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Estudillo Canal Collapses Again in Washington Manor



PHOTO BY KENNY JEONG
The walls of the Estudillo Canal collapsed along with residents' backyards in Washington Manor.

Concrete walls of canal collapse endangering backyards and houses

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

San Leandro braced for several days of heavy rain and strong gusty winds this week thanks to another blast of moisture from the Pacific Ocean. The storm is expected to bring down more trees and power lines. At the same time, the already saturated ground contributes to uprooting trees and wreaking havoc on canals that empty into the Bay. Flooding occurred in Alameda, parts of Oakland, and over the hill in Danville along the Interstate 680 freeway corridor. In San Leandro, Stenzel Park flooded and parts of the concrete walls of the Estudillo Canal caved in. The canal runs parallel to Crosby Street, between Manor Boulevard and Fargo Avenue. It collapsed in another place nearby last winter, and that was repaired last year. The whole section of the canal is an area of concern, as there have been three breaks in the past two years. This canal is part of the Estudillo Canal Watershed and carries flow from all over San Leandro. A blockage here may cause flooding. "I don't think there is any community in the San Francisco Bay Area that these storms have not impacted," John see CANAL, page 11

Former Cop to Start Shooting

Kenny Shedd to begin shooting feature film, *Iowa's Finest*

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

Kenny Shedd has only been retired six months from the San Leandro Police Department, following a football career with the Oakland Raiders, and he's well on the way to directing his first feature film. "Iowa's Finest" is due out next year, and while it's set closer to Chicago much of it will be filmed in San Leandro. Shedd is looking to cast some minor roles as well as hire local people as extras for crowd scenes. The film is about two Iowans who leave their small town convinced anyone can be a big-city cop and have fun doing so. A few days on the Chicago police force convinces them there may be a few things they need to learn. "Filmmaking was always the work I was striving toward, despite my two prior careers," said Shedd. "With the NFL, the police, there's lots of stress see SHOOTING, page 12

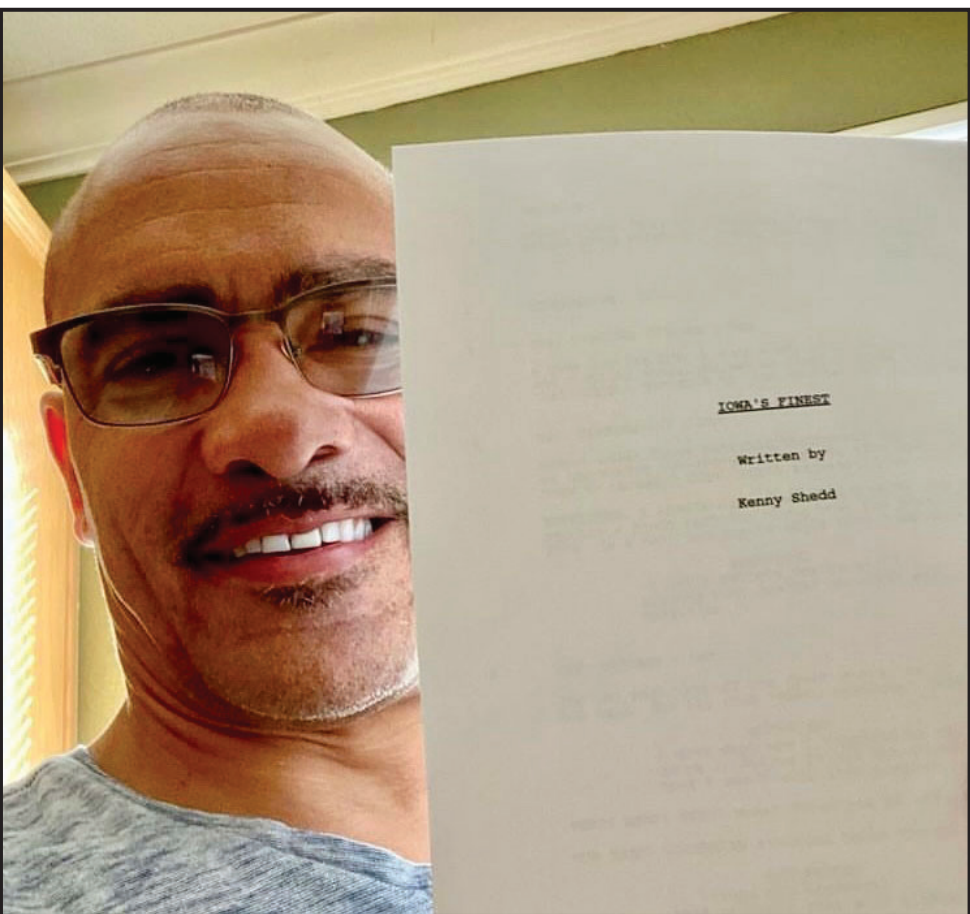


PHOTO COURTESY OF KENNY SHEDD
Kenny Shedd studies the script of his upcoming movie, *Iowa's Finest*.

Election Snafu Involves Ranked Choice Voting

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

A candidate for the Oakland school board appeared to have lost the race after the final tally of votes and the ranked-choice tabulations were made. But after further review... he got the most votes so he's the winner. The ranked-choice voting tabulations turned out to be screwy. At first, Mike Hutchinson lost the race for the District 4 seat on the Oakland School board, and Nick Resnick was declared the winner. Resnick had the most votes after the ranked-choice tabulations were made. But then, an organization see ELECTION, page 11

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Council meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers, City Hall, 835 E. 14th St., San Leandro. For more information, call the City Clerk at 577-3367.

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Pets of the Week



Leona



Benji

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter are Leona, a kitten, and Benji, a Doberman puppy.

Leona is a 16-week-old female kitten who is friendly and playful. She can be a bit shy at first, but once she feels comfortable with you her sweet personality shines through.

Benji is a 4-month-old

male Doberman puppy who is energetic and playful. He is food motivated and would love to be enrolled in puppy and obedience classes. His adoption is free to a qualified home, sponsored by SantaCon Hayward.

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

Learn about California Native Plants, Pick Up Seedlings on Saturday

Join San Leandro 2050 and Homegrown Habitats San Leandro, a program sponsored by the Sustainability Office of the City of San Leandro, to plant a natives bed at the community garden and learn why they're great for your own yard too on Saturday, Jan. 7, from 10 a.m. to noon at Bethel Community Presbyterian Church Community Garden, 14235 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro.

California native plants are not only beautiful and adapted to our climate, they also support bees, bugs, butterflies and birds much better than non-native ornamentals.

California oak seedlings and milkweed seeds will be given out while supplies last. Refreshments provided. Bring garden gloves and a trowel if you have one.

