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San Leandro High No. 3 tennis player Michelle Tat returns a shot in a close match against Encinal.

Jets Take Close Match, 4-3

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

If it was up to the doubles teams, San Leandro High tennis would be in first place this year in the West Alameda County Conference (WACC).

The Pirates girls tennis team battled for first place against Encinal High last Thursday afternoon on the San Leandro courts. The Jets won the overall match, 4-3, after taking all four singles matches. Though the Pirates won all three doubles matches.

The teams were tied at three matches apiece in the late afternoon sun with one match yet to be decided, the No. 3 singles match that went to three sets. But in the end, Mia Rossi of Encinal beat Michelle Tat of

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City Unveils Free Wi-Fi at the Parks

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

Marina Park now has the facilities to grill a lunch, play volleyball, work out, jog, and... get on the internet.

City officials unveiled a free, high-speed, public Wi-Fi at the shoreline park on Monday, the first of six city parks that will have Wi-Fi.

"It's my dream come true," said City Councilwoman Corina Lopez, who is on the Information Technology and Communications Committee of the National League of Cities, an advocacy organization for towns and cities

across the country. "There are only a few cities doing this. This is bold."

The city's Wi-Fi that's already in operation downtown will be expanded, and Wi-Fi will be installed in six other San Leandro parks – Halcyon, Floresta, Siempre Verde, Toyon, Stenzel, and Memorial.

"Marina Park was the first, because it reaches a wider audience, a lot of people come here," Lopez said.

These Wi-Fi networks are

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PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Mayor Pauline Cutter and city officials held a ribbon cutting Monday to unveil the free wi-fi at city parks.

Oliver-Benson Takes on Lopez For City Council

Challenger and incumbent disagree on rent control and handling of Fosters-Freeze affair

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

Corina Lopez says she has the experience in leadership and personal drive to make her the top candidate for City Council in District 5, so she's asking for four more years in office.

Lopez, 48, has an information technology consulting business and often mentions her childhood, when as the daughter of migrant farm workers, her fam-

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

The fourth time Maxine Oliver-Benson's car was vandalized outside of her apartment on Haas Avenue, she decided she'd had enough.

She said she called her City Council representative and the San Leandro police several times, but she was constantly put off. So when the election nomination period opened up, Oliver-Benson



Corina Lopez



Maxine Oliver-Benson

ily was often forced to sleep in motels. She says this experience has made her a strong advocate for affordable housing, though she does not support rent control as her opponent Maxine Oliver-Benson does.

"San Leandro already has among the lowest housing costs

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deided to run for City Council herself.

"I'd become disillusioned," said Oliver-Benson. "I talked with my neighbors and they all said the same thing – that people weren't listening. So I thought that if I run, maybe my voice will be heard."

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Mobile Home Rent Control On Committee's Agenda

The Rules Committee of the San Leandro City Council will hear a presentation on mobile home regulations, including the possibility of rent control, on Monday, Oct. 22, at 8:30 a.m. in the Sister Cities Gallery at City Hall, 835 East 14th St.

All stake holders and the public are welcome to attend.

To submit comments on the proposed mobile home park policies, contact Senior Housing Specialist Maryann Sargent at 577-6005 or at msargent@sanleandro.org.



PHOTO COURTESY THE SAN LEANDRO PLAYERS

Dani Issa, Mark DeWeese and Karen Barbera play the Belford Family in the San Leandro Players production of *Chaos at the Cannery*.

SL Players' Chaos at the Cannery to Open Saturday

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Wear comfortable shoes that can get dirty. Bring binoculars, or some will be available to borrow.

For more information, call 577-6085 or email monarchs@sanleandro.org. Weekday school

programs are available on a limited basis. Email for details. The overwintering site is not open to the public.

Register in advance. Programs occur rain or shine, no refunds for inclement weather.

Go to apm.activecommunities.com and use keyword "Monarch" to register. Resident registration fee: \$15 adults, \$8 children.

Monarch Viewing Days

Sunday, Oct. 21, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, Oct. 27, noon to 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 3, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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Girls' Fire Camp

This week, dozens of high school aged young women participated in the inaugural NorCal First Alarm Girls Fire Camps, in partnership with the Alameda County Fire Department and over 20 other fire agencies. The girls had hands-on lessons on how to extinguish fires, use the Jaws of Life, climb ladders, and perform CPR, among other activities. The camp is designed to help young women learn more about careers in firefighting and is staffed primarily by active-duty women firefighters.

DA's Investigator and Former Cop Pleads Guilty to Taking Bribes

An Alameda County District Attorney's Office investigator and former Oakland police gang expert pleaded guilty to taking bribes from his informant in exchange for protecting the informant from prosecution.

Harry Hu, 62, was convicted this week in federal court of conspiracy to commit fraud against the government and bribery, and faces a maximum prison sentence of five years.

Hu admitted that while he worked for the district attorney's office, he took free trips to Reno and Las Vegas which featured free alcohol and paid escorts.

Hu also admitted that he was aware of the informant's connection to a 2013 double murder in Mendocino County when he agreed to take the bribes.

Hu worked in law enforcement for 37 years and was employed by the Alameda County DA until September.

"The Alameda County District Attorney's Office seeks justice within the bounds of the law, in every case," said DA Nancy O'Malley in a written statement. "We serve the public interest and act with integrity and honesty. When a public official - especially one entrusted with upholding the law as Harry Hu

was - breaks that trust, it strikes a hard blow against the hard working and ethical professionals of the District Attorney's Office. No one is above the law. When a law enforcement officer or public official commits criminal acts, he will be prosecuted fully under the law."

O'Malley added, "Hu has

brought shame on himself, on the District Attorney's Office and the Oakland Police as well as on the justice system. He has violated the trust of the people and of those of us who work every day to ensure public safety, who protect and serve victims of crime, and who hold those who commit crimes accountable."

Man Shot and Killed in Ashland

A man died last Sunday, several hours after he was shot on the 1500 block of Mono Avenue in Ashland.

Eric Allen, 43, of Berkeley was found wounded on the street

at around 1:30 p.m. Emergency responders transported him to Eden Hospital in Castro Valley where he died that evening, according to Sgt. J.D. Nelson of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office.

Nelson said Allen knew people who live in the area, but no motive for the crime has been determined and no suspects have been identified at this time, authorities said.

Police Ask for Help Identifying Suspect Who Swiped Bag, Ring

An employee at the Jack in the Box at 699 Lewelling Boulevard had her backpack stolen on Oct. 6 and her engagement ring was inside.

Last Chance to Register to Vote

In California, the last day for someone to register to vote is 15 days before an election. So you have until Monday, Oct. 22 to register for the general election this Nov. 6 if you have yet to do so.

Voters must be 18 years or older on election day and not currently in state or federal prison or on felony parole. Register online at registertovote.ca.gov.

Police say the employee, 18, accidentally left the bag in the dining area just before the start of her shift. She realized her mistake just a few minutes later, but the backpack was already gone, according to Lt. Isaac Benabou of the San Leandro police.

The employee checked the restaurant's video cameras and saw a black adult female enter the restaurant, take the bag, and then leave.

In addition to the diamond engagement ring, the bag also contained a gold ring, cash, and the victim's identification.

The San Leandro police is asking anyone who can identify the woman suspect pictured at right to call them at 577-2740 or 577-3230.



Police want to speak with this woman, who is suspected of stealing a backpack containing an engagement ring from the Jack in the Box on Lewelling Boulevard.

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❖ SL High School Theater

The San Leandro High School Theater department will produce the award winning play *She Kills Monsters*, the first two weekends in November at the San Leandro Performing Arts Center, 2250 Bancroft Ave. Performances are on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 2 and 3, at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 4, at 2 p.m. Show times are the same on the following weekend, Nov. 9 through Nov. 11. The SLHS theater department promises this will be an edgy play, not the standard high school production, with thought-provoking themes to help the community connect with larger issues we face today. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$5 for students.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

❖ Trunk or Treat Festival

The Principled Academy, 2305 Washington Ave. in San Leandro, will have a Trunk or Treat festival on Saturday, Oct. 20, from 5 to 7 p.m. Wear a costume and enjoy trick or treating from decorated car trunk to car trunk, games, food, bouncy house and more. Free admission, \$5 donations accepted.

