



San Leandro Times

AN INDEPENDENT HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER SERVING SAN LEANDRO, ASHLAND, SAN LORENZO AND SHEFFIELD VILLAGE

VOL. 36 • NO. 14

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026

SAN LEANDRO • CALIFORNIA



PHOTO COURTESY SAN LEANDRO PUBLIC LIBRARY

A traveling exhibit on the monarch butterfly opens today at the San Leandro Main Library.

Exhibit on the Monarch Butterfly Opens Today at the Main Library

The San Leandro Main Library welcomes a traveling exhibit on the monarch butterfly, opening today, April 2, at the Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. "Monarchs and Milkweed: A Story of Survival," designed by Outhouse Exhibit Services, explores the incredible life cycle of Monarch butterflies – their migration, the importance of milkweed habitats, and the challenges they face in surviving.

San Leandro is home to one of the Bay Area's important overwintering sites for Monarchs, making this exhibit especially relevant for local residents. In addition to hosting the exhibit, the Main Library (300 Estudillo Ave., unless noted otherwise) will be holding related programs, free and open to the public, including:
• Thursday, April 16, at 4 p.m. – Butterfly Storytime: Flutter & Create

for all ages
• Saturday, April 18, at 1:30 p.m. – Beauty on the Wing: Life Story of the Monarch Butterfly film screening and Q&A with director Kim Smith and local garden center Evergreen Nursery for ages 8+
• Tuesday, April 28, at 6 p.m. – Gardening to Support Monarch Butterflies with Master Gardener Irene Beebe for all ages
see MONARCH, page 8

James Aguilar Appointed to City Council

Council picks former school board member to fill vacant seat

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

The City Council picked a new council member at its March 23 meeting to fill the vacancy left by Bryan Azevedo's resignation.

The council voted to name former school board member James Aguilar to the City Council's District 2 seat. Aguilar will be sworn in at the April 6 meeting.

Aguilar was one of seven candidates from District 2 who applied for the council seat. The other candidates were Leo Sheridan, Luis Men-

doza, Emily Chandler, Robert Bulatao, Ed Hernandez and Tiare Pena.

"We've seen trauma in San Leandro politics – we've seen things go south," Aguilar said when answering questions from council members before he was appointed. "We need a consensus builder. And we need a young voice."

Aguilar said he agreed with the rest of the City Council that the budget is the top priority.

see AGUILAR, page 8

Mayor to Give State of City Address on April 28

Mayor Juan Gonzalez will give the annual State of the City Address on Tuesday, April 28, at 6:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Senior Center, 13909 East 14th St.

Gonzalez will highlight how the City of San Leandro is turning vision into measurable impact, said a city news release.

Doors open at 6 p.m., and

the presentation begins at 6:30 p.m.

This year's address will build on previous themes of moving forward and momentum, and Gonzalez will showcase progress across all five City Council priorities – public safety, infrastructure, quality of life, housing and homelessness, and economic development.

Comedy in the Plaza to Return This Summer at Tech Campus

Five nationally know comedians on the bill for show in July
Comedy show to benefit Davis Street kids' program

Award-winning comedian, actor, broadcaster and writer Brian Copeland will present Comedy in the Plaza this summer, the popular annual outdoor comedy event he created in 2019.

This year's show – "Brian Copeland Presents Comedy in the Plaza" – will feature five nationally know comics, held under the "Truth Is Beauty" statue, better know as the Naked Lady Statue.

The show will be entirely produced by Copeland, without the city's affiliation, and held at the San Leandro Tech Campus on Saturday, July 18 at 5 p.m. Free and open to the public.

This has nothing to do with the city, Copeland said. "So it won't cost city taxpayers a dime during this difficult financial time."

And the comedy show *see COMEDY, page 8*

INSIDE YOUR TIMES

HISTORY

Two women writers to speak on April 11. **Page 2**

EDUCATION

Scholarship Foundation to hold fundraising dinner. **Page 3**

CLASSIFIEDS

Find what you're looking for in the classifieds. **Page 6**

38,500 EVERY THURSDAY
THE LARGEST FREE-DELIVERED NEWSPAPER IN THE EAST BAY

| | |
|---------------------|---|
| Calendar..... | 3 |
| Classified Ads..... | 6 |
| Crossword..... | 7 |
| Homes..... | 4 |
| Home Services..... | 6 |
| Letters..... | 7 |
| Seniors..... | 5 |

MEETING SCHEDULES

CITY COUNCIL

Council meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, City Hall, 835 E. 14th St., San Leandro. For more information, call the City Clerk at 577-3367.

SAN LEANDRO SCHOOL BOARD

Board meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at 2600 Teagarden St., San Leandro. For more information, call Zaira Duncan at 667-3522.



San Leandro Times

An independent hometown newspaper serving San Leandro, Ashland, San Lorenzo and Sheffield Village

EDITORIAL

Howard Morrison
Editor and Publisher
howardm@ebpublishing.com

Jim Knowles
Managing Editor
jimk@ebpublishing.com

Contributing Writers
Ruben Banelos
Buzz Bertolero
Carl Medford
Linda Sandmark

PRODUCTION

Howard Morrison
Manager

Moxie Morrison
Assistant

Claudette Morrison
Business Manager

ADVERTISING

Display Advertising
Claudette Morrison
Classified Advertising
Patrick Vadnais

HOW TO REACH US

San Leandro Times
2060 Washington Ave.
San Leandro, California 94577
Office hours: Weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Main Office: (510) 614-1555
Newsroom: (510) 614-1557
Sports: (510) 614-1561
Advertising: (510) 614-1555
Classified: (510) 614-1558
Fax: (510) 483-4209
Email: jimk@ebpublishing.com
www.ebpublishing.com



©2019 East Bay Publishing Corporation

Two Women Writers to Speak at Historical Society

Two women writers will be featured at the San Leandro Historical Society's program, "Thriving in the Margins, History from a Woman's Perspective."

The program will be held on Saturday, April 11, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church 180 Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro.

The two speakers, Karin K. Jensen and Julia Park Tracey, will talk about their



Julia Park Tracey

respective books, the research they did into the lives of their female ancestors, and their writing. Refreshments will be served after a 45-minute talk.

The Strength of Water by Karin K. Jensen vividly illuminates her mother's journey from 1920s Detroit to wartime China, and back.

Karin will discuss how life, meaning, and dignity are built inside circumstances never designed for flourishing—immigrant laundries, racial exclusion, gendered expectations, and poverty. Thriving in these circumstances isn't a life of ease. Often it looks like adaptation, persistence, and resilience.

