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## Angels Over San Leandro

The U.S. Navy's Blue Angels acrobatic air team arrived on Monday for Fleet Week and flew a circular route over San Leandro before making their approach into the North Field of the Oakland Airport.

## Council Holds Off on Adding More Cameras

Review needed before buying more police cameras, says majority of council

By Michael Singer  
San Leandro Times

San Leandro has installed 41 cameras around the city that scan cars and read license plates, but the City Council voted against adding more cameras at its Sept. 18 meeting, until they make sure the cameras are truly effective at reducing crime.

Last year, the city contracted with Flock Security to install the first batch of 41 cameras at a cost of \$1 million over a five-year period to curb theft and provide police investigators with information. But permit issues delayed the initial installation.

The first batch of cameras has only been in place for seven months. The last one was added on August 31. The City Council had planned to add another 41 cameras for a total of 82. But a majority of the council decided to hold off on more of the expensive cameras until they find out if they're effective.

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## Two Separate Murders in Same Parking Lot in 10 Days

Two separate homicides are being investigated by the police – both occurring in the parking lot of 24-Hour Fitness at Bayfair Mall. A second homicide was reported on Sept. 24 at 10:40 a.m. Police found a deceased man inside a vehicle. He also appeared to be the victim of gunshot wounds, according to police.

The first homicide was reported on Sept. 14, at 11:50 a.m. when officers were called to ascertain the welfare of an unconscious man inside a vehicle and found that he was deceased, according to the San Leandro Police Department. Police said the man appeared to be the victim of a single gunshot wound.

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## Dianne Feinstein Remembered by Former San Leandro Mayors Corbett and Young

By Mike McGuire  
San Leandro Times

U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein died last Friday, September 30 after serving for 30 years in the Senate and several terms as mayor of San Francisco. She was 90, the current

Senate's longest-serving and oldest member, and was the longest-serving woman senator ever.

She had been the first woman California ever elected to the U.S. Senate. Barbara Boxer and Kamala Harris

were elected to the Senate from Californian since.

Dianne Feinstein was a friend to San Leandro and to California cities in general in her 30 years in the U.S. Senate, said former San Leandro mayors Ellen Corbett and

Shelia Young. She is fondly remembered by both.

"Feinstein had been the first woman mayor of San Francisco and she called to congratulate me when I was elected as the first one in San

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## City Seeks Comments on Housing Protections

The City of San Leandro is seeking community comments about a variety of local housing protections such as rent stabilization ordinance, rent registry, just cause, and tenant anti-harassment regulations and is requesting

community input.

A community meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 10, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom to gather insights and perspectives from residents, renters, and landlords. This will help the City Council and

city staff tailor the design of any new protections to align with community priorities. Simultaneous interpretation will be available in Spanish, Mandarin, and Cantonese

The City Housing Division will present feedback gathered

from the community and seek direction at a Special City Council Rules Committee meeting tentatively scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 9, at 9 a.m. in the Surlene G. Grant Community Room.

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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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## Pets of the Week



Dante



Gader

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are both dogs this week.

**Dante** is a 1-year-old retriever mix. He is looking for a family that can tame his wild side and give him the love he craves. Dante would do well in a home with teens and adults.

**Gader** is a 10-month-old Belgium Malinois mix. Gader is known for how inquisitive

he is, and works for anything he desires...hint: Treats.

Gader would do well in a home with teens and up due to his energy level.

For more information, or to adopt or meet Dante or Gader, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at 510-293-7200.



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## Slightly Modified

A souped up '32 Ford Coupe had some work done recently down at Bob's Quality Auto Care on Washington Avenue.

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## Housing: In-person meeting scheduled for Oct. 25 at the Senior Community Center

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Additionally, an in-person community meeting will be held at the San Leandro Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St.) on Wednesday, October 25, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Organizations that represent San Leandro renters and housing providers are encour-

aged to share the October 10 and October 25 community meetings information with their networks in advance of the meetings to maximize opportunities for public engagement and feedback.

For more information, contact by email at [housing@sanleandro.org](mailto:housing@sanleandro.org) or by phone at (510) 577-6006.

## Take the Countywide Area Plan Survey



Every four years the County of Alameda Area Agency on Aging collects data from older county residents, which we use to determine current and future needs of seniors. If you are 55+, your participation is needed! Scan the QR code below, or log onto <https://t.ly/ROKq>. Have questions? Call us at 510-268-CWAP (2927).



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## Community Calendar

### Carrington College Pet Adoption And Open House

The Carrington College San Leandro campus will host a Pet Adoption and Open House on Thursday, Oct. 5, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Guests can view live student demonstrations and tour the campus while learning more about the programs and training equipment. The Carrington College San Leandro campus is located at 15555 East 14th St. in San Leandro.

### Books Inc. Warehouse Sale

Calling all book worms and deal hunters: Books Inc. at 2483 Washington Ave. in San Leandro will hold another Warehouse sale on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 7 and 8, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Don't miss out on this opportunity to stock up on new books, gifts, and games for unbeatable prices.

### Friends of San Leandro Library Fall Book Sale

Thousands of quality books and media items will be available at the Fall Book Sale at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro, on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 7 and 8. Saturday hours are 9 to 11 a.m. for Friends of the Library members, and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the public. Sunday hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday is the special \$3 per bag sale. For more information, call the Main Library Reference Desk at 510-577-3971, or drop by for a Friends of the Library membership application or renewal.

### Divine Mercy Look Good Feel Good SL Marathon

Divine Mercy Family Foundation is having its 6th annual Look Good Feel Good San Leandro Marathon on Saturday, Oct. 7, at 8 a.m. at the Seagull Picnic Area at Marina Park, 14001 Monarch Bay Drive in San Leandro. A marathon, a half-marathon, a 5k and a 10k all begin at 8 a.m. Proceeds will go to support orphaned and less privileged girls whose dream is to go to college. Visit the website [lookgoodfeelgoodrace.com](http://lookgoodfeelgoodrace.com) for more information or to sign up for the race for charity.

