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## Mural Artist Returning to East Bay

Argentinian mural artist Pastel, whose mural installation *Costanoans* is in San Leandro, is returning to the East Bay on Saturday, Sept. 9, for a solo exhibit of paintings at 7 p.m. at Athen B Gallery, 1525 Webster St. in Oakland.

To date, San Leandro is home to Pastel's only installation in California.

The vibrant mural is located at the southbound Marina Boulevard exit on I-880 and received positive acclaim by the local art community as well as San Leandro residents. *Costanoans* along with a number of other murals and public art projects is part of an effort by the City of San Leandro to beautify and activate the city's industrial area.

Pastel, the Buenos Aires-based artist and architect, has developed a personal style by depicting plants unique to each mural's local habitat and utilizing a palette of pastel colors.

Pastel has installed murals all over the world. In the United States, Pastel has installed murals in Florida, New Mexico, Oregon, North Carolina, Arkansas, and California.



Above, the mural installation *Costanoans* faces I-880 near the Marina Boulevard exit. At right, the artist Pastel is seen painting the mural, which is the only one of his murals in California, though he has murals in other states and all over the world.

## OAK Runway Work to Alter Air Traffic

Main runway repaving could divert airliners to North Field

By Jim Knowles  
San Leandro Times

San Leandrans might see more airplanes coming into the Oakland airport over a 2-week span, starting on Monday.

The main runway at the Oakland Airport will be closed for two weeks for repaving, Sept. 11 through 25. While the work is going on, airliners will take off and land on the taxiway that runs parallel to the main runway, according to Hugh Johnson, project manager for the Port of Oakland.

But during busy periods, airliners might need to land at the Oakland Airport's North Field, which normally handles smaller private airplanes and business jets. The approach to the North Field is over San Leandro – roughly a line over Bayfair to Burrell Field to Davis and Doolittle.

So San Leandrans in the flight path might see airliners such as Southwest 737s flying low as they come in for a landing at the North Field's 6,200-foot runway.

"We expect to have some arrivals coming into North Field, especially during busy times," Johnson said.

The Port of Oakland has held a series of meetings to let residents know about the project. Anticipating that some airport neighbors may be affected by aircraft noise, the Port is providing some "escape opportunities,"

including tickets to movies, museums and other activities. For numbers to call, see the Port of Oakland's public announcement *see RUNWAY, page 9*

## Council Passes TRAP Measure

By Amy Sylvestri  
San Leandro Times

The San Leandro City Council has passed a "tenant relocation assistance program" after many months of debate.

But first, it's likely to get a little public image makeover – someone pointed out the acronym for Tenant Relocation Assistance Program is TRAP, so city staff members are thinking about a new name.

By a 5-2 vote, with council members Ed Hernandez and Benny Lee dissenting, an ordinance was created that will require landlords to pay the equivalent of three months rent to tenants *see TRAP, page 14*

## New Tax District on East 14th Delayed

By Amy Sylvestri  
San Leandro Times

The creation of a new tax district in the north area of town has been delayed as the management company tries to convince at least 30 percent of property owners to a sign a petition that would enable them to take a vote and create the district.

The Alta Mira Community Benefit District (CBD) would consist of 39 commercially-zoned parcels with frontage along the northern part of East 14th Street between the San Leandro Creek north to Georgia Way, a few blocks from the Oakland city line.

Like the other CBD downtown, which calls itself the San Leandro Improvement Association (SLIA), the new CBD would be part of New City America, a San-Diego based company which has created special tax districts all over the county.

The Alta Mira district would be managed by SLIA. The downtown SLIA CBD currently collects about \$375,000 in tax assessments annually. In addition, earlier this year it asked for and was granted a 10-year \$285,000 loan with a 3 percent interest rate from the City of San Leandro.

Initially, the Alta Mira district was on track to be voted on last June, but the 30 percent threshold has yet to be met, according

*see DELAYED, page 15*



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The northern section of East 14th Street is in line to become a Community Benefit District, which levies an additional tax to make improvements.

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

### SAN LEANDRO SCHOOL BOARD

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



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# Four Deputies Arrested for Mistreating Inmates at County Jail

By Amy Sylvestri  
San Leandro Times

The Alameda County Sheriff's Office announced last week that four deputies have been arrested for alleged mistreatment of inmates at the Santa Rita County Jail in Dublin, after investigating a tip from other jail employees.

The allegations were brought forth in January of 2017, with a claim that the employees allowed an inmate to throw feces and urine onto other inmates housed in the maximum security unit of the jail, which led to an investigation of a series of events that took place in the summer and fall of 2016.

One of the deputies is also accused of choking an inmate to unconsciousness and conspiring with another deputy to intimidate a witness into silence.

A criminal investigation was launched by Sheriff Greg Ahern and detectives from the Eden Township Substation. The investigation included interviews with over 40 employees, inmates in the county jail, and inmates in state prisons, according to a press release from the sheriff's office.

The detectives arrested the four employees for being complicit in criminal activity on Aug. 31.

The deputies arrested are Sarah Krause, Justin Linn, Erik McDermott, and Stephen Sarcos. Linn and McDermott have been arrested for intimidation of a witness and assault under

color of authority. Krause and Sarcos were arrested for a single incident of assault under color of authority.

On Tuesday, Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley announced that felony charges

*“Although these allegations are egregious and shocking, the actions of four individuals do not reflect the 1,600 employees of the sheriff's office.”*

— Alameda County Sheriff Greg Ahern

had been filed against all four and that they are scheduled to be arraigned this week.

O'Malley added that eight people have been identified as victims of the deputies.

“Those entrusted with supervising and caring for individuals while incarcerated must be held to the highest ethical and professional standards,” said O'Malley in a written statement. “These

four deputies directed, facilitated, enabled and committed sadistic and terrorizing acts against several men whose protection fell directly within the responsibility of their positions as correctional officers. The conduct of these four defendants violates the law and there is no rational explanation for their actions aside from abject cruelty and a disregard for the humanity of the inmates.”

Sheriff Ahern released a written statement saying he is “deeply disturbed and saddened” by the alleged misconduct and criminal behavior.

“We have completed a very thorough investigation,” wrote Ahern. “Only these four individuals are identified as involved in this criminal activity. We have sought charges against the four individuals and they must now answer to these allegations. Although these allegations are egregious and shocking, the actions of these four individuals do not reflect the dedication and professionalism of the 1,600 employees who work at the Alameda County Sheriff's Office. I am very proud of the employees who came forward to disclose this behavior. I also commend the inmates in our custody for their assistance.”

During the investigation, Krause, Linn, and McDermott were placed on administrative leave and Sarcos has resigned.

## I.D.E.S. St. John Lunch & Bingo

I.D.E.S. St. John, 1670 Orchard Ave. in San Leandro, will have a chicken or fish lunch & bingo on Saturday, Sept. 9, at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$15, which includes lunch and four bingo cards, additional cards are 25 cents each. For tickets, call Helder Quadros at 357-5846, Willie Calvo at 635-6326, or Frances Leite at 886-1568.



The trio from the Andes, Chaskinakuy, will perform songs heard at festivals in the mountains of South America.

## Main Library to Present Music from The Andean Mountains

The San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., will present an afternoon of Andean village music on Saturday, Sept. 16, from 2 to 3 p.m. Admission is free.

The traditional music from the Andes Mountains is both earthbound and uplifting. The ensemble Chaskinakuy (cha-ski-NOCK-wee) – Edmond Badoux, Francy Vidal, and Daniel Zamalloa – perform the compelling melodies and infectious rhythms heard at mountain festivities in Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador, northern Chile and Argentina.

The musicians bring to the stage an extraordinary collection of up to 30 regional instruments, along with songs in Spanish and in Quechua. The trio captures the sounds of the Andes and the imaginations of audiences, play-

ing flutes and panpipes of bamboo, bone and feathers, goatskin drums, armadillo shell charango, Peruvian harp, violin and more.

The performance is part of the library's Hispanic Heritage Month celebration.

For more information, call the Main Library at 577-3971.

## SIRs Meets Monthly at Metropolitan Golf Links

SIRs, an organization of retired men, meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the Wedgewood Center at the Metropolitan Golf Links, 10051 Doolittle Drive in Oakland. Happy hour starts at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at noon. Come and meet new friends. For more information, call Al at 895-9900.

