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Folkloric dancers perform at the Expanded Learning Enrichment Showcase at the San Leandro High School Arts Education Center. Below, Zimbabwean dancers from Washington Elementary School entertain the crowd.

Student Showcase Fills Performing Arts Center

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

Hundreds of students from San Leandro elementary and middle schools showed off their talents at the second annual Expanded Learning Enrichment Showcase at the San Leandro High School Arts Education Center on April 26.

Two shows, one in the afternoon and one in the evening, were sponsored by the San Leandro Boys & Girls Club, which runs after-school enrichment pro-

grams throughout the district. The audience filled the 500-seat theater as students performed dance, drummed, did cheer routines, and showed martial arts from both Asian traditions and Afro-Brazilian capoeira, done to music and resembling dance as much as martial arts.

Most of the performing students were instructed by community group members working through the Boys & Girls Club, but some groups



were led by San Leandro Unified School District teachers. Some funding for the after-school programs came from the state's California's Expanded Learning Opportunity Program.

see SHOWCASE, page 11

Council OKs Pay Raise for City Workers

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

The San Leandro City council approved labor agreements including pay raises for most city employees at its April 21 meeting.

City workers, with the exception of top managers and police covered by previous agreements, will get raises in base pay of 6.5 percent effective for all of 2025. That will be followed by raises of 3.75 percent effective each January 1 of the following three years, and 4.0 percent effective January 1, 2029.

In addition, many city workers will be getting "market adjustments" to bring their salaries more in line with pub-

lic employees in similar positions in other communities.

A recent salary survey showed that many San Leandro job titles paid less than jobs in comparable nearby cities when benefits were included, the city said in an official statement on April 29. This raises the concern that experienced workers may leave for elsewhere if a competitive wage is not paid, the statement said.

Under the new salary schedule, an Administrative Assistant I would be paid, at the top of the scale, \$6,962 a month (\$83,500 a year), see RAISE, page 11

Aquatic Center To Reopen in June

The City of San Leandro announced the grand reopening of the San Leandro Family Aquatic Center will be on June 14 at Washington Manor Park, 14900 Zelma St. in San Leandro.

Following a temporary closure, the center is back with new features and an extended season running through September 28.

This summer, visitors can enjoy a variety of upgrades, including a brand-new Aquaplay structure, expanded shaded seating, and enhanced amenities. The center has a heated pool, zero-depth entry activity pool, 17-foot water slide, lap lanes, and dedicated water play and relaxation areas.

The center offers swim- see REOPENS, page 11

SL Residents Nabbed in Theft Ring

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

Two San Leandro residents are among the crew charged by the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office for stealing merchandise from dozens of Home Depot stores from the Bay Area and Sacramento.

The crew struck nearly 200 times in just four months, in many cases burglarizing the same store many times,

the Santa Clara County DA's office announced last week.

A Home Depot in Emeryville was hit 24 times. The hardware giant's stores in Santa Clara County were burglarized at least 15 times. The burglary ring's strategy: walk in, steal items, walk out.

The suspects arraigned on May 1 at the Hall of Justice in San Jose were Daniel Resendiz, 21, and Jose Martinez, 28, of San Leandro; Adolfo

“The burglary ring's strategy: walk in, steal items, walk out.”

Herrera, 45, of Richmond; and Wilmer Ayala, 43, of South San Francisco.

They are charged with multiple counts of retail theft, grand theft, vandalism, and other related crimes, according to the Santa Clara County district attorney. If convicted, they face prison.

Members of the crew were arrested last week in a major operation that also had see RING, page 10

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CITY COUNCIL

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

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 Zaira Duncan at 667-3522.



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Rhonda Turner of Jefferson Named Teacher of the Year

The San Leandro Unified School District recognized Rhonda Turner of Jefferson Elementary as our SLUSD Teacher of the Year, citing her unwavering dedication to students, staff, and the entire school community.

Turner's selection honors her exceptional contributions and places her in the running for Alameda County Teacher of the Year.

Turner is in her 27th year at Jefferson Elementary and she's known for going above and beyond to support her students, said the school district in a press release.

Even after decades in the classroom, Rhonda continues to stretch her thinking, collaborates generously, and leads with warmth, compassion, and kindness.

Rhonda played a vital role in launching Jefferson's first-ever Student Council, serves as the school's Teacher-in-Charge, and is an integral

member of the Instructional Leadership Team.

She's a mentor and role model, recognized for her problem-solving spirit, steady presence, and welcoming smile, which sets a positive tone across campus.

The school district asks everybody to join in congratulating Ms. Turner on her achievement, as well as the following exceptional teachers chosen by their schools for consideration as the district launches its annual celebration of SLUSD Teacher Appreciation Week:

Garfield Elementary - Rick Ford
Halkin Elementary - Sam Miller
Madison Elementary - Alice Pegram
McKinley Elementary - Erin Grant
Monroe Elementary - Sarah Bueno
Roosevelt Elementary - Diedre Reed



PHOTO COURTESY OF SAN LEANDRO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Jefferson Elementary School teacher Rhonda Turner accepts the award from Superintendent Mike McLaughlin in her classroom with her students.

Washington Elementary - Julie Grajeda

Bancroft Middle School - Dr. Laura Einhorn
Erin Tuomey
John Muir Middle School - Amir Rashad
- Michael Fino
San Leandro High School - Tamulia Dalke.

Alert: Beware of Water Agency Impostors

The East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) has received reports from customers who received visits at their homes by individuals pretending to be EBMUD representatives, saying they need to test their tap water.

Impersonators have been reported in Oakland and Richmond. These are not EBMUD employees.

EBMUD wants you to know:

- EBMUD maintenance employees will never ask to enter your home. EBMUD workers repairing pipelines in your neighborhood may knock on your door to notify you about work in the area but will never ask to enter your home.
- EBMUD employees will schedule visits. Plumbing inspections, water conservation audits, or tap water tests are always pre-arranged with customers. If this visit is not

scheduled or if you are suspicious, do not open the door.

- EBMUD employees always carry identification with their name, photo and employee number visible. Many, but not all, are uniformed. All maintenance vehicles are marked with the EBMUD logo.

- Your EBMUD drinking water quality surpassed every state and federal requirement that safeguards public health. See ebmud.com/waterquality for more information.

EBMUD recommends the following actions:

- If you suspect an individual is impersonating a water worker, call EBMUD at 1-866-403-2683 to confirm their identity.

- If an EBMUD employee is at your door and asks to come in, ask to see their identification and ask them the purpose of the visit.