### San Leandro Artisan Market

Come to downtown San Leandro (100 W. Juana Ave.) on the second Sunday of the month from noon to 5 p.m. for the San Leandro Artisan Market, featuring handmade goods and art from around the Bay Area – running through December on Oct. 8, Nov. 12, and Dec. 10. Visit over 20 booths showcasing San Leandro's vibrant and talented artists, enjoy live music, and grab a bite from one of San Leandro's delicious downtown eateries.

### Digitize Your Family History

Learn how to digitize your family history at a workshop on Thursday, Oct. 12, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Are you overwhelmed with binders and bins full of genealogy notes and family photographs? At this workshop you will learn how to create your own digital family history, create an oral history using artificial intelligence, scan and restore photos with free or cost effective resources and more. No registration necessary. For more information, call 510-577-3971.

### Raiders Boosters Club Meetings

All football fans in the community are invited to attend the Original Oakland Raiders Booster Club meetings on Thursday nights (10/12, 11/9, 11/30 and 12/14) from 5 to 8:30 p.m. at Rickey's Sports Lounge, 15028 Hesperian Blvd. in San Leandro. No host cocktails at 5 p.m., order dinner as you arrive. \$5 for raffle tickets. All ages welcome. RSVP via Facebook message at <https://www.facebook.com/theORBC>.

### American Legion Post 4th Sunday Breakfast

San Leandro American Legion Post 117 is bringing back its 4th Sunday breakfast after a 2-year postponement due to the pandemic. The Sunday, Oct. 22, breakfast will be from 8 a.m. to noon at the Veterans Memorial Building, 1105 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro. Pancakes with bacon, coffee, tea, juice, etc. \$5 for veterans, \$6 for non-veterans.

## SL Education Foundation's Un-Gala Brings Together Community

The San Leandro Education Foundation (SLED) celebrated its 15th anniversary on Sept. 22 with an 'Un-Gala' – a convivial, casual fundraiser that brought together a wide swath of San Leandrans dedicated to supporting public education.

School administrators and educators, parents, sponsors, City of San Leandro officials and elected representatives, and other community leaders gathered to celebrate and fundraise. With food catered by local businesses, and a signature cocktail provided by Top Hatters Kitchen, the Un-Gala featured a program gallery, games, and a silent

auction. A teacher won the Winner's Choice Vacation Raffle.

SLED funds a variety of programs that directly benefit the thousands of public students in San Leandro Unified, including classroom grants, field trip funding, student internships, science programming, and more. The Un-Gala will further support new programs like the after-school enrichment Code Campus class that SLED is piloting at 5 campuses and hoping to expand to more.

"More than any other event, the Un-Gala had a palpable feeling of community and connection that inspires

us all to do the work that we do," said Kate Miller, executive director of SLED. "The students of San Leandro are incredibly fortunate to have so many local businesses like our sponsors and interested San Leandrans in their corner,

helping provide them with fun, interesting, and inspiring ways to learn."

For more information about SLED programs and how you can help support local students, visit [www.sledfund.org](http://www.sledfund.org).

## Downtown to Host Artisan Market on October 8

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December on Oct. 8, Nov. 12, and Dec. 10. Visit over 20 booths showcasing San Leandro's vibrant and talented artists, enjoy live music, and grab a bite from one of San Leandro's delicious downtown eateries.

## Family Friendly October Activities at the Library

### Main Library Halloween Costume Swap

Bring your child's outgrown costumes to swap for a new-to-you costume at San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. on Tuesday, Oct. 17, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Drop off clean, gently used costumes now through Oct. 14 to receive a ticket to swap for a costume. Stay to enjoy a craft and Halloween cookies.

### Manor Branch Library Pumpkin Painting

Skip the carving knife and design a jack-o-lantern with paint at the Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd., on Wednesday, Oct. 18, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. This program is for adults age 18+. Supplies may be limited.

### Halloween Crafts for Kids At Manor Branch

Celebrate Halloween with Arts and Crafts at the Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd., on Thursday, Oct. 19, from 4 to 5 p.m. Open to children of all ages. No registration required, while supplies last.

### Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) Celebration with Crafts

Make some crafts to take home and to add to our library's Community Altar display to honor and remember those loved ones who are no longer with us on Thursday, Oct. 19, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Recommended for kids of all ages, and their families. Register at [www.sanleandrolibrary.org](http://www.sanleandrolibrary.org) or call 510-577-3960.

### Family Fun Night: Spooktacular Puppet Show

The Fratello Marionettes present a Halloween puppet show on Wednesday, Oct. 25, at 6:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. The show features happy ghosts, Frankenstein, a not-so-scary spider and more, all set to music. Wear your costume if you'd like. All ages welcome.

### Manor Library's Halloween Family Fun Fest

Come for super fun games and activities, win prizes, and enter into a raffle drawing for a chance to win a pumpkin on Sunday, Oct. 29, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd. This event is free and best for kids ages 10 and under. Costumes are welcomed and encouraged.

## SL Museum to Screen Night at the Museum Program for Kids

The San Leandro History Museum, 320 W. Estudillo Ave., will screen "Night at the Museum," a free unique program for kids to kick off the spooky season, from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7.

Please have the kids bring their favorite stuffed animal, their furry friend will get the chance to stay the night at the museum where the spooky magic happens.

You can pick up your stuffed animal at the main library the following day/week. Photos of their ad-

venture will be sent to the email that is used during registration.

Registration is required. Visit <https://sanleandro.libcal.com/event/11184274> to register, space is limited.

Feel free to explore our exhibits, view the new Museum Classroom space, and learn a little bit more about San Leandro's History prior to the beginning of the film.

For more information, email Museum Curator Dylainie Nathlich at: [dnathlich@sanleandro.org](mailto:dnathlich@sanleandro.org)

## Murders: Police seek more information

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connected with each other.

At this time, police say they are giving no further information to maintain the integrity of the ongoing investigation.

Police ask anyone with

information about these incidents to contact SLPD via any of the following methods: Detective C. Pricco at 510-577-3244, anonymous tip line at 510-577-3278, or text-to-tip at 888777 (keyword: TipSLP-Police).



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# Apple Desserts? Easy as Pie!



Although apples are available year-round, they always seem to be the favorite fruit of the fall harvest.

