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Panel of public safety leaders meeting in San Leandro shown above are Anisa McNack, recently retired from the BART police, Michael Buckhout from the Alameda County Sheriffs Office, Paige Bowie from the Alameda County Fire Department and Steve Cesaretti of the San Leandro Police Department.

PHOTO BY MIKE MCGUIRE

## Sewer Rate Hike Approved by City Council

By Mike McGuire  
San Leandro Times

San Leandro's sewer taxes are about to rise, with a hike of 7 percent coming July 1 – and added hikes each July 1 until 2029, totaling a rise of 52 percent over current rates. The City Council unanimously approved the increases at Monday night's meeting. The increase affects the northern two-thirds of the city served by the San Leandro Sanitary District, not the southern part of the city served by the Oro Loma Sanitary District. The increases would have been blocked if a majority of a little over 14,000 property owners notified by the city had objected in writing by the time of the May 5 council meeting. Some 151 did object. Unlike an ordinary election, though, which uses a secret ballot, a voter needed to give their name and address to object to raising rates. City officials have said rising costs and aging equipment had made the increases necessary. The city's Sewer Rates Adjustment webpage said, "The sewer collections system which includes 125 miles of sewer pipeline and 12 lift stations throughout the service area (comprised of the north- see SEWER, page 11

## Police Say Progress Being Made

By Mike McGuire  
San Leandro Times

Progress is being made on public safety after a few rough years, police and fire representatives told a crowd of several dozen meeting at the Families United offices on Joaquin Avenue.

The meeting on April 14 was called by Big Tent San Leandro, a group supporting fair and equitable policing, and by Families United, which advocates for families with disabled members. "There is a gap between community and law enforcement," said Bernard

Ashcraft, founder and leader of Big Tent. "Public safety requires police and fire to be better connected to all communities to build trust and better communications as a policy priority," Ashcraft said public safety reports see PUBLIC SAFETY, page 11

## Man Convicted for Shooting 4 Year Old

By Jim Knowles  
San Leandro Times

A man was convicted of attempted murder in the shooting of a 4-year-old child that took place in San Leandro last year. Adam Abraham Johnson, 34, was convicted after a jury trial of attempted murder, District Attorney Ursula Jones Dickson announced last week. The jury found him guilty of shooting into an occupied home and causing great bodily injury to the 4 year old. Johnson was convicted of multiple felonies, including two counts of attempted murder, shooting at an inhabited dwelling, two counts of assault with a firearm, and possession of a firearm by a felon. see CONVICTED, page 10

## Junior Golfers Qualify for World Tourney

After junior tournament at Monarch Bay young golfers qualify for world championships in San Diego in July

Monarch Bay Golf Club hosted the Uswing Mojing Junior World Qualifier golf tournament on Saturday, April 19. Over 170 junior golfers, age 7 to 14 from throughout California competed. Uswing Mojing Junior World Championships started in 1986 with over 475 participants from seven countries and 20 states. This world event has grown over the years and in 2025, 1,250 Juniors, from 56 countries and 42 states will see GOLFERS, page 12



PHOTO COURTESY OF DAVID DAMS

Young golfers played at the Monarch Bay Golf Club for a chance to compete at the championships in July in San Diego County.

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### SAN LEANDRO SCHOOL BOARD

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



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# High School Freshman's Letter Leads to Revamped Court

Gianardo "Gio" Fiero, has been playing basketball for eight years, ever since he joined the San Leandro Recreation and Park Department's Junior Warriors program.

Today, he trains daily at Hillcrest Knolls Park in unincorporated San Leandro. His father rebounds for him before or after school and on weekends.

In 2020, during the COVID-19 pandemic shutdowns, Gio's mother gave him a creative challenge: each week, write a letter of appreciation or a request to someone in the community. One of those letters was addressed to the mayor of San Leandro, asking for improvements to the Hillcrest Knolls basketball court—specifically, to add a three-point line.

The letter found its way to the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (H.A.R.D.). With \$300,000 in Alameda County Park in-lieu fees, the

court was fully refurbished—including the addition of an ADA-accessible pathway—and completed in November 2024.

For Gio, the results have been game changing.

"It feels like a whole new court for practice and muscle memory," he said. "I used to kind of have to guess where to stand for the three-point line."

Gio loves Hillcrest Knolls and calls it his training ground. He says the upgrades have made a significant impact on his development as a player.

The high school freshman plays small forward on his high school JV team and competes with two AAU travel clubs. His dream is to play professional basketball, but his first goal is to earn a college degree, ideally with a basketball scholarship.

Off the court, his dreams are to one day buy a big house for his parents and raise a family of his own—he's



PHOTO COURTESY OF H.A.R.D.

**Gio Fiero practices on the court at Hillcrest Knolls Park that was refurbished after his letter reached the Hayward Area Recreation and Park Department.**

always wanted a younger brother.

When asked what advice

he would give to others hoping to make a difference, Gio said, "Don't be afraid to ask and be persistent—don't give up."

And to the General Manager and the Capital team who ultimately brought his vision to life, Gio expressed his heartfelt thanks: "Thank you so much for reaching back out. I was worried I wouldn't get a response, so I'm really appreciative that they were able to keep in touch and get it done."

Those who know Gio describe him as humble, warm, grateful, and filled with purpose. Thanks to his determination and a whole lot of

hustle his neighborhood court is no longer just a place to play—it's a symbol of what's possible when a young person raises their voice and never stops believing they can make a difference.

"Gio's story is a shining example of the power of community engagement," said Louis M. Andrade, President of the H.A.R.D. board of directors. "His persistence, passion, and dedication remind us why parks and recreation spaces are so vital. We are proud to support young leaders like Gio, who make our communities stronger."

## Auditions for SL Players *The Hollow* By Agatha Christie

San Leandro Players will hold auditions for their Summer 2025 production of *The Hollow* by Agatha Christie, directed by Amy Cook, at the San Leandro Museum/Auditorium, 320 West Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro.