To learn more about San Leandro 2050 and the new community garden, visit



PHOTO COURTESY SAN LEANDRO 2050

Learn about California native plants that support bees, birds and butterflies.

www.sl2050.org/community-garden. To learn more about Homegrown Habitats San Leandro visit www.sanleandro.org/1154/Homegrown-Habitats-San-Leandro.

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Community Calendar

Adult School Open House – Revised Date

San Leandro Adult School, 1448 Williams St., will host a Career Technical Education (CTE) open house on Thursday, Jan. 12, at 6 p.m. in Room 101. Explore certificated training programs: Accounting • Administrative Assistant Barber & Cosmetology • Broadcast Media Business Math • Clinical Medical Assistant Computer Basics Literacy • Computer Classes Homecare Worker • Medical Billing & Coding Medical Front Office Assistant • Office Skills Prep Paraeducator • Payroll Technician • Pharmacy Tech Pre-Apprenticeship Test Prep • Preschool Veterinary Assistant. For more information, email Kristi Kaady at kkaady@slusd.us

Community Chat with Fred Simon

San Leandro City Council member and Oro Loma Sanitary District board member Fred Simon will host his monthly Community Chat on Saturday, Jan. 7, at 9 a.m. in the parking lot of Porky's Pizza, 1221 Manor Blvd. in San Leandro. The public is welcome to listen and share ideas on improving the community and environment.

Winter Lego Show at Bay Area Family Church

After a break of several years the Winter Lego show is back at the Bay Area Family Church, 2305 Washington Ave. in San Leandro. The display is open Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. through Jan. 22. \$5 per person donation at the door (cash only).

Extras Needed for Movie

Local filmmaker Kenny Shedd, along with Gordon Galvan, will resume shooting their feature film, *Iowa's Finest* in June in the East Bay. If you want to be an extra, call 510-333-8478. Head shots for other smaller roles that still need to be filled can be sent by email to: kshedduncuffed@gmail.com

Boys & Girls Club's Annual Crab Feed Fundraiser

The San Leandro Boys & Girls Club will holding its in-person annual crab feed – the first since 2019 – on Saturday, Jan. 28. Join an evening of fun, great food, music, raffle prizes and a chance to see the new state-of-the art facility, an \$11 million renovation that now is a designated Teen Center and Community Hub for San Leandro. Tickets are \$65 per person, which includes a dinner of crab, pasta, salad and sourdough bread. To purchase tickets or for more information about the crab feed call Erika A. Ortiz at the Boys & Girls Club at 510-483-5581 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Tickets are also available on the club's website, www.bgcsf.org. Proceeds support the San Leandro Boys & Girls Club after school, expanded learning program that will serve 3,500 children at 22 school sites in San Leandro and San Lorenzo by January 2023.

Hearing Loss Support Group

The Hearing Loss Support Group will meet on Saturday, Jan. 14, via Zoom. Greetings at 9:30 a.m., presentation at 10 a.m. RSVP at www.hearinglosseb.org and click on monthly meetings. The speaker will be David M. Grey is a principal at Grey & Grey, a law firm that provides representation to students with disabilities. Grey has extensive experience representing Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHOH) students, mostly in cases that involve challenging the child's school district's failure to provide adequate special education support or accommodations. He will talk about issues that arise in educating DHOH students, how they can be supported and accommodated at school, and the difficulties sometimes faced in having their needs at school met.

The Book Bunch Book Club

The San Leandro Public Library will host an ongoing senior book club (50+) called "The Book Bunch," scheduled to meet at 1 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month at the San Leandro Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St. The book club will focus on a different reading theme each month. The next "Book Bunch" meeting will be on Tuesday, Jan. 3, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. January stories should take place during the Civil Rights Movement or books that depict Social Inequality or Social Injustice in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. You can pre-register at the Senior Center and select a book to read from their collection or just drop in at any of the meetings with your own book. For more information, call Loanne Hill at 577-3957.

Make Resolution to Retrofit this Year

By Glenn Pomeroy
Special to the Times

The New Year is here, and many of us are trying to figure out what our New Year's Resolution should be. Maybe you want to walk more, eat healthier, or read more books.

Considering the recent magnitude 6.4 earthquake in Humboldt County, I have a suggestion... protect your home and family from earthquakes with a seismic retrofit!

Did you know that California has more than 500 active faults and that most Californians live within 30 miles of an active fault? The greater San Francisco Bay Area is sitting on top of three major faults and scientists say there is a 72% chance of a magnitude 6.7 or greater quake in the near future.

A retrofit, sometimes called a seismic retrofit, is the best way to strengthen your home and make it more resistant to earthquakes. Retrofits can help protect your belongings and the home that you have worked so hard for. Learn more at www.StrengthenMyHouse.com.

Certain types of homes in the Bay Area could be more at risk of earthquake damage,

such as an older home built on a raised foundation, or a home with a living space above a garage, as well a home on a steep hillside.

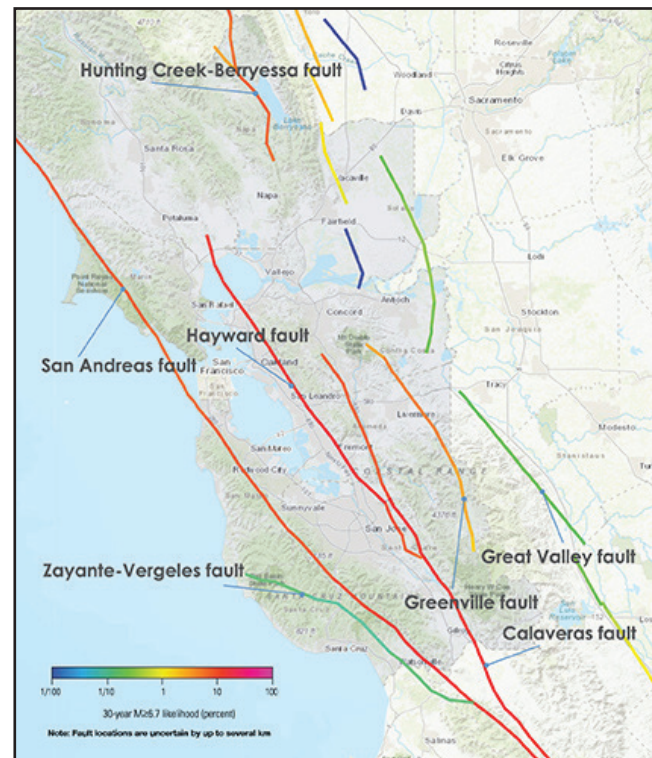
For example, raised foundation homes built before 1980 are more at risk because they were built before modern building codes were put in place. The frames of these older houses are often not bolted to their foundations, and the walls surrounding crawl spaces (cripple walls) may lack bracing. These homes can slide or topple off their foundation during an earthquake, which can be expensive to repair.

