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The Upper San Leandro Reservoir is full right now, containing 42,000 acre feet of water.

## EBMUD Buys Land in Hills

By Amy Sylvestri  
San Leandro Times

The East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) purchased a key piece of land in the East Bay hills which will help keep one source of San Leandro's drinking water clean for decades to come, the utility

announced last week.

EBMUD and John Muir Land Trust purchased the 604-acre Carr Ranch, located just outside of Moraga for \$7 million, \$4.5 million of which came from EMBUD.

The John Muir land trust is a non-profit dedicated to keeping land in the East Bay

undeveloped. Since it was founded 25 years ago, the trust says it has raised money to buy and preserve 3,100 acres in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

The Carr Ranch land borders a portion of the Upper San Leandro Reservoir, which

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## Bayfair Changes In the Works

By Amy Sylvestri  
San Leandro Times

The city has plans to dramatically change the Bayfair mall area over the next several years, including an option to raze a portion of the shopping center in favor of high-density housing.

The city's vision focuses less on a big indoor shopping area and more on a collection of shops with plans for up to eight stories of apartments in the area.

The City of San Leandro, the mall's owners, BART, and other property owners are creating a long-term plan for the southern end of San Leandro. No date for construction has been set.

It's a 20-year plan to change from "mall to village," with a combined retail and residential focus. BART has expressed interest in having a large office space close to the station to encourage a "reverse commute."

Aaron Welch, a planner with the firm hired by the city to create the Bayfair transit village plan, Raimi and Associates, shared some ideas with the City Council at a workshop last week.

One idea would be to keep the more successful "big box" stores around the perimeter of the mall and the movie theater and tear down other portions, using the space for housing. The adjacent Fashion Faire shopping center could be a mixed-use space as well.

The city stresses that nothing has been decided yet and the plan they are creating is a big picture, long-term idea, so don't expect

the bulldozers to arrive tomorrow.

In 2014, the city received a \$440,000 grant from the Metropolitan Transportation Com-

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## Teams Pitch in For Meals On Wheels

By Amy Sylvestri  
San Leandro Times

This month, Meals on Wheels is celebrating "March for Meals," their annual fundraising and promotional drive.

As part of March for Meals, this year they are holding a contest among community groups to see who can pack up meals for local seniors the fastest.

Teams competing for the "Golden Hairnet" award include groups from the San Leandro police, Target, Pandora, the Alameda County Sheriff's Office, the Hayward police, and Castro Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Recently, the San Leandro police showed up to see it they could set a record time. They even came wearing their own "golden hairnets" (actually fancy shower caps) in order to get into

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## Taxi Drivers Get Some Relief on Insurance

By Jim Knowles  
San Leandro Times

Taxi drivers in San Leandro have gotten a little relief from the high cost of insurance.

The amount of insurance required by the City of San Leandro was lowered, so now it's an amount similar to surrounding cities. The \$1 million for insurance was cut to half a million.

The reduction will reduce the annual insurance payments for a taxi in San Leandro by about 25 percent, from around \$6,500 to \$4,700, according to taxi driver Kashmir Singh who drives in San Leandro.

Singh said he and the other

taxi owners in San Leandro all sent a letter to City Hall, asking for the insurance requirement to be lowered, pointing out that it's lower in Fremont than in San Leandro. ("Cabbies Swamped by Insurance Costs," Feb. 23, 2017.)

The cabbies also complained that they are competing against Uber and Lyft that aren't regulated by the same city requirements as taxis.

Insurance costs are still high for taxis, but Singh said he was pleased – the reduction gives him some relief.

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TIMES FILE PHOTO

Taxi driver Kashmir Singh said he's relieved that City Hall agreed to change the insurance requirements to a level that's a little more affordable.

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## Library Plans Annual Spring Book Sale

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For more information, call the San Leandro Library Information Desk at 577-3971.

## Hospital Auxiliary Offering Healthcare Scholarships

The San Leandro Hospital Volunteer Auxiliary is now accepting applications for its annual health care scholarship program.

Each year, the auxiliary awards scholarships to college students and graduating high school seniors pursuing medical careers. To be eligible, students must live in San Leandro or San Lorenzo and enroll in health-care-related studies. Scholarships will be awarded in June for studies in the fall.

The Auxiliary awarded \$7,850 in scholarships last year and since its inception in 1972, has awarded over \$495,750 to students. Past scholarship recip-

ients have gone on to become physicians, nurses and allied health professionals.

Applications are available at the information desk or in the gift shop in the lobby of San Leandro Hospital, 13855 East 14th St. Students can also request an application from a career counselor at San Leandro or Arroyo high schools.

The deadline to apply is April 7. For more information about the San Leandro Hospital Auxiliary scholarship program or if you are retired and interested in volunteering at the hospital, call 667-4501 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## Jennifer King to Host Panel Discussion on Danticat Book

The San Leandro Library has gathered a group of local readers to talk about the current community book selection – *Brother I'm Dying*, by Haitian author Edwidge Danticat.

The discussion, moderated by Jennifer King, will take place tonight (Thursday) from 7 to 9 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. The panel discussion will be held first, followed by a question-and-answer session. The event is free and open to the public.

Jennifer King is an adjunct professor at the College of Alameda where she teaches composition and literature. Her own writing has been published locally and nationally. She is an avid reader and loves talking about books.

The panel consists of Adrienne Tryon, English teacher with Education First Language School at Mills College, Merlande Pina Jean, a Haitian national with life experience similar to Edwidge Danticat, and Vivian Chin, associate professor of ethnic studies at Mills College. Chin teaches the literatures of people of color and other topics



Edwidge Danticat's book, *Brother I'm Dying*, will be the topic for discussion.

at Mills College. Each panelist brings a different perspective to the discussion.

## Sign Up for Boys & Girls Club Basketball Program

The Boys and Girls Club of San Leandro is now taking sign-ups for its Spring 2017 instructional basketball program for all boys and girls in grades 3 through 6. The league begins in April 5.

The program is designed to give players a fun and competitive basketball experience. Each player is evaluated prior to being assigned to a team so that all

teams have a balanced number of veterans and rookies.

All players are required to play two quarters per game, so no matter the child's ability level, they will have an opportunity to be on the court and be a part of the action.

All practices and games are held at the Boys and Girls Club of San Leandro, 401 Marina Blvd.

The basketball program fee is \$85 for current "After School" registered members or \$95 for all others and includes uniforms and awards.

The club is also looking for volunteer coaches for the program. For more information on the program or if you are interested in volunteering as a coach, call Ross Lim, at 566-3305.

# FINALLY a way to fix the PAIN of a BULGING DISC

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Are you suffering from back pain, arm or leg pain, numbness, tingling, or weakness in your arms or legs? Then it's likely you're suffering from a Bulging Disc. That's when one of your spinal discs is bulging and causing these, sometimes severe, symptoms because of the effect it's having on your nerve system.

You may have already had this diagnosed on an MRI and thought that there is little that can be done about it and that's a major problem: bad information, because in the right hands a lot can be done for you.

To end the misery caused by Bulging DISCs you must have the right information. Pay close attention because I'm going to destroy some important myths and give you the facts.

**MYTH:** Bulging DISC problems will just "go away" with some rest.

**FACT:** If you are dealing with back pain, buttock pain or leg pain, then you must seek help from a Bulging DISC specialist immediately. Left untreated, the problem can lead to permanent nerve damage - and lifelong pain.

**MYTH:** Pain is the only problem associated with Bulging DISC problems.

**FACT:** In severe cases, this problem can lead to the inability to control your bowels, bladder and sexual potency - leading to embarrassing situations.

**MYTH:** You must take pain medications to deal with Bulging DISCs.

**FACT:** Drugs like muscle relaxants, pain killers, narcotics, antidepressants, and anti-seizure medications have serious potential

side-effects and do not cure Bulging DISCs.

**MYTH:** "I must have done something wrong to damage my DISC."

**FACT:** Physical work or simply sitting at a desk for long periods can lead to Bulging DISCs. Accidents and trauma can also be the culprits. Pregnancy can cause damage. DISC Bulges can happen to anyone - including super-fit celebrities like Tiger Woods, Sylvester Stallone, and British Olympic medalist Ian Wynne.

**MYTH:** Stop exercising and get several weeks of bed rest to let the Bulging DISC recover...

**FACT:** Staying active can help to relieve the pain and prevent the pain getting worse. Staying inactive in bed could be the worst advice - based on a recent study in the Netherlands.

**MYTH:** DISC Bulges or herniations require surgery.

**FACT:** NO! There's been a huge breakthrough in the treatment of Bulging DISCs. It's a new procedure called Non-Surgical Re-Constructive Spinal Care. The excellent results from this treatment have been published in major medical journals. Success rates are up to 88%.

**MYTH:** "There's nothing anyone can really do. I'm just stuck with this for the rest of my life."

**FACT:** With the correct treatment from a healthcare professional who specializes in Bulging DISCs, you can find relief from the core cause - and the symptoms.

**MYTH:** Getting a Bulging DISC properly diagnosed is expensive.

**FACT:** Not true. Intero Chiropractic in Pleasanton is currently offering an initial consultation for Just \$20.

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This procedure does not require a hospital stay and in most cases you'll be able to continue with your normal daily activities with little interruption. The focus is on finding - and correcting - the original cause of the Bulged DISC.