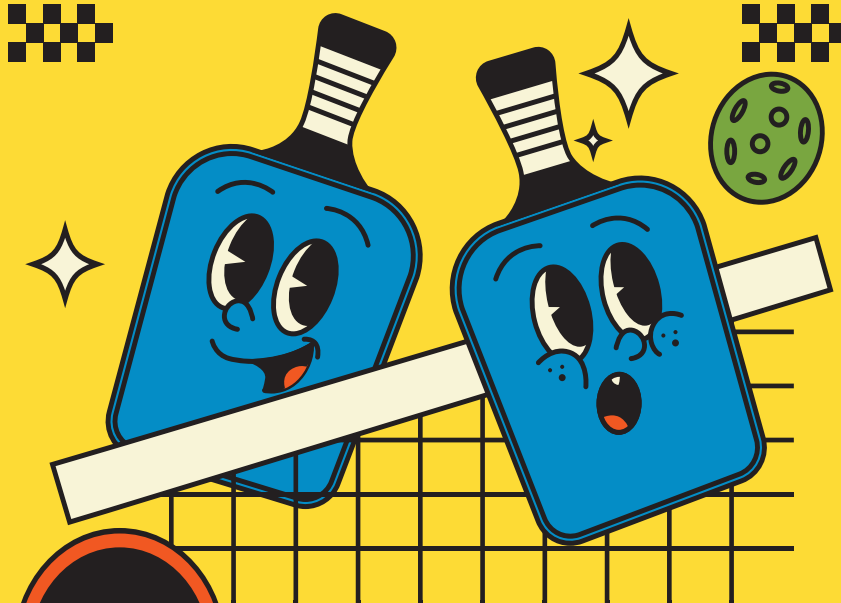
Correction

In the story about the City Council raising the sewer tax ("Sewer Rate Hike Approved by City Council," May 8, 2026) a sentence in the next to last paragraph about the emergency services tax should have

read: The result was finding that the words "per unit" had been inadvertently left out of the proposed tax rates for six or more living units for the section of law being cited to read accurately.

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Community Calendar

E-Waste & Document Shredding Fundraiser To Support the Senior Club

First United Methodist Church, 1600 Bancroft Ave., will hold an e-waste and document shredding fundraiser on Saturday, May 17, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Enter Parking Lot from Dolores St. Shred documents and dispose of your E-waste – computers, laptops, printers, copiers, DVD players, and support the Senior Club by doing so. Collection fees apply. All items recycled or disposed according to Calif. law. For questions about what is accepted, call C&T Collection at: 510-590-7510.

Chorus Eclectic Free Concert

Join Chorus Eclectic for a free concert on Saturday, May 17, at 4 p.m. at the San Leandro Church of Christ, 601 MacArthur Blvd. The chorus will sing popular tunes and fan favorites from past concerts. Entry is from the back parking lot. Snacks, desserts, and raffle tickets for themed baskets will be available for purchase during intermission.

San Leandro Garden Club Meeting

The San Leandro Garden Club will meet on Tuesday, May 20, at 10:30 a.m. at the Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd. in San Leandro. The speakers for May are from the George Mark Children's Home, one of the non-profits the club supports. Kyle Amsler will talk about their facility and Mary Purpura will talk about how horticulture is therapeutic for their patients. Email sanleandrogardenclub@weebly.com to join or for more information.

Free Family Fun Night

Come to the free Family Fun Night on Wednesday, May 21, at 6:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Asia Fantasia is a family show presented by Robert Kikuchi-Yngojo of Eth-No-Tec, featuring Pan-Asian folktales from China, India, Philippines, and Korea, plus, music and a whole lotta fun. All ages welcome.

Knit, Crochet, Sew, Handcrafts

Join other crafters to share techniques, patterns, crafting skills, and enjoy each other's company on Wednesdays, from 9 a.m. to noon at the San Leandro Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St. Please bring your own needles, yarn and craft supplies.

Rainbow Seniors Meet at the Senior Center

Are you wanting a place where you can feel connected to other LGBTQ adults ages 50+? Rainbow Seniors is a safe space for LGBTQ adults to share thoughts, feelings, resources, information, and support with each other. Second and fourth Tuesdays from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at the San Leandro Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St.

Senior Book Club

Join a book club that offers adults 50+ a welcoming space to explore the joys, challenges, and wisdom that come with growing older through insightful literature and meaningful conversation. The club meets on the first Monday of the month from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St. Each gathering invites reflection, connection, and celebration of the aging journey in all its complexity.

FLEX Rides Program Informational Session

Discover the transportation benefits offered by the City of San Leandro for residents age 50+. The FLEX Rides Program is designed for travel within the city and beyond. Learn more on Tuesday, May 20, at 1 p.m. at the Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd.

Resolve to Lose Weight by Joining TOPS

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



Join American Legion for Memorial Day Ceremony

The American Legion Post 117 and the City of San Leandro invite you to the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Police Department Pavilion, 901 East 14th St. on Monday, May 26, at 9 a.m.

We will honor the men and women of our Armed Forces who have given their all for our freedom. Mayor Juan González and the American Legion of San Leandro will deliver acknowledgments on this special day.

This short morning remembrance ceremony pays tribute to our fallen comrades. Refreshments, including coffee, tea, and donuts, will be available starting at 8:30 a.m.

Concert at Assumption to Benefit Pediatric Cancer Patients

Join BANYUHAY for a special benefit concert organized by GANAP in support of pediatric cancer patients under the care of Bahay Aruga on Monday, May 19, at 7 p.m. at Church of the Assumption, 1100 Fulton Ave. in San Leandro.

Take a Walk in the Fresh Air, Serve Your Community – Join The U.S. Postal Service

If you enjoy taking walks, breathing in fresh air, and serving your community, the Postal Service is a great place to work, with job security, career advancement opportunities and benefits.

The U.S. Postal Service is hosting several free hiring events to help future employees create their online profile and immediately start applying for jobs.

Job fairs will be held locally from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, May 16, and on Friday, May 30, at 8495 Pardee Drive in Oakland.

As part its innovative 10-year-plan, Delivering for America, the Postal Service is focused on building a more stable and empowered workforce.

The Postal Service said its employees are its greatest asset, and they're investing in new employees by providing robust training and on-the-job support.

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immediate need for the following positions to be filled:

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The Postal Service is an equal opportunity employer offering a fast-paced, rewarding work environment with competitive compensation packages, on-the-job training, and opportunities for advancement.

Events at the Library

Rear Window

See *Rear Window* with James Stewart and Grace Kelly on Saturday, May 17 at 2 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. A photographer recovering from a broken leg passes the time by watching his neighbors and begins to suspect one of them of murder. Rated PG. Runtime 112 minutes.

Friends of the Library Audiobook Sale

The Friends of the San Leandro Library will host an audiobook sale on Saturday, May 31, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro. Browse a large selection of audiobooks at low prices. Buy three, get one of equal or lesser value for free. Unabridged books on tape \$3, unabridged books on CD \$6, abridged books on CD \$4. All proceeds benefit the San Leandro Library's programs and services. Credit cards accepted.

