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During the month of January, the Rene C. Davidson Courthouse in Oakland will be lit blue at night, the color representing human trafficking awareness.

DA Launches Anti-Trafficking Campaign

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

Human trafficking is an estimated \$150 billion-a-year global industry, with as many as 17,500 victims trafficked into the United States annually. Yet, Alameda County is the third highest "hot spot" for this crime in the United States.

In response, Alameda County District Attorney Pamela Price and bill-

board advertising firm Clear Channel have teamed up to raise awareness and offer hope to victims during January's National Human Trafficking Awareness Month. It's the 10th year the two organizations have collaborated to bring local awareness to this crime.

"Human trafficking is a serious crime that affects teens, children, and residents of Alameda County every

single day," said District Attorney Price. "When you think of human trafficking, you may think of crimes that occur in far-off places. But that is not the reality. These crimes are happening right here in our own backyard. My office hopes that public awareness on these crimes will increase the likelihood that they will be reported and perpetrators will be brought

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Police Stop Two Catalytic Converter Thefts

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

San Leandro Police report they stopped thieves from stealing catalytic converters from underneath vehicles parked at the San Leandro Unified School District campus twice within 12 days of each other.

On January 9 at about 10:45 p.m. San Leandro police were alerted to a theft in progress at the school district office on Juniper Street. While heading to the call, the on-site video monitoring service alerted police to a red SUV at the scene with two people inside.

Upon arrival, officers could hear power tools being used.

"The suspects were alerted to our presence and ran to their SUV," said Lieutenant Matthew Barajas of the San Leandro Police Department. "The SUV then fled. Based on our observations, coupled with the reporting provided by the monitoring service, officers had probable cause to believe the couple was there with the intent to steal vehicle parts."

The suspects led officers on a short vehicle pursuit before the SUV stopped under the Interstate 238 freeway at Mission Street. The two suspects—whose names and ages were withheld—were

arrested for theft and vehicle pursuit-related crimes.

Officers with the Alameda County Sheriff's Office and the California Highway Patrol see *THEFTS*, page 11

Forecast Calls for Dry Spell

By Mike Pechner
Special to the Times

A prolonged period of dry weather develops this Friday and continues right through the end of the month as the jet stream changes course over California allowing high pressure to move in ending a very wet pattern that began Christmas Day.

The rain and snow received over the entire state certainly put a major dent in our almost 4-year drought. Some parts of the Bay Area have already received their entire seasonal average rainfall with some stations reporting precipitation over 300 percent of average for this date.

Hayward airport leads the see *DRY*, page 4

Bay-O-Vista Residents Oppose EBMUD Quarry Restoration Project

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

The East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) in the planning phase of restoring a former quarry site in the hills just above San Leandro, using it as a place to deposit soil it digs up as the utility replaces older water pipes.

EBMUD wants residents to know that the project will eventually create a beautiful park in the hills that will include open space with views of the Bay, native plant restoration, and trails which could

be used by walkers, bicycles and horses.

But reaching that goal involves the utility company sending 30 to 100 dump trucks a day for 40 to 80 years along Lake Chabot Road between Castro Valley and San Leandro, according to Project Manager Chien Wang, speaking last October 26 at a meeting between EBMUD and the Bay-O-Vista Improvement Association.

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An EBMUD image shows the former quarry site they plan to restore with soil from trenches.

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

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



Tinsel

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter are Tinsel, a puppy, and Scarlett, a husky.

Tinsel is a sweet, 5-month-old, male Doberman puppy. Tinsel is a little shy but he loves playing with toys and people. He would do well in a home with older children.

Scarlett is a 1-year-old,



Scarlett

female Husky who is a little unsure of the world and looks for reassurance from the people who care for her. She would like a home with adults who are willing to go slow with her and help her see the world is not so scary.

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



PHOTOS COURTESY OF BRYAN AZEVEDO

The volunteers didn't mind a little rain at the cleanup at Marina Park on Saturday. Below, cleanup organizers Bryan Azevedo and Bernard Ashcraft.

Volunteers Follow King's Advice To Perform Community Service

The rain didn't even slow down the Day of Service cleanup at Marina Park on Saturday.

The cleanup was hosted by the San Leandro African American Chamber of Com-

merce, along with and Bay Area Business Roundtable, and City Councilman Bryan Azevedo in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s call for community service.

"We had a great turnout on this rainy day," Azevedo said. "Bernard Ashcraft told us that when Martin Luther King, Jr. died it rained for a week straight, so cancelling this was not an option."



Azevedo also thanked Rilo Mayorga for barbecuing for the volunteers.

Correction

The story on Jan. 12, 2023, "Council Okays Raises for page 11, "Supervisors Vote for Renter Protections in Unincorporated Area," did not accurately reflect the outcome of the vote. The Board of Supervisors delayed the second review of the ordinances to a later date.

• In the Dec. 29 story,

"Council Okays Raises for Brass," mistakenly said Ellen Corbett was the first female mayor of San Leandro, but Helen Lawrence was mayor from 1941 to 1944. At that time mayors were elected by the City Council. Corbett was the first woman elected mayor by the voters.

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Community Calendar

Martin Luther King Day Interactive Community Panel

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., will host an interactive community panel on Thursday, Jan. 19, from 6 to 7 p.m. Learn more about the personal stories and experiences from the interviews featured in the library's Redlining and Housing Discrimination exhibit. We will discuss San Leandro's past, it's diversity and its impact on our community. To view the interviews from the exhibit, click the link in our bio or visit sanleandro.org/redlining. Click on San Leandro Experiences to view them. This program is part of a series related to "The History of Redlining and Housing Discrimination in San Leandro" exhibit currently on display at the Main Library and San Leandro History Museum.

Boys & Girls Club's Annual Crab Feed Fundraiser

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

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

Eden Garden Club to Talk About Medicinal Herbs

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 Bonnie 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.