The Bereaved and Silence, two historical novels by Julia Park Tracey, are based on her

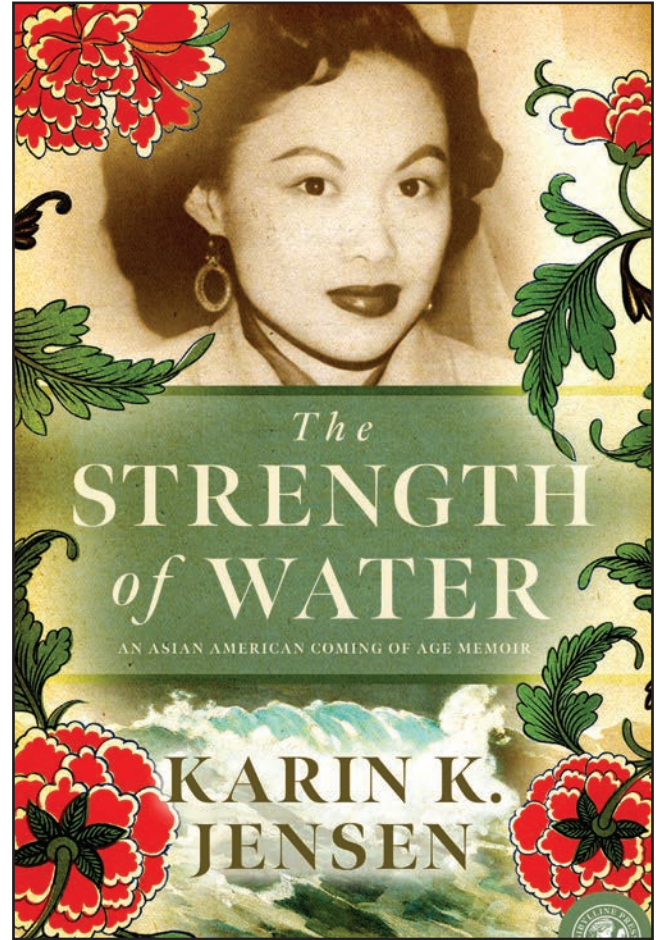
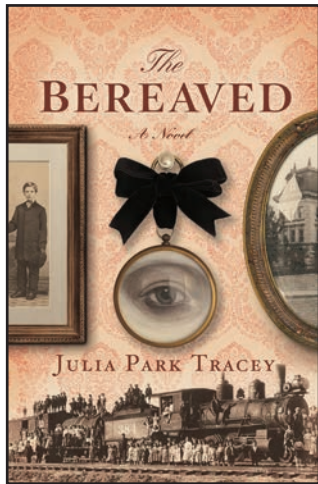
own genealogical research into her female ancestors.

In her novels, Julia shows how women survived at the edges of mainstream society when they did not fit the mold, and how the laws and mores of society did not account for women's power and steadfast love for their children.

Whether by disenfranchising women, separating them from their children, or silencing women, the patriarchal societies of the past are still reflected in today's world.

Karin and Julia delve into these aspects of women's lives in their lively talk about researching and writing stories of their all-but-forgotten female ancestors.

Books will be available for purchase and author signing. Please register to ensure a seat at the historical society's website, www.sanleandrohistory.org or email (sanleandrohistory@gmail.com).





Bay-O-Vista Swim & Tennis Club




COMMIT YOUR FAMILY TO FITNESS & FUN

FAMILY \$321/mo | SINGLE \$275/mo

One Time Initiation Fee (April Only)
\$700 Family (normally \$1,500 Save \$800)
\$500 Single (normally \$800 Save \$300)

April is free when you pay your first month upfront.

Get a **FREE Month** w/ Annual Dues, Pay 11 months get the 12th free (Expires 4/30/2026).


*Previous members of 12 months or less are not eligible for this promo. (Not to be combined with any other offers. All club features are included) in your monthly dues except for babysitting, swim lessons, massage and personal training).






510-357-8366 1881 Astor Dr, San Leandro, CA 94577 www.bovswim.com

Free help with reading and English!




PROJECT LITERACY
Adult Literacy & ESL Program
San Leandro Public Library


- Free private tutors and free classes for adults
- Visit sanleandro.org/literacy or call 510-577-3944

Edward Jones Member SIPC

Financial strategies. One-on-one advice. Let's plan your future together.



Rosalyn Antonio, CFP®
Financial Advisor
20980 Redwood Rd Suite 120
Castro Valley, CA 94546
510-886-3636



MKT-58940-A AECSPAD > edwardjones.com

You're invited to Faith Lutheran Church of Castro Valley

Holy Week 2026

Palm Sunday March 29th service at 10 am

Maundy Thursday April 2nd services at noon & 7:00 PM

Good Friday April 3rd Stations of the Cross at noon, service at 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday April 5th services at 9:00 am (in-person) and 11 am (in-person & livestream) with Easter Breakfast 10-11 am

All are welcome!

Faith Lutheran Church of Castro Valley
2080 Redwood Road
Castro Valley, CA 94546
www.flccv.org

Community Calendar

Holy Week & Easter Sunday Services

All Saints Episcopal Church, 911 Dowling Blvd. in San Leandro, will hold a potluck supper with a reliving of the Last Supper on Thursday, April 2, at 6 p.m. The church will hold a Stations of the Cross on Friday, April 3, at 7 p.m. The Great Easter Vigil will be held on Holy Saturday, April 4, at 8 p.m. On Easter Sunday there will be masses offered at 8 a.m. (traditional spoken with no music) and 10:15 a.m. (contemporary with hymns and choir). No matter who you are or where you are on your spiritual journey you are welcome at All Saints.

Hearing Loss Association to Meet

Hearing Loss Association East Bay will hold an Educational Meeting with a presentation on the stigma of hearing loss on Saturday, April 11, at the Kaiser Permanente Oakland Medical Center, 3600 Broadway, Lower Level Conference Room LL-B. Refreshments at 9:30 a.m., presentation at 10 a.m. and pizza at 11:30 a.m. The meeting is both in-person and on Zoom. Register at: www.HearingLossEB.org and RSVP by Friday, April 10.

Friends of the Library Book Sale

The Friends of the San Leandro Library will host their semi-annual sale on Saturday, April 11, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Shop a vast collection of rare first editions, best sellers, cookbooks, and more. Thousands of quality books, CDs, DVDs, and LPs, as well as collectible and rare books are available at rock-bottom prices. All proceeds benefit the San Leandro Library's programs and services. Cash and credit cards accepted.

Coffee with the League of Women Voters

Come and hear from the League of Women voters on how you can help defend democracy on Saturday, April 11, at 2 p.m. at the San Lorenzo Branch Library, 395 Paseo Grande in San Lorenzo. RSVP to roxvlewis@gmail.com

More Events

Ken Seideman Jazz Trio at The Bistro

The Ken Seideman Jazz Trio will perform on Tuesday, April 14, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at The Bistro, 1001 B St. in Hayward. The trio plays jazz, rock, blues and reggae. Ken Seideman on piano and synthesizer, Ed Molyneaux on bass and vocals, and Tim Caldwell on drums.

SOUL Line Dancing — New Class Alert

The City of San Leandro's Human Services Department will host a new class with NFL Raiderette Alumni Lori Hurley to teach SOUL Line Dancing for men and women 50+ on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the San Leandro Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St. Drop-in at \$10 per class. Register online at sanleandrorec.org or stop by the San Leandro Senior Community Center to register. Use course code 27085 for February classes.

