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A diverse lineup of music will be on hand for the celebration on the Fourth of July at the Monarch Bay Golf Club.

City to Host America's 250th Celebration On the Fourth of July at Monarch Bay

The City of San Leandro invites residents and visitors to celebrate America's 250th anniversary at a free community celebration on Saturday, July 4, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Monarch Bay Golf Club.

The family-friendly event will bring

the community together for an afternoon of live entertainment, local food, activities, and patriotic pride.

The day will feature live music, community performances, artisan vendors, food trucks, a kids zone, and interactive activities for all ages.

Live Music and Entertainment on the Stage

The Main Stage will feature live entertainment, including performances by local and regional bands, community

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City Appoints Kreins as Interim Police Chief

Former chief of the cities of Sausalito, Novato and Vallejo to head department while Averiett is on leave

A former police chief of Sausalito, Novato, and Vallejo has been appointed as Interim Police Chief of San Leandro, filling in while Chief Angela Averiett remains on leave.

City Manager Janelle T. Cameron appointed Joseph Kreins as Interim Police Chief, effective June 15.

Kreins has more than 45 years of public safety and municipal government experience, the City of San Leandro announced in a news release. In addition to being police

chief of three other Bay Area cities, he was Assistant City Manager at the City of Sausalito.

He has also worked as a public safety consultant, providing leadership, organizational assessments, executive recruitment, and planning services to law enforcement agencies throughout California.

"Chief Kreins brings a wealth of experience and a proven record of leader-

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Copeland Recovering From Heart Surgery

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

Brian Copeland underwent emergency open-heart surgery and is recovering in the hospital.

Copeland announced the surgery in a Facebook post, saying that his doctors said his recovery is remarkable, but that he is still in excruciating pain.

"Most mornings I wake up with what feels like napalm coursing through my veins," he posted. Adding that it's pure agony getting in and out of bed.

The longtime Bay Area performer, author and radio host said his chest remains bandaged where the doctors cut open his sternum – some-

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Join Women's a Capella Chorus

Harmony Fusion, a women's a cappella chorus, will host a special open rehearsal guest night to welcome interested singers from around the Bay Area on Monday, June 29, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Hill and Valley Women's Club,

1808 B St. in Hayward. Harmony Fusion Chorus, a chapter of Sing United International, is open to female singers as young as high school age. The group meets Monday nights from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in Hayward.

Guests are always welcome, but June 29 is set aside as a special open rehearsal to welcome those who are interested in learning more about the chorus and singing in the a cappella style.

"If you have a good ear for music, we want you," says Joanne Morisson, membership chair. "We're looking for women who love to sing and are interested in performing and improving their vocal skills."

Members live throughout the East Bay, the Tri-Valley areas, and the San Francisco Peninsula.

"We welcome all singers with or without choral experience to the guest night to find out if Harmony Fusion is

a good fit for them," Morrison said. "We are eager to share the sisterhood of a cappella with our guests. The ability to read music is not required."

At this special interactive rehearsal, visitors will experience what it's like to sing in the four-part a cappella style. Guests will hear some examples of the genre and may join members of the chorus on the risers to experience the joy of ringing chords together.

Director Barbara Vander Putten, a Sing United Certified Director and member of the Regional coaching faculty, has directed Harmony Fusion since April of 2007. Under her direction, the ensemble has received medals and accolades

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Sing for America: Songs of Peach, Protest and Patriotism

Join a free Community Singalong on Saturday, June 27, at 1 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Celebrate our nation's 250th Anniversary with folk songs to anthems to spirituals. Songbooks and light refreshments provided. Family-friendly.

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“Music education in Barbershop singing is the mission of our organization, but the organization also provides opportunities to sing in other styles,” says Vander Putten. “In addition to the joy of singing in our sisterhood, members learn proper vocal technique for ensemble singing during rehearsals and coaching, and perform at events throughout the East Bay.”

Membership includes access to workshops in vocal techniques, singing in a quartet, learning to direct, and multiple aspects of performing and leadership opportunities.”

For more information about the open rehearsal night, contact Joanne Morisson at 925-784-2950. General information about Harmony Fusion is available on its Facebook page @harmonyfusionchorus or website at www.harmonyfusion.org



Coming Up at the Main Library

Special Storytime with Bay FC Soccer Players

Enjoy stories and more with professional soccer players from Bay FC on Monday, June 29, at 3:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Enter to win four free tickets to an upcoming match.

