots group of San Leandrans supporting diversity and standing against racism and bigotry.

But many people speaking at meetings and writing letters to the editor didn't think the library's name needed to change at all.

"After hearing from my constituents, their thoughts and concerns, all of which I thoughtfully considered and appreciated, I would like to modify the referral I made at the Feb. 21 regular meeting," Azevedo said on March 6.

Some critics of the plan said the City Council should be working on more important matters, in other words, something that really is urgent.

"I heard from the community and I understand that naming the library is not more important than homelessness, crime or garbage, so I wanted to make this referral so the community knows this," Azevedo said.

"I heard from the community and I understand that naming the library is not more important than homelessness, crime or garbage.

— City Councilman
Bryan Azevedo

No Money, Time Spent on Changing Uniforms

In other council business, City Manager Fran Robustelli addressed an idea that was brought up at the Feb. 21

planning session about making police uniforms more friendly.

The suggestion was made, Robustelli said, "but the majority of the City Council did not prioritize this idea and no staff time or city resources were spent on the idea. The City Council did prioritize public safety, homelessness, and infrastructure."

Eviction Moratorium Hurting Landlords

A number of speakers stepped up during public comments on March 6 to denounce the City Council's recent vote to extend the eviction moratorium another year. The pandemic emergency has ended, and other cities and counties have ended their moratoriums, the speakers said.

The speakers who said they are small, mom-and-pop landlords, said they are owed thousands of dollars, and some tenants are taking advantage

of the moratorium.

"The never ending eviction moratorium has been very difficult for many landlords," said one speaker. "My tenant has not paid rent in 3 years and owes more than \$85,000. However I still have to pay for insurance and property tax and city license fees and maintenance for the property."

Chris Moore, on the board of the East Bay Rental Housing Association, said that a lot of landlords will never get paid for the back rent, but at least the council could end the moratorium so that tenants would start having to pay rent.

It primarily hurts the mom and pop businesses," Moore said. "Seventy percent of our members have not been paid for the entire time. The state only funded 18 months maximum. We're now in 36 months. You're killing the market. You're not going to make it by killing the people

investing in the community. All that debt, we can't collect as soon as the moratorium ends. You can be urged to start paying though."

Opposing Quarry Project

In other business at the March 6 council meeting, the City Council passed a resolution to demand that the EBMUD board stop the proposed Quarry Site Restoration Project. EBMUD planned to use soil from trenches as it replaces water pipes to cover the former quarry site and turn it into a park. The plan ran into opposition from nearby residents who oppose the number of trucks that would travel on Lake Chabot Road to take the soil to the quarry site.

No one presented a plan as to where the trench soil should go, if not the quarry site.

This week, the EBMUD board of directors put the project on hold.

OPINION

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Any New City Employees Should Go to P.D.

Editor,

It was only a year ago in February when our new City Manager Fran Robustelli, previous Human Resources Manager of Hayward, (whoop-de-doo) added 39 new employees and upgraded the title of 30 current employees (therefore a raise would be expected, ka-ching) at a cost of \$5,400,000 and the City Council approved this expenditure.

And now City Financial Director T. Michael Yeun wants to add 43 more employees to the payroll. This and "other projects" would put San Leandro \$23,000,000 in the hole this year and \$20,000,000 next year.

How many of the 39 hired last year joined, and 43 proposed new hires this year would join the police department which is operating at a very low 60 percent of the approved head count? My guess, very few and I'm willing to bet dollars to donuts (no pun intended) that the overtime is costing us a fortune.

It's time to get priorities straight and fully employee the police

department before other positions are considered or it will all go to hell in a handbasket faster than a bride's nightie coming off on her honeymoon.

Brent Heath
San Leandro

Library Naming Vote Should Have Been on Agenda

Editor,

Last week, Council member Bryan Azevedo asked the City Council to cancel his priority referral to the Rules Committee to rename our main library after Bernard Ashcraft, one of Azevedo's top political supporters and campaign donors. But Azevedo did not abandon his proposal. He asked for the City Council to consider the proposal at a future City Council priority-setting session. The City Council agreed.