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## Truck Fire on Davis Street

Firefighters extinguished a fire in a grease truck last Friday morning at just before 2 a.m. on the 2600 block of Davis Street. The truck was parked near a business, but no structures were threatened by the blaze, according to the Alameda County Fire Department. One person was treated for smoke inhalation but no other injuries were reported. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

## CV Man Kills Sacramento Cop

A Castro Valley man identified as a suspect in the killing of a sheriff's deputy has died from injuries he sustained in a shootout Sacramento County last week.

Authorities say Thomas Daniel Littlecloud, 32, shot and killed Sacramento sheriff's deputy Robert French, 52, and injured two undercover California Highway Patrol officers on Aug. 30 at a Ramada Inn in Sacramento.

Littlecloud was seen with a rifle on the hotel's balcony before shooting French and fleeing in a stolen car. Littlecloud led police on a chase onto city streets in Sacramento before crashing his car and being taken into custody. Littlecloud died from his injuries in the hospital on Sept. 2.

The incident began on the morning of Aug. 30 when Sacramento

police spotted a stolen car at the hotel.

The driver refused to pull over and led police on a high-speed chase into neighboring Elk Grove. The driver was eventually pulled over and was identified as Priscilla Prendez, 23, of Oakland.

Prendez was on probation

which enabled officers to search her, and it was discovered that she had a room at the Ramada in her name.

Officers then knocked on the door of the room and announced they were there to search it and Littlecloud allegedly shot at them through the wall.

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Firefighters from the Alameda County Fire Department are among the search and rescue team sent to Texas to help in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey.

## Busy Days for County Firefighters

Alameda County firefighters have been busy with more than just local fires lately, as teams have been sent to Texas to help in hurricane relief and all over California to help put out wildfires up and down the state.

Last week, a 74-member team from the Oakland Urban Search and Rescue Task Force, which included 10 Alameda County Fire Fighters, was sent to Texas to aid victims of Hurricane Harvey. They were originally assigned to Houston, but their base of operations was flooded out, so they went to help out in Katy, Texas.

In California, CalFire reports that over 10,000 firefighters are battling 23 separate large wildfires throughout the state. Alameda County firefighters have been deployed to help state and local firefighters.

You many have noticed poor air quality as a result of the fires.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District says the smoke can irritate the eyes and airways, causing coughing, a scratchy throat and irritated sinuses. Seniors, children and people with respiratory illnesses should take extra precautions to avoid exposure.

CalFire says motorists are responsible for many of the wildfires sparked near roadways, which could be avoided by never driving cars onto dry grass and brush – hot exhausts and mufflers can start fires that people don't even see at first. For safety information, visit [readyforwildfire.org](http://readyforwildfire.org).

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**RUNWAY 12-30 REHABILITATION PROJECT AT OAKLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

SEPTEMBER 11 - SEPTEMBER 25, 2017

**ALTERNATE ACTIVITIES FOR AIRPORT NEIGHBORS DURING CONSTRUCTION**

As many of you are aware, the Port of Oakland (Port) will be rehabilitating Runway 12-30 at Oakland International Airport (OAK) for two weeks from Monday, September 11, 2017, through early morning on Monday, September 25, 2017. Port staff has participated in a series of meetings with residents of neighboring cities and other project stakeholders to inform attendees of the planned construction activities. Port staff are aware of noise-related concerns expressed by some neighbors due to the general construction and the anticipated relocation of aircraft activity at the airport during the project. Accordingly, the Port is arranging to provide neighbors of OAK with "escape" opportunities during the two week runway closure, including tickets to local movie theaters, museums, and possibly other venues.

If you are one of the neighbors impacted by the Runway 12-30 Rehabilitation Project and would like to utilize these "escape" opportunities, please contact the following offices for more information:

Residents of the City of San Leandro, call:

• Sbeydeh Viveros-Walton, Communications & Community Relations at (510) 577-3372

Residents of other cities neighboring Oakland International Airport, call:

• Carletta Starks, Aviation Planning & Development, Port of Oakland at (510) 627-1554

In addition, following are other contacts at OAK for project-related matters.

For updated information about planned closures and airport events, call:

• Noise Hotline at (510) 563-6463

For noise-related complaints point of contact, call:

• Doreen Stockdale, Noise Office, Airport Operations, Port of Oakland at (510) 563-2881

Thank you for your understanding and support during this effort to rehabilitate the main air carrier runway at OAK.

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## NEIGHBORS



On the first day of school teachers and students at St. Bede Catholic School in Hayward were excited to observed the solar eclipse of the sun.

## A Bright Start to a New School Year

Submitted by  
Jocelyn Pierre-Antoine  
St. Bede School Principal

St. Bede Catholic School in Hayward celebrated the blessing of its 53rd school year with a special viewing of the solar eclipse.

Over 250 students, school families, and staff filled the Parish Center for the first day of school with much joy and excitement. At the assembly

two teachers shared images and instruction about why and when the solar eclipse will take place. As part of the lesson, three student volunteers were used to model the relative positions of the Earth, moon and sun to further explain what was to take place later that morning.

At 10 a.m., the St. Bede students and staff, joined by several parents, headed over to the field to appreciate the wonder of God's creation. At

first, the cloud coverage was so thick that everyone struggled to see anything through their dark glasses and became unsure that they would even be able to see this well-anticipated event. Then suddenly, a burst of excitement replaced the uncertainty as the sky revealed God's amazing design. With many fingers pointing towards the sun and mouths open wide in awe, this truly was an incredible way to begin a new school year.

## ARTS &amp; ENTERTAINMENT

❖ **Arsenic and Old Lace at the Douglas Morrisson Theatre** 22311 N. Third St. in Hayward, opens the fall season with the hilarious Joseph Kesselring'

classic dark farce classic *Arsenic and Old Lace*, through Sept. 17. Tickets are \$10 to \$29, and are available through the box office at 881-6777 or online at [www.dmtonline.org](http://www.dmtonline.org). The show runs Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m.

❖ **Beauty and the Beast at the Woodminster Amphitheater** Woodminster Summer Musicals concludes its season with Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*, performances start Friday, Sept. 1 through Sept. 10 at Woodminster Amphitheater, 3300 Joaquin Miller Road, in the Oakland hills. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 7 p.m. Tickets range from \$31 to \$64 with discounts for seniors and students. For tickets, call 531-9597 or visit [www.woodminster.com](http://www.woodminster.com) or at the box office before any performance. *Beauty and the Beast* is considered to be Broadway's first legitimate family show, and inspired a whole new generation of Broadway shows aimed at the family demographic.



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**ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** A change that you'd hoped for is down the line. But you still need to be patient until more explanations are forthcoming. Continue to keep your enthusiasm in check.



**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** Your social life expands as new friends come into your life. But while you're having fun, your practical side also sees some positive business potential within your new circle.



**GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** Your workplace situation continues to improve. Look for advantages you might have missed while all the changes were going on around you. That trusted colleague can help.



**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** Resist the urge to hunker down in your bunker until things ease up. Instead, get rid of that woe-is-me attitude by getting up and getting out to meet old friends and make new ones.



**LEO (July 23 - August 22):** Now that you're back enjoying the spotlight again, you should feel re-energized and ready to take on the challenge of bringing those big, bold plans of yours to completion.



**VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22):** A former friend would like to repair a relationship you two once enjoyed. Your positive response could have an equally positive impact on your life. Think about it.



**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22):** Resist making impulsive decisions. Stay on that steady course as you continue to work out workplace problems. Be patient. All will soon be back in balance.



**SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21):** You might feel confident about taking a promising offer, but continue to be alert for what you're not being told about it. Don't fret. Time is on your side.



**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** People dear to you might be planning a way to show appreciation for all you've done for them. Accept the honor graciously. Remember: You deserve it.



**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** Congratulations. Your self-confidence is on the rise. This could be a good time to tackle those bothersome situations you've avoided both at home and at work.



**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** You feel obligated to return a favor. (Of course, you do.) But heed advice from those close to you and do nothing until you know for sure what's being asked of you.