Auditions will be on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 13 and 14, at 7 p.m., call backs on May 15 if necessary. No appointment necessary. If interested, please contact Amy

Cook at [agctheater@gmail.com](mailto:agctheater@gmail.com). Non-AEA, no pay, all ethnicities and ages encouraged. Open to casting against type, age, and gender.

Rehearsals will run from May 27 to July 17, and performances will run from July 19 to Aug. 17, on Saturdays and Sundays, plus two Friday night shows.

For more information visit the San Leandro Players website: [www.slplayers.org](http://www.slplayers.org).

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## Community Calendar

### San Leandro MexiPino Fiesta

Come to San Leandro's MexiPino Fiesta on Friday, May 9, from 4 to 9 p.m. at 222 Davis St. in downtown San Leandro. The San Leandro MexiPino Fiesta is an event showcasing Mexican and Filipino food, vendors, art, music, and more – a beer garden, live Banda music and dancing, performances by the AAPI march team, and kids activities. Hosted by the Downtown San Leandro Community Benefit District and West Coast Makers.

### Assemblywoman Ortega to Discuss Workforce Development

The Big Tent will host Assemblywoman Liz Ortega to discuss workforce development and housing on Saturday, May 10, at 11 a.m. at Families United, 211 Joaquin St. in San Leandro. The Big Tent is an organization that advocates for education, housing, veterans affairs, health care and other issues.

### Community Chat with City Councilman Fred Simon

San Leandro City Councilman Fred Simon will hold his monthly community chat on Saturday, May 10, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the Greenhouse Market Place, in front of Great Clips, 699 Washington Ave. Listen and share ideas on improving our environment and city, and learn how to become a community ambassador. And happy Mothers' Day to all moms.

### 24th Annual Arroyo Athletic Boosters Car Show

The Arroyo Athletic Boosters will hold its 24th Annual Car Show, a day of amazing cars and bikes, on Saturday, May 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Arroyo High School, 15701 Lorenzo Ave. in San Lorenzo. Free admission.

### St. Leander School Car Show

The St. Leander School 2025 Classic Car Show will be held on Saturday, May 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Leander School, 550 W. Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro. Admission is free. All proceeds support student grants and scholarships.

### Castro Valley Orchestra Mother's Day Concert

The Castro Valley Orchestra will present a concert on Mothers' Day, May 11, at 2 p.m. at the Castro Valley Center for the Arts, 19501 Redwood Road in Castro Valley. Compositions by Bela Bartok, Franz Schubert, and Agathe Backer-Grøndahl will be featured. Admission is free and donations are gratefully accepted. A reception will follow the concert.

### Resolve to Lose Weight by Joining TOPS

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

### First United Methodist Senior Exercise

First United Methodist Church, 1600 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro, invites senior citizens to a free program of seated exercise and meditation, followed by conversation and table activities with tea and healthy snacks. Meet on Tuesday mornings from 10 to 11:30 a.m. from March 11 to May 13 in Hale Hall which is entered from Bancroft Ave. Nurture your body, mind, and spirit while building community. All are welcome, non-denominational, no charge. For more information, call the church office at 510-483-0606.

### Chorus Eclectic Free Concert

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

## League of Women Voters Socks & Underwear Drive For the Homeless

The League of Women Voters of the Eden Area (LWVEA) is sponsoring an Underwear Challenge and asks community groups to donate new adult socks and underwear to benefit South Hayward Parish and First Pres Hayward homeless shelters.

Underwear and socks are the number one request at these shelters. Please ask your members and friends to supply new men's and women's underwear and socks to donate to the shelter.

The Underwear Challenge

will run from April 8th to May 8th and culminate with a weigh-in on May 8 at 6 p.m. at Eden Township Health District, 20400 Chabot Road, Suite 303 in Castro Valley.

Participants are invited to join us at an ice cream social during the weigh-in.

Please contact Jo Loss if your organization will be participating by emailing us at LWVEA57@gmail.com.

If you can't make the weigh-in, you can arrange to have your items picked up by calling 510-8813109.

## Movies at the Main Library

### The Social Dilemma

View a screening of *The Social Dilemma* on Saturday, May 10, from noon to 2 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Rated PG-13. Runtime 94 minutes.

As digital platforms increasingly become a lifeline to stay connected, Silicon Valley insiders reveal how social media is reprogramming civilization and the impact it has over the way we think, act, and live our lives.

For more information, call 510-577-3971.

### Rear Window

See *Rear Window* with James Stewart and Grace Kelly on Saturday, May 17 at 2 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave.

A photographer recovering from a broken leg passes the

time by watching his neighbors and begins to suspect one of them of murder.

Rated PG. Runtime 112 minutes.

### Join the Rotary Club in Fight Against Polio

Join the Rotary Club of San Leandro and help fight polio around the world on Tuesday, May 13, from noon to 9 p.m. at the Sons of Liberty, 150 W. Juana Ave. in downtown San Leandro. Enjoy food or drinks and 20 percent of your bill will be donated to help prevent polio. Visit <https://sanleandrorotary.org/> for more information.

### Castro Valley Orchestra Concert



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Preheat the oven to 400°F. Sift together the flour, baking powder, baking soda, remaining 2 tablespoons sugar and salt in a medium bowl. Add heavy cream and mix until just combined.

Place mixture in an ungreased 8-inch-square pan and bake until golden, 18 to 20 minutes.

Place a metal bowl and beaters in the freezer during shortcake cooking time.

Remove shortcake from pan and place on a rack to cool slightly. Cut into 6 pieces and split each piece in half horizontally.

Mix all whipped cream ingredients in the metal bowl with metal beaters about 1-1/2 to 2 minutes.

Spoon some of the strawberries with the juice onto each shortcake bottom. Top with a generous dollop of whipped cream and then the shortcake top.

Spoon more strawberries over the top and serve. Makes 6 servings.

CHOCOLATE-DIPPED STRAWBERRIES

- 24-30 perfectly ripened strawberries, green caps intact

- 6 ounces sweet, semisweet, bittersweet, or milk chocolate, coarsely chopped

Toothpicks

Rinse strawberries, dry thoroughly on paper towels.