If that sounds contradictory, you're right. I find this troubling because Azevedo may have violated state law. Azevedo's motion was not listed in the meeting agenda.

With very limited exceptions,

the Brown Act prohibits elected officials from discussing and taking action on matters not listed in the meeting agenda. Azevedo offered his motion during the portion of the meeting where council members may only raise matters for consideration at future meetings. That did not occur. Azevedo sought to overturn an action the City Council previously took.

By not listing his motion in the agenda, Azevedo pulled a fast one on the public. Azevedo was able to discuss his plan for renaming the main library without anyone in the community knowing in advance. If the public had known, many San Leandrans would have spoken at the meeting. The outcry could have swayed the majority of the City Council to stop Azevedo's proposal.

The opposition in the community to renaming the main library after Ashcraft is overwhelming. As a mayoral candidate, Azevedo ran on a promise of "bringing our community together" but he is currently dividing our community.

I urge City Councilmember Azevedo to stop wasting staff time and permanently remove his request from any future City Council agenda. The residents of San Leandro need the City Council to focus on issues such as crime, homelessness and housing. These are the issues affecting our quality of life, not the name of the San Leandro Main Library.

Lee Thomas
San Leandro

Lee Thomas is a former member of the San Leandro City Council

Eviction Moratorium Helps Struggling Neighbors

Editor,

The irony of failed politicians like Ed Hernandez advocating for the safety and wellness of our residents, including the unhoused, while trying to destroy policies that specifically prevent more people from losing their homes is tragic.

But let's be clear: this fight over the eviction moratorium is about people who think corporations and developers deserve record profits more than people deserve a place to live.

Because that is who has been funding and instigating this conflict, including threats of violence to one of our pregnant city council members who has been a champion for working folks.

This isn't about the mom-and-pop owners supplementing their retirement income. This isn't about out-of-town landlords who are still profiting off their properties. This is about powerful greed and fear-mongering pretending to worry about problems they never cared for until it hurt their bottom line. This is about the hundreds of people in our city who lost jobs, suffered crippling medical expenses, and whose loved ones died during the pandemic.

The city's eviction moratorium is specifically designed to help those people and you can read it right here: <https://tinyurl.com/SLEMOOrd>. This is about helping people who are at the edge of a cliff because of COVID-19.

Do you want more poverty? Do you want more homelessness? Do

you want more blight, less public safety, and worse health in the community? Then, maybe, you do agree with people like Ed Hernandez that we should kick people out of their homes. But, if you believe we should be helping our neighbors who are struggling to get back on their feet, then yes, we do need the eviction moratorium and the rental assistance funding that comes with it.

Instead of complaining on behalf of corporate real estate companies and the developers that he catered to while on the city council, Ed Hernandez (or Ken Pon, Pete Ballew, and Juan Gonzalez for that matter) should start working with local leaders to develop a plan to ensure people can keep their homes when we do end the eviction moratorium. I can think of a good start: contact our state and congressional representatives to ensure the remaining \$177 million in federal housing assistance for the pandemic goes to the tenants and homeowners who need it. If we work together as a community, and as a city, we can succeed in building a better San Leandro for everyone.

Stephen Michael Tow
San Leandro

Something About The Algorithms

Editor,
Ranked choice voting is here to stay, Although it's too confusing. Council will not vote it away. They favor ranked unchoosing.

George Z. Banks
San Leandro

Committee Choses New Park Site for Stephen Taylor Memorial

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

San Leandro's planned memorial to slain resident Steven Taylor, now marked by a sign in Marina Park, should be moved a short distance within that park to make it more usable by the public, said a City Council committee.