Earthquakes can shake even large or heavy items. What would happen if your entire home was suddenly shaken for a few minutes? Unsecured items like furniture could fall over, resulting in injury and damage to people and property.

In the 1994 Northridge quake, most injuries were due to unsecured furniture or objects falling (according to a study from UCLA). A lot of damage could have been avoided if only simple safety steps had been taken ahead of time!

More than 17,000 Californians have protected their families, their homes, and their belongings with a seismic retrofit. But there are still about 1.2 million vulnerable homes in California that have not yet had a seismic retrofit... has yours?

Check out the "Resources" page at StrengthenMyHouse.com – learn how to protect your home this coming year. Know how to turn off the gas or learn if you should have an



In addition to the San Andreas Fault, the Hayward Fault through the East Bay has the potential for a powerful earthquake.

automatic gas shut-off valve installed that is triggered by strong vibrations. Place beds away from windows. Brace overhead light fixtures. Secure top-heavy furniture to studs. Brace water heaters with metal straps attached to studs.

The Bay Area is vulnerable to earthquakes, but there are steps you can take to strengthen your property. A seismic retrofit does not guarantee your home won't be damaged, but it can make your home more resilient to quakes. This year, resolve to retrofit your home.

Glenn Pomeroy is the Chief Executive Officer of the California Earthquake Authority

SL Players Auditions for *Blithe Spirit* by Noel Coward

San Leandro Players will hold auditions for the spring 2023 production of *Blithe Spirit*, a classic comedy by Noel Coward.

Auditions will be held at the San Leandro Museum/Auditorium 320 West Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 10 and Wednesday Jan. 11. Callbacks, if necessary will be on Thursday, Jan. 12. No appointment necessary – if interested, please contact Dana Fry at danabegood@yahoo.com.

Performances will be on weekends from March 4 to April 2. Visit www.slplayers.org for more show and character information. Auditions, rehearsals and performances will observe CDC, Alameda County and City of San Leandro COVID safety protocols – masking and proof of vaccination required except when performing on stage.

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What Would We Do Without Bananas?

It's no surprise that bananas are the world's most widely consumed fruit. Available year-round, they're delicious, nutritious and easy to peel and eat raw. But if all you ever do is slice them up over your Cheerios for breakfast, you're missing out on a world of flavors. Bananas can be cooked as a vegetable and used in salads and sauces, though they're most often used in a variety of drinks and desserts.

BANANAS FOSTER

In the 1950s, New Orleans was the major port of entry for bananas shipped from Central and South America. Owen Edward Brennan challenged his talented chef, Paul Blangé, to include bananas in a new culinary creation. Chef Paul created the scrumptious French Quarter dessert, Bananas Foster. Little did anyone realize that Bananas Foster would become an international favorite and the most requested item on the restaurant's menu. Thirty-five thousand pounds of bananas are flamed each year at Brennan's in the preparation of its world-famous dessert.

1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter

- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 cup banana liqueur (such as Bols)
- 1/4 cup dark rum
- 4 bananas, cut in half lengthwise, then halved
- 4 scoops vanilla ice cream

Combine the butter, sugar, and cinnamon in a flambé pan or skillet. Place the pan over low heat either on an alcohol burner or on top of the stove, and cook, stirring, until the sugar dissolves.

Stir in the banana liqueur, then place the bananas in the pan. When the banana sections soften and begin to brown, carefully add the rum.

Continue to cook the sauce until the rum is hot, then tip the pan slightly to ignite the rum. When the flames subside, lift the bananas out of the pan and place four pieces over each portion of ice cream. Generously spoon warm sauce over the top of the ice cream and serve immediately. Serves 4.

HEALTHY BANANA-BLUEBERRY MUFFINS

- 1 cup whole-wheat flour (spooned and leveled)
- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour,

- (spooned and leveled)
- 1/4 cup wheat germ
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup butter, at room temperature
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1/3 cup packed light-brown sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 2 ripe bananas
- 1/3 cup 2% milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup frozen blueberries

Preheat oven to 375°F. Line a 12 muffin cups with paper liners.

In a bowl, whisk together flours, wheat germ, baking soda, and salt.

In a large bowl, beat butter and sugars with a mixer until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. In another bowl, mash bananas with a fork (you should have 3/4 cup); stir in milk and vanilla.

With mixer on low, alternately add flour mixture and banana mixture to butter mixture, beginning and ending with flour mixture; mix just until combined. Fold in frozen blueberries.

Divide batter among muffin cups. Bake until a toothpick inserted in the center of a muffin comes out clean, 25 to 28 minutes, rotat-

ing pan halfway through. Let cool in pan 10 minutes; transfer muffins to a rack to cool 10 minutes more. Yields 12.

OLD-FASHIONED BANANA CREAM PIE

- 1 (9 inch) pie crust, baked
- 3 cups whole milk
- 3/4 cup white sugar
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3 egg yolks, slightly beaten
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3 bananas

Have the baked 9-inch pie shell ready.

In a large saucepan, scald the milk. In another saucepan, combine the sugar, flour and salt; gradually stir in the scalded milk. Over medium heat, stirring constantly, cook until thickened.

Cover and, stirring occasionally, cook for two minutes longer.

In a small bowl, have the 3 egg yolks, slightly beaten, ready; stir a small amount of the hot mixture into beaten yolks; when thoroughly combined, stir yolks into hot mixture.

Cook for one minute longer, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and blend in the butter and vanilla. Let sit until lukewarm.

When ready to pour, slice bananas and scatter in pie shell; pour



Bananas Foster

warm mixture over bananas. Let the pie cool and serve.

BANANA FRITTERS

- 3/4 cup flour
- 2 tablespoons sugar; plus 2 teaspoons
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 cup milk; plus 2 tablespoons
- 1/4 cup beer
- 1 egg
- Oil for deep frying
- 4 bananas; each quartered crosswise
- Powdered sugar
- Mint leaves
- Caramel Sauce:
- 1 cup whipping cream
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1-1/2 tablespoon bourbon

Mix flour, sugar and baking

powder in bowl. Add milk, beer and egg and stir until smooth.

Heat oil in heavy deep skillet to 375°F. Working in batches, dip bananas into batter and then carefully add to oil. Cook until golden brown, about 3 minutes. Drain on paper towels. Pour caramel sauce onto plates. Set bananas atop sauce. Sprinkle with powdered sugar. Garnish plates with mint leaves and serve.