Melt the chocolate in the top of a double boiler, set over simmering water, or in a glass bowl in the microwave (on full power in 30-second intervals). Regardless of the method used, stir the chocolate as it starts to soften. It shouldn't get hot or it will be too thin and it will drip off of the strawberries.

Insert a toothpick into the stem end of each strawberry and dip into the chocolate, coating 3/4 of the berry. (Leave the green cap and some of the red berry showing for a more decorative finish.)

Gently set strawberries on waxed paper to dry. If the chocolate becomes too thick to work with, re-heat gently.

After the chocolate hardens,

remove the strawberries from the toothpicks. The chocolate-dipped strawberries are best if eaten within 24 hours. Refrigerate for longer storage, but serve at room temperature for greatest flavor.

STRAWBERRIES WITH SOUR CREAM

- 4 cups strawberries, rinsed and drained
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1/2 cup brown sugar

In a small bowl, mix sour cream with lemon juice and lemon peel. Serve sour cream mixture and brown sugar as dips one and two alongside strawberries. Serves about 8.

STRAWBERRY-LEMON TRIFLE

- 4 ounces fat-reduced cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup nonfat lemon yogurt
- 2 cups skim milk
- 1 (3.4-ounce) package instant lemon pudding mix
- 2 teaspoons grated lemon peel
- 2-1/2 cups sliced fresh



- strawberries, divided
- 1 tablespoon white grape juice or water
- 1 (10-inch) prepared angel food cake

In a mixing bowl, beat cream cheese and yogurt. Add the milk, pudding mix and lemon peel; beat until smooth. In a blender, process 1/2 cup strawberries and grape juice until smooth. Tear cake into 1-inch cubes; place a third in a trifle bowl or 3-quart serving bowl. Top with a third of the pudding mixture and half of the remaining strawberries. Drizzle with half of the strawberry sauce. Repeat. Top with remaining cake and pudding mixture. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours.

STRAWBERRY CHEESECAKE IN A GLASS

- 1 pint basket strawberries, stemmed and sliced
- 3 tablespoons currant jelly (or 2 tablespoons sugar)
- 8 ounces light cream cheese, softened
- 3 tablespoons skim milk
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 cup light whipped topping
- 1 cup graham cracker crumbs

In bowl, toss strawberries with jelly (or sugar); cover and set aside.

In mixer bowl, beat cheese, milk, juice and sugar until smooth, fold in whipped topping.

Spoon 2 tablespoons crumbs into each of four 8-to-10-ounce stemmed glasses; top each with about 1/4 cup of the strawberries, 1/2 cup of the cream cheese mixture, then the remaining crumbs and strawberries, dividing equally.

Serve immediately or cover and refrigerate up to 6 hours. Makes 4 servings.

STRAWBERRY BRIE

Warm a wheel of ripe Brie cheese in 350°F oven until very soft. Gently cut off top of rind; top with sliced fresh strawberries. Sprinkle with sugar and chopped, toasted almonds.

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For the strawberries:  
1-1/2 pounds strawberries, washed, stemmed and quartered

3 tablespoons sugar

For the cake:  
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2 tablespoons sugar  
3/4 teaspoon salt  
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The following Ordinances were introduced at a first reading and passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of San Leandro at its meeting of May 5, 2025:

**Ordinance No. 2025-004**  
ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-2-500 OF THE SAN LEANDRO MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO ANNUAL CPI ADJUSTMENT TO BUSINESS LICENSE FEES

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-005**  
ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-13-140 OF THE SAN LEANDRO MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO ANNUAL CPI ADJUSTMENT OF THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TAX

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-006**  
ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-18-210 OF THE SAN LEANDRO MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO ANNUAL CPI ADJUSTMENT OF THE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION SYSTEM ACCESS TAX

The full text of these Ordinances are posted for public inspection on the City Council bulletin board located at the entrance to the City Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 835 East 14th Street, San Leandro, California.

Kelly B. Clancy, CMC  
City Clerk



# SENIORS

## Planning Your Estate When Your Spouse Has Dementia

By Gene L. Osofsky, Esq.  
San Leandro Times

Q. My husband and I have put off doing our estate planning, and now he has dementia and his doctor is concerned about him signing legal documents. He is 5 years older than me and also has some other health issues. We have a home and some financial accounts, and all our assets are held by us as joint tenants. Can we still do planning?

A. Perhaps, yes, but there may be some trade-offs and the options for persons in your situation are very fact specific.

First, know that you can still create and sign necessary documents for yourself that only require your signature, namely: a Last Will, Advance Health Care Directive, and Durable Power of Attorney ("DPOA"). You and your own doctor may also discuss and co-sign a POLST ("Physician's Order for Life Sustaining Treatment"). You can also update beneficiary designations on your own IRA, 401K, life insurance or annuity policies (if any).

Second, if you believe that – because of his age and other health issues – it is more likely that he will pass on first and that you will be the survivor, you can rely upon the survivorship aspect of the Joint Tenancy titling to create what I might call a "stand-by" plan, to be fully funded only after his demise.

Here is the way it might work. You could create a "Living Trust" now, upon your signature alone, which would be only minimally funded upon its creation, e.g. by a nominal \$10. It would have many of the features of a standard trust, including the designation of successor trustees, and remainder beneficiaries (presumably, your children).

Upon your husband's demise, you would then take some simple steps to affirm your survivorship with regard to your joint tenancy assets held outside the trust, and then formally transfer them into your trust.

For the home, you would file a Joint Tenancy Termination Affidavit with the county recorder, and the home would then instantly be deemed to be in your name, alone. You would then take the next step,



but still wish to plan your affairs, there is another, more secure, option: You could Petition the Superior Court to approve an estate plan prepared for both of you. This Petition would be brought under the Substituted Judgment provisions of the California Probate Code, namely Code § 3101.

As the name of the proceeding implies, the court would then review your petition, "substitute" its own judgment for that of your husband and hopefully, absent valid objection from any family member, approve your joint estate plan. This, of course, is a more involved undertaking and would ultimately be subject to the court's approval. We have used it successfully for some of our clients, who have been very satisfied with the results.

The point is to start thinking about this now, and discuss it with your attorney sooner than later. Good wishes to you and your husband.