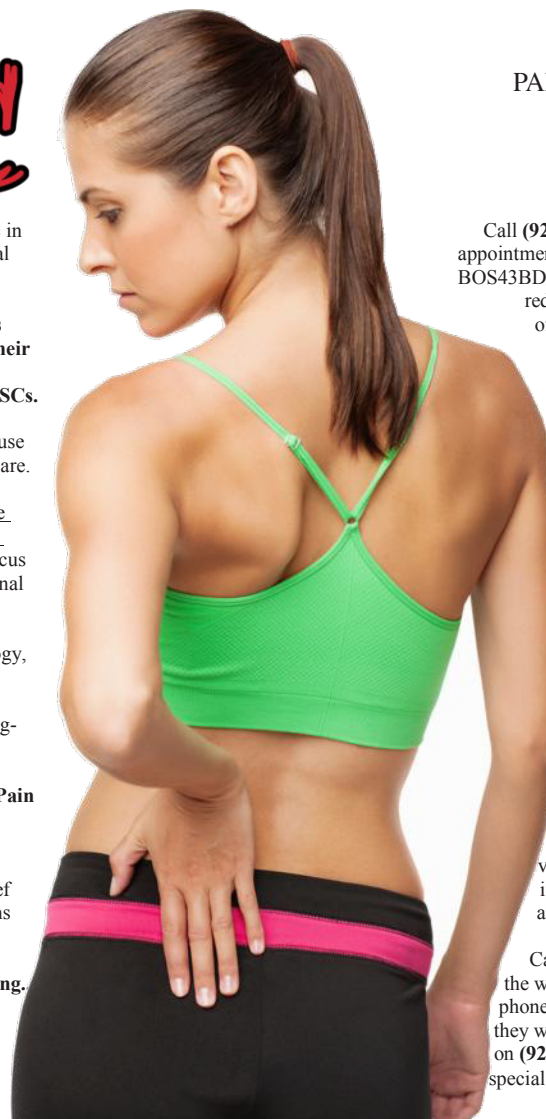
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## Training Time for Jail Volunteers

Last week, a special volunteer training session was held for 173 people who volunteer at Santa Rita jail in Dublin. The volunteers come from organizations that work in the jail such as the county library, Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous, and local churches. They learn about the safety protocols they need to serve in the jail. The volunteers spend hundreds of hours working with inmates each year, according to the Alameda County Sheriff's office.

## San Leandro Woman Arrested After Riding in Bay Bridge 'Side Show'

A San Leandro woman was arrested after allegedly participating in a "side show" on the Bay Bridge last Sunday. Several other riders were detained by authorities.

The California Highway Patrol's spotter airplane tracked 30 ATVs, dirt bikes, and motorcycles on the eastbound lanes of the Bay Bridge just after 6 p.m.

The riders were allegedly driving recklessly and harassing other drivers on the bridge.

CHP officers on the ground tried to stop the group as it got off the bridge, but the riders all fled the scene.

The plane led the officers to a smaller group of riders near 103rd Avenue and Royal Ann Street in Oakland.

The San Leandro woman, 27, was caught trying to flee on a motorcycle and arrested on suspicion of obstructing an officer, evading an officer, and aiding or abetting a speed exhibition.

She is scheduled to be arraigned at the Wiley Manuel

courthouse in Oakland on May 2.

CHP officers also seized two dirt bikes and two all-terrain

vehicles and said more detained riders may face charges as the investigation continues.

## Family of Slain Hayward Teen Offers Reward

The family of the teen who was shot and killed in Cherryland in January is offering a \$2,500 reward for information leading to the arrest of his killer.

Hayward High School junior Lamar Murphy, 16, was walking near the intersection of Princeton Street and Smalley Avenue in the unincorporated area on Jan. 23 at around 6:45 p.m. when he was shot and killed.

Authorities believe a car may have been involved and that it was a possible drive-by shooting.

No motive for the killing or information about any suspects have been released by the sheriff's office.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Alameda



Lamar Murphy

County Sheriff's Office at 667-3628 or the anonymous tip line at 667-3622.

## Reader Warns of Auto Thefts at Shopping Centers

A reader reports his SUV has been stolen twice in the past few months, both times from busy shopping areas.

The Honda SUV was stolen the first time when he went to the Bayfair movie theater to watch the latest *Star Wars* with his son last December. The crime was caught on surveillance and the vehicle was recovered by police.

But last Saturday, the man went shopping at the Davis Street Walmart and the SUV was snatched again. The theft was again recorded on security footage and he's hopeful his vehicle will be return again, but he wants to get the word out that large shopping areas are popular with car thieves.

Lt. Robert McManus of the SLPD says that it is true that most

car thefts take place at shopping centers.

"We are averaging about 1,000 cars per year taken out of San Leandro," said McManus. "Any place with high-traffic like a mall is easier for criminals because it's easier to be inconspicuous with a lot of people around."

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# NEIGHBORS



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## Oh, Say, Can You See?

Old Glory flies in the breeze on a recent morning as a BART train rolls into San Leandro.

## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

### ❖ *The Maltese Bodkin* at San Leandro Museum

The San Leandro Players present *The Maltese Bodkin* on Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. through April 9, and Fridays from March 31 to April 7, at the San Leandro Museum/Auditorium, 320 West Estudillo Ave., in San Leandro. Written by David Belke and directed by Sage Hindley the play follows the intrepid gumshoe as he solves the mystery of the deadly bodkin amid savory and unsavory characters from the realm of

Shakespeare. Tickets are \$20, or \$15 for seniors, TBA members, under 12 and students. For more information or reservations, call 895-2573. Order tickets online at [www.slplayers.org](http://www.slplayers.org).

### ❖ Morrisson Theatre

The Morrisson Theatre Chorus, under the musical direction of César Cancino, will present “Spring Concert: Stage and Screen” on Friday and Saturday, March 17 and 18, at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, March 19, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$18 adult,

\$15 for under 30/over 60 and \$12 for students. For tickets or more information, go to [www.dmtonline.org](http://www.dmtonline.org) or call 881-6777. The Douglas Morrisson Theatre is located at 22311 N. Third St. in Hayward.

### ❖ Morrisson Theatre

The Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 N. Third St. in Hayward, presents *Side by Side by Sondheim*, a musical revue featuring the earlier songs of one of the greatest composers of American musical theatre. The musical opens on Friday, April 7, and runs through April 23 with shows on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$29 with discounts available for seniors, under 30s, students and groups of 10 or more. For tickets, call the box office at 881-6777 or visit the website: [www.dmtonline.org](http://www.dmtonline.org).

DMT’s production of “Side by Side by Sondheim,” is directed by Michael Ryken, with music direction by Dean Starnes, and features a talented ensemble of Bay Area performers: Tielle Baker, Brian Couch, Christine Macomber and Jenny Matteucci.

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**ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** This is a good time to reassess important relationships, both personal and professional, to see where problems might exist and how they can be overcome. Keep communication lines open.



**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** It's not easy to bring order to a chaotic situation, whether it's in the workplace or at home. But if anyone can do it, you can. A pleasant surprise awaits you by week's end.



**GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** Be careful that you don't make an upcoming decision solely on the word of those who might have their own reasons for wanting you to act as they suggest. Check things out for yourself.



**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** A personal relationship that seems to be going nowhere could be restarted once you know why it stalled. An honest discussion could result in some surprising revelations.



**LEO (July 23 - August 22):** That unexpected attack of self-doubt could be a way of warning yourself to go slow before making a career-changing decision. Take more time to do a closer study of the facts.



**VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22):** A workplace problem needs your attention, now, before it deteriorates to a point beyond repair. A trusted third party could be helpful in closing the gaps that have opened.



**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22):** A recent family situation could give rise to a new problem. Keep an open mind and avoid making judgments about anyone's motives until all the facts are in.



**SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21):** Rely on your always-sharp intuition to alert you to potential problems with someone's attempt to explain away the circumstances behind a puzzling incident.



**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** Although you still need to do some snipping of those lingering loose ends from a past project, you can begin moving on to something else.



**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** With your self-confidence levels rising, you should feel quite comfortable with agreeing to take on a possibly troublesome, but potentially well-rewarded, situation.



**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** Travel is favored, both for business and for fun. The end of the week brings news about an upcoming project that could lead toward that promised career change.



**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** You might feel suddenly overwhelmed by a flood of responsibilities. But if you deal with each one in its turn, you'll soon be able to hold your head above water and move on.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### ❖ Landscaping Workshop

Dr. Ann Riley will illustrate how to manage urban streams and hillsides with proper landscaping to support inclines at a hands-on workshop on Saturday, March 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Root Park. The training will center on bio-technical erosion control measures, utilizing various soil bio-engineering principles that can be used by anyone interested in low-tech measures that mimic nature's own erosion control solutions. At 10:30 a.m. special guest Ruth Orta, Ohlone Elder, will bless the creek and the work being done there. In case of rain, the workshop will be rescheduled to Saturday, April 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### ❖ Author Aleta George Speaks at SL Library

In celebration of Women's History Month, Aleta George will discuss her award-winning biography of Ina Coolbrith on Saturday, March 25, from 2 to 3 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Coolbrith was Oakland's first public librarian, California's first poet laureate and the most popular literary ambassador in the early American West. Jack London and Isadora Duncan considered Coolbrith their literary godmother and John Greenleaf Whittier knew more of her poems by heart than she did his. Copies of this book will be sold after the event at \$20 for paperback and \$25 for hardback. Admission is free.

### ❖ Eden Garden Club

The next meeting of the Eden Garden Club will be on Monday, March 27, at 9:30 a.m. at the Moose Lodge, 20835 Rutledge Road in Castro Valley. The speaker will be Judy Casale, beekeeper for 20 years, honey seller and resident of Castro Valley. Judy will focus on honeybee pollination and honeybee friendly plants, sharing her knowledge and expertise. Meetings are free and guests are always welcome. For more information, call 397-1268.

### ❖ I.D.E.S. of Saint John Pancake Breakfast

I.D.E.S. of Saint John, 1670 Orchard Ave. in San Leandro, will have a pancake breakfast and bingo on Saturday, April 1, at 9 a.m. Breakfast is \$10 per person and includes three bingo cards, extra cards are 25 cents apiece. Please bring canned food for the food drive. For more information, call Willie Calvo at 635-6326 or Helder Quadros at 357-5846.