First United Methodist Labyrinth Prayer Gathering

First United Methodist Church, 1600 Bancroft Ave., will hold Labyrinth Prayer Gatherings on Thursdays at 10 a.m. through April 2. All are welcome.

Teen Lounge

The Teen Lounge is open every Wednesday and Thursday, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library 300 Estudillo Ave. Games, art, snacks, and fun. Open to teens in grades 6-12, no registration necessary.

Scholarship Foundation to Host Fund-Raising Dinner

The San Leandro Scholarship Foundation (SLSF) is hosting its annual Fund-Raising Dinner & Auction to benefit graduating seniors on Thursday, April 16, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the San Leandro Senior Center, 13909 East 14, St. in San Leandro.

The social mingling and silent auction will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

Entertainment will be provided by San Leandro High performing arts students.

The keynote speaker will be Caity Ware, producer and

executive assistant at Playtone, an American film and television production company. Caity was a member of SLHS Class of 2003.

The SLSF is a local non-profit that awards scholarships to local graduating seniors who attend college, university or a trade school.

This year's dinner celebrates the 100th Anniversary of San Leandro High School in our community.

For more information about the dinner, email Chad Pennebaker at sanleandrosf@gmail.com or call 510-289-9225.

Cornejo to Speak at Big Tent Meeting on April 11

The Big Tent will meet on Saturday, April 11, at 11 a.m. at Families United, 209 Joaquin Ave. in San Leandro. The speakers will be recently

appointed Alameda County Registrar of Voters Cynthia Cornejo, and recently appointed San Leandro City Councilmember James Aguilar.



Happy Easter, Happy Passover!



Lovewell Team

(CA DRE #00689931, #01912817, #02187163)
 "Lovewell Team" is a dynamic, award-winning Real Estate team
 Call 510-351-5555 or visit us at www.Lovewellteam.com
 — A team you can love and trust —

KIM BROS. JEWELRY • 357-4069
 14393-A WASHINGTON AVENUE • SAN LEANDRO
 WED-FRI 11(ISH)AM - 5 PM/ SAT 11(ISH)AM -4 PM/ CLOSED SUN-TUES
 SINCE 1989

Anniversary Sale

UP TO 50% OFF

Expires 4/30/26

\$12⁰⁰

Battery Replacement
REGULARLY \$15.00
With this ad. Expires 4/30/26.

20% OFF

Jewelry & Watch Repair
With this ad. Expires 4/30/26

- 14k/18k Gold
- Colored Stones
- Jades
- Pearls
- Watches
- Diamonds

First United Methodist Senior Citizens Exercise and Meditation

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 accompanied by tea and healthy snacks on Tuesday mornings through May 19 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Nurture your body, mind, and spirit while building community.

Meet in Hale Hall which is entered from Bancroft Avenue.

All are welcome, non-denominational, no charge.

For more information, call the church office at 510-483-0606.



A reminder to please **CUT WEEDS** to reduce risk of fire during the dry season. Weeds over 4" in height and vegetation blocking the sidewalk may result in enforcement actions, including fines.

Un recordatorio que por favor **CORTE LAS MALEZAS** para reducir el riesgo de incendios durante la temporada seca. Las malas hierbas de más de 4" de altura y la vegetación que bloquea la acera podrían resultar en acciones por el departamento de cumplimiento de códigos, incluyendo multas.



提醒请**剪除杂草**，以减少旱季发生火灾的风险。超过 4 英寸的杂草和遮挡人行道的植物可能会导致执法行动，包括罚款

The Continuing War is Affecting the Seasonal Market

By Carl Medford, CRS
Special to the Times

With the war in Iran continuing, effects are being felt in the overall residential real estate market. Even though real estate markets differ from region to region, the overall economy

has a direct trickle-down effect on most neighborhoods. As a result, we are now seeing an entirely different market than what would be considered 'normal' for this time of year. The issues resulting from the prolonged conflict are as follows:

Interest rates are continuing to rise. Earlier this year we

had the lowest rates since 2022 as they pushed below the 6% marker. Unfortunately, rates have reversed and are climbing upwards again, driven by spiking oil prices and rising 10-year treasury yields. This raises projected monthly payments which conversely lowers buyer affordability. Business Insider reported last week that week-

over-week mortgage applications had dropped 10%.

We are seeing a classic inflation shock. As oil prices soar upwards, rising fuel costs affect everything in the supply chain. Since manufactured products require the transportation of materials to the factories which in turn rely on transportation to get finished goods to the market, increases in fuel boost both manufacturing and delivery costs, resulting in an increase

in the cost of goods across the board, pushing inflation higher. As an example, the costs to Amazon to run their delivery fleet have suddenly, dramatically increased.

Building and maintenance costs are increasing. This has a two-fold effect: building materials prices are increasing and, just like during the pandemic, the increases are slowing the supply chain. This in turn is causing unexpected increases

in new home construction costs which are passed on to consumers who in turn (along with higher mortgage rates) are increasingly reticent to buy.

Buyer confidence is waning. The war has added uncertainty which, coupled with increasing corporate layoffs (especially in the tech sector), has dampened buyer enthusiasm at the time of year when the real estate market would normally be heating up. This is slowing transaction volume even though listings are increasing.

The Fed outlook will likely shift. It had been anticipated that rates would soften over the remainder of 2026, bringing a level of revitalization back into the market. The Fed is reevaluating this policy and, if the war continues, may move in the opposite direction.

There is one bright spot: buyers willing to purchase now stand a better chance of securing a home with significantly less competition.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| S | T | R | A | P | R | A | G | S | T | E | |
| A | B | U | T | S | A | G | O | L | E | T | |
| P | A | S | T | A | M | A | D | R | U | S | H |
| H | A | L | V | E | S | O | S | S | A | | |
| R | A | J | M | A | A | W | U | H | A | N | |
| F | L | O | P | N | U | K | E | S | | | |
| D | E | B | A | T | E | I | B | E | R | I | A |
| R | E | S | O | D | S | U | D | S | | | |
| S | T | I | L | T | R | D | S | S | O | L | |
| P | E | R | O | S | C | O | T | C | H | | |
| I | N | A | R | U | S | H | A | I | O | L | I |
| N | O | N | A | N | I | I | T | F | O | R | |
| S | R | I | L | S | D | D | E | F | O | E | |

Robert Jones and Associates

WOW!!
1256 Glen Drive, \$879,000
Put the Jones Team to Work for You!
SLHS Grads 1961 and 1990
US Navy 1966-1971



WE ARE HERE for YOU.... — Matt Jones & Bob Jones

142 JOAQUINAVE. • SAN LEANDRO • 510-357-0120
RobertJonesandAssociates.com



Antonio M. Cardenas
Real Estate Broker - Ballroom Dancer
"The Realtors In Motion"
(510) 326-4263

www.ListedbyAntonio.com • write2me2@aol.com
R.E. eBroker Group • DRE #00898737

THINKING ABOUT BUYING OR SELLING? CONTACT ONE OF THESE...