Gene L. Osofsky is an elder law and estate planning attorney who has been helping East Bay families for over 25 years with Trusts, Wills, Powers of Attorney, Probate, Medi-Cal Planning, and related matters. To contact his office, send an email to Gene@LawyerForSeniors.com or call 510-247-2555.

and create and sign a deed conveying what is now your home, alone, into your "stand-by" Living Trust. You might also do the same with respect to your financial accounts. So, after this effort is completed, all of your significant assets would then be in your Living Trust.

Another option would be to defer creating your Living Trust until after your husband's demise. However, at that time you may not, yourself, be in a frame of mind to sign legal documents. True, you could, in your DPOA previously signed, authorize someone you trust, such as one of your children, to create a trust for you and then fund it with your home and other assets, but the better plan would be to do it yourself now, while you are fully able and vibrant.

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## Assumption Mourns Passing Of Pope Francis with Novena

A memorial honoring the late Pope Francis was erected in Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary last week.

On Saturday, April 26, the church began a novena for the repose of the soul of Holy Father, Pope Francis. In cathedrals, parish churches, shrines, and chapels around the world this novena was prayed to mourn for the nine days following the Pope's funeral (novendiales).

A novena is a Catholic worship of special prayers or services on nine successive days.

The Novena was prayed daily at Church of the Assumption following the morning mass at 8:30 a.m. from April 26 to May 4.

More about the novena in both English and Spanish at: <https://www.usccb.org/novena-memory-pope-francis>



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Practical Steps for Buying Your First Home

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Search Google for “What is the average net worth for homeowners vs renters?” and AI provides the following response: “Homeowners typically have a significantly higher net worth than renters, with homeowners’ net worth averaging around \$400,000 compared to renters’ net worth of about \$10,400. This disparity is driven by factors like home equity, which is a primary asset for homeowners, and the

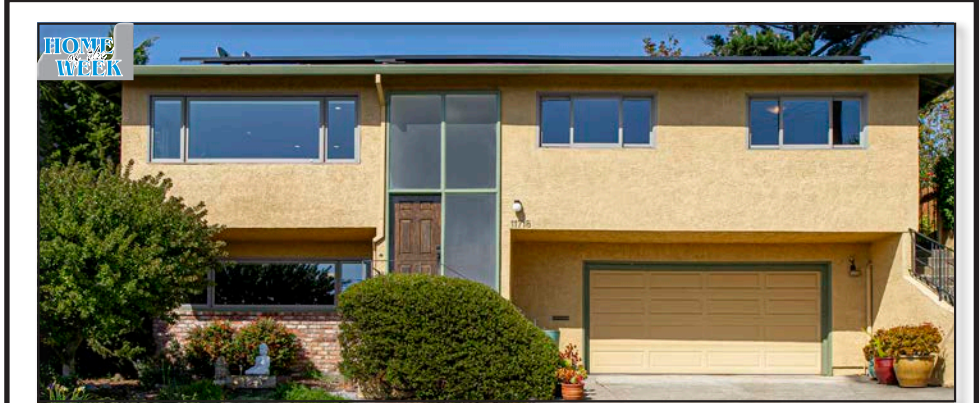
potential for home appreciation.”

This is one of the major reasons homeownership has been categorized as part of the American Dream: instead of working hard to produce income, not only do you get to live in the home you purchase, it works passively on your behalf to increase your wealth by appreciation. That accrued wealth can then be leveraged to provide some extensive long-term benefits. As someone once said to a tenant who was questioning why they should buy instead of rent,

“Whose kids do you want to put through college – yours or your landlords?”

While many long to buy a home, it can seem insurmountable. Here are some practical steps to open the door to home ownership.

1. Work on your credit. The higher your credit score, the better the terms you can expect from a lender. Eliminate debt, make sure all payments are made on time and, if you need help, talk to a certified credit counselor or financial coach such as [www.RamseySolutions.com](http://www.RamseySolutions.com). You should never be spending more than you earn and, if you use credit cards for purchases, should pay off any balance every month.



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2. Save a downpayment. So many live paycheck-to-paycheck because they have never learned how to save. Those who are serious about buying a home need to scale back their lifestyle so they have money to put aside. Avoid big-ticket purchases such as new cars, recreational vehicles, expensive furniture, frequently dining out and more.

3. Start small. Set your sights on a small home to begin. Some buyer wannabes try to get their dream home right away instead of patiently working their way up. If you start too large, it can limit your future prospects because it can absorb all of your current resources and block any attempts to save for a move-up.

4. Get help. My wife and I asked for help from our parents to obtain our first downpayment.

Owning a home has many benefits but it requires discipline. In the end, it is a goal worth pursuing.

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3590 Timco Court 94552: \$1,225,000 [4 BD - 1,652 SF - 1993  
25529 Foggy Glen Drive 94552: \$1,320,000 [4 BD - 1,720 SF - 1999  
6498 Boone Drive 94552: \$1,578,000 [3 BD - 3,068 SF - 1986  
TOTAL SALES: 3  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$1,225,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$1,320,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$1,578,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$1,374,333

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1550 Bancroft Avenue #412 94577: \$485,000 [3 BD - 1,680 SF - 1975  
14101 East 14th Street #107 94578: \$510,000 [2 BD - 1,000 SF - 1986  
1593 151st Avenue 94578: \$675,000 [2 BD - 1,226 SF - 1941  
1378 Linton Street 94577: \$758,000 [3 BD - 1,104 SF - 1952  
315 Dutton Avenue 94577: \$825,000 [3 BD - 2,052 SF - 1913  
1663 Manor Boulevard 94579: \$826,000 [3 BD - 1,238 SF - 1954  
13893 Wake Avenue 94578: \$846,000 [3 BD - 1,177 SF - 1946  
1522 Redwood Avenue 94579: \$850,000 [3 BD - 1,096 SF - 1953  
15300 Laverne Drive 94579: \$940,000 [3 BD - 1,107 SF - 1957  
1905 Alvarado Street 94577: \$960,000  
15034 Milford Street 94579: \$975,000 [3 BD - 1,602 SF - 1954  
TOTAL SALES: 11  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$485,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$826,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$975,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$786,363