Resolved to Lose Weight in 2023

Join TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) for the support you need to start your weight loss journey. TOPS is a non-profit weight loss support group that meets on Fridays at 9 a.m. at the United Methodist Church, 19806 Wisteria Street in Castro Valley. For more information, call Sandy Montero at 510-299-7312. Join for fellowship and support. What do you have to lose?

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](https://www.eventbrite.com) –search: Champagne and Crab.



Chabad of San Leandro To Host New York Kosher Deli Experience

Chabad of San Leandro will bring back the popular authentic New York Kosher Deli experience on Sunday, Jan. 29.

Pre-order by Wednesday, Jan. 25, by going to: www.jewishsanleandro.com/deli and you will be sent an email of where to make the pickup on Jan. 29.

Have a corned beef or pastrami on rye with some mustard, a dill pickle on the

side along with a bowl of hot chicken soup and a matzah ball. Add a potato knish and a fresh babka for dessert together with a Dr. Brown soda and well, it is just heaven.

Since their last deli, people have been asking Rabbi Shmaya and Sheina Shusterman when it is happening again. Chabad of San Leandro is looking forward to enjoying a delicious deli spread with you.

MLK Day of Service 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.

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

Oakland Aviation Museum

Oakland Aviation Museum, 8252, Earhardt Road in Oakland, is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The daily schedule will continue until mid August. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors, \$10 for students and military personnel, and \$8 for kids 5 to 12 years old. Kids under 4 are admitted at no charge.

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Fun & Free Events At the Library

Family Fun Night Magic Show

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Celebrate the Year of the Rabbit at Manor Branch

Celebrate the Year of the Rabbit at the Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd., on Thursday, Jan. 26, at 3:30 p.m. All are invited to enjoy a free dance performance and Lunar New Year Craft Activities.

Join us at Weekly Manor Branch Story Times

Join the Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd., for stories, songs and fun at Weekly Story Time. 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.

Free Tech Tutorial Classes

Need help using your mobile device? The San Leandro Public Library will have Tech Tutorial classes on the basics of using Apple and Android devices. We will cover the basics of using your Apple device on Monday, Jan. 23, at 2 p.m., and the basics of using your Android device on Thursday, Jan. 26, at 2 p.m., both in the Trustees room at the Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. These classes are for adults who want to learn about the basics of their mobile devices. 30 minutes will be dedicated to questions and one-on-one help. Register online at sanleandro.libcal.org or by calling the information desk at 510-577-3971.

Dry: The skies to clear up for this weekend

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entire Bay Area with an incredible 491% of average with 7.75 inches of rain since January 1st and 20.53 inches since the season began on October. Oakland Airport has received 21.44 inches for the season so far, with 8.18 inches since the beginning of the New Year and now stands at 424 percent of normal to date.

EBMUD is in great shape as the local reservoirs continue to fill from run-off in the hills. Up in the Mother Lode and High Sierra, the snow pack continues to grow and is around 250 percent of average. EBMUD's Pardee Reservoir

is at 99 percent capacity and releasing water while Camanche Reservoir storage is at 74 percent and they are also releasing water to allow for flood encroachment space.

All of the East Bay lakes are full except Lafayette which is at 74 percent. Looking at the big picture, EBMUD says the total water storage is at 87 percent. It's not unusual even without climate change to see two or even three weeks of dry weather in the middle of the winter.

What remains to be seen is if February and March get at least average rainfall. If that happens, there certainly



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

The weather prediction is for the rain clouds to clear through the weekend and into next week.

will be enough water for the rest of the this year but with no new added capacity and a

growing population, droughts are inevitable in the years to come.

Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame Accepting Nominations: Deadline Friday

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, jus-

tice, 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.

To nominate someone, submit a nomination online at www.acgov.org/whof or call 510-272-3882 for more information.


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Support Your Resolutions of Your Mind, Body and Spirit

By Linette Escobar

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

How are those New Year's resolutions going? With the recent storms, you might need some motivation and support to get back on track. This quarter, Castro Valley Adult & Career Education (CVACE) is offering several classes that support all kinds of wellness.

Train your brain. Many studies have pointed to the cognitive benefits of learning a second language. At CVACE you can take a class in Chinese or Spanish. Not only will your brain form new neurons but you will be among people who share your interests.

Move your body. CVACE offers active classes like pick-

leball and volleyball where you can be a part of a group and get your heart rate up. If you are looking to improve flexibility then you can challenge yourself with Pilates, Power, and Posture, Chair Yoga or Nice and Easy Fitness. All instructors are pros at adapting exercises to different fitness levels.

Fight disease with art and music. Did you know that experiences such as viewing powerful art have been shown to fight inflammation? Inject more art and music into your life. A new class called Zentangle uses drawing as a form of meditation. If you have always wanted to learn to play the piano, your chance has arrived with Piano 101 and 102.

If you are already a musician, consider joining the Orchestra, Community Band or Swing

Band and start performing. *Make something.* Hands-on cooking classes include a

variety of delights including Macarons and pie dough. If you're trying to eat healthier, there will be a class where you cook with herbs and mushrooms under the guidance of a nutritionist and then share a healthy dinner and discussion. If you'd like to build your DIY skills, Your Home is taught by a contractor who covers basic

home maintenance.

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/s/ Clayton Davis
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The name of the business(es):
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GUEST COMMENTARY



Mortgage Lenders Bailing

As the real estate market, deeply impacted by the mortgage interest hikes, continues to morph its way into 2023, those being hit the hardest are lenders.

While current loan rates have dramatically slowed demand for home purchases, the refinance market has virtually disappeared as higher rates have made refinances unpalatable. It has been a double whammy for lenders who have seen overall mortgage applications down to their lowest point since 1996.