**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** Your loving reassurance helped revive a once-moribund relationship. But be wary of someone who might try to do something negative to reverse this positive turn of events.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

❖ **SL Education Foundation 5th Annual Gala**

The San Leandro Education Foundation (SLED) is hosting its 5th Annual Gala, "An Evening Under the Stars" on Friday, Sept. 8, in the Snow Building at the Oakland Zoo, 9777 Golf Links Road in Oakland. All proceeds benefit schools in the San Leandro USD and support teacher mini-grants, violence reduction programs, and hands-on science experiences. Also, there will be a "Winner's Choice" vacation raffle, winners need not be present to win. To purchase gala or raffle tickets, visit [www.sledfund.org](http://www.sledfund.org) or call 618-4483.

❖ **San Leandro Readers Roundtable**

The San Leandro Readers Roundtable meets Saturday, Sept. 9, at 2 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Avenue, to discuss *All the Light We Cannot See*, by Anthony Doerr, the story of a young French girl and a German soldier whose paths collide in WWII occupied France. Everyone is welcome, and all books discussed are available for purchase in the Library's Booktique bookstore.

❖ **Hearing Loss Association**

The Hearing Loss Association will meet on Saturday, Sept. 9, at the Oakland Kaiser Permanente Hospital, Fabiola Bldg., 3801 Howe St., lower level, room G26. The guest speaker will be Jerry Cardoso, who has over 20 years working in telecommunications and will demonstrate the latest mobile accessories such as HearAll (cell phone amplifier) and Quattro (Audio neck loop with Bluetooth). Refreshments at start at 9:30 a.m. with the program beginning at 10 a.m.

❖ **I.D.E.S. of Saint John Lunch & Bingo**

I.D.E.S. of Saint John, 1670 Orchard Ave. in San Leandro, will have a chicken or fish luncheon and Bingo on Saturday, Sept. 9, at 1 p.m. Lunch is \$15 and includes four bingo cards, additional cards are 25 cents each. For more information and tickets, call Helder Quadros at 357-5846, or Willie Calvo at 635-6326, or Frances Leite at 886-1568.

❖ **4-H Club Open House**

The Redwood 4-H Club will have an open house and information night on Thursday, Sept. 14, at 7 p.m. at Canyon Middle School, 19600 Cull Canyon Road in Castro Valley. Boys and Girls, ages 5-18 are in the club. A variety of animal projects are offered as well as needle work, archery, fishing, dog training, camping, hiking, vet science and a more. 4-H has been teaching responsibility, organization and leadership for the past 100 plus years. For more information, call Karen at 566-3672.

❖ **Andean Village Music at SL Library**

The San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., will present an afternoon of Andean village music on Saturday, Sept. 16, from 2 to 3 p.m. Admission is free. The ensemble Chaskinakuy perform the compelling melodies and infectious rhythms heard at mountain festivities in Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador, northern Chile and Argentina. For more information, call the Main Library at 577-3971.

❖ **SL Art Association Show & Sale**

The San Leandro Art Association will host an outdoor art show and sale on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 15 and 16, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. There will also be art demonstrations, art by students, and a show and sale of original art, small pieces, matted work and cards created by

local artists. The show is free and there is ample free parking at the library.

❖ **Anwuli 2017 Pet Walk, 5K Walk & Run**

The Divine Mercy Family Foundation is hosting Anwuli 2017 Pet Walk, 5K Walk & Run on Sunday, Sept. 17, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Seagull Picnic Area in San Leandro Marina Park, 14001 Monarch Bay Drive. Enjoy a day of fun and walk with family, friends and furry pets. There will be pet grooming, petting zoo, crafts and food vendors, live performances and much more. For more information and to register, email: [divinemercyff@gmail.com](mailto:divinemercyff@gmail.com) or visit [www.divinemercyfamily.org](http://www.divinemercyfamily.org).

❖ **SL Chamber Footgolf Tournament**

The San Leandro Chamber of Commerce will host the 2017 US Makers Golf/Footgolf Tournament on Friday, Sept. 22, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Monarch Bay Golf Club in San Leandro. Register your team now for breakfast, footgolf, music and the dinner reception. To register or for more information, visit the website at [sanleandrochamber.com](http://sanleandrochamber.com) or call 317-1400.

❖ **Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation Events**

The Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation invites everyone to a dinner fundraiser at Chipotle at 1505 East 14th St. in San Leandro on Friday, Sept., 22, between 3 and 9 p.m. for Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month. Tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 50 percent of the proceeds will be donated to Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation. Also, a portion of ticket sales will go to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation from ticket sales for R&B group Ready for the World at the Bal Theatre, 14808 East 14th St. in San Leandro, on Friday, Sept. 22, at 8 p.m. Tickets available at [www.baltheatre.com](http://www.baltheatre.com).

❖ **St. Elizabeth High 50th Class Reunion**

The St. Elizabeth High Class of 1967 50th Class Reunion will be on Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Marriott hotel in Pleasanton. For more information contact Steve and Linda (Lipanovich) Vahey at [gotopml@aol.com](mailto:gotopml@aol.com) or by phone at (209) 962-4728.

❖ **SL High 60th Class Reunion**

The San Leandro High School Class of 1957 will have its 60th class reunion on Saturday, Sept. 30, at the San Ramon Marriott. For more information, contact Isabel Polvorosa at [Isabel-pol@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Isabel-pol@sbcglobal.net) or phone 483-2073.

❖ **Weldonians 80th Anniversary Reunion**

The Weldonians 80th Anniversary Reunion will be held on Saturday, Sept. 30, at 11:30 a.m. in Danville. For details contact Marlynne Leonardson at (925) 642-7192 or email her at: [mleonardson@yahoo.com](mailto:mleonardson@yahoo.com). The Weldonians was a youth band and majorette corps founded by Weldon L. Leonardson in 1937 and performed all over the Bay Area and at the World's Fairs in San Francisco, Seattle and Spokane.

❖ **St. Felicitas CYO Registration**

St. Felicitas CYO registration is open for cross-country, boy's basketball, girls basketball and Little Dribblers. Players must reside in the St. Felicitas parish boundaries or be attending St. Felicitas School or religion education classes. The registration website is <http://stfelicitascatholicyouthorganization.siplay.com/site/> or for more information, email Jerry Delos Reyes at [nbk54t6@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nbk54t6@sbcglobal.net).

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



# SLHS Students Enlisted as Summer Math Coaches

Submitted by the San Leandro Education Foundation.

For the second year in a row, the San Leandro Education Foundation (SLED) has brought on San Leandro High School students to serve as assistant math coaches in summer school classes.

Each summer, the San Leandro USD offers a variety of enrichment and academic "boost" classes for students entering grades sixth through eighth in the fall. Seeing a high need for math support, this year the school district extended their program to students entering 5th grade.

"We were excited to see San Leandro USD once again offer math boost camps for middle-schoolers and especially happy to see the program expanded to fifth graders," said Morgan Mack-Rose, Executive Director of SLED. "Our goal for bringing high school students in as math coaches is two-fold:

to give younger students more opportunities for one-on-one and small group assistance and to give our outstanding teens an opportunity to share their skills and enthusiasm for math."

Selection for the coaching positions was extremely competitive with only one out of three qualified candidates being chosen. Each of the coaches demonstrated outstanding academic achievement in math and had recommendations from their teachers.

The coaches were assigned to either a middle school math boost, robotics class or to an algebra readiness class for incoming 9th graders. The program lasted six weeks and ran Mondays through Thursdays from 8 a.m. to noon.

In appreciation for their time and efforts, coaches each received a \$750 stipend from SLED. "While I am certain we could have found coaches without offering the stipend, it was important to us that our high

schools students understand that they have valuable skills and that the Summer Coaching opportunity was available to students who needed to earn money over the summer," said Mack-Rose.

Summer School Principal Garry Grotke thanked the Foundation for funding the program.

"The SLED student coach support was very much appreciated by teachers, parents and students," Grotke said. "I hope SLED will be able to offer the program again next summer."

The Summer Math Coach program is funded by the San Leandro Education Foundation (SLED) with contributions from individuals and businesses seeking to support students in the San Leandro Unified School District.

SLED is an independent, not-for-profit 501(c)3 dedicated to raising resources for and improving the lives and education of children in the San Leandro Unified School District. The



PHOTO BY JEROMEY SHAFER

SLHS Senior Jasmine Larose helps an incoming freshman with algebra.

