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**WEEKEND WEATHER**  
**CLEAR** Partly cloudy Friday the sunny thru Sunday  
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FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY

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## Contractor Hired to Fix R.R. Crossing

### Safety improvements set for crossing at Washington & Halcyon

By Michael Singer  
San Leandro Times

Anyone who frequents the intersection of Washington Avenue and Halcyon Drive knows the dangers of the railroad crossing near Chapman Road. project, which adds up to an estimated cost of \$1,084,613 for the project.

The improvements will include new realigned pedestrian crossings. Last Monday, the San Leandro City Council approved a contract to make it safer for cars and pedestrians to cross the tracks.

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Since 1994, there have been six separate incidents – including five deaths – at the crossing. The worst case was in 2016 when 30-year-old Vanessa Henriquez and her 3-year-old daughter Saigy were killed when an Amtrak train slammed into their Toyota SUV. The car was caught in traffic on the crossing and was unable to avoid the Capitol Corridor express train.

In its unanimous decision, the City Council voted to hire Sposeto Engineering of Livermore for the design and construction of improvements at the crossing at a cost of \$646,640 to the city. The project also additional federal grant funds totaling \$834,613.

City staff also recommended adding \$250,000 in Measure BB local funds for the

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## Driver Killed in Crash in Ashland

By Michael Singer  
San Leandro Times

A 44-year-old man from San Lorenzo died after his car hit a tree on Saturday night on East 14th Street just north of Ashland Avenue. Authorities have not yet released the driver's name.

The man was speeding in the northbound direction in a 2018 Chevrolet Corvette around 9:55 p.m. where posted speed limit is 35 mph, according to California Highway Patrol officer Christopher Wiltron.

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PHOTOS BY JIM KNOWLES

## San Leandrans Had A Wonderful Night

The rain let up at just the right time for a big crowd to come downtown for the annual "It's a Wonderful Night" winter festival with (clockwise from top) the tree lighting, the Future Tots students singing 'Jingle Bells,' the San Leandro Portuguese Band and the Bancroft Middle School Jazz Band.



## So Who Won the Mayor's Election?

By Jim Knowles  
San Leandro Times

So who won anyway? That's the question everybody's been wondering about in the election for mayor of San Leandro and in the City Council District 5 race.

Those two races were very close and no candidate was

ready to claim victory or concede yet, not until all the ballots were counted by the Registrar of Voters' office.

There were still a few ballots left to count up to this week, mainly provisional ballots and ballots where the signature didn't match.

But the Registrar's office

will present the final vote tally today, Dec. 8. Unfortunately, that's too late for this week's newspaper.

Most observers believe that Juan Gonzalez will hold his lead of a couple hundred votes over Bryan Azevedo in the mayor's race, after ranked-choice tabulations were made.

And that Xouhoa Bowen will hold a slim 37-vote lead over Monique Tate in the City Council race in District 5. The final results should be posted today on the Registrar of Voters website (www.acvote.org).

The newly elected council members will be sworn in at Monday's City Council meeting.

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## MEETING SCHEDULES

**CITY COUNCIL**  
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.

**SAN LEANDRO SCHOOL BOARD**  
Board meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 835 E. 14th St., San Leandro. For more information, call Michelle Mayfield at 667-3522.



## Body Found in Channel Not Yet Identified

A body of a man was found in the channel that runs past the Monarch Bay Golf Course, according to police. Matthew Barajas of the San Leandro police. The body was found at about 11 a.m. on Friday.

Police have not yet identified the body as it was badly decomposed, so they will have to wait for the report from the Coroner's Office, said Lt. Police ask anyone with information about the man or his death to call the San Leandro police at 510-577-2740. — By Jim Knowles

## Coca-Cola Caravan to Collect Food Donations

The Coca-Cola Holiday Caravan will stop at the Walmart at 1919 Davis St. in San Leandro from 3 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 16, and collect food donations for the Alameda County Food Bank. Anyone who stops by will also have an opportunity to share the holiday magic with the iconic holiday red truck, take photos with Santa and the Polar Bear, and sample products. San Leandro is the only 2022 Bay Area stop for the Coca-Cola Holiday Caravan.



## American Pickers Coming To Look for Valuable Antiques

The American Pickers are coming to California in January to hunt for valuable antiques and film episodes for their show on The History Channel.

The American Pickers TV Show is looking for leads and would love to explore your hidden treasure. They would like to hear from you if someone you know has a large, private collection or accumulation of antiques that the Pickers can spend the better part of the day looking through.

The Pickers are on a mission to recycle and rescue

forgotten relics. Along the way, they want to meet characters with remarkable and exceptional items. They hope to give historically significant objects a new lease on life while learning a thing or two about America's past along the way.

The Pickers have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they've never seen before. They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them.