Wonderful World of Bubbles

Step into a magical bubble-filled experience on Tuesday, June 30, from 4 to 5 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Sterling Bubbles performs amazing tricks and interactive bubble fun for young children to enjoy.

I.D.E.S. St. John Festival

I.D.E.S. St. John, 1670 Orchard Ave. in San Leandro, will hold its Holy Ghost Portuguese Festival on Sunday, June 28, with Mass at 11 a.m. and a parade after Mass. Open to the public. Once the parade returns, there will be a meal with traditional sopas.

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Our Readers Remember Coming Up Next Month

Send a photo or story



Do you have a photo of a birthday party, first bicycle, a ride on a hang-glider or the time it snowed in San Leandro. The annual “Our Readers Remember” section will be in the July 16 issue. The Times welcomes pictures or stories. In past years, our readers have shared photos of a birthday party, first bicycle, a ride on a hang-glider or the time it snowed in San Leandro. It could be anything at all. Email a story or photos to: jimk@ebpublishing.com before July 9. Or call 510-614-1557.



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Community Calendar

American Legion Post 117 Sunday Breakfast

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The Art of Companion Planting

Tomatoes, marigolds, and basil have something in common. They make great neighbors. Learn the art of companion planting from local gardening experts and discover how thoughtful plant pairings can help your garden thrive on Thursday, June 25, from 6 to 7 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Presented in partnership with Tandi Family Farms and Evergreen Nursery, this program also includes a free drawing for a garden prize. No registration required for this free event.

Free Bike Repair Day

Join a free bike repair day and get your bike tuned up at no cost by BikeMobile on Saturday, June 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd.

Tai Chi & Memory Care

Join the Tai Chi and Mindful Movement class to support balance, focus, memory, and overall wellness on Mondays in June (remaining session on June 29) at 10:30 a.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. In this special 5-session series experience gentle movement and mindfulness in a supportive group setting. After each session, learn about the library's Memory Care Kits and how they support memory health. Open to adults and seniors of all skill levels. No registration required.

St. Gerard Women's Club Dinner

The St. Gerard Women's Club at St. John's Church, 264 E. Lewelling Blvd. in San Lorenzo, will have a no-host saloon at 5:30 p.m. and grub at 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 11. Catered by Texas Roadhouse. Raffle, dancing and door prizes. Tickets are \$35. For tickets, call Pat at 510-278-4161 or the recotory at 510-351-5050.

Freshman Football at San Leandro High School

If you are an incoming 9th grader and would like to play Freshman Football at San Leandro High School, summer workouts will begin on June 8 at 3:30 p.m. on the field at San Leandro High School. For more information, call coach Pete Ballew at 510-846-6058.

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Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) provides free, unbiased, one-on-one counseling and education to California Medicare beneficiaries to help navigate complex insurance options. Counseling is available by appointment on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at the San Leandro Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St. For appointments, call 510-839-0393. HICAP counselors assist with Medicare benefits, claims, appeals, and fraud detection, but do not sell or endorse any insurance products. HICAP counselors are registered by the California Department on Aging.

San Leandro Toastmasters

Meet Every Thursday

San Leandro Toastmasters meets every Thursday from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. online through Zoom. Email sanleandrotm@gmail.com for more information. Also, the Toastmasters meet in person at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., on the last Thursday of every month from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m.

San Leandro Art Association To Hold Free Class on The Zentangle Method



The San Leandro Art Association will hold a free art class of the Zentangle Method, for San Leandro residents 12+ in age, on Saturday, June 27, from noon to 3 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of San Leandro, 180 Estudillo Ave.

This is the first in a series of Art Classes offered by SLAA, supported by a grant from the San Leandro Arts, Culture and Library Commission.

The Zentangle Method is a form of sketching that incor-

porates meditation into your drawing. All supplies will be provided for free. During the break in the class time, beverages and snacks will also be provided at no charge.

The class is limited to 32, on a first come, first reserved basis. For more information about this class, and other upcoming classes visit: <https://www.sanleandroart.org/free-artclasses>.