Students – Apply for a Summer Job at the SL Library

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

Washington Home Owners Association

The Washington Home Owners Association will host its monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 21, at 6:30 p.m. at the Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd. San Lorenzo Unified School District spokesman Scott Faust will speak. Learn what changes and opportunities are coming to the school district. For more information, visit the website at: www.whoasl.com or call Bob Glaze at 510-352-2058.

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San Leandro Girl Scouts Awarded for Making their Neighborhood More Bio-diverse

Girl Scouts of Northern California (GSNorCal) has awarded San Leandro residents and Girl Scouts Addie Lee, Evelyn Fitzsimons and Julissa Menodoza the Girl Scout Bronze Award from Troop 30159.

It's the highest award a Girl Scout Junior (4th and 5th grade) can earn.

By earning the Girl Scout Bronze Award, Addie, Evelyn and Julissa have become community leaders. Their accomplishments reflect leadership and citizenship skills that set them apart.

"We are so proud of these girls," said Troop Leader, Sabrina Almazan. "Two of the girls had another year to earn it but they wanted to help their Girl Scout sister who had to finish it before she started middle school.

"They put their heads together and worked really hard giving up their summer to meet the deadline."

Neighborhood Focus

Addie, Evelyn and Julissa's project focused on making our neighborhood more biodiverse.

Their hope was that neighbors will see their gardens and want to make their own.

The Girl Scouts volunteered with parking strip clearing and prep. Neighbors were a big help by donating plants and money.

Their parents helped with transportation and support when needed. Local businesses helped donate supplies – Home Depot, Evergreen Nursery, East Bay Wilds, Dutton Ace Hardware, Pete's Ace Hardware, Watershed Nursery, and San Leandro Grocery Outlet.

Plants from Dahlia Society

The San Leandro Dahlia Society donated plants. Roosevelt Elementary let them work on the planters as practice.

The project is sustainable because neighbors will take care of their parking strips. The scouts also starting gardening clubs at schools.

The signs with the QR code will also play a part in sustainability by educating our neighbors <https://linktr.ee/neighborhoodbiodiversifiers>.

The scouts said the best part of the project was meeting new people and working with volunteers, especially fellow Girl Scout sisters.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF SABRINA ALMAZAN

Girl Scouts Julissa Menodoza, Evelyn Fitzsimons, and Addie Lee created a garden project make their neighborhood more biodiverse, and inspire neighbors to make their own gardens.



Girl Scouts Addie Lee, Evelyn Fitzsimons, and Julissa Menodoza with their awards.

HEALTH & FITNESS

Why Praise Alone Is Not Enough for Kids

By Ronald Mah
Special to the Times

To build your child's self-esteem, praise alone is not enough. Praise can backfire. "You're so wonderful. You are special. You're the best." From effusive praise, they might believe you. Omnipotence — "You're the best," grandiosity, "You're special," along with encouraging self-righteousness (morally superior) — leads to entitlement.

Entitlement is the notion that rules are for Muggles (Harry Potter reference) or for the Small Folk (Game of Thrones), meaning the rules of decency don't apply, or they have their own special set of rules. Not high self-esteem but narcissism. Or a kid might suspect, "Why all this praise? I mess up. They doubt that I am OK." Or feel pressure to live up to an impossible, omnipotent, and grandiose identity.

Coopersmith identified four ways to build self-esteem. First is significance — people significant to you think and treat you as valuable and important, such as parents, and later teachers and peers. Thus, they over-praise with verbal boosts and affirmations. However, with any discrepancy between

nonverbal and verbal communication, the non-verbal that is believed to be the truth. Honest feedback is compromised ... ringing false with normal exploration and experimentation, mistakes happen.

The second key is developing kids' moral virtues. Two underlying concepts are the ideal self, the best possible version of yourself, and the real self, which is the actual person you are. If the ideal self is reasonable and healthy, then the authentic self strives to live up to expectations. Unfortunately, the ideal self can be problematic if not impossible: to be perfect, never upset anybody, never get angry, etc. A problematic ideal self can frustrate the authentic self and dampen self-esteem.

The third key is power and control, leading to greater self-esteem. Socialization involves developing appropriate ways to acquire power and control without harming others. For adults, acquisitions, finances, and social status may offer opportunities to gain power and control.



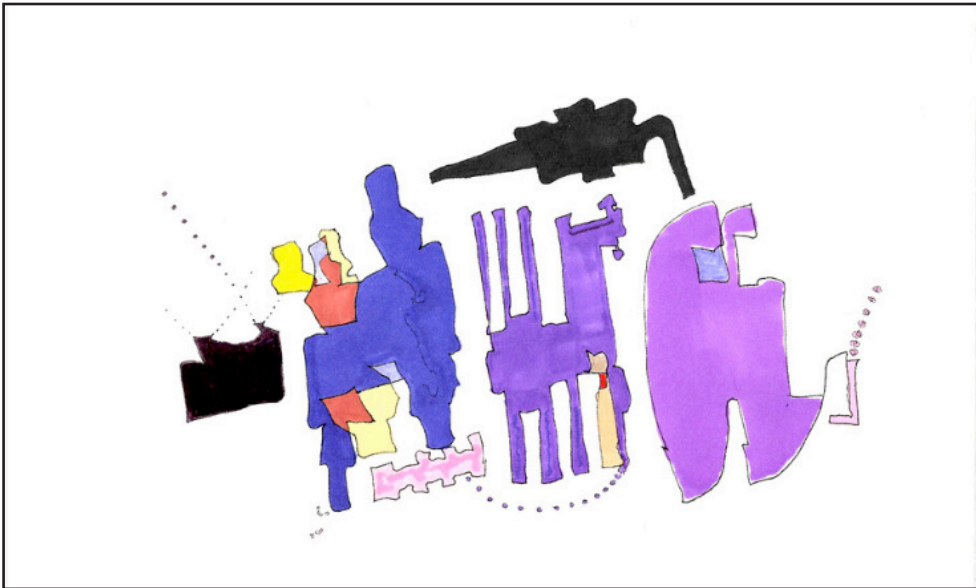
Ronald Mah

The fourth key is competence, which builds self-esteem, but not in general; rather, it specifically enhances one's abilities in the areas where they wish to excel. For young children, that might be climbing high, reading books, having friends, and pleasing adults. As an adult, it doesn't matter to me that I'm not a great gardener. But it does matter to me to be a good or great therapist, educator, husband, and parent.

With all four keys solid, high self-esteem and its benefits are likely. Imagine these four keys: significance, moral virtue, power and control, and competence as four legs of the self-esteem table. If any one leg is weak or fragile, the entire structure of self-esteem becomes wobbly.

Praise is not enough if one of the other keys is shaky. Consider how to build strengths and skills in all four aspects of self-esteem. Think about how that applies to you.

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"Parade" mixed media on vellum (2022) by Nancy Brown.