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The Friends of the San Leandro Library will hold its Spring Two-day Book Sale on Saturday and Sunday, April 1 and 2, at the Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. with a fantastic selection of over 10,000 quality books at bargain prices. The sale is open to the public on Saturday, April 1, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. But by joining the Friends of the Library, you may attend the “Members Preview” during the first two hours from 9 to 11 a.m. to get the best pick of the books. Then on Sunday, April 2, the Friends will be hosting an all-day bag sale at \$2 a bag from noon to 3 pm. Friends of the San Leandro Library membership is \$10 for an individual \$15 for a family. You can register or renew your membership at the door on the day of the sale or pick up a membership application at the Main Library. For more information, call the San Leandro Library Information Desk at 577-3971.

### ❖ Soroptimists Yard Sale

The Soroptimists will have a yard sale (weather permitting) on Saturday, April 1, from 8 a.m.

to 4:30 p.m. at 3841 Somerset Ave. in Castro Valley, with lots of good stuff, tools, shoes, clothes, sports gear. For more information or to donate, call Lynn Levin at 593-7377. The best time to drop off donations is Friday evening, March 31, after 5 p.m.

### ❖ Diabetes Support Group

The Diabetes Support Group has been told that it will no longer be able to hold its meetings at the San Leandro Surgery Center, 15035 East 14th St. in San Leandro, since the building was sold to Sutter Health Care. The support group will be suspending its meetings until it finds another venue, but there will be one last meeting at the Surgery Center on Monday, April 3, at 4:30 to thank all those who have supported this free community activity.

### ❖ San Leandro Swim Team Tryouts

The San Leandro Swim Team will hold tryouts for the upcoming season on Monday, April 3, at 6 p.m. at the San Leandro High School Pool, 2200 Bancroft Ave. All swimmers ages 4 to 18 interested in joining the team come prepared to demonstrate your skills. Swimmers should be comfortable in water and able to swim 25-50 yards unassisted. For more information, go to website - San Leandro Drowning Darryls - Team Unify or call 913-0850.

### ❖ St. Gerard Women's Club Bake Sale

The members of the St. Gerard Women's Club of St. John's Church will have its annual Easter bake sale and raffle on Saturday and Sunday, April 8 and 9, starting after the Saturday 4:30 p.m. Mass at 264 East Lewelling Blvd. in San Lorenzo. There will be a continental breakfast offered after all the Masses on Sunday, April 9. It is a great weekend celebration with lots of baked goods, raffle prizes and trinkets & treasures booth with all the proceeds from the weekend going to St. John's Church. For more information, call co-chairs: Rita Ewing at 278-1283 or Raquel Mallari 877-8159.

### ❖ Ecumenical Good Friday Service

All are welcome to an Ecumenical Good Friday Service on Friday, April 14, at noon. The gathering will be hosted this year at All Saints Episcopal Church, 911 Dowling Blvd. in San Leandro. This service will include familiar hymns and reflections on Christ's “Seven Last Words” by clergy from different congregations throughout San Leandro as well as from the CEO of Davis Street ([www.davisstreet.org](http://www.davisstreet.org)), Rose Padilla Johnson. A special collection will be taken to support Davis Street's services to low income residents of our community.

### ❖ San Leandro Toastmasters

The San Leandro Toastmasters meet on Thursday nights from 7 to 8 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. The group fosters improved communication and public speaking. All levels of speakers from novice to seasoned are welcome.

### ❖ Pacific High School Class of 1967 Reunion

Pacific High School Class of 1967 will have its 50th reunion in June at the Marriott Hotel, 11950 Dublin Canyon Road in Pleasanton. A meet-and-greet will be on Friday, June 16, followed by a dinner-dance on Saturday, June 17 (the date the class graduated), and a Sunday breakfast on June 18. No payments accepted at the door. To register, or for more information, call Sue Ferreira Nunes at 209-830-7415. Information can also be found at [PacificHigh-Vikings.com](http://PacificHigh-Vikings.com).

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# Meals: Contest winner to be announced at end of the month

continued from front page  
a winning frame of mind.

The results are top secret until the winner is announced at the end of the month, but Meals on Wheels volunteer director Mary Gregory said the San Leandro

police, including Chief Jeff Tudor, packed up 1,040 chicken and rice meals at a very impressive pace.

"They were pumped up," said Gregory. "We played music, like 'Flight of the Valkyries' to get

everyone in the mood."

Meals on Wheels, an organization dedicated to serving hot meals to seniors in their homes, serves over 1,000 clients each week from their San Leandro kitchen on Polvorosa Avenue. Meals on Wheels is a national non-profit and the San Leandro location serves this city as well as San Lorenzo, Castro Valley, and parts of Hayward and Oakland.

The requirements are that clients be over 60-years-old and unable to prepare their own meals. Some pay the suggested donation of \$3.50 per meal, while others who cannot afford it have their meals delivered for free.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MEALS ON WHEELS

Volunteers from the San Leandro police packed over a thousand meals on a recent morning for the annual March for Meals program.

## • NEWS BRIEFS •

### Larry Reid to Speak At Demo Meeting Tonight

The San Leandro Democratic Club will meet this evening (Thursday) from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. The guest speakers will be Alameda City Councilman Jim Oddie and Oakland City Councilman Larry Reid. The Coliseum is in Reid's district and he will talk about what's happening with the Oakland Raiders.

### Presentation on Tenant Relocation Program

There will be a presentation to the City Council's Rules Committee on proposed options for a Tenant Relocation Assistance Program on Monday, March 27, at 8:30 a.m. in the Sister Cities Gallery at City Hall, 835 East 14th St. Everyone interested is welcome to attend.

For questions regarding the March 27 Rules Committee meeting or the proposed program policies, or to submit comments on the proposed program policies, contact Housing Specialist II Steve Hernandez at 577-6005 or at shernandez@sanleandro.org.

### Cutter to Deliver 'State of City Address'

Mayor Pauline Cutter will deliver the State of the City address on Monday, March 27, at 7 p.m. in the Lecture Hall of the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. A reception will be held before the address in the Karp Room from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

### Dinner Fundraiser for Scholarship Foundation

The San Leandro Scholarship Foundation will have its 50th anniversary dinner and dance on Thursday, March 30, at the San Leandro Senior Center, 13909 East 14th St. Doors open at 6 p.m. for refreshments and a silent auction, and dinner with entertainment begins at 7 p.m. The speaker will be San Leandro Police Chief Jeff Tudor. Single tickets are \$60, sponsorship options available. Tickets may be purchased at [www.slsf.us](http://www.slsf.us). For more information call 289-9225.

### Innocent Voices Benefit Dinner

Innocent Voices, a children in crisis concern group, is having its annual Benefit Dinner on April 6 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Fairview Event Center, 10051 Doolittle Drive, near the Oakland Airport. The guest speaker is Vanessa Russell, founder of Love Never Fails, a local nonprofit devoted to the restoration, education and protection of those involved or at risk of becoming involved in domestic sex trafficking. Tickets are \$40 each and must be purchased by Sunday, March 26. Visit the website for more information and to purchase tickets ([www.innocentvoices.org](http://www.innocentvoices.org)).



DATE: Saturday, April 8, 2017

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## AUTOMOTIVE

## Popular Camry Goes Green

By Steve Schaefer  
San Leandro Times

**T**he midsize Toyota Camry sedan has enjoyed the top spot in car sales in the U.S. for the last 14 years. Now in its 35th year and seventh generation, it remains a hit.

What folks may not know is that Toyota sells lots of other hybrids besides the Prius. There's an Avalon, Highlander and RAV4 Hybrid offered — and even a Camry model. While it's not as fuel efficient as the Prius, the Camry Hybrid still is significantly more green than the gasoline-only models.

The latest Camry was significantly restyled a couple of years ago, and flaunts the ferocious mouth that all Toyotas bare now. There's more texture to the side panels, and the overall look carries a little more flair than before.

Inside, every Camry features a swirling flow of curves and

overlapping panels that's stimulating to the eye. The dash and door wear the requisite stitching that reads "upscale" today. Materials are good but are below, say, an Audi for fineness.

Regular Camrys come with either a 178-horsepower, 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine (with 170 lb.-ft. of torque) or a 268-horsepower, 3.5-liter V6 (with 248 lb.-ft. of torque). The third option is the hybrid Synergy Drive System, which combines a 2.5-liter four with a 105-kW electric motor to net 200 horsepower.

Like a good hybrid, it's programmed to use electricity or gasoline depending on the driving situation. It can use only battery power when, say, cruising down a 25-mph suburban street. In fact, you can select the EV Mode button and, for up to 1.6 miles at speeds below 25 mph, tell the gas engine to take a break.

I drove my Ruby Flare Pearl test car just as I would any other vehicle. I could hear the gas

engine start up when I got on the freeway, but I also noticed that if I was in slow commute traffic or on streets in town, the battery would often be turning the wheels. The car's computer makes the decision, but you can guide it by applying the accelerator gently and braking considerably.

The car shoots from 0-60 mph in just 7.6 seconds, which is relatively speedy. You do lose some trunk space for the battery, but otherwise, you really don't see the difference. I was still able to stash a bass guitar and small amplifier in there.

Like other Camrys, the Hybrid comes in multiple levels. The base car is the LE, but there's a sporty SE or the top-level XLE, like my test car. The LE includes such things as dual climate control, a backup camera, cruise control, power windows and locks, and a modern Optitron instrumentation display.

Step up to the SE for 17-inch alloys instead of 16-inch steel wheels. And, you get a sport tuned suspension, leather-wrapped steering wheel, power seats and other style enhancements.

The XLE gives you leather chairs, the Entune 10-speaker Audio Plus system with navigation, and much more. You decide.

