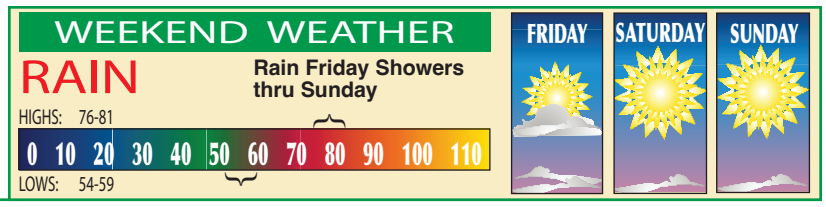
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Aileen Chanco, founding director, and Bill Everett, artistic co-director of Music with a Mission, which will present a concert on Friday night.

Music with a Mission: Indigenous Concert at All Saints Episcopal

By Rev. Justin R. Cannon
Rector, All Saints Episcopal Church

Music with a Mission will hold its next concert at All Saints Episcopal Church, 911 Dowling Blvd. in San Leandro on Friday, Nov. 13, at 7:30 p.m.

Presenting music inspired by the folk music of minority communities from four continents that have experienced repression in different ways: African-Americans in the United States, the Inca in Peru, Tibetans in China and the Basque in France and Spain. Discounted tickets available for students.

Tickets available at: tinyurl.com/IndigenousMusic

Music with a Mission makes classical chamber music accessible to Bay Area communities. It moved its headquarters to San Leandro after more than a decade in Fremont.

The organization's upcoming concert series, "Indigenous Voices," explores music inspired by the folk traditions of four communities that

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Gonzalez Re-elected, Thomas Leads

Voters return Mayor Juan Gonzalez to office and elect Lee Thomas to the City Council

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

Mayor Juan Gonzalez is headed for a second term after getting 68 percent of the votes counted so far against challenger James Maes.

"Thank you to the voters for supporting our positive approach to campaigning, and supporting the progress we've made," Gonzalez said.

As of Tuesday, Gonzalez had 16,963 votes to 7,811 for Maes.

In the only contested race among the other City Council members, in District 3, Lee Thomas is so far getting 59 percent of the votes against Joseph Trujillo.

All the votes haven't been counted yet by the Registrar of Voters. And the City Council results appear to include all the votes citywide. The city will tally the results by the precincts in each council district after all the votes are in, in

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SL Drama Presents *The Play that Goes Wrong*

San Leandro High School Dramatic Arts will present the comedy – *The Play that Goes Wrong* – on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 13 and 14, at 7 p.m.; and on Sunday, Nov. 15, at 1 p.m. at the San Leandro Arts Education Center, 2250 Bancroft Ave.

Tickets are available at www.sanleandropac.com. Tickets are $7 for students, $10 for 65 and up, and $12 for adults.

The play started last weekend and runs one more weekend. The play is by Henry Lewis, Jonathan Sayer and Henry Shields.

Suspect Accused of 57 Organized Retail Thefts All Across Alameda County

Alameda County District Attorney Ursula Jones Dickson announced that the District Attorney's Organized Retail Theft Unit is prosecuting Haki McClain related to four cases involving 57 theft incidents across eight Alameda County jurisdictions from 2025 through 2026.

The defendant is being prosecuted pursuant to California's organized retail theft law, Penal Code section 666.1, which took effect on December 18, 2024.

In Alameda County alone, the defendant is alleged to have been involved in thefts that resulted in more than $74,000 in losses for 11 retailers and to have been found in possession of more than $35,000 in stolen merchandise.

McClain's theft activity extends beyond Alameda County. He has separate theft-related cases in Los Angeles County and San Mateo County, and he has been iden-

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For more information, call the City Clerk at 577-3367.

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Chanticleers Presents *The First Day in December*

When winning the lottery meant you got sent to Vietnam

The Chanticleers Theatre, 3683 Quail Ave. in Castro Valley, is presenting *The First Day in December,* a gripping historical drama, through Nov. 22.

Performance are on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. General admission is $35, seniors $30, students $15.

Tickets are available online at www.chanticleers.org or by calling the box office at 510-SEE-LIVE. A platform fee and standard credit card fees apply to all ticket purchases.

