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A tree trimmer goes up on a crane to cut the limbs on the big eucalyptus trees along San Leandro Creek next to Bancroft Avenue. Below, a row of trees on the north side of Memorial park have been trimmed.

## Eucalyptus Trees Trimmed Along Creek

By Jim Knowles  
San Leandro Times

Over the years, many of the tall eucalyptus trees have fallen over along San Leandro Creek, and the trees were spectacularly tall next to Memorial Park just west of Bancroft Avenue.

So a tree crew was out in the rain this week trimming down the big eucalyptus trees.

“These trees had not been trimmed in more than 15 years,” said City Manager Fran Robustelli in a letter to a concerned resident that City Hall shared with the newspaper.

Due to the height of the trees it was possible they could topple over in a



see TREES, page 11

## Eden Board Opposes Freeway Billboards

Supervisors consider plan to replace local billboards with big, digital freeway billboards

By Mike McGuire  
San Leandro Times

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors has delayed approving an electronic billboard along Interstate 238 near East 14th Street after a citizen’s group charged that the proposed billboard violates federal, state and local laws.

The next time they could consider it would be at a meeting in February, though the agenda for that meeting has not yet been set.

The county had proposed relocating several traditional billboards from local streets to a smaller number of electronic billboards along freeways. Alameda County Senior Planner Damien Curry says this is legal and helps spruce up neighborhoods by doing away with the billboards.

The county has jurisdiction over existing electronic billboards in Castro Valley near the Grove Way entrance to Interstate 580 eastbound

and on Interstate 880 in unincorporated Hayward near the A Street entrance northbound.

Cities, however, have see BILLBOARDS, page 12

## Firefighter Arrested for Child Porn

By Michael Singer  
San Leandro Times

A firefighter and paramedic with the Alameda County Fire Department serving in San Leandro was arrested for possession of child pornography, according to a statement issued by the City of San Leandro.

Firefighter Chuck Harris, 42, a resident of Greeley Hill in Mariposa County, was

see ARREST, page 11

## City to Host MLK Day Ceremony on Monday

Mayor Juan Gonzalez and the San Leandro City Council are pleased to invite the community to attend the City of San Leandro’s annual celebration in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., 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 lifelong work toward equality and peace and includes live entertainment and student performances for the oratorical contest.

Light refreshments and crafts for kids will also be provided with free admission for all who wish to attend.

For more information about the ceremony, call Liz Hodgins at 510-577-3473 or email ehodgins@sanleandro.org.

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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.



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## Highway Patrol to Crack Down On Dangerous Side Shows

The Hayward CHP is ramping up enforcement efforts, in response to an uptick in sideshow and reckless driving throughout Alameda County.

"Sideshow activities, such as donuts and ghost riding are reckless, unsafe, unlawful and pose an extreme danger to those participating in the activity, and to other motorists and bystanders," said Interim Hayward CHP Commander Austin Danmeier.

If you have information about upcoming sideshows, street racing or have identified ongoing traffic con-

cerns in your neighborhoods throughout unincorporated western Alameda County (Fairview, Castro Valley, San Lorenzo, Ashland, and Cherryland), please email

the CHP at 345recklessdriving@chp.ca.gov or call 510-901-0373. This number is for non-emergency calls.

Report life-or-death emergencies by calling 9-1-1.

## Eden Garden Club to Hear About Medicinal Plants

The next meeting of the Eden Garden Club will be on Monday, Jan. 23, at 9:30 a.m. at the Castro Valley United Methodist Church, 19806 Wisteria St. in Castro Valley.

The speaker will be Bon-

nie M. Russell, a master herbalist and a board certified holistic health professional. Bonnie will demonstrate the medicinal and health benefits of the plants that grow in our gardens.

Learn about how to make your own herbal remedies. A hand-out that contains information and tips will be provided.

Meetings are free and guests are always welcome. For more information, call 510-397-1268.

### Correction

In the last week's story about a problem with ranked-choice voting in Oakland, ("Election Snafu Involves Ranked Choice Voting," Jan. 5, 2023,) in addition to the San Leandro mayor's race,

the story mistakenly said that the San Leandro school board Area 2 race was close, but in fact that race was decided by a wide margin and didn't involve ranked-choice voting.

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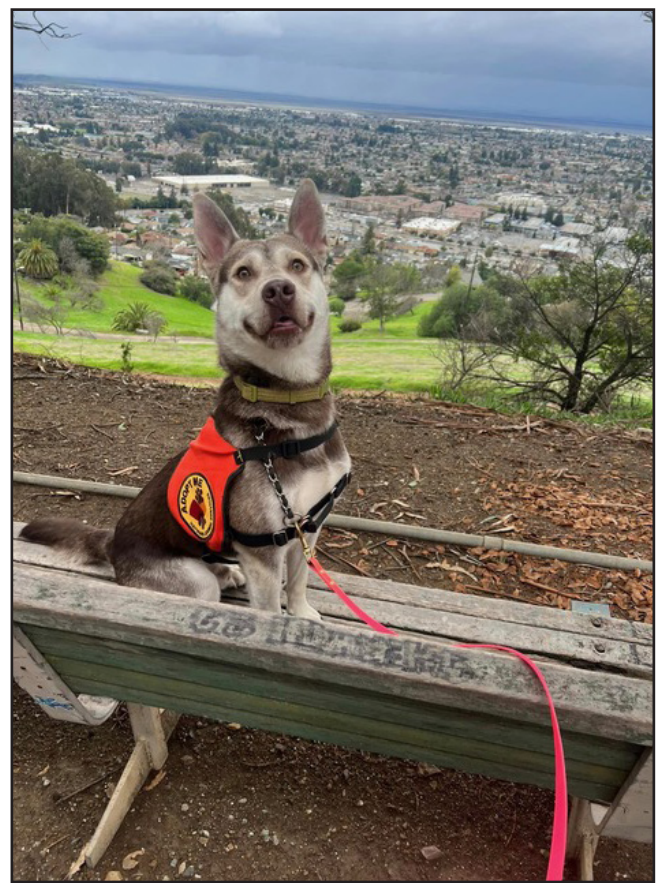
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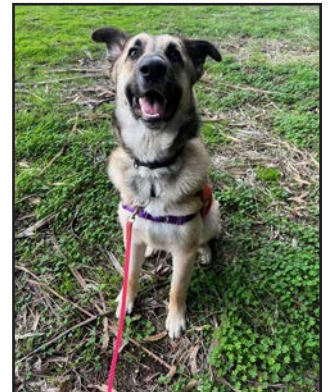


**Racer is a 1-year-old husky mix who is energetic and playful.**

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter are Racer, a husky mix, and Aiko, a German shepherd.

Racer is 1-year-old, male, husky mix who is energetic and playful. He gets along well with other dogs and would do well in a home with older children. He loves puzzle toys, tennis balls, and walks. His adoption is free, sponsored by SantaCon Hayward.

Aiko is a sweet, 1-year-old, male German Shepherd. He does well with other dogs and loves spending time with people. He would like a home with other dogs and older children. His adoption is free,



**Aiko is a sweet 1-year-old German Shepherd who loves spending time with people.**

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For more information on Aiko or Racer, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at 510-

*Audra Elliott*

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## Community Calendar

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Community Cleanup and Barbecue

City Councilman Bryan Azevedo and the San Leandro with the San Leandro African American Chamber of Commerce and Bay Area Business Roundtable will host a cleanup and barbecue in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. on Saturday, Jan. 14, from 10 a.m. to noon at Marina Park in the Seagull Picnic Area, 14001 Monarch Bay Drive. Rain or shine.

