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A team that included members of All Saints Episcopal Church in San Leandro built a home for a family in Tijuana.

## Teamwork Builds Home for Family in Tijuana

In seven hours, a team of volunteers from Corazon Home Building organization converted a 16-by-20-foot concrete slab into a one room home in Tijuana, Mexico on June 1.

The Corazon, Spanish for heart, or-

ganization is a non-profit providing impoverished communities in Mexico with scholarships, housing, education and other programs centered around community building.

Pastor Justin Cannon led a group of

six members from the All Saints Episcopal Church parish including San Leandro resident Janet Gebhardt to help with the construction project.

All Saints Episcopal Church at 911 see *HOUSE*, page 5

## Downtown Sign Loan to Be Returned to City

SL Improvement Association says cost is now higher than loan; has new plan for donations

By Jim Knowles  
San Leandro Times

The City of San Leandro gave a \$285,000 loan in March of 2017 to the San Leandro Improvement Association (SLIA) to build "a landmark sign" downtown.

The sign would be as iconic as the "Truth Is Beauty" statue at the OSISOFT building, according to SLIA.

But over two years later, no sign has ever been built. The SLIA board of directors say the money just wasn't enough.

The iconic sign would cost more than the amount SLIA borrowed from City Hall, so the SLIA board recently decided to give the money back to the city and go back to square one.

"The cost went up significantly, it wasn't going to be enough money," said SLIA board member Deborah Cox, who is also on the San Leandro City Council. "We haven't given up on the idea forever, but it's on pause."

The SLIA board is now looking at a different plan, Cox said. They're going to ask for donors who will have their names on plaques on the sign.

The plan is to get a certain amount from private donors or foundations and then to ask the city for a loan for the remainder needed for the sign.

Rather than to keep paying

interest on the loan, it would be better to pay it back, and then ask for the loan at the time the project is ready, said SLIA board see *SIGN*, page 16

## Apartments Planned on Washington

By Denis Perez  
San Leandro Times

The City of San Leandro's push to modernize the city and promote Transit Oriented Development includes multiple housing projects, among them a 26-unit condo with a commercial ground floor downtown.

The condo building, which will include four affordable housing units, will be built on the empty lot at 268 Parrott Street at Washington Avenue.

The building will include a gym, social room, common office space, meeting rooms and a 2,000-square-foot courtyard with barbecue grills on a second floor open courtyard. The project includes 27 parking stalls

see *APARTMENTS*, page 5

## Young Artists Create Mural in Ashland

By Denis Perez  
San Leandro Times

Angry Fish sushi restaurant, law enforcement agents and around 30 residents celebrated the unveiling of a comedic and wacky mural in front of the restaurant during a ribbon cutting ceremony last Wednesday in Ashland.

The mural extends from the front of the restaurant and wraps around one side and to the back of the building.

The artwork in the front of the restaurant depicts a godzilla-like creature in front of a setting sun, emerging from crashing waves as it fights off hostile sushi creatures.

A mountain is illustrated to the left of the creature and to the right, a city skyline and buildings are drawn. Koi fish paintings are sprinkled throughout the mural.

With funds from the California Endowment of Art, a grant allows for five murals to be painted across Ashland and Cherryland, said Deputy Sheriffs' Activities League executive director Hilary Bass.

The Angry Fish's mural marks the third mural complete in a series of five projects. The next mural will be painted at Ce-Jays Barbershop on 16039 East 14th Street, she said.

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PHOTO BY DENIS PEREZ

Alameda County Sheriff Gregory Ahern speaks at the Angry Fish mural ribbon cutting last Wednesday.

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## MEETING SCHEDULES

### CITY COUNCIL

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

### SAN LEANDRO SCHOOL BOARD

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



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## PETS OF THE WEEK



Huey



Doggy

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are Huey the dog and Doggy the dog.

Huey is a shy, 1-year-old pit bull mix. While he is quiet and a little unsure of himself in new

environments, he relaxes once he feels more comfortable. He may do well in a home with other dogs and with older kids.

Doggy is a social, playful 4-year-old Maltese who loves playing with toys and going for walks. He is attention seeking and loves being petted but doesn't like being hugged. He would do well in a home with teens and adults.

For more information on Huey or Doggy, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at 510-293-7200.

### Demo Club to Meet

San Leandro Democratic Club will meet on Thursday, July 25, at 6:30 p.m. in the Trustees Room of the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave.

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Jason Berner and Laura Zimmerman appear in *Born Yesterday*, opening Friday at the Chanticleers in Castro Valley.

## Born Yesterday to Open Friday at the Chanticleers

Chanticleers Theater, 3683 Quail Ave. in Castro Valley, presents *Born Yesterday*, opening on Friday, July 19, and running

through Aug. 11.

Curtain time for Friday and Saturday evening shows is 8 p.m. and Sunday twilight matinees start at 6 p.m. (no show on July 21).

General admission is \$25, and admission for Seniors (60+)/Students/Military is \$20. On Bargain Night, July 20, all tickets are \$18. For tickets, call 510-SEE-LIVE (733-5483) or go to [chanticleers.org](http://chanticleers.org).

*Born Yesterday* was first produced on Broadway in 1946, and was turned into an Academy Award-winning film starring Broderick Crawford and Judy Holliday.

Junkyard tycoon Harry Brock descends upon Washington D.C. to buy a congressman or two, confident that his money can

swing the deal. Harry brings with him his mistress of seven years, Billie Dawn, a charming but uneducated former showgirl whose lack of social graces embarrasses even Harry.

Harry hires journalist Paul Verrall to smarten her up but Harry gets more than he bargained for in the process. As Billie's knowledge grows, the sparks fly and lessons come home to roost in this delightful and timely comedy classic.

Chanticleers' production is directed by Michael Sally and features Laura Zimmerman, Jason Berner, Mike Ettel, Kyle Smith, Bruce Kaplan, Edward Pieczenik, Ann Barnett, Heather Warren, Liva Langer and Santiago Sena-Guerra.

### Baby Boomers Dance in SLZ

Everyone is invited to a Baby Boomers Dance to a live band on Sunday, July 21, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Cabrillo Civic Club #11 at 16490 Kent Ave. in San Lorenzo.

Tickets are \$13, but if you wear '60s attire admission is only \$5. All ages welcome. For more information, call Shirley at 510-329-1705.

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# POLICE & FIRE



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## Police Encourage Neighborhoods Sign Up For National Night Out

Neighborhoods are invited to celebrate National Night Out by turning their outside lights on, locking their doors and spending the evening of Aug. 6 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. outside with neighbors and police.

Register your neighborhood for this year's event by July 19 by contacting the San Leandro Police Department Crime Prevention Unit at 510-577-3228 or going online to [Sanleandro.org/depts/pd/programs/nnorf.asp](http://Sanleandro.org/depts/pd/programs/nnorf.asp). Registration is free and gives police and other city representatives an opportunity to attend local events as time and circumstances

permit. You do not have to be a current Neighborhood Watch neighborhood to participate.

Neighborhoods will be hosting a variety of events ranging from small potlucks and BBQ's to large block parties. Some additional event ideas include, but are not limited to, ice cream socials, disaster preparedness, games, contests, discussing neighborhood issues or setting neighborhood goals, food or clothing donations, plan a clean-up day, beautify a common area, discuss or plan a Neighborhood Watch Program.

National Night Out is a crime

and drug prevention event that is sponsored nationally by the National Association of Town Watch.

The purpose of the event is to Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for local anti-crime efforts, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships, and send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

The police department has signed up 46 locations and needs four more to break their national night out application record.

## Helicopter Training Crash Kills Teacher

A Robinson R44 Raven II helicopter crashed at Hayward Executive Airport at 20301 Skywest Drive in Hayward on Monday, reported by the Aviation Safety Network.

The crash happened at 2:30 p.m. as an instructor and a student practiced hoovering.

The instructor, 67-year-old Sunnyvale resident Wayne Edwards Prodger was pronounced dead at the scene according to the Alameda County Sheriff's Office Coroner's Bureau.

The student was severely in-



jured and taken to an area hospital according to a press release by the Hayward officials.

Investigators from the National Transportation Safety Board, who were called on to the scene, still don't know the

exact cause of the crash.

The registered owner of the helicopter was Pacific Helicopters flight training based at Hayward Executive Airport according to the press release.

The helicopter was totaled.

## Fire Department Looks for Aides

The Alameda County Fire Department (ACFD) is hiring fire department aides, and applications are due by July 25 at 5 p.m.

Department aides perform messenger duties like driving a delivery truck for pick-up and delivery of fire department mail, materials, supplies, furniture and

equipment to all ACFD locations and vendors.

Other assignments include: weed abatement, public and community education, hydrant checking, administrative and clerical assignments, and special projects.

The pay ranges from \$14.43 to \$17.65 per hour.

Minimum requirements include: being 18 years or older, possession of valid California drivers license and a satisfactory DMV record.

For interested applicants submit a resume via email to Samantha Costa at [samantha.costa@acgov.org](mailto:samantha.costa@acgov.org) before the deadline.

## Astronomer Will Visit Library

In honor of the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing, Chabot Space and Science Center astronomer Ben Burrell will give a presentation at the San Leandro Public Library at 300 Estudillo Ave. on Saturday from 2 to 3 p.m.

Burrell will discuss modern observations and discoveries about the moon.

For more information, call the library at 510-577-3971.