To register for this Free Art Class send email to: contact@sanleandroart.org

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Dedicated Rooms Making a Comeback

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Survey potential homebuyers about what they want and many answer the same way: open, well-lit spaces and, if possible, a great room combining an open kitchen, eating zone and large gathering area.

It has not always been this way. Approaching our nation's 250th birthday, it is hard to imagine that many homes in existence at the beginning were humble affairs with limited rooms. As the country began to mature, however, home styles evolved and, as the general population became more affluent, the number

of rooms in average homes began growing as well, introducing formal and informal spaces.

Kitchens became enclosed rooms so that food prep noises and smells were isolated from the rest of the home, a parlor was added for entertaining guests, dining had its own dedicated space and the number of bedrooms began to grow. Larger homes had dedicated libraries, smoking rooms and, in some cases, separate quarters for the servants.

During the 1950's,

mid-Century Modern architecture began introducing changes that fundamentally changed the urban housing landscape, featuring wide open spaces with lots of glass. Kitchens were opened up so the entire family could be involved in meal preparation and formal dining rooms began to disappear as family spaces expanded to allow the family to be together for more interaction.

Today's homes – especially post pandemic, have spaces dedicated to home offices. Special attention is given to where TVs can be placed and items once considered critical – such as fireplaces, have either been removed or reimagined.

The irony is that some buyers still like the closed-off spaces and dedicated rooms. They are not hard to find – homes built from the 1900's through the early 1950's feature dedicated rooms and, in many cases, incredible charm and character not found in newer

tract homes.

Ironically, especially in upscale homes, we are seeing the return of dedicated spaces, only this time they are focused around different priorities. These include rooms designed for exercise and wellness, home theaters, wine cellars/tasting facilities, butler pantries with prep areas, crafts facilities, studies/libraries, upscale home offices, music, games and more. Dedicated guest suites and/or ADUs are also on the rise.

Today's current trends

come with an irony: while great rooms bring occupants together, the resulting noise and activity can often drive individuals to seek out private spaces where they can hang out in peace and quiet and do what they want to do ... on their own.

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Obituaries

James Michael Haynes

October 1, 1959 ~ May 24, 2026

James Michael Haynes, age 67, of San Leandro, Ca., passed away on Sunday May 24th, at home.

Born on October 1st 1959 in Oakland, Ca. He was the son of Vincent and Dolores Haynes, the father of three sons, James, Joseph and Anthony Haynes. Other children are daughters Jessica May and Bruck Lascio. He was Grandpa Jimmy to Josie and Amelia Haynes, Juliet and Kinsley Lascio and Josie May.

Jimmy will be remembered for his love of motorcycles, his unforgettable sense of humor, his charm and oh so one of a kind personality. He was a loyal friend to many, a great listener and a wonderful Partner, son, father, brother, uncle and grandfather! Jimmy will live on because he touched so many lives; put a smile on many faces!

He is survived by his partner, Kellie Wynhoff, his sister Patty Turnball, fi ve children, fi ve grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Vince and Dolores Haynes, brother Lee Haynes, sister Dodie Bahl and brother Johnny Haynes.

Jimmys Celebration of Life will be: July 25th, 2026 / 12 noon to 7 pm Carpenters Union Hall -713 1050 Mattox rd. Hayward, Ca.



Maxine Kay Sitts

May 9, 1943 ~ May 11, 2026

Maxine Kay Sitts passed away peacefully on Monday, May 11, 2026. She is survived by her daughter Erin Jackson and her husband Tom Breckenridge, who were at her side.

Like her mother before her, Maxine loved travel, flowers, and cats. With her vivacious spirit and infectious smile, she made genuine contact with everyone she met.

Maxine was a very active member of her church, All Saints Episcopal, in San Leandro. As for her professional life, it was as varied as her inquisitive mind was open: newspaper reporter, writer and editor for a major national research library association, gem stone museum docent, police department volunteer, library security officer, church secretary. The common element: total commitment to the task at hand. She was a fearless and dedicated fighter for social justice. Marching in peace marches, agitating for LGBTQ rights, striving for sensible gun control legislation, shutting down a drug house, starting a food pantry. If there was an inequality, Maxine was there to fight for the rights of the marginalized.

Maxine's spirit will be sorely missed, but it lives on in all who knew her.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, July 18, at 2:00 pm, at All Saints Episcopal Church, 911 Dowling Blvd, San Leandro. The celebration of her life will continue afterwards with a reception with light snacks in the parish hall.