Weekly Manor Branch

Story Times

Join the Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd., for stories, songs and fun at Weekly Story Time, starting this week. Toddler story time is every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., and Preschool story time is every Thursday at 1:30 p.m. For more information, call 510-577-7971.

New Year, New You Workshop with

Life coach Kai Neptune

The Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd., will present Kai Neptune, a local certified Magnetic Mind and Life Coach on Tuesday, Jan. 17, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Neptune will guide us through the deeper questions of: What does a life I love look like? How can I create such a life? and What is in my way? This event is best suited for Adults 18+, Space may be limited.

East Bay Parks Manager

To Speak on Climate Change

Join the Friends of San Leandro Creek's meeting in the Surlene Grant Community Meeting Room, next to the police station, 901 East 14th St., on Tuesday, Jan. 24 from 6 to 8 p.m. Deputy General Manager of East Bay Regional Parks District Dr. Ana Alvarez will talk about climate change and how it will affect us and our parks. (For more details and to reserve your spot, go to Eventbrite - Dr. Ana Alvarez Deputy General Manager of EBRPD discusses Climate Change, or email Slevenson@sanleandro.org

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.bgcsl.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.

Grant Avenue Foundation

Champagne and Crab Brunch

The Grant Avenue Foundation is hosting a Champagne and Crab Brunch fundraiser on Sunday, Feb. 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the San Leandro Boys & Girls Club, 2200 San Leandro Blvd. Free Mimosas on the patio, no-host bar, raffle baskets, live music, special guest. Chef Ryan's special Patio menu – salad, pasta, bread, crab. Tickets: \$75, or \$80 at the president's table. Tickets: Eventbrite.com –search: Champagne and Crab.

Extras Needed for

Iowa's Finest

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

## Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame Accepting Nominations

The Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame is now accepting nominations of local women making a difference. The nomination deadline is Jan. 20.

Nominations can be submitted in thirteen categories that span most fields of work, including business, community service, culture & art, justice, education, philanthropy, STEM, Health, and education. There are also categories for emerging leaders, high school youth and non-traditional careers.

Nominations will be evaluated by a select panel of judges in February, and inductees will be honored at an awards

ceremony and luncheon on Saturday, March 25, at the Ascension Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Oakland. This event has historically brought out over 500 guests and dignitaries to honor women warriors of Alameda County.

The Hall of Fame was established in 1993 by County Administrator Susan S. Muranishi to celebrate local women making a difference in the diverse communities of Alameda County and to preserve their stories in the county archives.

Submit a nomination online at [www.acgov.org/whof](http://www.acgov.org/whof) or call 510-272-3882 for more information.

## Farsi-English Storytime At the SL Main Library

The San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., will present Farsi-English Storytime on Saturday, Jan. 21, at 10:30 a.m.

Enjoy books, songs, and

rhymes in English and Farsi, followed by coloring and crafts.

Great for increasing early literacy skills and making friends. Best for ages 1-6.

## MLK Day of Service San Leandro Creek Cleanup

Join the Friends of San Leandro Creek for a creek cleanup on Saturday, Jan. 21, from 10 a.m. to noon at San Leandro Creek on Hegenberger Road in Oakland. Meet at the south-east side of the bridge over San Leandro Creek on Hegenberger Road. Park inside gated area by the bridge (by the Friends sign) that crosses the creek, next door to HegenBurgers.

Picking up trash helps keep our creek beautiful and healthy. Martin Luther King Day of Service is a fun, community-building event for all ages.

Youth, scout, church, school groups and individuals are welcome. City of Oakland and Friends of San Leandro Creek waivers must be signed and children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Waivers will be available to sign at event.

Get your school volunteer service hours. Water and snacks provided. Bring your reusable water bottle, gloves, wear heavy shoes and clothing you don't mind getting dirty. Vinyl gloves provided. Bring your own 5-gallon bucket to

collect trash for the dumpster.

To sign up go to Eventbrite and enter "MLK Day of Service Creek Cleanup"

For more information, email [Slevenson@sanleandro.org](mailto:Slevenson@sanleandro.org).

## News Briefs

San Leandro Adult School Open House

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](mailto:kkaady@slusd.us)

Grey to Speak at Meeting of 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](http://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.

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).

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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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There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. ¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

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The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y dirección de la corte es):

**Superior Court of California, County of Alameda**  
1225 Fallon Street Oakland, CA 94612 Rene C. Davidson Courthouse  
CASE NUMBER: (Alainero del Caso).  
RG19047702

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):  
James Watts 6019 Pinewood Road Oakland, CA 94611 510-653-9002.

If You Don't Know Beans...

Beans have been a food staple throughout the world for thousands of years. Once considered “peasant” food, they are one of today’s super foods – rich in fiber, protein, calcium, phosphorus and iron – yet low in sodium and fat, and completely cholesterol-free.

Beans have a long history in California, first grown to supply food for miners during the Gold Rush. Today the state produces about a dozen types of dried beans, all of which are interchangeable in recipes.

When buying, inspect the package and look for firm, clean, whole beans of uniform size and color. Dried beans should be less than one year old – older beans take much longer to cook.

Pick over beans, removing any broken beans, stones, or other foreign matter, then rinse them in cold water.

There are two steps to cooking beans – soaking and cooking, and a couple of important rules to follow (*see box at right*).

Although dried beans are by far the best value, canned beans are acceptable for nearly all recipes, saving time for busy cooks.

THREE BEAN PASTA

- 1 pound medium or wide egg noodles, uncooked
- 1 (15-ounce) can kidney beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 (15-ounce) can chickpeas, rinsed and drained
- 1 cup frozen green beans, thawed
- 1 small red onion, chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, seeds and ribs removed, chopped
- 3 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 3 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

Prepare pasta according to package directions; drain. Rinse under cold water and drain again.

In a large bowl, stir together the pasta, kidney beans, chickpeas, green beans, onion and bell pepper. In a small bowl, stir together the remaining ingredients.

Toss pasta with dressing and serve. Serves 4 to 6.

*Note:* One pound of dry noodles will produce a cooked amount of 5 cups. Other pasta shapes may be substituted for the pound of noodles, however, a different amount (about 10 ounces) is needed as one pound of macaroni, spaghetti, penne, etc. equals 8 cups cooked volume.



ONE-DISH ROSEMARY CHICKEN & WHITE BEANS

- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1-1/2 teaspoons dried rosemary
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 8 skinless and boneless chicken thighs (1 pound)
- 1 (14-1/2 ounce) can stewed tomatoes, undrained
- 1 (15-ounce) can navy beans,

rinsed and drained  
1/4 cup pitted kalamata olives, chopped

Heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Combine rosemary, salt and pepper; sprinkle over one side of chicken.

Place chicken in pan with seasoned side down, cook 3 minutes.

Reduce heat to medium and turn chicken. Add tomatoes and beans, cover and simmer 10 minutes or until chicken is done.

Stir in olives. Yields 4 servings.