You'll find many varieties at your local market, all just waiting to be turned into America's favorite pie or any number of other apple-a-day dishes.

As far as keeping the doctor away, apples couldn't hurt. With only about 80 calories and virtually no fat or cholesterol, a medium apple has calcium, copper, magnesium, potassium, phosphorus, vitamins B and C, and 5 grams of fiber.

### OLD-FASHIONED APPLE PIE

- Pastry for two-crust 9-inch pie  
6 Golden Delicious or similar apples, peeled, cored and thinly sliced  
1/4 cup sugar  
2 tablespoon flour  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger  
1/8 teaspoon mace  
2 tablespoons butter or margarine  
Cream or whole milk

Heat oven to 425°F. Line a 9-inch pie pan with half the pastry.

In large bowl, combine apples, sugar, flour, vanilla, cinnamon, ginger, and mace; toss well to blend. Transfer apple mixture to pastry-lined pie pan and dot with butter.

Cover apple filling with remaining pastry; pinch together edges of bottom and top crust to seal. Brush top crust with cream or milk; cut several slits to vent steam.

Bake 20 minutes. Reduce oven heat to 375°F and bake 30 to 35 minutes or until apples are tender.

### FRESH APPLE CAKE

- 2 cups flour  
2 teaspoons baking soda  
2 cups apples, pared, cored and quartered

- 1/4 cup non-hydrogenated shortening  
1/4 cup butter, melted  
1 cup sugar  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg  
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger  
1/4 teaspoon ground cloves  
1 cup raisins  
1-1/4 cups whole pecans

Preheat oven to 350°F.

In the bowl of a food processor, process pecans very briefly by pulsing twice to leave nearly whole pieces. Add 1 cup peeled and cored apple pieces along with salt, sugar, vanilla, baking soda, cinnamon, nutmeg, ground cloves and ginger. Process briefly so that chunks remain. Add second cup of apples, processing one pulse only. This provides two different consistencies for the apples. Add raisins and melted butter. Pulse once.

Add flour and process only until combined; some lumps will remain. Turn into a well greased and floured 9x9x2-inch baking pan.

Bake 40 to 50 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Serve with whipped cream flavored with a little vanilla or rum and a sprinkling of cinnamon sugar.

Variation: Add up to 1/2 cup coarsely chopped apples and nuts to top before baking. Keep the layer of apples and nuts light so it won't stop cake from rising.

### BAKED APPLES

- 4 large good baking apples, such as Rome Beauty, Golden Delicious, or Jonagold  
1/4 cup brown sugar  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/4 cup chopped pecans  
1/4 cup currants or chopped raisins  
1 tablespoon butter  
3/4 cup boiling water

Preheat oven to 375°F. Wash apples. Remove cores to 1/2 inch of the bottom of the apples. Use a spoon to dig out the seeds. Make the holes about 3/4-inch to an inch wide.

In a small bowl, combine the sugar, cinnamon, currants/raisins, and pecans. Place

apples in a 8-inch-by-8-inch square baking pan. Stuff each apple with this mixture. Top with a dot of butter.

Add boiling water to the baking pan. Bake 30-40 minutes, until tender, but not mushy. Remove from the oven and baste the apples several times with the pan juices.

Serve warm with cream or vanilla ice cream on the side. Makes 4 servings.

### APPLE SCONES

- 2 cups unsifted flour  
1/3 cups sugar  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon cardamom  
1/4 teaspoon baking soda  
4 ounces cold butter, cut into 1/4-inch slices  
2 teaspoons finely grated lemon zest  
1 Granny Smith apple, peeled, cored and cut into 1/2-inch chunks to yield 1 cup  
1/2 cup chopped toasted walnuts (optional)  
1/2 cup sour cream mixed with 4 tablespoons water  
2 tablespoons sugar

Adjust rack to lower third of oven; preheat oven to 425°F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

Sift the flour, sugar, baking powder, salt, ground cardamom and baking soda into a large bowl. Using a pastry blender, cut in the butter until the particles range in size from coarse meal to peas.

Lightly stir in the lemon zest, apple cubs and walnuts.

Add the sour cream mixture all at once. Stir and toss with fork until the dry ingredients are moistened.

Add additional water, teaspoon by teaspoon, if needed. Transfer the soft, sticky dough to a lightly floured work surface, and gently knead a few times only until the dough holds together.

With a lightly floured hand, pat into an 8-1/2 inch circle. Cut the circle into 8 pie-shaped wedges. Place the wedges on the baking sheet and sprinkle sugar over the tops. Bake at 425°F for 15 minutes or until browned.

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## SENIORS

# Three Vaccines Seniors Should Consider Getting This Season

By Jim Miller

Special to the Times

There are three different types of vaccines seniors should consider getting this fall to protect against a repeat of last winter's "triple-demic" of respiratory illnesses, which included flu, RSV and coronavirus.

Here's a rundown of the different vaccines the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is recommending and how they are covered by Medicare.

**Senior-Specific Flu Shots**  
For people age 65 and older, there are three flu vaccines (you only need one) that the CDC recommends over traditional flu shots.

These FDA-approved vaccines provide extra protection beyond what a standard flu shot does, which is important for older adults who have weaker immune defenses and have a greater risk of developing dangerous flu complications compared with younger, healthy adults. The three senior-specific options include the:

- **Fluzone High-Dose** Quadrivalent vaccine, which contains four times the amount of antigen as a regular flu shot does, creating a stronger immune response for better protection.

- **Fluad** Quadrivalent vaccine, which contains an added ingredient called adjuvant MF59 that also helps create a stronger immune response.

- **FluBlok** Quadrivalent vaccine, is a recombinant protein (egg-free) flu vaccine that contains three times the amount of antigen as compared with a regular flu shot.

There isn't enough evidence yet to indicate whether one of these three vaccines provides superior protection over the other two for seniors.

As for side effects, you should know that the Fluzone High-Dose and Fluad vaccines can cause more of the mild side effects that can occur with a standard-dose flu shot, like pain or tenderness where you got the shot, muscle aches, headache or fatigue. While the side effects of FluBlok tend to be a little less frequent.

