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Filmmaker Isaac Woofter, a San Leandro High School graduate now working in New York, at a recent film festival where he showed his debut film, “Bound.”

San Leandro High Grad Working In the Movie Business in New York

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

San Leandro-bred actor, writer and now film director Isaac Hirotsu Woofter had to head east to establish himself in film and theater. But he hopes many people here will get to see his very first feature film, “Bound,” which is now gathering strong critical acclaim while making the rounds

of film festivals. Woofter is hoping a national distribution deal follows, as it sometimes does when a film wows audiences at major film festivals. In the case of “Bound,” the film impressed people at both the Los Angeles and New York Dances With Films Festival. Those are major events for the makers of independent films, those

produced without major studio backing. In New York “Bound” was the only film to screen twice, and sold out both showings. Next on the schedule is the Breckenridge Film Festival in Colorado, a nice festival to be in, Wooster says. It’s not on the same commercial level, though, as an upcoming Los Angeles-area

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City to Launch Alternative Response Unit

Crisis team would be sent to mental health emergencies

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

If someone in San Leandro calls 9-1-1 for help with a mental health crisis later this year, they may just get an EMT, a nurse practitioner, and a mental health professional sent to the scene, instead of a police officer or firefighter.

The Alameda County Fire Department (ACFD) and San Leandro are gearing up to launch an 18-month pilot program called the Alternative Response Unit (ARU) in late 2024 or early 2025. San Leandro would join Hayward,

Pleasanton, and San Ramon as cities with these types of pilot programs. The goal is to reduce the number of police responses to 9-1-1 calls for individuals with non-violent mental health and substance abuse needs who would otherwise be placed on a psychiatric hold. When a 9-1-1 call comes in, dispatchers would determine whether the ARU team would be the appropriate service. For example, the

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Drive Launched to Repair Casa Peralta

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

The San Leandro Historical Society is kicking off a drive to restore and reopen the historic Casa Peralta, which has been closed since Christmas 2018. “Public support is crucial not only for fundraising but also for urging the City of San Leandro to prioritize this project,” said Arthur Johnson, his-

torical society vice president. “Casa Peralta needs more than just basic maintenance, it requires a comprehensive renovation, including a new foundation and roof, among other critical repairs.” If left in its current state, the building may deteriorate further, becoming unsafe and

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Council Looks at City’s Economic Plan

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

What is San Leandro’s unique economic position and what are the city’s unique assets? That’s the question being debated as part of the city’s Economic Development Strategy, which is expected to be approved later this year. City Economic Development Manager Katie Bowman presented a plan on San

Leandro’s economic vision, goals and strategies, and the project’s schedule at a special meeting of the City Council on July 8. “This will act as a roadmap so that the city can provide resources with the ultimate goal of providing amenities for new and existing businesses,” Bowman said. San Leandro has an opportunity to attract innova-

tion-based industries (e.g., food tech, clean tech, robotics, biomedical) and to retain existing businesses with growth potential (e.g., health care, construction, retail, manufacturing). But there is a need for upgraded infrastructure and modern industrial buildings with flexible floorplans and functions. “We have a history in San Leandro that we make things,”

Mayor Juan González told the Times. “I think part of what we are doing is recognizing the importance of adding things that are of higher value. Our strategic focus needs to be on those higher-value items that are associated with higher wages, which is good for the local economy.” Development challenges include construction costs,

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School Improvements Underway this Summer

The San Leandro Unified School District (SLUSD) pointed out a series of improvement projects underway at schools this summer.

The school district said the projects close out the Measure N initiatives, as it prepares to launch the Measure J improvements. The projects underway help provide a safe, modern inspiring spaces for students,

staff and the community, the district said in an announcement last week.

Key Projects Include:

- Fresh exterior and interior painting at Garfield, Halkin, Jefferson, Madison, Roosevelt, and Washington Elementary Schools, Bancroft and John Muir Middle Schools, and the San Leandro



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- Roofing replacement to ensure a safe and weather-resistant facility at McKinley, Monroe, and Roosevelt Elementary Schools and Bancroft Middle School.
- Resurfacing of playground structures to provide students with safe and enjoyable play areas at all elementary schools.
- Installation of new flooring see IMPROVEMENTS, page 3

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Community Calendar

San Leandro Players Present *Waiting in the Wings*

The San Leandro Players presents Noel Coward's *Waiting in the Wings*, opening on Saturday night at the San Leandro Museum/Auditorium, 320 West Estudillo Ave., next to the historic Casa Peralta. The show runs on Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. through Aug. 18, plus two Friday shows at 8 p.m. on Aug. 9 and Aug. 16. Tickets: \$25 general; \$20 seniors and under 12 (other discounts may apply). For more information or tickets online at www.slplayers.org or by calling 510-895-2573.

Back to School Book Giveaway

San Leandro school board member Leo Sheridan and Books Inc. will hold a Back to School Book Giveaway on Saturday, Aug. 3, from 9 a.m. to noon at Books Inc., 2483 Washington Ave. in San Leandro. San Leandro's youngest learners, TK through 5th grade, can receive a brand new book to kick off the school year.

Celebrate Community at First Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian Church, 180 Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro, will host a National Night Out party on the front grounds on Tuesday, Aug. 6, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come and meet neighbors and enjoy ice cream, popsicles, and home baked cookies. Let's build connections to make a better and safer community. For more information, call 510-483-2772.

Praises of Zion Baptist Church National Night Out

Praises of Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 1395 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro, will host a National Night Out party on Tuesday, Aug. 6, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Backpacks with school supplies will be distributed to grades K-12. Children must be present and accompanied by an adult to receive a backpack. Available while supplies last. Free hot dogs, popcorn, water, games. Spin a wheel for a free tablet.

First United Methodist Church National Night Out

First United Methodist Church, 1600 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro, invites the neighborhood to National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 6 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Meet your neighbors in the church's labyrinth courtyard and enjoy light refreshments, and an activity table for kids. All are welcome. Email office@fumcsf.org for more information.