San Leandro Artist's Solo Show in SF

A solo exhibition of selected works on paper from San Leandro artist Nancy Brown, "One Notch Below Bedlam" (https://nancybrownstudio.

com/one-notch-below-bedlam) series will be on view for a month at the Waterfront Gallery in San Francisco beginning this Friday, May 16.

Brown be there from 4 to 8 p.m. The Waterfront Gallery is located at the Pier 23 Cafe on Pier 23 on the Embarcadero in San Francisco.



Awesome Asparagus

California asparagus, the aristocrat of spring vegetables, is at its peak right now. The fact that the harvest is right next door is a big plus.

The closer, the better, since the natural sugar in asparagus can disappear very quickly. So, cook asparagus as soon as possible to ensure peak flavor.

If you must store it, trim the bottom of the spears and stand the asparagus, covered in a plastic bag, in an inch of water in the refrigerator to keep for a few days.

Asparagus can be as thin as a pencil or thicker than your thumb. Everyone seems to have a preference, although the spears come from the same plants and they all taste pretty much alike.

Asparagus can be eaten raw, steamed, boiled, grilled, roasted or incorporated into casseroles and salads. The key is just to “cook it briefly.”

Devotees like its unadorned flavor, but it's nice to have a few recipes that add a note or two.

BRAISED ASPARAGUS

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
 - 1 pound asparagus, trimmed
 - Salt and freshly ground black pepper
 - 1 cup chicken or vegetable stock
 - 3 tablespoons butter
- Heat oil in a 12-inch straight-sided sauté pan over high heat until lightly smoking. Add asparagus in as close to a single layer as possible, season with salt and pepper, and cook without

moving until lightly browned, about 1-1/2 minutes. Shake pan and cook until browned again, 1-1/2 minutes longer. Add stock and butter to pan and immediately cover.

Continue to cook until asparagus is completely tender and stock and butter have emulsified and reduced to a shiny glaze, 7 to 10 minutes. If stock completely evaporates and butter starts to

burn before asparagus is cooked through, top up with a few tablespoons of water. Serve immediately. Yields 4 servings.

SPRING ASPARAGUS AU GRATIN

- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1/2 cup minced onions
- 2 cups bias-sliced asparagus pieces about 1-inch long

- 1 fennel bulb, trimmed and thinly sliced
- 3 sprigs fresh thyme
- 2 cups cooked linguini
- 1 ripe tomato, chopped
- 2/3 cup shredded Swiss or Mozzarella cheese
- 1 tablespoon grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 cup vegetable broth, tomato juice or water

Heat oil in nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add onions, asparagus, fennel and thyme; sauté 2 minutes.

Place pasta in 2-1/2-quart ovenproof casserole. Top with sautéed vegetables, chopped tomatoes and cheeses. Pour broth, over all and bake uncovered in 350°F oven for 20 minutes or until cheese is golden and vegetables are heated through. Serves 4.

CREAM OF ASPARAGUS SOUP

- 1/2 stick butter
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2 pounds asparagus, ends trimmed and cut into 1-inch pieces

- 6 cups chicken stock
- 1 pint sour cream, room temperature
- 2 teaspoons Hungarian hot paprika, for garnish

Melt butter in a large saucepan over medium-high heat. Add onion and garlic, and sauté 5 minutes. Season with salt and pepper.

Add asparagus and sauté another 4 minutes. Add the chicken stock and bring to a boil. Reduce to simmer and cook for 30 minutes, until asparagus is very tender.

Remove liquid from the heat and allow to cool for at least 5 minutes. Transfer liquid to a blender or food processor and fill it no more than halfway. Release one corner of the lid to prevent the vacuum effect that creates heat explosions. Place a towel over the top of the blender, pulse a few times then process on high speed until smooth.

Return to saucepan, stir in sour cream and season with salt and pepper, to taste. Transfer to serving bowls. Dust with paprika and serve. Yields 4 servings.

ASPARAGUS QUICHE

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 leek (white and light green parts only), halved, thinly

- sliced, then well washed
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- 1 pound asparagus, tough ends removed, thinly sliced on the diagonal
- 4 large eggs
- 1-1/4 cups half-and-half
- Ground nutmeg
- Favorite pie crust, fitted into a 9-inch pie plate, well chilled
- 1 cup shredded Gruyere cheese (4 ounces)

Preheat oven to 350°F, with rack in lowest position. In a large skillet, melt butter over medium heat. Add leek and asparagus; season with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, until asparagus is crisp-tender, 6 to 8 minutes; let cool.

In a large bowl, whisk together eggs, half-and-half, 1/2 teaspoon salt, teaspoon pepper, and a pinch of nutmeg. Place pie crust on a rimmed baking sheet. Sprinkle with cheese; top with asparagus mixture. Pour egg mixture on top.

Bake until center of quiche is just set, 50 to 60 minutes, rotating sheet halfway through. Let stand 15 minutes before serving. Yields 6 servings.

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- ARIES (March 21 to April 19):** Although you might prefer to move forward at a steady pace, it might be a good idea to stop and reassess your plans. You could find a good reason to make a change at this time.
- TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** Just when you thought you had everything planned to the smallest detail, you get some news that could unsettle things. But a timely explanation helps put it all back on track.
- GEMINI (May 21 to June 20):** Home and work continue to compete for your attention, but you handle it well by giving each its proper due. Meanwhile, someone you trust offers valuable advice. Listen to it.
- CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** Unsettling news creates a difficult but not impossible situation. Continue to follow your planned routine, but keep your mind open to a possible change down the line.
- LEO (July 23 - August 22):** Lick your wounded pride if you like, but it's a better idea to find out why your suggestions were rejected. What you learn could help you deal with an upcoming situation.
- VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22):** Feeling a bit listless? No wonder! You might be pushing too hard to finish everything on your to-do list. Cutting it down could help get your energy levels up.
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- SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21):** Insist on full disclosure by all parties before agreeing to be part of a “great deal.” What you learn should help you decide whether or not to go with it.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** Your decision to protect the secret that was entrusted to you might irk some people. But it also wins you the admiration of those who value trust and loyalty.
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** Creative activities take on a practical approach as you realize you might be able to market your work. Ask for advice from someone experienced in this area.
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** If you're suddenly a bit unsure about a decision, ask trusted colleagues and/or friends or family members for suggestions that could help resolve your doubts.
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REAL ESTATE REALITY
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GUEST COMMENTARY

Buyers Unhappy with Their Purchase

By Carl Medford, CRS
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After purchasing a car, I realized it lacked a key feature present on previous vehicles. I loved the car and, had I understood the deficit in advance would have purchased it anyway, but the missing feature was still an ongoing source of aggravation. Imagine the frustration if, however, after paying hundreds of thousands to buy a home, you realize it is lacking some key features. It is a scenario that happens all too often. The extreme lack of inventory over the past few years has resulted in panic for first-time buyers hoping to get a home. Not only have there been multiple offers to contend with, but the increasing prices have bred a sense of desperation with buyer's stating, "If we don't buy now, we might never get a second chance."