Consequently, we are seeing mortgage lenders such as Finance of America pulling out of the residential loan market to refocus on, in the words of Graham Fleming, interim CEO, "businesses that have a distinct market opportunity and greater growth potential." It is estimated that FOA

expects to save between \$110-\$120 million a year by leaving the residential market. While some lenders are choosing to continue originating mortgage loans, most major players have dramatically reduced their workforces to ease the substantial losses incurred by the low volumes of loans.

And now Wells Fargo is joining the pack of institutions leaving the residential mortgage market. In the case of Wells Fargo, at one time the #1 mortgage lender in the country, they are not leaving the market entirely but plan to only focus on existing customers and minority communities. Like competitors JPMorgan Chase and BofA, they intend to refocus on unsecured lending (ie. credit cards) and investment banking.

Mortgage lenders are also seeing a significant loss in profitability in the loan servicing arena. Most lenders originate loans and then, once they are on the books, bundle them and sell them to investors including Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Once the loan is sold, the mortgage originator typically continues to service the loan, ensuring that payments are coming in on time and so on. While in the past this has generated significant revenue, rising rates have tightened the margins and removed profitability.

The departure of major lenders is making things more difficult for those buyers who see the current housing market as an opportunity. With multiple offers disappearing almost entirely and prices lowering in many sectors, some buyers have realized that they can now negotiate prices and terms and begin reaping the benefits of home ownership sooner than later.

Unless we see a dramatic turnaround in the market, we can continue to see more and more lenders exiting which, in turn, makes it even more difficult for buyers to get a loan.

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The Sweet Spot: Planting Berry Vines

I plan to purchase several Blackberry and Raspberry plants to grow on a fence. How much sun do they require? Do I feed them when they're transplanted, and when will they bear fruit?

By Buzz Bertolero
THE DIRT GARDENER

Blackberry and Raspberry are an excellent addition if the plants are contained; hence, they are only advisable for a few gardens. You do not want to plant any berry vines on a fence that is also the property line. It can be an expensive nightmare dealing with neighbor(s) disputes as the vines will intrude next door. Berry vines are aggressive growers with above and below-ground stems or rhizomes. Instead, grow the vines on a separate trellis structure four to six feet

off any fence line. This way, you can head off the problems before it's too late. I would place the trellis in a north-south direction. They require six hours of sunlight per day, April through October. This will allow the berries to ripen on both sides of the vines. Blackberry and Raspberry's vines produce fruit next year as the berries are produced on second-year canes. The vines are pruned after you finish harvesting all the berries instead of waiting for them to go dormant. The fruiting canes are cut off at the ground. You replace them on the trellis with the best new shoots growing from the base. All the other new growth is removed. It would help if you were diligent with pruning off the basal shoots; otherwise, the vines can get out of hand. Again, the berries will only develop on the second-year canes. When



planting, I would add Starter Fertilizers and amend the soil with homemade compost or soil conditioner. Again, I would only recommend them if you have the proper setup.

I'd like to plant several Buckeyes on a hillside. I've collected several pods from an existing plant. Now, what do I do? Growing things like acorns in a bucket isn't good because of the tap root.

Buckeyes are excellent ornamental trees for medium to large

backyards. The tall trees, with their leafy green foliage, provide plenty of shade.

I'd germinate the seeds first and then transplant the seedlings out into the ground later this year. Also, I'd germinate all the seeds you have. This allows you to select the most vigorous seedlings to transplant.

A nursery flat, tray, or container filled with pre-moistened potting soil would work. I'd transplant the seedlings into individual containers after they are two inches tall. Buckeyes have a spreading root system instead of a taproot, so planting in containers shouldn't be an issue.

It would help if you broke open the pods to expose the individual seeds. They should be a shiny bright color. If they have a dull, wrinkled appearance, they may not germinate. If you have poor germination, I'd try it again in the fall with new seed pods.

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21354 Rizzo Avenue 94546:
\$780,000 [2 BD - 1,455 SF - 1947
19027 Mayberry Drive 94546:
\$855,000 [3 BD - 1,020 SF - 1950
3839 Modesto Street 94546:
\$890,000 [3 BD - 1,392 SF - 1950
17065 Sabina Court 94546:
\$890,000 [3 BD - 1,660 SF - 1960
18372 Joseph Drive 94546:
\$949,000 [3 BD - 1,172 SF - 1954
2431 San Carlos Avenue 94546:
\$1,150,000 [2 BD - 1,432 SF - 1949
5446 Greenridge Road 94552:
\$1,601,000 [4 BD - 1,842 SF - 1960
4333 Wildwood Place 94546:
\$1,825,000 [3 BD - 3,574 SF - 1987
6001 Slopeview Court 94552:
\$2,000,000 [3,859 SF - 1986

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High: \$1,200,000 – Low: \$614,000

1582 D Street 94541: \$650,000 [2

BD - 1,068 SF - 1928
897 Quantas Lane 94545: \$660,000
[3 BD - 1,121 SF - 1959
27710 Del Norte Court 94545:
\$690,000 [4 BD - 1,474 SF - 1970
91 Hacienda Avenue 94541:
\$717,000 [3 BD - 1,182 SF - 1951
26307 Regal Avenue 94544:
\$730,000 [3 BD - 1,059 SF - 1952
26337 Huntwood Avenue 94544:
\$820,000 [3 BD - 1,142 SF - 1954
27008 Underwood Avenue 94544:
\$850,000 [3 BD - 1,231 SF - 1955
1974 Lilac Avenue 94545: \$865,000
[3 BD - 1,224 SF - 1964
1792 Osage Court 94545: \$890,000
[3 BD - 1,224 SF - 1965
221 Span Court 94544: \$910,000
[3 BD - 1,760 SF - 2019
25495 University Court 94542:
\$950,000 [1,788 SF - 1978
960 Folsom Avenue 94544:
\$950,000 [3 BD - 2,010 SF - 1945
871 Folsom Avenue 94544:
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SAN LEANDRO