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Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es):  
Sacred Space Therapy & Coaching, located at 20885 Redwood Road #142 Castro Valley, CA 94546. in Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Crystal Landa, LMFT, 20885 Redwood Road #142 Castro Valley, CA 94546. 4537 Edwards Lane Suite A Castro Valley CA 94546 This business is conducted by an Individual. This business commenced N/A  
/s/ Crystal Landa, LMFT  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on date indicated by file stamp above.  
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**DEC 29, JAN 05, 12, 19, 2023**  
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/s/ Clayton Davis  
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The name of the business(es):  
Rickey's Sports Lounge, located at 15028 Hesperian Blvd., San Leandro, CA 94578. in Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): S&J Alliance Group. LLC, 4500 Bell CT Richmond, CA 94804. This business is conducted by an Limited Liability Company.  
This business commenced N/A  
/s/ Ramonn Smith  
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The name of the business(es):  
The Barb Hardy Group, located at 2367 Croyden Place San Leandro, CA 94577. in Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): The Barb Hardy Group, located at 2367 Croyden Place San Leandro, CA 94577. This business is conducted by a Corporation.  
This business commenced 12/16/2022  
/s/ Barbara Hardy  
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The name of the business(es):  
Heart luminations, located at 244 Cherry Street San Leandro, CA 94577. in Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Erica Hooper, 244 Cherry Street San Leandro, CA 94577. This business is conducted by an Individual. This business commenced 11/01/22  
/s/ Erica Hooper  
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/s/ Clayton Davis  
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NAME STATEMENT  
Pursuant to Business and  
Professions Code  
Sections 17900-17930

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/s/Ohn Myint  
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NAME STATEMENT  
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The name of the business(es):  
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/s/ Solange Aboke  
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# HEALTH & FITNESS

## How to Get Better Fitness Results in 2023

By Mitch Rothbardt  
San Leandro Times

The Oxford Language dictionary defines gimmick as: a trick or device intended to attract attention, publicity, or business.

Gimmicks bother me. I hate them.

They're designed to do two things:

1. Take your money.
2. Blame you when they don't work.

Here's some examples:

- Diets that eliminate entire food groups. "Carbs are the enemy!"

- Workouts that gave an actor their "Superhero physique!"

- Food that "Increases your metabolism and burns stubborn fat!"

- A device that "Tightens up those trouble spots!"

- Diets promising big weight loss in a short amount of time. "Lose 15 pounds in three weeks!"

You get the picture.

And that's how devious these things are. People know what's happening and fall for it anyway.

Why? Because, oh boy, do we want what they're selling us. Who doesn't want to look like Wolverine or Black Widow? Or trim their belly just by drinking apple cider vinegar? Who wouldn't want their perceived problems fixed so easily?

Maybe you wouldn't fall for any of those lines, but I've had smart, hard-working people ask me about programs, supplements, and gadgets that promise each of these get-rich-quick-scheme-y things even while knowing deep-down what garbage they are.

So, I know it's great to tell you what *not* to do, but here's three things you *can* do to get real, meaningful results.

- Be consistent. People resort to unsustainable meth-

ods of dieting and exercise because they believe one meal or workout makes a huge difference. It doesn't. What does is being consistent over a period of time.

- Work hard. This gets tricky and without an explanation can lead to one of our worst enemies: The dreaded and highly unhelpful all-or-nothing-thinking trap.

Not every workout needs to be or even should be some crazy ultra-intense effort. Look at whatever your comfort zone is and just work slightly outside of it.

Work just a little bit faster. Lift just a little bit heavier. No need to be crazy. Hard work + consistency is an unbeatable combination.

- Be patient. All our bodily functions are there for one thing. Survival. The reason for everything our body does may seem awfully complicated until we think of it in those terms.

That's why creating last-

ing changes can be difficult. They take energy, which takes away from our body's ability to fight off any kind of immediate threat...like being without food for days at a time, or being chased by a saber-toothed tiger. While we usually don't have to worry about being attacked by a woolly mammoth at the TJ Maxx, our bodies are still wired to think that way so just know that results won't happen overnight. Despite what they told you on the package.

- Ask questions. If you don't know the best and most sustainable way to reach your goals, find someone reliable to ask.

Keep these things in mind and you'll achieve real results that you'll be able to hold on to.

*Mitch Rothbardt is the owner and head trainer at Castro Valley Fitness. Reach him by email at: Mitch@CastroValleyFitness.com*

## Lee Sworn in for New Term in Congress

Congresswoman Barbara Lee was officially sworn in as United States Representative for California's 12th Congressional District, representing the people of the East Bay in the 118th Congress.

"I am honored that the people of the East Bay have entrusted me with the great responsibility of representing them in Congress, and deeply grateful to have such engaged and enlightened constituents. As a result of the 2020 Census and redistricting, our beautiful 13th district's number is now 12.

"After four days, thousands of votes, 15 ballots, and the longest Speaker election since 1858, during the Buchanan presidency, we can finally begin legislating in the 118th Congress. I was honored to serve as one of two official Democratic tellers for the Speaker's race and I'm looking forward to continuing the work of putting people over politics. I will continue fighting for safer communities; ending poverty; affordable housing; combatting homelessness; climate action;

reproductive freedom; racial justice; global peace and security, an equitable health care system; an economy that works for all, and so much more. We have work ahead of us, but with our most diverse and committed House Democratic Caucus yet, we'll resist the right-wing's extremist agenda and improve the lives and livelihoods of our communities."

Congresswoman Lee is a member of the House Appropriations Committee and Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on State and Foreign Operations.

She serves as Co-Chair of the Steering & Policy Committee, former Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, Chair Emeritus of the Progressive Caucus, Co-Chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus Health Task Force, and Co-Chair of the Pro-Choice Caucus.

As a member of the Steering and Policy Committee, she is the highest ranking Black woman appointed to House Leadership.

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# REAL ESTATE GALLERY



## Are You in a Zoom Town?

Prior to COVID-19, numerous companies vied for dominance in the virtual meeting space. Microsoft Teams, GoToMeeting, Google Meetup, Skype, Join.me, Cisco WebEx and others all chased each other for market dominance. Once the pandemic hit, however, they all got run over by newcomer Zoom which, due to its simplicity and ease of operation, took over first place in a few months.

There are some products which, because of their market dominance at one time or another, are lucky enough to have their brand name define the category. Examples would be Kleenex, Xerox, Jacuzzi,

Scotch tape, Popsicle, Band-Aid and so on. We can also add Zoom to this list as most people, myself included, now set up a "Zoom meeting" instead of a "web conference." Zoom has become so dominant it even has a cultural trend named after it, combining both its name and the concept of boom towns. Zoom Towns.

Wikipedia defines a Zoom Town as a community that experiences a significant population increase due to an influx of remote workers. As rents have soared in regions like the San Francisco Bay Area, workers, freed from the constraints of daily office visits, have headed out to areas like Boise, ID, Phoenix, AZ, Charlotte, NC and Austin TX. The result in these communities has been a sharp increase in local home values and rents. While the short-term effect has been drastic for recipient cities receiving sudden sharp increases in migrations, it's been suggested that as the trend becomes normalized, it may actually make rents and home prices lower across the board.

While some companies have ordered their troops back to the office, others have discovered that a significant amount of

work can be done by home-based workers, paving the way for more employees to continue working remotely. Many of these are looking to relocate to the sunbelt states, with their lower land values and more developer-friendly governments.

If we do indeed see an increased migration to these lower-cost regions, thousands of migrating workers would reap significant financial benefits from the lower housing costs in their Zoom Town destinations. Additionally, the vacancies they leave behind could help ease the high housing costs in areas like Silicon Valley as more inventory becomes available.

Kicked into high gear by the pandemic, Zoom meetings are here to stay and may, if things work out, also be part of the solution helping lower housing prices.

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## Roses: Patent or Non-Patent Variety?

**Q** I'm going to replace several struggling roses. Should I plant patent or non-patent varieties? I've been told that the patent varieties are better performers than the non-patent.