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1063 Via Bregani 94580: \$865,000 [3 BD - 1,317 SF - 1956  
1682 Bockman Road 94580: \$895,000 [3 BD - 1,582 SF - 1954  
TOTAL SALES: 2  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$865,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$880,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$895,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$880,000

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29212 Mission Boulevard 94544: \$398,000  
1560 170th Avenue 94541: \$400,000 [3 BD - 1,000 SF - 1935  
661 Royston Lane #337 94544: \$530,000 [2 BD - 894 SF - 1988  
27174 Whitman Street 94544: \$600,000 [3 BD - 951 SF - 1950  
242 Blossom Way 94541: \$745,000 [3 BD - 1,272 SF - 1939  
89 Crossing Court 94544: \$755,000 [3 BD - 1,475 SF - 1991  
22810 High Street 94541: \$770,000 [4 BD - 1,628 SF - 1966  
270 Traynor Street 94544: \$775,000 [3 BD - 1,323 SF - 1950  
25353 Custom Drive 94544: \$800,000 [2 BD - 1,445 SF - 2021  
18679 Rainier Avenue 94541: \$815,000 [2 BD - 1,134 SF - 1948  
24727 Echo Springs Drive 94541: \$832,500 [3 BD - 1,621 SF - 1981  
24529 Blossom Acre Way 94544: \$850,000 [3 BD - 1,598 SF - 2019  
969 Folsom Avenue 94544: \$1,030,000 [3 BD - 1,236 SF - 1936  
29767 Cantera Drive 94544: \$1,930,000 [4 BD - 3,150 SF - 2019  
103 Dunfirth Drive 94542: \$2,500,000 [3,961 SF - 2018  
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# Sowbugs are a Garden Good Guy

By Buzz Bertolero  
The Dirt Gardener

**Q** What's eating the petals of the flowers in my garden? I have noticed a lot of Sowbugs in the area. I've always considered them harmless, but now I'm unsure. Could they be the problem? If not, what is?

**A** It is doubtful that Sowbugs are the primary cause of the problem in your flower garden. First, Sowbugs are not insects but soil-dwelling crustaceans, more closely related to crayfish than insects. By

definition, insects have six legs, while Sowbugs have many more. Finding Sowbugs climbing on plants and eating flower petals would be very unusual. They are shy and reside on the ground under debris where it is dark and moist. They feed on dead or decaying organic matter. This activity makes Sowbugs a 'garden good guy' or a composting machine, as they break down decaying organic matter into nutrients that plants can use. However, they can be problematic with edibles like strawberries, pumpkins, or melons when they come to rest on moist

soil. The moisture causes wet spots on the maturing fruits that never dry out, leading to decay and providing an entry point for sowbugs. They're not a problem with cucumbers or any other edible with a waxy coating. Lifting the fruits or vegetables off the ground solves this by allowing air to circulate them, drying out the moist spots. A drip irrigation clip is a perfect solution for clusters of strawberries, while a layer of straw works for others. So what is the problem? I believe the holes are the work of earwigs, snails, or slugs. They do their damage at night and retreat to a cool,

dark location during the daytime. I'd sprinkle the area with Sluggo Plus, not to be confused with Sluggo. It is an effective organic, granular bait for snails, slugs, and earwigs that is safe to use around pets and kids. I'd sprinkled the bait throughout the area and reapplied monthly through the harvesting season.

**Q** What causes plants or shrubs to die out? I planted two magnolias six years ago, and they have really not grown. One looks healthy with green leaves, but the other is sickly looking.

**A** Plants struggling with little to no new growth and then die overnight suffer from root rot. Root rot develops when plants are planted too deep in our heavy clay soil and excessive summer moisture. We often plant new plants at the bottom of a bowl-shaped hole. Shortly thereafter, the watering basin collapses around the trunk, burying the plants. All new plants should be planted high above the ground, with the original root ball sticking out of the ground 1/2 to 1 inch above the grade. This allows water to flow away from the trunk and

prevents the plants from being buried too deep. The exposed root ball is covered with mulch to insulate it from the sun. For those plants still struggling, I would dig them up and replant. Removing the excess soil down to the top root is also recommended. Planting plants too deep in clay soil is the number one cause of plant death.

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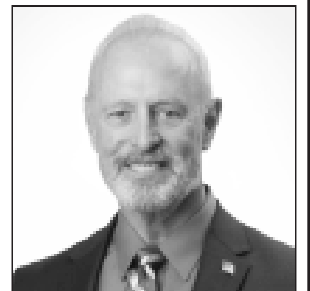
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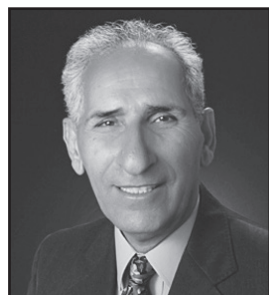
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Hokkaido Sashimi Marketplace, located at 3335 Castro Valley Blvd. Castro Valley, CA 94546 Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): CV Hokkaido Sashimi Inc., located at 3335 Castro Valley Blvd. Castro Valley, CA 94546. This business is conducted by a Corporation. This business commenced N/A /s/Charlie Chang  
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The name of the business(es):  
Chinampa Roofing located at 1626 92ND Ave. Oakland, CA 94603 Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Chinampa Roofing, located at 92ND Ave. Oakland, CA 94603. This business is conducted by An Corporation. This business commenced 04/21/2025 /s/Jacob Mendoza Zapien  
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

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

**Thomas J. Nixon - Judge of the Superior Court**  
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## Asian and Pacific Islander Exhibit Opens At Hayward Area Historical Society

A new exhibit celebrating the Asian American and Pacific Islander community opens today, May 8, at the Hayward Area Historical Society (HAHS) in downtown Hayward.

The exhibit, in partnership with the Hayward Arts Council, will run through Sept. 13 on the museum's second floor. The exhibition includes artwork and cultural items from many different Asian American

and Pacific Islander communities.

The exhibit explores traditions from many different countries that have significant populations in the area today, said HAHS Executive Director Diane Curry.