American Pickers will follow all pandemic guidelines

and protocols for safe filming outlined by the state and CDC. Nevertheless, they are excited to continue reaching the many collectors in the area to discuss their years of picking and are hear their memorable stories.

Please note: the Pickers do not pick stores, flea markets, malls, auction businesses, museums, or anything open to the public.

If interested, send your name, phone number, location, and description of the collection with photos to: americanpickers@cinetflix.com or call (646) 493-2184. Facebook: @GotAPick.

## Make a Homegrown Habitat

The Washington Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd., will host a plant and seed giveaway (as supplies last) and family-friendly activities in the library's courtyard on Saturday, Dec. 17, from 1 to 4 p.m.

'Tis the season to start a California native plant habitat for bees, butterflies, and birds. A habitat can be as small as a few plants in a pot or as big as an oak tree.

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## Crash: Highway Patrol looking to see if drugs or alcohol a factor

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The CHP report said the man lost control of the car, drove up the concrete center median, and skidded along

until the car's passenger side hit the tree.

The man sustained fatal injuries. He was the only occupant of the car.

While the official report notes speeding was a factor, the CHP is also investigating whether drugs or alcohol played a part in the crash.

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# Community Calendar

## Author to Speak on History of Housing Discrimination

The San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., will host a presentation and Q&A with Mitchell Schwarzer, historian and author on Thursday, Dec. 8, from 6 to 7 p.m. Take a deep dive into the history of the housing discrimination that took place in the East Bay and how it has shaped local cities. This program is part of a series related to "The History of Redlining and Housing Discrimination in San Leandro" exhibit currently on display at the Main Library and San Leandro History Museum. Dree copies of Mitchell Schwarzer's book, Hella Town, will be available for attendees, while supplies last.

## SL Democratic Club to Meet

The San Leandro Democratic Club will hold its annual Holiday Cheer virtual meeting on Thursday, Dec. 8, beginning at 6 p.m. The club will celebrate the holidays and welcome some of the newly elected leaders who will share their plans. Follow this link to register: <http://tiny.cc/kjfl1vz>. All are welcome.

## The Morrisson Theater Chorus Holiday Concert

The Morrisson Theater Chorus returns for a joyous holiday concert on Friday, Dec. 9, at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 11, at 2 p.m. at the Douglas Morrisson Theater, 22311 Third St. in Hayward. Cesar Cancino will direct and entertain with his informative and witty comments about the music and solo performers. Put on your warm, fuzzy, or ugly holiday sweater, and attend this night of glorious music and fun. Tickets can be purchased at the HARD offices at 1099 E St., Hayward, or online at [www.haywardrec.org](http://www.haywardrec.org). Tickets will not be available at the door. For more information, call 510-881-6700.

## Friends of the Library Winter Cookbook Sale

The Friends of the San Leandro Library will host a Winter "Cookbook Sale" on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Trustees Room of the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Hundreds of beautiful books featuring cuisines from around the world will be featured. From the basic how-to to elegant dining recipes, these books originally sold for as much as \$50 but will be sale priced at \$4 or less. It's a great time to start your holiday shopping with quality cookbooks at bargain prices. All proceeds benefit the San Leandro Library's programs and services.

## Family Craft Night

Celebrate Winter Holidays with a Family Craft Night on Wednesday, Dec. 14, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Enjoy a fun-filled evening with craft stations, hot cocoa and cookies, holiday card-making, and a screening of a holiday movie. All ages welcome.

## 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, but closed on Dec. 18, Dec. 24 and Dec. 25. \$5 per person donation at the door (cash only).

## Free Rondalla Concert Coming to the Library

The San Leandro community is invited to enjoy a free, live, musical and cultural performance with the American Center of Philippine Arts (ACPA) Rondalla on Saturday, Dec. 17, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The group will showcase an ensemble of stringed instruments played with the plectrum or pick that originated in medieval Spain. The tradition spread to Spanish America and the Philippines. The word rondalla is from the Spanish word "ronda" or "serenade." ACPA will also offer an interactive and educational portion for the audience. All ages are invited to this cultural event, and no registration is required. For more information, call 510-577-3971 or email [libraryinfo@sanleandro.org](mailto:libraryinfo@sanleandro.org)

## Holiday Puppet Show: "A Time to Be Jolly"

Join the Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd., for the winter holiday puppet show "A Time To Be Jolly" presented by The Puppet Company, on Saturday, Dec. 17, from 3 to 4 p.m. This puppet show is for all ages.

# Enter MLK Oratory Festival

The City of San Leandro Recreation Department is accepting entry forms for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Oratorical Festival and Poetry Slam 2023 - to be held on Monday, Jan. 16, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd.

The event commemorates the birthday of this great American leader and his life-long work toward equality and peace. Students will perform an original or well-known essay, speech, or poem that celebrates Dr. King's message of peace, tolerance, and social justice.

Students in 3rd through 12th grades attending San Leandro schools are invited to participate. Students can win gift card prizes in their grade category (\$100 first place, \$50 second place in several grade categories).