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3. The home is too small. Although some pushed at their limits to obtain their home, once in it, they have realized it was smaller than imagined. One buyer stated, "We thought we needed a detached single-family home: we should have purchased a condo which, for the same price, would have given us way more space."

4. The cost of maintenance is higher than predicted. Put simply, home ownership is not cheap, and the expenses can often be more than anticipated. Factor in rising material and labor costs and maintenance costs can be daunting.

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Rosemary Can be Propagated from Cuttings at any Time of Year, Except When It's Blooming

By Buzz Bertolero
The Dirt Gardener

Q Can rosemary be propagated from a cutting? We have a large bush that we would like to take a cutting from and plant it in a big pot.

A Rosemary can be successfully propagated from cuttings. You can take cuttings at any time of the year, except during its blooming period. You can even root sprigs purchased from the grocery store. For rooting the cuttings, you can use either soil or water. Choose stem cuttings rather than a single leaf or needle, as the latter won't work effectively. Opt for softwood cuttings that are four to six inches long, typically found at the terminal ends of the shoots. Older hardwood cuttings are more challenging to root. Start by stripping off the bottom two to three inches of leaves from the cutting. Roots will develop from the exposed nodes, which are the small bumps along the stem. You can twist, pinch, or gently pull off the lower

leaves with your fingers, but be sure to leave at least five to six sets of leaves near the top. Place the prepared cuttings in a container filled with moist potting soil. It's a good idea to take more cuttings than you think you'll need, as some may not take root. Alternatively, if you place the cuttings in water, they will root more quickly, usually within four weeks. You will know the cuttings have successfully rooted when you see new growth forming at the top.

Q For some time now, I've had a corn plant in my living room. But, it has lost many of its lower leaves and resembles a palm tree. Where should I cut it to encourage new growth at the base? Should I repot it now, or should I wait? How long will it take to see new growth?

A The Corn Plant, also known as Dracaena fragrans, is a tropical African evergreen tree. It grows relatively slowly and features thick canes or stems that produce long, narrow leaves resembling stalks of



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corn, which grow upward. Corn Plant make excellent houseplant because of their tall and narrow structure, making them ideal for corners and as furniture accents. However, if you have cats or dogs, it's best to avoid this plant, as it is toxic to both. The palm tree-like appearance results from the oldest leaves naturally dying off and exposing the trunk. You can prune the plant at any point along the stem, and new shoots will develop within six to eight weeks. While this may feel like a long wait when looking at it daily, I recommend repotting it into a larger pot and adding a new plant at the base. The new Dracaena can be of the same variety or a different

one since many options are available. It's important to choose a plant that is proportional to the original. You can cut the original plant to any desired height or leave it uncut. NOTE: Dracaenas are popular houseplants known for their beauty and air-purifying qualities. Once their ideal growing conditions are set, they require minimal maintenance.

Buzz Bertolero is a California Certified Nursery Professional. The Dirt Gardener's website can be found at www.dirtgardener.com, and any questions can be directed to buzz@dirtgardener.com. Additionally, please modify your spam filter to ensure my reply is received.

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Corn

Plant corn in blocks of at least four rows in each direction to assure good pollination (by wind). Make successive plantings through the end of June, because later plantings usually suffer from smut problems when the corn matures.

Lawns

If water runs off your lawn after just a few minutes, it's time to aerate, which relieves soil compaction. Aeration allows air to pass more freely into the soil, reduces thatch and allows more water and nutrients to enter the soil. Just spiking the soil with a pitchfork probably isn't enough. You may need to remove quarter-inch plugs that are 3 to 4 inches deep and about 4 inches apart, a process called coring. Water heavily a couple of days before coring so that the process is easier.

Cosmos are Carefree

For colorful blooms all summer, plant daisy-like cosmos which come in a wide variety of colors and grow about 4 feet high with fernlike foliage. Plant cosmos once and—like nasturtiums—you'll have them year after year, because they reseed freely.

Planting Seedlings

This month is a busy month for planting vegetable and flower seedlings from six-pack or individual pots into your garden. To avoid damaging the plants, don't pull them out by their tops. Instead, gently squeeze the bottom of the container while pushing up to force the plant up and out. If there is a mat of roots at the bottom, slices off about a quarter-inch of them. Plant seedlings at the same soil level as they were in their packs. Firm the soil with your hands to eliminate large air pockets, then thoroughly saturate the root ball. For extra protection, use Vitamin B-1 in the water, according to directions. Bait for snails and slugs, since tiny seedlings can be destroyed overnight.

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Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es):
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Princeton Street. Oakland, CA 94601
Alameda County, is hereby registered
by the following owner(s): Vicipicks LLC,
located at 5444 Princeton Street. Oak-
land, CA 94601. This business is con-
ducted by a Limited Liability Company.
This business commenced 03/31/2025
/s/Miria Christina Gomez Palacios This
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
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The name of the business(es):
The Dawg Mother, located at 21336
Kahlert Ave., Castro Valley, CA 94546
Alameda County, is hereby registered
by the following owner(s): Francesca
Castaldi, located at 121336 Kahlert
Ave., Castro Valley, CA 94546. This busi-
ness is conducted by a Limited Liability
Company. This business commenced
01/02/2020
/s/Francesca Castaldi
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
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Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es):
Chinampa Roofing located at 1626
92ND Ave. Oakland, CA 94603 Alameda
County, is hereby registered by the fol-
lowing owner(s): Chinampa Roofing, lo-
cated at 92ND Ave. Oakland, CA 94603.
This business is conducted by An Cor-
poration. This business commenced
04/21/2025
/s/Jacob Mendoza Zapien
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NAME STATEMENT
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Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es):
Resendes House Improvement, locat-
ed at 159 Garcia Ave., San Leandro, CA
94577 Alameda County, is hereby reg-
istered by the following owner(s): Jose
Manuel Silva Resendes, located at 159
Garcia Ave., San Leandro, CA 94577.
This business is conducted by An Indiv-
dual. This business commenced N/A
/s/Jose Manuel Silva Resendes
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
Pursuant to Business and
Professions Code
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The name of the business(es):
S&K Training Solutions LLC located at
1271 Washington Ave. Suite 321 San
Leandro, CA 94605 Alameda County,
is hereby registered by the following
owner(s): S&K Training Solutions, lo-
cated at 91271 Washington Ave. Suite
321 San Leandro, CA 94605. This busi-
ness is conducted by a Limited Liabiltiy
Company. This business commenced
04/14/2025
/s/Salvador Garcia
This statement was filed with the Coun-
ty Clerk of Alameda County on date in-
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
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The name of the business(es):
46699 Mission Inc., located at 46699
Mission Blvd., Fremont, CA 94539 Ala-
ameda County, is hereby registered by
the following owner(s): 46699 Mission
Inc., located at 46699 Mission Blvd., Fre-
mont, CA 94539. This business is con-
ducted by a Corporation. This business
commenced 04/15/2025
/s/Bedry A. Alghithi
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ty Clerk of Alameda County on date in-
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
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The name of the business(es):
Aesthetics and Wellness for YOU, locat-
ed at 14622 Tiburon Rd.San Leandro,
CA 94577 / 7991 Sunkist Dr. Oakland,
CA 94605 Alameda County, is hereby
registered by the following owner(s):
Dr. Luck Integrated Nursing Services,
a Prof. Corp., located at 14622 Tiburon
Rd.San Leandro, CA 94577. This busi-
ness is conducted by a Corporation.
This business commenced N/A
/s/Jovie De Leon-Luck
Palacios This statement was filed with
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By-----, Deputy
FILE NO. 613666