All flu vaccines are covered 100 percent by Medicare Part B as long as your doctor, health clinic or pharmacy agrees not to charge you more than Medicare pays.

Anyone age 60 and older,



New RSV Vaccines

one this fall. Even though the Covid public health emergency has ended and the number of cases has gone way down, it has been surging in recent months causing an increase in hospitalizations, especially among the elderly.

The updated Covid vaccine targets the XBB omicron subvariants that are some of the most dominant coronavirus variants circulating in the U.S. It will also provide protection against the EG.5 variant (Eris), which is closely related to the XBB.

Covid booster shots are covered 100 percent by Medicare Part B.

### When and Where

Most health officials agree that it's safe to receive the flu and Covid booster at the same time. But because the RSV vaccines are new this year, many doctors are recommending a two-week window between an RSV shot and the flu and/or the COVID shots.

You can find all three vaccines at most pharmacies, medical clinics and health departments, or you can do a search at [Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov).

Send your senior questions to: *Savvy Senior*, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit [SavvySenior.org](https://SavvySenior.org). Jim Miller is a contributor to the *NBC Today* show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

especially if you have any heart or lung conditions, diabetes, kidney or liver disorders that make you vulnerable to the respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) should consider getting one of the new FDA approved RSV vaccines (either Arexvy or Abrysvo).

These vaccines, recommended by the CDC, will help protect older and immunocompromised adults from respiratory illness, which is responsible for 6,000 to 10,000 deaths and at least 60,000 hospitalizations each year in seniors 65 and older.

The new RSV vaccines are covered by Medicare (Part D) prescription drug plans.

**Updated Covid Booster**  
If you haven't had a Covid-19 booster shot lately, you should consider getting

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# Historical Society to Present Free Screening of Russell City Documentary

The San Leandro Historical Society, San Leandro Public Library and History Museum present a free screening of the Russell City documentary *The Apology*, on Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 6 p.m. at the Bal Theater, 14808 East 14th St. in San Leandro.

This feature-length documentary investigates a time

in the 1960s when Alameda County and the City of Hayward dismantled the entire African-American community of Russell City, pushing 1,400 residents out of their homes and off their land – all to claim the 200 acres for an industrial park.

The evening includes a question-and-answer session

with the filmmakers.

Doors open at 4:30 p.m. The San Leandro History Museum will feature its traveling exhibit "Redlining and Housing Discrimination in San Leandro" to view before and after the screening.

Register for this free event at [tinyurl.com/theapologyfilm](https://tinyurl.com/theapologyfilm)

## SL Players Production of Bloody Jack Opens October 21

The San Leandro Players will present *Bloody Jack*, opening on Saturday, Oct. 21, at the San Leandro Museum/Auditorium, 320 West Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro, next to the historic Casa Peralta.

The show runs Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. from Oct. 21 to Nov. 19; and on two Fridays, Nov. 10

and Nov. 17, at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 general, \$15 seniors and under 12. For more information or reservations, visit [www.slplayers.org](https://www.slplayers.org) or call 510-895-2573.

Who Was Jack the Ripper? The very name brings chills and eerie images of fog-shrouded murder. Tim Kelly's imaginative, suspenseful re-creation of the horrors

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## City of San Leandro's Home Earthquake Strengthening Course

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If you own a hillside home, please contact the Division of Building & Safety at (510) 577-3405.

**When:** October 12, 17, 19, and 24

This is a four-day course.

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By Carl Medford, CRS  
Special to the Times

GUEST COMMENTARY



## Autumn – The Perfect Time to Sell

By Carl Medford, CRS  
Special to the Times

For many, fall is their favorite time of the year. Summer's high temperatures are gone, the morning air is crisp and clear, beautiful leaves cover the ground in a beautiful patchwork of color, pumpkins crowd the produce aisles and harvest festivities are on the horizon. And if you have been considering selling your home, now is the perfect time.

Because spring is the season most listings go on the market, fall presents a great opportunity for sellers to present their homes with less competition. Even with rising interest rates, there are numerous buyers out looking in the autumn season highly motivated to get into a home before the colder climates and Holiday season sets in. In truth, once we get to Thanksgiving, historic trends reveal many buyers opting out until the new year, typically causing home prices to dip during the final months of the year. Consequently, Autumn's diminished competition and high buyer demand are a winning combination.

With less homes for sale in the fall, the number of escrows dips, bringing a huge benefit to the remaining transactions. As

sales volumes dip, lenders, title companies, inspectors and other related services have more time to focus on your transaction! This is a win-win for everyone as the level of care and attention increases and stress and worry can diminish significantly.

Many homeowners love autumn for the simple reason it gives them an excuse to decorate their home with seasonal accents. Sellers can maximize this effect with beautiful staging including seasonal accessories, both in and out. While burning is frowned upon, fireplaces can be accentuated with fall decorations, providing a sense of warmth and intimacy. Autumn wreaths often appear at this time of year, adding a welcoming statement to front doors.

Fall also provides an optimum time to have your home prepared for the winter. Frequently, summers are so full of activities that home maintenance is often postponed. Autumn is the perfect time to focus on getting your home ready for the winter and those efforts will reward you in a sale as well. We recommend ordering pre-sale inspections so that you know which items to focus on prior to going on the market. Fall IS the perfect time to

sell – wait too long, however, and winter will add a touch of frost to the real estate market and your chances of an optimum sale will disappear with the autumn leaves.

*Carl Medford is a licensed Realtor with Keller Williams Realty and a licensed general contractor. This article is sponsored by the Central County Marketing Association.*

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## Replant Tulips and Daffodils in the Fall

By Buzz Bertolero  
The Dirt Gardener

*I removed my tulips and daffodils from the ground after the foliage turned brown and stored them. When should I replant them, and should they be chilled first?*

Spring or summer flowering bulbs stored from the previous year are replanted during their typical planting season. So you'd replant Daffodils, Narcissus, Tulips, etc., in the fall, while Dahlias, Gladiolus, and others would return to the ground in

the late winter or early spring. Yes, Tulips should be chilled, but not the Daffodils before planting for six weeks, as the ground doesn't get cold enough. Remove all the apples, bananas, tomatoes, and other fruits when chilling tulips in a refrigerator. The Ethylene Gas from the maturing fruit can damage the immature flower(s). That being said, the real question is whether it's worth the effort. Tulip flowers vary, so don't expect last year's tulips to be as showy this year as they wouldn't. They require another growing season before they reach their peak again.