Park District Hosting National Night Out Party at Lake Chabot

The East Bay Regional Park District is hosting its second annual National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 6, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Lake Chabot Regional Park, 17600 Lake Chabot Road in Castro Valley. Parkgoers are invited to celebrate and strengthen community ties at this free event. Bring family, friends, and neighbors for a fun night out in the park. Talk with first responders, meet the police horses, see fire trucks, take pictures at the photo booth, enjoy refreshments and a live DJ. Free parking.

Learn About the Dahlia and Historic Casa Peralta

The San Leandro Dahlia Society and the San Leandro Historical Society invite everyone to the Casa Peralta courtyard, 384 W. Estudillo Ave. in downtown San Leandro on Wednesday, Aug. 7, from 5 to 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served at this free event. Learn about the dahlia society's gorgeous flowers and the historical society's Little Brown Church and the historic Casa Peralta. For more information, visit www.sanleandrohistory.org or email sanleandrohistory@gmail.com

Friends of the Library to Hold mini DVD Sale

The Friends of the San Leandro Library will host a mini DVD sale on Saturday, Aug. 10, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro. Check out the large selection of DVDs at low prices. All DVDs are \$1 each or buy 3 get 1 free. All proceeds benefit the San Leandro Library's programs and services. Credit cards now accepted.

Improvements: Summer projects

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ing to improve durability and aesthetics in classrooms and common areas at Garfield, Roosevelt, and Washington Elementary Schools.

• Comprehensive restroom renovations to enhance cleanliness, accessibility, and comfort for students and staff at McKinley Elementary School.

"These improvements demonstrate our ongoing dedication to creating the best possible learning environments for our students," said Superintendent Dr. Mike McLaughlin. "We believe that well-maintained and modernized facilities support educational excellence."

The summer projects are part of SLUSD's broader initiative to invest in infrastructure and ensure that all schools are equipped to meet the needs of 21st-century learners, according to the school district, which added that it appreciates the community's support through the approval of Measure N in 2020, which is



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

A work crew replaced the old sewer line at McKinley Elementary school last week.

ciates the community's support through the approval of Measure N in 2020, which is

funding these improvements. The SLUSD website at www.slusd.us has more information about district construction projects or other initiatives.

Relay for Life Set for Saturday at Chabot College

Relay for Live of the East Bay is coming back on Saturday, Aug. 3, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at Chabot College in Hayward.

Relay for Life is dedicated to helping communities team up to fight cancer, and includes teams from San Leandro, San Lorenzo, Castro Valley, and Hayward.

Relay is a nationwide fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, which provides free resources, support programs, wigs, transportation, and lodging, to people with cancer. It's a celebration of cancer survivors and caregivers, who are the heart of every Relay.

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in three women, will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime. There are almost 17 million cancer survivors in the United States – thanks, in part, to early cancer detection.

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SL Art Association to Hold Art Class For Students in Grades 6 to 12

The San Leandro Art Association is offering a free art class to students grades 6 to 12, on Wednesday August 7, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Marina Community Center in the Patio Room, 15301 Wicks Boulevard, San Leandro. This is the fourth in a series of free art classes offered by SLAA to the residents of San Leandro, funded by a grant from the San Leandro Arts, Culture and Library Commission. In this course students will be introduced to pastel painting. All supplies for the class will be provided for free.

The students will take home their art creations along with limited supplies for future art projects. During the breaks in the class time, beverages and snacks will also be provided free for students and their guardians. The class is limited to 20 students, on a first come, first served basis. For more information about this class, other upcoming classes visit: <https://www.sanleandroart.org/freeartclasses>. To register your child for this Introduction to Pastel Painting Class send email to: sanleandroart.contact@gmail.com

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Nearly all of us grew up with macaroni and cheese in some form or another.

This politically incorrect comfort food was a regular in most homes during a good part of the last century, wheth-

er it was your grandmother's special recipe served for Sunday supper, or the scores of Kraft Dinners ("cooks in 7-1/2 minutes") that sustained you through college.

But then in the '60s, home cooking entered a new glamorous phase. Magazines and newspapers printed exciting French recipes with names like potage, brioche and roulade. So, what self-respecting restaurant would dare put something like *Macaroni and Cheese* on its menu?

The truth is, the cheesy casserole of our childhood is still

with us today and is still going strong. What accounts for its popularity in today's fat-free climate?

At frozen-food seminars, they're talking about the growth in comfort foods, and that's where mac and cheese fit right in. Kraft still sells more than 1 million boxes of Kraft Mac and Cheese every day. Add to that the sales of frozen macaroni dinners and the sales figures go up to more than a billion dollars a year.

Macaroni and cheese has truly passed the test of time and competition, and qualifies as a true classic food.

CLASSIC MACARONI & CHEESE

- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) unsalted butter, plus 1 tablespoon melted butter for topping
- 5 tablespoons flour
- 2 cups whole milk
- Salt and white pepper to taste
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne, plus additional for topping
- 1/4 teaspoon dry mustard
- 8 ounces (uncooked) elbow macaroni
- 8 ounces milk
- 2 cups grated Cheddar cheese
- 1/4 cup bread crumbs

In a 2-to-3-quart saucepan, melt the 1/4 cup butter over medium heat. Add the flour and stir for 2 minutes. Slowly add the milk, whisking to combine. Bring to a simmer, add salt and white pepper to taste, and add cayenne and dry mustard. Reduce heat to low and let sauce simmer slowly for 20 minutes.

Meanwhile, preheat the oven to 350°F. On the stove top, cook the macaroni according

to the package directions, drain and place in a large bowl.

Remove the sauce from the heat. Add the cheese and stir until it melts. Combine the sauce with the drained macaroni. Pour the macaroni mixture into a baking dish of about 11x8x2-inches.

Combine the bread crumbs and 1 tablespoon melted butter. Sprinkle over the macaroni and cheese. Bake in the preheated oven for 25 minutes, or until lightly browned on top. Let rest 5 minutes before serving. Serves 6 generously.