❖ Area Artists' Juried Exhibition

Adobe Art Gallery, 20395 San Miguel Ave. in Castro Valley, presents the 41st Area Artists' Annual Juried exhibition from Oct. 20 to Dec. 8, Thursday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The artists' reception will be on Oct. 20 from 1 to 3 p.m., awards will be announced at 1:45 p.m. Admission is free.

❖ Celebrate Días de los Muertos

Come celebrate the Días de los Muertos (Days of the Dead) on Saturday, Oct. 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hayward Area Historical Society Museum of History & Culture, 22380 Foothill Blvd in Hayward. The day will be filled with crafts and activities to remember the lives of loved ones who have passed. Get your face painted, create a silly skeleton, decorate traditional sugar skulls to take home, and enjoy a special concert by Hayward's own young musicians, the Mariachi Juvenil.

❖ SLZ High Homecoming Game

Grilled hot dogs and hamburgers will be on sale starting at 10 a.m. at the San Lorenzo High Homecoming Game, "The Helmet Game," against Arroyo High on Saturday, Oct. 20. The JV game starts at 11 a.m. and the varsity game begins at 1:30 p.m. The food will be available on the basketball court area next to the football field from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a bounce house, face painting, games and music, included with a purchase of a ticket to enter the game at \$6.

❖ Eden Garden Club Annual Fall Bazaar

The next meeting of the Eden Garden club will be Monday, Oct. 22, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Moose Lodge, 20835 Rutledge Road in Castro Valley. The closets have been cleaned out for the Eden Garden Club's Annual Fall Bazaar. There will be plants, gardening items, books, crafts, household items, baked goods and more. Most items are \$1 to \$5. There will also be choice items for silent auction. All funds raised benefit local school gardening programs, reforestation and other environmental programs. Meetings are free and guest are always welcome. For more information, call 397-1268.

❖ Cherry City Toastmasters

Conquer your fear of public speaking. Visit Cherry City Toastmasters Open House on Tuesday, Oct. 23, from 12:05 to 1:05 p.m. in the Trustees Room at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Learn proven and enjoyable ways to improve skills. Refreshments served. For more information, visit urable@yahoo.com.

❖ Friends of San Leandro Creek Meeting

The next meeting of the Friends of San Leandro Creek will be on Tuesday, Oct. 23, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Certified pruner and water-efficient landscaper Lary Huls will speak about restoring health to creeks and gardens with sheet mulching and native plants. The group will also hold an elect a new board member. Free snacks and drinks will be provided.

❖ SOS Meals on Wheels Boutique

Join SOS Meals on Wheels for the 5th Annual Boutique Fundraiser on Saturday Oct. 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hill and Valley Women's

Club, 1808 "B" St. in Hayward. There will be great handmade items and an exciting "Pick Your Prize" raffle, you need not be present to win. Come for the shopping and stay for the food. Help serve the average 1,200 meals per day that are served to seniors in Castro Valley, San Leandro, San Lorenzo, Hayward and Oakland. For more information, call Gerry at 483-8156 or if you would just like to donate send your donations to SOS Meals on Wheels, 2235 Polvorosa #260, San Leandro 94577.

❖ Friends of SL Creek Plant Removal

Friends of San Leandro Creek will host a non-native plant removal on two Saturdays – Oct. 27 and Nov. 3 from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Chabot Park, below the playground, at the end of Estudillo Ave. Scout troops, clubs and groups are welcome, as well as individuals. The group will be removing invasive plants on Oct. 27, and covering the area with burlap sacks and mulch on Nov. 3. Volunteers don't need to work both work days, one is fine. Wear long pants and sleeves, sturdy shoes, and mosquito repellent. Bring gloves and tools (clippers, shovels) if you have them. FSLC will provide tools, snacks and drinks. All are required to fill out a waiver form which will be available on the event days. Children under 14 years of age are welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult. Sign up for one or both dates here: fslc.org. For more information, call Susan Levenson with Friends of San Leandro Creek at 577-6069.

❖ Hayward Museum of History

Loyal Americans: Japanese American Imprisonment During World War II will be on view through October 28 at the Hayward Area Historical Society Museum of History & Culture, 22380 Foothill Blvd in Hayward. This is an exhibition of artifacts and stories of people whose civil rights were violated. Conversely, they also show the courage and bravery of ordinary Americans in extraordinary circumstances. This exhibition is supported by the Eden Township Japanese American Citizens League. Admission is free.

❖ Días de los Muertos Performance

Aztec dancers and singers will perform at a Dia de los Muertos event on Saturday, Nov. 3, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Bancroft Middle School, 1150 Bancroft Ave. There will be arts, crafts, food vendors and activities for children. Everyone is invited to participate by bringing pictures and offerings such as flowers and candles. Danza Azteca will perform from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

❖ Hill and Valley Women's Club Bazaar

The Hill and Valley Women's Club will hold its annual scholarship bazaar on Saturday Nov. 3, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hill and Valley clubhouse, 1808 B St. in Hayward. Featured items include jewelry, homemade jams, jellies, candy, and baked goods, gift baskets, handcrafted items, holiday decorations, collectibles, plants, books, and more. Box lunches available for \$5. To reserve your box lunch, call 785-2053 by Oct. 26. Event funds scholarships for graduating seniors from local high schools.

❖ Thursday, October 25: Seminar on Reverse Mortgages

Reverse Mortgage Specialist Lori Reisfelt will present a seminar "The Truth About Reverse Mortgages" to help you understand how Reverse Mortgages really work, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Oct. 25 at the Aitken Senior Center, 17800 Redwood Road, Castro Valley Attorney Alan D. West will join in answering questions about estate planning, avoiding probate, eliminating or reducing estate taxes, and medical liens. To reserve your seat, call 510-881-6738.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The high standards you set for yourself don't always translate into the behavior you expect of others. That relationship problem can be resolved if you're more flexible and less judgmental.



TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Not enough party bids to satisfy the Bovine's fun-loving side this week? Go ahead and throw one of your own. Then prepare for some serious work coming up early next week.



GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A new and intensely productive cycle is about to kick in. Be careful not to get too stressed out, though. Make time to restore your energies by relaxing with family and friends.



CANCER (June 21 to July 22) This could be a good time to share some of your plans with those closest to you. Their comments could give you some added insight into how you might accomplish your goals.



LEO (July 23 to August 22) An attack of self-doubt might be unsettling for the usually super-assured Feline. But it could be your inner voice telling you to hold off implementing your plans until you've reassessed them.



VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) This is a great time for you to reward yourself for all your hard work by taking a trip you haven't spent months carefully planning, to somewhere you never thought you'd be going.



LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Some misunderstandings resist being resolved. But your sincerity in wanting to soothe those hurt feelings wins the day. By month's end, that relationship should begin to show signs of healing.



SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A hectic job schedule begins to ease just in time to blow off all that work-generated steam on Halloween. A family situation runs into an unexpected complication.



SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A cutting remark in the workplace needs to be handled with finesse. Remember: How you respond could determine the depth of support you gain from colleagues.



CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Once again, that Capricornian stubborn streak sets in and could keep you from getting much-needed advice. Fortunately, it lifts by week's end, in time to make an informed decision.



AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A surprise trip early in the week could lead to other unexpected offers when you return. Word to the wise: Avoid talking too much about this until you've made some decisions.



PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Learning dominates the week for perspicacious Pisceans, who are always looking to widen their range of knowledge. A series of important job-linked commitments begins late in the week.