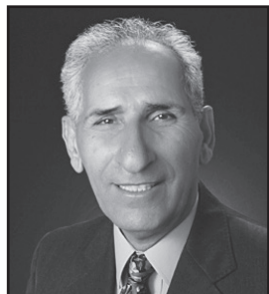
AGENTS IN ACTION



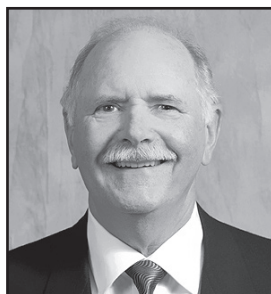
Suzanna Chew Realtor®
Christie's Int'l RE Sereno
schew@sereno.com
510-326-4125



Louis Heystek
REALTOR® OF THE YEAR
COMPASS | DRE 01771666
m 510.928.5501



Nasser Haghighi
Alliance Bay Realty
DRE# 01221481
510-415-1612
nhaghighi1328@gmail.com
San Leandro Resident Since 1976



Robert Jones
Serving San Leandro since 1964
Robert Jones & Assoc.
142 Joaquin Ave. • San Leandro
357-0120



Matt Jones
Realtor
Robert Jones & Assoc.
142 Joaquin Ave. • San Leandro
357-0120



Cindy Kellar, Realtor
Personal Attention/
Professional Results
Everhome Real Estate
cindy@everhomere.com
510-301-3456



Greg Novak, DRE# 01721382
SanLeandroRealtor.com
Red Oak Realty
greg@redoakrealty.com
510-472-4770



Dave Adams
Realtor
COLDWELL BANKER
dave@davecadams.com
(510) 637-8136



Judy Rose-CRS, SRES
ReMax Accord
Serving the East Bay 40 + Years
judy@judyrose.com
510-220-6206



Dinh Truong Realtor®
Building community and delivering excellence!
Compass
BRE #01853113
510-209-7471
dinh.truong@compass.com



Bob and Kailani Frey
Your Local Father/Daughter Real Estate Team
Re/Max Accord
BobFreyHomes@gmail.com
510-220-8459



Laurie Hall, Realtor
Keller Williams Realty
lauriehall@kw.com
DRE# 02109907
(510) 867 4986



Tere Lee, CRS & Danielle Ewing
"Trust A Professional Who Cares"
United Brokers Real Estate
"It's Nice To Be Home"
(510)305-8827 / (408)828-3897



Lynn Levin
Berkshire Hathaway Home Services
Getting The Job Done Right
www.lynnlevin.com
510-593-7377



Malanie Yan
United Brokers Real Estate
DRE #01479962
HomesByMalanie@gmail.com
510-325-1163

OPEN HOMES SATURDAY & SUNDAY
APRIL 4 & 5

| CITY | SAT | SUN | ADDRESS | PRICE | BDR./BA. | REALTOR | AGENT | PHONE |
|------|------|-----|--------------------|-------------|----------|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| A | 2-4 | 2-4 | 860 Superior | \$1,100,000 | 3/2 | Red Oaks Realty | Greg Novak | 510-472-4770 |
| A | 12-3 | | 2515 Galleon Place | \$719,900 | 3/2.5 | United Brokers | Tere Lee/Danielle Ewing | 510-305-8827 |

CITY GUIDE A = SAN LEANDRO • B = BRENTWOOD • C = CASTRO VALLEY • E = EL CERRITO • F = FREMONT • H = HAYWARD
L = LIVERMORE • P = PLEASANT HILL • S = SAN RAMON • SLZ = SAN LORENZO • W = WALNUT CREEK • Z = ALAMEDA

All real estate advertised in the Castro Valley Forum is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation, or discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, marital status, national origin, or intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination. The Castro Valley Forum will not knowingly accept any advertisement for real estate that is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis.



Timeless Elegance in Estudillo Estates

Welcome to 860 Superior! Ideally positioned on a premier corner at Superior and Glen, this elegant 3-bedroom, 2-bath home offers over 2,000 square feet* of living space in the heart of Estudillo Estates—one of San Leandro's most sought-after neighborhoods. Surrounded by tree-lined streets and distinctive custom homes, 860 Superior blends classic character, flexible living space, and an exceptional location. A welcoming brick front porch creates a warm and inviting entry. Inside, stunning original hardwood floors and abundant natural light define a bright, sophisticated living environment. The spacious living room, anchored by an elegant wood-burning fireplace, offers both comfort and style, while the formal dining room is ideal for gatherings. The updated eat-in kitchen features stainless steel appliances and modern touches, seamlessly connecting to the main living areas. A versatile den provides flexibility—would you use it as a home office, media room, gym, or potential fourth bedroom? French doors open to a spacious deck and sunny, level backyard—ideal for entertaining, gardening, or simply relaxing outdoors. Additional features include a two-car garage with direct interior access and energy-efficient LED lighting. With its premier location, timeless charm, and flexible floor plan, 860 Superior Avenue presents a rare opportunity in one of San Leandro's most cherished neighborhoods. Welcome home. *(per public record).



860 Superior • \$1,100,000 • Open Houses • 4/4 & 4/5 2-4PM



2025 RED OAK TOP PRODUCER

Terry Martinez
DRE# 01726031
510.772.3746
terry@redoakrealty.com



Greg Novak
REALTOR® • #1721382
510.472.4770
Greg@redoakrealty.com
SanLeandroRealtor.com
Red Oak Realty

Rid the Garden of Yellow Jackets by Catching the Queen

By Buzz Bertolero
The Dirt Gardener

Q I found a beehive between some bushes last year. The area is quiet now. How do I make sure they don't come back?

A Most likely, this was a Yellow Jacket nest rather than a honey bee hive. In late November, a Yellow Jacket nest becomes inactive as the worker and male Yellow Jackets die off.

The Queen bees leave the old hives and hibernate elsewhere during winter. In spring, she emerges from hibernation, seeking and establishing a new colony elsewhere, never in an old hive. This hive remains active until November, when the cycle begins again.

Hornets, honey, and bumblebee hives are inactive during cool, wet weather, but you'll see activity in March with the longer, warmer days.

For Yellow Jackets, the best defense is to set out traps in spring, around March or April, to catch the Queen as she searches for a new home. Be sure to wash out traps from the previous year with warm, soapy water and replace the attractant.

It's also good to refresh the attractant again in August for the fall season.

With wet conditions in February and March, overwintering queens drown, but that's not the case this year. As a result, many more of them will be establishing nests.

Yellow Jackets are an active pest from July through October.

Q We have a 6-year-old Coral Bark Japanese Maple. Last year, a few of the smaller branches turned black, and we pruned them off.

Now, one of the three main branches is doing the same thing, and the leaves are withering. If we remove it, the plant's shape will be ruined. What should we do?

A It's never good news when the stems of a Japanese Maple turn black. The black coloration is a key sign of a vascular disease called Verticillium Wilt, a soil-borne fungus that's common in our Bay Area soils.

When the infected stems are cut, you'll see black streaks in the tissue. It affects a wide range of ornamental and herbaceous plants, including tomatoes, peppers, roses, Pistache, and Camphor trees.