Foundation's areas of focus include positive youth development, STEAM Enrichment (science, technology, engineering, art-design, math) and community engagement. More information about SLED can be found at [www.sledfund.org](http://www.sledfund.org).

## Pets of the Week



Pico



Remy

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are Pico the kitten and Remy the kitten.

Pico is a friendly and outgoing 4-month-old kitten. He loves batting at toys and getting attention from people. Pico is quite a

purring machine.

Remy is a sweet and playful 3-month-old kitten. She is one of many precious kittens patiently waiting and hoping for a loving, forever home.

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

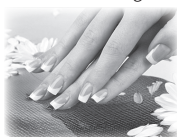
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# Saturday, October 7

# Neighborhood Cleanup Day

## EVENT FEATURES

### Citywide Garage Sale ~ 8am - 1pm

Host a garage sale at your home. The City will provide free advertising, including a map and listing in the October 5 edition of the *San Leandro Times*.

### Neighborhood Cleanup ~ 10am - 4pm

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

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



## SIGN UP TO PARTICIPATE

You can sign up online or complete and submit this form by September 27<sup>th</sup> to receive free garage sale advertising and/or access to the recycling event.

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## AUTOMOTIVE

## EV Drivers Share Their Rides

National Drive Electric Week runs from Saturday, Sept. 9, through Sept. 17

By Steve Schaefer  
San Leandro Times

Since the beginning of this decade, electric cars have been available, but chances are, if you aren't driving one now, you may not know much about them. That's why every September, National Drive Electric Week (NDEW) happens across the country, to build awareness of the advantages and pleasures of driving plug-in electric cars. Electric car owners bring their cars to local events and you can get the straight scoop from them directly, without talking to a salesperson.

The event began in 2011 as National Plug In Day, with the goal of staging events across the country on a single day to boost awareness of the new electric cars. Looking at the map on the National Drive Electric Week website, virtually every state ex-

cept for South Dakota is hosting at least one event this year, although, as you'd expect, the activities are concentrated along the coasts.

Fittingly, 2011 was also the year that the Nissan Leaf and the Chevrolet Volt arrived — the first plug-in cars with serious corporate backing and volume intentions. Along with the growth of the electric car market itself, the annual event has expanded to a week and been appropriately renamed.

This is my first year of attending. I'll be giving people rides in my 2017 Chevrolet Bolt EV at an event on Saturday, Sept. 9, in San Mateo. The following Wednesday, I'm hosting an event at my company's office building nearby, where we EV drivers will display our cars and share with our colleagues the joys and advantages of electric motoring.

On Saturday, Sept. 16, the second-to-last day of NDEW, I'll drive my blue Bolt down to

Cupertino, where a much larger crowd will view more than 50 new and historic EVs. This year, we'll see a rare GM EV-1, the original modern electric car, and star of "Who Killed the Electric Car." As the sad story tells, GM crushed almost all of them. On the opposite end of the spectrum, the long-awaited 2018 Nissan Leaf will make an appearance, although it isn't for sale quite yet. If someone could sneak in a real early Tesla Model 3 that would be a treat.

The electric car supporters of this growing event are Plug In America and the Electric Auto Association, along with the Sierra Club, which represents the grateful natural world. The Platinum level sponsor is the Nissan Leaf, the EV pioneer that has done so much to bring affordable electric motoring to the masses.

If you plan to attend, register online. That way, any information you provide gets tallied to show how much interest is being generated.

My event will likely feature no more than 10 cars, and it's only for my fellow employees, other tenants in our three office buildings, and anyone who sees our signs or reads about the event on the NDEW website. We aim to have at least one each of the main EVs and plug-in hybrids on sale today, including the Chevrolet Bolt and Volt, BMW i3, Nissan Leaf, Fiat 500e, Volkswagen e-Golf, and a Tesla Model S and Model X.

It's important to get the word



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Palo Alto Mayor Pat Burt, Assemblymember Rich Gordon and Evangelist Sven Thesen "cut the gasoline cord" in front of Assemblymember Gordon's Tesla S.

out about electric cars. They do have a few limitations, but that may not be relevant to most people's actual driving needs. A Chevrolet Bolt EV can travel about 240 miles between charges, for example, meaning you really don't need to worry about finding a charging station every time you take a ride somewhere. Charging at home while you're sleeping works just fine.

Electric cars are wonderfully smooth and quiet, and some offer quick acceleration. My Bolt zips from 0-60 in 6.5 seconds — sports sedan territory — and, with the heavy battery along the bottom, is wonderfully stable in corners. Electricity is cheaper and certainly cleaner than gasoline, depending on how and where it's generated, of course (rooftop panels recommended). And service is practically nonexistent — no oil changes, radiator fluid, etc. In fact, with regenerative braking, you may practically never change



PHOTO COURTESY OF MICHAEL CRISS

Craig Yarbrough shows how his key fob and smart phone can control his Tesla Model X in South Carolina.

brake pads!

The two closest National Drive Electric Week events to San Leandro are on Saturday, Sept. 9, in Berkeley and San Mateo. The Berkeley event is in the Civic Center parking lot, by the Farmer's Market between Allston Way and Center Street, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. You can take BART to the Downtown Berkeley station. Or, drive over to the San Mateo event

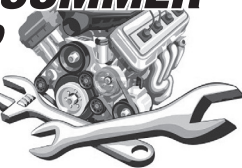
I mentioned above, in the Franklin Templeton Investment parking lot on Hillsdale Boulevard, from 1 to 4 p.m. See the NDEW website for more details.

If you plan to attend, register online. That way, the National Drive Electric Week folks can show how much interest is being generated in electric cars.

Maybe next year, you can attend as an EV driver yourself!

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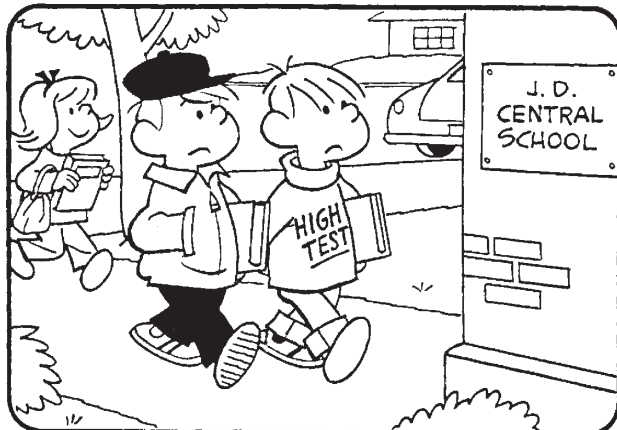
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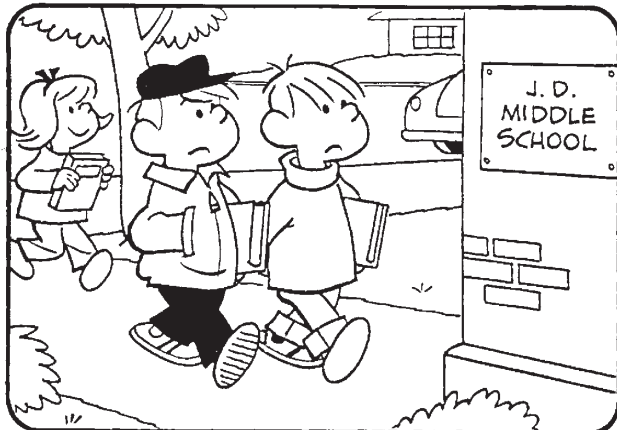
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY  
HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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ARE YOU A SHOE-IN TO SOLVE THIS ONE? Hidden in the above frame is a famous old saying. You can find it by reading every other letter as you go around it clockwise. The trick is finding the right first letter.

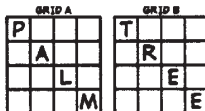
Answer: Starting with the "S" in the left-hand rail: "Strike while the iron is hot."

**A SENSITIVE STUMPER!** Replace the letters on our sun worshiper's chest with the digits 0, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, so that you will have a correct addition problem. The same letters get the same digits. Try to get the highest total possible.

Our answer: T=8, I=8, M=2, E=0, S=7, U=3, N=4, B=9, R=9, F=5 (8620 + 734 = 9354).