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❖ San Leandro Museum Auditorium

The San Leandro Players present old-time melodrama *Chaos at the Cannery* Oct. 20 through Nov. 18, at the San Leandro Museum/Auditorium, 320 West Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro. Tickets are \$20 for general, \$15 for seniors, TBA members, under 12, students. Show times are Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Also Fridays at 8 p.m. on Nov. 9 and Nov. 16. For information and reservations, call 895-2573 or online at www.slplayers.org. Professor Mack is back. Welcome to 1881 San Leandro. This old-time melodrama mixes mayhem, murder, mystery, scallawags, and scoundrels, toe tappin' old time music, and shenanigans.

❖ SL High School Theater

The San Leandro High School Theater department will produce the award winning play *She Kills Monsters*, the first two weekends in November at the San Leandro Performing Arts Center, 2250 Bancroft Ave. Performances are on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 2 and 3, at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 4, at 2 p.m. Show times are the same on the following weekend, Nov. 9 through Nov. 11. The SLHS theater department promises this will be an edgy play, not the standard high school production, with thought-provoking themes to help the community connect with larger issues we face today. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$5 for students.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

❖ Trunk or Treat Festival

The Principled Academy, 2305 Washington Ave. in San Leandro, will have a Trunk or Treat festival on Saturday, Oct. 20, from 5 to 7 p.m. Wear a costume and enjoy trick or treating from decorated car trunk to car trunk, games, food, bouncy house and more. Free admission, \$5 donations accepted.

❖ Area Artists' Juried Exhibition

Adobe Art Gallery, 20395 San Miguel Ave. in Castro Valley, presents the 41st Area Artists' Annual Juried exhibition from Oct. 20 to Dec. 8, Thursday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The artists' reception will be on Oct. 20 from 1 to 3 p.m., awards will be announced at 1:45 p.m. Admission is free.

❖ Celebrate Días de los Muertos

Come celebrate the Días de los Muertos (Days of the Dead) on Saturday, Oct. 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hayward Area Historical Society Museum of History & Culture, 22380 Foothill Blvd in Hayward. The day will be filled with crafts and activities to remember the lives of loved ones who have passed. Get your face painted, create a silly skeleton, decorate traditional sugar skulls to take home, and enjoy a special concert by Hayward's own young musicians, the Mariachi Juvenil.

❖ SLZ High Homecoming Game

Grilled hot dogs and hamburgers will be on sale starting at 10 a.m. at the San Lorenzo High Homecoming Game, "The Helmet Game," against Arroyo High on Saturday, Oct. 20. The JV game starts at 11 a.m. and the varsity game begins at 1:30 p.m. The food will be available on the basketball court area next to the football field from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a bounce house, face painting, games and music, included with a purchase of a ticket to enter the game at \$6.

❖ Eden Garden Club Annual Fall Bazaar

The next meeting of the Eden Garden club will be Monday, Oct. 22, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Moose Lodge, 20835 Rutledge Road in Castro Valley. The closets have been cleaned out for the Eden Garden Club's Annual Fall Bazaar. There will be plants, gardening items, books, crafts, household items, baked goods and more. Most items are \$1 to \$5. There will also be choice items for silent auction. All funds raised benefit local school gardening programs, reforestation and other environmental programs. Meetings are free and guest are always welcome. For more information, call 397-1268.

❖ Cherry City Toastmasters

Conquer your fear of public speaking. Visit Cherry City Toastmasters Open House on Tuesday, Oct. 23, from 12:05 to 1:05 p.m. in the Trustees Room at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Learn proven and enjoyable ways to improve skills. Refreshments served. For more information, visit urable@yahoo.com.

❖ Friends of San Leandro Creek Meeting

The next meeting of the Friends of San Leandro Creek will be on Tuesday, Oct. 23, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Certified pruner and water-efficient landscaper Lary Huls will speak about restoring health to creeks and gardens with sheet mulching and native plants. The group will also hold an elect a new board member.

Free snacks and drinks will be provided.

❖ SOS Meals on Wheels Boutique

Join SOS Meals on Wheels for the 5th Annual Boutique Fundraiser on Saturday Oct. 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hill and Valley Women's Club, 1808 "B" St. in Hayward. There will be great handmade items and an exciting "Pick Your Prize" raffle, you need not be present to win. Come for the shopping and stay for the food. Help serve the average 1,200 meals per day that are served to seniors in Castro Valley, San Leandro, San Lorenzo, Hayward and Oakland. For more information, call Gerry at 483-8156 or if you would just like to donate send your donations to SOS Meals on Wheels, 2235 Polvorosa #260, San Leandro 94577.

❖ Friends of SL Creek Plant Removal

Friends of San Leandro Creek will host a non-native plant removal on two Saturdays - Oct. 27 and Nov. 3 from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Chabot Park, below the playground, at the end of Estudillo Ave. Scout troops, clubs and groups are welcome, as well as individuals. The group will be removing invasive plants on Oct. 27, and covering the area with burlap sacks and mulch on Nov. 3. Volunteers don't need to work both work days, one is fine. Wear long pants and sleeves, sturdy shoes, and mosquito repellent. Bring gloves and tools (clippers, shovels) if you have them. FSLC will provide tools, snacks and drinks. All are required to fill out a waiver form which will be available on the event days. Children under 14 years of age are welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult. Sign up for one or both dates here: fslc.org. For more information, call Susan Levenson with Friends of San Leandro Creek at 577-6069.

❖ Hayward Museum of History

Loyal Americans: Japanese American Imprisonment During World War II will be on view through October 28 at the Hayward Area Historical Society Museum of History & Culture, 22380 Foothill Blvd in Hayward. This is an exhibition of artifacts and stories of people whose civil rights were violated. Conversely, they also show the courage and bravery of ordinary Americans in extraordinary circumstances. This exhibition is supported by the Eden Township Japanese American Citizens League. Admission is free.

❖ Días de los Muertos Performance

Aztec dancers and singers will perform at a Dia de los Muertos event on Saturday, Nov. 3, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Bancroft Middle School, 1150 Bancroft Ave. There will be arts, crafts, food vendors and activities for children. Everyone is invited to participate by bringing pictures and offerings such as flowers and candles. Danza Azteca will perform from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

❖ Hill and Valley Women's Club Bazaar

The Hill and Valley Women's Club will hold its annual scholarship bazaar on Saturday Nov. 3, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hill and Valley clubhouse, 1808 B St. in Hayward. Featured items include jewelry, homemade jams, jellies, candy, and baked goods, gift baskets, hand-crafted items, holiday decorations, collectibles, plants, books, and more. Box lunches available for \$5. To reserve your box lunch, call 785-2053 by Oct. 26. Event funds scholarships for graduating seniors from local high schools.

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

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The high standards you set for yourself don't always translate into the behavior you expect of others. That relationship problem can be resolved if you're more flexible and less judgmental.



TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Not enough party bids to satisfy the Bovine's fun-loving side this week? Go ahead and throw one of your own. Then prepare for some serious work coming up early next week.



GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A new and intensely productive cycle is about to kick in. Be careful not to get too stressed out, though. Make time to restore your energies by relaxing with family and friends.



CANCER (June 21 to July 22) This could be a good time to share some of your plans with those closest to you. Their comments could give you some added insight into how you might accomplish your goals.



LEO (July 23 to August 22) An attack of self-doubt might be unsettling for the usually super-assured Feline. But it could be your inner voice telling you to hold off implementing your plans until you've reassessed them.



VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) This is a great time for you to reward yourself for all your hard work by taking a trip you haven't spent months carefully planning, to somewhere you never thought you'd be going.



LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Some misunderstandings resist being resolved. But your sincerity in wanting to soothe those hurt feelings wins the day. By month's end, that relationship should begin to show signs of healing.



SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A hectic job schedule begins to ease just in time to blow off all that work-generated steam on Halloween. A family situation runs into an unexpected complication.



SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A cutting remark in the workplace needs to be handled with finesse. Remember: How you respond could determine the depth of support you gain from colleagues.



CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Once again, that Capricornian stubborn streak sets in and could keep you from getting much-needed advice. Fortunately, it lifts by week's end, in time to make an informed decision.



AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A surprise trip early in the week could lead to other unexpected offers when you return. Word to the wise: Avoid talking too much about this until you've made some decisions.



PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Learning dominates the week for perspicacious Pisceans, who are always looking to widen their range of knowledge. A series of important job-linked commitments begins late in the week.



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

San Leandro High No. 1 singles player Laila Thompson hits a forehand against Encinal last Thursday.

Tennis: Close match

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San Leandro 5-7, 6-2, 6-3.

That leaves Encinal in first place in the WACC, followed by San Leandro in second.

The other close match was in No. 1 doubles where Jasmine Le and Gleannna Agustin of San Leandro pulled out a win (7-6, 6-4) against Clara Yoo and Kayla Ngai.

Le said that she and Agustin were nervous in the early stages of the close match but they picked up each other's spirits.

"We kept messing up because we were nervous," Le said. "But we both tried to relax more and told ourselves 'just keep the ball in.'"

In No. 2 doubles, Anna Fang and Yankirah Nunn of San Leandro beat Olivia Grassman and Jyosna Jaslow of Encinal 6-2, 6-1.

In No. 3 doubles, Trinh Vo

and Ronette Tolentino of San Leandro beat Kisa Iacona and Maia Kueny of Encinal 6-0, 6-0.

Vo, a freshman, said that she and Tolentino developed a strategy by finding an area of the court their opponents were leaving open, and aiming for that spot.

The remaining singles matches were taken by Encinal. In No. 1 singles, Isabella Brown-Lyden of Encinal beat Laila Thompson of San Leandro 6-0, 6-1. In No. 2 singles, Analin Geritz of Encinal beat Natalie Tsubamoto of San Leandro 6-1, 6-2. And in No. 4 singles, Audrey Wismar of Encinal beat Hanna Ly of San Leandro 6-1, 6-2.

The San Leandro tennis team will travel to San Lorenzo next Tuesday, Oct. 23. The Pirates' next home match will be on Thursday, Oct. 25, against Arroyo. Both matches start at 3:30 p.m.

Lopez: Says rent control cities more expensive

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in the East Bay and the communities that have rent control are among the highest," said Lopez. "I think the real issue is affordability for all segments of the population, including the middle class. We need workforce housing."

Lopez said a strong infrastructure including parks, libraries, and repaved roads, along with fiscal incentives are necessary to attract housing developers to the city.

Lopez is also a proponent of bringing wifi to the city's parks

"The City Council should report each time they meet with someone who is lobbying them."

— Corina Lopez on a lobbying law in response to the Zapata-Johnson scandal.

which she says will help people without at-home internet access be able to get online.

"Libraries, parks, and schools are public assets that helped me attain my American Dream and I want that for other people as well," said Lopez.

Lopez says she is proud to have been the first Latina elected to the City Council, which has given her a different perspective that she feels is valuable in a city as diverse as San Leandro. She added that one of her biggest accomplishments during her first term on the council was

spearheading the sanctuary city proclamation in early 2017.

"That was a courageous act and a controversial act, and I'd do it again," said Lopez.

Another time that Lopez says she led the council, was during the creation of a one-year moratorium on short-term rentals such as Air BnBs which the council enacted this summer.

"That was all about listening to the community, getting them to help inform us as to what's going on and having the public's voice being heard," said Lopez.

As for challenges she anticipates the council to face in the next four years, Lopez says that an economic downturn seems inevitable in the near future.

"What goes up, must come down" said Lopez. "So we must expect a correction. It's important to have a qualified council with real experience to handle that. Managing a municipal budget is a very specific skill set."

As for San Leandro's financial future specifically, Lopez says pension liabilities will have to be dealt with, though she also expects the state to lead across-the-board pension reform.

"I really do think state intervention is going to have to happen," Lopez said.

"We've been able to put money away and we've already tightened our belt on staffing," said Lopez. "We've squirreled away funding where other communities have not."

Like other incumbents, Lopez says she's ready to see San Leandro create a new lobbying ordinance.

"The City Council should report each time they meet with someone who is lobbying them," said Lopez. "I already do. The public deserves to know who is at the table. In the past, we've given money with good intentions to Davis Street, the Bal Theatre, Alta Mira, and other groups, but I think going forward we need to

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Oliver-Benson: Says rent control is No. 1

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When Oliver-Benson went down to City Hall to file her candidacy papers, she said she ran into Jeromey Shafer, who is running for mayor. Shafer invited her to join the "fresh, clean slate" of candidates for City Council and mayor who are running on a rent control platform and hope to oust all four incumbents in the Nov. 6 election.

Oliver-Benson, 59, will face off against incumbent Corina Lopez in the District 5 City Council race.

"It's been exciting to trade

"By giving him (Zapata) \$350,000 the council is basically calling her (Johnson) a liar to her face."

— Maxine Oliver-Benson who says she believes Johnson told the truth.

ideas with the slate," said Oliver-Benson. "We have a lot of the same ideas, but it's been interesting to hear perspectives from millennials, from other generations. It has been an exceptional eye-opener."

Rent control is the number one priority for Oliver-Benson. She said that the need for affordable housing became even more pressing for her when she spotted a former neighbor who lost her apartment pushing a shopping cart full of her belongings to the creek, where she now lives.

"How can greed be so rav-

enous that (landlords) don't care about human life," asked Oliver-Benson. "Lives matter, human beings matter. Money is just money, you're going to die and leave it here."

Originally from Louisiana, Oliver-Benson moved to the Bay Area decades ago and to San Leandro three years ago. She's married with three grown children and touts her background as a community organizer as a reason she'll make a good council member.

Oliver-Benson has served on 16 different state, county, and city boards and commissions. She is currently a member of the Alameda County Housing and Community Development Advisory Commission.

"I just love to do community work," said Oliver-Benson. "I enjoy being an advocate."

Oliver-Benson says she disagreed with the way the City Council handled the investigation into the sexual harassment allegations against former City Manager Chris Zapata.

In fact, Oliver-Benson rejects the findings of the independent investigator who determined that Zapata's accuser's claims were baseless and says she believes accuser Rose Johnson.

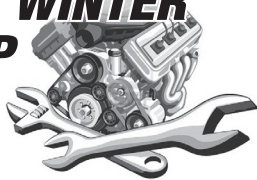
"In these cases, I don't think the woman has any reason to lie because it brings the spotlight on her and the scrutiny," said Oliver-Benson. "A woman doesn't have a reason to bring forth a lie like that. By letting him keep his job and by giving him (a \$350,000 severance agreement) the council is basically calling her a liar to her face. There are women on the council — how could they say that?"

The controversy around Zapata also brought up the way City Council members and city staff deal with people lobbying them. Some people who believed Zapata innocent of harassment charges were still critical of the

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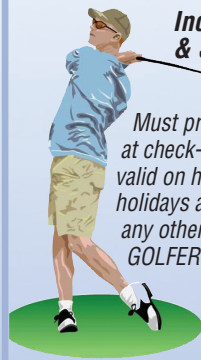
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Tax Law Change Means its Important to Review Trusts

Q My wife and I set up a Living Trust back in 2001, but we have never updated it. In view of the recent change in the tax law, is that something that we should consider?

By Gene L. Osofsky, Esq.
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

A Yes, by all means! At the time you created your trust, the estate tax exemption was only \$675,000 per person, and the first spouse's exemption died with that spouse unless the couple's trust directed a "trust-split" upon the first death compliant with relevant tax rules.

Under that technique, the deceased spouse's share would go into an irrevocable Exemption Sub-Trust, and the balance would be allocated into the Survivor's Sub-Trust.

To make this work, the survivor would typically have only restricted access to the funds in the Exemption Sub-Trust. This arrangement would preserve the first spouse's exemption so that – at the survivor's later death – the couple's two exemptions could

be combined, thereby doubling the assets they could pass estate tax free to their children or other beneficiaries.

Under former law, without this "trust-split," the deceased spouse's exemption would evaporate upon the first death, and would not be available for use at the survivor's later death. This loss would potentially increase the estate tax payable.