The fungus works its way up the plant from the roots, disrupting the vascular tissue responsible for transporting water and nutrients throughout the plant. Unfortunately, there are no controls for this problem. The disease strikes without warning.

Our poorly draining, heavy clay soil and excessive summer watering doesn't help. It's especially frustrating when Verticillium Wilt affects established and thriving ornamentals.

With tomatoes and other vegetables, we can plant resistant varieties, but that's not an option for Japanese Maples. I've removed the infected limb because it won't recover, and I encourage new growth by feeding the plant organic fertilizer.

A replacement branch can be chosen from the new growth. Leaf blight can also cause dark, deadened shoots and curled, darkened leaves on the tree.

Airborne bacteria, such as Pseudomonas, are also responsible for leaf and branch dieback on a Japanese Maple. But Verticillium Wilt remains the primary suspect.

New Registrar and New Council Member to Speak at Big Tent Meeting

The Big Tent will meet on Saturday, April 11, at 11 a.m. at Families United, 209 Joaquin Ave. in San Leandro. The speakers will be recently appointed Alameda County Registrar of Voters Cynthia Cornejo, and recently appointed San Leandro City Councilmember James Aguilar.

Spiritual, but not religious?

Watch 12:12pm Live-stream at unitysanleandro.org or on Facebook Live

- We emphasize spirituality more than religion.
- We believe there are many paths to God.
- We show you how to transform your life through practical spiritual principles.
- Everyone is welcome.

SUNDAY 12:12 P.M.

Unity Church of San Leandro
Meeting in person on the 1st & 3rd Sundays at 12:12 PM
San Leandro Senior Community Center
13909 E. 14th St., San Leandro

SENIORS

The Drug Industry Has a Grip on Seniors

By Bella Comelo
Special to the Times

When we talk about drugs here, it is not about recreational drugs like cocaine and cannabis but about life-saving drugs or medicines that seniors must take for cancer, high blood pressure, heart problems, digestive issues, diabetes and asthma.

The prices of the drugs are so high that some seniors cannot afford them. They try to skimp on the drugs by taking half of the prescribed pills. For example, if the doctor says take one pill for high blood pressure daily, seniors who cannot afford it take only half a pill. It is a pity that in a rich

Commentary

country like ours, seniors must sacrifice their health for want of affordable medicines.

The medicines seniors take have numerous side effects like nausea, headache and constipation. To overcome these side effects the seniors take another medicine, which might have side effects of its own... and so on.

The list of medicines becomes longer and longer. After a while seniors become like zombies and cannot leave home.

A commercial on TV advertised drinking three gallons of water after taking medicine for dry mouth. It also advertised to buy pee pads in case the seniors have incontinence.

Every year, our politicians and senior organizations promise to bring down the prices of drugs or medicine, but it seldom happens. Prices are high because of patent protection, high price of research and no price control. The Drug Plans take their share of profits. The middlemen and the advertisers also like to get a share, which means that seniors have to pay a high price for the medicines.

One of the set-back of our society, especially for seniors, is that we rely too much on medicines. We do not practice home remedies and natural medicines that are found in plants and vegetables, as our ancestors used to do.

Plants like rosemary, sage, turmeric, moringa, mint and hibiscus flowers have lots of medicinal value. Most of us do not take advantage of the teas made from these plants.

Also, onion, cinnamon, and cloves are beneficial for health. Some doctors recommend cinnamon powder for diabetes. Diluted clove oil is good for a toothache.

There are other branches of natural remedies that seniors do not like to try, as they say they are not scientifically proven to be beneficial to health. Medicines belonging to Homeopathy and Ayurveda have fewer side effects.

Of course, you should take the medicine that your doctor prescribes for you. I'm just offering a few ideas to consider.

Whoever said "Laughter is the Best Medicine" was a genius. It is not only the medicines but the positivity in life that make seniors live longer and lead a joyful life.


BAYWOOD
COURT



Castro Valley's Vibrant Senior Living Community
Independent and Assisted Senior Living

Call for a tour and join our waitlist today!
(510) 733-2418 | baywoodcourt.org

RCFE #011440776/Health Center #550000793



NO COST BUSINESS ADVISING IN SAN LEANDRO

Offered in partnership with East Bay SBDC, City of San Leandro and San Leandro Chamber of Commerce

- GET ADVICE ON:**
- ✓ Marketing
 - ✓ Starting a Business
 - ✓ Growing a Business & More

OFFERED EVERY 2ND TUESDAY BEGINNING APRIL 14, 2026

 <https://tinyurl.com/SLbusinessadvising>



| | | | | | |
|--|--|--|---|--|--|
| TO PLACE A CLASSIFIED AD CALL 510-614-1555 NEWS 510-614-1557 EMAIL Classifieds@ebpublishing.com | | TO VIEW THE CLASSIFIED ADS Visit our Websites 24 hours a day www.sanleandrotimes.com www.castrovalleyforum.com | | CLASSIFIED AD DEADLINE New ads, cancellations or ad changes: DEADLINE: MONDAY NOON Call 510-614-1558 (Mon. - Fri., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.) VISA, MASTERCARD, DISCOVER & AmEx Accepted | |
| AUTOS/TRUCKS \$ 35 10 words (3 weeks) | GARAGE SALES \$ 35 10 words (1 week) | HELP WANTED \$ 35 10 words (1 week) | MISC. FOR SALE \$ 35 10 words (3 weeks) | RENTALS \$ 35 10 words (1 week) | SERVICES \$ 35 10 words (1 week) |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

You can run a classified ad for a little as \$35 a week. Your ad runs in both of our newspapers, the Castro Valley Forum on Wednesday and the San Leandro Times on Thursday. You can also save by placing your ad on our website at castrovalleyforum.com or sanleandrotimes.com. We'll call you for your credit or debit card info for payment. To place an ad by phone call Patrick Vadnais at 510-614-1555, Mon-Fri 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

CATERING

HONEY BROWNS CATERING & MEAL PREP. Cooking with Love. Theron & Yetta Brown 510-606-8063. honeybrowns4you@gmail.com

CONCRETE SERVICE

MP CONCRETE. Driveways, Patio, Retaining Walls, Stamped Concrete, Asphalt, Hauling. Lic.#1054154. Mito 510-502-9336.

CONTRACTOR SERVICE

NOTICE TO READERS
 California law requires that contractors taking jobs that total \$500 or more (labor or materials) be licensed by the Contractors State License Board. State Law also requires that contractors include their license number on all advertising. Advertisers appearing on this page without a license number indicate that the contractor is not licensed. You can check the status of your licensed contractor at www.cslb.ca.gov or (800) 321-2752. Unlicensed contractors taking jobs that total less than \$500 must state in their advertisements that they are not licensed by the Contractors State License Board.

FENCES/DECKS

***FENCES/ DECKS** Repair/ Replace, Gutter Cleaning, Insured/ Bonded. Jerry 510-410-2427

Fence wobbly? Call Randy's Fence Reinforcement and save thousands! 510-706-6189.