Students must submit an entry form by Jan. 9 that includes the piece they intend to perform. For details and to complete the entry form, visit [sanleandro.org/mlk](http://sanleandro.org/mlk).

For more information, contact Liz Hodgins at 510-577-3473 or [ehodgins@sanleandro.org](mailto:ehodgins@sanleandro.org).

# News Briefs & Announcements

## Creative DIY Workshop for Adults 18+

Join a creative workshop where you can make something special to give, whether it's for a loved one, a friend or even if you decide to keep it for yourself on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd. in San Leandro. Projects include: Decorative Tea/Coffee Towels & Aprons, Decorative Mugs, and a Card Making station. This workshop is open to adults 18+. Space is limited, so register for your spot today at <https://sanleandro.libcal.com/event/9893468> or call 510-577-7971.

## Pro Wrestling Toy Drive

The San Leandro Optimist Club, City Councilman Bryan Azevedo and TMD Entertainment present Santa Slam Pro Wrestling Toy Drive on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m. at the Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd. in San Leandro, featuring WWE Legend Gangrel, MLW Superstar Jacob Fatu, Rock N Rodeo Express, Honor Society and more. Tickets are \$30 ringside, \$20 general admission. Bring a new toy to receive a \$5 discount per person. Get tickets at [ticketleap.com](http://ticketleap.com) and under "Browse Events" type "Santa Slam" in the search window. Tickets also available at Music Depot 944 B St. in Hayward, Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## Castro Valley Orchestra Free Concert

The Castro Valley Orchestra will present a free concert on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 2 p.m. at the Castro Valley Center for the Arts, 19501 Redwood Road in Castro Valley. Works by Berlioz, Schubert, and Saint-Saens will be presented. Flautist Beverly Johnson and clarinetist Michael Wilson will be featured. A reception will follow the concert. Masking and distance protocols will be observed.

## Grant Avenue Foundation Food Drive

Grant Avenue Foundation will hold a food drive on Sunday, Dec. 18, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Elio's Family Restaurant, 260 Floresta Blvd. in San Leandro. Bring non-perishable, unopened food items such as canned goods, dry pasta and beans to Elio's parking lot for this drive-through - drop-off event, rain or shine. The food will go to the less fortunate in our community, including children and seniors. The Grant Avenue Foundation is a nonprofit organization in San Lorenzo that supports public schools.

## 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.

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Symphony #6 by Franz Schubert

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Michael Wilson, clarinet

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

The name of the business(es):  
A & A Snack Market, located at 1786 Bancroft  
Ave San Leandro, CA 94577. in Alameda  
County, is hereby registered by the following  
owner(s): Abbas Mohammed Alnaham, 342  
Hawk Ridge Dr., Richmond, CA 94806. This  
business is conducted by an Individual. This  
business commenced 01/01/2022  
/s/ Abbas Mohammed Alnaham  
This statement was filed with the County  
Clerk of Alameda County on date indicated  
by file stamp above.  
Expires NOV 28, 2027

**DEC 01, 08, 15, 22, 2022**  
**0544-SLT**

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

The name of the business(es):  
Alco Construction, located at B. 22669 7TH  
ST., Hayward, CA 94541. in Alameda County,  
is hereby registered by the following own-  
er(s): Alca Siding Inc, 22669 7TH ST., Hay-  
ward, CA 94541. This business is conducted  
by a Corporation.  
This business commenced N/A  
/s/ Carlos Alvarado Flores  
This statement was filed with the County  
Clerk of Alameda County on date indicated  
by file stamp above.  
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**NOV 17, 24, DEC 1, 8, 2022**  
**0537-SLT**

**STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT  
OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
**FILE NUMBER. 548609**

The following person has abandoned the use of  
the fictitious business name:

**Mya Memories,**  
at 3735 Star Ridge Rd, Hayward Ca  
94542, in Alameda County. Full name of  
registrant is:

**Elizabeth Cole,**  
at 3735 Star Ridge Ridge Rd,  
Hayward Ca 94542.

The Fictitious Business  
Name Statement

**Mya Memories,**  
was filed on 08/22/2018 in the county of  
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true information, which he or she knows to be  
false, is guilty of a crime).  
This statement was filed with the County clerk  
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NOTICE - This fictitious name statement ex-  
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to that date. The filing of this statement does  
not of itself authorize the use in this state of a  
fictitious business name in violation of the rights  
of another under federal, state or common law  
(see Section 14400, et seq., B&P Code.) This  
statement was filed with the County Clerk-Re-  
corder of Alameda County on 09/07/2022

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ALAMEDA COUNTY  
By-----, Deputy  
FILE NO. 593240

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

The name of the business(es):  
Hayward Aikido, located at 1024 B ST., #1,  
Hayward, CA 94541. 20125 Sapphire St.,  
Castro Valley, CA 94546. in Alameda County,  
is hereby registered by the following own-  
er(s): Mellissa A. Miller, 20125 Sapphire St.,  
Castro Valley, CA 94546. This business is  
conducted by an Individual.  
This business commenced 07/01/21  
/s/ Mellissa A. Miller  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF PETITION  
TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF**

**Ronald V. Christensen**  
**Case Number:**  
**RP22133922**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who  
may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **Ronald V. Chris-  
tensen**

A Petition for Probate has been filed by **Denise Torres**, in the Superior Court  
of California, County of Alameda. The Petition for Probate requests that **De-  
nise Torres**, be appointed as personal representative to administer the es-  
tate of the decedent.

The PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Inde-  
pendent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal  
representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before  
taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative  
will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived  
notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration  
authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the  
petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

**A HEARING on the petition will be held on DEC 19, 2022, 9:45 a.m.,  
Dept. 202, at 2120 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA 94704.**

**IF YOU OBJECT** to the granting of the petition you should appear at the  
hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court  
before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

**IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent**, you  
must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal repre-  
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for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner: Vincent P. D'Angelo, Esq. State Bar #215769  
Vincent Law, Inc.  
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**LEGAL 0365-SLT RP22133922 11/24/22, 12/01/22, 12/08/22, 12/15/22**

**Check Out the Ladybugs at Redwood Park**

The annual rainy season clustering of ladybugs at Reinhardt Redwood Regional Park in Oakland is in progress. And you can view it during a guided walk from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 10, led by naturalist Michael Charnofsky.

This is a free program and registration is not necessary. Meet Michael at the park's Canyon Meadow Staging Area. It's at the end of the road leading into the park from Redwood Road, about two miles east of the intersection with Skyline Boulevard.

There's a \$5 parking fee when the kiosk is attended. Ladybugs, more formally called ladybird beetles, cluster together in trailside shrubs during cold winter weather, then disperse in the springtime. You can see them in many parks and open

spaces, but one of their favorite gathering places seems to be the intersection of the Stream and Prince Trails in Redwood Park. Michael's walk is an easy three-mile round trip. For more information, call 510-544-3187.

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AC Transit's Holiday bus is all decked out for a groovy ride and it's free.

## Free Rides on AC Transit's Holiday Bus

AC Transit is running a gift-wrapped, Peace-and-Love Holiday Bus through the month of December offering free rides on several different local lines throughout the East Bay.

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and wishes you a "Merry & Bright" holiday featuring bright colors and disco sparkles.

The Holiday Bus will have some gifts on board, so you can grab some of the far-out paper ornaments to hang on your tree at home.

AC Transit thanks its riders and says it's looking forward to an out of sight year in 2023 and many more miles together

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for discussions surrounding community concerns, with a goal to have a broad spectrum of viewpoints represented.

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Assist in educating the community about the role of the police department.

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in the San Leandro Police Station.

Be a City of San Leandro resident or business owner.

Meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. To participate, you must be a City of San Leandro resident or business owner. Interested applicants may apply to join the Board by accessing the City of San Leandro's website at: [www.sanleandro.org/681/Police-Chiefs-Advisory-Board-CAB](http://www.sanleandro.org/681/Police-Chiefs-Advisory-Board-CAB)

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## San Francisco Leading the Nation in Falling Home Prices

It is no secret home prices have been heading downwards. Since the motto in real estate is, "Location, Location, Location," it makes sense that some areas go up and down faster than others. In general, the most desirable areas go up in price the fastest and, when the market slows, are also the places hit the hardest by decreasing prices.

One of the issues in real estate is the information lag between what is happening on the front lanes and the eventual data used to analyze the market. When hearing real estate prognostications on the news, you must always keep in mind that the data is over a month old. In the case we are looking at here, it has already aged 4 months. In real estate, that can be an eternity.

The CoreLogic Case-Shiller Index measures real estate prices

in the U.S. and their data from July and August, 2022 reveals which areas were hit the hardest by the shifting home prices. Since the market shift began in May, 2022, it is reasonable to expect that the current numbers will be worse now that are deeper into the new market.

Here are the top 10 losing markets across the nation, based on the decrease in sales prices between July and August, 2022 (a one month period) beginning with #10 and working down to #1.

10. Las Vegas, NV, slid 1.3%.
9. Washington, DC, down 15%.
8. Dallas, TX, off 1.9%
7. Portland, OR, dipped 1.9%
6. Phoenix, AZ, decreased .1%
5. Denver, CO, lowered 2.3%
4. Los Angeles, CA, depressed 2.3%
3. San Diego, CA, reduced

- 2.8%
2. Seattle, WA, dropped 3.9%
1. San Francisco, CA, slashed 4.3%.