You improve the color shown by mixing in new bulbs with the older ones. Personally, I'd plant new bulbs each year. This is not the case with Daffodils and Narcissus; they're planted anytime before the rainy season begins. Also, it's quite common to leave them in the ground year after year. The clumps are dug up and divided when the groupings become so crowded that the flower size is reduced. Also, overcrowding is why Daffodils and Narcissus stop blooming altogether. Typically, they're divided every three to four years. As with new planting, you should add Bulb Food or Bone Meal. Depending on the size of the bulb, add a teaspoon or tablespoon under each bulb so nutrients are immediately available to the new roots.

*I read that to keep Hydrangeas a pink color, you should feed them an acid fertilizer and then use something alkaline to turn them blue. Each spring, I fertilize my pink Hydrangea with an acid fertilizer, but the blooms turn out to be a dirty white color. What am I doing wrong?*

The flower color on Hydrangeas is determined by the acidity



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or alkalinity of the soil, and the soil pH measures it. A pH scale runs from one to fourteen, with seven being neutral. Any reading below seven is acid, while any above eight is alkaline. A simple pH kit is available to measure your soil at your favorite garden center. Unfortunately, your blue/pink formula is backward. Hydrangeas turn pink in alkaline soils, while we get blue tones in acid conditions. You keep Hydrangeas pink or red by fertilizing with Superphosphate or 0-10-10. For blue and/or lavender Hydrangeas, feed them Aluminum Sulphate, EB Stone True Blue, or Gro More Blue. You begin in the fall and continue monthly from February through May. These additives supplement your usual plant fertilizers, not a replacement.



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### CASTRO VALLEY

Total: 11 – Average Price: \$1,266,454  
High: \$1,800,000 – Low: \$815,000

19666 Salem Road 94546:  
\$815,000 [2 BD - 853 SF - 1950  
19157 Parsons Avenue 94546:  
\$850,000 [4 BD - 1,776 SF - 1947  
21919 Baywood Avenue 94546:  
\$900,000 [3 BD - 2,494 SF - 1947  
4470 Seven Hills Road 94546:  
\$1,100,000 [3 BD - 1,200 SF - 1954  
22478 Queen Street 94546:  
\$1,200,000 [3 BD - 2,061 SF - 1941  
3455 Wyndale Drive 94546:  
\$1,301,000 [3 BD - 1,405 SF - 1957  
19116 Schuster Avenue 94546:  
\$1,380,000 [3 BD - 1,621 SF - 1954  
18023 Center Street 94546:  
\$1,450,000 [4 BD - 2,803 SF - 1985  
17869 Almond Road 94546:  
\$1,455,000 [5 BD - 2,565 SF - 1952  
5762 Shadow Ridge Drive 94552:  
\$1,680,000 [3 BD - 1,891 SF - 1973  
25697 Crestfield Drive 94552:  
\$1,800,000 [4 BD - 2,992 SF -

2000

### HAYWARD

Total: 26 – Average Price: \$879,730  
High: \$1,535,000 – Low: \$400,000

3206 Baumberg Court 94545:  
\$400,000 [2 BD - 890 SF - 1930  
28023 Tampa Avenue 94544:  
\$469,500 [3 BD - 1,000 SF - 1956  
681 Royston Lane #132 94544:  
\$520,000 [2 BD - 878 SF - 1988  
2497 Creekside Court 94542:  
\$525,000 [2 BD - 936 SF - 1991  
21100 Gary Drive #106 94546:  
\$540,000 [2 BD - 1,037 SF - 1981  
27501 Huntwood Avenue #2  
94544: \$610,000 [3 BD - 1,304  
SF - 1987  
22957 Sutro Street 94541:  
\$610,500 [2 BD - 1,012 SF - 1986  
21117 Gary Drive #305 94546:  
\$638,000 [3 BD - 1,218 SF - 1981  
21666 Marydee Court 94541:  
\$740,000 [3 BD - 995 SF - 1948  
628 Carmar Street 94544:  
\$766,000 [4 BD - 1,311 SF - 1957

21636 Prospect Court 94541:  
\$850,000 [3 BD - 1,549 SF - 1947  
23436 Santa Clara Street 94541:  
\$851,000 [3 BD - 1,041 SF - 1950  
27765 La Porte Avenue 94545:  
\$855,000 [3 BD - 1,000 SF - 1955  
27711 Calaroga Avenue 94545:  
\$857,000 [3 BD - 1,119 SF - 1955  
776 Pinedale Court 94544:  
\$865,000 [3 BD - 1,566 SF - 1928  
24977 Willmet Way 94544:  
\$899,000 [3 BD - 1,153 SF - 1958  
2540 Erskine Lane 94545:  
\$900,000 [3 BD - 1,148 SF - 1957  
1236 Rex Road 94541: \$950,000  
[3 BD - 1,723 SF - 1930  
23204 Sally Court 94541:  
\$970,000 [4 BD - 1,164 SF - 1979  
81 Austin Avenue 94544: \$970,000  
[3 BD - 1,938 SF - 2017  
27346 Parkside Drive 94542:  
\$1,150,000 [4 BD - 1,657 SF - 1955  
2124 Edgebrook Place 94541:  
\$1,230,000 [4 BD - 2,308 SF - 1988  
25625 Paul Court 94541: \$1,301,000 [4  
BD - 2,391 SF - 1972  
3115 Vista Lane 94541: \$1,371,000 [3  
BD - 2,767 SF - 2003  
1345 B Street 94541: \$1,500,000