The Facilities & Transportation Committee met at the present site of the Steven Taylor Sanctity of Life Park on March 1 at the suggestion of Sheila Marquises, director of the Engineering & Transportation Department. Marquises pointed out that the excellent views at the first site were offset by lack of shade or protection from the wind.

Marquises and her staff led the council members and public a short distance to a



PHOTO BY MIKE MCGUIRE

The Facilities & Transportation Committee of the San Leandro City Council came to Marina Park on March 1 to look at the future site of the Steven Taylor Sanctity of Life Park.

grove of trees near a little farther from the water. The Bay views are more limited at that location, she said, but there's

“There is less wind and more shade at the new site for the memorial.

much less wind and enough shade.

The council committee — consisting of City Council members Bryan Azevedo and

Fred Simon and Mayor Juan Gonzalez — agreed to recommend the new site to the full council. They asked the staff to continue to work on planning the memorial at the proposed new location.

Simon had originally suggested the memorial to the Council in February 2021 in honor of Taylor, a man shot to death by San Leandro police officer Jason Fletcher at the Walmart on Hesperian Boulevard on April 18, 2020 while Taylor was having a mental health crisis and holding a metal baseball bat. The City Council designated the anniversary of that shooting each year as Steven Taylor and Sanctity of Life Day.

Fletcher was subsequently charged with voluntary manslaughter and will face trial later this year if defense motions to throw out the charges are unsuccessful.

Marquises said that a pavilion is currently planned for the site that would allow for musical performances, with perhaps several levels of seating. Taylor was known as a music lover by his family and friends.

City staff will also look into placing outdoor music instruments there that visitors can play, Marquises said. The memorial site will also have a city kiosk offering assistance with services including mental health services.

“This is important for the healing process,” said council member Simon. “Steven should be here with us right now, standing here.”

Planning: Public safety

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policies to prevent homelessness

- Build more of all types of housing, including affordable housing, that keep people housed, increase supply, and find a pipeline to get people off the streets

- Establish the Nimitz Motel in partnership with a non-profit partner to provide a Navigation Center and long-term housing for low and very low-income community members

Public Safety

- Staff increase to 90

percent strength (currently around 60 percent) for all allocated police department positions

- Deploy Mental Health Unit

- Reduce property crime and increase public safety with non-police alternatives

- Increase emergency response capacity infrastructure

Infrastructure

- Community clean-up beautification

- Fully fund Capital Improvement Plan

- Capital Improvement Plan Implementation (Road).



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Downtown Arrest for Cell Phone Theft

Police arrested a man for theft in front of the Safeway in Washington Plaza at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The man opened someone's car door and stole a cell phone, according to police. The suspect then went into the Safeway. Police arrived and waited for him to come out where they arrested him and returned the cell phone to its owner. “We're pleased to have officers nearby so we could respond in time to make an arrest and return the loss to the owner,” said Lt. Matthew Barajas of the San Leandro police.

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Quarry: Staff instructed to keep looking for ways to dispose of trench soil

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for a conditional use permit for the project from the county.

On a pair of 3-3 tie votes with one member absent, the EBMUD board didn't canceled the project permanently, leaving the door open to it in the future.

The board instructed EBMUD staff to keep looking into ways to dispose of trench soil, removed when replacing old pipes. Fresh soil and gravel is used to refill the trenches for better for stability and longevity of the new pipes.

Members of the public commenting at the meeting

all expressed opposition to the proposal, with some questioning what the board was thinking to even propose the project in such a populated area. Others asked if board members or EMBUD staff had ever actually traveled on Lake Chabot Road, which winds narrowly between San Leandro and Castro Valley, before proposing a parade of heavy and large dump trucks on it.

Among the people speaking against the project were San Leandro Mayor Juan Gonzalez, former Mayor Stephen Cassidy, and District 1

City Councilmember Celina Reynes, whose district includes Bay-O-Vista. Reynes said her father had walked with her to Lake Chabot to fish when she was a girl, and she would like to go there safely with the child she is expecting.