While these percentages may not seem like much, remember that this was the loss from one month to the next. If we use the July, 2022 median price of \$1,850,000 for a home in San Francisco and calculate a 4.3% loss, it comes out to almost \$80,000 in a single month. If that rate continues, the compounded reduction over a few months would be significant.

The other thing to remember is that prices track over a region: if San Francisco prices are dropping, you can count on surrounding cities being impacted in the same way. Although San Francisco may be currently leading the nation in falling home prices, as we have seen in local sales, the Central County is not far behind.

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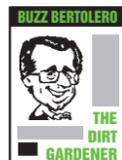
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## Here's an Indoor Plant that Can be Planted Outside after the Holidays



By Buzz Bertolero  
The Dirt Gardener

What can I plant in a container that can be brought indoors for a couple of weeks during the holidays and then moved back outside?

I'd consider a Sasanqua Camellia or an Alberta Spruce. Sasanqua Camellias are blooming now, with the variety Yuletide being particularly popular. Yuletide has a single row of petals, a festive red color with yellow stamens in the center. It's also available in pink. They make an excellent container plant. Sasanqua Camellias grow six to eight feet tall in the ground, but the size is easily controlled with pruning for containers. The blooming period starts in the late fall and is usually finished by January. Unlike the spring blooming varieties, Sasanqua's grow in the sun as long as the roots are insulated with mulch from the heat of the day sun. Alberta Spruce make an excellent small-living Christmas Tree. They're a dark green color with short needles and a compact growth habit. Whether they're indoors or out, you can decorate them with holiday lights, ornaments, or any other type of decorations. For this year, I'd leave them in their original container and transplant them in the spring. The cans can be covered with different materials, such as foil, burlap, and landscape fabric, with artificial holly and berries. Before bringing them indoors, water them thoroughly several days beforehand and place a clear plastic tray under them to protect the carpet or flooring. I'd keep them indoors for no longer than two weeks and water them immediately

when they're brought back outdoors with room temperatures around seventy degrees. Depending on the container size, a cup of water or two should be sufficient every five days. Also, keep them away from any heat-generating source, such as heating vents or a fireplace. Sasanqua Camellias or Alberta Spruce are beautiful and festive around entryways when combined with red and white cyclamen, Zygocactus and, of course, Poinsettias.

I was given a mixed arrangement of plants consisting of Kalanchoe, Dragon Tree, and Silvery Queen Pothos. After separating the plants and transplanting them into separate containers, the leaves on the Dragon Tree are falling off. Is that normal?

The Dragon Tree, or Dracaena, is a columnar plant. They're usually found with multiple plants growing in the same container at staggered heights. It is usual for the lowest or oldest leaves to turn yellow and fall off first. Unlike other plants, the new leaves will not develop where they dropped off. The recent growth forms at the top of the canes; hence, there is no lateral branching. Excessive leaf drops can be from excessive moisture, so you don't want to overwater them. They can go several weeks in between watering. I'd give them a good soaking by watering them in the sink and letting the water drain before returning them to their permanent location.

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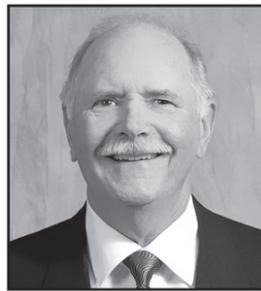
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### Thanks to Everybody for a "Wonderful Night"

Editor,

Last Friday night, Dec. 2, San Leandro kicked off the holiday season with the Downtown Tree Lighting and "It's a Wonderful Night." While we should all be extremely thankful for a break in the weather, there are many more folks to thank for this primarily volunteer-organized event.

The San Leandro Downtown Association has hosted this event for over 25 years. Like other volunteer service organizations, the association has struggled in recent years with declining membership as founding members have retired. This year, a core group of about nine people put this entire event on, and they really knocked it out of the park.

Big thanks to Paul Jackman, President of the Downtown Association and owner of FunFlicks. Paul donated his time and resources to provide six paid staff, audio for the tree lighting ceremony, the outdoor holiday cinema, a video dance party, six generators, and 300 free printed photos of children visiting with Santa.

Thanks to Felipa Pallen and Pallen's Martial Arts for coordinating the holiday crafts, where children decorated over 500 donated Safeway cookies in the first hour and a half. Debbie Halliday, the former owner of DC Dance, coordinated the main stage that had eight community groups perform. Julia Marquis of the Downtown Community Benefit District organized 20 vendors and 17 community booths and created all of the marketing materials and videos.

Kate Miller of the San Leandro Education Foundation coordinated volunteers, Ken Pon managed the finances, and Angela Dowdy ran the Sugar Shack, giving out over 4,000 chocolates donated by Ghirardelli. Jacqui Diaz and Lars Halle were indispensable in coordinating city resources, and the Downtown Ambassadors worked a 12-hour day from set-up to tear down. And thanks to the many student and community volunteers who helped.