**By Buzz Bertolero**  
THE DIRT GARDENER

**A** The Plant Patent Act of 1930 introduced intellectual property or patent rights for plants. It allows plant breeders to recover their development costs from "asexually propagated" plants, aka roots, divisions, and cuttings, but not seeds. This includes fruit trees, roses, and today ornamental trees and shrubs. Nearly half of the 3,010 plant patents issued between 1930 and 1970 were for roses. Jackson & Perkins, Armstrong Roses, Weeks, and Star Roses contribute to a staggering share of U.S. plant patents. Anyone who wishes to propagate and distribute the variety must purchase a patent tag for each plant from the hybridizer. Although we see new varieties every year, they are not developed overnight. A new introduction is the result of many, many years of trial and error. The patent tag cost varies significantly between varieties. It could be anywhere from a quarter to



**Roses are same whether non-patent or patent variety.**

several dollars. After seventeen years, the patent expires, becoming a non-patent variety. Now, anyone can reproduce it free of charge. The rose is the same whether it's a non-patent or patent variety. Newer rose varieties are more resistant to diseases than old-timers. Today, hybridizers are cross-breeding resistant varieties from previous years for the new varieties of the 21st century. I'm always curious as to the parentage of each year's new introductions. It gives me



a clue as to how a particular variety will perform in our varied microclimates. The rose care products of today will effectively control the rose diseases, so I'd use some other characteristics as my primary focus in selecting varieties.

**NOTE:** Here are a list of the new roses for 2023 <https://www.rose.org/single-post/2022-new-rose-introductions> <https://www.jacksonandperkins.com/jp-new-roses/c/JP-New-Roses/> Also check your favorite garden center website for their rose list.

**Q** The cold has damaged my Mexican Sage plants. Is there a right or wrong time to prune them back? I'd like to maintain them year-round as they provide a colorful feeding environment for Hummingbirds.

**A** Mexican Sage is not unusual to turn brown from the winter cold. I'd expect this to happen every year. I prefer to wait until the end of February or the beginning of March to prune them; however, it can be done at any time, weather permitting. Mexican Sage produces all of its new growth from the base of the plant. It produces no lateral branches and blooms on the terminal end of each shoot. It should bloom around Memorial Day and continue through the first cold night. Thus, I'd prune it off at the ground with a pair of shears. It would help if you also cleaned out all of the fallen debris that has gathered during the past growing season. And in March, feed them with an Organic All Purpose Plant Food which should be sufficient for the entire year.

Buzz Bertolero is an Advanced California Certified Nursery Professional. The Dirt Gardener's website is [www.dirtgardener.com](http://www.dirtgardener.com) and questions can be sent by email to: [buzz@dirtgardener.com](mailto:buzz@dirtgardener.com).



## RECENT HOME SALES

Home sales information is compiled and provided by CalResource and includes Bedrooms, Square Feet and Year Built when available

### CASTRO VALLEY

Total: 9 – Average Price: \$1,002,333  
High: \$1,420,000 – Low: \$650,000

4147 Ravenwood Place 94546:  
\$650,000 [2 BD - 1,168 SF - 1970  
2529 Nordell Avenue 94546:  
\$785,000 [3 BD - 1,150 SF - 1953  
17512 Dorson Lane 94546:  
\$800,000 [2 BD - 892 SF - 1949  
4091 Meadowview Drive 94546:  
\$810,000 [3 BD - 1,071 SF - 1952  
3256 Anita Court 94546: \$1,000,000  
[4 BD - 1,980 SF - 1966  
12000 Cull Canyon Road 94552:  
\$1,130,000 [1,330 SF - ]  
21884 Tanglewood Drive 94546:  
\$1,150,000 [3 BD - 1,993 SF - 1951  
17911 Trenton Drive 94546:  
\$1,276,000 [2 BD - 1,838 SF - 1961  
4866 Seaview Avenue 94546:  
\$1,420,000 [5 BD - 2,354 SF - 1950

### HAYWARD

Total: 18 – Average Price: \$812,333  
High: \$1,500,000 – Low: \$424,500

2325 Valle Vista Avenue 94544:  
\$424,500 [2 BD - 725 SF - 1984  
21062 Gary Drive #221 94546:  
\$535,000 [2 BD - 1,056 SF - 1980  
803 Climbing Rose Court 94544:

\$550,000 [4 BD - 1,312 SF - 1980

22012 Sevilla Road #92 94541:  
\$568,000 [2 BD - 1,241 SF - 1986  
377 Medford Avenue 94541:  
\$620,000 [3 BD - 995 SF - 1943  
17990 Azalea Road 94541: \$627,500  
[3 BD - 1,332 SF - 1973  
22760 Corkwood Street 94541:  
\$660,000 [3 BD - 1,024 SF - 1951  
19735 Waverly Avenue 94541:  
\$697,000 [3 BD - 1,182 SF - 1952  
1272 Encina Street 94544: \$710,000  
[3 BD - 1,119 SF - 1956  
1147 Cotter Way 94541: \$710,000  
[2 BD - 824 SF - 1949  
24047 Edloe Drive 94541: \$750,000  
[3 BD - 1,052 SF - 1953  
27088 Lemay Way 94544: \$830,000  
[4 BD - 1,522 SF - 1957  
24824 Townsend Avenue 94544:  
\$840,000 [3 BD - 1,176 SF - 1957  
24719 Townsend Avenue 94544:  
\$850,000 [3 BD - 1,382 SF - 1958  
24221 2nd Street 94541:  
\$1,000,000 [3 BD - 2,009 SF - 2020  
1926 East Avenue 94541:  
\$1,300,000 [4 BD - 2,407 SF - 1992  
1186 Overlook Avenue 94542:  
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2177 Pappas Place 94542:  
\$1,500,000 [5 BD - 2,868 SF - 1994

### SAN LEANDRO

Total: 12 – Average Price: \$786,500  
High: \$1,263,000 – Low: \$415,000

11132 Carpentier Street #409 94577:  
\$415,000 [2 BD - 1,180 SF - 1983  
14325 Seagate Drive 94577:  
\$520,000 [2 BD - 904 SF - 1984  
246 Caliente Drive #74 94578:  
\$620,000 [3 BD - 1,245 SF - 1980  
2474 Belvedere Avenue 94577:  
\$650,000 [3 BD - 1,296 SF - 1972  
1243 Minerva Street 94577:  
\$700,000 [3 BD - 1,322 SF - 1947  
16386 Mateo Street 94578:  
\$700,000 [2 BD - 1,018 SF - 1947  
1950 Fairbanks Street 94577:  
\$745,000 [3 BD - 1,141 SF - 1951  
14301 Santiago Road 94577:  
\$850,000 [3 BD - 1,126 SF - 1963  
15063 Juniper Street 94579:  
\$890,000 [3 BD - 1,721 SF - 1954  
955 Burkhart Avenue 94579:  
\$935,000 [4 BD - 1,392 SF - 1955  
1473 Daily Drive 94577: \$1,150,000  
[3 BD - 2,550 SF - 1958  
2515 Marineview Drive 94577:  
\$1,263,000 [3 BD - 1,962 SF - 1963

### SAN LORENZO

Total: 4 – Average Price: \$829,750  
High: \$930,000 – Low: \$770,000

17731 Via Segundo 94580:  
\$770,000 [3 BD - 1,000 SF - 1944  
15848 Connolly Avenue 94580:

\$789,000 [4 BD - 1,603 SF - 1951  
1233 Bockman Road #7 94580:  
\$830,000 [3 BD - 1,361 SF - 2017  
17267 Via San Ardo 94580:  
\$930,000 [3 BD - 1,185 SF - 1951

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## WEEKEND GARDENER

### Rainy-Day Chores

Though it hasn't been very rainy so far this January, more wet weather is likely this next week. Take this time to reassess your garden's "grand plan." Take a look at your yard in the winter grayness. If it looks too bleak, visit your local garden center to get ideas for what plants and shrubs look good during the winter season. And, if you enjoy growing plants from seed, this is the perfect time to get out those seed catalogs and start ordering. Spring will be here before you know it. Catalogs generally offer a greater variety of flowers and vegetables that you'll find on store racks.