DELUXE MACARONI & CHEESE

- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 1/4 cup unsifted flour
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- 2-1/2 cups milk
- 3 cups coarsely grated sharp Cheddar cheese
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon white pepper
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tablespoon finely grated yellow onion
- 1/2 pound elbow macaroni

Cook macaroni according to package directions.

Melt butter in a saucepan over moderate heat; blend in flour and mustard, slowly stir in milk. Cook, stirring, until thickened.

Mix in 2 cups grated cheese and remaining ingredients except macaroni. Taste for salt and add more if needed. Cook and stir until cheese melts. Remove from heat; mix in macaroni. Turn mixture into a buttered 2-quart casserole; sprinkle with remaining 1 cup cheese.

Bake, uncovered, in preheated 350°F oven about 1/2 hour until bubbly and lightly

browned. Serves 6.

EMERIL'S 3-CHEESE MACARONI & CHEESE

- Coarse salt
- 1/2 pound elbow macaroni
- 3 slices bacon, cut crosswise into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1-1/2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 3 large eggs
- 1 (12-ounce) can evaporated milk
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1-1/2 cups grated sharp Cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup grated Monterey Jack cheese (2 ounces)
- 1/2 cup finely grated Parmesan

Preheat oven to 475°F. In a large pot of boiling salted water, cook macaroni 6 minutes (it will be undercooked). Drain.

Meanwhile, heat a small skillet over medium and add bacon. Cook until fat is rendered and bacon is crisp, about 10 minutes. Add garlic and cook until fragrant, 30 seconds. With a slotted spoon, transfer bacon mixture to a medium bowl. Add macaroni and stir to combine.

In a large bowl, whisk together eggs and evaporated milk. Add 1/2 teaspoon salt, cayenne, nutmeg, and cheeses; mix well. Add macaroni mixture and stir well to combine. Transfer to an 8- or 9-inch square baking dish or 2-quart gratin dish. With a spoon, gently spread mixture to form an even layer. Bake just until sauce is bubbling at edges, 12 minutes. Let rest 10 minutes before serving. Yields 6 servings.

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BACK TO SCHOOL

Working with Schools to Support Neurodiversity

By Jagmeet Kaur Sangha
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Did this summer fly by, or is it just me? Though we may have just settled into our summer routines, it's already time to transition back to school. For many, change can be difficult. Planning ahead and considering the needs of your child (and yourself) early on can ease the transition. A proactive approach also helps create supportive systems that promote inclusive educational environments for all students, especially for neurodivergent minds.

In recent years, the concept of neurodiversity has gained momentum. It emphasizes the importance of recognizing and valuing brain-based differences, including conditions such as autism, ADHD, dyslexia, and other cognitive variations. Neurodiversity advocates for accepting diverse neurological conditions rather than the need to "cure" certain behaviors.

Effective support for neurodiverse students begins with collaboration among all stakeholders—students, parents, and educators. Here are some steps schools and families can take to ensure a cohesive education approach and make the 2024–25 school year successful for all learners.

Find the Motivation

Make it a habit to identify your child's strengths, interests, and motivations. This helps to gain their cooperation and makes transitions easier. For instance, if your child loves trains, try incorporating them into your routine. Plan visits to places with trains as positive reinforcement or inform their teacher so trains can be included in their learning activities. Motivation is one of the fundamental drivers of our behavior. By understanding what motivates our children, we can use it to empower them to meet their individual goals.

Self-Determination

Self-determination refers to the ability of an individual to shape their own life, make their own choices, and set their own goals. In education, fostering self-determination in children means encouraging them to take an active role in their education and pursuing

their interests and goals. If your child has an IEP (individualized education plan) or a Section 504 plan, get in the practice of discussing their goals and asking for their input. If your child has been recently diagnosed as neurodivergent, talk to their school and determine if they qualify for one of these education plans. This approach helps build confidence, autonomy, and a sense of responsibility, essential for your child's development and future success.

Build a Community for Your Child (and yourself)

Creating a supportive community is vital for both you and your child. Talk to your child's school, physician, or other parents to discover potential support groups or resources in your local area. Building these relationships fosters a sense of belonging. It can help you navigate the school year's challenges, while having a network of peers and supportive adults can significantly improve your child's social and emotional well-being.

Communicate Needs and Evaluate Often

Effective communication is crucial in ensuring your child's needs are met. Regularly discuss your child's progress and any concerns with their teachers and caregivers. Don't hesitate to advocate for necessary adjustments to their learning environment. Continuously evaluating your child's experiences and adjusting strategies as needed can help maintain a positive and supportive educational setting. Open and ongoing communication can prevent small issues from becoming significant obstacles.

Learn to Be Flexible

The most important thing is flexibility and adapting to the ever-changing demands of parenting and education. While having a plan is important, being open to adjustments can make transitions less stressful. Sometimes, unexpected changes can present new opportunities for growth and learning; if you lean into them, those moments can bring unforeseen joy. Embracing occasional hiccups and encouraging your child to do the same will equip them with valuable life skills.