The first free public program for the exhibition is scheduled for Saturday, May 10 at 11:30 a.m. at the HAHS Museum. Join local artist Ruey Syrop in a lesson on Chinese calligraphy

where Syrop will lead the group in creating Chinese characters.

On Saturday, June 14 at 11:30 a.m., join volunteers from the Eden Township Japanese American Citizen League and the Eden Japanese Community Center for a workshop on the art of origami. You can try your hand at three different folded paper designs.

All supplies are provided and the programs are free, but registration is required at

[www.haywardareahistory.org](http://www.haywardareahistory.org).

More programs in celebration of the AAPI community will be coming this summer. The Hayward Area Historical Society is located at 22380 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward.

More information about the Hayward Area Historical Society can be found online at [www.haywardareahistory.org](http://www.haywardareahistory.org) or by calling 510-581-0223.

## Convicted: Used tracking device to find vehicle in San Leandro

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Johnson faces an increased sentence for his prior conviction of robbery, his use of a firearm in the commission of the attempted murder, as well as the infliction of great bodily injury on the child victim in this case, according to the district attorney's office.

The shooting incident began on the day of Feb. 24, 2024 when Johnson used a tracking device to find a vehicle he had reported stolen, according to

evidence presented at the trial. He tracked the car to a driveway of a residence on the 400 block of W. Juana Avenue near downtown San Leandro.

At the residence, Johnson fired his semi-automatic handgun at the person he believed had stolen his car. He also fired at the window of the residence, the jury found.

A 4 year old was sitting on a couch in the living room and was struck by the gunfire. The

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## OPINION

### LETTERS to the EDITOR

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#### We Need Bees, So Be Careful With Pesticides

Editor,

Your local beekeepers are concerned about the threat pesticides pose to our bees and native pollinators. These insects are responsible for pollinating countless plants in our ecosystem. Our bees are visiting your gardens and fruit trees.

In the past few weeks, several of us are watching massive bee die-offs that are consistent with pesticide poisoning, with thousands of dead and convulsing bees on the ground in front of our hives.

Pesticides can kill thousands of bees and potentially kill entire colonies because the bees visiting the affected plants bring the poison home. When this happens, not just honey bees are affected. Other native bees, butterflies and other pollinators will perish as well. Even products labeled "bee-friendly" and "organic" can be dangerous if misapplied.

We are asking for your help:

1. Avoid systemic insecticides—check product labels before buying. According to beekeeping-likeagirl.com, never use products that contain imidacloprid, clothianidin, thiamethoxam, acetamiprid, or dinotefuran. These are extremely toxic to bees and are found in many home garden products. They are often marketed as "all-in-one care."

2. If a little is good, that doesn't mean a lot is better. Never use more

than the instructions prescribe.

3. If you must spray, apply pesticides only at the end of the day when bees are not foraging.

4. Never spray blooming flowers or plants that attract pollinators, as even so-called organic treatments will kill pollinators if exposed within the first few hours of application.

5. Plant bee-friendly flowers, preferably natives, and avoid herbicides that kill beneficial wild plants.

Thanks for reading and for doing your part to provide healthy habitat for our pollinators.

**Paula Breen**  
San Leandro

#### Mobile Home Residents Unite

Editor,

The San Leandro City Council has twice named revision of the Mobilehome Rent Stabilization Ordinance as a top priority—first in 2022, and again in its 2025 budget goals. But those promises will only turn into action if we show up, speak out, and stand together.

That's why the Mission Bay Residents' Association, in partnership with the national nonprofit MHAAction, is hosting a two-day community empowerment event to build the energy and unity needed to win real protections for manufactured and mobilehome residents. We're inviting homeowners from all nine San Leandro parks to join

us in learning how to tell our stories, whether to the City Council or to the press.

Many of us are seniors, immigrants, and longtime residents living on fixed incomes. We own our homes, but not the land beneath them. That makes us vulnerable to predatory rent increases, arbitrary rule changes, and loss of equity. This two-day gathering is about building the skills, confidence, and shared voice we need to demand change from our elected leaders.

Saturday, May 17, English & Cantonese, and Sunday, May 18, English & Spanish from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Email [mbhoasl@gmail.com](mailto:mbhoasl@gmail.com) for the location or for more information. Tell us which teaching day you want to attend. Free breakfast, lunch, and creative action table included.

This is about survival, dignity, and protecting the communities we've built. We're ready—and we're not backing down.

**Deborah Acosta**  
San Leandro

#### Teaching by Example

Editor,

On Friday, May 2, I spent the day with a man who should be regarded as a local hero: Kristian Hinz, principal of Edendale Middle School in the San Lorenzo Unified School District. Normally, I don't spend much if any time with the principals of schools where I serve as a substitute teacher. Friday, though, was not a normal day. Never in my 6 months of working as a substitute in Alameda, San Leandro and San Lorenzo have I seen kids so... overactive, noisy, disobedient, or disruptive. Maybe it's normal as the end of the school year approaches but it was more than I could handle. Thus, I had to call Mr. Hinz to help with every single period that day.

Friday was not a normal day, moreover, because multiple teach-

ers and staff were absent. There was not a moment when Mr. Hinz was not in demand to deal with everything from a physical attack by one student on another to one student's stuffed toy teddy bear being thrown into a sink by another. (Those last two things happened in my class.)

By observing Mr. Hinz I got a masterclass in how to get kids to focus for a while and stop yelling, running around and throwing things. He demonstrated so much patience and love for the kids of the school. He knows every one of them. He understands their psychological and behavioral quirks to a degree I wouldn't think possible.

Walking with him to his office took a good 15 minutes because he was solving \*new\* problems along the way. And — get this — he simultaneously was picking up trash. In my eyes, he was like a top athlete who has his mind 100% in the game — full of energy, never showing fatigue, and always mentally sharp.

Is he extraordinary? I suspect he is. Principals of every school have tough jobs but in schools where resources are fewer and students come from less affluent families the challenge is so much greater.

If your child is a student at Edendale he or she is fortunate to have Mr. Hinz in charge. He's a great role model. He's a great role model for me — and I'm 60 years old.