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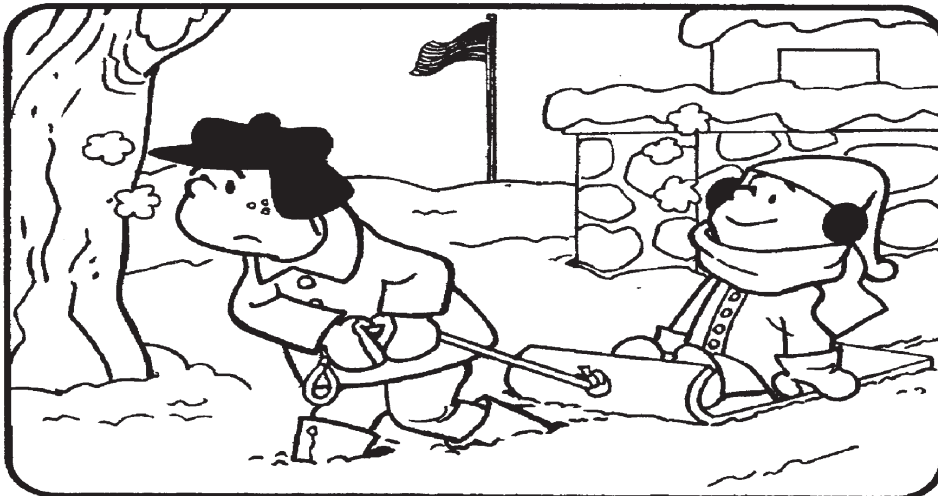


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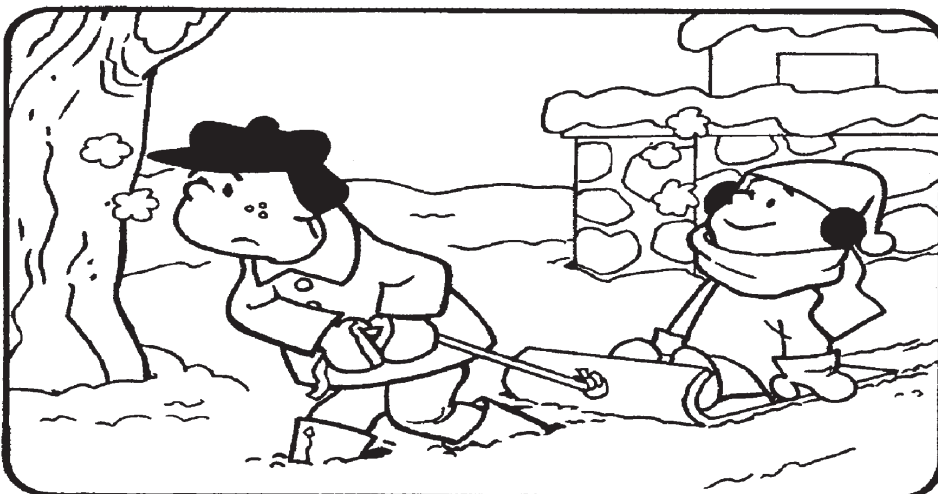
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# Current Wet Weather Pattern Might Change in a Week

By Mike Pechner  
Special to the Times

The longer range forecast models have been consistent in showing the end of the current wet pattern around the 19th or 20th.

The not so good news is that there is more rain on the way late Thursday and again this weekend and for a few days the following week, but

the frequency and amount appears to be less which should reduce the flooding potential.

"The Atmospheric River" component of the wet pattern appears to be losing its energy from the Jet Stream which stretches west-east across the Pacific. In the short term, some of the flooding we have seen up to this point is likely to continue through early

next week.

So far, the mainstream rivers, Sacramento, American, Napa and Russian have only had minor flooding. The timing of high tides and the period of maximum rainfall have a lot to do whether flooding does occur. Fortunately we are past the "King tides."

The saturated ground is a major concern at least for the

next week or so because even lighter winds will bring down more trees. The three-year drought has weakened many trees making them more vulnerable to disease and dying.

Most of the flooding has been near the Bay. It's likely those areas will continue to see some high water. Area creeks will continue to run high. East Bay Municipal

Water District Reports storage is 83 percent of average with Pardee Reservoir 98 percent full.

Rainfall is 173 percent of average district wide.

Hayward Airport has received over 15 inches of rain since October 1st, which is 241 percent above average. After a cold and dry November and a wet December, the

rest on this month sees warmer days and milder nights during the last ten days of the month.

*The "Weather and You" by Meteorologist Mike Pechner, Golden West Meteorology, former KTVU Meteorologist and currently the Weather and Climate Specialist for CBS News Bureau, San Francisco.*

## OPINION

### LETTERS to the EDITOR

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#### Many Ways to Honor Martin Luther King, Jr.

Editor,

Many of us are feeling over-extended, destabilized, under the weather and in need of a ray of hope. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a strong voice of hope. Monday January 16 is the day set aside to honor his life, his voice, his vision and his legacy. Remembering Dr. King, doing something in his name is a good way to get a dose of hope.

I looked online. The City is holding the annual student Oratory and Poetry Slam at the Marina Community Center starting at 10:30 a.m. Even if you don't have kids in school, hearing youth speak brings hope. East Bay Regional Parks is hosting day of service events at the MLK Shoreline off Hegenberger that you need to register for. There is something to do.

Unity in the Community San Leandro wants to do a 'pop-up' zoom reading of Dr. King's speech "The Other America" on Monday. We'll be trying to figure out how at our monthly meeting on January 14th. We meet (currently over zoom) on the second Saturday of every month at 9 a.m. Email [unityinthecommunitySL@gmail.com](mailto:unityinthecommunitySL@gmail.com) if you want to join.

You can find a recording of Dr. King giving "The Other America" speech at Stanford in 1967 on YouTube at "Martin Luther King, Jr. - The Other America." Watching the whole 45 minutes is worth it but people have posted many excerpts. Or, read the text of this speech or Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech. Find hope.

Ginny Madsen  
San Leandro

#### Concerned About EBMUD's Quarry Plan

Editor,

I have been a resident of San Leandro for 40 years. My son attended San Leandro schools from Broadmoor Preschool Co-op through SLHS. I worked as a volunteer in the schools for many years including work with the San Leandro Sports Foundation to pass Measure M to repair school physical education facilities.

When I first read of EBMUD's plans to fill the quarry off Lake Chabot Road and create a park for more recreational access, I thought it would be a great idea for our community. After reading what their actual plans entail, I discovered I was totally wrong. EBMUD's plan would require 60 to 100 dump trucks to transport soil five days a week for the next 40 to 80 years (that is not a typo!) up Lake Chabot Road, dump the dirt at the Quarry site, then travel over Lake Chabot Road to Fairmount Ave. in Castro Valley and down to 580.

The Quarry site is located directly over two traces of the Hayward Fault. Recent heavy rains have again created several rockslides from the hillsides onto Lake Chabot Road, along with a total undercutting of the roadway in several areas, which has led to its current closure.

There are also new open fissures and mudslides on the Quarry hillside itself. The foundation of Lake Chabot Road has been fragile for many years, and even spending millions of dollars to fix it now, will still not support 60 to 100 dump trucks a day weighing up to 22 tons, nor will the hillsides above

be a safe location to dump tons of dirt. Please visit the website at [www.SaveLakeChabotRoad.com](http://www.SaveLakeChabotRoad.com) to help our community stop this project in this very unstable location.