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
Pursuant to Business and
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The name of the business(es):
Rogers Resources, located at 2321
86th Ave. Oakland, CA 94605 Alameda
County, is hereby registered by the fol-
lowing owner(s): Sharonne E. Rogers
located at Sharon E. Rogers, 2321 86th
Ave. Oakland, CA 94605. This business
is conducted by An Individual. This
business commenced 1/1/2023
/s/Sharonne E. Rogers
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ty Clerk of Alameda County on date in-
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
Pursuant to Business and
Professions Code
Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es):
Stylish Living LLC, located at 15268 In-
verness Street. San Leandro, CA 94579
Alameda County, is hereby registered
by the following owner(s): Stylish Liv-
ing LLC, located at 15268 Inverness
Street. San Leandro, CA 94579. This
business is conducted by a Limited
Liability Company. This business com-
menced N/A
/s/Karla E. Gruenewald
This statement was filed with the Coun-
ty Clerk of Alameda County on date in-
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2038 - SLT

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No: 25CV119004
Superior Court of California, County of Alameda. In the matter of the petition
to change the name(s) of **Michael Thomas Grosse**. Petitioner(s) **Michael
Thomas Grosse** has/have filed a petition with this court for a decree chang-
ing name(s) as follows: **Michael Thomas Grosse** to **Michael Thomas Wlo
szek**. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear be-
fore this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the
petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting
to the name changes described above must file a written objection that in-
cludes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the mat-
ter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause
why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely
filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. **24405 Amador
Street Dept. 514, Hayward, CA 94544 on AUGUST 22, 2025 at 9:30
am.** A copy of this order to show cause shall be published at least once
each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the
petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this
county The San Leandro Times. The court orders that all persons interested
in this matter are directed to make known any objection that they may have
to the granting of the petition for change of name by filing a written objec-
tion, which includes the reasons for the objection, with the court at least
two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and by appearing
in court at the hearing to show cause why the petition for change of name
should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may
grant the petition without a hearing.
Dated: APRIL 16, 2025
Thomas J. Nixon - Judge of the Superior Court
APR 24, MAY 01, 08, 15, 2025



San Leandro Ham Radio Club member Bernard Louis explains the radio operation to Mayor Gonzalez.

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Ham Radio Operators Demonstrate Emergency Broadcast System for Mayor

Mayor Juan Gonzalez III recently visited the San Leandro Ham Radio Operators club at the Marina Community Center.

The radio operators conducted a simulated disaster drill, passing vital information via 2-way radio to prepare in

case of a major disaster.

High Frequency (HF), commonly known as short wave, was used to communicate with other ham radio stations outside our local area. The communications could relay information on which trauma hospitals are open,

water supply status, and the status of gas and electrical lines.

The radio operators wanted to give Mayor Gonzalez some insight of how ham radio can be useful if a disaster occurs and normal communications are down.

Ring: Thefts across several counties

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agents raiding a storage facility in South San Francisco and homes in San Leandro, Richmond, and South San Francisco. They found tens of thousands of dollars in merchandise, including dozens of blades, power tools, saws, and pliers.

Driving from Sonoma County in the north to Santa Cruz County in the south, the crew stole over \$65,000 worth of goods from January through April 2025. Often striking multiple Home Depot locations across city limits and county lines in a single day, the crew would then resell the stolen goods at Bay Area flea markets.

"Criminals relied on the fact that, by traveling from county to county, they could escape arrest and accountability for their thefts," District Attorney Rosen said. "That trick won't work anymore. Law enforcement has its own crew. If you steal from Santa Cruz and San Jose and Sacramento, you will spend time in prison in California."

Investigators from the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office, Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office and Home Depot organized crime investigators tracked the crew across the state. Then the sher-



PHOTO COURTESY SANTA CLARA COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

The theft ring stole over \$65,000 in goods over a four-month span.

iff's office executed search warrants at four locations across Contra Costa, Alameda, and San Mateo counties.

Santa Clara County, along with the other counties involved, is pursuing prosecution of this ring under the jurisdictional authority conferred by a new law that went into effect in January, said the San-

ta Clara County DA's office.

Organized retail thieves often operate across county lines to evade detection, enforcement, and coordinated prosecution efforts. But AB 1779 allows a local district attorney's office to more effectively prosecute crimes that took place across county lines.

OPINION

LETTERS to the EDITOR

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About the Bancroft Paving Delay

A number of San Leandro residents have been impacted by the delayed completion of the current Bancroft Avenue street paving.

This current work between Lee Avenue and Sybil Avenue represents the continuation of prior work that occurred further north on Bancroft Avenue.

Unfortunately, multiple EBMUD water main breaks in the vicinity of the current work have caused what is expected to be a four-week delay in our work.

Because the City's paving contractor will need two additional weeks after EBMUD work is com-

plete, we currently expect our work to be completed in June.

We apologize for the inconvenience resulting from this delay.

Mayor Juan González
San Leandro

What Landslide?

Editor,

There were some great letters in the May 1st edition, but a few misconceptions or errors should be noted:

Damaging Tesla cars or dealerships are crimes. So is breaking into a government building by force, injuring police inside, and threatening the lives of people inside, which are much more seri-

ous crimes. But the reasons do not excuse either.

Can we please stop calling the election a landslide please? Some reality: A landslide means "an overwhelming majority of votes." Of all registered voters in the 2024 election, 64% of those turned out and voted, while 36% did not vote for either candidate. Trump won 49.8% of those who did vote, or 31.872% of all registered voters. Harris took 30.911% of those who voted, giving Trump a win by less than 1% of those who voted. That's hardly a landslide by any definition. (Statistics from US News & World and The American Presidency Project, among others.)

But 36% of all registered voters did not vote, more votes than either candidate received (which is sad.) If you add that 36% to Harris' 30.9%, it means that about 67% of registered voters did not vote for Trump. This is not a Trump landslide. Sadly, in this election, "no vote" was actually the winner.