**David Silva**  
San Leandro

#### The Realm of Excellence

Editor,

I write in response to the letter to the editor from Leo T. West, published May 1, 2025.

Mr. West asserts that the current President of the United States was elected last year in a "landslide." Obviously, the term "landslide" is metaphorical and does not readily

admit of quantification.

The numbers, however, do not lie. The Federal Election Commission indicates that the United States holds approximately 245 million eligible voters. 155 million ballots were cast in the Presidential Election. (90 million eligible voters failed to go to the polls.) The President received about 49.8% of the total votes cast. His principal rival received about 48.3% of the total votes cast. The popular vote was split nearly evenly.

The President's victory was more decisive in the Electoral College, where the results were split about 57% to 42%, but this is not super-majority territory and does not satisfy my notion of what landslide is meant to convey.

I am also confused by the misplaced honorific Mr. West chooses to use for the president — His Excellency. Excellency is an honorific that is seldom used in American English. My sense of the president's biography leads me to question whether Excellency is apt. Were it possible to sum the president's virtues, I question whether we would find ourselves in the realm of excellence.

In the United States, it is considered decorous to refer to elected and appointed office-holders as The Honorable. I question whether honorable is any more apt than excellent. Etiquette references assure me, however, that I need not address the president as Your Honor. I may simply call him Mr. President. I believe I can concede that much to decorum.

Were I to propose a more apt style for the current occupant of the Oval Office than His Excellency, I believe I would lean toward His Excrescency. This President is an anomalous, abnormal, and unsightly growth on the body politic of the United States.

**Robert E. DiSilverio, Jr.**  
San Leandro



# Sewer: Comments on district elections, new building on Doolittle

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ern two-thirds of the City) is also in need of maintenance and upgrades."

According to a city flyer sent to property owners about the rate hike proposal, the plant began operations in 1939, and cleans about 1.8 billion gallons of wastewater a year before sending the water into the Bay. The city says the plant removes about twice as many pollutants as similarly sized plants elsewhere.

Sewage treatment plant Manager Hayes Morehouse told the City Council on Monday that some \$55 million is needed in sewer system repairs, upgrades and replacements to maintain safe and

reliable operations. There is also \$10 million in legally mandated upgrades for nutrient discharge, to minimize harmful algae blooms in the Bay.

Other costs have gone up along with inflation, too, he said.

## District Election Comments

The council also held its second public hearing on a proposed switch to district elections, which drew two on-line participants.

One person urged the city to be careful in putting equal numbers of residents in each proposed district. He said the latest set of maps did not

show populations of proposed districts at all. This was something done imperfectly when an earlier set of district maps had been drawn up in 2022, with some population differences as large as 10 percent, he said.

## Large Building Planned On Doolittle

Many of the people attending the meeting in person were members of building trade unions, coming to urge approval of a proposed building project at 800 Doolittle Drive, near the airport. Several praised the environmental efforts of developer Prologis, along with its use of union labor.

The Planning Commission had approved the building, but appeals were filed by an environmental group and by Carpenters Local 713, on behalf of members living or working nearby. One member of Local 713 spoke against accepting the required environmental impact report for the project, but no official representative of the union appeared to speak in favor of the appeal.

The environmental group, Advocates for the Environment, withdrew its appeal after a meeting earlier that day with Prologis over its concerns.

Online speaker Ginny Madsen said a possible gas pipe installation for an in-

dustrial tenant got most of the environmental attention, but increased truck traffic struck her as the biggest new polluter. Madsen also cited potential access problems to the nearby Walmart on Davis Street if the truck traffic was not addressed.

The council denied the appeal, and thus approved the building, in a unanimous vote.

## Correction on Emergency Services Tax

Madsen's sharp eyes also helped head off a possible overcharge of some city residents by a tax on emergency medical services. The city's finance department asked the

council to approve an increase to the relatively minor tax along with several others, in an annual adjustment to keep up with inflation.

Madsen pointed out that the rates that were being considered by the council charged people in dwellings of two to five units several times the tax that was charged to people in either single-unit dwellings or in dwellings of six or more units.

Councilmember Dylan Boldt insisted the council should not vote on the otherwise routine proposal until that detail had been pinned down. He said people living in such dwellings were likeliest to be among the poorest city residents and it would be unfair to charge them more than others.

To avoid continuing the issue to another meeting, a flurry of online research by several city officials followed. The result was finding that the words "per unit" had been inadvertently left out of the proposed tax rates for two to five units, though the section of law being cited to allow an increase read accurately.

With that clarification, the council unanimously passed the new tax rates.

# Public Safety: Police say confiscating cars has slowed down sideshows – 'They don't like it when you take their souped-up cars'

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need to be a part of the city and county data reports made public monthly, with community meetings to review data.

Topics were addressed by representatives of the San Leandro Police Department, Alameda County Sheriff's Office and Alameda County Fire Department, as well as a recently retired BART police lieutenant who now works with a group of Black law-enforcement leaders.

## Violent Crime Rate Down, Says Lieutenant

Those hoping for good news at the meeting got some. Lieutenant Steve Cesaretti of the San Leandro Police Department (SLPD) said police in San Leandro and elsewhere were getting a handle on property crimes, which had spiked during the pandemic, and that violent crimes were down in San Leandro.

"Tell us where the problems are," Cesaretti said. "We have highly motivated police officers here."

Cesaretti cautioned against reading too much into year-to-year crime statistics, due to some random fluctuations and spillovers from nearby cities. But he said the long-term trend is that both property and violent crimes have been gradually declining since the 1990s.

Division Chief Paige Bowie of the Alameda County Fire Department (ACFD) said Alternative Response Units coordinated by the department are starting to produce safer outcomes for people suffering mental health emergencies. They also are beginning to relieve the burden on police of

dealing with the mentally ill, which can be challenging even for people with specialized mental health training.

## Shutting Down Sideshows

Alameda County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) Lieutenant Michael Buckhout said regional cooperation among departments is showing results when crime occurs across multiple jurisdictions. He said there's been success in shutting down sideshows in unincorporated areas.