Total: 12 – Average Price: \$767,625
High: \$980,000 – Low: \$425,000

1400 Carpentier Street 94577:
\$425,000 [1 BD - 804 SF - 1983
1400 Carpentier Street #237 94577:
\$522,000 [2 BD - 1,193 SF - 1983
14023 Seagate Drive #229 94577:
\$560,000 [2 BD - 990 SF - 1985
14832 Wake Avenue 94578:
\$735,000 [2 BD - 1,354 SF - 1945
1730 Kappa Avenue 94579:
\$780,000 [3 BD - 1,732 SF - 1958
1011 Castle Street 94578:
\$825,000 [3 BD - 1,334 SF - 1952
870 Estudillo Avenue 94577:
\$835,000 [3 BD - 1,535 SF - 1938
15268 Wiley Street 94579:
\$840,000 [3 BD - 1,493 SF - 1952
16526 Russell Court 94578:
\$850,000 [1,842 SF - 1977
241 Begier Avenue 94577:
\$895,000 [5 BD - 2,177 SF - 1966
1188 Cherrybrooke Commons
94578: \$964,500 [4 BD - 1,957 SF - 2005
605 Lee Avenue 94577: \$980,000
[4 BD - 2,545 SF - 1948

SAN LORENZO

Total: 2 – Average Price: \$737,500
High: \$775,000 – Low: \$700,000

68 Via Rodriguez 94580: \$700,000
[3 BD - 1,360 SF - 1944
16032 Via Descanso 94580:
\$775,000 [3 BD - 1,000 SF - 1944

Seniors: Are Your Living Trust Documents HIPAA Compliant?

Q: I heard on a radio program that Living Trusts should be HIPAA compliant, but I didn't quite catch the full comment. Can you shed any light on this?

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

A. Sure. Most trusts and powers of attorney contain provisions which call for a change in trustee or agent when the maker of these instruments (you) becomes incapable of handling his or her own financial or personal affairs.

These documents typically require that incapacity be proved by the written statement of one or, sometimes, two physicians. The problem: these provisions often assume physicians will provide the written statements upon the simple request of another family member. But here's the catch: under current law relating to medical privacy, physicians cannot legally provide the statements unless a "HIPAA Authorization" has been signed in advance by the trust-maker.

HIPAA refers to a federal law designed, in part, to protect the privacy of one's medical

records. It stands for Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, and the provisions concerning medical privacy became generally effective in April, 2003. The law provides stiff fines for doctors, hospitals and other providers who disregard the requirement of written authorization.

So, the term "HIPAA Compliant" refers to a trust or other estate planning document which includes, among its provisions, a section expressly authorizing someone – usually the nominee next in line to be trustee or agent – to request competency statements from the trust maker's physicians.

Alternatively, the HIPAA Authorization may be contained in a separate document. But preauthorization, in some form, should be part of the person's estate plan in order to satisfy the medical release requirement, encourage physicians to provide the needed statements and thereby permit the smooth transfer of management responsibility when incapacity arises.

Many persons with long standing relationships with



their physicians assume that their own doctors will comply with a request from the family without the necessity of a release. However, this approach is risky, because at the time of need you may not be under the care of your own personal physicians: for example, you may be in a critical care hospital or in a nursing home where your care is managed by other physicians who practice only in that care facility. Further, even your own doctors may be reluctant to breach privacy protocols, especially if the request for disclosure arises at a time of family conflict.

A word to the wise: review your trust, powers of attorney and related documents to make sure that you have pre-authorized designated persons to request letters from your physicians when they reasonably believe that you are no longer capable of managing your own financial and personal affairs. Doing so will help smooth the transfer of management responsibility as you originally intended and may avoid the need for court intervention to resolve the issue.

Gene L. Osofsky is an elder law and estate planning attorney in the East Bay. Please visit: LawyerForSeniors.com.

Mortgage Rates Inch Up

Mortgage application activity sunk to a quarter century low this week as high mortgage rates continue to weaken the housing market. While mortgage market activity has significantly shrunk over the last year, inflationary pressures are easing and should lead to lower mortgage rates in 2023.

Homebuyers are waiting for rates to decrease more significantly, and when they do, a strong job market and a large demographic tailwind of Millennial renters will provide support to the purchase market. Moreover, if rates continue to decline, borrowers who purchased in the last year will have opportunities to refinance into lower rates.

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Where's the Kindness For Homeless?

Editor,

For the last 8 years we heard the slogan, "San Leandro, a City Where Kindness Matters." Where was that kindness demonstrated to the unhoused during these record-setting storms?

Is this city's Human Services Department no longer concerned about the homeless? Did the mayor, City Council or staff even discuss opening warming centers for the unhoused?

Shame on all of these "leaders," who chose to ignore the needs of this group in San Leandro.

Donna Mitchell
San Leandro

Thanks to Animal Services

Editor,

A friend was at the Marina last Thursday evening and found a soaked dog without a collar. Unable to keep the dog at her home until the owner was found, I kept the dog overnight. I had taken her to a local veterinary office, where she was scanned, but no I.D. chip was found.

Unable to keep more than one night, I contacted San Leandro Animal Control. The kind officer said that she would be transferred to the Oakland SPCA. The following day, I looked at the SPCA website and saw the sweet dog that I had picked up listed as a "found stray." A few days later, I revisited the site and saw that she was no longer listed. I am quite certain that the pet was reunited with the owner.

I would like to thank those who work at veterinary hospitals, San Leandro Animal Control and Oakland SPCA for their services to pet owners and the community.

I strongly urge pet owners to have your pet microchipped for identification in case the pet slips out of your home or gets lost.

Cindy Bhusari
San Leandro

Bike Lanes on Grand Avenue Creates Hazard to Pedestrians

Editor,

Recently a section of Gand Avenue in San Leandro was repaved just north of the I-580 southbound on ramp. As part of that project bike lanes were created next to the curbs. Parking spaces were moved to the middle of the road by reducing a four-lane road to two lanes that service both a freeway off

ramp and a freeway on ramp.