GARDENING

JAIME'S GARDENING
 Maintenance, Trimming, Clean-ups, Hauling, Sprinkler Repair/ Timers. FREE Estimates. Insured. 510-299-9583

GARDENING/TREE SERVICE

NAVA'S COMPLETE LANDSCAPING: Mowing, trees, cleanup, hauling, FREE estimates. 510 512-5857.

GUTTER CLEANING

GUTTER WORKS Cleaning and Repairs. Residential/ Commercial. Reasonable Rates. FREE Estimates. 925-575-4488. GutterWorks025@gmail.com

HAIR STYLISTS

Happy Easter
 Elza Gomes
 Hairstylist at
 NOW and THEN Studio
 1786 East 14th St San Leandro
 For appointment call NEW number
 510-410-0560

HOUSE CLEANING

Santana's Cleaning Services. Home/ Office. Licensed/ Insured/ Bonded. Reliable/ Excellent References. Great Prices. Free Estimates. Call 510-928-9570. www.santanascleaning.com

LOCKSMITH

DAD'S LOCKSMITH. Excellent Service. Affordable Rates. Customer Satisfaction. Call 925-820-5747.

MISC. FOR SALE

Willie Nelson and Marty Robbins 5-LP/ vinyl box sets \$50 total. 510-654-1951.

You can place a **FREE "MISC. FOR SALE"** ad for items \$50 or less at: sanleandrotimes.com or at: castrovalleyforum.com or more info call Patrick Mon-Fri. 9am-1pm at 510-614-1560 (some restrictions may apply)

CLASSIFIED AD DEADLINE: Monday Noon.

REAL ESTATE AGENTS


Are you interested in buying or selling a home or property? Would you like the help of a Professional Agent?
 For assistance call ...

***SCOTT HARRISON** DRE#00966212
 Sunshine Realty 510-388-4536

KEITH MURRAY DRE#01245452
 Reliance Realty Group 510-582-5540

RENTALS

APARTMENTS

LANDLORDS - Advertise your units! A vacancy day is money lost forever ... R. Bowman

LEGAL NOTICES

FILED March 25, 2026
 MELISSA WILK County Clerk
 ALAMEDA COUNTY
 By-----, Deputy
 FILE NO. 621849

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 17900-17930
 The name of the business(es):
 (1) San Leandro Times, (2) Castro Valley Forum located at 2115 San Jose Ave., Alameda, CA 94501. / 2117 San Jose Ave., Alameda, CA 94501 (Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Eastbay Publishing Corp. located at 2117 San Jose Ave., Alameda, CA 94501. This business is conducted by a Corporation. This business commenced 09/16/1991 /s/ Howard Morrison
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on date indicated by file stamp above.
 Expires March 24, 2031
 APR 2, 09, 16, 23, 2026
 21600- SLT

SERVICES DIRECTORY


 Whatever your specialty, the place to advertise is in the...
HOME SERVICES DIRECTORY
 Delivered to 32,736 homes in San Leandro, over 20,000 homes in Castro Valley, and another 8,264 are delivered to businesses and libraries.


Construction
 full carpentry / building service
 Fully licensed / bonded / insured since 1992
KEVIN BIDDLE
 Owner
 CA Lic # B 659828
 Kevin@Biddlebuilders.com
 510-359-6632
BIDDLE BUILDERS LLC

Drainage/Structural
Alameda Engineering
 Since 1989
 • RETAINING WALLS
 • DRAINAGE SYSTEMS
 • FOUNDATION REPAIRS
 • SEISMIC UPGRADES
 • CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION
www.alameda-engineering.com
510-537-6550
 General Engineering Contractors
 License# 562641
alamedaengineering@comcast.net

Gardening / Tree Ser-
PEREZ
 Gardening & Maintenance
TREE SERVICE
 Pruning, Topping, Removing, Synthetic Grass Installation, Planting, New Lawns & Lawn Care, Sprinkler Systems, Lots & Hill-sides Cleaned & Planted, Drainage/Gutters, Fences, Decks, Patios, Arbors, Concrete, etc.
CALL 510-385-2122
FREE ESTIMATES
 EXCELLENT REFERENCES / SINCE 1994
 INSURED / ALL WORK GUARANTEED / UNLICENSED

REACH OVER 60,000 READERS
 Call today for ad rates and availability.

HOME SERVICES DIRECTORY
Call 614-1558

Roofing

BANNER ROOFING COMPANY



NEW ROOFS & REPAIRS
RAIN GUTTERS INSTALLED & REPAIRED
RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL ROOFING
 Dry - Rot & Termite Structural Repairs
 Decking - Soffits - Fascias - Rafter - Gables - Etc
 14349 WASHINGTON AVE SAN LEANDRO
 FREE ESTIMATES LICENSE # 657692
510-895-4433

Painting

Diego Painting
 • Residential/ Commercial
 • Interior/ Exterior
 • Power Washing

FREE ESTIMATES
 Lic. #855054 • diegopainting@comcast.net
www.diegopainting.com
(510) 331-6152

Child Care


Licensed Child Care
Nurturing Environment
Contact Us Today
This Ad Space Could be Yours! To reserve this ad space call advertising Sales Rep Patrick Vadnais at 510-614-1560

HAVE SERVICES?


Advertise with us today in the HOME SERVICES DIRECTORY

Plumbing

CAPELLI PLUMBING & DRAIN CLEANING
 Compare Our Prices!
 FREE ESTIMATES 24/7 SERVICE
 Trenchless Sewer Repair


 Military & Senior Discounts
 Family Owned & Operated
510-969-4358
 LIC. #1026755

Roofing


Wonderlin ROOFING SYSTEMS
 Castro Valley Lic. #642517 • Insured/Bonded

\$200.00 OFF
COMPLETE REROOFING WITH TEAR-OFF
 One Coupon Per Customer • Expires 5/30/26
(510) 538-1530
www.WonderlinRoofing.com

Roofing

FAMILY OWNED & OPERATED
 since 1992
 Reroofs • Repairs
 Dry Rot Repair
 Seamless Pre-painted Gutters
FREE ESTIMATES
 Lic. #311818
K REED ROOFING
 Complete Residential & Commercial Roof Systems
(510) 357-5116
 Call Now For A Free Written Roof Analysis & Estimate
 Serving San Leandro & The Entire Bay Area. For Those Who Demand Superior Personalized Attention.
 SINCE 1975 / FULLY INSURED

Roofing

RIDOUT ROOFING CO.
 ~ SINCE 1922 ~
 ALL TYPES OF ROOFING & GUTTERS
 P.V. SOLAR / SKYLIGHTS
FREE ESTIMATES
SENIOR DIS-
 (510) 351-1922 
 621-A WILLIAMS • SAN LEANDRO
 STATE CONTRACTORS LICENSE NUMBER 260176

OPINION

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Letters must include the writer's name, address and phone number, and must be under 300 words. Letters can be edited for clarity or length. Letters are the views of the author and not necessarily the views of the newspaper or its advertisers. E-mail letters to: letters@ebpublishing.com or send by mail to: The Editor, San Leandro Times, 2060 Washington Ave., San Leandro, CA 94577.