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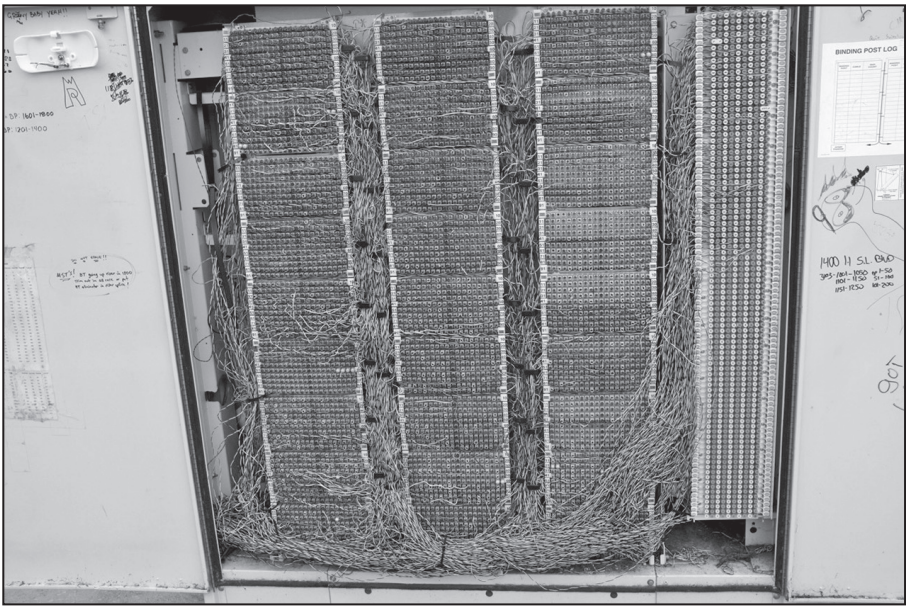


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## Wired for Sound

The art on those utility boxes gets some attention, but what’s on the inside is also a work of art. It’s amazing how they keep track of which wire is which.

## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

### ❖ *And Then There Were None* at SL History Museum

The San Leandro Players present *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie, opening on Saturday, July 20, and running through Aug. 18 at the San Leandro Museum/Auditorium, 320 W. Estudillo Ave. in downtown San Leandro. Show times are Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m., plus Fridays at

8 p.m. on Aug. 9 and 16. Tickets are \$20 general; \$15 seniors, TBA members, under 12 and students. For tickets and information, visit [www.slplayers.org](http://www.slplayers.org) or call 510-895-2573. Ten strangers are summoned to a remote island, soon they start being murdered, one by one. Agatha Christie’s story is a masterpiece of suspense and mystery based on one of the best-selling books of all time.

### ❖ Center for the Arts

*The Great American Sh\*t Show*, monologues on life in the age of Trump, written by Brian Copeland and Charlie Varon and performed by them on Saturday, Aug. 17, at 7 p.m. at the Center for the Arts, 19501 Redwood Road in Castro Valley. It’s a therapy session for progressives who’ve been quietly going insane. Developed with and directed by David Ford. Tickets are \$40. For tickets or more information, visit [www.cvfca.com](http://www.cvfca.com) or go to the Center Box Office, 19501 Redwood Road in Castro Valley, Thursdays and Fridays from 3 to 5 p.m. or call 889-8961.

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## HOROSCOPE by Salomé

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**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Your honesty is, as always, admirable. But you might want to be more tactful in discussing a sensitive issue with a family member. Remember: You can give advice without giving offense.



**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** An unexpected workplace snag should be handled quickly and efficiently so that it leaves you time for family get-togethers. Also, you might soon get that long-sought apology.



**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Aspects favor family matters, especially where children might be involved. Spending time with loved ones helps restore some much-needed balance to your typically busy schedule.



**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** That seemingly clear-cut agreement might not be quite so straightforward after all. Recheck for language that could make you liable for hidden costs and other unpleasant surprises.



**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Careful, Kitty. Better to deal with someone with proven reliability than with a big talker who promises much but can’t confirm that he or she will deliver. Your social life really zings this weekend.



**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Your matchmaking skills are at peak performance levels both in helping to staff workplace teams for upcoming projects and for bringing people together on a more personal basis.



**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** You’re finally seeing some progress with your new venture. But be prepared for it to continue at a slower pace than you’re used to. Meanwhile, a loved one could be preparing a surprise.



**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** A family member’s success pulls you into the spotlight as well. Enjoy it, but don’t let it overshadow or otherwise obstruct what you’re doing with your own creative projects.



**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** Using what you already know might not be quite enough to get a proposed project off the ground. Look for any new information that might help tilt the scales in your favor.



**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Good news: While a changing workplace environment can be daunting for some, it could be the challenge you’ve been hoping for. If so, confront it with confidence and move on.



**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** It’s a good time to recheck travel arrangements for any changes that could work to your advantage. Aspects also favor strengthening and restoring old, fraying relationships.



**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Using your intuitive reasoning helps you cut right through the double-talk and go straight to what’s really going on around you. Stay the course until all your questions are answered.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR



### ❖ Know Your Rights Workshop

Bethel Community Presbyterian Church, 14235 Bancroft Ave. San Leandro, will host a “Know Your Rights Workshop” on Friday, July 19, from 7 to 8 p.m. Learn about Constitutional rights for individuals approached by ICE, the Alameda County Immigration Rapid Response Line, and how to access free legal services when facing a crisis. No charge for admission.

### ❖ A San Lorenzo Celebration

San Lorenzo will host a community celebration on Saturday, July 20, with tours of the Lorenzo Theater, a car show, and arts and crafts. The event runs from 3 to 8 p.m., followed by an outdoor movie, featuring *Smallfoot*. During the day there will be hourly raffles for A’s tickets, family friendly games, activities and food trucks. The co-hosts are Supervisor Wilma Chan, Alameda County Community Development Agency, Hayward Area Recreation and Park District, the Lorenzo Theater Foundation, Castro Valley Eden Area Chamber of Commerce, and the San Lorenzo Village Homes Association.

### ❖ Meet Astronomer Ben Burress

Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the moon landing with astronomer Ben Burress on Saturday, July 20, from 2 to 3 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro. Ben Burress is from the Chabot Space and Science Center. His discussion will focus on modern observations and discoveries about the Moon. The event is free and no registration is required. For more information, call 510-577-3971.

### ❖ SLZ Pioneer Cemetery Clean-Up Day

Drop by Usher and College streets in San Lorenzo on Saturday, July 20, from 9 a.m. to noon to help preserve this local historic cemetery. Bring gloves, rakes, and water. A hat, sunscreen, eye protection, and sturdy shoes are recommended. The cemetery will also be open during this time for the public to visit the grounds and ask questions.

### ❖ SLZ Community Church Flea Market

The San Lorenzo Community Church, 945 Paseo Grande, will have a flea market on Saturday, July 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come find new treasures. If you are interested in reserving a space, call 826-7615.

### ❖ Rotary New Shoes for School

The San Leandro Rotary community service club is supporting the 5th Annual New Shoes for School program. Join the Rotary for outstanding BBQ by GrilleeQ and all the fixings at the Historic Little Brown Church, behind Casa Peralta at 484 W. Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro, on Saturday, July 20, at 3 p.m. as the club collects new shoes and raises funds to provide shoes to San Leandro’s homeless and foster youth students. Guests are encouraged to sponsor or bring a new pair of shoes. Get tickets online at <https://slowgoodbbq2019.eventbrite.com>.

### ❖ Cancer Support Group

The next meeting of the Cancer Support group will be on Wednesday, July 24, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Eden Medical Center, medical office building conference room, 20101 Lake Chabot Road, 2nd floor in Castro Valley. The cancer support group provides emotional support and resources to help navigate from diagnosis to long-term survivorship.

### ❖ Meeting of the SL Democratic Club

San Leandro Democratic Club will meet on Thursday, July 25, at 6:30 p.m. in the Trustees Room of the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave.

### ❖ East Bay Regional Park Survey

The East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) is seeking public comments to help plan for the future. Surveys are online or available at the EBRPD exhibit in the Agriculture Building at the Alameda County Fair. Take the survey at [www.eastbayparksurvey.com](http://www.eastbayparksurvey.com). Learn more and stay connected with the Park District by visiting [www.ebparks.org](http://www.ebparks.org).

### ❖ Historical Walk Downtown

The San Leandro Historical Society will host an historical walk downtown on East 14th Street on Saturday, July 27, from 11 a.m. to noon. Discover remnants of San Leandro’s past, see photos of vanished landmarks, and hear stories of the beginning of town. Led by Cindy Simons, author of *Images of America: San Leandro*. \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members. For more information, where to meet, or tickets, visit [www.sanleandrohistory.org](http://www.sanleandrohistory.org) and click on “events.”

### ❖ Chabot College Football Reunion

A reunion of football players from Chabot College for the years 1962 to 1978 will be on Sunday, July 28, from 2 to 6:30 p.m. at the Shannon Community Center in Dublin. Former Chabot College football players, coaches and special guests for years 1962 to 1978, only. For more information, see the website: [chabotfootballreunion62-78.com](http://chabotfootballreunion62-78.com) or call Dr. Keith Calkins at 949-244-4419.

### ❖ CV High Class of 1969 Reunion

The Castro Valley High School Class of 1969 will celebrate its 50-year reunion on Sept. 14 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Pleasanton. The class is planning a fun, energy filled event, a casual time to visit, reconnect and discover what has been happening for the last 50 years. Tickets must be purchased in advance. For more information, email: [cvhs69reunion@yahoo.com](mailto:cvhs69reunion@yahoo.com).

### ❖ Tuesday Morning & Evening Prayer

For the month of July, All Saints Episcopal Church, 911 Dowling Blvd. in San Leandro, will offer Morning Prayer Services at 8 a.m. and Evening Prayer Services at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays to begin and end your day offering it to God. All are welcome. More information at [saintsalive.net](http://saintsalive.net).

### ❖ SLHS Class of 1974 - 45th Anniversary

The San Leandro High Class of 1974 will have its 45th reunion on Saturday, Aug. 17, at 5:30 p.m. at the Coal Shed Brewery, 851 Waterfront Ave. in Vallejo. Tickets are \$70 pre-paid. For tickets or information, email [slhs.classof1974@gmail.com](mailto:slhs.classof1974@gmail.com) or log on to [Bit.ly/SLHS1974](http://Bit.ly/SLHS1974). The deadline is Aug. 1.

### ❖ Bayfair Toastmasters

Bayfair Toastmasters is a small, growing club seeking new members who want to learn the art of public speaking. All are welcome to the club’s weekly meetings every Wednesday from noon to 1 a.m. in the Bayfair Mall 2nd floor meeting room above the food court. Come through Entrance 5 facing the Century Theater. For more information, call Noreen at 538-6025.