Community is built through shared experiences like "It's a Wonderful Night." I hope we have many more Wonderful Nights in the coming years, but for that to

happen, we will need more people like Paul, Felipa, Jacqui, Kate, and others stepping up. If you are interested in getting involved in events like this, please email us at [mail@downtownsanleandro.com](mailto:mail@downtownsanleandro.com). We can't do it without you!

**Morgan Mack-Rose**

San Leandro

Morgan Mack-Rose is the Executive Director Downtown San Leandro Community Benefit District

### Thank you, San Leandro Voters

Editor,

I want to thank San Leandro voters for electing me to serve on City Council for District 1.

A very big thanks to the many volunteers and supporters who made the difference, talking with residents and sharing our vision for San Leandro. Thank you to my partner, Ted, for his support through the ups and downs of a lengthy campaign. Finally, my deepest thanks to Ken Pon and David Anderson for a contested race and many spirited debates, ensuring San Leandro voters had a choice.

Now begins the work of being part of a governing team and working to improve the lives of all San Leandro residents. I'm excited about the opportunity to improve protections for renters, champion mental health services, and work with our police department to improve public safety. These are difficult problems and our City Council, city staff, and other elected officials will need to work together to ensure San Leandrans have the support everyone deserves.

I would be honored for you to join me at the City Council meeting on December 12th at 6:30 at City Hall for my swearing in as the District 1 Councilmember for San Leandro. In the meanwhile, please reach out if there is anything I can do to serve you.

**Celina Reynes**

San Leandro

### No Help to Stop Dumping at Lake Chabot

Editor,

This is an open letter that was sent to Alameda County Supervisor Dave Brown.

We witnessed illegal dumping on Lake Chabot Road, about 1 mile

from the San Leandro end – pickup truck with no license plates and two people dumping carpet, metal and other items.

I stopped at a safe pullout to call the Sheriff's office. While on hold, an East Bay Regional Park District police pickup passed us, after passing the people dumping, and did not stop. When I described the location, the Sheriff's office said "hold on" and transferred me to the San Leandro Police. When I described the location to the San Leandro Police I was told that the area was in the Sheriff's jurisdiction.

I responded that the Sheriff had just transferred us to SLPD. She said she did not understand why and wanted to transfer us back to the Sheriff's. I told her that I was not interested in being a pawn between two organizations that did not want to take responsibility and that we would just let the garbage stay there. Then I hung up.

In all, three organizations that should be helping stop the scourge of illegal dumping chose not to take responsibility at a time when they could have caught the people dumping. We will never get rid of this problem if no one takes responsibility. At the least, the San Leandro Police could have said "I will contact the sheriff's and we will get someone out there."

The fact that there were no visible license plates or cards on the vehicle doing the dumping indicates that these people knew what they were doing is illegal and they are likely repeat offenders.

**Rhett Varnadore**

San Leandro

### Quick Pick-Up, Just Jump In

Editor,

Your December 1 issue includes two articles which allow one to "connect the dots." The article about the construction of an apartment building on Bancroft Avenue mentions the to-be-expected closure of the parking lot on that property eliminating a site for dropping and picking up students at Bancroft Junior High School. The City Council article mentions that the parking on the east side of Bancroft Avenue will be replaced by an expanded bicycle area.

The result is that the street which passes in front of two large schools (San Leandro High, and Bancroft Middle School) will have no parking or stopping anywhere along their shared street — traffic will be required to keep moving, and there will be no off-street site by the Middle School. Since cars must keep moving along Bancroft, the only option for students and adult drivers seems to be to unlock the passenger's door, and have the students jump into a slowly moving

vehicle.

City planning officials should conduct assembly programs in both schools in which they explain the approved, and safe, method for jumping into a moving vehicle. When they have done that, the San Leandro Times could provide a public service by printing those instructions for the adult drivers who will not be favored by hearing the school announcements.

**John Rawlinson**

San Leandro

### Traffic Taliban Out of Touch with Reality

Editor,

The Traffic Taliban has pushed through the new bike lane configuration on Bancroft Avenue without really ever talking to us folks that actually live here. The new progressive woke attitude seems to be that we are *all* going to become bike riders, or else. Seniors and the disabled, be damned.

The rhetoric on social media from the bike lobby is that they are going to have their way come hell or high water. The goal, that they clearly state online, is to make all roads so hateful to vehicle traffic that we are forced onto bikes.

So, back to poor Bancroft. Bancroft already has bike lanes for the last 30 years. The Traffic Taliban says they aren't good enough. So, let's remove that vast majority of parking along the entire length of the street and remove the ability to make left-hand turns without backing up traffic, just to have bike lanes on the same side of the street. Regardless of the loss of parking or left hand turns, I'm more concerned about the bus riders and emergency vehicles that use my street multiple times a day.