Fixing Road an Unwise Use of Funding

The closed portion of Lake Chabot Road, surely the most fussed over half-mile of road in Alameda County, is literally pulling itself apart. This is the conclusion that the city's engineers came to months ago, after numerous assessments.

The increasing severity of the damage to multiple sections of the road is obvious to any who care to look. The seams in the road are pulling apart, with significant stretches – from the shoulder to the midline, sliding down the hill, toward the park.

There are those who are quick to minimize the condition of the road and what would need to be done to make it safe for regular vehicle traffic (as opposed to emergency vehicle traffic or evacuations).

The latest gambit of the advocates of reopening this failed road is adding a new tax, including dedicated funding for this half mile of Lake Chabot Road, onto the November ballot.

Frustrated at the city's budget priorities, which are focused on repairs that will benefit all of San Leandro and will not need to be repeated every few years, they are going to try their luck with the voters.

Beware of anyone who is saying that repair of this road will be inexpensive, quick, or easy. The millions of dollars that will be sunk into this failed road are not worth it.

These days, there are economic pressures everywhere you turn. It's not the time to dedicate scarce funding to pet projects.

Peter VanOosting
San Leandro

Who Best Represents District 2

As the City Council prepares to appoint a new representative for District 2, many factors will be considered. Council members may prefer someone they

can work well with, someone with experience, knowledge of city issues, and a calm and respectful presence in public meetings.

Integrity, accountability, and transparency are also essential qualities in public office. But the most important characteristic should be representation.

The person selected should understand and advocate for the issues that matter most to the people they serve. Representation is not only about votes at City Hall. Residents also judge their representatives by whether they are present in their community.

Because the current council members will make this appointment, they naturally bring the perspective of their own districts. But the priorities shaping those neighborhoods may not be the same as those of District 2 residents, including how residents define integrity, accountability, trust, and ethical leadership.

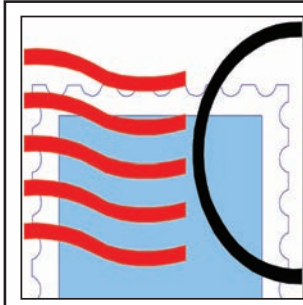
The guiding question should remain simple: who will best represent the concerns of the District 2 community?

Sky Woo
San Leandro

Thanks for Rally Story

I want to thank the San Leandro Times for the March 5, 2026 coverage of the rally supporting EBMUD Director April Chan. Your reporting shed light on an issue many of us in the community have been worried about: the pattern of sidelining Asian American voices in public institutions.

The article notes that the district's own investigation found that Director Chan "did not make a threat and her interaction was not racially motivated," yet she was still removed from her vice president role and even prevented from reading an Asian Pacific Heritage Month proclamation. For many people, that contradiction is deeply troubling.



Send a letter to the editor to Letters@ebpublishing.com. Letters must include the writer's name, address and telephone number.

I also appreciated that your story included the perspectives of leaders like former San Leandro Councilmember Benny Lee and San Jose Councilmember Vy Dang. As the article quoted, "An EBMUD Asian director was silenced." That message resonates across this community, especially when Asian American representation remains limited.

Your coverage also highlighted concerns about possible wasteful spending that Director Chan raised before becoming the target of what one speaker called a "political witch hunt." Transparency and accountability matter, and it is important that the public understands the full context.

Thank you for giving this issue the visibility it deserves. Local journalism plays a vital role in ensuring fairness, representation, and trust in our public institutions. Your reporting helps keep our community informed and engaged.

Michelle Biche
Fairview (unincorporated Alameda County)

Lake Chabot Road Always Open for Fire Emergencies

Lake Chabot Road is open for evacuations now. It has always been available for that purpose.

The number of evacuation exits and evacuation routes off Bay-O-Vista hill has not changed. It's the same now as before the storm. Nothing has changed.

What's closed to regular, everyday traffic (not evacuations) is a five-hundred-yard stretch of asphalt and only half of it is supported. Support for the other half was

washed down the hill almost 4 years ago in that series of storms.

Since then, the City has been working hard to preserve what's left and fix one slide beneath the road so SLPD and ALCO Fire can continue to use it safely.

Lake Chabot Road can't be permanently fixed. It's only a matter of propping it up and putting off the constant, unpreventable erosion of shale the asphalt sits on. Propping it up for 3,600 cars per day is a stupid waste of money now and forever into the future. Stabilizing it for police and fire — and keeping it that way — is a necessity.

Sarah Bailey
San Leandro

Look at the Good Side

Instead of looking at the cost of taxes, look at your town. Are the streets fairly clean? Does the city maintain vegetation along the roads, is the graffiti held to a minimum, can you go to a City Council meeting and be heard, can you call for a police officer or fire fighter or medic, and will you get a response? The answer is yes.

San Leandro is small enough to be able to provide these services. Now, you ask, where does my money go and why does the city always ask for more? It's because San Leandro is still a destination.

Just go to the Costco on the weekend. Go to the marina or a local park. Not bad, not bad at all.

I'm sure the city can improve its spending habits. I'd like to think they're trying.

Larry Arnold
San Leandro

LEGAL NOTICES

FILED February 27, 2026
MELISSA WILK County Clerk
ALAMEDA COUNTY
By-----, Deputy
FILE NO. 621158

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
Pursuant to Business and
Professions Code
Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es):
Just Jeff Cards, located at 15261 Inverness St., San Leandro, CA 94579. Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Justin M. Lewis, located at 115261 Inverness St., San Leandro, CA 94579. This business is conducted by An Individual. This business commenced 1/8/26
/s/ Justin M. Lewis
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on date indicated by file stamp above.
Expires February 26, 2031
MAR 12, 19, 26, APR 2, 2026

FILED February 11, 2026
MELISSA WILK County Clerk
ALAMEDA COUNTY
By-----, Deputy
FILE NO. 620792

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
Pursuant to Business and
Professions Code
Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es):
MC Roofing, located at 18928 Thornbury Ave., Castro Valley, CA 94546. Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Moi Cisneros, located at 18928 Thornbury Ave., Castro Valley, CA 94546. This business is conducted by a Corporation. This business commenced 9/18/18
/s/ Moi Cisneros
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on date indicated by file stamp above.
Expires February 10, 2031
MAR 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026

LEGAL NOTICES

FILED February 20, 2026
MELISSA WILK County Clerk
ALAMEDA COUNTY
By-----, Deputy
FILE NO. 520985

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
Pursuant to Business and
Professions Code
Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es):
San Leandro RV and Trailer, located at 15180 E. 14TH Street, Ashland, CA 94578. Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Matthew Robert Beyers located at 1423 E. 152ND Ave., Ashland, CA 94578. This business is conducted by An Individual. This business commenced 01/02/2016
/s/ Matthew Robert Beyers
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on date indicated by file stamp above.
Expires February 19, 2031

FILED February 27, 2026
MELISSA WILK County Clerk
ALAMEDA COUNTY
By-----, Deputy
FILE NO. 620144