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.



# Apartments: More underway

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and three motorcycle stalls in a residential parking garage. Five parking spots will be available on the street also.

The condo project is being built by David Langon and his company David Langon Construction, owners of the property.

The Planning Commission and Board Zoning Adjustments approved the project at their meeting on June 6.

The empty lots for this development were vacant since the former city redevelopment agency purchased it from East Bay Municipal Utilities District in 2004, said San Leandro Mayor Pauline Cutter.

"This project has been a long-standing opportunity site in our 2007 Downtown Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Strategy," Cutter added.

The goal of TOD is to connect residents to bus services and BART, she said.

Other TOD projects includes Sansome Pacific Properties Inc.'s proposal for a 197-unit apartment building with a grocery and retail business on the ground floor at the corner of Davis and East 14 streets. The property was a CVS drug store before it closed in November 2014.

Another site open for development in the TOD area is called the San Leandro Town Hall Square at the corner location of Dan Niemi Way, East 14th and Davis streets. The city sent out a Request For Proposal for purchase and development of the site on Nov. 28, 2016 and BEAM Development LLC was selected to work on a plan for the Town Hall Square site, Liao said.

The seven residential projects in the TOD area include one that's completed, four that have been approved, and two proposed projects that have yet to be approved.

• The completed residential project by BRIDGE Housing Cooperation in San Leandro is the Marea Alta Apartments at 1400 San Leandro Boulevard, with an underground parking garage. The apartments include 115 affordable housing units, plus another building with 85 units for senior citizen housing.



A rendering shows the planned apartment building at Washington Avenue and Parrott Street.

The approved projects include:

- San Leandro Tech Campus' 197-unit apartment building at 1600 Alvarado Street. The apartment building is the fourth and final phase of Westlake Development Partner LLC's Tech Campus project.

- Eden Housing's 62-unit affordable housing apartments at 1604 San Leandro Boulevard. The project will include 22 studio units, 22 one-bedroom units and 18 two-bedroom units. The proposed four-story building would include 31 parking spaces.

- Galvan Apartment's 60 multi-family units at the corner of Washington Avenue and Thornton Street. The development will be five stories and include an outside area.

- The Alvarado Apartments will be built at Alvarado and

Antonio Street by Maximus Real Estate Partners. The 687-unit will be built on five acres of land that will include a public park and creek trail access.

There are two proposed residential projects that still need to be approved by the Planning Commission and Board Zoning Adjustments, said Liao. The proposed residential projects are:

- A proposal for Broadmoor Village's at 311 MacArthur Boulevard would include 21 town-home units.

- Axis Architecture has proposed a multi-family apartment building at 1300 Bancroft. The 5,000-square-foot building will have 50 units and include commercial space.

"In terms of TOD, we are probably ahead of most cities. Now we just have to make these projects happen," Cutter said.

## Dodgers Beat Bay U as Enriquez Gets Three Hits

On Saturday, July 13, the San Leandro Dodgers beat Bay U by a score of 5-3, led by Adrian Enriquez who went 3-for-4 at the plate, scoring two runs and pitching an inning and a third with three strikeouts.

James Rogge pitched 5 scoreless innings and struck out three. He also drove in a run and scored a run. Jessie Martinez singled, walked and scored a run. Denzel DeHoyos had a base hit and Nick Volpe had an RBI and scored a run.

On Sunday in game one of a

doubleheader, the Dodgers beat the California Warriors, 6-3. Matt Vallar pitched a complete game giving up three runs and struck out six batters. Sammy Hadley went 1-for-2 with a double, scored two runs and walked.

Rudy Gomez had a single, drove in two runs and walked. Tyler Finamore and David Greene both singled. Connor McCarthy walked twice and scored a run.

### Dodgers 3, Warriors 1

In the second game of the doubleheader, the Dodgers beat

see DODGERS, page 8



PHOTO COURTESY JANET GEBHARDT

Volunteer workers completed the small house in a day.

## House: At 4 p.m. the home was built

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Dowling Blvd. raised \$10,000, alongside five other Episcopal churches from the Bay Area, needed to build the home in Tijuana.

### About 50 People from Different Parts of the World Built the House

Gerbhardt recalls how the one-day construction site exemplified the strength of community and unity. Around 50 people from different parts of the world worked together to build a house for a family.

The first task the volunteering team faced was how to get building materials to the concrete slab that was located on top of a 20-stair trek.

So the team formed a human chain along the stairs and passed the two-by-fours for the home's frames. The team also divided itself into crews designated to roofing, painting, carpentry, landscaping and cooking.

Before lunch, they assembled the walls and the roof of the house as roof rafters were carried up the stairs and placed

on top of the four walls of the new home.

After lunch, they placed shingles on the roof, counters and windows were installed inside the home and painters touched up on their work.

At around 4 p.m., the home was complete, pastor Cannon blessed the house and Corazon's

director gave a 16-year-old and his parents keys to their new home.

Gerbhardt and others presented the family with housewarming gifts as tears of joy, smiles and hugs were passed around. "Love and genuine appreciation had crossed all language (and physical) barriers," she said.

## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY Of an Environmental Impact Report County of Alameda Whitcotton Cottage Demolition Project

As the Lead Agency overseeing this project's environmental review, the County of Alameda is soliciting comments on the scope and content of the EIR for the proposed demolition of Whitcotton Cottage. This existing vacant 3,942 square-foot building is located near the Fairmont Hospital. Whitcotton Cottage is bounded by a roadway (Meadow Drive) to the west, a parking lot to the south, a medical building (Cherry Hill Detox Center) to the northeast, and landscaped area to the north.

Whitcotton Cottage, built in 1903, was the former residence for the Superintendent of the Alameda County Infirmary and is recommended as eligible for the California Register of Historical Resources because of its association with historic events. While the building remains in its historic location, it has not been maintained for approximately 20 years and is in an advanced state of disrepair.

Demolition of the structure would involve the removal and abatement of asbestos-containing materials and peeling lead-based paint, as well as excavation and disposal of contaminated soil and rough grading of the site. The County of Alameda General Services Agency would manage the demolition. All project activities, including demolition, excavation, remediation, and grading would be expected to take approximately eight weeks. There are no current redevelopment plans for the site. Once the structure is demolished, the site would be covered in gravel.

The Draft EIR evaluates Historical Resources impacts in detail and identifies mitigation measures related to documentation of Whitcotton Cottage and installation of an interpretive plaque discussing the history of the building (Mitigation Measures CR-1 and CR-2). However, since the Whitcotton Cottage historical resource would be demolished, impacts to Historical Resources would be significant and unavoidable even after the implementation of the mitigation measures.

The County is soliciting comments on the Draft EIR. Responses to comments will be incorporated into the Final EIR. Comments on the Draft EIR should be directed in writing to: Jason Garrison, Environmental Project Manager, Environmental Department-Capital Programs, 1401 Lakeside Drive, Suite 800, Oakland, CA 94612, or jason.garrison@acgov.org. Comments on the Draft EIR must be received on or before September 2, 2019.

Copies of the Draft EIR are available for review at County of Alameda General Services Agency office. In addition, an electronic (PDF) version of the Draft EIR can be obtained by contacting Jason Garrison at jason.garrison@acgov.org.



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## AUTOMOTIVE

## Take Your Pick from a Pair of Priuses

By Steve Schaefer  
San Leandro Times

**S**ince the beginning of the 21st century, Toyota's Prius has been the hybrid leader. Its Hybrid Synergy Drive System seamlessly matches a gasoline engine with an electric motor, saving fuel with no action needed by the driver.

With the plug-in Prius, Toyota introduced a car that could serve as an all-electric car for local driving but revert to hybrid for longer drives, eliminating range anxiety. The latest version is called the Prius Prime.

I just drove a standard Prius and the Prime back to back for a week each, to learn their similarities and differences.

Both Priuses wore blue: The standard car was Electric Storm Blue while the Prime flaunted Blue Magnetism.

Both cars look essentially the same, except for the front and rear ends. My 2019 regular Prius showed off a new look with trimmed back headlights and taillamps and reduced edginess. The Prime features a more

flowing shape, with a sensuously rounded rear window, although both Priuses have split rear windows that can impede vision when you're backing up.

Inside, the cars look similar, but the Prime flaunts a larger dash center touchscreen—11.6 inches vs. the 8.1-inch one on the standard car. It's mounted vertically, kind of like a Volvo's. The Prime plays a piano tune and shows a video of the car driving up or down a white sphere when you turn it on and off, which helps you know if the car is on or off—an issue with EVs. You can silence it if you so desire.

My standard tester offered all-wheel drive (AWD), which is new, and would likely be a benefit in places with worse weather than I experienced in June in Northern California.

The Hybrid Synergy Drive system works the same in both cars. The car's electronic brain blends power from the 96-horsepower 1.8-liter gas engine and the 71-horsepower, 53-kW electric motor for the most efficient performance (the total system horsepower is a modest 121).

You can select from three

drive modes—Normal, Eco, and Power—in both cars. These control how power is delivered for varying levels of efficiency. Eco provides more gradual acceleration and Power lets you enjoy more aggressive driving. Normal works fine for everything, but I tended to shift to Eco on longer drives.

The biggest difference, though, is the presence of an 8.8 kW chargeable battery and plug in the Prime, which allows up to 25 miles of pure electric driving. In the plain Prius, you can press the EV Auto button on a level surface with a full battery and get maybe a mile of 25 mph EV cruising, but with the Prime, I set the button to make it all-electric for all my driving. When the chargeable battery was depleted, the car smoothly reverted to hybrid mode.

My Prime tester outweighed the standard car by 155 pounds, thanks to the larger battery. The Prime's battery also took up room in the cargo bay, raising the rear floor a few inches, reducing cargo volume by nearly five cubic feet.

My standard Prius was an XLE model with all-wheel



The Prius Prime features a more flowing shape than the regular Prius, as well as a larger dash center touchscreen that measures out to 11.6 inches.

drive, and base priced at \$28,820. With several options, including 15-inch alloy wheels (\$899), an Advanced Technology Package (\$800) that included a color head-up display, and illuminated door sills (\$299), the bottom line, with shipping, came to \$32,195.