For the sauce, bring cream to boil in heavy medium saucepan over high heat. Cook sugar in heavy small saucepan over low heat, swirling pan occasionally, until brown. Gradually stir hot cream into caramel (mixture will bubble vigorously). Boil until thickened to sauce consistency, 3 to 5 minutes. Add bourbon. Serve hot.

JAMAICA CAKE

- 2 cups white sugar
- 1-1/2 cups vegetable oil
- 1-1/2 cups chopped pecans
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 bananas, peeled and diced
- 3 eggs
- 1 (20-ounce) can crushed pineapple with juice
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
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Preheat oven to 350°F.

Mix together sugar, vegetable oil, pecans, flour, and bananas in a 13 x 9 inch pan. Stir in the eggs, pineapple (with juice), vanilla, salt and baking soda. Mix well. Do not mash the bananas.

Bake in a preheated oven for 60 minutes or until cake tests done.

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Case No: 22CV023962
Superior Court of California, County of Alameda. In the matter of the petition to change the name(s) of a Frank Joseph Chavez Jr. b Alexander Joseph Gutierrez-Chavez c Fabiola De Jesus Gutierrez Contreras Petitioner(s) Frank Joseph Chavez Jr has/have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name(s) as follows: a Frank Joseph Chavez Jr to Frank Joseph Ulibarri b Alexander Joseph Gutierrez-Chavez to Alexander Joseph Ulibarri c Fabiola De Jesus Gutierrez Contreras to Fabiola Gutierrez-Ulibarri. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. 1221 Oak Street Dept. 17, Oakland, CA 94612 on FEB 3, 2023 at 11:00 o'clock am. A copy of this order to show cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county The San Leandro Times. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter are directed to make known any objection that they may have to the granting of the petition for change of name by filing a written objection, which includes the reasons for the objection, with the court at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and by appearing in court at the hearing to show cause why the petition for change of name should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Dated: DECEMBER 16, 2022
CHARLES A. SMILEY - Judge of the Superior Court
DEC 22, 29, JAN 05, 12, 2023
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1st United Named Greater Bay Area Top Workplace

1st United Credit Union has been awarded a Top Workplaces 2022 honor by the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

The Greater Bay Area Top Workplaces list is based solely on employee feedback gathered through a third-party survey administered by employee engagement technology partner Energage LLC.

The anonymous survey uniquely measures 15 culture drivers that are critical to the success of any organization: including alignment, execution, and connection, just to name a few.

"We are so excited to receive the Top Workplace recognition for the fourth consecutive year," commented Lynell Fraley, Chief Human Resources Officer at 1st United Credit Union. "We want to continue to evolve 1st United so our staff can grow their careers, thrive, and be happy. The feedback we receive through the survey helps us to accomplish this and winning the award is icing on the cake."

1st United Credit Union has an office in San Leandro at 1600 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro

SENIOR Q&A

Does Power of Attorney End on Death?

Q. My wife and I were wondering whether a Power of Attorney that each would give to the other would end upon death? Can you advise?

By Gene L. Osofsky, Esq.
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

A. Short answer. Yes! A Financial Power of Attorney ("POA") generally ends upon the death of the principal, the principal being the one who gives the "powers" to an agent, the latter being a person whom we sometimes call an Attorney-in-Fact ("AIF"). The only exception to this rule is where the agent, in good faith, is not aware that the principal has died, and in good faith exercises the powers granted in the document for the benefit of the principal, even after his or her death.

Where the agent acts in good faith, the law protects him from liability. It also provides a procedure whereby – upon the preparation of a sworn affidavit attesting to the agent's lack of knowledge of the principal's death – the agent's innocent actions under the POA may be affirmed and bind the estate of the principal, just as if he were still alive.

Otherwise, upon the death of the principal, the agent is only authorized to take proper steps to return the principal's property and records of transactions to the proper custodian,



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and to provide an accounting of the agent's actions if properly requested.

By the way, another circumstance that would terminate the agent's authority is if the agent and AIF were husband and wife and their marriage is dissolved or annulled.

For a principal who wishes to have a surrogate continue to manage his property after death, the most appropriate

options are to so name the Agent as Executor in a Last Will, or as Successor Trustee in the principal's Trust.

As to a Healthcare Power Of Attorney, or what is more frequently called an Advance Health Care Directive, the document normally does confer upon the agent limited post-mortem powers even after the principal's death. Those powers are as follows: to dispose of the principal's remains, to authorize an autopsy, to donate all or part of the principal's body for transplant,

education, or research purposes, and to inform individuals designated by the principal of his or her death. Of course, the principal may-- in the Advance Health Care Directive, itself-- restrict even these post-mortem powers if he wishes, but otherwise the Agent would have powers indicated even after the principal's death.

I hope this helps.

Gene L. Osofsky is an elder law and estate planning attorney in the East Bay. Visit his website at www.LawyerForSeniors.com.

Youths Invited to Play Winter BINGO With the SL Library

The San Leandro Public Library invites all ages to have fun reading and exploring books this winter by playing the Winter Reading BINGO game.

For Kids and Youth Ages 0-18: Join and participate online with Beanstack, the Library's online reading program application, or pick up a game card at the Library. Play by reading or completing activities from Dec. 14 through Jan. 27.

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"Shorter days and colder temperatures make December a great time to cozy up with a new book or an old favorite. We encourage readers of all ages to join the Library's free and easy winter reading game," says Library Director Brian Simons.

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TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): You're charging full steam ahead on the job -- and that's fine. But take time to bask in the excitement of a new year, and be grateful for all you accomplished during this one.



GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): A former detractor resists joining your ranks just yet. Give them time to learn more about what you're doing. Meanwhile, devote more time to friends and family.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Be careful not to be goaded into a tiff by someone who might be looking for a fight. Remain cool as you make your exit. Be assured that others will rally to your support.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): Kudos on getting the well-deserved Lion's share of the rewards for a job well-done. Now you can take a breather from your workday duties and spend time with your family.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): You enjoy a quick spurt of renewed energy just in time to meet that upcoming deadline. A potentially romantic situation looms. How it develops will be up to you.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): Watch out for distractions that could cause delays and leave you running twice as fast to finish your work. Then go ahead and have fun. You deserve it.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): You might prefer to work on current tasks on your own. But be open to a potentially useful suggestion from someone who admires you and wants to help.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Avoid rushing full gallop into that volunteer project without knowing what's expected of you. Take things a step at a time as you begin to find your way.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Good news: You should begin to feel more comfortable expressing your emotions. This will go a long way in helping you with that personal situation.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): An old friend gives confusing signals. Best advice: Don't assume that things will necessarily work themselves out. Ask questions and demand straight answers.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): A new relationship needs time to develop. Be careful not to let your emotions flood your natural sense of caution. Meanwhile, check out that new job offer.