In "Misguided City Policy," while I fully agree with the letter, I need to make one correction. 99% of businesses do not fail in the first year. According to business statis-

tics, roughly 20% of new businesses fail in the first two years, 45% within 5 years, and 65% in ten years (on average.) (data from Clarify Capital)

I ask that letter writers please check their assertions before stating "facts" that may be inaccurate. It can make the rest of the letter seem questionable when the authors state misleading or inaccurate information as facts.

Owen Rubin
San Leandro

Only One Law Broken

Editor,

Letter writer Corey Anderson thinks that because a few, a very few, undocumented immigrants have committed heinous crimes, that all of them should be considered gang members, murderers, and all should be deported. The fact is that the crime rate for undocumented immigrants is far lower than it is for legal citizens.

Using Anderson's logic, consider the fact that the perpetrators of most of the many heinous mass murders in our schools have been committed by young white men with access to war-grade weapons. Shall we

send all young white men to El Salvador? How about banning those weapons from young white men?

Note also, that the only laws that undocumented immigrants have broken are the laws regulating their entry into this country. Why? Because those laws don't work. They were designed by Republican lawmakers to not work.

Can you imagine you and your family being threatened by armed gangs in your country and making the tough decision to move your family to a safer place, leaving all your possessions behind? Now imagine trying to follow the new country's laws that say you must register for asylum outside, and then wait over 10 years for what may or may not be permission to enter. How would you handle that rigged system if your life and your family's life depended on it?

A little empathy is needed here. But that is an unknown ethic to Trump and his followers. The thing about Trump-inspired anger, hatred, and resentment is those emotions are exhausting, and in the end, self-destructive.

Bruce Joffe
Piedmont

Showcase: Dance troupes, drummers, cheer squads entertain

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Dance troupes included Zimbabwean Movement & Music, Washington School (grades TK-3); Hip-Hop Dance, McKinley (grades 4-5); Latin Dance, Roosevelt (grades 1-4); Ballet Folklórico, Washington (two groups, for grades 2-3 and grades 4-5); Hip-Hop Dance, McKinley (grades 2-3); Ballet Folklórico, Ballet Folklórico, Halkin (grades 2-3); Ballet Folklórico, Jefferson (grades 2-3); African Dance, Mad-

ison (grades 1-5); Hip-Hop Dance, Halkin (two groups, grades 1-3 and grades 4-5); and Ballet Folklórico, Jefferson (grades 4-5). Some of the folkloric dance troupes specialized in Mexican regional dances.

Drumming groups, all coached by Moeketsi Gibe of Destiny Arts, came from Monroe School (one from grades 1-2 and the other from grades 3-5) and Jefferson School (one group each from grades 1-2 and grades 3-5.)



PHOTO BY MIKE MCGUIRE

All the performers from the afternoon Expanded Learning Enrichment Showcase line up for a bow at the San Leandro High School Arts Education Center on Saturday, April 26.

Cheer squads came from Bancroft Middle School (grades 6-8) and both the JV and Varsity Cheer teams from John Muir Middle School (both grades 6-8). Marjorie Oriz Silvey of Destiny Arts worked with all three squads, while Aminah Cruz, also Destiny Arts joined with Silvey at Muir.

The Martial Arts group of McKinley students, grades 2-5, was coached by Pallen's

Martial Arts. Capoeira practitioners at Garfield, grades 2-5, were coached by Denise Cristina of Get Empowered.

Rooben Morgan of the Boys & Girls club served as master of ceremonies, while the event was co-produced by Emily Nathan and Consuelo Zuluaga. Enrichment partners in the event were Costa de Oro, Destiny Arts, Get Empowered and Pallen's Martial Arts.

Reopens: Swimming

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ming lessons and recreational swim sessions for all ages and abilities.

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For more information, contact Customer Service at slrec@sanleandro.org or call 510-577-3462.

Raise: City salaries going up

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compared to \$5,426 in the old labor agreement. Building Inspector pay would rise from \$9,060 (\$108,000 a year) previously to \$9,796 (\$117,000).

Library Assistant pay went from \$5,562 monthly to \$6,469 (\$77,600 a year). Maintenance Workers I used to get paid \$6,281 but will now receive \$7,488 monthly (\$89,800 a year).

An Economic Development Program Specialist I had been paid \$9,280 monthly, but will now get paid \$10,536 (\$126,400 a year). An Associate Engineer formerly paid \$11,369 monthly will get a new salary of \$13,447 monthly (\$161,300 a year).

In some cases the comparability study found that the current employee was doing duties of a slightly higher pay classification, so they were moved to that classification. Administrative Assistant I was one such job title.

The largest adjustments went to several classifications of workers in the city's sewage treatment plant.

The city had agreed, as part of the 2022-24 labor agreement, to carry out the comparability study in time for negotiations for this new agreement.

The city says it has accounted for the increased pay in its budget projections, so there should be no surprises coming for city residents as the budget is shaped in the months ahead.

Total salary and benefit costs in the 2024-25 budget were

\$65.5 million, according to the city Finance Department's website. The city's budget for 2025-26 is still being developed, but a 5-year forecast the city has

been using for planning shows salaries and benefits costs from the General Fund at an estimated \$75.8 million for next fiscal year.

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Angie Thompson

September 22, 1933 ~ April 14, 2025

Born on September 22, 1933 in Oilton Texas to Isabel & Eliseo Cortinas. She is the eldest of 7 brothers and sisters Jose Benavides, Teresa Cardenas, Gloria Meza, Juan Benavides, Grace Benavides and Minnie Arellano. She was the daughter of Farm workers. From Oilton Texas the family moved to Laredo Texas in 1942 and then to Corpus Christi Texas.

The House was small but full of Love and a growing family. She spoke of how grateful for all that she had because in her early years it was tough.

The first job outside of home was at a Cleaners in town and her Boss was a German man who if he caught you speaking Spanish would fire you.

She met my father at a dance with her friends. He was in the Marine Corp stationed in Corpus Christi.

In 1954 they were married and moved to Seattle Washington. The train ride was long and she said she cried most of the way. When they got to Seattle, she hated the weather so after a week they traveled down to San Francisco to stay with Don's brother Vern. There dad started his career in the grocery business and in 1957 they had their only daughter Teresa Ann and started her job as a Mom and housewife. Mom never learned to drive but could get everywhere on the bus. She was married to my dad for 29 years. During that time she became a Grandma to Crystal and Brian so her third job was being the Best grandma.

She married Tommy Thompson on April 14, 1984. They loved to travel and both loved to dance at their favorite hangout. She always kept a beautiful yard and said that pulling weeds was the best therapy. Mom would say "The weeds could not talk back to you and kept all of your secrets". She lost my father Don in 2010 and then Tom in 2012.