"We do know who all the (sideshow) promoters are, and we use social media to see what their plans are," Buckhout said.

Sideshows are dangerous for several reasons.

"Not only do freeways sometimes get blocked, but many people bring guns," Buckhout said. "We get many guns off the streets there."

Buckhout said that laws permitting seizing cars seem to have particularly demoralized some sideshow participants.

"They don't like that when you take their souped-up cars, and put those away for 30 days," he said.

Anisa McNack, who recently retired as a lieutenant after 24 years with the BART police, said people are sometimes reluctant to report "small" incidents or problems, but they should.

"The old saying is 'if you see something, say something,' and you should do that," she said. "It takes all of us together, the agencies and the public with an open mind, to be safe."

McNack said the police need trust from the public to do their job effectively, and the police also need to trust

the public in their interactions.

Bowie said, "Departments have done a great job building community relationships."

People are more willing to report crimes fires as a result, with call volumes up despite a leveling off of crime, she said. San Leandro resident Ginny Madsen put it a bit more starkly.

"There is no public safety unless there is trust," Madsen said. "For years, the San Leandro police protected only

part of the population."

Perhaps a belated consequence has been the recent rise in lawless behavior, from speeding in school zones to her friend who routinely drives the wrong way down one-way streets, Madsen said.

McNack said that going to meetings such as this one was important to build relations with communities while not neglecting officers' emergency-response duties.

## Mike C. Gomez

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Mike Gomez, age 96, passed away peacefully on Saturday, April 26, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. A devoted husband, proud father, and cherished grandfather and great-grandfather, he lived a long and fulfilling life marked by love, commitment, service, and simple joys.



Born in Placentia, California, Mike served honorably in the United States Army, where he carried with him a deep sense of duty and patriotism throughout his life. After his service, he dedicated himself to his family and community, always leading by example with quiet strength and determined resilience.

He was a lifelong lover of the outdoors and could often be found with a fishing rod in hand, at any of the local East Bay lakes and reservoirs. He loved sharing his catches with the sisters and priests at St. Felicitas and St. Leander. Mike's strong work ethic was displayed every day. He was a proud tool and die craftsman. He never complained; he just got things done. Even when he was tired, he kept going, driven by a deep sense of duty and love. His reliability and perseverance set a powerful example for everyone around him.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 64 years, Maria, and their four children: Mike Gomez, Jr., Manuel Gomez, Marina Hughes and Martha Bricker. He also leaves behind six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren who brought him great joy.

Mike will be deeply missed, but his legacy of love, resilience, and simple pleasures will live on in all who knew him. A service to honor his life will be held at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery & Funeral Center, 1051 Harder Rd, Hayward, CA on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, beginning at 10:00 a.m.



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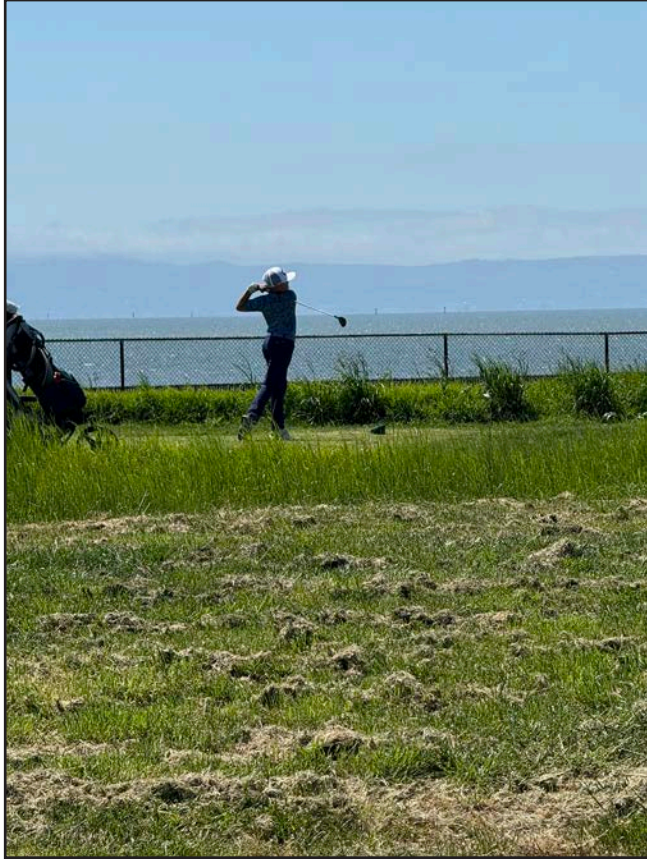


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A golfer tees off at the Uswing Mojing Junior World Qualifier tournament at the Monarch Bay Golf Club.



## Comelo Inducted into Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame

Bella Comelo, vice chair of the San Leandro Senior Commission, was inducted in the Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame at the Castlewood Club in Pleasanton on April 26. There were 450 people in attendance including Alameda County elected officials. Comelo was one of the 12 Alameda County women honored for their contributions in various fields, including business, culture and art, community service, education, environment, justice, sports and health. Above, Bella Comelo (second from right) poses for a photo with Alameda County Supervisors Nikki Fortunato Bas and Elisa Márquez, San Leandro City Councilwoman Xouhoa Bowen, and City Councilman Dylan Boldt.

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## Convicted: Faces 39 years in prison

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child was taken to Children's Hospital in Oakland, where he was treated for a gunshot wound.

"We are grateful that the bullet that struck this innocent victim did not take this child's life," said District Attorney Jones Dickson.

"Mr. Johnson, as a convict-

ed felon, should never have had the gun that he used in the first place," Jones Dickson said. "His actions in taking the law into his own hands were completely inappropriate and almost led to the death of an innocent child. The message needs to be clear that if you use a gun, you will be prosecuted, and you will be pun-

ished accordingly."

Jones Dickson thanked the jury for their service and hard work in this case.

Adam Abraham Johnson was convicted on April 30, 2025. He faces up to 39 ½ years in prison and is scheduled to be sentenced on July 11, 2025, at the East County Hall of Justice in Dublin.

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