The result is new congestion and hazards for pedestrians, bus passengers and cross traffic. All this in the service of non-existing bicycle riders. With these changes, stops by delivery vans, buses and emergency vehicles are now blocking the road that forces following cars into an illegal pass and oncoming traffic.

Quite a few neighbors affected have criticized the changes on social media (Nextdoor) as being insensitive to the needs of the community and creating unnecessary hazards. To preserve public safety, this poorly considered project is in obvious need of a do-over.

Jim Mehner
Sheffield Village

Agrees with Reading Recommendation

Editor,

In the December 29 issue of the San Leandro Times writer Mike Rothbardt included in his "Ten Thoughts for New Year" the recommendation to read Blood Meridian by Cormac McCarthy. I did and Mike is correct that there is nothing quite like it. He is also correct that "It is not for everyone..."

Blood Meridian is a fictional account of a young man's (boy's) adventures/travails along the Mexico/US border in the 1850s. The boy falls in with a gang of scalp hunters and chaos and death ensues. The story is bloody, violent, at times disgusting but also enthralling, captivating and thought provoking. What makes it so unique is McCarthy's writing style which contains very little punctuation leading to a very different read. Between violent episodes there are many passages detailing characters philosophies in an almost poetic style of prose. Not an easy read by any stretch.

Try it if you can tolerate violent reading and want to give your brain a workout!

Robert Pushwa
San Leandro

Lake Chabot Road Can't Support EBMUD Quarry Plan

Editor,

When I first heard that EBMUD is planing to fill in the old quarry on Lake Chabot Road with soil excavated during pipeline maintenance, it didn't seem like such a bad idea. Not, that is, until I realized they plan to run 60 to

100 dump trucks a day along Lake Chabot Road for 40 to 80 years.

That's right. If anybody now alive is here to see it, the site and adjacent hillside will eventually be seeded and planted with native plants. Maybe our grandchildren will be able to hike and ride horses up there.

An EBMUD FAQ on their web site evades all important questions by saying they "will be investigated." An initial study, published last January, indicates that there may be "substantial adverse effects" for nearly every concern and notes that an Environmental Impact Report is required.

The Draft Environmental Impact Report originally due to be published this month has been put on hold. When it is released, there will be a 45-day period for public comments. This will present a good opportunity to get in touch with the San Leandro City Council, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, and the Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council.

Lake Chabot Road is currently closed because of land slides and erosion that have undermined the road bed. Even after being rebuilt, it's doubtful that it would be able to support the constant dump truck traffic.

There is much more to say about this than space will allow, but if you have the patience, you can wade through the EBMUD website.

To learn more and join some neighbors who want to keep Lake Chabot Road open, see our web site (savelakechabotroad.com) and, if you agree with us, sign our petition.

Gary Sloane
San Leandro

Filling Quarry Site Does Not Compute

Editor,

EBMUD's attempt to purchase the old Quarry site zoned for agricultural use next to vibrant San Leandro residential communities and obtain county approval for use as a trench soil landfill site seems so outrageous when you read their proposal that you might think it the proverbial fake news.

The thought of up to 100 large dump trucks traversing narrow and falling apart Estudillo and Lake Chabot Roads and how I will be able to avoid them as they attempt to navigate the turns with soft or no shoulders and little if any curb makes my head spin and pity more the poor bicyclists who will meet them.

The idea that a public agency would choose to put a landfill site with all the attendant dump trucks, dust suppressors and tractors to spread and compact the fill (with their mind numbing beep, beep, beep every time they back up) within 100 feet of residential properties just does not compute.



Send a letter to the editor to Letters@ebpublishing.com. Letters must include the writer's name, address and telephone number.

There will be a total of 3 fill sites, a trench backfill material storage site and finally "Hydro Slurry delivered to and mechanically separated at the Quarry Site" (I have no idea what that means but it does not sound like a quiet process.) We will welcome all this to San Leandro for 40-80 years.

And the carrot for all this misery is a parking lot, some dirt trails that should connect to the Fairmont Ridge Trail and a hydro seeded hillside that well... looks like a hillside. We have a hillside now.

Tell your elected officials in San Leandro and Alameda County to say no to this project and let EBMUD find a more fit location that will not intrude on and damage a community.

Mark Thomas
San Leandro

Move Project to an Alternate Site

Editor,

EBMUD (East Bay Municipal Utility District) has applied for a conditional use permit (CUP) from Alameda County to allow the deposit of trench soil extracted from pipeline repair and construction into the quarry site located at 13575 Lake Chabot Road.

Check out the web site SAVE-LAKECHABOTROAD.COM for detailed information.

EBMUD estimates that there will be 60-100 dump trucks five days a week on Lake Chabot Road for the next 40-80 years (this is not a typo), with trucks entering and exiting the site and traveling on Estudillo Avenue and Lake Chabot Road every four or five minutes. The intersections of Estudillo/MacArthur and Estudillo/Benedict will be seriously impacted.

Lake Chabot Road, is currently closed due to rockslides and major undercarriage structure issues. This road is very narrow with no shoulders, heavy with bicycle traffic and wildlife, autos, and hikers.

Even worse than the Road, is the proposed Quarry site. The Quarry is on land that has a history of slippage and open crevasses and sits atop two traces of the Hayward Fault.

Other dump sites in use by EBMUD for this purpose are located in areas remote from traffic and homes and we are urging EBMUD to withdraw their application and move this project to an

alternative site.

Teri Schlesinger
San Leandro

Local Issues Tied to State, Nation

Editor,

A Letter writer stated the opinion here last week that "Letters should be about things in our community, good or bad." That letter displayed a misunderstanding of the many ways our community is greatly affected by actions and decisions made in our state, nation and world.