She kept busy with maintaining her home and yard. She would enjoy when family would come to visit and when she got to take care of Pierce, Crystal's dog. He always listened to her and never spoke back.

She was very proud that she got to help Brian clean his first classroom at Tennyson High so his students had a clean and inviting space to learn.

She was a 2-time Cancer survivor and was very proud of the fact that she won the battle. She weathered the Covid Pandemic but in 2023 her health started to decline. The pep in her step wasn't as peppy and her memory was fading.

She still had her Sassy disposition and Spicy sense of humor.

On April 14th 2025 her and Tom's anniversary, she left us but not without leaving us a very import lesson. Families come in all shapes and sizes and even though you don't always see eye to eye it is important to stay in touch with one another and always be available to lend a helping hand. Because giving more while expecting less will truly fill your heart with love which no amount of money can buy.

She leaves behind Bob, Teresa, Crystal, and Brian Glaze, numerous brothers and sisters, cousins, nieces, and nephews

Services will be at Chapel of the Chimes - Mission Blvd, Hayward Friday, May 16th. Viewing 4 pm-7 pm. Rosary at 6 pm Saturday, May 17th, Services 12 noon. Gravesite interment 1:45 pm





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783 Juana Ave
376 Marina Blvd
312 Maud Ave
393 Maud Ave
527 Maud Ave
725 Maud Ave
725 Rodney Dr
833 Rodney Dr
952 San Jose St
958 San Jose St
1033 San Jose St
591 Sybil Ave
1359 Clarke St
398 Parrott St
1345 Scenic View Dr

Area 2

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1653 136th Ave
1770 136th Ave
1648 137th Ave
1791 140th Ave
1280 147th Ave
1903 Bradhoff Ave
2173 Bradhoff Ave
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689 Crocus Dr
1024 Dillo St
1977 Evergreen Ave
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2133 Thomas Ave
2061 Trombas Ave
2077 Trombas Ave
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14255 Wake Ave
1763 Dilletta Ave

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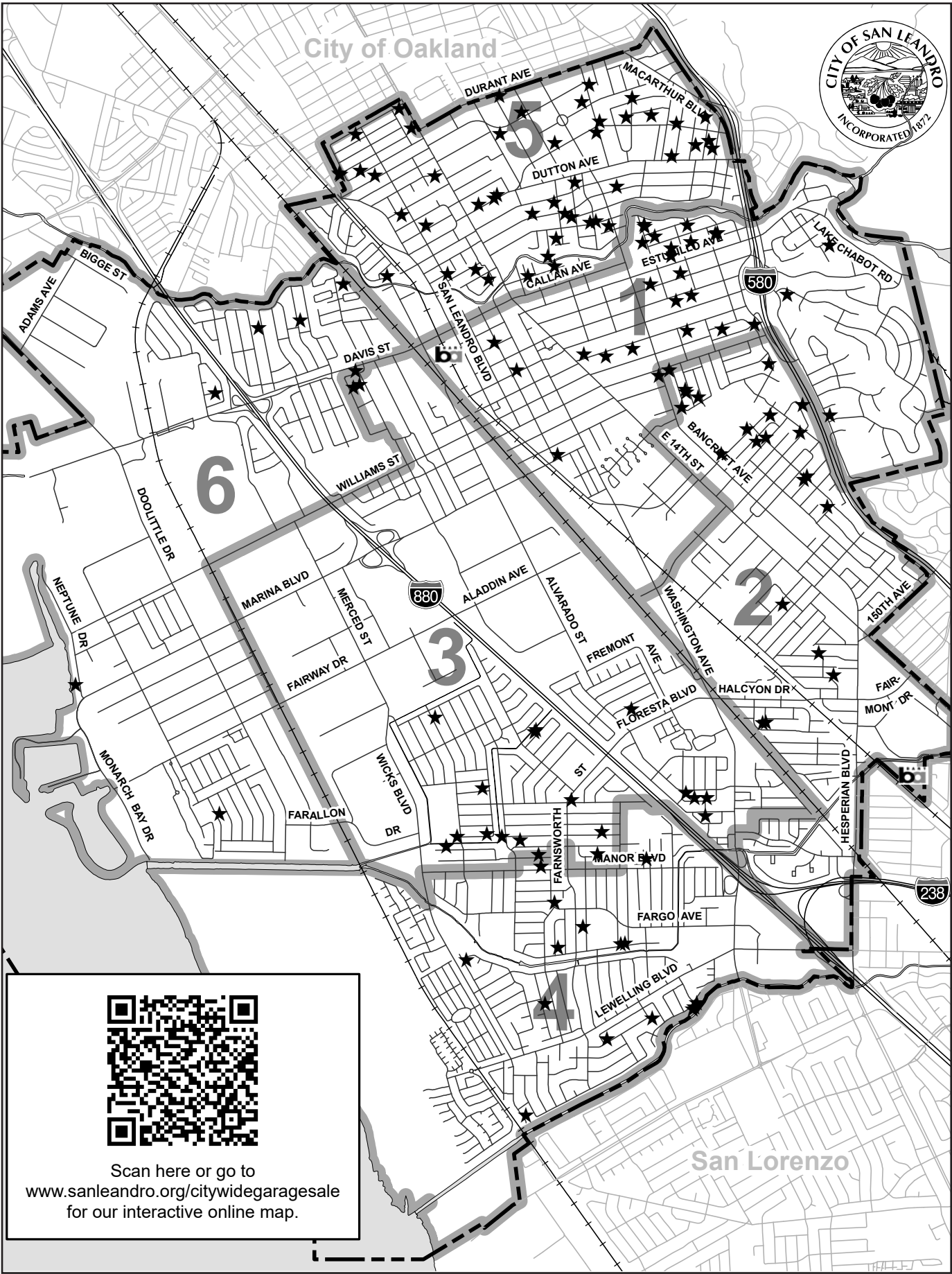
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1297 Wayne Ave
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15452 Andover St
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121 Dorchester Ave



542 Dowling Blvd	953 Helen Ave	868 Pershing Dr	957 Woodland Ave	1105 Gardner Blvd
695 Dowling Blvd	300 Kenilworth Ave	717 Raineer Ct	141 Bellevue Dr	308 Iris Ct
54 Dutton Ave	488 Kenilworth Ave	967 Ramona Way	132 Dutton Ave	13125 Neptune Dr
148 Dutton Ave	660 Lee Ave	351 Stoakes Ave		2103 Twaine Cir
1040 Dutton Ave	821 Lee Ave	544 Superior Ave	Area 6	
356 Farrelly Dr	280 Leo Ave	674 Victoria Ct	14266 Acapulco Rd	
557 Fortuna Ave	495 Lewis Ave	707 Woodland Ave	832 Arthur Ave	
550 Haas Ave	467 E Merle Ct	786 Woodland Ave	799 Donovan Dr	