The EPA's ratings are a major part of driving a hybrid. The agency claims that the Camry Hybrid gets 38 miles per gallon Combined, with 40 City and 37 Highway. Compare that to the 4-cylinder Camry, which earns 27 Combined, with 24 City and



The 2017 Toyota Camry Hybrid can accelerate from zero-to-60 mph in 7.6 seconds, placing its performance between the four-cylinder and V6 models.

33 Highway respectively. I averaged a disappointing 28.9 mpg.

The Camry Hybrid, unlike other Camrys, uses a continuously-variable automatic transmission (CVT). CVTs use belts instead of gears to come up with the ideal ratio anytime depending on driving conditions, including accelerating onto the freeway or starting up a hill. You can set the transmission in "B" for more regenerative braking, and the car will slow down a little when you lift off the accelerator, generating some power to recharge the battery.

You can select a driving mode — ECO, Normal or Sport. I used ECO mostly. It mutes accelerator response and lowers the climate control to improve fuel efficiency.

Pricing for the LE with nothing extra begins at \$27,655. The XLE starts at \$31,005. But wait! You can add in a lot of extras to a Camry Hybrid. How about Safe-



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ty Connect, with stolen vehicle locator and emergency assistance? A blind spot monitor system? The Homelink transceiver and a theft alarm? The Entune Premium JBL system adds tons of features and apps. The Advanced Technology Package brings with it a pre-collision system, dynamic radar cruise control, and automatic high beams. When you start piling on the

goodies, you get a test car like mine, with a \$36,351 price tag.

What's not to like about a midsize sedan? There's plenty of room for you and three or four other folks. You will not stand out in any way from the mass of travelers, of course, but that's not what Camrys do. They efficiently, for their size, provide reliable transportation and a minimum of fuss.

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BY  
HENRY BOLTINOFF

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**HERBIE FINALLY SOLOS!** Can you guess on which flight Herbie successfully landed his new remote-controlled plane?

Answer: He soloed the first time and then ran into trouble.

**AN INTERESTING ADDITION!** In this AlphaMath problem, each number is used only once. To solve, replace each letter with one of the numbers 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, in such a manner that you will have a correct addition problem. Try to get the highest possible total.

Our Answer: A=8, B=9, C=9, D=7, E=4, F=3, G=1, H=6, I=0, J=2 (859 + 743 = 1602).

**IT'S MAGIC!** Use the numbers 9 and 11, and 16 through 23 to fill in this Magic Square. The numbers in each horizontal row and vertical column should total 62. We've filled in six of the squares. The rest is up to you.

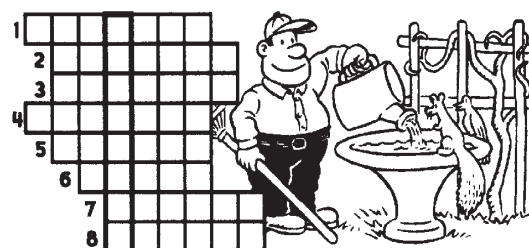
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Our answer: First row: 15, 18, 21, 8. Second row: 20, 9, 14, 19. Third row: 10, 23, 16, 13. Fourth row: 17, 12, 11, 22.

## Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!



It's time to get outside and spruce up the old homestead. In our puzzle grid, there is room for eight words associated with spring maintenance. Below are hints to get you started.

There is a dark frame around one of the columns in the grid. If you correctly find all of our springtime words, the letters in this frame, top to bottom, will spell out the name of a store that you always visit in the spring.

1. A window treatment.
2. Needed to start the garden.
3. A must if you have a porch.
4. Lawn repair.
5. Needed before lawn repair.
6. What the house and garage often need.
7. Needed before chores 4 and 5.
8. Needed after chores 4, 5 and 7.

Answers: 1. Washing. 2. Spading. 3. Screens. 4. Seeding. 5. Mowing. 6. Paint. 7. Raking. 8. Edging. The name of the store that you always visit in the spring is "hardware."



# Romero Throws 1-Hitter In Arroyo Win Over Encinal

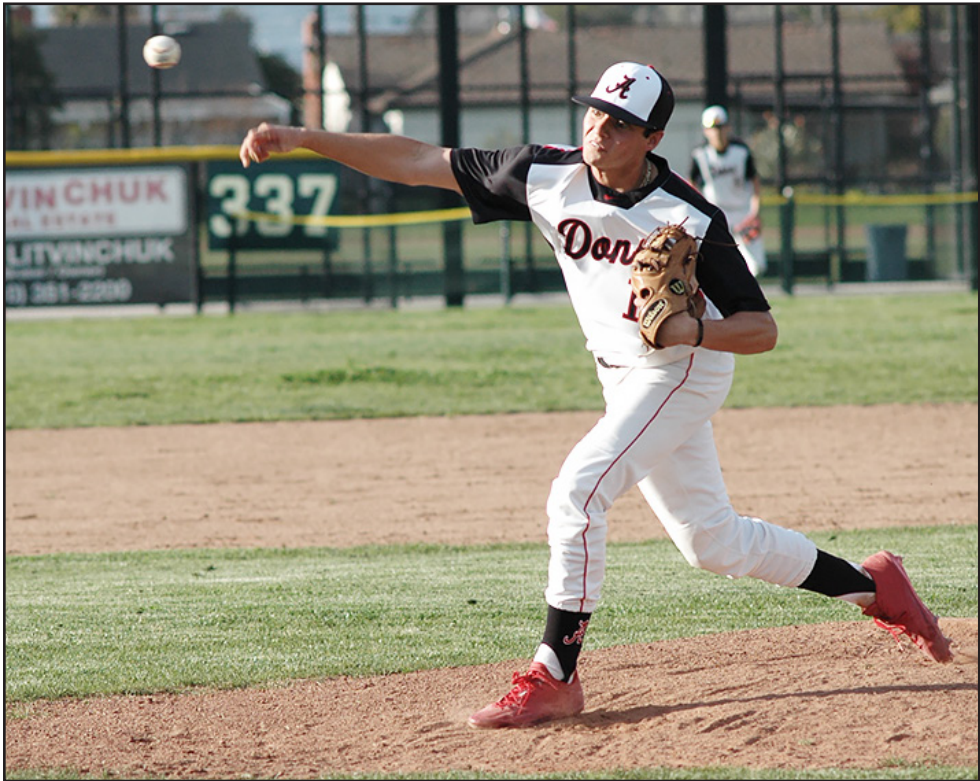
By Jim Knowles  
San Leandro Times

Arroyo starting pitcher Josh Romero threw a 1-hitter – with Alex Vallejo in relief – at home against Encinal last Friday to pave the way for an 8-0 win. Romero worked six innings with Bryan Rosario behind the plate to hold the Jets in check. Rosario also contributed at

the plate. He went 4-for-4 – three singles and a double – with three RBIs and three runs scored. So both pitcher and catcher had their best game of the season so far. “I just tried to not be too aggressive at the plate today,” Rosario said after the game. “Just wait for a pitch in the strike zone, be more selective.”

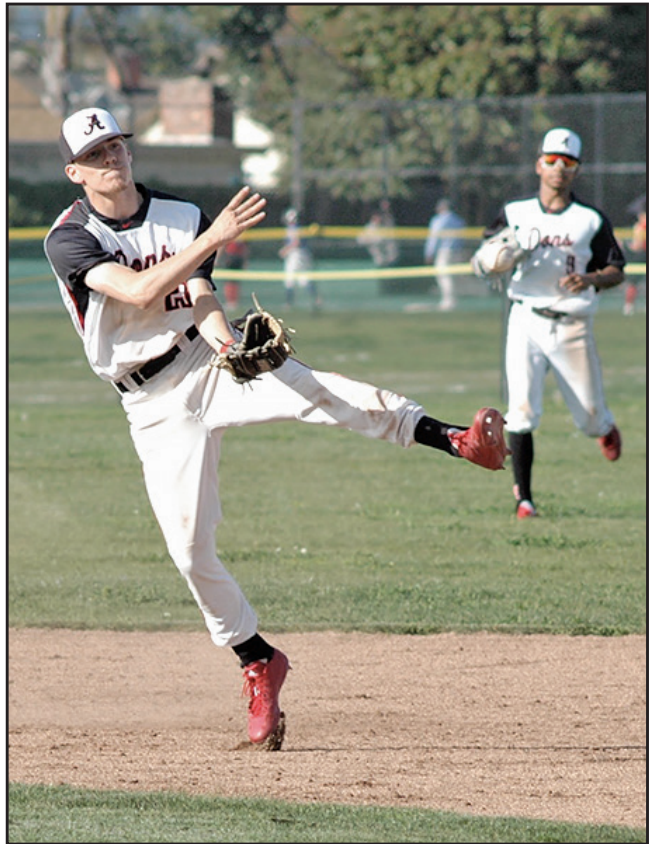
The Dons biggest inning came in the third with 3 runs after Rosario led off with a double, followed by Romero who got on base on an error. Then Josh Tanguma – who went 2-for-3 – stepped up and lined a single to left to load the bases. Adrian Padilla walked to bring in a run, and Jordan Perkins hit a fly to center to score Tanguma. Padilla rounded third and tried to score on the play, too, but was tagged out at home by Encinal catcher George Chabre.

In the top of the fourth, the Jets got two runners on base – one on an error and then Osiris Johnson hit a single, the Jets only hit of the day. With a runner at third, Johnson stole second to put runners at second and third. But Romero got out of the jam, ending the inning with a ground ball out. Alex Vallejo pitched the seventh in relief of Romero and set down the Jets in order. Arroyo improved to 2-0 in league play, and 4-2-1 overall this season.



PHOTOS BY JIM KNOWLES

Josh Romero threw six innings and gave up only one hit and a walk, while striking out six Encinal batters.



Arroyo shortstop Matt Gonzalez has to make a quick throw after getting a handle on a grounder in the fourth inning.

“We had a tough non-league schedule and that prepared us for league play,” said Arroyo head coach Eric Anderson. “We’ve been clicking the last few games.” Arroyo will host Hayward this Friday at 4 p.m.