Anne Cawood  
San Leandro

#### Identity Politics Prisoner

Editor,

Doug Jones's narrative last week distracted from my topic of censorship (Letters to the Editor, Dec. 29, 2022) by pointing out that Mr. Assange had some supposed appreciation for Mr. Ron Paul and communicated with Donald Trump, Jr., at times. If true, I do not think Mr. Assange's imprisonment in solitary confinement for the freedom to speak to politicians, or their sons, is justified.

Mr. Assange, an Australian, does not have American partisan leanings. As an investigative journalist, his interest is investigating and reporting on the injustices occurring worldwide. The criminal attack (which Mr. Assange published) on innocent Iraqi citizens by the Apache helicopter crews was perpetrated in 2007, under George Bush's administration, so it's hard to believe that Mr. Assange is a partisan cheerleader, who solely supports Republican political points. Again, his sole interest as an investigative journalist is to report what the people should know or be aware of, i.e., the injustices perpetrated by the national state, and be free from liability for doing so.

Mr. Assange's case is supported by legal precedent. The government's case against Daniel Ellsberg, whose Pentagon Papers was published in 1971 in the New York Times, mirrors that of Mr. Assange. Mr. Ellsberg was also charged under the 1917 Espionage Act for exposing classified information, but the US Supreme Court dismissed the case. The court decreed that the First Amendment guarantees the right to publish. Mr. Ellsberg's case sets a precedent for a publisher's right to publish freely without fear of punishment.

It appears that the government is using Mr. Assange as a pawn to conveniently scare other investiga-

tive whistleblowers from exercising their right to report to us, and what we have, the right to know. Freedom of speech is not a crime. Mr. Assange should be released immediately.

Laurel Griffith  
San Leandro

#### Keep Letters Short and Local

Editor,

I read the letters section of the 1/5 edition with much disappointment. Several letters, both way too long (300 words is too long, maybe 200 would be better?) and had nothing to do with San Leandro, and everything to do with weak, flawed, or conspiratorial premises on politics and the world.

I would like to suggest a new policy for the letters section: Let's hold letters to things local and keep them shorter. Enough with political grandstanding or predictions of armageddon. Letters should be about things in and around our community, good or bad. This paper is, after all, a San Leandro paper, not a world paper.

If someone wants these other types of letters, read social media or get a national newspaper. The letter on the Salute to the Library is a good example of what we should see going forward.

Owen Rubin  
San Leandro

#### 2023 Shows Promise

Editor,

The San Leandro Times' first edition of 2023 shows a promising direction; first, there's an article that points to some electoral shenanigans in Oakland. This is a small contribution to the bigger problem denounced by the greatest president the United States ever had, Donald J. Trump, who, since 2016 stated that "The system is rigged, folks." As a Precinct Inspector for twenty years in Alameda County I have a good knowledge about how the system can be manipulated.

Then, in the same issue, we can read a beautiful letter by Lorin Peters, a denunciation of the imperialist direction of the United States and the reasoning for their motivation. There are also several quotes

in the letter that illustrate the point; one that should've been added is the statement of Major General Smedley D. Butler who wrote: "I spent thirty-three years and four months in active military service... And during that time I spent most of my time being a high-class muscle man for Big Business, for Wall Street and for the bankers. In short I was a racketeer, a gangster for capitalism."

But the letters also have a discordant note from Doug Jones with a virulent attack on Julian Assange for denouncing U.S. imperialism's crimes in Iraq, under the fraudulent guise of Colin Powell's "weapons of mass destruction."

Democrats hate freedom of the press and freedom of speech, except for their own. To complete the picture Jones also attacks former Senator Ron Paul, a great fighter against the status quo – a bipartisan system of the corporations, best exemplified in that picture of Biden with Mitch McConnell.

Leo T. West  
San Leandro

#### Wondering About What Our City Is Doing

Editor,

A couple of things make me wonder what the City is doing.

Have you noticed that channel 15 (Comcast) says San Leandro City but when you get there it reads "This programming is no longer available." It has been like this for a long time.

Have you noticed that the Senior Center has no heat? Is this because of money? If so, how did we come up with the money (I think it was a large sum) for a toilet for the homeless. A few of us took a class there a few weeks ago and had to bring blankets the next week so we didn't freeze.

Lastly, it's funny that 143rd Avenue from East 14th Street to Washington Avenue has a sign saying 30 mph, yet we have paid to have machines checking our speed for weeks showing the speed limit 25 mph. What's going on with our City?

Gerry Mellen  
San Leandro



# Supervisors Vote for Renter Protections in Unincorporated Area

By Michael Singer  
San Leandro Times

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors are giving more than 60,000 renters in unincorporated communities new legal protections.

At its meeting yesterday, the supervisors approved three ordinances that were first reviewed on December 20. The vote comes as the county's COVID eviction moratorium is expected to expire at the end of April.

"It's exciting," said Paulina Jacobo, an Ashland renter. "This vote reminds us that justice will be brought to our

historically ignored community and to those who were unjustly displaced. We cannot forget about us."

Unlike their neighbors in Alameda County cities, renters in the Eden Area, which includes Ashland, Cherryland, Fairview, San Lorenzo, Hayward Acres, and Castro Valley, have no local tenant protections. Renter-advocate groups have long complained of skyrocketing rents, uninhabitable living conditions, and no-fault evictions.

There are more than 140,000 residents in the unincorporated communities, and

renters make up more than half of unincorporated residents in the unincorporated area.

The three ordinances include:

- **Just Cause Eviction:** This proposal expands California's eviction protections and creates additional restrictions before landlords can evict renters. It will establish a fee on landlords to implement new restrictions such as requiring owners and their family to live in the unit for five years if a tenancy is terminated through owner move-in.

- **Rent Registry:** This proposal requires housing providers to provide their rent rolls and tenancy information to the county and establish a new county department to monitor, control, and report publicly on the housing market.

- **Fair Chance:** Limits a landlord's ability to use criminal background checks to screen a prospective tenant. And it allows existing tenants to move in family members without the landlord's permission and bypass screening criteria regardless of their criminal background.

This was the first time newly elected District 3 Supervisor Lena Tam got a chance to vote. Her predecessor, Wilma Chan, was a staunch supporter of renter's rights. In its December 20 vote, District 4 Supervisors Nate Miley abstained from the first reading. Supervisors Richard Valle of District 2, David Brown of District 3, and Keith Carson of District 5 voted for Just Cause.

The Board of Supervisors has previously endorsed rent stabilization, proactive rental inspection, and an anti-harassment ordinance. This legislation is being drafted in three phases.

"To effectively protect tenants from displacement, it is essential that just cause for eviction be implemented in tandem with rent stabilization and anti-harassment policies," said Megan Nguyen, Policy Associate at East Bay Housing Organizations.

"This ensures that landlords cannot evict tenants to increase rents or raise rents so high that tenants are left with no option but to leave," Nguyen said.

Landlord advocates with the California Apartment Association (CAA) called the vote premature, considering

the current eviction moratorium is still underway, and the cost to taxpayers to implement the ordinances still hasn't been formally studied.

"These ordinances suffered from significant legal deficiencies. Adopting them would have rushed through problematic laws with sweeping consequences," said Rhovy Lyn Antonio, CAA's senior vice president of local public affairs.

## Trees: Trimming so tall trees won't fall over

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storm and damage homes on Lee Avenue, Robustelli said. The city faced significant liability with the height of the trees, she added.

A tree company brought in a big crane and set it up on Bancroft Avenue in front of the Veterans Memorial Building. They hoisted a guy up into the limbs who had a buzz saw tied to his waist.

Once up in the tree, the worker tied a line to the limbs before sawing them off, so the crane could lower the severed limbs to the ground.