The Prius Prime Advanced

started at \$33,350 and with the same optional alloys and door sills and a couple other things, topped out at \$36,085. That's about the starting price of a pure electric vehicle, such as the Chevrolet Bolt EV or Nissan LEAF.

Efficiency numbers are 52 City, 48 Highway, and 50

mpg Combined for the regular Prius. The Prime gets two numbers—54 mpg if you use gasoline only (i.e. never plug it in) and 133 MPGe when using electricity and gas (compare to other EVs). Although the EPA Green numbers are identical (7 for Smog and 10 for Greenhouse Gas), the Prime will save

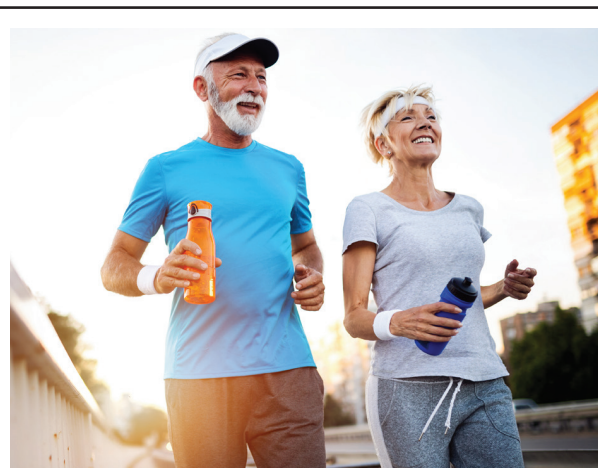


The 2019 regular Prius showed off a new look with trimmed back headlights and taillamps and reduced edginess.



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you \$4,000 in fuel costs over 5 years compared to the average car versus \$3,250 for the standard model.

With its decades of experience, Toyota really knows how to build a great hybrid. But how do you choose between a regular hybrid and a plug-in? Think about how you drive. If, like me, you commute back and forth to the train station two miles from home and run errands around town, with diligent charging you can essentially drive an electric car, with all the quiet, smooth, clean motoring you want. If you travel longer distances regularly, the benefits of the 25 miles of local battery range are not really as useful, and a standard hybrid would be a better and less expensive choice.

Steve Schaefer lives in Castro Valley. He has been reviewing new cars in the Times for 27 years.



## LIFESTYLE

## Up to Your Ears!



There's no question that the favorite way of cooking and eating corn is on the cob, fresh out of the pot, or hot off the grill and slathered in butter.

If you have really fresh, young ears, you don't even need the butter or the cooking, you can just eat it raw as is.

But fresh corn is so delicious and versatile that it's hard to resist trying it in many different dishes.

## CORN &amp; POTATO CHOWDER

2 tablespoons butter  
1 medium onion, diced  
3 cups diced red potatoes  
2 cups chicken broth  
1 cup water  
2 cups fresh corn kernels  
1 cup whole milk  
Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste  
Parsley leaves

Melt the butter in a heavy saucepan. Add the onion and sauté until translucent. Add the potatoes, broth and water. Bring to boil, reduce heat, cover and simmer for 6 to 8 minutes, or until the potatoes are tender. Add the corn. Stir in the milk and heat, but do not boil. Season with salt and pepper and serve garnished with parsley leaves. Serves 4.

## YANKEE RAREBIT

1/4 cup butter or margarine  
1/4 cup flour  
Salt and pepper to taste  
1/4 teaspoon dry mustard  
1-1/2 cups milk  
2 cups fresh whole-kernel corn  
3/4 cup shredded sharp Cheddar cheese  
8 slices toast or crackers

Melt the butter or margarine in a skillet. Blend in the flour, salt, pepper and dry mustard. Add the milk and corn. Stir constantly over low heat until the roux has thickened. Add the cheese and continue cooking until it has melted, stirring occasionally. Serve on toast. Serves 6 to 8.

## CORN PANCAKES

1-1/4 cups flour  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
2 eggs, beaten  
1 cup milk  
2 tablespoons vegetable oil  
2 cups fresh whole-kernel corn  
Maple syrup

Sift the dry ingredients together. Combine the eggs, milk and oil, then mix together with the

dry ingredients. Stir in the corn. Spoon the batter into a preheated, lightly greased griddle or frying pan. Serve the pancakes with honey or maple syrup. Makes 12 medium pancakes.

*Note:* For an extra treat, place cooked asparagus on the toast before topping with the rarebit.

## CORN PUDDING

2 cups whole-kernel corn  
2 eggs, well beaten  
2 cups whole milk  
2 tablespoon flour  
2 tablespoon butter or margarine, melted  
2 tablespoon sugar  
1 salt and freshly-ground pepper to taste

Stir the corn, eggs and milk together. In another bowl, blend the flour and butter or margarine. Combine the two mixtures and add the sugar, salt and pepper. Mix well.

Pour the batter into a greased,

two-quart casserole and place the casserole in a pan of hot water. Bake in a preheated 350° F oven for 45 minutes or until the pudding is firm. Serves 4 to 6.

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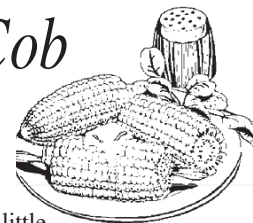
12 ears fresh corn kernels (about 6 cups)  
6 tablespoons butter  
1 cup finely chopped yellow onion  
2 tablespoons sugar  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
Freshly ground black pepper  
Ground cayenne  
1-1/2 cups peeled, seeded, chopped ripe tomatoes  
1-1/2 cups chicken broth  
1/2 cup heavy (whipping) cream

Cut kernels from cob and reserve. In heavy skillet melt 2 tablespoons of the butter over medium-high heat. Add the onion and sauté until soft but not browned, about 5 minutes. Stir in corn, sugar, salt and peppers to taste and sauté until corn begins to stick to the pan. Stir in tomatoes and sauté until liquid evaporates, about 5 minutes. Add broth and bring to boil.

Reduce heat to low and cook, stirring frequently, until most of the liquid is absorbed, about 15 minutes. Stir in remaining butter and the cream.

Cook, stirring frequently until most of the liquid is absorbed, about 5 minutes. Serves 6.

## Corn on the Cob



Look for plump, green ears with sticky, browning silk when buying corn.

You need to cook fresh corn as little as 30 seconds or absolutely no more than 2 or 3 minutes in rapidly boiling water. Or steam it for five minutes.

Corn may be grilled husked or unhusked. Husked corn will take about 3 minutes over a medium flame. Shuck the corn completely and char it on the grill, brushing it with butter or oil as it cooks. The roasting deepens the flavor, and the brown marks add to the corn's beauty.

For unhusked, begin by peeling back the husks and tearing away the silks. Then fold the husks back over the ear and let the rewrapped ears soak in cold water for 30 minutes or so. This soaking prevents the husks from burning.

The microwave also works well for cooking corn on the cob. Microwave four husked ears, with a quarter-cup of water in a covered 8-by-8-inch bowl on high for 9 to 14 minutes, rearranging the ears after 5 minutes. Let the corn stand, covered, for another five minutes before eating. Leave the water out of the bowl if you're microwaving with the ears in the husks.

While butter, salt and pepper are the traditional corn accompaniments, you may want to try a spattering of chili powder.

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# Dodgers: Cardera pitches a masterpiece

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the Warriors, 3-1, in a tight ballgame. James Cardera pitched a 3-hit masterpiece giving up one run and striking out 12 batters.  
Nick Volpe singled with an RBI. David Greene had a single

and scored a run. Jessie Martinez had a double and Denzel DeHoyos had a single.

**Dodgers Play at Home Through the Weekend**  
The Dodgers will play today

(Thursday) at 6 p.m. against Bay U. On Saturday, the Dodgers will play a doubleheader against the Eastbay Buzz at 10 a.m., followed by the second game at 12:30 p.m. On Sunday, it's another doubleheader against the

Buzz at 3 p.m., followed by a 5:30 p.m. game. All games this week will be played at the San Leandro Ballpark at Teagarden Street and Aladdin Avenue.  
The Dodgers are now 13-12 for the season.

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Artist Joaquin Newman cuts the ribbon held by young artists and Angry Fish owners to unveil the mural on July 10 in Ashland.

## Mural: Teaching art while promoting business

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Greg Duggan was one of the two young artists that designed the mural at Angry Fish.  
“The mural has the feeling and tone of the restaurant,” Duggan said.  
After Duggan and fellow designer Jasmine Quiroga got the OK for their designs from Angry Fish owners, the team set up a projection of the design up on the wall and traced an outline with crayons, and then they started painting, Duggan said.  
**Professional Artist Helps Students Create Mural**  
The painting took about two months, said REACH Ashland Youth Center artist Joaquin Newman, one of the professional artists that helped the young artists.  
Helping finish Duggan and Quiroga’s design, the painters of the project were: Miguel De Leon Sr., Tim Curran, Michelle Ballesteros, Terris Ricks, Enrique Castro, Susana Gonzalez, Quentin Torres and Charlie Davis.  
This project is part of Alameda County Sheriff’s Office (ACSO) and Alameda County Office of Education’s (ACOE) efforts in community policing, said Alameda County Sheriff Gregory Ahern.  
This project’s goal is to create more foot traffic on East 14th Street, more clients for Angry Fish, to promote law enforcement and community relationships, and bring professional art skills to young people, Ahern said.  
“Safety means more than an absence of crime,” Ahern said, quoting California Endowment CEO Dr. Robert Ross.  
This mural project is part of ASCO’s Community Policing Initiative started in 2004, Ahern said.  
Because Ashland and Cherryland are unincorporated areas, city governments have no responsibility to build recreational areas like theaters, cinemas, music venues, libraries or art galleries, Ahern said.  
“This project coming from the Alameda County Sheriff’s Office is groundbreaking,” he said.

## Chan to Serve Lunch to Seniors

Wilma Chan will be at the senior lunch on Wednesday, July 31, at noon at the San Leandro Senior Center, 13909 East 14th St.  
The senior lunch program provides lunch for anyone 60 and up for a \$3.75 donation (\$10 for those under 60). For a lunch reservation, call 24 hours ahead, before noon, to 510-825-9793.