## — Arroyo Baseball Schedule —

Date	Location	Time	Opponent
Friday, March 24	Arroyo	4 p.m.	Hayward
Wed., March 29	Arroyo	4 p.m.	Alameda
Fri., March 31	Lincoln Pk., Alam.	4 p.m.	Alameda
Wed., April 5	San Lorenzo	4 p.m.	San Lorenzo
Fri., April 7	Tennyson	4 p.m.	Tennyson
Wed. April 12	Arroyo	4 p.m.	Berkeley
Fri., April 14	Berkeley	4 p.m.	Berkeley

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Arroyo head coach Eric Anderson gives a pat on the back to Bryan Rosario who reached third base after a double and an error.



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# HEALTH & FITNESS

## Get the Most Out of Your Doctor Visits

It's not your imagination — you're probably getting less time with your doctor these days.

Primary care physicians are in short supply in the United States, which means increased pressures and heavier workloads for those in practice, says Dr. Paul Griner, author of "The Power of Patient Stories: Learning Moments in Medicine."

"Many physicians say their favorite part of being a doctor is the relationships they form with patients, but those are harder to cultivate now because physi-

cians are so squeezed for time," Griner says.

"A good doctor-patient relationship is essential to achieving the best possible care, but the reality is, most doctors have less and less time to spend with each patient," Griner says. "So it's important for patients to take some responsibility for that relationship, too."

By preparing for your visit, you can ensure you make the best use of your time together, he says.

He offers the following suggestions:

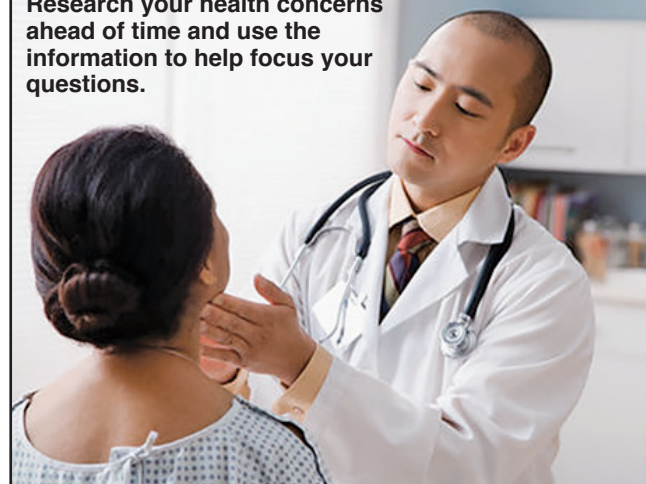
- Prepare your thoughts ahead of time so that you can be as precise and accurate as possible. What are the symptoms? When did they begin? What were you doing at the time? How are the symptoms affected by activity or rest? What makes them worse? Have you been able to do anything to relieve the symptoms? How have they affected your daily activities? Don't withhold any information that might be relevant to your symptoms.

- Be on time or early. Up to 15 percent of patients are late

for their doctor's appointment, which adds to the time crunch. Arrive early so you're ready when the physician, or the physician's team, is ready. While the doctor is the senior person on the team, he or she also relies on advanced practice nurses and physician's assistants. Give them time to obtain your medical history or perform preliminary tests.

- Research your health concerns ahead of time and use the information to help focus your questions. Use reliable sources for research, including [www.mayoclinic.com](http://www.mayoclinic.com) or [www.uptodate.com](http://www.uptodate.com);

Research your health concerns ahead of time and use the information to help focus your questions.



date.com; information from the well-established and respected organizations such as the National Cancer Society; and written materials such as the Harvard Health Letter.

- Avoid unnecessary office visits. Some things can be done by e-mail, Skype (or other video hookups), or new technology such as iPhone recording and transmission of your EKG.

Other things you can do to make the best use of the visit include:

- Bring your medications, or a list of them, with you.

- Bring copies of the results of tests or procedures from other physicians.

- Wear clothes that make it easy for you to be examined.

- Let your doctor know when you are using any complementary or alternative medicine.

- Bring a spouse or other relative with you when the problem is complicated. Two pairs of ears are better than one for remembering what the doctor said.

## Sleep Deprivation Affects Majority of Workers

By Melissa Amorn, M.D.

Special to the Times

For many people, Daylight Savings Time is less about "springing forward" and more about falling behind...on their sleep schedule. And many of us can't afford to lose out on any more sleep.

According to a survey from CareerBuilder, over half of workers (58 percent) feel they don't get enough sleep, and 61 percent say lack of sleep has a negative impact on their work.

But as much as insufficient sleep affects workers' jobs, the reverse is true as well: 44 percent of workers say thinking about work keeps them up at night.

More than 3,200 workers across industries in the private sector participated in the nationwide survey, conducted online by Harris Poll.

While eight hours may be the doctor-recommended amount of sleep time each night, only 16 percent of workers say they actually reach this goal. The majority of (63 percent) log an average of six to seven hours of sleep each night during the workweek, while 1 in 5 average five hours or less.

For some workers, hitting the snooze button in attempt to doze a little bit longer just doesn't cut it. One in five workers has called in sick for the purpose of getting extra sleep.

Then there are those who simply try to catch up on sleep at the office: 2 in 5 have caught someone sleeping at work.

"Rest is an undervalued necessity these days," says Rosemary Haefner, human resources officer at CareerBuilder. "We see more and more workers check into the office at all hours of the day, give up vacation time and work even when they're sick. Yet it's not necessarily making us more productive, and companies are starting to recognize that."

"We're starting to see companies put more emphasis on employee wellness and work/life balance — whether it's providing designated 'nap rooms' for employees, encouraging them to

take advantage of their vacation time or simply giving them more flexibility in their work schedules," Haefner continued.

Sleep-deprivation doesn't just hurt workers — it hurts business, too. Three in five workers (61 percent) say lack of sleep

has had an impact on their work in some way.

A significant proportion of workers can't seem to escape work, even while they're sleeping. Sixty percent reported that they have dreamed about work with more than 1 in 10 saying it

happens often.

The survey was conducted online within the U.S. by Harris Poll on behalf of CareerBuilder among 3,252 employees ages 18 and over (employed full-time, not self-employed, non-government) late in 2015.

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By Carl Medford, CRS  
Special to the Times

GUEST COMMENTARY



### Current Counter Offers Confuse Buyers

These days, buyers are blindly bidding on properties and submitting counter offers based solely on gut instinct

Back when foreclosures dominated neighborhoods like sand on the seashore, asset managers needed to separate serious buyers from bargain hunters. They devised a simple solution: They set offer deadlines and, as offers came in, separated the top few and sent them all identical counter offers. They read: "Highest & Best" and included a second deadline.

Buyer agents hated the practice. With no way of knowing what competing offers were, buyers had to blindly guess at what others might be offering

and submit a counter based solely on gut instinct.

If they got it right, they'd win and head into escrow. If not, on they went to the next property with no idea of how close they were to winning.

It was a lot like trying to hit a dartboard bullseye from 100 feet away while blindfolded.

To everyone's relief, as foreclosures dwindled, "Highest & Best" counters started disappearing. Until a few agents decided to resurrect the practice. "If multiple offers are coming," they reasoned, "let's take the high road and make things as easy as possible."

The worst example was a four-word counter offer I received last year stating, "Highest price, best terms."

There are many problems with this practice, including the fact it robs buyers of the ability to negotiate. It also removes the need for listing agents to provide due diligence and engage with buyer's agents.

In the absence of specifics, buyers must guess. It flies in the face of best practices where listing agents take the time and effort to cull the best terms from

all offers and combine them into a multiple counter which sets the bar for responses. Buyers thereby know the highest price and best terms and can exceed them with a counter of their own, if they choose.

There's a deeper problem. To be legitimate, a multiple counter needs concrete terms that can be accepted. If multiple buyers write offers and the seller issues a multiple counter, every buyer countered should be able to sign the seller's counter and send it back.

If more than one counter comes back signed, then the seller chooses which one they'll accept. When a counter offer includes, "Highest & Best", it's not a valid counter because "Highest & Best" are not terms — they are suggestions.

While heavy-handed banks could get away with the practice for a time, in my opinion, licensed Realtors should adhere to higher standards.

Carl Medford is a licensed Realtor with Keller Williams Realty and a licensed general contractor. This article is sponsored by the Central County Marketing Association at [www.ccmgtoday.com](http://www.ccmgtoday.com).

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### What You Should Know About Down Payments

If you're in the market to buy a home, your down payment is probably on top of your mind. However, it's important to understand all your options, particularly if you've heard the rule of thumb that you shouldn't pursue homeownership unless you can put 20 percent down.

"In today's market, misconceptions about down payments are some of the most common, unfortunately" says Danny Gardner of Freddie Mac. "And this discourages many prospective buyers from even leaving the starting gate."

Gardner points out that a growing number of homebuyers are putting down between five and 10 percent, and even as little as three percent. This is important to keep in mind when determining how much home you can afford.

Prospective homebuyers concerned about down payments should also be aware that there are nearly 2,500 homeownership programs across the country that can help with down payment and closing costs, and an estimated 87 percent of U.S. homes are eligible for one or more of these programs, according to research by DownPayment Resource.

The down payment program benefit most frequently found is about \$10,000, making researching these options and discussing them with your lender and real estate agent a worthwhile step.

To determine your eligibility and learn more about down payment assistance, visit [downpaymentresource.com/are-you-eligible](http://downpaymentresource.com/are-you-eligible).

Of course, home buyers should not forget that there are benefits



to putting more down initially — this will lower your monthly mortgage payment and reduce the amount you will owe the bank.

Additionally, those who put down at least 20 percent don't have to pay Primary Mortgage Insurance (PMI), an added insurance policy that protects the lender if you are unable to pay your mortgage.