In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to the Alameda County Community Food Bank, 7900 Edgewater Drive, Oakland, CA 94621 or www.accfb.org.



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Fortunately, when an HVAC system is clean, it's more efficient and doesn't have to work as hard to maintain the desired temperature, so it uses less energy—which can mean lower electric bills and helps you avoid expensive repairs and replacements in the future. Replacing filters regularly can go a long way toward maintaining a clean system, but filters can't catch everything. Your home's air

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Kreins: 'Aligns with the our values and expectations of our community'

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ship that will help ensure stability and continuity within the police department," said City Manager Cameron. "His commitment to accountability, community engagement, and organizational excellence aligns with the values of our organization and the expectations of our community."

In addition to his executive leadership experience, Kreins has facilitated the California Police Chiefs Association Police Chief/City Manager Workshop and taught California POST supervisory and management courses, according to a City Hall statement.

He has also instructed Office of Emergency Services law enforcement training programs focused on leadership development, crisis communications, community policing, problem solving, and community-oriented government.

As Interim Police Chief, Kreins will oversee department operations and continue advancing their work by strengthening community partnerships, supporting employee development, and promoting accountability and transparency within the department.

Chief Kreins will also work closely with City leadership as the Police Department organizational assessment, currently being conducted by Meliora Public Safety Consulting, moves toward completion. The assessment is intended to strengthen depart-



Joseph Kreins became the Interim Police Chief this month while Angela Averiett is on paid leave.

Copeland: Comedy show to go on at the San Leandro Tech Center

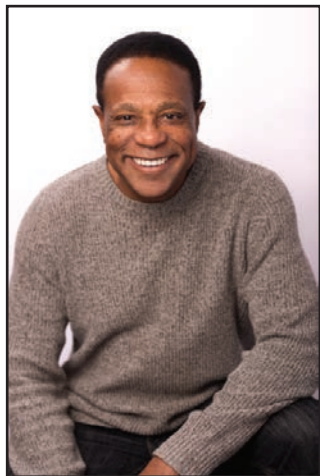
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thing, he said, "I know I'll freak out upon first viewing."

Copeland said he should be out of the hospital in about two weeks and will be laid up for two months.

But he said don't worry, because his July 18 comedy show is still taking place – on Saturday, July 18, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the San Leandro Tech Center, 1600 Alvarado St.

"Brian Copeland Presents Comedy in the Plaza" will present at least a half dozen well know comedians. The annual comedy show moves to the Tech Center this year from the Main Library where it played in past years.



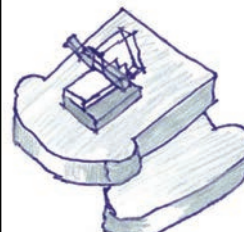
Brian Copeland

"Yes, the show will go on," Copeland said this week. "I'm neither letting down Davis Street, the school kids or my

beloved friends and neighbors by not presenting my annual gift to the city."

Copeland began performing stand-up comedy in the Bay Area when he was 18. He was a talk-show host on KGO radio and a weatherman on KTVU.

He gained national attention with his one-man show, "Not a Genuine Black Man," about his life as one of the only Black families growing up on 1970s all-white San Leandro. It was the longest running show in San Francisco theatrical history and he took it to Off-Broadway.




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dors, artisan crafts, community organizations, and local businesses showcasing the diversity and creativity of San Leandro.

Whether you're enjoying festival favorites, discovering handcrafted goods, or connecting with local organizations offers something for everyone.

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continued from page 5 ducts need to be properly, professionally cleaned.

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Friends of the Library DVD Sale

The Friends of the San Leandro Library will host a DVD Sale on Saturday, July 18, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro. All DVDs are \$1 per disc or buy 3 discs get 2 discs free. All proceeds benefit the San Leandro Library's programs and services. Credit cards accepted.

Concert at Immanuel Lutheran Church

Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1910 Santa Clara Ave. in Alameda, will host a concert by Spill the Wine — A Tribute to the Best of Pop, Soul, & Rock 'n' Roll — on Saturday, July 11, from 2 to 4:30 p.m.

The concert will take place outdoors in the church parking lot. Immanuel Lutheran welcomes all to enjoy the party in the parking lot with some great music, food, and community.