## Senior Lunch Menu

Lunch provided by Spectrum Community Services

A low-cost senior lunch provided by Spectrum Community Services is served on weekdays at the San Leandro Senior Center, 13909 East 14th St.

Everyone age 60 and up can have lunch. A suggested donation is \$3.75, but no one is refused for lack of funds. (\$10 for those under 60.) Call 24 hours ahead to reserve a lunch (1-510-825-9793) or sign up at the Senior Center.

The menu for lunch next week, July 22 to 26, is:

Monday – Veggie burger on whole wheat bun with lettuce, tomato and onion, lentil and black bean soup, fruit.

Tuesday – Beef stew, vegetable medley salad, whole wheat rolls, oranges.

Wednesday – Tuna salad on whole wheat bread, minestrone soup, tossed vegetable salad, strawberries.

Thursday – Birthday lunch! Moroccan chicken, garden salad, brown rice, oranges, birthday cake.

Friday – Meatloaf with gravy, carrots, mashed potatoes, whole wheat roll, fresh fruit.



# SENIORS

## Bone Up on Your Health: Men Get Osteoporosis Too

By Jim Miller  
Special to the Times

Many people think osteoporosis is a “woman’s disease,” but men can get it too, especially in their later years. Here’s what you should know.

### Osteoporosis in Men

Osteoporosis is a disease that causes the bones to become weak and brittle and more susceptible to fractures. Though women are four times more likely to acquire it, around 2 million American men have osteoporosis today, and another 12 million have “pre-osteoporosis,” or osteopenia.

Unfortunately, men are much less likely than women to get the health of their bones checked even after they break a bone. That’s because doctors are often unaware of the many factors that put men at risk of osteoporosis.

While menopause is a major component that accelerates bone loss in women, some of the key risk factors for men developing osteoporosis include: being over age 70; being thin or underweight; smoking; consuming more than three alcoholic drinks a day; having a parental history of osteoporosis; and having a previous fracture.

Certain health conditions – such as rheumatoid arthritis, celiac disease, testosterone deficiency, hyperthyroidism, COPD, kidney or liver disease, and mobility disorders like Parkinson’s disease, multiple sclerosis or stroke – can also increase your risk.

In addition, so can taking certain medications like anti-inflammatory steroids, prostate cancer drugs, proton pump inhibitors for GERDs, antidepressants, immunosuppressants, and anti-seizure drugs.

To help you determine your risk of osteoporosis, the International Osteoporosis Foundation has a quick, online quiz you can take at [RiskCheck.IOFBoneHealth.org](http://RiskCheck.IOFBoneHealth.org).

### Prevention and Treatment

A good first step in preventing and treating osteoporosis is to get screened. All men over age 70 should have a bone density test, and those who’ve had

a fracture or have other risk factors should be tested after age 50.

Screening for osteoporosis is a simple, painless, bone density test, which takes about five minutes. Many health insurance companies will cover bone density tests, as does Medicare.

Here’s what else you can do to protect your bones.

- **Boost your calcium:** The best way to get bone-building calcium is through your diet. Dairy products (low-fat milk, cheeses and yogurt), dark green leafy vegetables (broccoli, kale, collards), sardines and salmon, cooked dried beans, soy foods, almonds and fortified cereals and juices are all good sources of calcium. Vitamin D is also

important to help your body absorb calcium.

The National Osteoporosis Foundation recommends 1,000 mg of calcium daily for men under 70, and 1,200 mg for those over 71. They also recommend 800 to 1,000 international units (IU) of vitamin D if you’re over 50.

If you’re not getting enough vitamin D through sunlight or food, consider taking a supplement. Most daily multivitamins contain at least 400 IU.

- **Exercise:** Weight-bearing exercises like walking, and strength training with weights or resistant bands three or four times a week, can significantly improve your bone health and reduce the risk of a fall that

could cause a fracture.

- **Control vices:** Avoid smoking, limit alcohol to no more than two or three drinks per day, and limit caffeine (coffee, tea or caffeinated soda) to three cups a day.

- **Consider medications:** The same drugs to treat osteoporosis in women have also been approved for men. The most widely prescribed for osteoporosis are bisphosphonates, a class of drugs designed to slow or stop bone loss. Talk to your doctor about these and other medication options, as well as potential side effects.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit [SavvySenior.org](http://SavvySenior.org).



A good first step in preventing and treating osteoporosis is to get screened. All men over age 70 should have a bone density test, and those who’ve had a fracture or have other risk factors should be tested after age 50.

## Medicare Launches New “App” To Figure Out What’s Covered

**Q** I hear that Medicare has developed an “App” to help beneficiaries determine what benefits may be covered. Do you have any information on this?

By Gene L. Osofsky, Esq.  
Special to the Times

**A** Yes. Recently, as part of its initiative focused on modernizing Medicare and empowering beneficiaries, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (“CMS”) has developed and launched a new “App” (short for “Application”).

The App is free and can be easily downloaded onto your smart phone or computer from the Medicare.gov website, or from the Apple App Store or Google Play.

You can search for what’s covered and what’s not covered under Medicare Parts “A” and “B”, how and when to get covered benefits, and obtain basic cost information and other eligibility details.

It can be especially helpful when, say, you are at the doctor’s office and need to determine whether a recommended procedure is covered. Just take

out your smart phone and use the App. The information is right in your pocket!

However, the App does not give results for extra benefits that Medicare Advantage plans may cover but that Original Medicare does not. Also, it does not ask details about your specific insurance, so the App does not take into account the user’s supplemental insurance, co-insurance and deductibles.

Essentially, it provides a way that you can carry in your pocket the same information otherwise available online and in the Medicare Handbook available at Medicare.gov.

Examples of the types of questions the App can answer include:

- When are mammograms covered?
- Is home health care cov-

ered?

- Will Medicare pay for diabetes supplies?
- Can I get a regular cervical cancer screening?
- Will my Medicare benefits cover a service to help me stop smoking?

To get the new “What’s Covered” app, go to [www.Medicare.gov](http://www.Medicare.gov) and click on the link on the home page which says “Learn About our new App”.

The App is part of an initiative by CMS focused on modernizing Medicare and empowering beneficiaries. Other initiatives include:

- Enhanced interactive online decision support to help beneficiaries better understand and evaluate the coverage options and costs of original

Medicare compared to Medicare Advantage plans.

- New price transparency tools that let consumers compare the national average costs of certain procedures between settings, so people can see what they will pay for procedures done in a hospital outpatient department versus an ambulatory surgical center.
- A new webchat option in the Medicare Plan Finder.
- New easy-to-use surveys across Medicare.gov so consumers can tell CMS what they want.

Have fun next time you’re at your doctor’s office and help spread the word to your doctor’s staff and other patients.

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GUEST COMMENTARY



## Changing Market Comes With New Rules

**B**eginning in February of 2011, the market turned hot and stayed there until May 2018. During that period the rules of engagement changed dramatically as sellers, firmly in charge, got anything they asked for, including price escalations, AS-IS sales and no appraisal contingencies.

With the market's crest behind us, we are seeing market slowdowns across the Bay Area. Coupled with longer days on

the market, we are also encountering a resurgence of issues we have not had to deal with for many years. When you factor in the fact that at least 1/3 of currently active local Realtors obtained their licenses *after* February 2011, we are entering some interesting times. Here are the top 4 emerging issues:

1. Price Reductions.

As Days-on-the-Market (DOM) increase, we are seeing a downward push on prices. The average price for a single-family home in Alameda County for June 2018, was \$1,119,000, with the average price in June 2019 lower at \$1,086,000.

This is a 2.9% decrease year-to-year and the fourth month in a row where average sales prices have been lower than the previous year.\* With June 2019 average list prices hovering at \$1,170,000, it is safe to say that price reductions after properties have been on the market a while have contributed to the decline.

2. Requests for Repairs

With homes typically no longer being sold AS-IS, requests for repairs have reentered the

market.

For many of the newer agents, requests for repairs are an entity they have never encountered, with the result that there is a degree of confusion as to what constitutes a reasonable request. While requests for actual repairs should be considered, requests for upgrades are still a no-no.

3. Credits Towards Closing Costs

Whereas some sellers are responding to requests for repairs by rectifying the requested items, others are responding with a credit towards the buyer's closing costs.

Some buyer agents are submitting offers asking for credits up front and occasionally, we see offers with both a request for repairs *and* additional credits.

4. Low appraisals

With the decreases in market values, appraisers are once again struggling to provide appraisals at value. Previously, with no appraisal contingencies, buyers were left to come up with the difference in funds when appraisals came in low. With appraisal contingencies back in play, sellers must now negotiate to make up the differences.

We are entering new territory and, like past changing markets, encountering a new set of rules.

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## Control Weeds and Seeds with Mulch

By Buzz Bertolero  
Special to the Times

**Q** We've had the weeds on our backyard hill removed. The hillside is now bare but still has the roots of the cut weeds. Do I need to treat the area before laying a weed blocking fabric and then planting a ground cover? I'm concerned that without treating the soil, weeds will shoot through weed blocking material with the upcoming winter rains.

**A** You are correct to be concerned about the unwanted vegetation returning when the rainy season begins. It would have been advisable to spray the seasonal grasses and weeds first before they turn brown to kill out the roots.

Your other concern is the

weed seeds produced before the vegetation died out. The hillside is now covered with dormant seeds waiting for moisture to germinate.

Spraying the vegetation while it was still green would have prevented the production of seeds. But it's too late to do anything about that now. So, I'd now use mulch as your primary method of controlling weeds and seeds.

You would lay the fabric down, plant the ground cover, and then cover the open area with a thick three-inch layer of mulch. This should be sufficient to eliminate the light from reaching the ground and stymie the growth.

Landscape fabric and mulch is a short-term answer for weed prevention. Over time the mulch breaks down into smaller and then tiny particles. It then becomes an ideal soil for the undesirable vegetation seeds to grow in.