However, if putting 20 percent down will deplete all of your savings and leave you with no financial reserves, it's probably not in your best interest. What's more, you can cancel your PMI once you've built equity of 20 percent in your home.



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# Gardener Fights Oxalis Battle; Kitchen to Compost

By Buzz Bertolero  
The Dirt Gardener

**I'm fighting a losing battle with oxalis in my containers and lawn. What is the best way to remove it? I've tried hand weeding but it just grows back. Is there a granular weed killer I can use without harming the plants or grass?**

Oxalis, a yellow flowering clover, is a very frustrating weed to control as it perpetuates itself from seeds, roots and runners. Actually, it is not a true clover but it looks very similar. The foliage could be green or a maroon color.

Hand weeding or cultivating controls the actively growing plants but it doesn't control the dormant seeds. With moisture, the dormant seed germinates and

the problem perpetuates itself; hence, the frustration.

Greenlight Amaze Grass and Weed Preventer or Bonide Crabgrass and Weed Preventer are granular, pre-emergent herbicides that control the dormant seed. These herbicides will not harm rooted plants.

In flower beds, containers and the landscape, it's applied right after cultivating the vegetative plants and runners. It's also applied right after any new plantings.

Water is then applied to set up a chemical barrier that kills the dormant seed for an extended period of time. It continues to work, as long as the barrier isn't disturbed. The pre-emergent herbicide should be reapplied with every planting or anytime you cultivate the area.

In turf, I'd approach the

problem differently. I'd apply the pre-emergent first and then come back the next day and spot treat the area with Monterey Lawn and Garden, Turlon Ester to kill the established oxalis.

While there are a number of controls available for oxalis, Turlon Ester is one of the best. It is best applied with a tank sprayer and you should see results within days.

In addition, you apply it when the temperatures are between 70°F and 85°F. Controlling oxalis is a war of attrition. A war that can be won, but you have to be patient.

Note: These pre-emergent herbicides should not be applied to any turf within six to 10 weeks of reseeding.

**What kitchen scraps should go into a compost pile? My mom says only uncooked fruit and vegetable scraps while I think anything is fair game, including chicken soup.**

Most kitchen wastes are fair game for a compost pile. So, cooked and un-

cooked fruits and vegetables and, yes, even chicken soup (that is the solid portion, not the liquid), along with coffee grounds and filters could be added.

The items that are always excluded are animal feces from meat-eating animals, grease, and other fats and meats. Some kitchen wastes are better disposed of with a disposal unit.

With garden trimmings, lawn clippings and solid kitchen wastes, I'd use the active (hot/heat) or passive (cold) composting technique or method.

If you're composting with worms, then use the wet and dry kitchen wastes only.

And, finally, to avoid having a mess on your hands, let common sense rule when deciding which of the kitchen waste you use.

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## WEEKEND GARDENER

### Flowers

Sow or transplant perennials such as coralbells, coreopsis, delphiniums, foxgloves, hollyhocks, lupines and Iceland poppies. A good selection of perennials is available in six-packs, 4-inch pots and one-gallon cans at local nurseries and garden centers.

### Cuttings

Start some new plants by rooting 3-to-4-inch long stem cuttings of dianthus, dusty miller, spurge, blue marguerite, fuchsias, geraniums, lavenders, chrysanthemums, sedums and succulents. Pinch or cut off the lowest pair of leaves, then plant the cutting in a 2-inch pot mixture of moist peat and coarse sand. Put a clear plastic cup over the cutting to form a mini greenhouse until it roots. Keep the plant moist, but not soggy wet.

## Mortgage Rates Jump Up Again

The release of the February jobs report last week all but guaranteed a rate hike and boosted the 30-year mortgage rate 9 basis points to 4.30 percent, up from 4.21 percent and hitting a new high for the year.

Increasing inflation, continued gains in the labor market and the Fed's intentions for further rate increases will keep pushing mortgage rates up this year, according to Freddie Mac.

The 15-year home loan rate averaged 3.50 percent last week, up from 3.42 percent the week before. A year ago at this time, it averaged 2.99 percent.

Five-year hybrid adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 3.28 percent last week, up from 3.23 percent.

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14436 Acapulco Road	94577	\$549,000	3 BD - 1,626 SF - 1962
354 Accolade Drive	94577	\$675,000	4 BD - 1,627 SF - 2002
1841 Bancroft Avenue	94577	\$543,000	2 BD - 943 SF - 1920
1650 Charles Road	94577	\$540,000	2 BD - 815 SF - 1942
14053 Doolittle Drive	94577	\$420,000	3 BD - 1,308 SF - 1974
231 Kenilworth Avenue	94577	\$450,000	3 BD - 1,381 SF - 1923
431 Lewis Avenue	94577	\$673,000	2 BD - 1,028 SF - 1926
365 Lille Avenue	94577	\$458,000	2 BD - 1,030 SF - 1941
251 Lorraine Boulevard	94577	\$664,000	2 BD - 1,495 SF - 1940
14333 Maracaibo Road	94577	\$625,000	4 BD - 1,386 SF - 1962
1300 Parker Street	94577	\$725,000	2 BD - 1,680 SF - 1948
320 Suffolk Drive	94577	\$300,000	3 BD - 1,491 SF - 1944
3573 Carrillo Drive	94578	\$541,000	3 BD - 1,555 SF - 1955
14848 Lark Street	94578	\$1,704,000	2 BD - 1,282 SF - 1946
16347 Saratoga St #104E	94578	\$320,000	2 BD - 1,022 SF - 1981
14657 Wake Avenue	94578	\$330,000	2 BD - 957 SF - 1945
1340 Drake Avenue	94579	\$576,000	3 BD - 1,519 SF - 1951
740 Fargo Avenue #10	94579	\$347,000	2 BD - 840 SF - 1965
740 Fargo Avenue #1	94579	\$335,500	2 BD - 840 SF - 1965
690 Fargo Avenue #8	94579	\$365,000	2 BD - 1,020 SF - 1965
15253 Wiley Street	94579	\$625,000	3 BD - 1,793 SF - 1952

TOTAL SALES: 21  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$300,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$1,704,000  
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$541,000  
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$560,262

### Castro Valley

5163 Bates Way	94546	\$921,000	4 BD - 2,964 SF - 1962
4214 Nando Court	94546	\$780,000	3 BD - 1,487 SF - 1955
2705 Somerset Avenue	94546	\$650,000	3 BD - 1,208 SF - 1946
25782 Clear Springs Ct	94552	\$970,000	4 BD - 2,092 SF - 1998
16603 Columbia Drive	94552	\$1,005,000	5 BD - 2,830 SF - 1988
5566 East View Court	94552	\$803,000	3 BD - 1,504 SF - 1965
5947 Highwood Road	94552	\$1,018,000	5 BD - 1,979 SF - 1963
21827 Indep. School Rd	94552	\$860,000	4 BD - 1,840 SF - 1997

TOTAL SALES: 8  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$650,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$1,018,000  
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$890,500  
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$875,875

### Hayward

375 B Street	94541	\$775,000	5 BD - 1,835 SF - 2015
21614 Banyan Street	94541	\$625,000	3 BD - 1,788 SF - 1922
19631 Medford Circle #4	94541	\$420,000	2 BD - 1,125 SF - 1992
116 Arundel Drive	94542	\$1,085,000	4 BD - 4,434 SF - 2011
3594 Deer Park Court	94542	\$845,000	4 BD - 2,552 SF - 1972
1036 Spring Court	94542	\$620,000	2 BD - 1,544 SF - 1951
27932 Biscayne Avenue	94544	\$506,000	3 BD - 1,000 SF - 1954
26575 Flamingo Avenue	94544	\$630,000	4 BD - 1,551 SF - 1952
170 Goodwin Street	94544	\$530,000	3 BD - 1,170 SF - 1952
2611 Admiral Circle	94545	\$934,500	N/A BD - N/A SF - N/A
1317 Homestead Lane	94545	\$585,000	3 BD - 1,268 SF - 1956
2239 Moody Way	94545	\$700,000	3 BD - 1,532 SF - 1991
28319 Mustang Drive	94545	\$665,000	3 BD - 1,404 SF - 1976

TOTAL SALES: 13  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$420,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$1,085,000  
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$630,000  
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$686,192

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— Brenda Weaver

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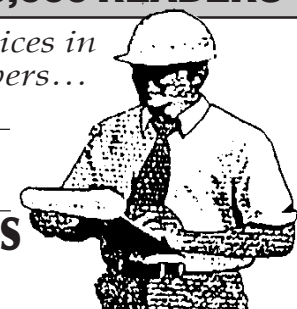
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The reservoir got some at-

tention earlier this year when it neared capacity and EBMUD opened up its spillway to allow runoff in order to avoid damage to its dam. That resulted in flooding of the Redwood Canyon golf course in Castro Valley, which is what is designed to happen when the water reaches capacity.

The opportunity to buy land near the watershed doesn't come along often, according to Marguerite Young of the EBMUD board of directors.

## EBMUD and Neighbors Didn't Want Land to Go to Developers

The land has been in possession of the Carr family for nearly a century, but it had attracted the attention of developers who might not have prioritized environmental preservation, Young said.

"This is not a typical opportunity for us," said Young. "It's rare that we get to purchase land to support our local water supplies

and we've been able to work out a solution to permanently preserve the land here."

In 2016, there was public outcry in Moraga after a developer expressed interest in using a portion of the Carr land to build homes. The developer eventually withdrew those plans. The Moraga Town Council wanted to make sure another developer didn't come in and ultimately decided to donate \$10,000 to the John Muir Land Trust. Dozens

of individual contributions also were made by people living near the Carr land.

## EBMUD Owns 28,000 Acres of Land In the East Bay

Today, EBMUD owns 28,000 acres of land in the East Bay hills, most purchased between the 1920s and 1950s. The purchase of the Carr Ranch land is the utility's biggest acquisition in over 20 years, according to EBMUD

director of natural resources Richard Sykes.