That writer expressed the view that discussing our city library in these Letters to the Editor "...is a good example of what we should see going forward." Does this letter writer know that funding for our library operations and other city services has been undermined for many decades by the changes made in federal and state tax rates which have allowed wealthy people and corporations to avoid paying their fair share?

Our city budget used to receive much more revenue from the state and federal government relative to our population and economy than we do now. This is a primary reason why San Leandro residents have voted on one local ballot initiative after another in recent decades. Our city, schools, water systems, park services and other service providers must replace long-term reductions in funding from Congress and the state legislature.

Last week's letter writer might oppose a discussion here about a decision that was just made by the new Republican majority in the House of Representatives because it is not a "local" issue. The new "balanced budget rule" which House Republicans approved would impose about \$1 trillion in cuts to Medicare payments to health care providers. This plan, if implemented, would make it very likely that San Leandro Hospital and St. Rose Hospital would be forced to close. It would also cause reductions and closures at many nursing homes, doctor's offices and community health clinics.

San Leandrans are also Californians, Americans, and members of the world community. We must keep that in mind.

Doug Jones
San Leandro

Trafficking: DA asks for public's help to combat human trafficking

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to justice.”

The campaign features Clear Channel billboards and bus shelters throughout Alameda County, bringing awareness to the insidious crimes of human trafficking. The campaign focuses on crimes of sex and labor trafficking. These types of crimes are a serious threat to public safety.

By educating the community on the various forms of human trafficking in our neighborhoods, the groups hope to prevent the next person from falling victim to this crime.

“Our hope is that victims will also see these life-saving messages on our billboards as a sign that they are not alone and that there is support available,” said Bob Schmitt, Regional President of Northern California at Clear Channel Outdoor.

Human trafficking is an

umbrella term encompassing all forms of exploitation. It's broken down into either forced labor or sex trafficking. Both adults and children are victims, with the median age of entry for girls falling between 12-14 while boys and transgendered youth average 11-13, according to Alameda County District Attorney's H.E.A.T. Watch anti-trafficking program.

Beyond the billboards and signs, the DA says there are many indicators that a person is a victim of human trafficking. These include:

- May not be free to leave or come and go as they wish
- Is unpaid, paid very little, or paid only through tips
- Works excessively long and/or unusual hours
- Someone else is dictating what they wear, eat, when they sleep, etc.
- Claims of just visiting and

inability to clarify where they are staying or going

- Lack of knowledge of whereabouts and/or do not know what city they are in
- Tattoos of a name, symbol of money or barcode could indicate trafficking
- Is not in control of their

own money, no financial records, or bank account

- Is not in control of their own identification documents (ID or passport) or lacks identification completely
- Is not allowed or able to speak for themselves

The District Attorney's

Office has a steady record of aggressively prosecuting sex trafficking-related cases. From January 2006 to December 2022, the DA brought forward 943 charges with 716 convictions related to trafficking. The DA reports that more than 1,140 police reports were filed

during the same period.

If you or someone you know is a victim of human trafficking, the DA asks you to call the H.E.A.T. Watch tip line at (510) 208-4959 or you can text BEFREE (233-733) to the National Human Trafficking hotline at (888) 373-7888.

Thefts: Arrests made in theft cases

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trol helped in the arrest. The suspects are expected to be arraigned in court this week.

“This an example of dedicated officers doing their job, coupled with great teamwork between SLPD officers and our allied agencies,” Barajas said.

Another attempted theft was thwarted at the same location on Dec. 29 at about 2 a.m. Officers responded to a call and when they arrived

police say they observed a 4-door green car with no license plates parked in the lot.

While searching the property, police stopped and questioned Omar Rivera, a 46-year-old Stockton resident standing close to the green car. Officers said they could hear the sound of a power tool in the distance.

Next, officers saw a flashlight being used underneath a school bus. Ramon Ramirez,

a 43-year-old Oakland resident, was caught underneath a school bus with burglary tools. Ramirez was handcuffed and taken into custody without incident.

“Upon completing SLPD's investigation, including the officer's observations, the pair was arrested for catalytic converter theft and possession of burglary tools,” San Leandro Police Lieutenant Barajas told the *Times*.

The case has since been

charged by the Alameda County District Attorney's Office.

The school district says they're glad that no one was hurt and that both thefts were stopped in progress.

“The San Leandro Unified School District is deeply appreciative of the support our law enforcement and community partners provide in keeping our schools safe and secure around the clock,” said SLUSD spokesperson Keziah Moss.

Check with East Bay Regional Parks About What's Open

By Ned MacKay
Special to the Times

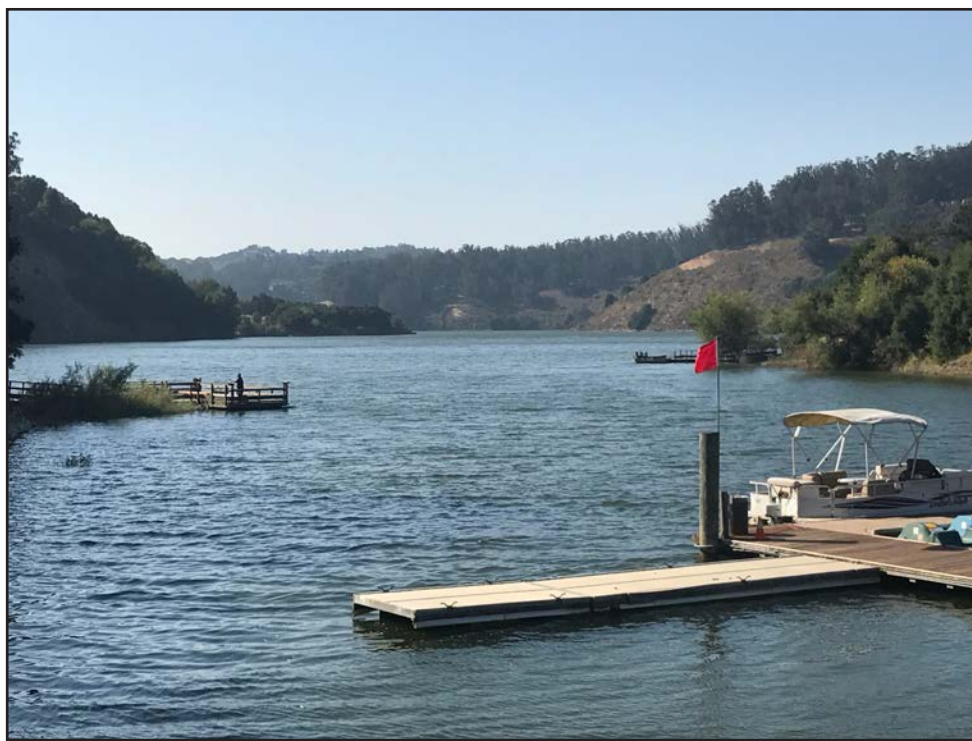
The winter storms that have pummeled the Bay Area have caused a lot of damage to East Bay Regional Parks and other public open space. Forecasts indicate that more storms are likely on the way.