About the Play

The drama unfolds in real-time over 90 grueling minutes on December 1, 1969, inside a college fraternity house. The first draft numbers have already been called. It should have been a 21st-birthday celebration, but the arrival of the Vietnam War draft lottery has shattered those plans—leaving the birthday boy tending bar across town while his friends remain glued to the radio.

As the live broadcast counts down the days of the year, the remaining young men are thrown into a high-stakes crucible, forcing them to confront their immediate mortality, political beliefs, and the fracturing bonds of brotherhood.

Cast and Creative Team

The cast includes Connor Biondi as Chad,Max O. Chang as Tim,Jack Singer as Mike, Alexander Witt as Rory, Vince Gabrielson as David, and Anna Wesner and Violet Ching sharing the role of Linda.



PHOTO COURTESY THE CHANTICLEERS

Students' plans are upended as they face the draft in The First Day in December.

San Leandro Art Association to Host Third Saturday Free Art Making

The San Leandro Art Association (SLAA) is initiating a free monthly Third-Saturday Art-Making Event and invites the public to join on Saturday, Nov. 21, from noon to 3 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 180 Estudillo Ave., in the Peak Room.

Make art while enjoying the company of other art-friendly people. Open to all ages.

Families are encouraged to make art together. You may bring a project of your own to work on or use some of the supplies that will be on hand.

There will be a short lesson for a project if you need a little hands-on help. No art experience needed. This is a way to build community around art.

Come on by and make some new friends. There will be light snacks and beverages.



Washington Home Owners to Meet

The Washington Home Owners Association will host its monthly meeting on Wednesday Nov. 18, at 6:30 p.m. at the Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd. The speaker will be City Councilmember-elect Lee Thomas who will talk about his vision for the upper half of Washington Manor and Bonaire. Residents of those neighborhoods along with the general public are invited. For more information, visit: www.whoasl.com or call Bob Glaze at 510-352-2058.

Local Students on Campus

Yueyan Liu of San Lorenzo has earned a Master of Science in Analytics from the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta.

Liu was among approximately 2,240 undergraduate and graduate students who earned degrees during the Summer 2026 semester.

The Georgia Institute of Technology, or Georgia Tech, is one of the top public research universities in the U.S., developing leaders who advance technology and improve the human condition.

Olivia Bye, Class of 2028, of San Leandro, was named to the dean's list at Tufts University for the spring 2026 semester. Dean's list honors at Tufts University require a semester grade point average of 3.4 or greater.

Tufts University, located on campuses in Boston, Medford/Somerville and Grafton, Massachusetts, and in Talloires, France, is recognized among the premier research universities in the United States. Tufts enjoys a global reputation for academic excellence and for the preparation of students as leaders in a wide range of professions.

Community Calendar

Historical Society Trivia Bee

The 5th Annual Local History Trivia Bee will be held on Saturday, Nov. 14, from noon to 3 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 180 Estudillo Ave. The bee is a fun way to learn some local history or show off your knowledge of San Leandro's past. Free, or $10 to include pizza and salad lunch. For more information, visit: www.sanleandrohistory.org or call 510-969-0975.

San Leandro Players Present *The Uninvited*

The San Leandro Players present *The Uninvited*, opening Saturday at the San Leandro Museum/Auditorium, 320 W. Estudillo Ave. The show runs on Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. through November 13, with two Friday shows at 8 p.m. on Nov. 13 and Nov. 20. Tickets are $25 general, $20 seniors and under 12. For more information or tickets, visit www.slplayers.org or call 510-895-2573.

Big Tent to Meet on Saturday

The Big Tent will meet on Saturday, Nov. 14, at 11 a.m. at Families United, 209 Joaquin Ave. in San Leandro. The agenda will include Big Tent evaluation, assessments, restructuring and a workshop on economic violence.