"It's a puzzle piece," said Sykes of the Carr Ranch land. "We own the land on three other sides (of the reservoir) so this will actually make our fence line shorter since we won't have to zig zag around it. And I want to thank the Carr family for taking such good care of this land, the same kind of stewardship we will have with this land."

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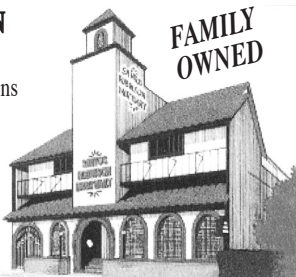
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### Shawn McLauchlin

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Shawn went to be with the Lord after a courageous battle with cancer. Shawn is survived by his wife, Judy, and her family, who loved Shawn deeply. Shawn is also survived by his mother, Elizabeth Bowers; his father, Merv McLauchlin; his brothers, Mike, Tim and Brian; Tim's wife, Jana; nieces, Maddy and Hannah; and his aunt, Marilyn McLauchlin.

Shawn went to Assumption grade school, Bishop O'Dowd and San Leandro High schools. He graduated from SLHS in 1977. He went to Chabot College and Cal State Hayward, where he received a degree in criminal justice. Shawn worked for Saags Sausage and then Amtrak, where he was a conductor and train engineer. Shawn enjoyed sports and played basketball for Assumption, Bishop O'Dowd and SLHS.

Shawn and his wife, Judy, enjoyed the outdoors and traveling. He was well liked by everyone and was a good husband, son, brother, uncle, nephew and grandfather to Judy's grandchildren. We will all miss Shawn dearly.

### Ramon F. Tribuiani

Ramon passed away on March 7, 2017 at the age of 92. He leaves behind his loving wife of 63 years, Fidalma Tribuiani; his beloved children, Ana, Diego, Jacqui and Beverlee; his 2 sons-in-law, Robert Kamp and Richard Marquez; 7 wonderful grandchildren, Jennifer, Steven, Richard, Joseph, Marcus, Jessica and Sophie; and many dear friends and relatives in Argentina.

Born on Dec. 3, 1924 on a farm in Argentina, Ramon was the eldest of six kids and the only boy.

In 1963, his adventurous spirit and desire for a better life brought his young family to America. He enrolled in night school to learn English and did side jobs painting on the weekends. By 1965, he started his own painting business and eventually got his contractor's license. One of his proudest moments came in 1978 when he became an American citizen. In 1989, he retired, but kept busy by fixing up his kid's homes.

He was a member of the Buon Tempo Club for many years, where he made many lifetime friends. He also belonged to the San Leandro Kiwanis Club, where he took part in many charity events. He liked helping others and had fun doing it. He loved going to the racetrack with friends, and going to the casino on the weekends with his son, Diego. Most of all, he loved being with his family — always looking forward to the next celebration, birthday or holiday. He will be remembered for his amazing sense of humor, his generous heart and his desire to live life to the fullest. We will miss him dearly, forever.

The family invites friends and family to a Celebration of Ramon's Life on Saturday, March 25, at 11 a.m. at Transfiguration Church, 4000 E. Castro Valley Blvd., in Castro Valley. A reception will immediately follow in the Transfiguration Church hall.



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■ **CASTRO, Eduardo (Ed) L.**, a long-time resident of San Leandro, passed on March 12, 2017. Visitation will be at the Chapel of the Chimes, 32992 Mission Blvd., in Hayward on Saturday, March 25, and Sunday, March 26, from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be held on Monday, March 27, at 10 a.m. at St. Leander Church, 550 W. Estudillo Ave., in San Leandro. Interment will follow at the Chapel of the Chimes in Hayward.

■ **DEMARTINI, Rose M.** (July 10, 1916 – March 18, 2017) a resident of San Leandro, died peacefully at home on March 18. Visitation is today, March 23, from 3 to 8 p.m.,

with a Vigil Service beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Santos-Robinson Mortuary, 160 Estudillo Ave., in San Leandro. The funeral mass will be held Friday, March 24, at 1:30 p.m. at St. Leander Church, 474 W. Estudillo Ave., in San Leandro. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Alzheimer's Association, Vitas Hospice or St. Leander Church.

■ **GRILO, Abilio (Al)**, born in Portugal and a San Leandro resident for many years, passed away on March 16, 2017 at the age of 73. Al is survived by his wife of 30 years, Vickie Grilo. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. He will be dearly missed. A Memorial Mass celebrating his life will be held on Saturday, April 1, beginning at 11 a.m. at St. Leander Catholic Church, 550 W. Estudillo Ave., in San Leandro. Arrangements made by Santos-Robinson Mortuary (510-483-

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### Anthony (Tony) Mladinich

Anthony Lawrence Mladinich, son of Luis and Lucy Mladinich, died Tuesday, March 14, 2017, at home in Valley Springs after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. He was 89.

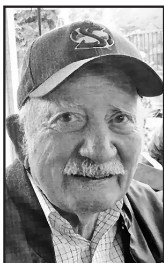
Mr. Mladinich was born April 29, 1927, in Oakland. He retired from the glass manufacturing business after 43 years serving as Quality Control Manager, Mold Shop Manager, Personnel Manager. A veteran of World War II, he lived in Castro Valley until moving to Valley Springs with his wife, Kay, 11 years ago.

He was a member of the Glass Retiree's Club, Buon Tempo Club, S.I.R.s 96, and was an avid golfer. He loved fishing, hunting, horse racing, watching football and partying with his friends. He was a gourmet cook and could build anything. He was a perfectionist in everything he did.

Mr. Mladinich is survived by his wife of 37 years, Kay Mladinich; sons, David Mladinich of Pleasanton and Gary Mladinich of Livermore; daughters, Sandra Panattoni of Valley Springs and Mara Repke of San Leandro; grandsons, Jake Panattoni and James Baptista; granddaughter, Lynnaya Repke; 2 great-grandchildren; niece, Shari Kirmer; and cousins, Jube Jaramillo and Doris Risdal. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Frank.

Arrangements made by San Andreas Memorial Chapel, 254 W. St. Charles St., in San Andreas (209-754.3361).

Vigil was held on March 20 at San Andreas Memorial Chapel. Mass was held on March 21 at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in San Andreas. A Celebration of Life followed at Gold Creek Estates Club House. Committal is on Thursday, March 23, at 2 p.m. at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, 5810 Midway Road, in Dixon, California (707-693.2460).



### Bill Stephenson

Bill Stephenson, age 97, of Brownwood, Texas, formerly of California, passed away February 22, 2017 in Brownwood.

Bill was born on March 12, 1919 to Jesse Louis and Essie (Hudspeth) Stephenson in Bronte, Texas. He finished school at Bronte High School and Draughtons Business College in Abilene, Texas. He was active in sports, playing basketball in college, and later golf and tennis.

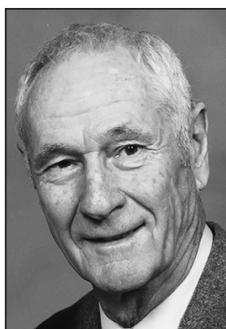
Bill then joined the United States Army Air Force in May of 1941 and was sent to California. There, he met and married Jane Slaybaugh; they lived in the Bay Area of California. After he was discharged in 1945, he worked in Civil Service for many years up until his retirement. Bill moved to Brownwood, Texas in September of 2017 after his health started declining.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jane Stephenson; daughter, Linda Stephenson; and his parents, Jesse and Essie Stephenson.

Bill is survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

A Memorial Service for Bill was held on March 16 at San Leandro First Presbyterian Church in San Leandro. Private family interment was held on March 15 at Chapel of the Chimes Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Blaylock Funeral Home of Brownwood, Texas.

Online condolences for the family are welcome at [www.blaylockfuneralhome.com](http://www.blaylockfuneralhome.com).



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# OPINION

## LETTERS to the EDITOR

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### Says Keep that Pot Smoke Behind Closed Doors

Editor:

For most of my life I've had to endure second-hand cigarette smoke. I just had to accept the smelly smoke permeating everything while it was making me cough and smelling up my clothes.

Finally laws were passed to restrict where cigarettes could be smoked. I could go to a restaurant or bar and not have to wheeze and cough. Well you would think that would be the end of it right? Wrong!

A new type of smoke is filling the air. Marijuana smoke! Sure it's legal if you have a prescription, but now I'm inhaling second-hand smoke again. It's in parks, coming out of car windows, in the streets, even in bars.

Even more alarming is these pot-heads are getting into cars and driving stoned.

I'm all for personal freedom as long as it doesn't infringe on others. Pot may be more acceptable now, but not so long ago cigarettes were acceptable too. Why don't they smoke it behind closed doors and keep others from being exposed!

— Steve Witt, San Leandro

### PG&E Bill Doubles Since The First of the Year

Editor:

Now here is an issue that needs to be addressed: Raising PG&E rates again.

This is what should cause an uproar. My PG&E has doubled since the first of the year and I didn't even put up Christmas decorations this year.

My January bill was an astonishing \$467. I called PG&E to see if there was a leak, a mistake, or please tell me something but no....everything was fine.

My husband is retired and this absolutely puts a huge crater in my finances (like the craters in the streets of San Leandro). Now this is a cause that we all should be walking, stomping, yelling, picketing and doing what ever else these radical rioters do. Doesn't anyone else feel the pain?

— Lois Cox, San Leandro

### An Open Letter to Mayor Cutter and the San Leandro City Council

Editor:

Regarding the new proposed ordinance I read about in the San Leandro Times ("City Ordinance Would Make Landlords Pay Tenants' Relocation Fees," March 9, 2017).

It is very disturbing to landlords who have good tenants, lower rents and wish to keep them at an under-market rent. Landlords will no longer be able to keep good tenants with this ordinance. We will be forced to raise rents or evict them before the five-year limit you may impose on us or penalize us for being good landlords with under-market rents.