As a result, some regional parks may be closed temporarily to protect the public and complete repairs. So if you are planning to visit a park to join a program or explore on your own, be sure to check beforehand to make sure that the park is open and the program will proceed.

After the first storms, all the regional parks were closed for public protection. Then the regional parks along the bay shoreline and delta were reopened.

As of Jan. 12, five regional parks were closed until further notice: Anthony Chabot, Del Valle, Sunol, Ohlone Wilderness and the Tilden Nature Area. Although the rest of the regional parks were reopened, some were accessible only for pedestrian and bicycle traffic. Paved inter-park trails including the Contra Costa Canal, Iron Horse, and Lafayette-Moraga trails are also open.

The situation is evolving as the weather changes. Up-to-date information on park status is posted at the top of the home page on the district website, www.ebparks.org. Or you can call the visitor



Some regional parks closed in the past week due to the storms, so check before heading to a park this weekend.

centers at the phone numbers listed with program descriptions.

Even if a park is open, some entrances, trails and roads may be closed due to flooding or other storm damage. Please cooperate with any signage warning of hazards and any instructions from district staff.

Also, when you are visiting parks, be mindful of conditions and exercise caution. The ground is highly saturated.

Weather permitting, here are some of the activities planned in the regional parks

in coming days:

Newts on the March

With the rainy weather, newts are on the march. Newts are a variety of salamander that lies dormant in woods and fields during the dry season, then migrates to ponds and streams during the rainy season for purposes of reproduction.

Newts are about four to six inches long, brown with gold-colored bellies. They're cute. You may see them crawling across roads and trails on their way to water.

If the parks are open, the best places to see them include South Park Drive at Tilden Regional Park in Berkeley (closed to vehicle traffic during the winter to protect them) and the Marichich lagoons at Briones Regional Park south of Martinez.

If you see newts, please do not pick them up or otherwise disturb them. For one thing, their skin has a poison to protect them from predators. And it is illegal to collect and remove any plants or animals from regional parks.

King Tides Walk

If high water intrigues you, join a “King Tides Walk” from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 21 with naturalist Erin Blackwood at Coyote Hills.

This is a mostly flat, paved walk along the San Francisco Bay shoreline for ages 10 and older, with parent participation. Find out how high tides affect plants, animals, and humans. Wear good walking shoes and bring water.

Or you can join in a “Storywalk Along the Marsh” at Coyote Hills from 3 to 3:30 p.m. the same day. A naturalist will lead an exploration of the park's marshland with stories, songs and movement. The program is for all ages; parent participation is required, and registration is not necessary.

Coyote Hills is at the end of Patterson Ranch Road off Paseo Padre Parkway. Meet at the visitor center for either program. Both programs are free. If the entrance road is open to vehicles, there's a parking fee of \$5 per car.

Otherwise you have to bike or walk in. Parking for a fee is available at the nearby Dumbarton Quarry Campground. For information, call 510-544-3220.

Tidal Walk with a Naturalist

Speaking of King Tides, there's another tidal walk from noon to 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 22 at Radke Martinez Regional Shoreline with naturalist Jessica Kauzer.

The walk is on flat, unpaved trails. Dress for the weather, wear boots, and expect to get a bit wet. Bring water and snacks.

The program is free, and registration isn't required. Meet Jessica in the parking lot off North Court Street in Martinez. For information, call Black Diamond Mines at 510-544-2750.

These are just a few of the programs scheduled in the regional parks. For the full list, go to www.ebparks.org/things-to-do. Be sure to check for weather-related closures and cancellations.

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Nobel Peace Prize Lecture (1964)

"Yet, in spite of these spectacular strides in science and technology, and still unlimited ones to come, something basic is missing. There is a sort of poverty of the spirit which stands in glaring contrast to our scientific and technological abundance. The richer we have become materially, the poorer we have become morally and spiritually. We have learned to fly the air like birds and swim the sea like fish, but we have not learned the simple art of living together as brothers."

"Proud to be Maladjusted" (1966)

"There are some things in our nation and the world

for which I am proud to be maladjusted and wish all men of goodwill would be maladjusted until the good society is realized. I never intend to adjust myself to segregation and discrimination. I never intend to become adjusted to a religious bigotry. I never intend to adjust myself to economic conditions that will take necessities from the many to give luxuries to the few, leaving millions of people smothering in an air-tight cage of poverty in the midst of an affluent society. I never intend to adjust myself to the madness of militarism and the self-defeating effects of physical violence."