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
Pursuant to Business and
Professions Code
Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es):
Baycity Flooring, located at 1600 86TH Ave., Oakland, CA 94621. Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Nestor Gutierrez located at 1600 86TH Ave., Oakland, CA 94621. This business is conducted by An Individual. This business commenced N/A
/s/ Nestor Gutierrez
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on date indicated by file stamp above.
Expires February 26, 2031
MAR 12, 19, 26, APR 2, 2026

THE TIMES CROSSWORD

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | |
| 12 | | | | | 13 | | | 14 | | | |
| 15 | | | | | 16 | | | 17 | | | |
| | | 18 | | | 19 | | | 20 | | | |
| 21 | 22 | | | 23 | | | 24 | | | | |
| 25 | | | 26 | | 27 | | 28 | | | | |
| 29 | | | | 30 | | | 31 | | 32 | 33 | 34 |
| | | | 35 | | | 36 | | 37 | | | |
| 38 | 39 | 40 | | | 41 | | 42 | | 43 | | |
| 44 | | | | 45 | | | 46 | | | | |
| 47 | | | | 48 | | | 49 | | | 50 | 51 |
| 52 | | | | 53 | | | 54 | | | | |
| 55 | | | | 56 | | | 57 | | | | |

ACROSS

- Purse part
- Tatter
- Fr. holy woman
- Borders on
- In the past
- Allow
- Trattoria offering
- Wild hurry, as on Black Friday
- Divides in two
- Greek mountain
- Rule in India
- Goat's plaint
- City on the Yangtze River
- Broadway failure
- Zaps in a microwave
- Argue
- Portugal's place
- Fix a lawn
- Bath bubbles
- Long-legged shorebird
- Hwys.
- Scale note
- Spanish "but"
- Rob Roy spirit
- Pressed for time
- Garlicky mayo
- Dijon denial
- Blackbird
- "What's in -- me?"
- Lanka
- "Acid"
- Crusoe's creator

DOWN

- Enervate
- TV schedule abbr.
- Work that's done ASAP
- "-- boy!"
- Sacred song
- French Baroque composer
- Turkish officials
- Deity
- Melting snow
- "Selma" actress Thompson
- Patriot Allen
- Awakens
- Wind indicators
- "Mayberry --"
- Hearty brew
- Spider's home
- Sitting room
- Youngster
- Hanoi holiday
- Exit in haste
- Altar promise
- Visual communication syst.
- Corsage flower
- Whirls
- Choir member
- Resident of Tabriz
- Composed
- Taxpayer IDs
- Refer to
- "Friendly skies" co.
- Brit's restroom
- Fury

ANSWERS ON PAGE 4

Aguilar: 'You need a thick skin'

continued from front page

City Councilmember Sbeydeh Viveros-Walton asked Aguilar how he felt about the recent "rent stabilization" ordinance passed by the City Council. Aguilar said he agreed with it.

Later, Viveros-Walton cast the deciding vote to make it four "yes" votes for Aguilar, making him the new council member.

Along with Viveros-Walton, council members Dylan Boldt, Victor Aguilar and Fred Simon voted to make James Aguilar a City Council member. Mayor Juan Gonzalez and Councilmember Xouhoa Bowen abstained in the vote on Aguilar.

Gonzalez opposed the rent ordinance that the council passed in February, saying it was too drastic. The ordinance, which goes into effect on Jan. 1, 2027, will cap rent increases at 3 percent, or 56 percent of the Consumer Price



The City Council appointed James Aguilar to the District 2 seat.

Index, which ever is lower.

In his comments, Gonzalez did praise James Aguilar for his preparedness and professionalism, saying he's the most well prepared candidate he's seen in a long time.

Aguilar is well spoken, which alone would differentiate him from his predecessor on the District 2 seat.

Aguilar is a UC Berkeley

grad and currently a social science teacher and activities director at San Lorenzo High School. He was on the board of trustees for the Eden Area Regional Occupational Program from 2021 to 2025, and is currently the secretary of the San Lorenzo Education Association.

Aguilar said he's gained experience with the school board and the California School Boards Association in legislative advocacy and working with both sides of the aisle to collaborate to address problems in education.

"I will push the City Council to move its dynamic from combative to collaborative," Aguilar told the council.

Aguilar also said that hearing and taking criticism is an important part of the job.

"Criticism is not only part of the job, it's welcome in my book," Aguilar said. "You need a thick skin serving in elected/appointed politics."

Monarch: Programs on the butterfly

continued from front page
ages 12+

• Saturday, May 2, 10 a.m. – Butterfly/Nature Walk with Ann Graham, Friends of San Leandro Creek, for all ages (this program takes place at the Marina)

• Saturday, May 9, 1 p.m. – Gardening with Native Plants for Bees, Butterflies and Birds: an afternoon for the whole family with Homegrown Habitats San

Leandro. For all ages.

• Saturday, May 16, 1 p.m. – Monarchs & More: A Homegrown Habitats Family Day for All Ages - at the Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd.

"The San Leandro Marina serves as an overwintering site for monarchs, making our community a key player in their survival" says Brian Simons, Library Director. "This exhibit will help people

understand how small actions can make a big difference, and the related programming provides learning opportunities for supporting monarchs and other pollinators in San Leandro."

The exhibit will be on display through Saturday, May 30. For more information or to schedule a tour of the exhibit for your classroom or group, contact KKeefe@sanleandro.org.

Comedy: Sponsors to cover cost

continued from front page

will be a benefit for the Davis Street Family Resource Center. The show will help provide backpacks and new school shoes for 100 community children, helping them begin the school year equipped and ready to learn.

The entire lineup will be announced later, but Copeland named two of the nationally known comedians: Greg Proops, beloved star of the improv hit "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" And Laurie Kilmartin, acclaimed stand-up comic and former writer for Conan, fresh from writing Conan O'Brien's monologue at the Academy Awards.

Sponsors are covering the cost of the show and the shoes and backpacks, Copeland said. And the audience will have an opportunity to contribute online during the show if they like.

"We're taking Comedy in



Laurie Kilmartin along with Greg Proops and other comedians will be in the bill at the show at the San Leandro Tech Campus.

the Plaza back to its roots," Copeland said. "Great comedians, a great cause, and a plaza filled with people laughing together while helping local kids."

Good Friday and Easter Sunday Service

Reflect on the death of Jesus through scripture and song at a Good Friday service on April 3 at 7 p.m. at Creekside Community Church, 951 MacArthur Blvd. in San Leandro. And then celebrate Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday, April 5, at 9 and 10:30 a.m.

ALAMEDA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION
Alysse Castro, Superintendent

JOB FAIR

Certificated and Classified Positions

Job Opportunities within Alameda County school districts

9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Saturday, April 11, 2026

Alameda County Office of Education
313 W. Winton Ave, Hayward

acoe.org/jobfair
edjoin.org/acoe

REGISTER HERE

@AlamedaCOE

ACOE

Proper Sorting Matters!

It's the law (SB 1383).

StopWaste.org/rules