You are forcing landlords to raise rents now and in the near future in order to be close to market, or evict tenants approaching 5-year tenancy.

Surmise every five years we will be forced to evict or pay your fees.

Where are all these fines going, marijuana programs?

This is a bad deal especially for our tenants. The City of San Leandro seems to penalize landlords so the City of San Leandro can play monopoly with other people's money.

Stay out of the rental business. Not a good idea for anyone except the City of San Leandro.

Please keep us informed of meetings regarding this ordinance, as we owners have had long tenure in this city.

This city is being controlled by a few who have interests in politics and taking advantage of our out-of-town property owners, again a small few businesses pay for all the rest.

— Dee Kerry, Kerry & Associates  
San Leandro

### Says Arrogant Landlords, Officials Think Tenants are Disposable

Editor:

Once again, someone not affected by tenant issues like Mr. Heath ("Asks: Whatever Happened to the American Way of Doing Business," Letters, March 16) writes to tell us how the "...Council wants to create a new ordinance that will assess landlords a penalty if they raise rents."

The proposal does no such thing, except where rents are raised 20%. What the proposal does is protect long-term tenants (five years or more) from having to pay relocation fees when a landlord wishes to dispossess tenants through no fault of the tenant (no-cause) when a landlord, e.g., decides to renovate an entire building.

It does not regulate rents. What it does is make landlords who wish to dispossess tenants for landlord purposes pay relocation fees.

But what I truly take exception to in Mr. Heath's letter is his arrogant assumption, shared by the council, landlords, and house owners, that tenants are disposable. A woman in the Broadmoor neighborhood once wrote this paper calling tenants "transients."

Heath tells tenants: "If you don't like the new terms, move." How disrespectful so many residents in this city are of tenants.

We don't own a house, but our apartment is just as much our home as yours is. And we want to be protected from being treated as disposable by not having to move constantly in order to afford our home.

From comments people write to your paper, and from our own experiences, we're treated as second-class citizens, never as hard-working people who contribute to the city's economy, who may have gone to college, who might be working two jobs to keep their family from being homeless, and who vote and actively participate in contributing to our city.

Why do people not affected by tenant issues feel justified in telling us how we can solve them: move! I'm sure landlords, the city, and people like you would like nothing better.

— K. Lee-Figueroa, San Leandro

### Accuses Landlords of Manipulating Housing Market

Editor:

Brent Heath in his letter (*see above*) states: "It's that simple, as the rates will always be in line with market conditions and no landlord wants a vacancy by over-charging."

What a hypocrite! Brent Heath exemplifies the retrograde landlords who are used to riding roughshod over tenants.

Four, out of the eight years of the Barack Obama administration my Social Security check was frozen because "there was no inflation," yet my landlord got a 10% rent increase every year, except for the last year where he demanded a 50% increase.

Heath's assertion that "...the market will determine if the rates go up or down." Down? An example, please. The landlords manipulate the market by creating scarcity: Converting apartment buildings into condominiums; not building new units or demolishing existing ones for real estate deals. In this scheme they also have the government in Sacramento on their side, which has flooded this state with illegals who hog the available units.

Just an example — Assemblyman Rob Bonta came to speak to the San Leandro City Council to shamelessly declare that there are no funds allocated for affordable housing in the state budget for 2017, while in the same speech spoke about passing "sanctuary" laws and providing lawyers to prevent the deportation of illegals accused of crimes; Alameda County has allocated 1.5 million, San Francisco, 5 millions and so on.

There's a reason why tenants have been able to pass Rent Control laws in many cities over the years, in order to stop the greedy landlords' abuses, but landlords have allies in the San Leandro City Council. The "Tenant Relocation Assistance" proposal, which bothers Heath, has been kicked around for six months at the request of Tom Silva and company, with the complicity of Mayor Cutter, in order to give landlords more time to jack up the rents or to get rid of tenants with the same purpose.

— Leo T. West, San Leandro

### Korematsu: A Case of Suppressed Evidence by the Government

Editor:

The Letter to the Editor, "Calls Korematsu 'a Criminal,' Not a Civil Rights Pioneer" (Letters, Feb. 16) used stereotypes and dangerous generalizations to justify the imprisonment of Japanese Americans. The letter assumed that Japanese Americans were disloyal, a charge that has been disproved.

In 1941, President Roosevelt requested a Special Representative of the State Department study the loyalty of Japanese Americans on the West Coast and Hawaii. The final report in November 1941 included results of more than a decade of U.S. domestic and military intelligence service spying. The report certified a "remarkable, even extraordinary degree of loyalty among this generally suspect ethnic group." ("Years of Infamy," Michi Weglyn)

In 1981, legal historian Peter Irons obtained documents under the Freedom of Information Act that showed government lawyers at the 1944 Ko-

rematsu trial had suppressed evidence that contradicted the military necessity argument. This discovery led to the reopening of the Korematsu, Yasui and Hirabayashi cases in 1983. The Korematsu and Hirabayashi convictions were successfully vacated in 1983 and 1987. Yasui passed away in 1986 before his case concluded. ("Enduring Conviction," Lorraine K. Bannai).

Finally, Congress established the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians (CWRIC) in 1980, to study the circumstances of Executive Order 9066. After conducting interviews and studying historical material for over one year, the study concluded that E.O. 9066

was "not justified by military necessity" but instead by "race prejudice, war hysteria and a failure of political leadership." (Personal Justice Denied, CWRIC).

The unjust incarceration of the Japanese Americans shows the importance of not falling prey to racism and hysteria. It devastated families and communities economically, socially and psychologically, and more importantly violated the constitutional rights of Japanese Americans based on race.

It is unsettling the current U.S. Administration seems poised to repeat wrongful actions of the past.

— Robbin Kawabata, San Lorenzo  
Japanese American Citizens League

## INQUIRING REPORTER

### Who's your pick to win the NCAA tourney?

— Asked last week downtown

Gonzaga. Hopefully this is their year. But I think it comes down to them or Duke or North Carolina or Villanova. The top teams. I don't think it will be an underdog this year.

**Jason Reyes**  
San Leandro



Duke. They're in my home state so I have to go with them. They didn't go far last year but this year I think they can take everybody. I haven't seen former President Obama's brackets yet, though. I want to see who he picks.

**Renee Leathers**  
Oakland



North Carolina. They have all the top players. The Tar Heels are going to win it all. And coach Roy Williams has over 800 wins.

**Carlos Rivera**  
San Leandro



Kentucky, because they're my favorite team and they're one of the best teams in the tournament every year.

**Sean Stewart**  
San Leandro



UCLA, because I went to school there and I think they have a good team, and they have that guy Lonzo Ball.

**Jeff Kirkwood**  
Hayward





## Pets of the Week



Gilbert



Freddie

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are Gilbert the cat and Freddie the cat.

**Gilbert** is a handsome, sweet and affectionate boy. His vision is impaired so he's a special needs kitty. He needs a loving family willing to care for his special

needs.

**Freddie** is an 8-year-old boy who came to the shelter when his guardian passed away. He's still making sense of all the changes in his life and hopes to find a loving home soon.

For more information on Gilbert or Freddie, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at 293-7200.

## Bayfair: Concept of a mall is changing

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the mission to create the plan. The city contributed an additional \$30,000 and received \$15,000 each from BART and Bayfair's owners Madison Marquette to create the plan.

"We've done a lot of outreach and gotten a lot of good feedback," said Tom Liao, the city's deputy community development director.

Liao said that the preferred land use will be medium and high density residential, either on its own or mixed use with retail on the lower floors. Other "desired uses" are live-work or "maker" spaces, retail, dining, and entertainment uses.

The plan is to create "gathering places" including a central plaza/main street and pedestrian walkways with more neighborhood plazas and parks interspersed throughout.

"In a lot of ways, the city has been planning East 14th for the past 15 years," said Liao. "This is kind of like the final piece of the planning puzzle. It's important because it's a focus on the south San Leandro area, we've focused on downtown and now the south area is going to see some love too."

The planners say that the current concept of a mall is rapidly becoming less popular as online shopping takes over. Bayfair has

numerous vacancies inside the mall, though the larger shops like Target and Kohl's are busy.

Welch said that if you create the "village" concept – which could include up to 2,500 residential units – you have a built-in clients for your shops and restaurants.

"Online shopping is affecting retail," said Welch. "If people are living there, there could be more involvement."

Madison Marquette hasn't yet committed to significantly modifying their property yet, but they support the city's plans.

"They remain extremely open to the concepts that are out there," said Liao. "They are keeping their options open."

The plan includes the mall and about a half-mile area around it. Community development director Cynthia Battenberg told the council that smaller shops adjacent to the mall may be where the action starts. She said there is interest from the Fashion Faire and Fairmont Square property owners to "make a move" and do some construction early on in the process and Bayfair may wait until several years into the new construction.

The next step in the planning process will be more community meetings over the next several months. A complete draft of the plan is due this spring and it is



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Bayfair might look a lot different in a few years.

expected to be finalized toward the end of 2017.

"I think you guys are right, the mall is kind of on its way out

and we need to have something more modern," said Mayor Pauline Cutter. "This is a really good plan, it's going to add to the area."

## Taxi: A little relief

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Taxi owners met with Mayor Pauline Cutter a few weeks ago, asking for some help in the insurance requirements. City staff checked with other East Bay cities and with the insurance provider. The city is in an insurance pool with a few dozen other cities in Northern California.

The insurance provider recommends the higher amount (\$1 million) but said it would be sufficient to have the lower amount

(\$500,000), said city Finance Director David Baum.

The San Leandro taxis will still have all the same requirements as before to have business licenses and police permits.

Baum said the taxi owners seemed pleased with the change in policy that reduces their insurance costs.

"I hope it helps them stay competitive," Baum said. "They work hard for the money."

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