Every year we have a new flush of seasonal weeds and grasses, and the seeds from this growth are then blown everywhere. The unwanted growth is now growing on top of the

landscape fabric.

Controlling the weeds becomes more complicated because of the desirable plants. You can apply a pre-emergent herbicide such as Impede from Monterey Lawn and Garden right over the top of rooted plants without harming them to kill the seeds.

Impede puts down a chemical barrier that prevents the seeds from germinating. This will only be viable if the hillside is under irrigation other than drip irrigation. You need moisture to set up the barrier; otherwise, you have to wait and time your application to just before a significant rain of the season in late October or November.

This should control most of the unwanted vegetation, and it's repeated annually.

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# Chemical-free Options for Managing Mosquitoes in Your Landscape

It's time to get outside and enjoy summer BBQs, gardening, hikes and much more. Don't let mosquitoes keep you inside; Instead enlist these chemical-free strategies to manage these pests in your landscape.

Start by eliminating the mosquitoes' breeding grounds. Drain the water out of buckets, old tires and clogged gutters and downspouts that hold water needed for mosquitoes to reproduce.

Check kids' toys, tarps and pool covers that also retain water. Drain the water and store these items in the garage or turn them over to keep them from becoming a mosquito breeding ground. Even small containers hold enough water for hundreds to thousands of mosquitoes to breed.

Change the water in birdbaths at least once a week. Make it part of your routine maintenance; rinse birdbaths when watering containers. Or install a small pump to keep water moving to prevent mosquito breeding.

Use organic mosquito control like Mosquito Dunks and Mos-

quito Bits (SummitResponsibleSolutions.com) in birdbaths, rain barrels and water features. Mosquito Bits quickly knock down the mosquito larval population, while Mosquito Dunks provide 30 days of control. They both contain a naturally occurring soil bacterium *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* that kills mosquito larvae, are certified organic and safe for pets, fish, wildlife and children.

Use Mosquito Dunks to manage these pests in areas subject to periods of standing water. One dunk provides control of 100 square feet of water surface for 30 days. Slide a dunk over a stake secured in the problem area, preventing it from washing away in heavy rains. It remains in place and provides control when the area is flooded again.

Attract insect-eating birds to the landscape with a few birdhouses. You'll enjoy their beauty and benefit from their diet of insects, including many garden pests and mosquitoes.

Reduce the mosquitoes' daytime resting spaces by keeping

your garden weeded. Removing weeds and managing neglected garden spaces will make your landscape less inviting to these pests.

Keep mosquitoes away when hosting a party, gardening or relaxing outdoors. Use a fan to create a gentle breeze that keeps the weak-flying mosquitoes away from you and your guests. Some gardeners even take a small fan into the garden while weeding.

Light a few citronella candles for a bit of ambience and mosquito control at your next evening party or event. Citronella oil and the scented candles do have some mosquito-repelling properties. Scatter lots of candles throughout your entertainment space. Position the candles within a few feet of your guests for some short-term relief from these pests.

These strategies and some personal protection will help you increase your summer enjoyment. Wear light colored, loose fitting clothing, covering as much of your skin as possible with long sleeves and pants.

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Hummingbirds feed on mosquitoes, other insects as well as flower nectar and feeders.

repellent options, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention has also approved products with the active ingredient picaridin (found in Skin So Soft products), IR3535, and the synthetic oil of lemon and eucalyptus. Avoid products that contain both sunscreen and insect repellents as you need to apply the sunscreen

more often than the repellent.

Using a combination of these mosquito-management strategies is sure to provide a summer filled with more enjoyable gatherings with family and friends.

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# 7 Smart Steps to Improve Indoor Air Quality at Home

Think about how much time you and your family spend inside versus outside. From your home to the car to work and to school, it's not uncommon that the majority of your day is spent indoors. This modern phenomenon means increased exposure to indoor air pollution. Fortunately, with a few smart, proactive steps, you can help protect yourself and your family.

People vastly underestimate the time they spend inside, assuming just four hours, when in actuality they are inside more than 21 hours each day, according to The Indoor Generation report by The VELUX Group. The Indoor Generation refers to a growing number of people who spend the vast majority of their time indoors - currently 90 percent of their days on average, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

In addition to people spending more time inside, homes are being built and sealed tightly to meet the demand for increased energy efficiency. This is great for energy efficiency but not so great for fresh air exchange, which is necessary to maintain healthy indoor air quality. The resulting polluted air is locked in and can have health consequences: Moldy and damp air inside the home can increase the risk of asthma by 40 percent. Poor indoor air quality can contribute to irritated eyes, nose and throat, headaches and fatigue. Long-term indoor air pollution can even lead to the development of respiratory diseases and heart disease.

**How to improve indoor air quality**

Everyday activities, such as cooking, cleaning, showering,

burning candles and drying clothes, contribute to polluted indoor air. Pollutants coming from toxic materials, such as plastic toys, synthetic furnishings, cleaning solvents and building materials, can also worsen indoor air quality. Adding natural light and fresh air to your home can help combat the dangers of modern indoor living.

Here are seven smart steps homeowners can take to make their living conditions healthier:

- **Vent air while cooking**  
Always remember to turn on the hood fan while you're cooking and open nearby windows and skylights. Try cooking oils with higher smoke points, so you produce fewer fumes. Palm, peanut, grapeseed, avocado and sunflower oils all have smoke points higher than 400 degrees Fahrenheit.
- **Install a skylight**  
Adding a skylights is a simple renovation project that drastically improves your home's health. One option is Velux No Leak Solar

Powered Fresh Air Skylights, which bring in natural light and open to create fresh air flow. The latest models come with a remote control to open and close the skylight and its blinds. Learn more at [whyskylights.com](http://whyskylights.com).

- **Use natural air flow**  
Hot air rises and cool air stays closer to the ground. You can take advantage of this natural air exchange in your home by opening a skylight or window higher in your home while also opening one below it or on a lower level. As fresh, cool air is pulled in, the warmer, polluted air will escape at the top.
- **Avoid burning candles**  
Candles provide ambience and often a pretty scent, but they can have a negative effect on indoor air quality. Try opting for beeswax candles, which produce fewer airborne toxins. Alternatively, check out battery-operated candles that look close to the real thing.
- **Clean regularly**

Create a home and pet cleaning schedule, and stick to it as much as possible. Vacuuming can help eliminate dust and dander.

- **Dry clothes outside**  
When the weather is nice outside, take a cue from your grandparents, and dry clothes outside naturally with the sunshine and breeze. Eliminating use of the dryer or dryer sheets decreases air-polluting fumes and moisture buildup in your home. Plus, who doesn't love the smell of line-dried clothing?
- **Make home airing a daily habit**  
Even if the weather only allows you to air out your home for a few minutes, it can make a world of difference. Make a habit of opening windows and skylights daily. If you think you'll forget, just set an alarm on your phone to remind you.

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## Louis Eugene Luisotti

September 20, 1924 - July 13, 2019

After an extended illness Louis E. Luisotti passed away peacefully at his home at the age of 94. A life long resident of San Leandro, California, he was born on Sept. 20, 1924, the third of four sons. Louis attended public schools and graduated from San Leandro High in 1942. In 1943 Louis joined the Army, was stationed in the European theater and fought with the 119th Anti Aircraft Artillery Battalion across French, Belgium and German borders until the end of WW II. Upon return he formed a family trucking company which he ran for 40 years, retiring in 1990. He became an avid gardener and longtime Giants and A's fan, regularly attending games with his two sons.

Louis met his wife of almost 70 years, Isabell Tassielli, in 1948 and were married in 1949. They raised four children and continued to be long time residents until death. Survived by his sons Louis and Steven of San Leandro, daughter Theresa of Santa Monica and granddaughter Nicole, of Los Angeles. Also survived by his brother Frank of San Leandro. Predeceased by his parents, his son Mark, infant daughter Mary Ann and his brothers Gene and Tom.

Louis was a quiet, hard working and loving husband and father. Even though he was often on the road his family always took precedence. He was deeply respected professionally for his honesty and commitment and will be sadly missed by his loving family and friends.

For over 60 years he was a life long parishioner and founding member of Assumption Parish besides a loyal member of the Knights of Columbus.

Family and friends are invited to attend the Visitation and Rosary at 6:30 p.m. on Thurs. July 18th and then the Funeral, Friday July 19th, 12 p.m. at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, 1051 Harder Rd., Hayward.

## OBITUARIES

### Leona "Jackie" Jackson

February 2, 1933 - June 24, 2019

Leona was born in Napa, CA and graduated St. Joseph School Of Nursing SF. She was a Registered Nurse for over 48 years. She worked labor and delivery at San Leandro Vesper/Memorial Hospital for several years. Leona then spent many years as a neonatal nurse at Eden Hospital in Castro Valley.

She was active in Boy and Girl Scouts when her children were young. Leona traveled many places in her lifetime. She enjoyed activities with the Happy Go Lucky Club and the Castro Valley Moose Lodge. Leona took pleasure meeting classmates from St. Cyril's and Holy Names High School for regular lunches.

Leona is survived by her children Chris Jackson (Robin) of Palo Alto, Pati Freitas (David) of Pleasanton, and Ann Jackson (Jim Harris) of Dublin, her grandchildren Andrew Freitas (Ashley), Brent Freitas, Courtney Freitas, and Troy Jackson, as well as many nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents James and Bernadette Tomalty, and husband Finley Jackson.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers donations be made in Leona "Jackie" Jackson's memory to [www.sutterhealth.org/eden-giving](http://www.sutterhealth.org/eden-giving) for Labor & Delivery Fund or please call (510) 204-2956. Services will be private.



## Audrey Elnora Albers

Audrey Elnora Albers was born on Feb. 15, 1924 and passed away on May 17, 2019 at her home in San Leandro, CA. She was 95 years old. In 1946 she married Fred W. Albers Jr. and soon after together built their first home in San Leandro. In 1952 they started their second home in San Leandro, where she lived until she passed away. Fred passed away Aug. 24, 1979.

She was an active member of the Mulford Gardens Improvement Assn. and became involved in the city council meetings. She was the voice of the community as she fought to preserve the natural environment, part of what now is Oyster Bay park and other projects.