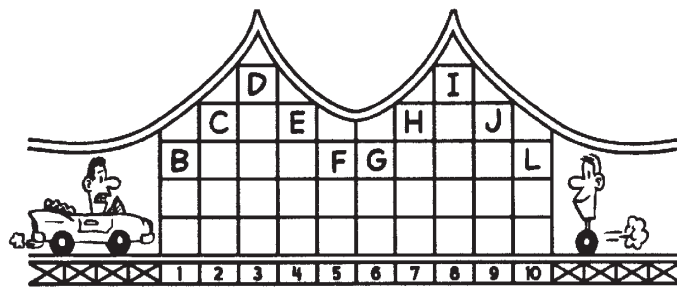
**PUZZLES IN PARADISE!** Pictured below are two puzzle grids to fill in. Hints are given for each word. The words in Grid A contain the same letters as the corresponding words in Grid B.

1. A military base.
2. A sudden attack
3. A tasty food store.
4. Great Dutch cheese.



by Charles Barry Townsend

## A WORD BRIDGE



The bridge above contains 10 supporting words. We give you the first letter of each word, plus plenty of hints.

1. Sleeps in the daytime.
2. To persuade by pleading.
3. Beverage for a nervous person.
4. End-of-term ordeal.
5. A wind mover.
6. Slang for sailor.
7. To pay attention to.
8. Extremely angry.
9. Triangular sails.
10. Smoked salmon.

Answers: 1. Post-tops. 2. Raid-and. 3. Delilled. 4. Edam-made.

Answers: 1. Bat. 2. Coax. 3. Decal. 4. Exam. 5. Fan. 6. Gob. 7. Head. 8. Hate. 9. Jibs. 10. Lox.

Differences: 1. Purse is missing. 2. Cap is different. 3. Sweater words are missing. 4. Book is moved. 5. Car is moved. 6. School name is different.



## SENIORS

## Check-In Services Assist Those Living Alone

By Jim Miller

Special to the Times

**Q** Are there any services that check on elderly seniors who live alone. I worry about my 84-year-old father having a medical emergency, and not being able to get to the phone to call for help. And, he won't wear a lifeline help-button.

**A** Depending on where your dad lives, there are check-in call services, volunteer visiting programs, and a variety of technology options you can turn to that can help you keep tabs on him. Here are several to check into.

#### ■ Daily Check-in Calls

To make sure your dad is OK, every day, consider signing him up with a daily check-in call service program. These are telephone reassurance programs run by police or sheriff's departments in hundreds of counties across the country and are usually provided free of charge.

Here's how they work. A computer automated phone system would call your dad at a designated time each day to check-in. If he answers, the system would

assume everything is OK. But, if he didn't pick up or if the call goes to voice mail after repeated tries, you (or whoever his designee is) would get a notification call. If you are not reachable, calls are then made to backup people who've also agreed to check on your dad if necessary.

The fallback is, if no one can be reached, the police or other emergency services personnel will be dispatched to his home.

To find out if this service is available in your dad's community, call his local police department's nonemergency number.

If, however, the police or sheriff's department in your dad's community doesn't provide a daily check-in call program, there are a number of companies you can turn to that offer similar services offered directly to consumers for under \$15 per month.

Some to check into include the CARE senior calling program (Call-Reassurance.com), Care-Checkers (CareCheckers.com) and IAmFine (Iamfine.com).

#### ■ Volunteer Visiting Programs

Another option you may also want to investigate is volunteer visiting programs, which are usually run by churches, community groups or social service agencies.

These programs provide volunteers who will visit an older adult in their home usually for an hour or two once a week, providing companionship as well as the reassurance that someone is checking in on a regular basis. They can also alert you if they notice your dad's health or living conditions start to decline.

To find out if these services are available, check with local churches or the area agency on aging near your dad — call the Eldercare Locator at 800-677-1116 for contact information.

#### ■ Technology Solutions

Technology also offers a number of ways to help keep your dad safe at home, and help you keep an eye on him from afar.

For example, for safety and peace of mind, there are medical alert systems, which provide a wearable "help button" that would allow him to call for help

anytime he needed it. Some of these systems (like Bay Alarm Medical, BayAlarmMedical.com) also offer wall-mounted buttons that can be placed near the floor in high fall risk areas like the bathroom or kitchen, if he didn't wear a help button.

And to help you keep daily tabs on your dad, there are wireless sensor-monitoring systems (like Silver Mother, Sen.se/silver-mother) you could put in his home that will notify you if something out of the ordinary is happening; and video monitoring cameras (like the Nest Cam, Nest.com/camera) that have built-in motion and sound detection that will let you know when something is detected, and two-way audio that will let you talk and listen to him.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org.



Depending where you live, there are check-in call services, volunteer visiting programs, and a variety of technology options that can help you keep tabs on seniors who live alone.

## Can an Alternate Agent Under Power of Attorney Take Over?

By Gene L. Osofsky, Esq.

Special to the Times

**Q** Years ago, when my mother and father created their powers of attorney, they each appointed the other as their first choice agent, and appointed me, their son, as first successor. Neither of my parents are now able to handle their own affairs, nor act as agent for the other. How do I step in as their successor? Their form Powers of Attorney do not give me any guidance.

**A** Your question is a good one, as most basic powers of attorney do not provide guidance.

The important point to note is that your authority to take over as their successor agent is not automatic. It requires af-

firmative action on your part to establish their incapacity.

My guess is that each of your parents probably signed a very basic power of attorney (POA) form, very likely the "California Uniform Statutory Form Power Of Attorney", or something similar.

If so, the form only recites that if the first choice agent is "not willing or able to serve," then the nomination passes to the designated successor. The absence of guidance as to how that is determined can lead to reluctance on the part of third parties to accept the successor's authority to act, often just when the need is greatest.

That said, what banks and other third parties usually expect is that you present one or, preferably, two letters from each of your parents' physicians reciting that each is unable to han-

dle their own affairs, nor act as agent for the other, with a brief statement of the reason, e.g. advanced dementia.

With those letters in hand, you should be able to induce the banks to honor your authority as successor agent.

Looking back, it would have been helpful if your parents had each signed a formal resignation as agent for the other, when each realized that their own ability to handle financial affairs was waning. Then, your authority to act would now be clear.

We actually advise clients who sign POAs, or who accept appointments as agent for another, to consider this option from time to time, so as to make things easier for the designated successor.

If the banks or other third parties are unwilling to accept

your authority, you may need to be more aggressive, perhaps pointing out that if you are forced to commence legal proceedings to confirm your authority, the bank may be liable for your attorney fees if the court rules in your favor.

In requesting that your parents' physicians write letters, you may find that their doctors have their own concerns about the disclosure of your parents' medical information that preparing such letters would entail.

While this is sometimes a problem due to medical privacy laws, in practice it has been less of an obstacle, especially if their physicians feel that you are acting in your parents' best interests.

If all else fails, you may need to engage an attorney to petition the Superior Court to seek an order affirming your authority as your parents' successor agent, or to seek a formal order appointing you as their conservator. An appointment as conservator would override their powers of attorney and give you the authority that you seek to manage your parents' affairs.

Gene L. Osofsky is an elder law and estate planning attorney in Hayward. Visit his website at [www.LawyerForSeniors.com](http://www.LawyerForSeniors.com).

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A Boeing 737 jetliner flies over the Metropolitan Golf Links on Doolittle Drive as it comes in for a landing at Oakland Airport's North Field during a time when the main runway at the South Field was closed for maintenance.

## Runway: Upgrades needed on main runway

continued from front page on page 3.

The \$67 million runway rehabilitation project will replace 8,300 feet of the 10,000 foot main runway at the South Field, according to Johnson. Another project over the past two years replaced the ends and sides of the runway.

The paving project will require 90,000 tons of asphalt. As much as possible, recycling of asphalt grindings will be done on site to limit truck trips and emissions.

The Oakland Airport's main runway, Runway 12-30, was last repaved in 2001. A new pavement

overlay is expected to last 15 years, Johnson said. Upgrades will also be done to the lighting along the runway.

About 12 million passengers a year use the Oakland Airport, the

fourth busiest airport in California, served by 13 different airlines.