By Tuesday a row of eucalyptus had been trimmed much shorter along the creek next to Memorial Park, with a few trees left to go closer to the bridge on Bancroft Avenue.

The row of eucalyptus along the creek shouldn't affect the shade at Memorial Park since the trees are on the north side of the park.

But two trees at Memorial Park – a cedar and a redwood – that were not planned to be cut down had to be removed because significant rot was

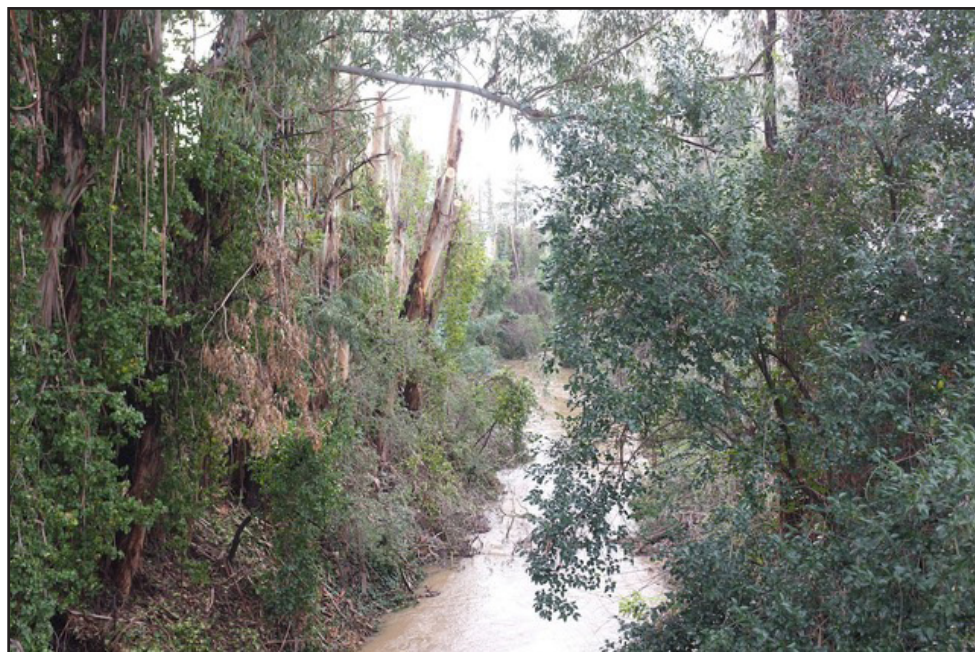


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**A tree crew trimmed the eucalyptus trees along the creek west of the Bancroft Avenue bridge. The trees already trimmed are in the background along a rapidly flowing San Leandro Creek.**

found at their base of their trunks, said the city manager.

Replacing the two trees removed from the park is on hold since there are plans to completely renovate Memorial Park next year, including making the city's first

completely ADA-accessible playground. Once the design plans are known, then the trees can be replaced.

Robustelli added that San Leandro is a member of the National Arbor Day Society and a Tree City USA designee for over 20 years, which

requires certain goals are met – things like planting new trees and tree maintenance funding. San Leandro is also using a grant from CalFire to plant 5,000 new trees in the city over the next three years.

## Arrest: Mayor issues statement on arrest

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arrested in San Leandro on Sunday by a task force made up of the Mariposa County Sheriff's Office, the Central California and Silicon Valley Internet Crimes Against Children Task Forces, and the FBI.

"The safety and protection of children is one of the most important jobs we have. Children need to know they are safe," said Mariposa County Sheriff Jeremy Briese.

The sheriff's office said that details about Harris' alleged crime will not be re-

leased "due to the sensitivity and continued investigation."

San Leandro Mayor Juan Gonzalez issued a statement included in the press release.

"These allegations, if proven true, are deeply concerning and undermine the public's trust in our public safety service," Gonzalez said. "We will work closely with our partner agencies to ensure that justice is served. Each day, our community places its trust in our public safety staff, and we absolutely understand the anger and disappointment

caused by the arrest of a first responder."

Harris is on paid administrative leave per his collective bargaining agreement as

an Alameda County Fire Department employee. The City will provide additional information when possible and in accordance with the law.

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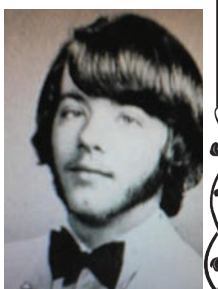


### Jane McDonald

Jane McDonald passed away December 28th at Oakland Kaiser Hospital. Jane was a member of the Sunshine Seniors at San Leandro Senior center. She also belonged to Friendly Connections at the main library. Jane liked to get on a bus with friends to go to the river rock Casino. Ellos Restaurant was her favorite she went alone and with her friends. Jane will be missed.

### Michael "Mike" Lee Lent

Michael "Mike" Lee Lent was called home to our Lord on January 4th 2023. He was born on January 24, 1952 in San José. He grew up in Oakland attending St. Bernard, Fremont High school and Laney college with honors. He leaves behind his wife Leticia Vilchis-Lent, daughter Daniela Vilchis-Lent, grandson Adam Caesar Vilchis-Delvalle, brothers, sisters, and a long list of nieces and nephews. Services will be held Monday, January 16th from 1:00pm - 7:00pm at Santos Robinson Mortuary in San Leandro.





# Billboards: Tacky billboards dropped on disadvantaged communities

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jurisdiction over billboards within their limits, such as San Leandro's highly visible one near the Marina Boulevard exit from northbound Interstate 880.

The Alameda County Taxpayers Association (ACTA), in a December 11 letter written by attorney Jason Bevis, cites several sections of the California Outdoor Advertising Act and other laws barring billboards in a designated "scenic corridor" section of a highway, excessive height, relocating a billboard to residential land, aesthetics and safety.

The ACTA also questioned a deal in which the county splits revenues received for the billboards, for the life of a 30-year contract, with an outside "billboard consultant."

The proposal to relocate the billboards to the freeway had earlier been opposed, last August 19, by the Eden Area Municipal Advisory Council (MAC), which advises the supervisors on local issues in Cherryland, Ashland, San Lorenzo and several smaller

unincorporated communities. The Sierra Club has also recently announced its opposition.