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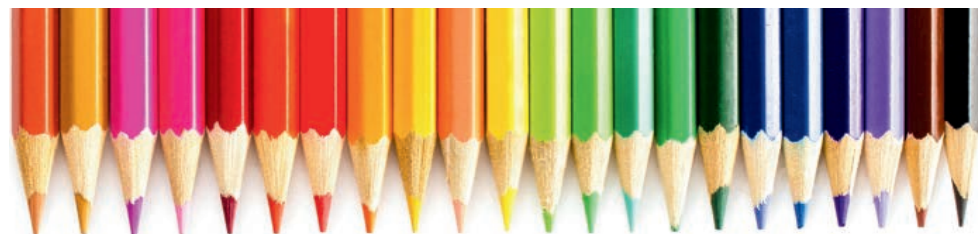
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It is a scenario all too common: a buyer visits a home, falls in love and asks their agent to write an offer. To everyone's delight it is accepted and escrow begins. Unfortunately, things go sideways as the

buyer refuses to put their good faith deposit into escrow. With no deposit, the transaction is effectively cancelled, the seller is frustrated or angry and the critical Days on the Market needlessly increase. When asked, "Why did you cancel?" the reasons vary. Some simply get Buyer's Remorse: the thought of making such a major purchase is too daunting. Others excitedly tell parents or friends, only to get negative feedback about the location, condition, accepted price, terms or some other issue. A few realize they may have overcommitted and are looking for a way to bail out. Some even spot a better property the next day and decide to try for it instead. Whatever the reason, we are currently seeing a dramatic increase in cancellations. Under normal circumstances, an offer has contingencies which allow a buyer a few different ways to legally terminate or renegotiate the contract. In today's current market, however, many offers are written non-contingent, which means the only recourse a buyer may have to try getting out of the contract is to refuse to put their good faith deposit in escrow.

Using this tactic to cancel is actually a breach of contract and could result in legal action. In many cases, however, the seller, although frustrated, being made aware that such action could sideline their chances of selling in a reasonable period, allows the buyer to walk away by cancelling the contract. A note to buyers considering this tactic, however, is in order: some sellers may not be willing to be so gracious. The point is simple: when writing an offer, take the time necessary to consider your likelihood of cancelling and, if there is any doubt, do not write. Spend time with your agent going over all the potential scenarios and then act in a responsible manner. While there will always be valid reasons for cancelling a contract, frivolous cancellations should be avoided due to the cloud it may place on the property, the emotional or financial impact it can have on a seller and the extra needless work by the agents involved. Whatever the motivation, cancelling a contract by refusing to submit the deposit is simply not cosher.

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Control Squash Bugs with Neem Oil

By Buzz Bertolero
The Dirt Gardener

Q Is insecticidal soap mixed with canola oil or neem oil recommended to control the squash bugs in my organic garden?

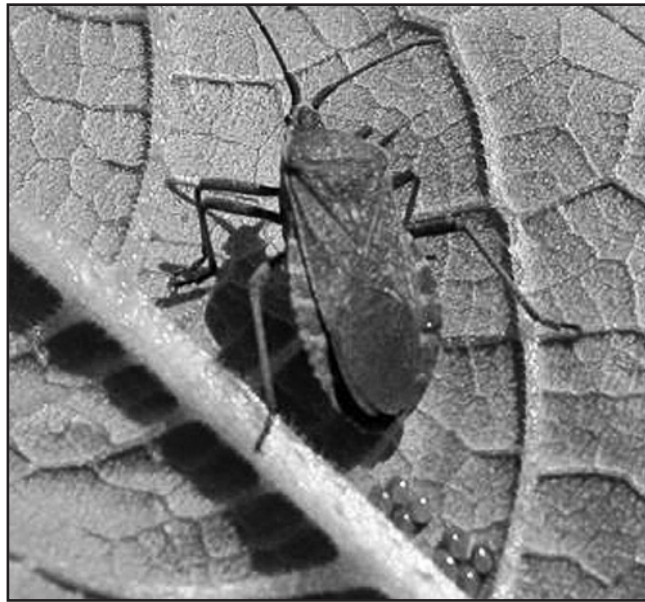
A Surprisingly, canola oil, along with insecticidal soap and neem oil, are recommended controls for squash bugs on the UC Davis IPM website. While I have no problems with neem oil or insecticidal soap in home gardens, I'm leery of using canola oil as there are no posted dilution or application rates.

With the wrong application rate, you could very easily burn the plants in warm weather.

Squash bugs, often referred to as stink bugs, are difficult to control in large quantities; hence, you need to be proactive early, much like whiteflies.

They prefer crookneck or yellow straight-neck squash but not zucchini. You can also find them on pumpkins, cucumbers, along with the winter squash varieties.

Squash bugs cause the vines to turn black and die while the insect feeds on the foliage and the maturing fruits.



Be on the look out for squash bug eggs starting in May through mid summer.

In organic gardens, there are several strategies you can use that don't require spraying. If only a few plants are affected, the most effective control method is to manually remove and destroy the adults and eggs.

The adults are about five-eighths of an inch long and a quarter of an inch wide. They're a grey or black color with orange and or

brown stripes on the edges of their abdomen.

The eggs are a shiny, yellowish-brown to reddish color. You'll find them on the undersides of leaves, lined up in neat rows near the base of the main vein. The eggs are clearly visible to the naked eye, so you should be on the look out for them starting in May through mid summer.

They're easily destroyed by gently rubbing them back and forth with your fingers, but make sure you don't damage the leaf.

Between the adult and egg, the white to greenish-gray-colored nymph is present. Nymphs have no wings, although they do have legs and mature into adults in four to six weeks.

The adult and nymph cluster together near the base of plants

beneath the foliage. They may also be found along the vines and unripe fruit.

Another option is to place cardboard strips or shingles on the ground next to the plants. The squash bugs will gather in the morning under the boards, making it easier to eliminate them.

Catnip, radishes, nasturtiums and marigolds are plants that are purported to repel squash bugs, to some degree; so, companion planting could be considered.

At the end of the season, remove all the leftover debris. Good sanitation practices eliminate hid-

ing places for the bugs to overwinter.

And, finally, you can spray with neem oil, insecticidal soap or spinosad. My preference would be neem oil or spinosad.