Money for the repaving project comes from the Federal Aviation Administration's Airport Improvement Program, the Port

of Oakland, and the Passenger Facility Charge which is a fee added to airline tickets.

Aircraft noise concerns may be directed to the Oakland Airport's Noise Hotline at 563-6463.

## Computer Tutors Needed at Library

The San Leandro Library is currently seeking volunteer computer tutors to teach patrons who wish to learn basic computer skills, such as how to search the internet, how to set up an email account or learning basic Micro-

soft Word skills.

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## Skilled Worker Shortage Hits Housing Market

By Carl Medford, CRS  
Special to the Times

We've just celebrated Labor Day, the holiday that spells the end of the summer and the beginning of the school year.

While designed to honor America's labor, it's become summer's last hurrah, complete with barbecues, family outings and more.

Considered the brainchild of Peter J. Maguire (a labor leader) or his brother Matthew in 1882,

and designed to be a celebration honoring the American labor force, it was signed into federal law in June, 1894, one month after a fateful labor strike by Pullman workers in Chicago.

Some suggest the legislation was enacted as a ploy to appease angry workers whose rights to fair wages and decent working conditions were being withheld.

President Grover Cleveland, attempting to crush the strike, sent federal troops to Chicago, resulting in rioting leading to dozens of deaths.

The U.S. Department of Labor website makes no mention of the bloody events in Chicago. Instead, on its History of Labor Day page\*, it states, "Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country."

Here in the Bay Area, with its focus on the high-tech indus-

try, Labor Day highlights the fact that we are facing a severe shortage of skilled labor, especially in the construction industry.

Having spent part of my life as a union carpenter and now a licensed general contractor, I am painfully aware of the difficulties involved in locating, training and retaining labor for construction-related jobs.

Adding to the local problem, many skilled workers vacated the Bay Area during the recent economic downturn and will not be returning. While some local programs exist to train carpenters, electricians, plumbers and the like, interest in the trades is declining for a multitude of reasons.

Bottom line, finding skilled labor for myriad housing-related needs has become a serious issue. Ironically, while trade-related jobs may not be viewed as being as "sexy" as tech-related jobs, many of them pay extremely well and those backed by unions often have better retirement plans.

The lack of labor is extremely noticeable when looking for qualified trades to prepare homes for the market.

Now that the barbecues have cooled, let's tip our hats to the labor force that makes this country run.

\*[www.dol.gov/general/laborday/history](http://www.dol.gov/general/laborday/history)

Carl Medford is a licensed Realtor with Keller Williams Realty and a licensed general contractor. This article is sponsored by the Central County Marketing Association.



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| 382 Bristol Boulevard    | 94577 | \$600,000 | 3 BD - 1,390 SF - 1944 |
| 216 California Avenue    | 94577 | \$671,000 | 2 BD - 1,196 SF - 1925 |
| 2064 Cleveland Street    | 94577 | \$620,000 | 3 BD - 1,028 SF - 1944 |
| 1044 Collier Drive       | 94577 | \$812,000 | 3 BD - 1,722 SF - 1952 |
| 278 Estabrook Street     | 94577 | \$470,000 | 2 BD - 1,200 SF - 1993 |
| 428 Juana Avenue         | 94577 | \$807,000 | 6 BD - 2,800 SF - 1961 |
| 920 Ramona Way           | 94577 | \$695,000 | 2 BD - 1,014 SF - 1946 |
| 1624 139th Avenue        | 94578 | \$608,500 | 2 BD - 995 SF - 1947   |
| 1264 144th Avenue        | 94578 | \$400,000 | 2 BD - 508 SF - 1920   |
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| 16875 Ehle Street        | 94578 | \$611,000 | 3 BD - 1,482 SF - 1960 |
| 16308 Miramar Place      | 94578 | \$525,000 | 3 BD - 1,525 SF - 1985 |
| 16619 Rolando Avenue     | 94578 | \$561,000 | 3 BD - 1,274 SF - 1940 |
| 15960 Windsor Drive      | 94578 | \$635,000 | 2 BD - 1,067 SF - 1947 |
| 1451 Abbey Avenue        | 94579 | \$550,000 | 3 BD - 1,241 SF - 1952 |
| 1335 Breckenridge Street | 94579 | \$643,000 | 3 BD - 1,217 SF - 1958 |

TOTAL SALES: 18

LOWEST AMOUNT: \$400,000

HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$827,000

MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$615,500

AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$617,000

### San Lorenzo

|                    |       |           |                        |
|--------------------|-------|-----------|------------------------|
| 17200 Crier Lane   | 94580 | \$595,000 | 3 BD - 1,819 SF - 2008 |
| 562 Drew Street    | 94580 | \$550,000 | 3 BD - 1,014 SF - 1950 |
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LOWEST AMOUNT: \$401,500

HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$695,000

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|                        |       |           |                        |
|------------------------|-------|-----------|------------------------|
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| 18668 Capricorn Court  | 94546 | \$790,000 | 3 BD - 1,866 SF - 1964 |
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| 2660 Grove Way         | 94546 | \$590,000 | 3 BD - 1,020 SF - 1949 |
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| 3436 Samson Way        | 94546 | \$657,500 | 4 BD - 1,360 SF - 1955 |
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| 5349 San Simeon Place  | 94552 | \$565,000 | 2 BD - 1,322 SF - 1981 |

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## Are Squirrels Nesting in Your Attic?

By **Samantha Mazzotta**  
Special to the Times

Like other rodents, squirrels that set up house-keeping in your attic can damage insulation and electrical wiring, so getting rid of them is a priority.

Take a close look at your home's eaves and soffits to find out all the points of entry. It's likely that some small damage occurred underneath the eaves, and the squirrels exploited it. They will still be using this new "front door" they created.

Head back into the attic and hunt for nests or other signs of squirrels. Nests often are built using insulation — sometimes in the insulation — along the outer edges of the attic. Also, locate the entry point and other points of entry and mark them with chalk or tape.

Block up all entry points except one.

Purchase a live trap with a one-way door. Set it in the attic at the one remaining entry point. Do this at midday, when the squirrels are more likely to be

out looking for food. If you're not sure that they're outside, set a live trap near the nesting spot, with a little bait inside (like peanut butter). Once trapped, take the squirrel(s) to a new area, away from other houses but not too far from their original roaming area.

Once done, block the remaining entry point and then repair all damaged areas. Additionally, have an electrician go over the attic wiring to make sure it hasn't been damaged.

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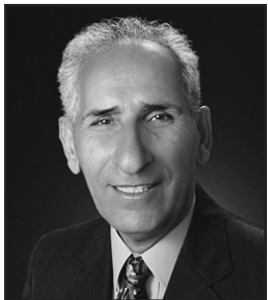
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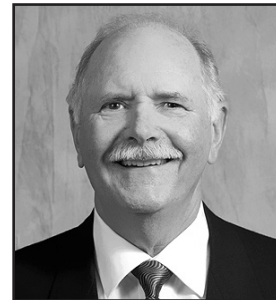
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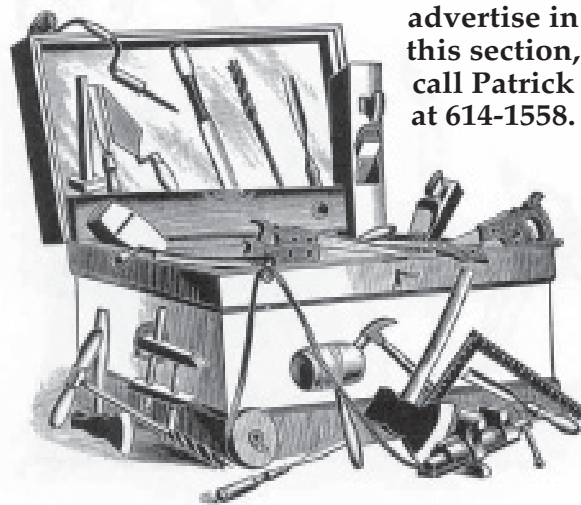
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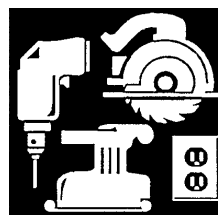
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# TRAP: Public and city council express views on the ordinance

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At each meeting discussing the ordinance, multiple speakers on both sides of the debate have addressed the council. Many renters said the ordinance will only give landlords a convenient

way of paying for renters to go away before recouping their costs but jacking up the rent for future tenants.