Audrey is survived by her brother Walt Gray, children Ken, Lenore (Ryan) and Greg, 7 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. She will be missed and forever loved from her 4 generations of family.

There will be a Celebration of Life at the Mulford Gardens Improvement Assoc. Club House at 13055 Aurora Dr., San Leandro, on Aug. 11, 2019 at 11 a.m.

## Harold "Andy" Andrade

June 6, 1930 - June 29, 2019

Harold "Andy" Andrade, lifelong resident of San Leandro, passed away on June 29, 2019, at the age of 89. Andy was born June 6, 1930 in San Leandro. He graduated from San Leandro High in 1948.

Harold was a tremendous athlete, receiving varsity letters in football, basketball and baseball. He was a true "sportsman" and loved to talk sports and reminisce about the old days. He enjoyed golf, horse racing and all games of chance. He loved playing softball, playing on several teams in the Bay Area as well as at the iconic "Thrasher Field." He was a master at playing first base, one of the best in the area and his team won the 1948 O.A.L. Baseball Championship.

Andy was a kind and gentle man and will be missed by his many friends and neighbors, including Danny and Cathie.



## Fred Martin Duman

Fred Martin Duman, a longtime Castro Valley Real Estate Attorney with a lengthy record of local Community service, died on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at the age of 87.

Born in Malden, Massachusetts in 1932, Mr. Duman was the son of William Duman, a bus driver, and Sarah Duman, a bookkeeper. His mother escaped post-revolution Russia to begin a new life in the United States at the age of 8. Mr. Duman was a proud graduate of Boston University, the first in his family to attend college. Upon graduation, Mr. Duman joined the U.S Air Force, where he served as a flight officer in active duty from 1954 -1957. His assignments took him to California. Upon leaving the service, he attended Boalt Hall Law School at U.C. Berkeley, graduating in 1960.

Mr. Duman began his law career as a caring defense counsel for the California State Automobile Association members in AAA's Hayward office. In 1970, he opened his own real estate law practice in Castro Valley where he continued serving each client with passion to protect his clients' rights, until his retirement in 2017.

Throughout his 57 years of law practice, Mr. Duman was regularly active serving as a member, consultant and attorney for the Southern Alameda County Board of Realtors, the Rental Housing Owners Association of Southern Alameda County and the California Association of Realtors. He was also active on committees for the Alameda County Bar Association and the Southern Alameda County Bar Association, and was extensively involved with helping construct a new Branch Superior Court facility in Hayward, where he fought to change its design to accommodate the public using space designated only for attorneys. Mr. Duman also fought to set up the Hayward branch of the Alameda County Law Library and give attorneys 24 hour access to the Library. Beyond the scope of his legal work, Mr. Duman was especially proud of his tenure and efforts over the course of 25 plus years to help develop excellence in education as a member of the Chabot College/Las Positas College Board of Trustees, including a term as the Board President.

Mr. Duman was also well known to Bay Area audiences for his "Dear Mr. Duman" column, which ran weekly for 30 years in the Oakland Tribune and the Hayward Daily Review. He also served as a radio talk show host for KCBS' "Legal Magazine," which aired during the 1980's. Both his column and radio show were in keeping with Mr. Duman's passion to help people understand the legal system and their rights under the law. In all his years of practice, he was known for taking inquiries from people who had questions about their legal rights and generously giving them needed answers - whether or not they were clients. His lifetime passion was showing his love for others by maintaining high expectations and helping others to do what was right, fair and just and by graciously listening to a person's needs, forgiving mistakes, and extending compassion to those who needed help to correct their situation. He would obsess to find solutions to legal problems with practical solutions and it was not unusual to drive down Castro Valley Boulevard at midnight and see Mr. Duman's office lights still burning as he worked to help solve his clients' problems.

For many years, Mr. Duman gave much of his time and talents to helping charitable organizations raise funds. In his leisure time, Mr. Duman enjoyed traveling, listening to audio books, attending live music performances and dining out with friends and family. In recent years, he was grateful for caring assistance from devoted friends and from his caregivers at St. Regis Retirement Community, Scott Villa and Hope Hospice.

Mr. Duman was proud of his children - daughter Jill Duman Kasapligil (Danyal), who became a newspaper writer and editor and sons Dan Duman (Helena), who became an entrepreneur and business owner, and Jon Duman, who became an Attorney specializing in entertainment law. He loved his grandchildren Nora and Cosmo Kasapligil and Coleman and Samuel Duman. Mr. Duman is also survived by his many nephews, nieces and their children.

In lieu of flowers, please honor Mr. Duman with donations to Chabot College ([friendsofchabot@chabotcollege.edu](mailto:friendsofchabot@chabotcollege.edu)) or Hope Hospice ([hopehospice.com](http://hopehospice.com)).



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## Rose Mary Tassielli

February 16, 1937 May 23, 2019

Rose Mary Tassielli quietly passed away on the evening of May 23, 2019 in her home. She was 82, born in Oakland, California to Italian immigrant parents, Erasmo and Ernesta Tassielli on February 16, 1937. Rose attended Oakland public schools and graduated from Castlemont High School in 1955. She attended college at Holly Names University in Oakland, obtaining a degree in education and California teacher certification. Rose made her home in the San Lorenzo public school district where she taught elementary school for 38 years, retiring in 1997. She chose not to marry but committed her life to teaching hundreds of young students over the decades, believing that access to quality public education was the key to personal freedom along with building strong communities. She also took care of her widowed mother until her death in 1999.

Once retired, Rose became active in the Castlemont High School alumni besides staying closely connected to her teacher friends. Her passion for reading made her a regular at the local libraries where her love was to engage the librarians in discussions besides being a long time donor. Another love was quilting which she pursued through most of her adult life. With exceptional skills in sewing, knitting and fine hand work the quilts, wall hangings and outfits were coveted by family and friends.

Rose was devoted to her religion with her main parish being Our Lady of Good Council. Philanthropic causes were always important to her, supporting a vast field of charities, from scholarships at Castlemont HS to Habitat for Humanity.

Her family meant a tremendous amount to her, almost never missing a day to visit her older sister, Isabell. Rose was generous, thoughtful, and forward thinking.

Survived by her brother Gaspar Tassielli of San Leandro and her nieces and nephews, Louis Daniel, Steven, Theresa, Diane, Barbara and Jim. Predeceased by her parents, her sister Isabell, her brother Frank and nephews Mark Luisotti and Mike Tassielli.

On Monday, June 03, 2019 Rose was buried at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Hayward.



# 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](mailto: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.

### **Calls City Spending 'Excessive and Wasteful'**

Editor:

City clerks and government officials probably don't expect San Leandrans to ask a lot of questions about the city's budget. Here is a summary of about \$647,000 in expenses approved by the city council this month:

- \$300,000 for a building inspection for new SLPD offices
- \$212,000 for new furniture for new SLPD offices
- \$135,000 for public art in front of the library

These expenses seem excessive, wasteful and don't create additional tax revenue for the city. The city council carelessly approves this type of expenses every week, therefore it's not a surprise that San Leandro will be running budget deficits very soon.

Just like the private sector, San Leandrans should demand that the city carefully manage its funds so that it doesn't have to increase taxes for hardworking and retired citizens.

—Ricardo Trigueros  
San Leandro

### **Special Treatment for LGBTQ Community 'Not Fair' to Others**

Editor:

Mr. Avila ("An Answer to Pride Crosswalk Questioner," Letters, July 11), let me remind you that the LGBTQ community are not the only people who were mistreated and wronged. Let's not forget about the Native Americans, Blacks, Asians, Some Europeans (whites), and other groups like Military Vets.

All of these people struggled or suffered to some degree, and all have some

form of symbol or flag, so it's not just about the LGBTQ community.

Millions of others throughout the course of history were victimized; let's not be selfish here.

So, is there only going to be one group represented, LGBTQ, or will there be others? You are right, Mr. Avila: "until all Americans are treated equally we must celebrate and support groups who are not." And this group is not exclusive and it's not fair and the rest of us need to be treated equally as well.

Homeless issue: SLPD has the manpower and resources to clean house on the homeless. You can't drive anywhere or visit a business without seeing a homeless, loser, vagabond, and someone asking for money.

We pay lots of money for housing and want to enjoy San Leandro, so why do we have to deal with these carpetbaggers? And don't forget about the special needs home located on Juana, where they wander aimlessly, and some are dirty, unkempt, scour trash, etc. Again, why are we subjected to this, in a city where things are very pricey and where police get top salaries and are seen standing/talking at times.

Often our police have lots of free time (as the public can see), where they can easily nab a loser and toss them out of here, but that is too inconvenient for them, they'd rather be in their cars. We are paying you SLPD, please mobilize and clean house on the unwanted!

—Robert Johansen  
San Leandro

### **Not All Homeless are Outsiders; Many are Native San Leandrans**

Editor:

The letters in last week's paper con-

tained a letter from a citizen of San Leandro denigrating the San Leandro Police Department because they have not/will not "physically toss (homeless) out of our city."

I would like to ask, where do we put them? I-5 is a huge long stretch of road which, last I looked, did not even come close to San Leandro.

I know some of San Leandro's homeless population. Everyone has a different story, a different reason for being homeless, and a different set of needs associated with their homelessness.

One thing I know to be true includes asking any 12-year-old child right now "do you want to grow up to be homeless?" And the answer will be NO! — even those who are currently living in shelters, cars or RVs tucked away out of sight.

There are people who are homeless who are loonies, "vagrants" (which is not a crime), losers and crackheads, although to be fair, I have known many of these same "descriptors" used in referring to people who live in a house and actually go to work.

There are also senior citizens who around the age of 50 lost their jobs in the 2008 recession, tried to limp through by tapping their retirements with the hope of a good paying job which never materialized so they could recoup the losses. Now they are not quite eligible for Social Security (which will never allow them the dignity of a home again) and working at Walmart does not pay enough for a place to live.

There are senior citizens who are entering dementia but have lost their families so they have nowhere to go and no one to help them navigate daily life. There are men and women who are mentally ill but there is nowhere for them to receive treatment and on-going support necessary to function. There are people who have outlived their families and have no one left to help them and nowhere left to go.