REAL ESTATE GALLERY



REAL ESTATE REALITY

By Carl Medford, CRS
Special to the Times

GUEST COMMENTARY



2022 In Review

Looking back at the real estate market of 2022, it was a dramatic Tale of Two Markets, neatly divided into equal halves. Beginning in January 2022 and using Alameda County as an example, the market began an upwards romp that continued unabated until the Fed stepped in at the beginning of May 2022 and, with their dramatic interest rate increases, yanked the carpet out from under buyers and sellers alike. Sales slowed to a crawl in May and June and then screeched to a halt in November and December, setting a record low going back almost two decades.

December 2021 in Alameda County ended with 1,126 residential sales (12/01/2021-12/29/2021), an average list price of \$1,037,331 and average sold price coming in at \$1,152,085 – 11% over asking. In contrast, June 2022 saw 1,284 sales, an average list price of \$1,172,537 and average sold price of \$1,318,337 – 12.4% over list price and up 14.4% from December's closings.

In contrast, December 2022 ended dramatically differ-

ently, with only 635 sales, an average list price of \$1,057,307 and sales prices averaging \$1,065,946. This corresponds to a drop in pricing of 7.48% from same period last year and a whopping decline of 19.14% since the end of June 2022. The real story, however, is the decline in the number of sales. While there was a drop of 43.6% from December 2021 to 2022, we saw an astonishing slide of 50.54% in the six months from July 2022 to December 2022. While some of this was a result of a normal seasonal decline, the fact is that the increase in interest rates has hammered sales into virtual non-existence, with 2022 sales recording the lowest number in the past 15 years. One important fact needs to be remembered as well: sales numbers were already low at the beginning of 2022 due to astonishingly low inventory and were worsened by the onslaught of escalating interest rates.

The question on everyone's mind is, "What is in store for 2023?" Mortgage rates have been declining over the past few weeks and it is hoped we

will continue to see a softening heading into 2023. Since sales typically lag 60 days behind mortgage rate adjustments, it is hoped we will see the market begin to turn as we head into the New Year.

The Realtors of the Central County wish you a Happy New Year and best prospects in the coming months.

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.



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Total: 4 – Average Price: \$1,115,000
High: \$1,400,000 – Low: \$910,000

22126 Lantana Court 94546:
\$910,000 [3 BD - 1,424 SF - 1957
4558 Seven Hills Road 94546:
\$1,050,000 [3 BD - 1,885 SF - 1958
4570 Edwards Lane 94546:
\$1,100,000 [3 BD - 1,684 SF - 1972
22850 Rancho Palomares Place 94552: \$1,400,000 [4 BD - 2,104

SF - 1996

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Total: 16 – Average Price: \$767,968
High: \$1,300,000 – Low: \$305,000

25850 Kay Avenue #334 94545:
\$305,000 [1 BD - 748 SF - 1989
29300 Dixon Street #311 94544:
\$430,000 [2 BD - 756 SF - 1984
1315 A Street #303 94541:
\$560,000 [2 BD - 1,056 SF - 1984
710 Kino Court #1 94544:
\$575,000 [3 BD - 1,298 SF - 1982
19536 Hathaway Avenue 94541:
\$604,000 [3 BD - 1,522 SF - 1952
75 Austin Avenue 94544:

\$935,000 [3 BD - 1,891 SF - 2017
382 Saint Andrews Street 94544:
\$950,000 [3 BD - 2,014 SF - 1955
3212 Oakes Drive 94542:
\$1,100,000 [3 BD - 1,914 SF - 1964
27963 Farm Hill Drive 94542:
\$1,300,000 [4 BD - 2,599 SF - 1972

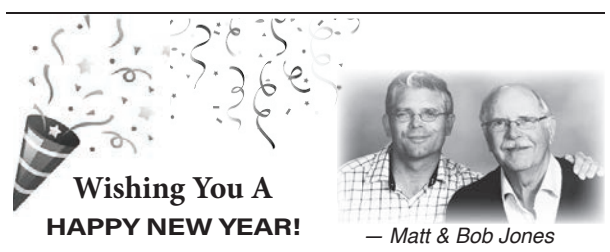
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Total: 6 – Average Price: \$768,166
High: \$1,226,000 – Low: \$440,000

347 Caliente Circle #36 94578:
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13821 Rose Drive 94578:
\$600,000 [4 BD - 2,117 SF - 1981
195 Bowling Green Street 94577:
\$690,000 [3 BD - 1,163 SF - 1941
1497 Manor Boulevard 94579:
\$815,000 [4 BD - 1,749 SF - 1953
1329 145th Avenue 94578:
\$838,000 [4 BD - 1,632 SF - 1960
2328 Overlook Court 94579:
\$1,226,000 [4 BD - 2,551 SF - 2001

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SAN LORENZO

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High: \$880,000 - Low: \$700,000

17736 Via Toledo 94580: \$700,000

[3 BD - 1,077 SF - 1951

16024 Via Del Sol 94580: \$725,000

[3 BD - 1,117 SF - 1944

15568 Lorenzo Avenue 94580:

\$750,000 [4 BD - 2,216 SF - 1926

17283 Via El Cerrito 94580:

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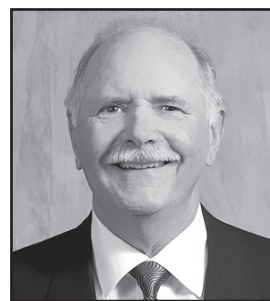
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Historic Swearing-In Ceremony as Price Becomes Alameda County's First Black Female District Attorney

The Alameda County District Attorney's Office announces Attorney Pamela Price was sworn in at the Rene C. Davidson Courthouse Tuesday as the 14th District Attorney of Alameda County.

Presiding Judge Charles Smiley of the Alameda County Superior Court presided over the oath and offered his courtroom for the historic moment.

The official Oath of Office was given by retired Alameda County Superior Court Judge, the Honorable Brenda Fay Harbin.

District Attorney Price was surrounded by her family from across the U.S., more than 90 members of the DA's Office, and elected officials including Alameda County Board of Supervisors President Keith Carson, Supervisor David Haubert, Supervisor Lena Tam

and County Administrator Susan B. Muranishi.

"My vision is to serve you as a Minister of Justice," said DA Price during her speech. "My job is to protect public safety by advancing justice. Our goals are to reduce crime and criminal activity, engage the entire community in eliminating exploitation and violence against vulnerable members of the community, and lead the conversation about justice in the diverse communities that we represent."

Price enters the District Attorney's Office as the first African-American/Black individual to hold the office in Alameda County's history and only the second woman elected to the position.