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Schools: More Inclusive Experience

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The name of the business(es):
Diaz Concrete Pumping, located at
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istered by the following owner(s): En-
rique Diaz Franco, located at 2577 West
Avenue, San Leandro CA 94577. This
business is conducted by An Individual.
This business commenced N/A
/s/Enrique Diaz Franco
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The name of the business(es):
Venegas Production Group, located
at 1105 Begier Ave., San Leandro CA
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tered by the following owner(s): Thom-
as Venegas, located at 1105 Begier Ave.,
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This business commenced 5/1/24
/s/Thomas Venegas
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Pursuant to Business and
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Sections 17900-17930
The name of the business(es):
MC Construction, located at 450 Park
Street STE 106, Alameda, CA 94501
Alameda County, is hereby registered
by the following owner(s): Marcos An-
tonio, located at 19174 Western Blvd.,
Hayward CA 94541. This business is
conducted by An Individual.
This business commenced 07/01/2024.
/s/Marcos Antonio
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Pursuant to Business and
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Sections 17900-17930
The name of the business(es):
Above & Beyond Travel, located at 1687
Via Lucas, San Lorenzo CA 94580 Al-
ameda County, is hereby registered by
the following owner(s): Karen S Ellison,
located at 1687 Via Lucas, San Lorenzo
CA 94580. This business is conducted
by An Individual.
This business commenced 6/1/2024
/s/Karen S Ellison
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Pursuant to Business and
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The name of the business(es):
JH Wash & Fold Laundry Services, lo-
cated at 14278 E 14th Street, Ste A San
Leandro, CA 94578 / 1634 Sweetwater
Dr, San Leandro, CA 94578. Alameda
County, is hereby registered by the fol-
lowing owner(s): Jose Javier Martinez,
located at 1634 Sweetwater Dr, San
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1634 Sweetwater Dr, San Leandro, CA
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OPINION

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Apartment Building Development Delayed Way Too Long

Editor,

So, according to the San Leandro Times, the City of San Leandro Community Development director has no information about 1300 Bancroft "and the city does not know when construction will begin or have control of the start date or timeline. That information would have to come from the developer."

So, the graffiti-filled site, with missing and broken windows, and partial demolition is something that the City of San Leandro can do nothing about. What other city would allow such a state of affairs? Oakland, Piedmont, Castro Valley?

What are the elected officials doing? They are legislating how high the grass can be on lots (4 inches). They are passing a noise ordinance (65 decibels). But someone who is responsible is turning a blind eye to the tremendous eyesore at 1300 Bancroft.

Just this week, graffiti has appeared to add to the deterioration of the property. I am beginning to think that money has, or is, changing hands. How else could this be allowed to continue?

As stated in my previous email, the developer needs to be fined for each month this is allowed to continue. Otherwise, what possible incentive does he have to clean up this mess? For those in charge of the City of San Leandro, this is outrageous. Do something.

Ann Jensen
San Leandro

Public Safety and Preparedness From Extreme Fire Risk

Editor,

Since January 2023, Lake Chabot Road has been closed due to rains that caused a hill slide, effectively cutting off a vital evacuation route for emergency vehicles and residents. This road is a key piece of city infrastructure for emergency response that also links residents with medical resources in Castro Valley. This should be of high concern to residents of Bay O Vista, Assumption Parish and Estudillo Estates.

In 2023, Alameda County commissioned a report from

national consulting firm Kittleson Associates, documenting the extreme fire risk in San Leandro as a result of this vital evacuation route being closed. CALFIRE has also assigned a "very high" risk rating to the city.

In 1991, the Oakland Hills firestorm killed 25 people and injured 150. Nearly 3000 homes and 437 apartments were destroyed in less than 6 hours. The winds created by the firestorm reached hurricane strength and were the primary cause of uncontrollable fire. Panicked residents were unable to navigate narrow, winding, steep roads and emergency vehicles were unable to do the same from the opposite direction. The topography of our hills is very similar to the Oakland hills, where the firestorm quickly spread to the flatlands after starting on Grizzly Peak Road and traveled down slope across Highway 13 and into the Rockridge neighborhood.

In addition to high fire risk in our hills, 3500 vehicles per day have been re-routed, including through neighborhoods that were not designed for heavy traffic. This has created an unsafe condition and added to the crime rate, impacting public safety. Successful housing developments are designed to include feeder streets for daily ingress/egress and emergency purposes. Lake Chabot Road and Bay O Vista were well-planned with this in mind.

Residents of BOV, Assumption Parish and Estudillo Estates must educate themselves with this information and urge the city to apply for grant funding to restore this vital evacuation route and re-open Lake Chabot Road.

Tim Ballas
San Leandro

Claims about Immigration Unsubstantiated

Letter,

Craig Williams accuses President Trump of lies about immigrants being mostly criminals, murderers and rapists (Trump Lies about Immigrants, July 25, 2024), but he leaves out Trump also said there are some good people.

But what Craig leaves out of the equation is, as good as he says the workers are and non-crime

committing, they are not checked out at the border and there is no attempt by this administration to limit the number or check on who is coming in.

He neglects to tell us all the perks they receive from us, the taxpayers, or mention those killed by illegals like our own Officer Niemi killed 19 years ago, or the murders illegals have committed and then the DAs that let these people out of jail within the month. And there is the totally unfounded claim that immigrants commit less crime than Americans. No evidence to substantiate that.

We need to have a solid border wall and checkpoints, and do as President Trump was able to accomplish – but Biden reversed – which is make people apply for entry into the United States while still in their own country. Then we can let in just what we need. Upwards of 12 million in addition to what we have is unsustainable.

And Craig, enough with throwing accusations without telling us all that Donald Trump actually said.

Corey Anderson
San Leandro

Support Needed to Save Casa Peralta

Editor,

I am writing to highlight the urgent need for increased public awareness and funding to save Casa Peralta, a cornerstone of our community's heritage. Since the 1970s, this historic house museum has welcomed thousands of school tours, events, and weekend visitors. Sadly, it is now closed due to a lack of maintenance, rendering it unsafe.

Casa Peralta connects us to our local history dating back to 1776, and without immediate restoration and repairs, we risk losing this irreplaceable treasure.

The San Leandro Historical Society has initiated a capital campaign to raise funds for the restoration of Casa Peralta and its serene garden in downtown San Leandro. Public support is crucial not only for fundraising but also for urging the city of San Leandro to prioritize this project.

Casa Peralta needs more than just basic maintenance; it requires a comprehensive renovation, including a new foundation and roof, among other critical repairs. If left in its current state, the building may deteriorate further, becoming unsafe and potentially facing demolition.