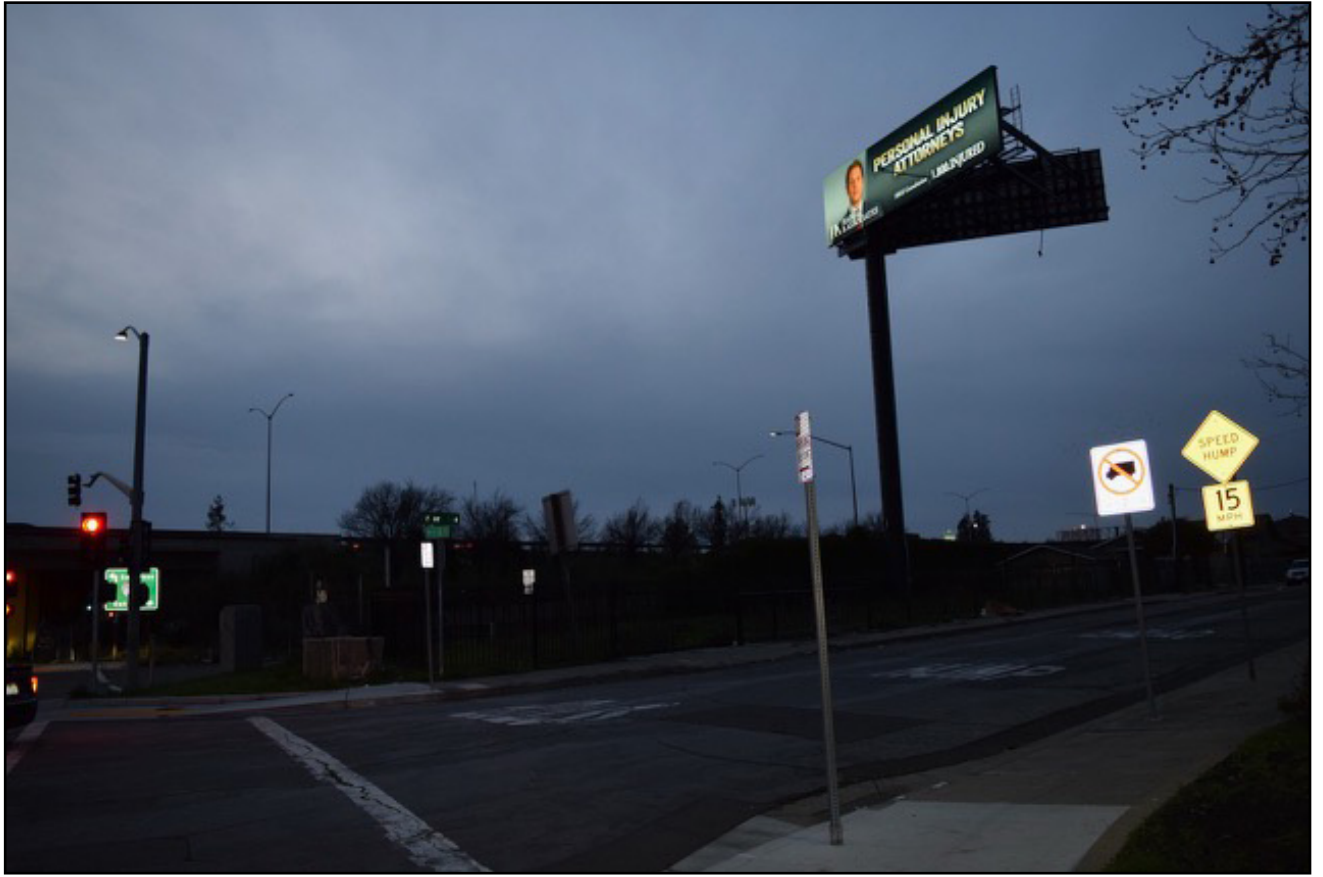
Damien Curry, who works with the county's Community Development Agency, said the proposed freeway billboard is legal and that it is not along an official scenic corridor. It has been approved as legal by Caltrans, he said, as well as being approved by the county Planning Commission and, in an earlier form, by the Board of Supervisors.

Curry also said Eden MAC had initially accepted the proposal and had suggested some modifications before deciding against it.

Eden MAC chair Tyler Dragoni said that the group, founded in 2019, was presented with the proposal at its first meeting as something that had already been approved. They at first focused on making it less intrusive, he said.

But Eden MAC gradually turned to opposing it outright, according to Dragoni.

But Dragoni said MAC members had soon realized that "there are a lot of protective laws in California."



PHOTOS BY MIKE McGUIRE

Billboard just off Interstate 880 North in Hayward, on Arbor Avenue by A Street freeway entrance.

They were helped in this realization by the efforts of the ACTA and its attorney Bevis, whom Dragoni said was the first attorney in decades to take an interest in the well-being of the Eden area.

"We're a disadvantaged community that the county drags all its undesirable things into," Dragoni said. "Project after project degrades, not uplifts, the community. Putting some billboards along a freeway hardly mitigates the harm done by dividing the community with a freeway in the first place."

What the MAC would like, said Dragoni, is for the county to do what the city of Hayward did when it redesigned Foothill Boulevard a few years ago. The city bought up the billboards along the

road, then tore them down.

Curry said that would be prohibitively expensive. This way the community gets rid of billboards along its streets, and gets fewer in return. He also points to the substantial revenues the county received from the outdoor advertising companies, which helps fund community projects in the unincorporated areas.

## Distracting Drivers

Bright, flashing digital billboards distracting drivers on the freeway is another argument against the plan.

Curry says that while rapidly flashing billboards could indeed distract drivers, the county's rules let images change only once every eight seconds.



Site of proposed billboard along Interstate 238 South (eastbound) in Ashland and Cherryland, just before East 14th Street and Interstate 580.

That's not good enough for Dragoni, though, who says the point of the billboard is to make drivers take their eyes off the road.

"You would think the Su-

pervisors would be a bit more attuned to the issue of distracted drivers so soon after a distracted driver killed one of their colleagues, Wilma Chan," he said.

## In-Person Martin Luther King Birthday Celebration Returns to Hayward

Hayward will pay tribute to the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a program of music and song, poetry starting at 4:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 16, at the Chabot College Performing Arts Complex.

The event will include a community-award recognitions, a keynote address by Chief of Police Toney Chaplin and other activities.

The program is sponsored by the Hayward South Alameda County NAACP,

Chabot College, Hayward Unified School District and the City of Hayward, and will feature performances by the Mt. Eden High School Choir, Hayward High School Jazz Band and Brett Harte Middle School Slam Poets.

The annual Hayward celebration of the great social justice and civil rights leader that takes place on the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday is returning to its live format after a two-year hiatus due to the COVID19 pandemic.

Keynote speaker Chaplin is the first African-American leader of the Hayward Police Department. Born one year and one week to the day after the assassination of Dr. King on April 4, 1968, Chief Chaplin grew up in Tulsa, Oklahoma, location of the Black Wall Street massacre, where a white mob attacked the thriving Greenwood business district on May 31, 1921, resulting in the death of more than 300 people.

Chaplin is a U.S. Army

veteran who went on to a 30-year career of service to the San Francisco Police Department where he held every rank from patrol officer to Interim Chief of Police before being named Hayward's 15th Chief of Police in July 2019.

For more information about the annual Hayward Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration, including attending the event, please contact Zach Ebadi of the City of Hayward at Zach.Ebadi@hayward-ca.gov.

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**ARIES (March 21 to April 19):** An old adversary wants to make amends now that a new year has commenced. The decision is yours, but wouldn't it be nice to share the new year with another friend?

**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** As news of your work gets around, expect to receive a special "gift" from influential contacts who could help you launch your upcoming projects for this year.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20):** Instead of fussing over what you didn't get to do during the holidays, relax and enjoy kudos for a job truly well done. A happy surprise awaits you soon.

**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** The best way to shake off lingering holiday blues is to reach out to some loved ones or close friends. A confusing situation starts to make sense in upcoming weeks.

**LEO (July 23 - August 22):** Special emotional rewards mark this time for Leos and Leonas who are able to open up to new relationships and the possibilities they offer during this upcoming year.

**VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22):** Your efforts to make time together memorable for some people in your life will be rewarded in some unexpected (but very welcome) ways this year.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22):** Be assured that your efforts to make this new year special for everyone won't go unnoticed by those who could make some important changes within your life.

**SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21):** Lots of folks want you to light up their days with your presence. But try to take some quiet time 'twixt the fun and entertainment to spend time with some very special people.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** While the round of holiday revels had your social life on the fast track these past few weeks, someone special might want to keep pace with you this year as well.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** Even though you should be enjoying all the fun you deserve during Capricorn season, don't lose sight of the need to make some changes now that the new year has begun.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** What happens during this time can help clear up some of the confusion jeopardizing a once-stable relationship. Follow your instincts on what to do next.

**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** Your days are brightened by new friends eager to become part of your life. But don't forget to spend time with that one special person. (You know who!)