"We will have a DA committed to transparency, equity



and accountability to make the system work for all of us," Price.

Price is a graduate of Yale College and UC Berkeley Law School and has been practicing law for more than

Pamela Price was sworn in on Tuesday at the Rene C. Davidson Courthouse in Oakland by Superior Court Judge Brenda Fay Harbin surrounded by her friends and family and elected officials.

40 years. DA Price's historic win ushers in a new era at the DA's Office.

As a survivor of juvenile justice and foster care systems, she brings to the helm of the office a knowledge and understanding of those systems.

Price also held a public inaugural celebration on Monday evening at the Oakstop California Ballroom.

The event was attended by more than 450 people with speakers including Rev. Dr. Harold Orr, Rev. Wanda Johnson, former Oakland Mayor Jean Quan, California State Senator-elect Aisha Wahab, BART Director Lateefah Simon, activist and renown author Angela Davis and Oakland Mayor-elect Sheng Thao. Mayor-elect Thao officiated the public Oath of Office.

OPINION

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No End to the Pot Holes and Road Work

Editor,

This past summer of 2022, the residents of Washington Manor area received flyers from the City of San Leandro. The flyers informed that road work in front of the residents' home will be repaved between June and October 2022.

There was repaving done at Manor Boulevard, including the improvement of the street corners, which I believe was done for the convenience and safety of the pedestrians, the seniors, and specially those who are on wheelchairs, and people pushing strollers.

But after the road was paved, certain sections were dug by another contractor, placed steel plates over the holes and repaved the affected areas. It was double work and caused massive traffic detours. We are in the winter now and the year 2023 has just started. Meanwhile, some roads are still crumbling. Small particles of asphalt and gravel fly each time a vehicle passes by.

I recall it took a few years to repave Floresta Boulevard from

Washington Avenue to the Bayfair Mall approach, and it took a couple of phone calls plus a personal visit at the desk of the Public Works to have the potholes patched in front of my house, and guess what, the same potholes are back.

Eduardo Lontoc
San Leandro

Salute to the Library

Editor,

Please take a moment to celebrate our San Leandro Libraries and librarians. Yesterday my family walked into warmth, color, happiness and boundless possibilities with books, CDs, DVDs, maker-kits, magazines, newspapers, computer lab, history room, teen corner, children's creativity, copy machines, printers and that most amazing of resources, our librarians.

Over the two hours we spent there, I noticed people coming for the community as much as for the opportunity of learning and leisure. We are hungry for connection, especially after years of Covid-induced fears. Our librarians field all requests, serving and searching to the ends of

the internet, then reshelve as well. Praising them and our city for supporting such a beautiful endeavor and endowment.

Lydia Oey
San Leandro

Have We Not Become an Empire?

Editor,

During the 1979 Iranian revolution, 52 Americans were taken hostage in the US Embassy in Teheran. Some people feared that Ronald Reagan might retaliate with a nuclear strike. So a movement began to stop the arms race, by freezing the testing of nuclear weapons. Owen Chamberlain, who helped invent the bomb, always wore a "ban-the-bomb" button when I was in his class. So when this "Nuclear Freeze" movement arose in 1981, Dr Chamberlain helped lead it.

After World War II, we created a corporate empire to back our transnational corporations. Empires are nations which dominate other nations. Domination requires violence, or at least the threat of it. So America teaches us to celebrate violence – violent entertainment (movies, video games), violent sports (eg, football, boxing), guns and gun "rights."

We honor those who "serve the country" in uniform (although they may serve our empire more than serving us).

Our corporations set up their businesses throughout the world. Any nation which does not offer terms favorable to our corporations may find its government destabi-

lized, or its economy sabotaged, or its territory attacked (see John Perkins' "Confessions of an Economic Hitman").

Wikipedia lists 26 such "foreign interventions by the US" during the Cold War, 1949-1989. Recently we have threatened Venezuela, Iran, Syria, Libya, Egypt, ... and sent our troops into at least Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria and Somalia. Empires dominate through fear. Nuclear weapons create the ultimate in fear.

Russia has 20 military bases in countries other than itself. China has one. The US has about 750.

Who is dominating the world? Have we not become an empire?

If we do nothing, nuclear war will eventually happen, if not to us, then to our descendants. I invite you to do something - educate yourself, talk with friends and family, at least ask questions.

Lorin Peters
San Leandro

Assange Isn't a Truth Teller

Editor,

It was disappointing to read the letter here in the Times last week from a fellow political progressive who provided a factually flawed summary of the actions of Julian Assange while he led WikiLeaks. Last week's letter didn't really make a legal case against our Department of Justice's charges that Assange violated the Espionage Act and other laws. Instead, it made a moral case for Assange as a truth teller.

It is odd that a political progressive would defend Assange on these grounds. Assange frequently spoke

in support of the famous racist and radical libertarian Ron Paul, a dishonest politician and arch enemy of progressive governance. Assange said in 2012 that "...the Libertarian aspect of the Republican Party is presently the only useful political voice in the US Congress." Assange began his most aggressive solicitations of top secret information in 2009, immediately after a member of Paul's regressive Republican Party left the White House, and suddenly terminated WikiLeaks' critiques of the U.S. President and his Administration after Donald Trump and his regressive crew took their offices.

In an videoconference appearance he made at the 2016 Green Party National Convention, Assange claimed "I like things to look like what they are." In the months before and after he made this statement, Assange engaged in multiple secret communications with Donald Trump Jr., offering to publish information on WikiLeaks in line with his advice to the Trump campaign, all while publicly denying that he and WikiLeaks were supporting the Trump campaign.

On Election Day 2016, Assange sent this message to Trump Jr: "...if your father 'loses' we think it is much more interesting if he *does not* concede and spends time *challenging* the media and other types of rigging that occurred..."

Assange is a partisan deceiver who misused information and damaged the United States.

Doug Jones
San Leandro

Canal: County crews working 12-hour shifts checking canals

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Medlock, a Deputy Director with Alameda County Public Works Agency, told the Times. "We've got crews working 12-hour shifts and inspecting as many flood-control walls and levee systems as possible."

County Shoring Up Collapsed Sections Of Estudillo Canal

Medlock added that county engineers have done an initial assessment of the Estudillo Canal, removing some of the debris, and are shoring up the collapsed sections with plastic sheeting and sandbags. Public works won't be able to remove all the debris until the water levels drop further for fear that it will continue eroding the banks.