Losing Casa Peralta would be a significant blow to the city of San Leandro, given its profound historical importance.

We invite the community to show their support by joining us and the Dahlia Society on

Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at Casa Peralta from 5 pm to 8 pm. Come see the blooming dahlias and learn more about Casa Peralta. For more information, please visit our website at <https://www.sanleandrohistory.org/casa-peralta-restoration-campaign.html>.

Art Johnson,
Vice President of the San Leandro Historical Society
San Leandro

Israel's Right to Exist

Editor,

A letter to the editor in last week's issue falsely accuses me of supporting "the criminal genocide committed in Palestine" because I protested the anti-Semitic attacks on Oakland's Chabad Center.

Apologists for Hamas (and its backers in Tehran) try to paint Israel as a "colonial settler" state that is committing "genocide" in Gaza.

They never mention that Israel came into being after Stalinist Communist parties in Germany prevented working people from taking power into their own hands and refused to lead a fight against the Nazis. When Franklin Roosevelt and other imperialist leaders denied entry to Jews fleeing Hitler's death camps during and after World War II, where else were Jews to go?

Hamas, an organization that openly calls for annihilating Jews and that is supported by the brutal clerical capitalist regime in Iran, broke a ceasefire last Oct. 7 by carrying out the worst pogrom since the Nazi Holocaust. Israel's defense of itself is justified.

Hamas is not a national liberation movement. It is the biggest obstacle working people in Gaza and the West Bank face to fighting for their rights. It is a murderous thug outfit that uses Palestinians as human shields, then calls their deaths "genocide."

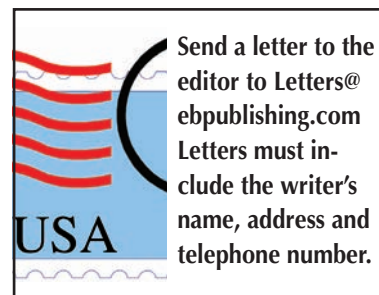
As Socialist Workers Party candidate for Congress in District 12, I call on all unionists and working people to oppose Jew-hatred and support the right of Israel to exist. Doing so will help open political space for working people in Gaza, Israel, Iran and other countries and strengthen the course of building a movement of millions capable of ending the dictatorship of capital in all the countries in the Mideast, in the U.S. and beyond.

Eric Simpson
Oakland
Eric Simpson is the Socialist Workers Party Candidate for U.S. Congress, 12th District

Housing Reform Needed Immediately

Editor,

The Big Tent calls on the City of San Leandro to implement housing reform immediately and to



declare that there exists a housing emergency in our community.

Each year, housing scarcity and rents rising faster than wages cause many renters in the city to be evicted or priced out of their homes, resulting in housing turnover and unstable neighborhoods. This displacement damages our families and communities by increasing homelessness, food insecurity, pollution, mental illness, and lowering life expectancy. Community displacement hurts not only our residents; it also holds dire consequences for the resilience of our economy. San Leandro's manufacturing employers, schools, and small businesses are already challenged in their effort to find adequately skilled, reliable, local workers. An insufficient workforce hurts business growth and our ability to increase revenues and improve our facilities and services.

San Leandro's housing supply was approximately 73% below its Regional Housing Needs Allocation for 2015-2023 and needs to build at least 1,857 units of housing to meet its Regional Housing Needs Allocation for 2023-2031. Currently, it costs almost \$2,000 per month to afford the average one-bedroom rental unit in San Leandro. To pay only 30% of income in rent, a minimum wage worker would need to work the equivalent of 98.5 hours per week. The financial situation is even worse for families with children and seniors.

The Big Tent recognizes that immediate and decisive action is needed to ensure that there exists safe, affordable, and supportive housing in San Leandro. We know that when rent increases are stabilized year over year displacement is reduced, tenants' rights are protected, and the local economy is strengthened. As such, we propose that the city adopt a comprehensive housing reform ordinance that will do just that.

View our proposal in detail at <https://tinyurl.com/BTSLHousingReform>.

Please support housing reform in San Leandro by signing the open letter from SL HOPE at <https://tinyurl.com/SLHOPELetter> and joining the Big Tent by contacting us at btsl@googlegroups.com.

Together we can help build a better San Leandro for everyone.

Stephen Michael Tow
San Leandro

Casa: \$6 million in repairs needed for Casa

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potentially face demolition, according to the historical society. Losing Casa Peralta would be a significant blow to the city of San Leandro, given its historical importance, they said.

Casa Peralta is San Leandro's historic house museum, according to the city's website. Three descendants of the original land grant of Rancho San Antonio, which ranged from the San Leandro Creek to current-day El Cerrito, lived there. The home was remodeled in 1926 as a grand Spanish-style villa. Inside, hand-painted tiles imported from Spain tell the story of Don Quixote.

The city-owned building was closed temporarily due to needing safety improvements and to seek funding for those repairs, Johnson said. The historical society left it closed when the pandemic hit in early 2020, but had always hoped to reopen it.

An adjoining building which houses offices and is topped by a bell tower was built later and it remains open.

A 2016 report by an outside firm found the original building, built in 1901, needed about \$6 million in structural and other repairs to be safe. That included the interior and exterior.

Notably, the building has a brick foundation which would likely need to be replaced. That, in turn would set off the need for other repairs and upgrades, Johnson said.

The historical society set



PHOTO BY MIKE MCGUIRE

The historic Casa Peralta, owned by the City of San Leandro, has been closed because of needed repair work.

up a committee to fundraise and raise awareness about the building's historical significance, but the only repair carried out since the 2016 report was installing modern security lighting.

Johnson said a likely estimate of needed repairs today would be closer to \$10 million.

In its heyday, many festive events were held inside the building, and could be again, Johnson said. Schoolchildren took tours of the building for years.

Not only could it house events, raising some revenue for the city, but all the historical artifacts inside remain intact, he added.