"You are just going to get rid of poor people," said Kathy Figueroa, who said the council and the landlords would rather see wealthier tech works come to town than maintain long-term tenants.

The ordinance has been in the works for nearly a year and a previous version of the ordinance was accepted, but later struck down and sent back to the city's Rules Committee earlier this summer.

"I know some people are

going away not happy or not as happy as they could be," said Mayor Pauline Cutter, who thanked everyone for their patience and decorum during the lengthy meeting.

Landlords have repeatedly asked the City Council to exclude owners of smaller two to four unit properties, saying they are essentially mom and pop business owners just trying to keep rents at a rate where they can maintain their properties.

"All of us are small-business owners," said Joe Phillips. "If you guys continue this action, I'll be forced to sell and move elsewhere. This fee is exorbitant."

Cutter reminded them that as long as their rents don't go up by more than 12 percent each year, they'll have nothing to worry about as they won't be subject to the ordinance.

At Tuesday night's meeting, discussion continued well past 11 p.m., with several realtors entering the debate and saying prospective buyers might shy away from buying investment properties in San Leandro so as not to have to deal with the ordinance, which neighboring cities don't have.

Frequent public speaker Leo West chastised City Council members for dragging their feet

during the process and in the end not making the ordinance strong enough, calling the reduction or the total amount of assistance from \$10,000 to \$7,000 a "gift" to landlords.

"Between the Rules Committee and the City Council, you've been fiddling around with this for

10 months," said West. "If you had been doing that in a private industry, you'd all be fired."

The council itself was divided, with motions and counter motions flying back and forth. Hernandez repeatedly pushed for an option to exclude landlords with four or fewer units.

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Pete loved living in San Leandro, meeting neighbors as he walked Baby, and daily rendezvous with "the park guys" (and jogger gal) at Marina Park.

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### Charles Spann



Charles Spann, 105, passed away in his sleep on August 27, 2017. A long-time resident of San Lorenzo, he was known as "Bingo Charlie" at the San Lorenzo Sociables and a member of the Elks Club for 81 years.

He leaves behind his wife of 77 years, Maude; son, Larry (Fran); and daughter, Carol (Bob); along with 5 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren. He will be dearly missed.

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Claire is preceded in death by her husband, Victor; and her brothers, Frank, Ben and Jose Montoya. She leaves behind three other siblings, Edna, Phil and Roy, who reside in Utah; her son, Victor Munoz, and daughter-in-law, Madalyn; her daughter, Kathleen Sharrock; son, David Munoz; daughter, Diane Pisoni; 7 grandchildren, Matthew Sharrock, Natalie Sharrock, Vanessa Munoz, Christina Munoz, Lauren Pisoni, Amy Pisoni and Brittany Pisoni; and 2 great-grandchildren, Vincent and Juliana Sharrock. She is also preceded in death by 2 sons, Richard and Robert Munoz; and son-in-law, Robert Pisoni.

She was greatly devoted to her family and spent her spare time with her grandchildren, along with reading and baking.

A vigil will be held at Santos-Robinson Mortuary, 160 Estudillo Ave., in San Leandro from noon to 6 p.m. A Rosary Service will be held on Monday, Sept. 11, with a funeral mass to be held at St. Felicitas Church, 1650 Manor Blvd., in San Leandro at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 12. Final resting place will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward with her husband, Victor.

Flowers may be sent to Santos Robinson Mortuary to arrive no later than Monday, Sept. 11, at 10 a.m. A donation to the Bruns House in Alamo, California in Clara's honor is also applicable, if you wish.

### Charles W. Barry

April 22, 1920 – July 7, 2017

Charles Barry passed at the age of 97 in Oakland at home. He was the adored husband of Faye Barry, and beloved father of Wendy J. Barry-Breier, and son-in-law, Charles A. Breier. He was the loving uncle of Melanie Baltezare. His family was at his side at his last moments.

Charles was a man of many talents. He was a born athlete. In 1938, he transferred to University High in Oakland to play baseball. He was named "Athlete of the Year" in the City of Oakland. He played golf into his mid-80s. He loved to play tennis at the "Berkeley Tennis Club" and "Bay-O-Vista" and played at many other locations.

Charles met the love of his life, Faye, and they were married August 8, 1942. They spent 75 years together and enjoyed every moment. Their life and marriage was a relationship for all of us to aspire to.

When their daughter arrived, they became the "3 Musketeers". He traveled with his wife and daughter to Hong Kong, the Caribbean, Mexico and Alaska.

Every day was a new challenge. Charles joined Sequoia Masonic Lodge in Oakland. He became Master, and received his "50 Year" pin. He was also a member and officer in the SIRS and a member of the Scottish Rite. He was active in Jobs Daughters and Demolay, working with youth.

He was a real estate broker in Alameda and Contra Costa counties since the 1940s.

Charles retired from Svenhards Bakery, where he was a member of the Teamsters Union and became an officer on the union board.

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# Delayed: If passed the district would collect about \$90,000 a year

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to Marco LiMandi, New City America's president.

In January, the SLIA mailed surveys to property owners in the proposed district to gauge their interest. LiMandi says there is interest, but most of the parcels in the area are not owner-occupied, so getting the necessary number of petitioners has taken longer than earlier estimates.

Once the necessary number of petitions are received, the bal-

lots will go out and, if a simple majority of votes in favor of the district, it would then go to the City Council for approval.

Marco LiMandi said he had no idea of timeline as to when the vote might occur.

"We'll know when we'll know and when we know, you'll know," said LiMandi.

The City of San Leandro itself owns 27 percent of the land in the proposed district, including the police station and city offices,

**"We'll know when we know and when we know, you'll know."**

— Marco LiMandi

so it could control the decision on the petition.

## City to Stay Neutral On Decisions About CBD

But the City will not be responding, according to Eric Engelbart, the city's deputy city manager. Engelbart said the city is being neutral on decisions about creating the CBD and will let the other property owners decide.

If passed, the district would collect about \$90,000 in its first year of operation from taxpayers in the district. Increases are expected annually, but can be no more than 3 percent per year, according to the CBD's management plan.

The management plan estimated that in the first year of CBD operations, about 58 percent of the budget (\$52,000) would be used on sidewalks and beautification, 20 percent (\$18,000)

on management, and 18 percent (\$16,500) on creating a "district identity."

In the survey sent out to property owners earlier this year, over half of the respondents said that they believed the area is "relatively safe, but may suffer from an unsafe image" and said their highest priorities for the district are sidewalk and landscaping improvements as well as the attraction of new business tenants.

## OPINION

### LETTERS to the EDITOR

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#### "Only Fair that John Q. Public Wins Out Against Old Boys' Club"

Editor:

Re: "Councilman's Fence Goes to Appeal," (Page One, The Times, Aug. 31), I fully support the McCarthy's in their appeal of City Councilman Lee Thomas's six foot tall fence extension to the sidewalk as none of the other homes in the neighborhood are allowed this variance.

Councilman Thomas said he followed the exemption procedure outlined by the City, but it is possible that when he submitted his plans to the Planning Commission he made sure that they knew who he was and didn't forget to include a wink-wink, nod-nod at the time of submission.

In addition, when looking at Councilman Thomas's current fence it appears to be taller than city code allows. If the McCarthy's win their appeal I think they should be reimbursed for their filing fee as it's only fair that John Q. Public (McCarthy's) wins out against the insider old boys' club.

—Brent Heath  
San Leandro

#### Red Light Camera Fines Getting The Attention as Intended

Editor:

This is in response to Corey Anderson ("Calls \$400 Red Light Fine 'Outrageous'," Letters, Aug. 31). Your wife's inattention is exactly why we have red light cameras and high fines. If she had hit and killed someone proceeding on a green light because she did not see the light, would you still say it was a simple error?

I think the fine got her attention as intended, and that she will not repeat her "error." Remember, the cars we drive can be lethal weapons, and errors have consequences.

—Carol Munoz  
San Leandro

#### Says Put Cameras on Police Cars to Catch Cell-Phone Drivers

Editor:

Pot Holes, Red Light Cameras and Cell Phones.