Many of the homeless people I know in San Leandro were born here, went to school here, married here, had homes, jobs, and families here. People stay in the places they know because it is home! They leave home only when there is no other option.

Sending people to "I-5" is not only cruel, it does nothing to fix a problem. It simply pushes it down the road so you don't have to look at it. Homeless human beings are not "bad pets" to be sent back to the shelter because they have become inconvenient or mess up the carpet. They are our children, our parents, our friends, our neighbors and those we grew up with — they are people whose "issues" are in your view because they have nowhere else to be.

Being homeless is not a crime. Sleeping on the grass in the park or on the sidewalk is not a crime. Berating SLPD and telling them to arrest people for something which is not a crime so you don't have to look at it is absurd. SLPD does a good and difficult job in trying to walk a very fine balance between different types of people, and keeping all people safe.

—Moir Fry  
San Leandro

**Today's 'Wheelies' Bikers are Tomorrow's Side Show Drivers**

Editor:

I totally agree with Stephanie Choury and David MacAllister in their July 11 Letters to the Editor in the Times.

Several months ago, I passed McDonalds on the way to Washington Avenue's Safeway and noticed maybe a dozen kids with their bikes, hanging out there.

20 minutes later, driving west on Davis Street, these same kids have traffic stopped while they're doing "wheelies" across all lanes of traffic. After a few minutes of "horseplay," they all took off down San Leandro Blvd.

In five years, after getting cars and

driver's licenses, they'll be doing side shows on I-880 and I-580.

On another topic, Bob Johnson is thanking the Mayor for "cleaning house" at the Marina. Hardly!

Here is what actually happened... The responsible RVer's left, while the "riff raff" never moved. Take a drive by the parking lots, the boat launch areas and have a look see. He wants SLPD to "chase" the homeless, the vagrants, the loonies, and the wanderers out of town, but to where?

Maybe he and Leo will allow them to set up tents and stay with them?

—Ken Kellogg  
San Leandro

## INQUIRING REPORTER

### **Why do you visit the library?**

— Asked at the Manor Branch Library

I go to the library for the magazines.

There is such a variety and I save subscription money. I also like the days and hours the San Leandro libraries are open.

**Ed Hubbard**  
San Leandro



I like to check out books instead of buying them. Here, one may read a bit of a book and decide without the commitment of purchasing it. Another reason I support my local library is because I live close by.

**Victoria Medina**  
San Leandro

We like the programs that are offered. Did you know that the summer reading program is open to adults, as well as kids? Another favorite library program of ours is the Big Read. Also, we know the staff at this branch and everyone is nice.

**Ed and Amada Robles**  
San Leandro



A library is the most central way that you can see your tax dollars at work, while benefiting you personally. The library is a community center and a way to connect with neighbors. We try to make your visits fun.

**Kirstin Mandalay**  
San Leandro,  
works at the Manor Branch

To play chess. A group of four or five friends meet up and we play. We started out by teaching youth who wanted to learn the game after they watched some of us in the library. Now we meet here regularly, and in San Lorenzo.

**Jim Cook**  
Fremont



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# Sign: Sign to cost \$350,000

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President Gordon Galvan.

"I think the mistake was in not asking for the right amount at the beginning," Galvan said.

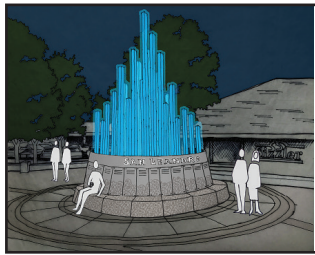
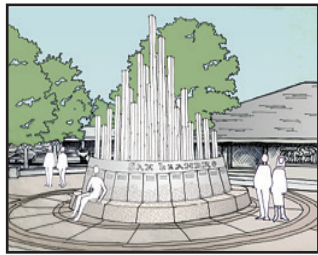
The plan now is to raise \$250,000 from donors, and then ask the city for a loan for the rest. The sign the SLIA is considering would cost \$350,000.

"We're hoping to find 10 large scale donors and raise \$250,000," said Galvan, who is on the board of directors of the Eden Healthcare District and a former San Leandro City Council member.

Galvan said they're thinking of asking foundations and companies that do business in town, such as the Valley Foundation, developer David Irmer (who has done several projects in San Leandro), Maximus Real Estate Partners, the developer of the planned apartment complex on Alvarado Street.

The San Leandro Improvement Association (SLIA) was formed in 2013 as a "community benefit district," which assesses an extra tax on property owners – in this case, downtown property owners – with the goal of making improvements with street cleaning, security, promotions and special events. It collects over \$400,000 a year from downtown property owners.

The SLIA is currently man-



The landmark downtown sign being considered by the San Leandro Improvement Association will cost an estimated \$350,000 and light up at night at Davis and East 14th streets.

aged by New City America of San Diego, founded by Marco LiMandri, which has formed business improvement districts across the United States. LiMandri began in Southern California and helped write local and state legislation to help accommodate maintenance and property assessment districts.

Galvan said he's very happy with the job New City America is doing in San Leandro. But the SLIA board, after a motion by Cox, decided to ask for proposals from other management companies after New City America's current 1-year contract runs out.

Galvan and Cox both said the board just wants to make sure that the SLIA is getting its money's worth by comparing what other management companies would charge.

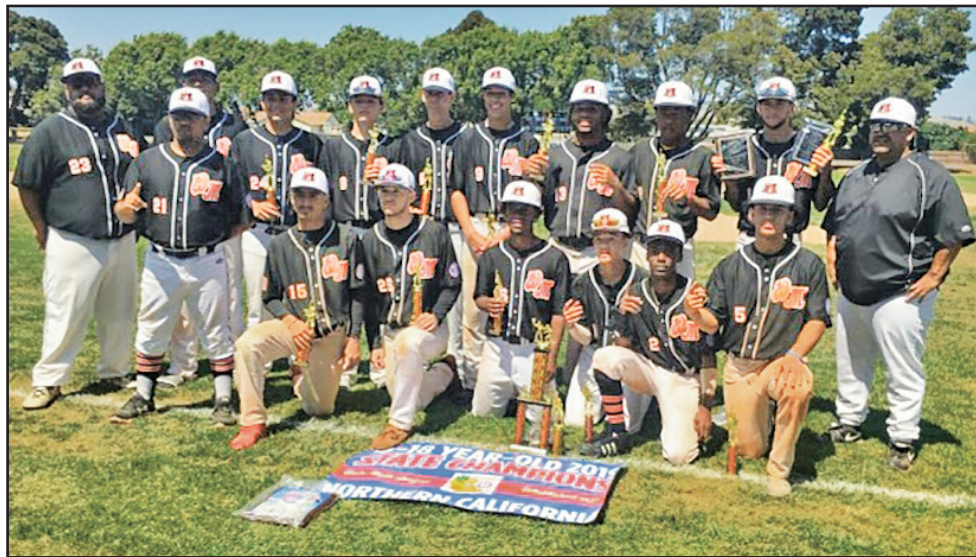
"I think it's smart to look at it," Galvan said.

Part of the \$285,000 loan

from the city was to pay for a bocce ball court at Root Park. But Galvan said that didn't pan out, because there were problems with tree roots and other things that held back the project.

Originally, \$170,000 of the loan was to pay for the downtown landmark sign. But now the estimate is twice that at \$350,000. The sign is designed by Shannon Leigh, a San Leandro firm, and would contain fiber optic and high tech images, and be able to light up in various colors that could be changed for holidays and special events.

Cox and Galvan are hoping to find donors who want their name in lights. Shannon Leigh is redesigning the structure to include the plaques.



The WM 18-U All Stars are Jayden Conti, Agianni Thomas, Jacob Anteneh, Jimmy Garcia, Matt Ratto, Rieth Collard, Kai Johnson, Anand Mehta, Michael Pulido, JT Camp, Gerald Nervis, Fidel Sanchez, Antoine Valerio, Ben Isola, Lorenzo Bartalotti, Logan Vanhille, AJ Marquez, Camari Delgadillo, Cameron Weatherford, head coach Jonathan Rodriguez, coaches David Guzman and Harry Torres.

## WM All Stars Make NorCal Tourney

The Washington Manor 18-U All Stars won the Northern California State Senior Babe Ruth Championship for the third straight year by defeating Mountain View, 4-1, on Sunday, July 7, at Stenzel Park.

WM also defeated Northern Solano, 20-4, and Mountain View, 5-4. WM will represent

Northern California at the Pacific Southwest Regionals for the fourth straight year which will be held at Shoreline Athletic Field in Mountain View.

If WM wins the regionals they will advance to the Senior Babe Ruth World Series in Alabama. WM plays on Thursday July 18 at 9 a.m. against Southern

California or Utah.

Shortstop and pitcher Michael Pulido was named the 2019 Northern California State Tournament MVP for the second straight year and he also received the Sportsmanship Award.

For the season, Washington Manor is 13-3-1.

## Swalwell Calls Off Presidential Campaign

Congressman Eric Swalwell announced on July 8 that he has ended his campaign for President of the United States.

The congressman from the

15th Congressional District said he promised to be honest about his chances, and his campaign realized after the first presidential debate that his polling and fund-



TIMES FILE PHOTO

Congressman Eric Swalwell's popularity in his home district didn't produce a groundswell at the national level.

raising numbers weren't where they had hoped.

"I ran for President to win

and make a difference in our great country — a difference on issues of the future such as finding cures for our deadliest and most debilitating diseases, taking on the student loan debt crisis, and ending gun violence," Swalwell said.

"I thank my supporters and friends, my staff, and my family for making this journey possible. I'll never forget the people I met and lessons I learned while travelling around our great nation — especially in the communities most affected by gun violence," Swalwell said. "But in every community's grief, I see people who love one another and have inside themselves the grit to get things done to end gun violence once and for all. I will take those lessons back to Congress, serving my friends and neighbors in California's 15th District while using my seats on the House Intelligence and Judiciary committees to make our nation safer and uphold the rule of law for all Americans."

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