[2 BD - 1,988 SF - 1941  
30152 Bridgeview Way 94544:  
\$1,535,000 [4 BD - 2,264 SF - 1999  
**SAN LEANDRO**  
Total: 15 – Average Price: \$845,833  
High: \$1,560,000 – Low: \$329,000  
1599 Hays Street 94577: \$329,000  
[1 BD - 595 SF - 1965  
379 Herma Court 94577: \$445,000  
[1 BD - 444 SF - 1920  
433 Harlan Street #302 94577:  
\$475,000 [3 BD - 1,033 SF - 1964  
553 Joaquin Avenue #4 94577:  
\$529,000 [2 BD - 1,643 SF - 1972  
474 Ruth Court 94578: \$645,000  
[5 BD - 2,034 SF - 1953  
1345 145th Avenue 94578:

\$740,500 [3 BD - 1,427 SF - 1914  
823 Casanova Drive 94578:  
\$855,000 [3 BD - 1,356 SF - 1954  
16620 Winding Boulevard 94578:  
\$860,000 [3 BD - 1,452 SF - 1949  
1644 Wayne Avenue 94577: \$862,000  
[4 BD - 1,680 SF - 1942  
1727 Clarke Street 94577: \$980,000  
[4 BD - 1,686 SF - 1931  
15359 Ruggles Street 94579:  
\$1,017,000 [2,111 SF - 1955  
1359 Sandelin Court 94577:  
\$1,020,000 [2 BD - 1,942 SF - 1963  
479 Superior Avenue 94577:  
\$1,070,000 [3 BD - 1,357 SF - 1928  
2018 Gulfstream Way 94579:  
\$1,300,000 [4 BD - 2,255 SF - 1997

2423 Marineview Drive 94577:  
\$1,560,000 [4 BD - 2,302 SF - 1961  
**SAN LORENZO**  
Total: 6 – Average Price: \$857,666  
High: \$950,000 – Low: \$620,000  
1116 Santa Ana Street 94580:  
\$725,000 [2 BD - 827 SF - 1950  
569 Empire Street 94580:  
\$820,000 [3 BD - 1,014 SF - 1950  
582 Empire Street 94580:  
\$826,000 [4 BD - 1,501 SF - 1950  
15530 Lorenzo Avenue 94580:  
\$905,000 [2 BD - 1,690 SF - 1988  
1557 Via Barrett 94580: \$920,000  
[3 BD - 2,164 SF - 1955  
15903 Via Cordoba 94580:  
\$950,000 [3 BD - 1,577 SF - 1951

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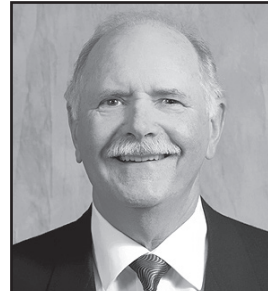
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### Remarks Only Addressed To Azevedo, Not Chang

Dear Editor,

The following letter is written as an individual and not in any official capacity. I am deeply disappointed in last week's letter to the editor "Chang and Azevedo Excluded from Meeting" (Sept. 28, 2023), which was a private meeting held by the neighbors of Washington Square. It was intended for our neighborhood and Mayor Gonzalez as the guest speaker. Ms. Chang's libelous comments are not only false and reckless, but also serve to undermine and divide our community.

I am troubled that Ms. Chang indicated she used her capacity as a "Community Police Review Board Member" as rationale to attend our private meeting and chose to write a letter to the editor signing it as a "Community Police Review Board Member." I would hope that her comments or misrepresentation of the facts are not reflective of the entire Community Police Review Board.

I would like to think that as an appointed official of the city, integrity would be of the utmost importance. Aside from her misrepresentation of the facts, Ms. Chang's inference of racial discrimination is completely uncalled for. I have supported AAPI political candidates to office, school programs and youth through a non-profit sports program supporting girls of all ethnic backgrounds in San Leandro. Furthermore, I have a family member of AAPI descent whom I hold in loving regard.

I hope that Ms. Chang will reconsider her comments as she knows that I never addressed her and only addressed Mr. Azevedo regarding his "No" vote on additional safety cameras at a recent council meeting. If she needs a reminder of what actually occurred, there is an audio recording that I would be more than happy to share.

**Leo Sheridan**  
San Leandro

### Heated Exchange Result of Miscommunication

Editor,

I read in the September 28th issue of San Leandro Times a letter to the editor submitted by Jennie Chang, and noticed the heat in the message regarding a verbal

exchange involving her friend, Vice Mayor Azevedo and Mr. Leo Sheridan.

I attended the 2-hour dinner meeting from beginning to end. The room was full of attendees, and it was a very good meeting with the mayor. Public safety was at the top of the agenda.

As for me, a rather small Asian woman, I am definitely concerned with public safety because I have been a victim of both property and physical crime in the past few years right here in San Leandro.

I think the verbal exchange was triggered by a miscommunication on who was invited to the meeting. I hope this writing can help clarify some of the facts and misunderstanding, so as to "cool the heat."

First of all, this meeting was organized by the Washington Square Neighborhood Watch group. While we held the meeting at the Halcyon Baptist Church, it was not a church event. Mr. Azevedo did not RSVP, probably wasn't informed of the need to do so. That is probably why Mr. Sheridan said Mr. Azevedo came to the meeting uninvited. This is all a miscommunication.

During the meeting, there was a short exchange of words between Mr. Azevedo and Mr. Sheridan, regarding Mr. Azevedo's vote against implementing the new set of 41 public safety cameras. The exchange lasted about a minute.

Please note that Mr. Sheridan's words were directed at Mr. Azevedo. Because Ms. Jennie Chang was sitting right next to Mr. Azevedo, she may have interpreted that Mr. Sheridan's words were also aimed at her.

In my view, Mr. Sheridan did not express any hate nor discrimination against Ms. Chang. He expressed frustration with Mr. Azevedo for his vote against implementing the new set of 41 security cameras.

There seems to be a common ground among all parties involved here. We all seem to agree that public safety is a major concern for all of us.

I hope that we can clear away the miscommunications and misunderstandings. Let's all work together in harmony to build a strong community where we can live here and raise our children safely.

**Wai Ng**  
San Leandro

### Disagreement on Prop. 13

Editor,

Regarding John Minot's letter, "Prop. 13 Is Welfare for the Wealthy," (Sept. 28, 2023). Minot says, "The argument for Prop. 13 back in 1978 was to avoid pushing owners out of their homes. That was as obviously wrong then as now."