Johnson said other uses for the building and grounds

“If left in its current state, the building may deteriorate further, becoming unsafe and potentially face demolition.”

— San Leandro Historical Society

could also be explored.

Even closed, the building costs the city about \$200,000 annually to maintain, according to Johnson.

The grounds, however, are available for weddings and other events. For rental information, you can contact ycarrasco@sanleandro.org.

The historical society invites the community to show their support by joining them and the Dahlia Society next Wednesday, August 7, at Casa Peralta from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Visitors can see the blooming dahlias in the garden and learn more about Casa Peralta. More information on the historical society's campaign is at www.sanleandrohistory.org/casa-peralta-restoration-campaign.html.

Plan: New policy on concealed weapon fee

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permitting, and financing. San Leandro's shopping centers also need physical improvements and need to offer more high-end retail. This is especially true for centers like the Bayfair and downtown zone.

The draft will now be reviewed by the public for feedback, and City Council before the final strategy report gets another round of reviews and potentially council approval in Fall 2024.

Taking Care of the Homeless

In other city news, the council voted to allow the city manager to continue to work on applying for and facilitating state-based Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) funds. Since 2019, San Leandro has received \$1,024,091 from

HHAP coffers.

The city also has approval to renew a contract of up to \$200,000 in grant funds with the Building Futures for Women and Children non-profit to help it operate shelters in town.

Building Futures operates a 30-bed shelter for unhoused women with and without children. The group also has a 20-bed shelter for people escaping domestic violence or human trafficking.

Services include interim housing, case management, meals, on-site case management, individual therapy, life skills coaching, domestic violence and parenting support groups, evening children's activities, and access to health care and other services.

Concealed Carry Fee

Before last week, San

Leandro did not have a Concealed Carry Weapon (CCW) license fee. Since 2022, license applications have shifted from the Alameda County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) to local police departments.

So, the San Leandro Police Department (SLPD) conducted an assessment and came up with four types of licenses: Standard (for the general public, which requires renewal every two years), Judges (renewed every three years), Reserve Officers (renewed every four years), and Employment (temporary conceal license fees for individuals like jewelers who may need to carry high-value products and visiting San Leandro for a short period of time).

These fees are in addition to fees charged by the State of California Department of Justice. Applicants must com-

plete an online Department of Justice (DOJ) application. Additionally, applicants must undergo fingerprinting (LIVESCAN) to facilitate a criminal history check and a firearm check through the DOJ.

Initial fees range between \$424 for the public, \$453 for judges, \$470 for reserve officers, and \$369 for special employment applicants.

Currently, there are 44 approved CCW licenses issued by ACSO to residents of San Leandro, along with 142 pending applications from San Leandro residents, which ACSO agreed to process.

With the City Council unanimously approving, San Leandro will now handle all new license applications and renewals. The SLPD estimates it will process approximately 200 licenses annually.

Robert Scott Stimson

May 16, 1972 ~ May 18, 2024

'Stimp' was born at St. Rose Hospital and was raised in San Leandro.

He attended Thomas Jefferson Elementary, Bancroft Middle School and graduated San Leandro High in 1990. He received his BS from Cal State Hayward and eventually got his teaching credentials. He loved teaching.

He is survived by his mother, Jane Urish Potter, Aunt Mary Wilson (Steve), cousins Keith and Kevin Wilson. He was preceded in death by his stepfather, David Potter, who raised him from the age of 3. Also preceded in death by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Urish, and father, Richard C Stimson.

Services will be Aug. 3, 1 p.m. at 14235 Bancroft Ave. Bethel Presbyterian Church.



Wanda Josephine Perino “Vanda Gusappuni Frugoli”

January 18, 1938 ~ July 23, 2024

Wanda, a beloved mother, grandmother, and small business owner, passed away at the age of 86. Born and raised in Gilroy, she later settled in San Leandro, where she lived until her final days. Despite battling cancer three times, Wanda remained resilient and dedicated to her family.

Wanda was preceded in death by her father Alfredo, mother Paolina, her brother Umberto, her two sisters, Mary and Inez, as well as her late husband, Robert, and her son, Vincent.

For four decades, she ran Bowlin Equipment, a family business in Berkeley with her sons Larry & Vincent. Her commitment to excellence and her warm-hearted nature endeared her to lifelong friends, many of whom she met through her business and her 30-year tenure as an Avon representative going door to door.

Wanda's generosity knew no bounds. She loved her grandchildren and sons deeply, and her compassion extended to the neighborhood cats she fed. Her legacy will be one of kindness, resilience, and humility.

Services were held at St. Mary's Parish in Gilroy on August 3, 2024, followed by burial. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to the American Cancer Society in her honor.

Wanda will be missed by all who knew her, but her spirit lives on in the memories she leaves behind.



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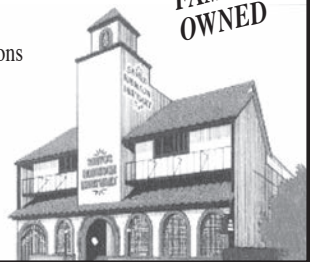
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Response: Police would take charge in more threatening situations

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three-person team would be called if an individual is experiencing suicidal thoughts, is thinking of harming themselves, has minimally harmed themselves, or is in emotional distress.

The ARU team would not respond to every mental health crisis. Police would take over a situation if someone is experiencing a medical emergency, is known to have a gun in their home or on their person, or if there are threats of harm to others.

The county fire department will operate the three-person ARU team within San Leandro city limits. During the pilot program, the ARU team will work 40 hours per week – four days a week, in 10-hour shifts, according to City Human Services Director Jessica Lobedan. And because it is a pilot program, she says data will be collected and reported to the city council every quarter.

“The ARU continues to build out San Leandro’s tools to address mental health in our

community,” Lobedan said. “We are excited to offer this resource in the community to deliver an appropriate and timely response to behavioral health calls.”

The program has its roots in public calls to defund the police and the April 2020 shooting death of Steven Taylor, who had mental health issues.