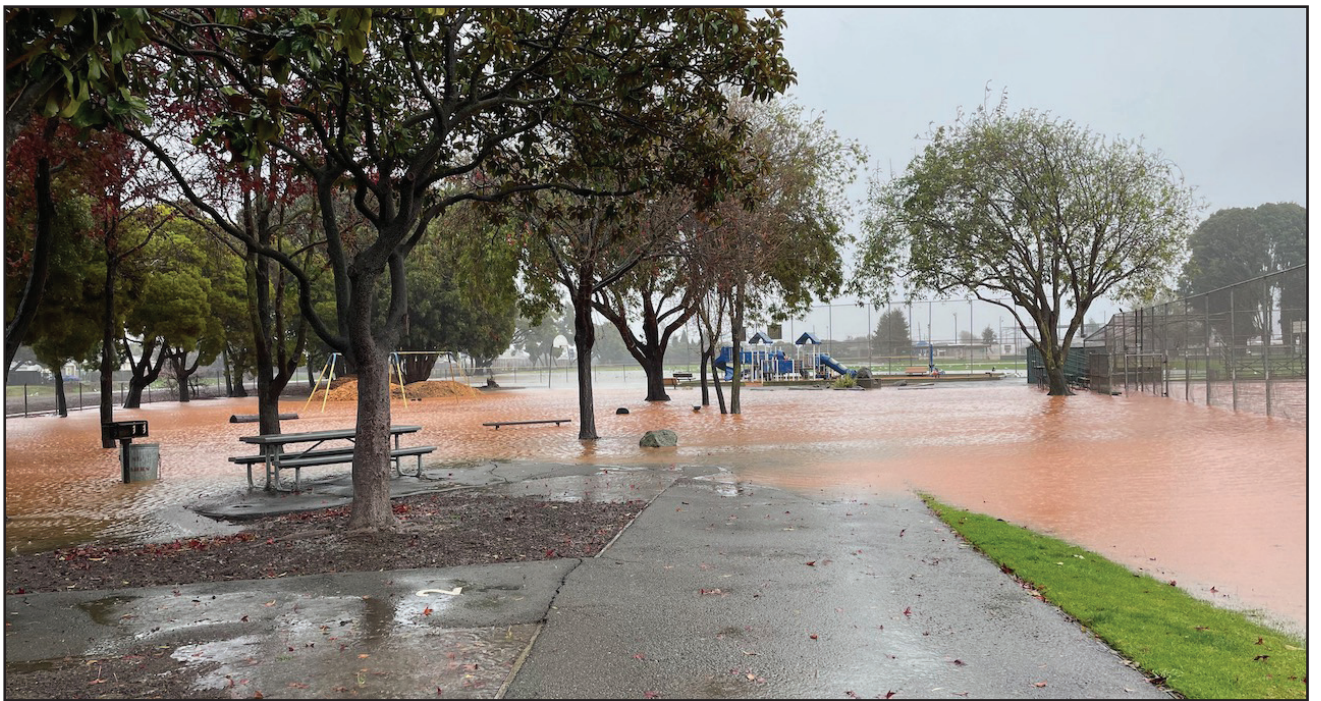
Last weekend's storms brought above-average rain totals on Saturday and Sun-

day, according to the National Weather Service. Weather stations at the San Leandro Marina recorded 5.05 inches of rain, Tilden Park saw 6.28 inches, and Castro Valley took 7.66 inches.

The City of San Leandro is offering sandbags to San Leandro residents at the Public Works Service Center on Chapman Road while supplies last. They also warn residents of the dangers of flooding and wet-weather conditions.

"Storm drains have limited capacity, and flooding may occur in low-lying areas and at high tide during an initial downpour based on the storm's severity," the city posted to its San Leandro NEXT website. "Driving slowly and carefully, particularly where water has accumulated on roadways."

The water runoff from the hills and streams destroyed



PHOTOS BY KENNY JEONG

Stenzel Park was flooded on Saturday, and (lower left) Quebec Avenue was a little wet, too.

parts of roads and flooded residential areas along the creeks in the unincorporated areas.

Part of Redwood Road Caves into San Lorenzo Creek

The sidewalk and street along Redwood Road near A Street at 4th Street collapsed into nearby San Lorenzo Creek and will need to be rebuilt. A flood-related landslide completely washed out the street on the north side of Redwood Road at mile marker 8.2.

Heavy rains also created huge potholes on Palomares Road at Palo Verde Road. Lake Chabot Road, northwest of the lake, remains shut down

for landslides caused by flooding and debris removal.

Despite the damage, much-needed rain has fallen in Alameda and Contra Costa County counties this fall and winter. December recorded 15 days of rain, which is twice the average number of rainy days for December, according to meteorologist Mike Pechner.

"That's the good news. The ground is saturated, and the run-off from the heavy rains is quickly filling farmers' and growers' ponds and lakes used for water supply and irrigation. East Bay lakes and reservoirs have significantly

risen from the New Year's Eve storm.

The drought monitor shows some easing of the drought conditions. More precipitation is still needed here and in the High Sierra, where the snowpack is around 170 percent of average for this time of year.

The longer-range forecasts are showing rain on and off at least until mid-month and maybe beyond.

"This will likely exacerbate flooding problems here and throughout Northern California and Central California," Pechner said.



Election: System 'not configured properly'

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called FairVote noticed discrepancies between their own results and the results from the Registrar of Voters (ROV).

Once they knew about it, the Registrar of Voters office said they investigated the source of the problem and corrected it.

"Once it became aware of the issue, the ROV immediately investigated it. The ROV worked with its vendor to figure out the source of the issue and to resolve it," said the Registrar of Voters office in a press release.

The ROV said that their ranked-choice tally system was "not configured properly."

But now that the corrected election results show Hutchinson to be the winner, it isn't clear how that will be carried out. The election results have already been certified. The Registrar of voters notified the candidates and the California secretary of state of the correction.

The snafu creates more doubt about fair elections,

and another question about the ranked-choice voting system which involves calculations that are less than clear to a lot of voters.

The system eliminates the candidates with the fewest first-choice votes and then applies their second-choice votes to the remaining candidates until one candidate has over 50 percent of the votes. In Alameda County, the cities of Oakland, Berkeley and San Leandro have adopted ranked-choice voting.

The Registrar of Voters said that the problem arose on ballots where the voter didn't fill out a first-choice vote. The tally system then should have moved the second-place vote up to the first, the third-place vote up to second, and so on.

The Registrar of Voters said that the Oakland school board District 4 race was the only one affected, but the mix up still raises questions about other close elections in cities that use ranked-choice voting — Oakland, Berkeley and San Leandro.

In San Leandro, two races were very close — the mayor's race and the race for the San Leandro school district Area 2 school board member.

In Oakland, people are calling for a manual recount of the mayor's race, which was very close.

Ranked-choice voting is also called "instant runoff" because it avoids a runoff election later in the year. Proponents say it promotes a more diverse group of candidates and discourages negative campaigning.