Tickets are \$10 per adult; children free. To purchase tickets go to: <https://immanuel-alameda.org/church-events>

Tickets will be available for purchase on the day of the concert. There will be food trucks on site. Street parking only.



How a Proposed State Ballot Measure Could Negatively Affect San Leandro Residents

Potential Impact on Services Residents Rely On

A proposed November 2026 statewide ballot initiative could have a significant negative impact on local government revenues. The measure would limit charter city authority over real property transfer taxes and require future purpose-specific local taxes to receive two-thirds voter approval.

For San Leandro, the most significant impact would be on the City's voter-approved Real Property Transfer Tax (RPTT). This is a one-time tax paid only when property ownership changes hands. The measure could reduce this revenue source by approximately 95 percent, resulting in an **annual loss of about \$9.2 million**. The information below summarizes the proposed measure and its potential impact on San Leandro.



LEARN MORE

WHAT IS THE MEASURE?

A statewide initiative expected to appear on the November 2026 ballot would:



- ▶ Limit San Leandro's authority over real property transfer taxes
- ▶ Reduce San Leandro's voter-approved Real Property Transfer Tax
- ▶ Require future purpose-specific local taxes to receive two-thirds voter approval

WHAT COULD THIS MEAN FOR SAN LEANDRO RESIDENTS?

ESTIMATED IMPACT ON RPTT REVENUE USED FOR LOCAL SERVICES

-\$9.3M

Estimated Annual Revenue Loss

95%

Estimated Reduction in Revenue

LOCAL VOTERS APPROVED THE CITY'S REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX IN 2020

This revenue supports services residents rely on every day.

Potential negative impacts to:



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Official Ballot Title: California Two-Thirds Vote Requirement for Special Taxes and Charter City Real Estate Transfer Tax Prohibition Initiative. Expected on the November 2026 statewide ballot.

SanLeandro.org/RPTTRevenue

Pirates, Trojans Harriers Compete at Bayshore Meet

By Andrew Joseph
San Leandro Times

The San Leandro, Castro Valley, Arroyo, and San Lorenzo track and field teams competed in their last meet of the season on May 16 at the Bayshore Championship held

at Hayward High School.

A total of 30 different schools from throughout The Bay Area competed at this meet.

None of the local teams qualified for the CIF State Championship that was held

in Clovis on May 29 and May 30. But many talented athletes from San Leandro and Castro Valley did earn top marks in their respective events.

Illiana Nierengarten won first place for Castro Valley in the girls' 3,200 meter run finals with a time of 11:21.04. She also earned third place in the girls 1,600 meter run for Castro Valley with a time of 5:08.27.

The Pirates' boys 4x100 meter relay team earned a notable second place overall finish with a time of 42.92.

The Trojans placed third overall in the boys 4x400 meter relay team with a time of 3:26.23. Jmel Tesfai also earned a notable third place overall finish in the boys' 1,600 meter run finals with a time of 4:25.41.

Ocean Finister earned a fourth place overall finish for the Pirates in the boys' 100 meter dash finals with a time

of 10.92. Finister also placed seventh overall in the boys' 200 meter dash finals with a time of 22.37.

Anthony Kuang finished fourth in the boys long jump finals for Castro Valley with a mark of 21-2.75.

Israel Lopez earned a fourth place finish for the Pirates in the boys discus with a mark of 135.2. Lopez also earned fourth in the shotput with a mark of 44-3.5.

Emonee Gaynes finished fifth overall in the girls 100 meter dash for San Leandro with a time of 12.21

Samantha Pereira earned third place for Castro Valley in the girls shot put finals with a mark of 35-2.5.

For many of the competing seniors this is a farewell to their high school career, but the beginning of a wonderful college experience to come in the fall for those who choose to continue their career at the



PHOTO COURTESY SAN LEANDRO HIGH ATHLETICS

The Pirates 4x100 meter relay team passes the baton at the Bayshore Meet of Champions. At left, San Leandro High runner Jmel Tesfai competes in the boys 1,600 meter run



next level.

Athletes like Tesfai of San Leandro, who is a senior, plan to continue their track career at the college level

next season. Arroyo and San Lorenzo had multiple athletes who competed at the Bayshore Championships but with no top 10 finishers.

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