“I believe if we had had this program, my grandson might not have been murdered,” Taylor’s grandmother, Addie Kitchen, told the City Council at the July 15 meeting. “We know a lot of people have been murdered by law enforcement because they don’t know what else to do and because they’re not trained to deal with the situation. I will continue to keep my eye on how things are going.”

Because the fire department is a county agency, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors needed to approve parts of the contract with fire department. At its July 23 meeting, the Supervisors approved the firm Cardea as

the contracted mental health provider and subcontractor for mental health services.

“Part of Cardea’s successful proposal was its staffing model, which includes a Licensed Nurse Practitioner or other licensed medical practitioner or mental health professional and a Community Health Outreach Worker (CHOW),” Lobedan said. “The CHOWs often share lived experience with the target population and are adept at connecting clients with resources, conducting follow-up, and building rapport.”

At its July 15 meeting, the San Leandro City Council approved the pilot program by a 5-0 vote, with Councilman Fred Simon absent. Councilman Pete Ballew abstained because he said he would rather reinvest the funding in police programs.

The program has a one-time \$1.350 million budget, generated from the American Rescue Plan Act and the city’s general fund. Additional funds will need to be identified if it shows success.

Movie: A red-carpet event

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tival where “Bound” will be shown that’s so prestigious filmmakers are not allowed to even name it until its program is released officially by the sponsors.

“It’s definitely a red-carpet event,” Wooster said.

The film already had its theatrical premiere, at Hollywood’s TCL Chinese Theater, formerly Grauman’s Chinese Theater, which first put famous stars’ footprints in the concrete out front.

People who follow the national art scene are probably most familiar with Wooster for playing the role of Joey in the Broadway production of, “Warhorse,” which won six Tony awards. He’s also done several film screenplays, almost had the lead in a major-studio film that got canceled in the pandemic, and has acted across the country and around the world.

Wooster saw early in the pandemic that live theater and film productions opportunities were dwindling and decided to get more serious about writing his own material rather than performing other people’s.

He got a chance to produce one major-studio film, but realized the studio wanted him to raise all the funds, millions of dollars, while offering him only 15 percent of the eventual proceeds.

“I thought, instead of me raising all the funds for a \$3 million film, maybe I should be raising all \$300,000 of a \$300,000 film,” he said.

So Wooster decided to make “Bound” himself, though he says it ended up costing well beyond \$300,000.

“Fortunately, I’d been supporting myself between acting jobs by bartending in New York, and some of my customers actually had a bit of money they could offer,” he said.

The title, Bound, refers both to someone heading in a direction to pursue their dreams, and to the things still holding them back.

“Bound” is about a young woman named Bella in New Jersey, who is a talented metal sculptor and artist but who has not been able to fully develop her talents in several years of trying. She lives with her mentally and physically ill mother and drug-dealing stepfather, and she finds out the stepfather had hidden a letter telling her she’d won a scholarship to a leading New York art school.

She takes the letter and heads for New York, knowing no one there and having no idea how she’ll make a living there or even find a place to



Isaac Wooster

stay. Through sheer pluck and some luck, she manages to find a new family of choice there who help her survive.

They’re all wounded in some way, though, and we see she is too, with flashbacks of her past traumas sometimes immobilizing her.

The themes of “Bound” may be familiar to independent film fans, but Wooster wanted viewers not to be able to predict what’s going to happen.

“I try not to have real good guys or bad guys. Even Gordy (the stepfather) is a complex character, with a desire to do good mixed in with the likely bad consequences of almost everything he does,” he said.

“I like to make the audience think a little bit,” Wooster added.

Wooster attended Roosevelt Elementary, Bancroft

Middle School and then San Leandro High School, Class of 1996. But he wasn’t an actor yet. He played sports instead: soccer, football and baseball.

He took his athleticism with him to college at U.C. Davis where he signed up for an acting class because a friend had.

Wooster found himself fascinated by the physical movement aspect of acting. After a few years trying to break into Bay Area productions, he realized that even productions based on the West Coast were often cast out of New York. He had a chance to pursue a master’s degree at Columbia University, where he could learn more about physical movement.

“There were all these famous professors at Columbia, but I learned the most from someone much less famous here, Niky Wolcz from Romania. He was an expert in how actors moved, so I learned a lot about things like silent films and Italian commedia dell’arte,” Wooster said.

Wooster is encouraged by the reception “Bound” has gotten, and particularly by the sky-high rating the film has gotten on a leading film website, the Internet Movie Database (IMBD.com). In the Pro version of the website, viewed more by film professionals, it has a rating of 9.2 on a 10-point scale.

Adopt-A-Pet



Arky



Rex

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are a shepherd mix and a terrier mix.

Arky is a 2-year-old tan, shepherd-mastiff mix. He’s a big ole boy that loves to take you for a walk, not vice versa. Arky has plenty of energy, but knows how to be a big cuddle. He is already chipped and is looking to start his new life in a home.

Rex is a two-year-old tan, border terrier mix. He is a shy guy who needs a family that can give him the extra TLC he needs.

Although he is small, he has a lot of energy and will require mental and physical enrichment. Rex is ready to start his new life with his new family.

To meet or adopt Arky or Rex, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at 510-293-7200.

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Fri. Aug 9	DEE COCO & Co.	8PM	
Sat. Aug 10	STEADY EDDIE & The Shakers	6PM	
Sun. Aug 11	GGBS - Niecey & The Obamas	4PM	
Fri. Aug 16	THE DELTA WIRES	8PM	
Sat. Aug 17	3 O'CLOCK JUMP	2PM	
Sat. Aug 17	MASTERPIECE THE BAND	6PM	
Sun. Aug 18	THE FLOW	4PM	
Fri. Aug 23	Re-Wind "That 80's Band"	8PM	
Sat. Aug 24	PATRÓN LATIN RHYTHMS	6PM	
Sun. Aug 25	PAT WILDER BAND	4PM	

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