As a transit advocate I'm wondering in the new plan, what happens as traffic follows the bus up and down the street? Most of the bus stops have been merged with the traffic lanes so the bus will not pull over but rather stop traffic behind it while passengers board. Cars *will* pass the bus into the oncoming lane of traffic. The plan that has been approved actually advocates for drivers passing into oncoming traffic, just for bike lanes? Because that is what will happen.

The Traffic Taliban hates all vehicles until they call for the ambulance to go to the hospital. Bancroft is a major route for all emergency vehicles. The new plan removes all ability for anyone to pull over to let any ambulance or fire trucks to get by. I guess we didn't think about that in this new plan. We were so fixated on looking woke we forgot, once again, about reality.

The best part about democracy is term limits. The people that voted for this stupid plan will be gone in January. I'm hoping the

new mayor and council will have a lot more common sense and rethink this entire plan. We need a new plan that enhances the existing bike lanes where they are and makes Bancroft a safer street.

**Gary Langbehn**

San Leandro

### Developer Trying to Get Better Deal

Editor,

News tip to 1388 Bancroft developer Tom Silva. According to the traditional definition, the U.S. is not currently in a recession. Nor will we be in one for 2023 as reported by Forbes Advisor and Goldman Sachs Research. As a matter of fact the economy added 263,000 new jobs in November and the unemployment rate remains at a low 3.7%.

I predict that Mr. Silva will try to renegotiate the deal he made with the city so he can add two stories and a smaller parking area to his project using the excuse that due to economic conditions and competition from other housing developments he will lose money if held to the existing agreement.

Once the existing building has been demolished, the empty lot will remain vacant for years while he sues the city.

**Gary Molitor**

San Leandro

### Predicts Problem with Parking

Editor,

This data search took me all of 5 seconds on Google:

Average number of vehicles per household in California: 2.3.  
Number of parking spaces planned for those 42 apartments: 55.

Plus tenants will need to pay for reserved parking spaces?

I see something of a problem here. Fifty years ago, 55 parking spaces for an equivalent living complex *might* have been enough but not today.

I often walk our dog around Thrasher Park but, even with a sign prohibiting overnight parking, there are usually 15 to 20 cars there every morning.

Who knows if they are from the apartments on Davis Street or belonging to residents on Orchard Avenue. It doesn't take a super genius to predict the parking mess that will quickly develop around Bancroft Avenue a few years down the line.

Elsewhere in the same newspaper, the City talks about plans to eliminate nearly 1/2 the street parking on Bancroft.

And about walking to San Leandro Bart Station from the new apartments? That's over a mile each way. Come on, people. Get real!

**Ken Kellogg**

San Leandro

# Crossing: Unusual railroad crossing has always vexed drivers on Washington Avenue

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trian sidewalks that cross the tracks at 90-degree angles, flashing light warning devices, extended raised curb medians, enhanced pavement markings on Washington Avenue, and associated safety features at all approaches.

“It’s a challenging project because the turning move-

“Railroad crossings are particularly important...Look both ways and don’t stop on the tracks.

— City Engineer Nick Thom

ments in and out of Chapman adds complexity,” City of San Leandro Associate Engineer John O’Driscoll told the Times.

Drivers who frequent the Floresta Plaza shopping area know that turning northbound onto Washington Avenue from Chapman Road immediately



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

The railroad tracks cross Washington Avenue diagonally so the distance to cross the tracks is longer.

puts them on the track crossing. The railway crossing consists of one track with a 100-yard diagonal across Washington Avenue, and drivers frequently skirt around the crossing guard arms.

The adjustments at Washington and Chapman will deter motorists from making illegal turns or lingering on the tracks. O’Driscoll said changes to the pedestrian walkways slated for Chapman would be similar to those on Alvarado Street north of Thrasher Park, forcing people to slow down

and look both ways before crossing the tracks.

“The flashing lights and tactile strips we’re adding to the project will also make this fully ADA compliant,” O’Driscoll said.

Crossing safety is a priority issue for the City and Union Pacific Railroad, which owns and operates the rails. Other groups backing improvements of the crossing include Amtrak, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), and the Alameda County Transportation Com-

mission (ACTC).

“We always ask our residents to be safe when driving in San Leandro, but railroad crossings are particularly important because of the high danger. Look both ways, and don’t stop on the tracks,” said San Leandro Senior Engineer Nick Thom said.

The project is currently in the design phase. Construction is expected to begin next year. Thom said he expects only minimal traffic disruptions for the first set of changes to the pedestrian walkways.

# Hayward Area Recreation and Park District Seeks Bond Oversight Committee Members

The Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (H.A.R.D.) is accepting applications from interested residents of Hayward, Castro Valley, San Lorenzo and unincorporated Alameda County to serve as committee members on the District’s Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee (C.B.O.C.).