The "trust-split" upon the first death was designed to avoid this unkind result. Very likely, this is the structure of your own trust.

But with the Tax Cuts & Jobs Act of 2017 ("TCJA"), the estate tax exemption has been increased to \$11.18 million per person, at least through the year 2025. Further, this trust-split technique is no longer required to preserve the first spouse's exemption; now, it can now be preserved for later use by the survivor making a timely election on a federal estate tax return.

In "tax speak", the decedent's portion is now "portable".

This dramatic change in the exemption rules has made these older trusts quite problematic in the current tax climate. Here's why:

Let's say that you and your wife have an estate worth \$3 million, that \$2.5 million of that is your own separate property acquired prior to your current marriage, that \$500K is community property, and that the value of these assets remains the same over time. Your trust directs a trust split upon the first death, requiring the exemption amount to be fully funded into an irrevocable Exemption Sub-Trust over which the survivor has only restricted access.

First Example: Let's pretend you died back in 2001, after your trust was signed.

Your estate would have been allocated as follows: \$675,000 to the irrevocable Exemption Sub-Trust, and the balance of \$2,325,000 to your surviving spouse. Under old law, that arrangement would have left your surviving spouse with unrestricted access to substantial assets, preserved both of your individual exemptions, and made good tax sense.

Second Example: Now let's say you die in 2018, when the maximum exemption is now \$11.18 Million per person. Your trust has not been changed. The allocation would now be as follows: \$2.5 Million + \$250,000 = \$2,750,000 into the irrevocable Exemption Sub-Trust, and only \$250,000 into the Survivor's Sub-Trust. Big difference.

Note: Even if your estate is comprised entirely of community property, the difference under the tax law then, and now, is still significant. If you and your spouse wish to leave the survivor with unfettered access to your entire estate after the first death, you should have your trust reviewed and updated to meet current tax law.

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Manage Restless Leg Pain

By Jim Miller
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

If an irresistible urge to move your legs has you kicking in your sleep, then chances are pretty good you have restless leg syndrome (RLS), a condition that affects 7 to 10 percent of Americans. Here's what you should know.

RLS, also known as Willis-Ekbom Disease, is a nervous system problem that causes uncomfortable sensations (often described as a creepy-crawly feeling, tingling, itching, throbbing, pulling or aching) and an irresistible urge to move one or both legs while you're sitting or lying down.

The symptoms usually get worse with age and typically happens while resting. Moving eases the unpleasant feeling temporarily.

The main problem, other than it being uncomfortable and annoying, is that it disrupts sleep, leading to daytime drowsiness, difficulty concentrating and even depression.

Treatment Options

While there's no cure for RLS, there are things you can

do to alleviate the symptoms. Depending on the severity, some people turn to RLS medications like gabapentin enacarbil (Horizant), an anticonvulsant, and dopamine agonists ropinirole (Requip), rotigotine (Neupro) and pramipexole (Mirapex).

But be aware that these drugs have side effects including nausea, lightheadedness, fatigue and insomnia. And, while these medications can provide short-term relief, they can also make symptoms worse in many people who use them long term.

So before turning to medication, you should consider some of the following natural RLS treatments first, which are very effective for most people.

- Check your iron levels. Iron deficiency is believed to be one of the major contributors to RLS, so make an appointment with your doctor and get a blood test to check for this. If you test positive for iron deficiency, your doctor may recommend iron supplements.
- Exercise: Getting moderate, regular exercise like walking, cycling, water aerobics and yoga can relieve symptoms, but overdoing it or exercising late in the

day may intensify them. Daily leg stretches – include calf, hamstring, quadriceps and hip flexor stretches – are also helpful.

- Check your medications: Certain drugs including antinausea drugs, antipsychotic drugs, some antidepressants, and cold and allergy medications containing sedating antihistamines can make RLS worse. If you take any of these, ask your doctor if something else can be prescribed.
- Avoid triggers: Alcohol, caffeine, nicotine and refined sugar can all make RLS symptoms worse.

Try these remedies: Soaking in a hot bathtub and massaging your legs can relieve symptoms, as can applying a hot pad and/or ice pack to your legs.

Pressure can also help, so consider wearing compression socks or stockings. There's also a new non-drug FDA approved vibrating pad on the market called Relaxis that interrupts RLS episodes and can provide relief to those who use it.

Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

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GUEST COMMENTARY



Student Loans Provide Significant Obstacle for Home Ownership

As if high Bay Area home prices and rising interest rates did not provide a high enough entry barrier to those attempting a home purchase, many Millennials (aged 18-34) are encountering another significant obstacle:

Student loans.

NeighborWorks America (www.neighborworks.org/housingsurvey) explains, "Nationally, student loan debt now surpasses \$1.5 trillion and comprises 42

percent of all consumer debt. Millennials are shouldering most of the ballooning student loan debt, which has risen 130 percent since 2008."

It's a catch 22 for homeowner wannabes. Education is required to land the lucrative jobs required to qualify for home loans, yet the costs of repaying student loans, when added to buyer's debt ratios, pushes homeownership out of reach for many. A survey by NeighborhoodWorks America reveals Millennials are hit the hardest:

- 57 percent are burdened with student debt.

- 59 percent say either they or someone they know has delayed purchasing a home due to student loan debt.

- 56 percent with student loans worry about the debt some or most of the time.

- 46 percent are not aware that local nonprofits offer student loan debt counseling for free or at a low cost.

Mia Taylor with The Simple Dollar adds, "83 percent of peo-

ple age 22 to 35 with student loan debt who have not bought a house blame it squarely on their overwhelming loans — not their age, and not their careers."

Student debt affects potential buyers in three significant ways:

Credit Scores: some students, unable to secure adequate jobs immediately after graduation, let student loan payments lag, eroding credit scores.

Debt/Income Ratios: many have student loan numbers that push their debt ratios over the limits required by lenders, making loan qualification impossible.

Down Payments: most students do not save while attending college and building up a down payment takes time.

There is hope, however. Karen Hoskins, acting vice president of homeownership programs and lending at NeighborWorks America, explains, "It's important for people to have the tools and resources they need to be informed consumers from the moment they consider owning a home."

She clarifies, "A housing counselor can guide them through what often seems a daunting,

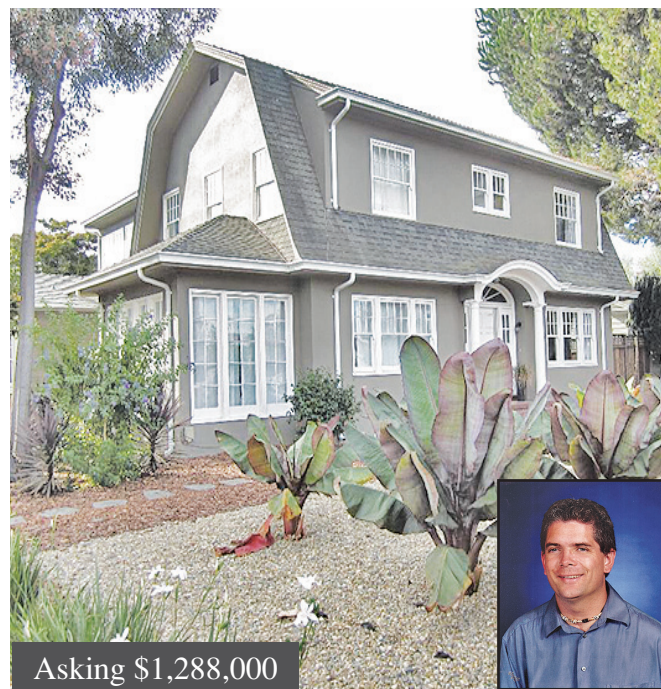


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Our recommendation? Start now — with effective planning and help, homeownership can still be in reach.

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

Mortgage rates hit their highest level in more than seven years last week at nearly 5 percent, which may deter many home buyers and which represents another setback for the slumping housing market.