FairVote, the organization that caught the mistake, supports ranked-choice voting.

Opponents say ranked

choice can be used by candidates to game the system. For example, two candidates can ask the voters to pick them, first and second, and squeeze out a third candidate.

Keeping elections clear and simple is the other factor. The public's faith in the fairness of elections is dependent on people being able to clearly see how the votes are tallied. Ranked-choice voting is tabulated using an algorithm.

Last year, the San Jose City Council voted down a move for ranked-choice voting in that city. San Jose Vice Mayor Chappie Jones told the *Mercury News* that it makes things too complicated.

Susan Marie Watkins

March 12, 1953 ~ December 4, 2022

Susan took her last breaths in the loving arms of her husband and daughter, before sunrise on Sunday, December 4, 2022.



She was born in Oakland, Ca to Ermalene and Anthony Gomes, the oldest of four and the only girl.

Sue was raised in San Leandro, Ca, after high school she went on to work for Western Electric/ATandT in both California and Tennessee. She also worked for Big Brothers/Big Sisters in Ohio and went on to retire with the Teamsters Union working 18 years for Locals 78 and 853.

Through both school and work Susie made many life long friendships that evolved into family over the years.

She was a daughter, wife, mother, sister, auntie, niece, cousin and forever friend to so many. A nurturing soul that would spread her love far and wide, and no one left her home empty handed or hearted.

Susan was preceded in death by her loving parents Ern and Anthony Gomes, baby sister Ermalene, and two younger brothers James "Jimmy" and Daniel "Danny" Gomes. She is survived by her loving husband of 42 years James "Jimmy" Watkins, daughter and care taker Jamie Watkins, younger brother Anthony "Tony" Gomes and so many more family and lifelong friends.

Susie's family will be hosting a reception at Hayward Veterans Memorial on Sunday, March 12, 2023 at noon. Visit EverLoved.com and search Susan Watkins for more details and an extended obituary or email himay13@icloud.com for the link.

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Shooting: Film making relieved stress of police work, pro football

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every day. Filmmaking alleviates all that — it's the flow of creativity."

Shedd, in fact, credits filmmaking, and writing, with having saved his life when he was going through dark times. He's been making short films even before he retired from the police, and several of them were about suicide prevention.

Filming the movie will start in five months.

"Most people don't realize how much goes into making a film before you ever start shooting," Shedd said. "But we do already have our own page on the Internet Movie Database, www.imdb.com."

"Right now we're finding actors and making changes to the basic story, such as having one lead character be a woman," he said.

Making a film simply isn't possible without financing, and Shedd sings the praises of a familiar name around town



in this regard. Gordon Galvan, who has held severely elected positions locally, has helped pull banks and other financial backers together

Shedd grew up in Daven-

“Right now we’re finding actors and making changes to the story.”

— Kenny Shedd, in photo second from left

port, Iowa, and played football at the University of Northern Iowa before being drafted by the New York Jets to play in the National Football league. He played wide receiver for the Raiders as #84 from 1996

to 1999.

A 20-year police career followed with the San Leandro Police Department.

Shedd and his team are needing to cast several minor characters to move forward with “Iowa’s Finest.” He suggests local actors send head shots to him at ksheddun-cuffed@gmail.com

“Actors can often use more exposure, and this is an ideal project for that,” he said.

“We may set our films elsewhere” Shedd said. “But we believe in giving back to the East Bay because they’ve supported our past films.”

Shedd suggests you visit his podcast, “KShedd: Uncuffed,” while you’re waiting for the film. Retirement from the police force does have its benefits, he says.

“When you’re on the force, you’re limited in what you can say about issues and events,” Shedd said. “Now that I’m retired, I can say more.”

Meteorologist Predicts Northern California Flooding

By Mike Pechner
San Leandro Times

Much needed rain has fallen in the East Bay so far this fall and winter.

December recorded 15 days of rain, nearly half of the month which is twice the number of average number of rainy days for December. That's the good news. But the ground is saturated and the run-off from the heavy rains is quickly filling farmers and growers ponds and lakes used for water supply and irrigation.

East Bay lakes and reservoirs has shown significant rises from the New Years Eve

storm. The drought monitor is now showing some easing of the five-year drought conditions. Much more rain is needed here and snow in the High Sierra where the snow pack is around 170% of normal.

Flooding occurred in Alameda, parts of Oakland and over the hill in Danville along the 680 corridor in the New Years Eve Atmospheric River storm which also inundated a large portion of Southern Sacramento County and San Francisco. A significant storm this week with heavy rain and strong gusty winds brought down more trees and power lines.

Saturated ground is causing all of the weather systems to uproot long standing trees. The longer range models are of great (or grave) concern because they show rain on and off at least until mid-month and maybe beyond. This is likely to exacerbate flooding problems here and throughout Northern and Central California.

So far, the mainstream rivers like the Napa and Russian have been able to carry all of the run-off, however the incoming storms and those following it this weekend and into the second week of Jan-

uary are likely to cause major damage due to heavy rain, mudslides, more trees down, power outages, burn scar debris flow, roads washed out, slides and hillside collapse from saturated soils.

The National Weather Service in Monterey adds that widespread flooding will lead to the disruption of commerce and loss of life. With another foot of rain in the forecast through late next week, dire conditions are likely in many areas.

We will likely reach the tipping point by this weekend and additional storms which are forecast now by the models will lead to longer duration

and more widespread flooding, land slides, washout highways and major disruption to commerce.

Meteorologist Mike Pechner, SF CBS News Bureau, is a Climate and Weather Specialist.

Take a Stroll at Oyster Bay on Saturday

Another recurring program in the park district is Saturday Strolls. The strollers will meet at Oyster Bay Regional Shoreline on Saturday, Jan. 7 for an easy, three-mile walk from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. with naturalist Susan Ramos.

Participants will see how the former landfill site has been transformed into a park

that is a stopover for migrating birds and overwintering butterflies. There are great views of the bay, too.

The hike is free of charge and registration is not necessary. To get to the trailhead from I-880 in San Leandro, exit at Marina Boulevard and drive west. Turn right onto Neptune Drive and park at the end of the street.

Try Your Hand at Ancient Skill

From before the arrival of the bow and arrow, the First Peoples of the East Bay used a device called an atlatl while hunting.

You can try your hand at this ancestral skill during a program from 2 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 7 at Tilden Nature Area near Berkeley, with naturalist Anthony Fisher. Anthony's program is free of charge and registration is not necessary. Meet at the Environmental Education Center. It's at the north end of Tilden's Central Park Drive, accessible via Canon Drive from Grizzly Peak Boulevard in Berkeley. For information, call 510-544-2233.



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