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The Measure F1 Bond was approved by voters in 2016 and provides \$250,000,000 to be used for the building, design and improvement of H.A.R.D. facilities and parks. The C.B.O.C. meets four

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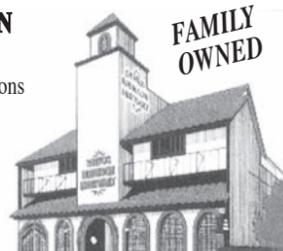
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## Obituaries

### Arthur Clarence O’Brien

September 30th, 1924 ~ November 20th, 2022

On Sunday, November 20th, 2022, Dr. Arthur Clarence O’Brien, a 60-year resident of Castro Valley, passed away after 98 incredible years of life. Art was born on September 30th, 1924 to Anna Gabel Armstrong in Marysville California. He loved San Francisco and was proud to have graduated from Lowell High School, he studied biology at The University of California, Berkeley which inspired him to then attend medical school at Boston University. After receiving his Doctor of Medicine in 1948, Art completed his residency in Chicago before enlisting in the Navy. Upon completion of his medic service in the military he returned home to the Bay Area, settling in Castro Valley. Art cared for thousands of patients over his 60+ years practicing in Hayward. He was an avid gardener, backpacker, fisherman and tennis player. He also loved Cal basketball, the theater and traveling. Art leaves behind five children, fourteen grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. Art was and will continue to be an inspiration to his family and all who knew him. He will be sorely missed but never forgotten. A funeral service will be held on Monday, December 12th, 2022, at 11am at Faith Lutheran Church, 20800 Redwood Road, Castro Valley. He wanted ALL who knew and cared for him to join the family in honoring and remembering our beloved patriarch. This joyful day will serve as his Celebration of Life.



# San Leandro's Time Capsule Buried for Another 50 Years

By Jim Knowles  
San Leandro Times

After the speeches, two city Public Works Department employees carefully lowered the steel time capsule back into the earth, not to be opened again for another 50 years, at a ceremony at Root Park last Friday afternoon.

Winston McKee operated the backhoe as Danny Contreras guided the capsule into a concrete cask next to the redwoods at the park. Contreras sealed the top of the cask and McKee prepared to mix the concrete to pour over the top, before moving another concrete slab on top of that.

So everything should be safe and sound before the capsule is opened again in 2072.

"I'll be in my 80s when it's opened again," said librarian Angelica Peña along with her remarks at the ceremony.

Pena spoke following Library Director Brian Simon and City Manager Fran Robustelli who thanked Jacqui Diaz, the project manager of the City's Sesquicentennial. This was the final even of the Sesquicentennial year.

Peña then listed some of the items that are inside the time capsule that residents will find in 2072, including menus from restaurants, an ice cream cup from Loard's, local newspapers, face masks, pandemic distancing signs, instructions on how to take picture with a smart phone, proposals for the marina, and the city's 2021 Climate Action Plan.

Other items in the container are a Black Lives Matter yard sign, a San Leandro Kindness pin, historical photos of Larson Lumber (established in 1882), a signed copy of Brian Copeland's *Not*

*a Genuine Black Man*, a San Leandro Library card, items from city departments, items from the Library's exhibit on housing discrimination in San Leandro, and a map of city parks and facilities.

All the items should be pretty secure for future examination. When the capsule was pulled out of the ground earlier this year, to reveal the contents buried in 1972, city workers McKee and Contreras said it was sealed water-tight – the concrete cask was dry inside.

"And then the steel capsule is also sealed," said McKee. "And everything inside that is sealed in plastic."

And those items from 1972 that were unpacked earlier this year are also back inside the time capsule buried at Root Park. So the next time the capsule is opened those items will be a century old.



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Danny Contreras guides the time capsule with its contents back into a crypt to be extricated by future San Leandrans in 2072.

## Alameda County Seeks Public Comment for Mental Health Plan

As many as 1-in-10 adults in Alameda County have likely experienced severe psychological distress, a rising trend during the COVID-19 pandemic.

To improve current community-based mental health programs and prepare for future needs, the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency's Behavioral Health Care Services division is conducting an online survey to help shape its 3-year plan.

"It's important for us to hear from people of all ages with mental health challenges, their family members, and community service providers," says Dr. Karyn L. Tribble, di-

rector of Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services. "We value their input in preparing a plan that best meets community needs."

The data collected from the online survey, along with a variety of community events is expected to help guide a broad range of services and support, including prevention, early intervention, and innovation. The initiative and funding are part of the 2004 Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), a state-

wide proposition (Prop 63) approved by voters with the intent to transform the mental health system, increase services, and improve the quality of life for Californians living

with mental illness.

Last fiscal year, MHSA funding provided outreach, services, and support to more than 140,000 people experiencing mental illness in Alameda County. MHSA also funds infrastructure, technology, and training elements to effectively support an enhanced mental health system.

The survey is available in English, Spanish, and Traditional Chinese through Jan. 31. People who have lived with mental health issues and their families are strongly encouraged to participate.

To take the survey, visit <https://acmhsa.org/community-input/>

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