The average fixed rate for a 30-year mortgage rose to 4.9%, according to mortgage-finance giant Freddie Mac.

"In last week's survey, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage jumped 19 basis points to 4.90 percent.

Rates are now at their highest level since the week of April 14, 2011," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's chief economist.

A year ago at this time, the 30-year rate averaged 3.91 percent.

Fifteen-year fixed rates averaged 4.29 percent, up from 4.15 percent.

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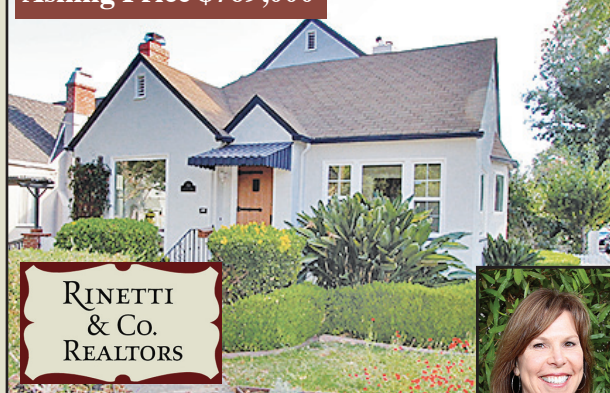
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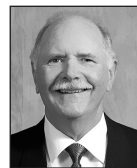
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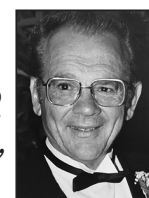
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With \$3 million in funding from the California Earthquake Authority and \$3 million from FEMA, the program

will offer 2,000 retrofit grants expanding into 18 high-hazard areas, including San Leandro.

Vulnerable houses that can benefit from brace-and-bolt retrofitting are typically built before 1980, have a raised continuous perimeter

concrete foundation and may have wood-framed walls in the crawl space under the house.

A brace-and-bolt retrofit typically costs between \$3,000 and \$7,000 and helps to prevent the house from toppling off its foundation during

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Wi-Fi: More economical connection Maxine Benson: Says public should know where money goes

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connected via a communications tower up on the hill owned by Alameda County. It's a more economical way to install Wi-Fi networks, because there's no need to install a cable such as a fiber optic line.

Fiber optics are expensive to build out, said Tony Batalla, the city's IT manager. This Wi-Fi system allows you to get the bandwidth where it's needed more economically.

"Our whole council is really

behind this," said Mayor Pauline Cutter at the ribbon-cutting ceremony at Marina Park. "Projects like this help bridge the digital divide. It benefits the community and the region."

About 22 percent of households in San Leandro don't have broadband internet, just an old-fashioned phone connection or no internet at all, Lopez said. And 70 percent of teachers today send out homework assignments on the internet, so it's essential for students. That's one reason Lopez

says she wants to have free wi-fi all across the city.

Lopez and Cutter talked about this being helpful to households that don't have high-speed internet, and kids who need the internet for school. But it wasn't clear how Wi-Fi at the parks addresses this.

Lopez explained that her long-range goal is free high-speed Wi-Fi across the whole city, but that's yet to be decided by the City Council. It would also likely see WI-FI, page 16

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fact that he agreed to meet frequently and at length with Johnson and other people representing special interests which received large loans of tax-payer dollars from the city.

Oliver-Benson said that kind of behavior needs to be prevented.

"People shouldn't be able to just request a behind closed

doors meeting with the city staff," said Oliver-Benson. "There's no transparency, so when things like this happen, there must be transparency for all, because people want to know where the money is going."

A looming city budget problem is the unfunded retirement and benefit liabilities projected in future years.

Oliver-Benson said that these costs are only getting worse, so the city must work quickly. "The city needs to set goals,

to look at the budget and see where it can be tightened," Oliver-Benson said.

Oliver-Benson says that, if elected, she'll base all of her decisions on the council on a theory of "inclusion" and being a voice for the common person.

"Any resident of the city of San Leandro has to feel like they are a part of the city," said Oliver-Benson. "We all have to live with each other and we have to let everyone know that they all matter."

Lopez: Wants 'codified process' on public funds

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establish a codified process on how to attain public funds. That would be helpful for smaller charities as well, to know how to reach public money."

Lopez says it's her experience in public service over the last several years that gives her an

edge over her opponent.

"I have a proven track record and I've been active in San Leandro for over 20 years," said Lopez. "I've been responsive to what the community has asked for and I have a reputation for building common ground."

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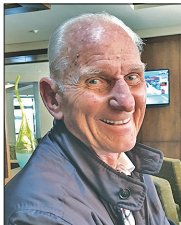
■ Elinore Ramos a longtime San Leandro resident passed away on October 2, 2018. She is survived by her daughter Melinda Wells and her husband Doug. Funeral Service was held at Santos-Robinson Mortuary in San Leandro on Oct. 8, followed by burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward.

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Rev. Dr. Katherine L. Ward

September 29, 1934 – October 12, 2018

Rev. Dr. Katherine L. Ward, an educator, musician, religious leader, and community activist, who dedicated over 55 years of committed service to the City of Oakland and the Bay Area passed peacefully on October 12, 2018 at the age of 84.

Rev. Ward's impact as an educator in the Oakland Public Schools positively influenced generations of families. Teaching at Madison Junior High, McClymonds High, and Fremont high schools, she developed award-winning instrumental and vocal music programs. She later served as a counselor, principal of Calvin Simmons Junior High School, and Director of Professional Development in the Oakland Unified School District.

Her involvement in the community included the Oakland Symphony Advisory Board, President of Berkeley Alumnae and Oakland East Bay Alumnae Chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, Marcus Foster Education Institute Board of Directors, and leadership roles in the Union of Black Episcopalians. Her dynamic commitment to service and her unwavering support of youth were the hallmarks of her life.

Rev. Dr. Katherine Ward was preceded in death by her husband, John A. Ward. She leaves cherished memories to her children, Kurt N. Herring, Alys C. Herring, Germaine Robinson and Dr. Carmen Ward-Sullivan; her grandchildren, Ashleigh and Courtney Sullivan; her chosen sisters, Carolyn W. (Elbert) Gettridge and Dolores J. Ward; and her chosen daughter, Margaret Morris.

The Celebration of Life for Rev. Dr. Katherine L. Ward will be held on Tuesday, October 23, 2018, at 3 p.m. at Grace Cathedral, 1100 California Street, San Francisco, CA 94108.

The Delta Sigma Theta Omega Omega Ritualistic Service will take place on Wednesday, October 24, 2018, at 11 a.m. at All Saints Episcopal Parish, 911 Dowling Blvd., San Leandro, CA 94577. The Celtic Mass and Inurnment will immediately follow this service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made in Rev. Ward's memory to All Saints Episcopal Church.



OPINION

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Letters must include the writer's name, address and phone number, and must be under 300 words. We reserve the right to edit as necessary. E-mail letters to: letters@ebpublishing.com or fax to: 510-483-4209, or send by mail to: The Editor, San Leandro Times, 2060 Washington Ave., San Leandro, CA 94577.

Who You Elect and Their Policies Contribute to Rental Costs

Editor:

Over the last several months, I have seen numerous letters complaining about high rents. The narrative put forth was that the landlords were greedy. There was no mention of government policy as a contributing factor, and its insatiable appetite for more. How about some self reflection by the electorate and its responsibility?

When property changes hands, the tax is based on the sale price of the property. A new owner may find that the property tax has not doubled or even tripled from what the previous owner paid, but is multiple times higher.

If one resides in rental property, this additional overhead expense will be passed on to the tenants. Renters are the losers in this equation and those who feed off this tax money are not only the winners, but are thrilled with the largess flowing into the government coffers. If renters believe those interests receiving this additional windfall are concerned with the financial hardship it may cause you, dream on. They could care less. What they do with the money is more noble than what a renter would do with the money. Just ask them.