No, it isn't obvious. Your statement is counterintuitive, John Minot. Please prove your statement.

Also puzzling is your letter talks about how Prop. 13 is a wind-fall for the rich, but the only folks that pay in your letter are poor people: "If your income is limited, sure, you should get to defer tax increases until you sell."

That's a big thanks for nothing. If poor homeowners flush down the toilet a large part of their equity when selling, what house worth having could they afford? I didn't do the math in the early 2000s when home prices were soaring, just thought, thank god for the 2% cap, as the budget then was tight. So unless you can prove otherwise, under a certain income level folks need that 2% cap protection.

**Carl Allamanno**  
San Leandro

### Garfield Traffic Issue Needs Fixing

Editor,

I'm a parent at Garfield Elementary School. School traffic has been a major issue for years. Garfield has the narrowest street of all SLUSD schools at 28 feet from sidewalk to sidewalk. When cars are waiting to pick up their children on both sides of the road that leaves 12 feet for two cars to squeeze through. A nightmare for parents and larger vehicles.

In July I brought attention to the issues on Nextdoor, the need for a crosswalk and the possibility of adjusting the bus routes. Trustee Leo Sheridan agreed that a crosswalk would be useful but then went on to downplay the other issues of traffic safety in several now deleted comments. I asked him if he had ever been there to observe the traffic issues. Leo said he had then blamed the parents rather than the unsafe infrastructure for the issues. Leo then began to gaslight me, saying that we can't make changes to the traffic situation based on "only emotions."

In September, the traffic situation had boiled over. Two parents got into a fight during the morning drop-off. After months of highlighting the severity of the traffic tension we were visited by Superintendent McLaughlin. He witnessed the issues first hand, immediately understanding the weight of our issues and assured me that some changes needed to be made but it will take some time.

I don't believe Sheridan viewed



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our traffic any time recently and was trying to be lazy at the expense of our community's safety. I don't trust his lack of empathy and would prefer a trustee that will take our school issues seriously.

Thanks to the officials who listened to our cries for help: Vice Mayor Azevedo, the City Council, Trustee Prola, Sheila Marquises, Fran Robustelli, and Superintendent McLaughlin.

**Robert Bulatao**  
San Leandro

### Reward for Saving Power During a Flex-Alert Is a Win-Win

Editor,

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**James Collins**  
Community Educator  
California Council of the Blind  
San Leandro

### An Open Letter to Speaker Kevin McCarthy

Editor,

You've created a dilemma for yourself on the Budget resolution. While you gave extremist radicals everything they asked for, they

still refuse to govern responsibly. Although you and the President made an agreement to avoid U.S. debt default, the extremists wanted you to dishonor the deal with new spending cuts ... and you complied. Nevertheless, your Party's idiologs refuse to fund the government. You yielded to their irresponsible calls to waste time and resources for impeachment without credible evidence, yet those radical Republicans still refuse to support serious governing.

There's a way out of this dilemma caused by your bad choices. Propose a clean, fully-funded Continuing Resolution with no political stunts riding in sidecars. Surely, you can find four reasonable Republicans (plus yourself) to vote with the Democrats and keep our government going.

That's what real governing, real leadership, would look like.

**Bruce Joffe**  
Piedmont

### A Valuable Donation that Doesn't Cost a Dime

Editor,

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Holidays are coming, so instead of gifts, give blood. It doesn't cost anything. You can honor someone and no one needs to know. I understand Michael Gregory is one of those retired guys, working to make our world a little better place. Thank you, Michael.

**Larry Arnold**  
San Leandro





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San Lorenzo High running back Tj Mauia picks up a first down against Alameda High on Friday night.

## Alameda High Shuts Out San Lorenzo

Alameda High's high-powered offense led the Hornets to another win on Friday night with a 47-0 shutout of San Lorenzo.

San Lorenzo had a couple of good drives but Alameda's defense always kept the Grizzlies out of the end zone.

San Lorenzo is now 2-3 overall and 1-1 in league play this season.

The Grizzlies travel to Newark Memorial this Friday for a game at 7 p.m.

It was a tough week for the local teams, as Arroyo was also shutout on Friday, 31-0, by Kennedy High of Fremont. The Dons host American High this Saturday at 2 p.m.

Castlemont beat San Leandro High, 21-12, on Friday night. This Friday, San Leandro travels to James Logan High for a game at 7 p.m.



San Lorenzo quarterback Malachi Riveira scrambles for a first down at Alameda High on Friday night.

## The Weather and You

# Forecast for the Upcoming Winter Shows Epic Snow

By Mike Pechner  
Special to the Times

After a record winter brought on by a cold phase La Nina, all of the forecast models indices point to a very strong El Nino for this coming winter which gives the promise of another epic snow season for Sierra Nevada.

We are already in an early fall season pattern and

“It appears that the December-to-March period looks like the strongest part of El Nino

lots of powder above 6,000 feet.

This winter may see more of the typical Sierra Cement with a high water content. To keep abreast of the snowfall this winter, the Donner Summit area is extremely lucky to be just over a mile east of the Central Sierra Snow Lab at Soda Springs on Donner Pass Road (Old U.S. 40). The Snow Lab was established in 1946 and is operated by U.C. Berkeley.

Dr. Steven Schwartz, is the the chief scientist. You can bookmark the Lab at: <https://cssl.berkeley.edu>. It is also on Facebook and Twitter (X) accounts.

The Lab updates the new snowfall, snow on the ground and seasonal total everyday in the morning and is the site for Sierra Snow. The Lab also has a 24-hour live video streaming. The Lodge may get an inch or two more snow because it is higher in elevation but for the most part it easily has the most accurate data in the High Sierra.

Another good site on the hill for local data is Sugar Bowl ski resort. The Sierra Club has a lodge at Norden, a mile west of Donner Pass on old U.S. 40.

Donner Summit is still the best place to ski, slide, board and stay since 1935. Built by volunteers, the the Clair Tappan Lodge offers great home cooked meals and classic mountain ambiance with large living room and hot roaring fireplace.