Reynes said her father still bikes on Lake Chabot Road, and shouldn't have to dodge dump trucks while doing so.

Castro Valley resident Dorothea Beringer noted the road was narrow with curves and is used by bicyclists as well as by cars.

"How can you make sure no truck will ever cross the

yellow line?" Beringer asked. "How will they pass cyclists: crash them into the hillside, or go into the other lane and risk a head-on crash?"

Despite the criticism, board members praised the public participants at the meeting for their civility while making forceful and deeply felt comments.

Before the meeting, EBMUD had announced a "pause" to the project while looking at alternatives, and also while the road is closed for repairs from recent storm damage. But newly elected board member April Chan,

whose district includes Bay-O-Vista, called for an outright cancellation of the project.

"As director, I feel this is really the wrong direction for us to go," said Chan, who predicted lawsuits and a citizen rebellion brewing if the

"I feel this is really the wrong direction for us to go."

— EBMUD board member April Chan

Director Marguerite Young said the trench soil had to go somewhere, and currently many dump trucks a day are carrying it past a school in Orinda.

The Save Lake Chabot Road group had led opposition to the project and had gathered some 1,500 names on a petition against it. Their members are mostly Bay-O-Vista residents but also include residents from Oakland's nearby Sheffield Village neighborhood, Castro Valley and elsewhere. The San Leandro City Council voted unanimously to urge the EBMUD board to cancel the project.

EBMUD insists the road could be used safely and with minimal inconvenience to Bay-O-Vista residents.

The road is now closed indefinitely while storm damage is repaired, which had already forced EBMUD to delay their plans.

EBMUD Board President Andy Katz expressed regret that the board could not act with unity on some approach to the quarry and to disposal of trench soils more generally.

Katz noted, though, "The message is clear that nobody's thrilled with the (quarry) project."

project proceeded. "People are not comfortable with the idea of a 'pause.' The 1,500 names on a petition are just the beginning."

Chan made the motion to cancel the project, and when it tied 3-3 she called for a re-vote at a later meeting with all board members present.

Other directors argued for leaving the door at least a little open for the project while staff searches for alternatives to it.



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Students from all the schools in the San Lorenzo district took the stage to sing.

Music: So crowded overflow seating needed

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two songs, in English and Swahili. All the district choirs combined to conclude the 90-minute program by singing "So Long, Farewell."

So many parents attended that overflow seating was needed because the bleachers in the Arroyo High gymnasium were full.

The festival, a longstanding tradition for San Lorenzo schools, returned after a three-year break because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

SLZUSD Superintendent Daryl Camp welcomed and thanked the families in attendance, and he emphasized the value of music to students' overall education.

"This opens up the world to so many students," Camp said. "Many students are attracted to school because of one interest area, and the studies show that if a student can be interested in one thing, they're more likely to succeed in multiple areas of education."

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EVENT REQUIREMENTS:

- ⊙ Limit - 4 record boxes (12" x 10" x 15") per household
- ⊙ All paper documents accepted
- ⊙ Envelopes & manila file folders ok
- ⊙ No junk mail
- ⊙ Picture ID with San Leandro address
- ⊙ No Businesses

ITEMS TO CONSIDER SHREDDING

- ⊙ Bank Statements
- ⊙ Credit card statements & preapproved credit card applications
- ⊙ Tax returns & legal documents
- ⊙ Employment records (W2s, pay stubs, etc.)

WHAT YOU CAN BRING TO RECYCLE:

- ⊙ CDs, DVDs, & floppy disks
- ⊙ Jewel cases
- ⊙ Audio & video tapes
- ⊙ Cell phones & cell phone chargers

**SHREDDING AND TECHNO TRASH
MUST BE PACKAGED SEPARATELY**



No Computers, Monitors, Printers, TVs, VCRs, Stereos, etc.

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