You only get to pick two. I pick cameras and phones.

Put cameras on police cars, snap a photo of someone on the cell phone, snap a photo of the license plate, voila! Revenue for the city to fix pot holes, send them a bill (ticket). Instead of charging \$400, charge \$150. That will certainly get someone's attention, and make our streets safer.

You're Welcome.

—Larry Arnold  
San Leandro

#### DACA: Public Can No Longer Trust Federal Government

Editor:

Eight hundred thousand Americans trusted our government when they registered to become "legal" under the DACA program.

They believed that by following the rules, this country, into which they arrived as children and for all intents and purposes is their home country, would accept them as legal immigrants.

Now, trump has terminated the DACA program and threatens to begin deportations within 6 months. The

"Dreamers" who trusted are now vulnerable and at risk. All their personal information is in government files, available to ICE whenever it decides to come after these people, who are our people — our neighbors, our colleagues, our friends, employees, and service providers.

This threat and fear extracts a cost, both on Dreamers and on all of us who believe that this injustice does not and should not represent who we are as Americans. Moreover, it destroys the possibility of success for any future government program that asks people to trust a commitment.

No longer can anyone trust our government to do what it promises; anything can change whenever a self-serving, deceptive huckster or ideologue rises to power.

—Bruce Joffe  
Piedmont

#### Border Wall Would Split Indian Nation

Editor:

During a campaign-style rally in Phoenix, Arizona, President Trump demanded that Congress pass a bill that will include the building of a wall between this country and Mexico.

The majority of Americans do not realize that there are Indigenous Peoples such as the Tohono O' Odhams who live on both sides of the border. Their lands stretched north from the Gila River of Arizona south to the Sea of Cortez in northern Mexico.

When the United States purchased the southern border which is now the southern part of Arizona and New Mexico from Mexico in 1853, it did not take any account that the Tohono O' Odhams are still living there. Their enrolled membership are 34,000 in this country and 2,000 in Mexico and maintain relationship with each other in both sides.

If President Trump gets his way on building a wall, it will destroy the way of life of the Tohono O' Odhams and it will be a violation of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples that was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2007. I urge Congress to reject President Trump's request on building a wall.

—Billy Trice, Jr.  
Oakland

### INQUIRING REPORTER

#### Do anything fun this summer?

— Asked at the San Leandro BART Station

I traveled to London and Toronto with my family on a vacation.

**Chris McClain**  
Oakland



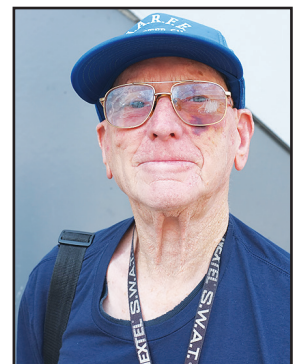
I went to Santa Cruz with two friends and taught them how to skateboard, and we stopped at a drive-in theater in San Jose.

**Zachary Vorja**  
San Leandro



I went to a couple of Giants games at AT&T Park.

**Lawrence Lancaster**  
San Leandro



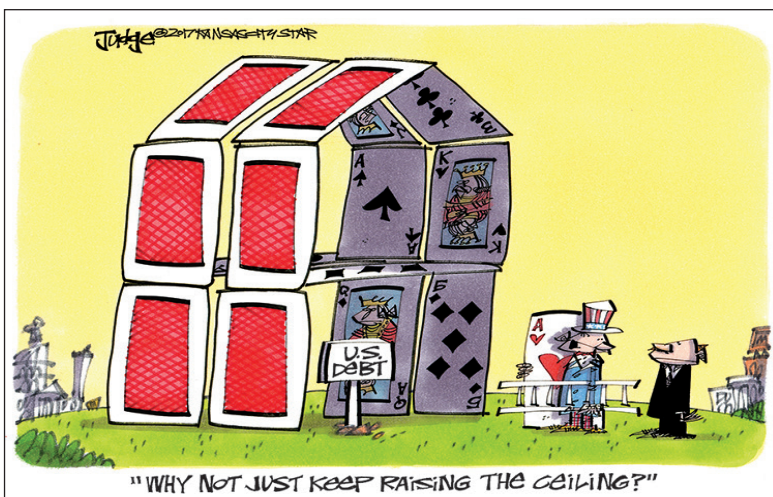
I worked the whole summer, but I did go camping with my family at Woodward Reservoir. I went fishing but there were too many boats that scared the fish away, but it was still cool just to go fishing.

**Jumani Wilson**  
San Leandro



I help run a campsite for drama people in Occidental. It's like drama camp for adults.

**Donna Turner**  
San Leandro





# Bethel's 'Second Tuesday' Dinners Inspire Hope

Submitted by Lorie Curtis  
Building Futures

The Dalai Lama said, "The act of bringing food is one of the basic roots of all relationships." Generous community members at Bethel Community Presbyterian Church exemplify the idea, providing two monthly dinners for the San Leandro Shelter.

The Shelter, operated by Building Futures, provides refugees, meals, and supportive services for women and children experiencing homelessness.

Over 150 women and children call the San Leandro Shelter home each year. For them, dinner donations from community volunteers are more than a nutritious

meal. Each meal gives comfort and hope for a new life free from homelessness.

Building Futures believes that when everyone has a safe place to call home the community is stronger, safer, and more vibrant for all. Volunteer-created 29 years ago, the agency still relies on the partnership of compassionate community members to help individuals and families in crisis.

Volunteers in the Dinner Donation Program purchase, prepare, and deliver a wholesome, well-balanced meal on a designated day each month.



Bethel Community "Second Tuesday" Dinner donors Suzanne Yee, Charlene Kehret, Donald Ogrodnik, and Marilyn Hicks prepare dinners that are appreciated by women and children in the San Leandro Shelter.

**San Leandro Creek Video Contest**

Calling all San Leandro area students, grade K-12 (+ adult category)! Grab your camera, or phone and make a five-minute video that will show...

**"Why San Leandro Creek is Important."**

Ask a question about the creek, and then go about discovering your answer! See if your class or club wants to join you.

Come on a **Family Creek Walk** with your camera **Saturday, Oct. 14**, to answer your burning question!

**ENTRY DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 6, 2017**

Prizes: Three to five videos will be chosen for student winners. Prizes include: \$100.00 for 1st place. Adult-made videos will have \$25.00 prizes for 1st-3rd place winners. Winning videos will be viewed on Saturday, November 18, at the San Leandro Main Library at a video viewing party! Prizes will be given on that date.

Go to [www.flsc.org](http://www.flsc.org) for rules and details. Please email any questions to [slevenson@sanleandro.org](mailto:slevenson@sanleandro.org).

Some, like the group at Bethel Community Presbyterian Church, have been helping since Building Futures began almost three decades ago.

The Bethel congregation holds two monthly dinner donation groups for the San Leandro Shelter. The Church also hosts a weekly food pantry for Alameda County residents.

The "Second Tuesday" dinner

cooks bring over 50 years of combined service to the San Leandro Shelter Dinner Program. With perseverance and team work, they have kept the dinner donation group going as a reliable source of comfort and support for those in need since the Shelter first opened its doors.

Donald Ogrodnik began assisting the dinner volunteer group on the suggestion of

Bethel's Pastor Sarah Reyes after a work injury almost nine years ago. Providing not only the salad, but visiting each of his fellow Bethel volunteers to pick up their contributions on donation day to bring the complete meal to the San Leandro Shelter.

Charlene Kehret who has been a dinner program volunteer for nearly two decades, recalls, "There have been a lot of people in the church who have done it over the years, it's been a nice

community event. We feel like we are contributing something and we get to socialize along the way."

The San Leandro Shelter is currently seeking monthly dinner donors. For available dinner donation dates or to learn more about the Dinner Donation Program, contact Lorie at 924-3092 or [lorie@bfwc.org](mailto:lorie@bfwc.org).

To learn more about Building Futures, visit online at [www.bfwc.org](http://www.bfwc.org).

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All ages are welcome to attend this Family Fun Night and sing, dance, clap, and enjoy as Jose-Luis sings traditional Latin American Children's songs.

Refreshments will be served after the show. For more information, call 577-3960.

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