*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.*

it appears that the December-to-March period looks like the strongest part of the El Nino pattern. If you recall there was lots of hype about a strong El Nino predicted for the 2015 winter which was a bust. Snowfall for the Sierra came in at a little under 400 inches, nevertheless it was a good season here at the Lodge with snow cover from Thanksgiving to early May.

El Nino involves a swath of warmer than normal water in the eastern Pacific Ocean off the Central American coast opposite Chile. As many folks now know, climate change is fueled by greenhouse gasses warming the atmosphere.

Studies have shown that the snow level – the elevation where rain becomes snow – is slowly rising in the Sierra. This would mean more rain in places that usually receive snow. Last year the snow level was low with record snow depths down to Colfax with

## Cameras: Second phase of cameras delayed

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In a 3-4 vote (with City Councilmembers Victor Aguilar, Bryan Azevedo, Celina Reyes, and Fred Simon against), the council decided to delay the second phase of the contract until more data can be obtained as well as feedback from the Citizen's

Police Oversight Committee and residents. The date for another vote to approve installing the remaining cameras has not been set.

“I am not about to double the cameras today based on the presentation we received,” remarked Councilmember Celina Reyes. “These cam-

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Celina Reyes

eras that have already been in place for several months just show me that we're not at the stage where we should be putting out more cameras. We don't have any data about the success rate or the efficacy, just estimates.”

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A camera at Bancroft and Estudillo avenues is one of 41 cameras at intersections around town.

## Cameras: Questions arise about effectiveness and expense of cameras

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tified the police department that the cost would increase to \$3,000 per camera from the original \$2,500. The September 18 vote asked the Council for a five-year contract extension for a total of up to \$210,000.00, potentially saving San Leandro as much as \$41,000 per year.

But Councilman Pete Ballew said the council should have approved the contract for the additional cameras.

"The cameras are force multipliers, especially for a department that is having challenges staffing with police officers," said councilmember Pete Ballew. "The community is calling on the council to take action to make our community safer. The community says they want more cameras. If we don't vote to have these cameras and take advantage of this offer, this deal, and the fact to make our community safer, they will call us tone-deaf."

Acting Police Chief Luis Torres reiterated the department's plan to use the cameras at entrances to the city and identified hot spots where crime had been a problem. He briefly outlined five situations since February where the cameras played a role.

"From the investigative standpoint, it allows us to find vehicles that may have been involved in a crime,"

Torres said. "It has assisted us in a homicide investigation where we've located a suspect vehicle. It has assisted us in child molestation cases. It has assisted us in carjacked vehicles."

The cameras take live still-frame photos at public intersections. Torres said that they do not record audio and are not designed to focus on people. They can identify cars by color and record vehicle license plates. He added that the police are only able to use the cameras for official business, and the data is accessible for 15 days. The city's independent police auditor has permission to audit the system.

Most of the current intersections have one or perhaps two cameras installed to monitor traffic in and out of town. Some intersections have three cameras. There are four cameras installed at the intersections of Estudillo Avenue and Macarthur Boulevard, Marina Boulevard and Alvarado Street, and Hesperian Boulevard and Springlake Drive.

Some of the additional 41 cameras the police would like to install require Caltrans permits, including ones on Davis Street, East 14th Street, and Doolittle Drive. Others are scheduled to be added in the Marina and Washington Manor neighborhoods.



PHOTO BY MIKE MCGUIRE

People, many of them students, lined up at Tuesday night's city council meeting to offer public comments on the ongoing prosecution of Officer Jason Fletcher for the 2020 killing of Steven Taylor. The first few people in line were addressing the council on different matters.

## Social Justice Students Call for Speedier Prosecution of Officer in Taylor Shooting

By Mike McGuire  
San Leandro Times

Some 50 protestors upset with the seemingly slow pace of prosecuting former San Leandro police officer Jason Fletcher for the 2002 shooting death of Steven Taylor came to Tuesday night's City Council meeting.

The protestors were largely

students from the Social Justice Academy at San Leandro High School. They held up signs demanding "Justice For Steven Taylor" and questioned the city's refusal to hand over Fletcher's personnel records to District Attorney Pamela Price, as she had requested. One student remarked that she was a freshman in high

school when Taylor was shot at the Walmart on Hesperian Boulevard, and she has since graduated.

City Attorney Richard Piroda said state law prohibits release of police personnel records directly to prosecutors, but does allow them to be released to a judge who would then determine which

portions to release. Mayor Juan Gonzalez said the city would continue working with the District Attorney's Office to get them the information they needed, without breaking laws and putting the city in legal jeopardy. Gonzalez praised the students for their decorum at the meeting while getting their points across.

## Feinstein: Inspiration to women in politics

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Leandro," said Corbett. (Helen Lawrence was appointed mayor in the 1940s and Corbett was the first woman elected mayor of San Leandro.)

Shelia Young said of Feinstein, "She was a lovely woman and she was also very attentive. She was a big help to San Leandro when I was mayor."

"Before becoming a U.S. senator, she'd been a Bay Area mayor," Corbett said. "She really understood local concerns and issues. We were just very fortunate to have a woman with that knowledge as our senator."

Corbett said Feinstein had been instrumental in getting federal funds for dredging the marina, keeping the marina open for years, and also made sure San Leandro and other cities got federal funds so they could hire enough police officers. Feinstein also made sure federal block grants for San Leandro's housing needs

continued.

Feinstein was perhaps best known nationally for gaining passage of a 10-year nationwide ban on assault weapons, although Congress later let it lapse, Corbett said.

She said Feinstein had shown similar knowledge and support around state issues when Corbett served in the state legislature.

Whenever she was in Washington, she always made sure to see Feinstein in person, Corbett said.

Young noted that Feinstein did much to pave the way for America's future women mayors while she served as San Francisco's first.

"Feinstein founded the women's caucus of the U.S. Conference of Mayors," Young said. "When I was president of the U.S. Conference of Women's Mayors, some years later in 2004-05, we gave her an award for that pioneering act that had



Senator Dianne Feinstein's official photo in the early 2000s.

encouraged so many of us."

Ellen Corbett is currently on the board of directors of the East Bay Regional Park

District. Shelia Young continues to serve as a director of the Ora Loma Sanitary District.