What about the complicity of the electorate? Who you elect and the policies they advocate and advance are contributing factors. The San Leandro electorate has never seen a local bond issue or parcel tax that the majority did not vote to approve. These assessments are also added to the property tax. Property owners and renters will have a sure-fire opportunity to raise their property taxes and rent in November with the latest parcel tax from the local school district.

If one is not happy with the amount one pays in property taxes or rent and votes for this latest parcel tax, one's problem is enemy recognition. Consult a mirror.

—Peter Parker
San Leandro

Urges Votes for Mayor Cutter and Councilmembers Lopez and Cox

Editor:

As the election season heats up and we focus on the key battles for control of the House and the Senate, it's important to remember that a lot of the decisions that impact our daily lives are made not in Washington or Sacramento, but locally in San Leandro City Hall.

The past four years have seen significant changes to our city as companies, individuals, and families have begun to see San Leandro as an exciting place to do business and enjoy life. There's still a lot of work to be done, including providing more support to our improving schools, maintaining a safety net for our most vulnerable residents, and building new housing in a way that preserves the character of our neighborhoods. But I believe we are making real strides towards making San Leandro one of the most desirable places to live and work in the Bay Area.

I support the work that Mayor Pauline Cutter, Councilwoman Corina Lopez, and Councilwoman Deborah Cox are doing towards realizing that goal. I've had many interactions with all three over the past couple of years as I've expressed my concerns and hopes for this city where my wife and I are raising our two young children, and have found them all to be engaged, pro-active, and accountable to the residents who elected them to serve the city's interests.

Seeing all three of them this past weekend at the Gala to support Community Impact Lab, a wonderful San Leandro-based charity dedicated to expanding opportunities for at-risk women, men, and youth, reminded me of their dedication to this city. I strongly urge my neighbors and friends to vote for Mayor Cutter, Councilwoman Lopez, and Councilwoman Cox for a second term this November.

—Aaron Bukofzer
San Leandro

Measure I Provides Continuity of Needed Funding for Schools

Editor:

My husband and I, along with our 3 children, have been long time San Leandro residents that have supported and participated in San Leandro Public Schools. Our oldest just graduated from SL High School, and our younger two are currently SLUSD students in Middle School and High School.

As active volunteers in our children's schools we ask that you please Vote Yes on Measure I.

Mr. Deng's Letter to the Editor a couple weeks ago resonated with us in that with a Yes vote, we can help our schools in a small, but meaningful way.

Measure I replaces a measure that has expired, with no expiration this time, which means we can provide continuity of funding for much needed programs and quality teachers that support our students, right here in our San Leandro Community.

Secondly, an excerpt from an email from California PTA President, Dianna MacDonald made us realize even further that we need to help our local school district. In the article, "Getting Down to Facts II" at www.gettingdowntofacts.com, which provides analysis of our overall California Education System, Ms. MacDonald points out that the article "provides evidence of how far California still has to go in order to adequately fund its schools."

What this tells us is that our votes are extremely important to support what we believe is our already under-funded San Leandro Unified School District. We as a community can and need to help our local public education. Right now, this is one opportunity to make a small yet meaningful and positive impact towards the education of our local youth. Please vote Yes for Measure I.

—Jill Stowe
San Leandro

Claims SL Teacher's Salaries are Above Medium Household Income

Editor:

Every election year (plus the special election last June), the SLUSD never

missed chances to ask for money. How much is enough for SLUSD? Measure B is \$109 Million, Measure M is \$50 Million, Measure J1 is \$104 million, and Measure A is \$53.8 Million. When everything pays off, it will be over \$500 million.

Measure I is for teachers' salaries. The teachers will always say not enough pay, but they never say what the students should get. What about the D and F grade students, and the missing assignments on the ABI grade book? These two questions are always avoided by the schools and district.

How much is supposed to go for teachers' salaries in SLUSD? Here is the Transparent California website, transparentcalifornia.com, for checking the public employee salary payment. Click K-12 Schools, San Leandro Unified, then click "teacher" and "2016" on the search. You will see Name, job title, regular pay, overtime pay, other pay, Total pay, Benefits, and Total pay & Benefit. Here are the top three paid teachers in SLUSD: Foster is \$145,027.65, Morris is \$142,699.17, and Paxman is \$139,463.47. There are 487 teachers. 218 teachers (44.76%) are above \$100,000. 67 teachers (13.76%) are between \$100,000 and \$80,000. 78 teachers (16.02%) are between \$80,000 and \$60,000. 124 teachers (25.46%) are less than \$60,000. 2017 and 2018 could have more paid which are not on the website yet.

The median household income in San Leandro is \$62,761. Over \$100,000 is 28.8%. \$50,000-\$100,000 is 32.3%. Less than \$50,000 household income is 39.9%. Household income can be from multiple people's income, but a teacher's income is only for one person. How could the low income household pay for the high income teacher? Don't be misled by the campaign advertisement. Check for yourself and vote "NO" on Measure I.

—Hendy Huang
San Leandro

Says Rent Control Doesn't Make Rental Properties Affordable, It Makes Them Disappear

Editor:

Adam Carlebach (*Letters*, Oct. 11) misled you, the voters, regarding rent control.

A rental unit that disappears will not be "affordable," it will be nonexistent. He cites no "research" which tells us development is not impeded by rent control.

Look, this is not difficult. Anyone who has been to Berkeley and seen the effects of rent control would run away from it as fast as they can. Landlords have been so restricted as to not be able to afford basic maintenance, much less upgrades to their properties. Those units are a mess and getting worse.

Rentals are a business, and as such are restrained by business principles. Individuals and corporations invest to gain a return on their investment. When that investment is impeded or goes south, the investor sells the investment. Single family homes will be sold, apartments converted to condos. Thus, the renters are forced to move out.

Rents are not "stabilized," they are nonexistent.

Yes, we do have experience with rentals, firstly because my in-laws owned 30 or more units in Oakland and were very open about their experience. They would never buy in rent-controlled communities as their investment would suffer.

I am well aware rents are high here. I fear for my young friends looking for apartments and houses that they cannot find affordable housing. But rent control will indeed make housing more scarce and rents will further increase as a result. Adam, it's called supply and demand. San Leandro, if you vote in the rent control advocates – Candidates Shafer, Aguilar, and Oliver-Benson – they will make the situation worse for renters in San Leandro. I will vote Cutter, Cox, and Lopez. They understand this concept.

—Corey Anderson
San Leandro

Calls Ranked Choice Voting 'Antidemocratic'

Editor:

Ranked choice voting is antidemocratic. It doesn't allow candidates to participate in run-off elections, claiming these elections are "too expensive."

Democracy is never "too expensive." The more we learn about a candidate, the odds will increase that we can make a better choice. Run off elections increase those odds.

Stop ranked choice voting ASAP. Replace it with run-off elections in order to restore democracy to San Leandro.

—George Z. Banks
San Leandro

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Why are you going to vote?

— Asked at the Bancroft Avenue Safeway

Well, to participate as a citizen, taking responsibility for my life and to exercise my right to vote. A lot of the incumbents I've liked and some I haven't liked. I'll look at the challengers, too. I don't like all the things the Democrats do. I'm an Independent.

Billyjene Carter
Oakland



I just want to vote for the Democrats. I'm done with the Republicans.

Peggy Siesel
Tucson, Arizona



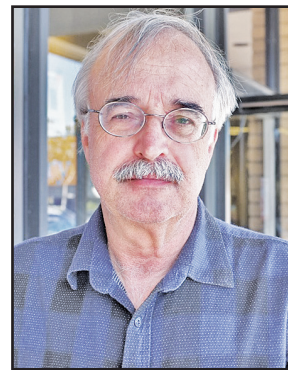
I'm not going to vote. My dad had a saying, "Put me in the White House and I'll put you in the dog house." They'll just turn around and screw you. I haven't voted since Kennedy was assassinated. I gave up on society. Technology is ruining the world. Today, it's dog eat dog.

Clifford Antone
Oakland



I think it's important to vote. I vote by mail, so it's easy. It's just an important thing to do.

