

highest in the county at 10%! Only Councilman Bill Stephens voted "NO". Steve Cassidy, candidate for Mayor in November, spoke against this tax proposal.

The San Leandro School Board voted to put a \$50 million bond issue on the ballot to repair Burrell Field and other athletic facilities. The City makes no secret that it wants Burrell Field for more development at Marina shopping center. (Some of us still call it "Pacific High School.") If I (Audrey) recall correctly, the last two bond measures were supposed to repair Burrell Field.



The Oakland Zoo has been renovated and improved. There are new animals, including a baby eland! It is a great place to visit for kids and adults and much easier to get to than the San Francisco Zoo. It is located at 9777 Golf Links Road, Oakland. Phone 510-632-9523.



Kaiser Permanente Medical Center broke ground for the six-story hospital at Merced and Marina early this month. It will have 264 acute care rooms, 40 emergency rooms, 10 operating rooms and many state-of-the art facilities. It will be a 24-hour emergency facility. However, no acute-care pediatric facilities will be included, which was the reason for the protest by the nurses at the groundbreaking ceremony. It is anticipated to be ready for occupancy by 2014. Medical support buildings will be built later. There will be parking lots for 2100 vehicles.



We were sorry to read of the death of Ron Musgrove, founder of Applied Fusion. He was a critic of San Leandro's over-spending. His rational arguments will be missed. Our condolences are extended to his family at this difficult time.

There is a new game in town!! Los Pericos Market, located in the former Ideal Market space on Marina and Doolittle recently opened for business boasting and a clean and well lit store specializing in Mexican food products. We wish them much success and welcome them to the neighborhood!

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Thank you to Bella Comelo of Little Alaska for this article on Alaska and the origin of street names in the Little Alaska neighborhood.

OUR LITTLE ALASKA AND THE BIG ALASKA

Ever since I made Little Alaska, San Leandro, my home twenty-one years ago, I have always wanted to visit the big Alaska. This June, I had the good fortune to take a cruise to Alaska. As I imagined, Alaska is just spectacular and retains most of its pristine beauty. The snow top mountains, the glaciers, the waterfalls, and rivers are just breath taking.

I was really curious to know more about the cities in Alaska since our streets in Little Alaska are named after them. Some of the important cities of Alaska are Juneau, Sitka, Nome, Anchorage, Skagway, Ketchikan, Barrow and Fairbanks. And these are the names of the streets around my house. I enjoyed getting to know the origins of these names and some of the history of Alaska during my cruise.

The original people of Alaska are mostly Native Americans and Eskimos. In fact, the name "Alaska" comes from an Aleut word for 'great land,' although some believe the Aleut word meant "mainland," referred to it by those residing on the Alaska Peninsula. Aleut is the language of the indigenous people of the islands of Alaska.

Before the nineteenth century, Southeast Alaska was virtually uninhabited. Only the Tingts, one of the Native American tribes, utilized the area, having initially come to the Gastineau Channel to take advantage of the abundant salmon found in the waters. But, in 1870 rumors of gold in the area began to circulate. A German engineer named George Pilz, who was already working in Sitka decided to offer a handsome reward to any native who could produce a sample of the gold ore. Chief Kowee of the Auk Tingt tribe handed a sample to

Pilz.

George Pilz, Richard Harris and Joseph Juneau left Sitka in 1880 to look for gold. Out of their discovery came a camping town, which later was named Juneau after Joseph Juneau. Juneau became the capital of Alaska in 1900, when the government of the then Alaska Territory was moved from Sitka.

Nome received its name from an error, when a British mapmaker copied a map annotation made by a British officer on a voyage up the Bering Strait. The officer had written "? Name" next to the unnamed cape. The mapmaker misread the annotation as "C. Nome", or Cape Nome, and used that name on his map. Sitka is derived from Sheet'ká, a contraction of the Tlingit name **Shee At'iká** and means "People on the Outside of Shee". Fairbanks has been named after Senator Charles W. Fairbanks. Captain Beechey of the Royal Navy named Barrow after Sir John Barrow of the British Admiralty. Arctic is named after the Arctic Circle, the region around the North Pole.

William Henry Seward was Secretary of State under President Abraham Lincoln when he began negotiating a deal for the United States to buy Alaska from Russia for \$7.2 million -- or 2 cents an acre. Alaska's economy depends on fishing, the timber industry and tourism, and formerly on mining. Mining was the mainstay of Alaska until 1944, but then increased operating cost; the shortage of manpower and drying mines caused the mining industry to come to a stand still. Alaska became the 49th State of U. S. A. in 1959.

Here in Little Alaska we may not find gold nuggets or see beautiful snow-capped mountains, but we have a wonderfully diverse community and our beautiful Marina. Whoever named our area Little Alaska, chose a very beautiful namesake.

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1ST & 3RD Mondays/each month
City Council Chambers, City Hall, 835 E. 14th St.
Mayor Tony Santos
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San Leandro School Board:

1st & 3rd Tuesday 7:00PM
City Council Chambers, City Hall

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FREE FIREWOOD!! We have large chunks firewood at the Clubhouse from our felled trees. If interested, contact Chuck @510-352-6258.