"The Other America" (1967)

"I think America must see that riots do not develop out of thin air. Certain conditions continue to exist in our society which must be condemned as vigorously as we condemn riots. But in the final analysis, a riot is the language of the unheard. And what is it that America has failed to hear? It has failed to hear that the plight of the Negro poor has worsened over the last few years. It has failed to hear that the promises of freedom and justice have not been met. And it has failed to hear that large segments of white society are more concerned about tranquility and the status quo than about justice, equality, and humanity. And so in a real sense our nation's summers of riots are caused by our nation's



Martin Luther King, Jr.

winters of delay. And as long as America postpones justice, we stand in the position of having these recurrences of violence and riots over and over again. Social justice and progress are the absolute guarantors of riot prevention."

"The Three Evils of Society" (1967)

"And so the collision course is set. The people cry for freedom and the congress attempts to legislate repression. Millions, yes billions, are appropriated for mass murder; but the most meager pittance of foreign aid for international development is crushed in the surge of reaction. Unemployment rages at a major depression level in the black ghettos, but the bi-partisan response is an anti-riot bill rather than a serious poverty program."

"Beyond Vietnam: A Time to Break Silence" (1967)

"If America's soul becomes totally poisoned, part of the autopsy must read 'Vietnam.' It can never be saved so

long as it destroys the deepest hopes of men the world over. So it is that those of us who are yet determined that 'America will be' are led down the path of protest and dissent, working for the health of our land."

I've Been to the Mountaintop" (1968)

"All we say to America is to be true to what you said on paper...Somewhere I read of the freedom of speech. Somewhere I read of the freedom of press. Somewhere I read that the greatness of America is the right to protest for rights. And so just as I say we aren't going to let any dogs or water hoses turn us around, we aren't going to let any injunction turn us around. We are going on. We need all of you."

Quarry: EBMUD plans 'beautiful park'; Bay-O-Vista folks disagree

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Their destination is a former quarry, the San Leandro Rock Company at 13575 Lake Chabot Road, that operated for a century. The site is on county land near the Bay-O-Vista neighborhood of San Leandro. Several smaller non-quarry businesses use the site now, but the owner is interested in selling the property.

EBMUD wants to fill that quarry with dirt excavated when pipes are replaced. They are replacing about 25 miles of pipes a year now throughout Alameda and Contra Costa counties, but hope to step that up to 40 miles a year by 2024.

Some Neighbors Oppose Truck Traffic

The truck volume and project duration, along with concerns about hillside stability, have drawn some neighborhood opposition at several public meetings.

"The road can't possibly sustain that sort of truck traffic," said Kat Wellman of the Save Lake Chabot Road group. "It would make the road totally unsafe, especially for bicyclists."

Wellman said there's barely enough room now, given how many curves there are, for a car to pass a bicycle safely. It's even tighter when there is

also an oncoming car, never mind a truck, she said.

Wellman urged residents in Bay-O-Vista and throughout San Leandro, Castro Valley, and nearby Oakland, as well as Lake Chabot Park users, to sign a petition opposing the project at <https://savelakechabotroad.com>.

EBMUD Says Project Will Improve Neighborhood

EBMUD insists the project will be safe, and will end up making Bay-O-Vista a better neighborhood than it is now, once the park and walking trails are built.

That would most likely be in 10 to 20 years, Project Manager Chien Wang told a questioner at a February 2022 public meeting.

EBMUD spokesperson Mona Favorite-Hill said the road is built to handle trucks of that weight and that other possible sites had been looked at but fell short. She said that sending vehicles to one central location, near public highways, was less disruptive to neighborhoods than sending dump trucks through multiple residential neighborhoods.

EBMUD spokeswoman



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Lake Chabot Road where the trucks will carry the soil to the quarry site, is currently closed due to recent storms.

Mona Favorite-Hill said that sending fill to one permanent site, to be filled in over time, is an improvement over the current practice of sending the soils to temporary storage site and then moving it again to landfills.

"We do look for people who can use the soil before we store it, but this only gets you so far," she said. "We are very

concerned about the impact on residents. We're trying to do what's best."

Tapes of EBMUD's past public meetings are available on their website at www.ebmud.com, which has a page devoted to the Quarry Site Restoration Project.

EBMUD will meet on February 1 to talk about the project with the San Leandro

City Council's Facilities and Transportation Committee.

The last several weeks of rains have damaged Lake Chabot Road, and San Leandro has said repairs to its portion of the road could take a month or more. EBMUD's Favorite-Hill said the road will need to be reassessed for its capacity after repairs are made.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19): Some people might resent the way you plan to resolve a difficult situation. But your commitment to making tough but fair decisions soon wins you their respect and support.



TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Although your keen Bull's eyes usually can discern what's fact from what's faux, that upcoming decision will need really solid data before you can risk a commitment.



GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): As your confidence grows, you should be able to work toward your goals with more enthusiasm. Open your mind to suggestions. Some of them might even work for you.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Reconnecting with someone from your past stirs up that old sense of adventure. But before you do anything else, be sure to get answers to any lingering questions.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): Some people might resent the way you plan to resolve a difficult situation. But your commitment to making tough but fair decisions soon wins you their respect and support.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): Mixed signals could be causing that vexing workplace problem. Before you choose to leave the project, ask for a meeting so that you can get things out in the open.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): Your good intentions could backfire if you're not careful with other people's feelings. Try using persuasion, not pressure, to get others to see your side of the situation.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): Your dedication to finishing the task at hand is laudable. But be careful not to overdo the midnight oil bit. Take time for relaxation with someone very special.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Although your intuition will help you make some tough choices in the first half of the month, you'll need more facts to back up your actions later on.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): All that hard work and research in the workplace finally pays off as you hoped it would. Ignore comments from jealous types who are out to get the Goat riled up.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): An unfair decision creates unnecessary problems. But avoid anger and move carefully as you work this out. Expect to get support from an unlikely source.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): A fuzzy financial vista persists until the end of the month, when things begin to clear up. You'll also gain a better perspective on how to handle pesky personal problems.

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