Rick Owen
San Leandro



It's time for some new blood. Take care of the people, the people here at home. Stop going all over the world. We got people right here that need help.

John Cooper
San Leandro



Program Works with Men to Control Anger

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

Each Tuesday evening, a small group of men meet in a conference room at the Deaf Community Center in San Leandro and take turns introducing themselves and telling the group how they came to be there.

For some, it's court ordered as a way to stay out of jail, or a part of probation for those recently released. Others just felt out of control and sought out help on their own.

It's a bit like a 12-step group meeting, but they aren't trying to stop drinking or quit a drug habit: these men are there to help control anger issues and prevent domestic violence.

The group, a non-profit called "Men Creating Peace" meets weekly in Oakland, Berkeley, and now San Leandro. Co-founder Davon Gaster has been working to prevent domestic violence for over 20 years after he was convicted of battery as a young man.

Since his conviction, Gaster worked for the San Francisco County Jail and also facilitates conflict resolution and violence prevention groups at San Quentin State Prison, as well as his work with Men Creating Peace.

"We go through a curriculum each week, building towards a resolution," said Gaster. "The philosophy is 'each one, teach

one' - so guys who've been in the program longer share their insights with newer guys."

Men Creating Peace is a non-profit for men 16 years or older. The majority of the guys are there because the District Attorney's Office or Child Pro-

"It's a place for them to be accountable for their behavior and to begin the process of peaceful change."

— Davon Gaster, co-founder of Men Creating Peace

tective Services has ordered them to go through this program, said Gaster. Others have been referred by their clergy and about 15 percent are there on their own.

"It's a place for them to be accountable for their behaviors and to begin the process of peaceful change," Gaster says.

The program is 26 weeks long and the first class is always free. After that, classes are paid for on a sliding scale according to income. Men Creating Peace

began in 2007 and since then 250 men have gone through the program, though only about 20 to 30 percent of men complete the process, Gaster said.

"Whether it's because they can't maintain attendance or another reason, there is a high dropout rate," said Gaster.

Gaster says the men also must steer clear of any legal trouble when they are in the program. He and his fellow staff members meet with probation officers and give progress reports on the men.

In order to successfully complete the program, each man must do an exercise where he has to recount the incident of violence he committed and face questions from the other men in the group, just as he did at his first meeting.

"It's a kind of test where they have to prove that they are aware of the cycle of violence and are accountable for what they have done," said Gaster. "We have to be satisfied that they've internalized what they've learned."

"Hopefully they've gained a deeper understanding about the reasons for their behavior and the impact that has on their families and community," said Gaster. "Hopefully they've learned to have power over their behavior."

Gaster says that anyone who wants to attend a session of Men Creating Peace is welcome. To attend, call 730-0184.

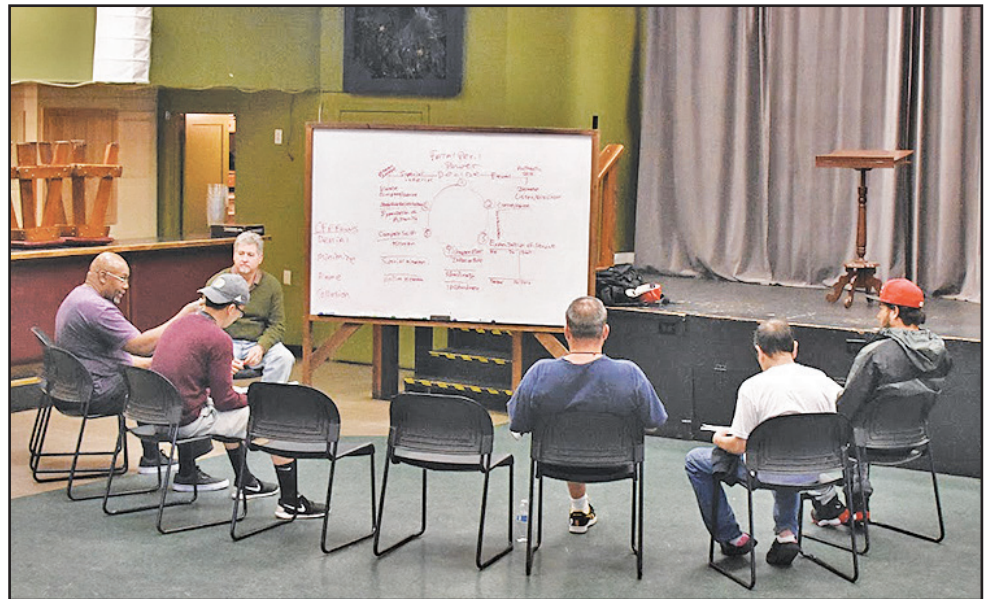


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Devon Gaster leads a class of Men Creating Peace, a non-profit for men who have committed acts of domestic violence.

Wi-Fi: Talk of expanding Wi-Fi network

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run up against some opposition from internet companies who would lose paid subscribers. But more free Wi-Fi is something the City Council will talk about in the upcoming year, Lopez said.

The Wi-Fi signal in the parks would likely extend to the houses within a few hundred feet of the

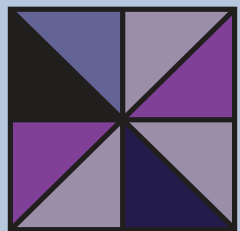
parks.

It didn't come up at the ribbon cutting, but public Wi-Fi is less secure than a home internet connection. There are many articles online with suggestions on how to keep your computer and information secure if you decide to use public Wi-Fi.

Cutter thanked the city staff who installed the Wi-Fi, and all

the other representatives who came to the ribbon-cutting ceremony, including City Council members Pete Ballew and Benny Lee, and staff members from Rob Bonta's and Wilma Chan's office.

The infrastructure today is more than roads and pipes, Cutter said. It's streetlights that are connected to the internet and Wi-Fi networks, too.



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Senior Commission Presents: *What is Your Plan B?*

October 18, 2018 • 1-3:30 pm
Senior Community Center
13909 East 14th Street

The annual October Forum hosted by the Senior Commission provides an informative panel discussion and explores transitions to successful aging. The forum provides seniors an opportunity to build a network of resources to maintain and enhance their quality of life. Representatives from Gentle Transitions, Life Elder Care, Ashby Village, Meals on Wheels, Carlton Senior Living, and the City of Fremont Age-Friendly Initiative will be available to answer questions, provide information, and chat about topics important to the senior community.

A Haunting in the History Room



You think History is dead? Think again. Visit the San Leandro Library's History Room as history comes alive in this event with ghost encounters of some of San Leandro's more famous residents. History researchers will be on hand to encourage and assist participants and tell stories. After encountering all the ghosts, participants will receive a coupon for a small bag of treats, while supplies last. Limited to one bag per entrant. Happy Haunting!

October 27, 2018 • 1-3 pm
Main Library • 300 Estudillo Avenue

Betty Reid Soskin to Speak



November 1, 2018 • 7-8 pm
Main Library
300 Estudillo Avenue

Park Ranger Betty Reid Soskin is coming to San Leandro! In this community speaker series event, Ms. Betty Reid Soskin will read aloud from her book and share her tremendous experiences with the audience. Betty Charbonnet Reid Soskin's life spans the great American fault lines of the 20th and early 21st century. She is a highly sought-after public speaker and the oldest park ranger in the National Park Service at age 96.

Youth Advisory Committee Presents:

Pumpkin Splash!

October 26, 2018 • 6-8:30 pm
San Leandro Family Aquatic Center Pool
14900 Zelma Street



Partake in the second annual Pumpkin Splash event this year that transforms the San Leandro Family Aquatic Center pool into a floating pumpkin patch. Just in time for Halloween and the fall season, participants are encouraged to swim and dive for pumpkins. This event is geared towards youth ages 5-17. Children under six must be accompanied by an adult at all times. The fee for swimmers for this event is \$12. Pre registration required at: www.sanleandrorec.org. Walk-in registrations also available at the Marina Community Center and the Senior Community Center.