Women Voters Collecting Essentials for the Homeless

The League of Women Voters of the Eden Area is partnering with the Castro Valley Women's Club to sponsor the second Underwear Challenge. Individuals are asked to donate new adult socks or underwear. Any amount is helpful. Join us with your donations for an ice cream social to weigh and sort your donations on Monday, Nov. 16, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Castro Valley Women's Club, 18330 Redwood Road in Castro Valley. If you aren't able to come on the 16th, you may contact Jo Loss to arrange pick up at 510-881-3109 or at: jolosscv@gmail.com

The Martina Show

A new episode of The Martina Show will air this November. This episode will feature a previously aired interview and feature a cooking segment. The episode's guests include aspiring author Martha Lawson and Hayward Mayor Mark Salinas. Tune in to the Martina Show weekly on Friday's at 7 p.m. on Comcast channel 28. You can also tune in to see the show at: https://www.chabot-college.edu/chabottv/

Free Wellness & Fellowship for Seniors

First United Methodist Church, 1600 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro, invites seniors to a program featuring seated exercise, guided meditation, conversation, fun activities, tea, and healthy snacks on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon, through November 17. Nurture your body, mind, and spirit while building community in a welcoming setting. Free of charge. All are welcome. For more information, call 510-483-0606.

TAGS Holiday Night Market

Teen Advocacy Going Strong (TAGS) will host a Holiday Night Market on Saturday, Nov. 28, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Zocalo Coffee House, 645 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro with handmade jewelry, holiday gifts, curated fashion and more. TAGS is a non-profit thrift store and creative hub for teens and young adults in San Leandro. Visit: https://www.teenadvocacy.org/event-details/holiday-night-market

Vendor Space Available at Arroyo Holiday Boutique

The Arroyo Athletic Boosters are seeking vendors for the Annual Holiday Boutique that will be on Saturday, Dec. 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Arroyo High School cafeteria, 15701 Lorenzo Ave. in San Lorenzo. The cost is $40 per 10-by-10 foot space. Sign up at: https://arroyo-athletic-boosters-holiday-boutique.cheddarup.com

Serve on a SL Board Or Commission

Help make the decisions that affect your community.

San Leandro residents can apply to serve on a City of San Leandro board or commission. Bring your experience, ideas and community perspective to local decision-making.

Board and commission members provide recommendations to the City Council on issues that affect San Leandro.

Serving is also an opportunity to learn more about how the City works, connect with other residents and help influence the programs and policies that shape your community.

Applications are open through Nov. 30. Learn about current opportunities and apply:SanLeandro.org/Boards

Hearing Loss Association To Meet on Saturday

Learn how service dogs can help people with hearing loss at the Hearing Loss Association of America – East Bay meeting at the Kaiser Permanente Oakland Fabiola Bldg., 3801 Howe St. in Oakland on Saturday, Nov. 14. Refreshments at 9:30 a.m., presentation at 10 a.m., pizza at 11:30 a.m.

For Older Adults – Walk with Ease

Spectrum Community Service welcomes older adults to Walk with Ease, meeting three days a week – Monday, Wednesday and Friday through Dec. 23 at the San Leandro Senior Center, 13909 East 14th St. Class times are 8:45 to 9:45 a.m., and 1 to 2 p.m. Led by a certified instructor who enjoys exercising with older adults. The one hour sessions included 30 minutes of walking at your own pace. Registration required by phone or website: SpectrumCS.org/Senior-Services/Fall-Risk-Reduction, or call 510-876-8809.

A Matter of Balance Meets on Wednesdays

A Matter of Balance is an eight-session program designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels among older adults on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. through Nov. 18 at the San Lorenzo Community Center, 1970 Via Buena Vista in San Lorenzo. Learn how to manage fall concerns and improve flexibility, balance, and strength. Register by calling 510-881-6766.

Jewelry Jamboree Fundraiser at All Saints

Visit All Saints' first Jewelry Jamboree Fundraiser Sale on Sunday, November 29, from noon to 3 p.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church, 911 Dowling Blvd. in San Leandro.

The sale will be held in the Fireside Room – one day only. No early birds, please. Shop an incredible selection of jewelry at unbelievable prices. All proceeds benefit the mission and ministry of All Saints Episcopal Church.

The church also welcomes jewelry donations, which may be dropped off during business hours, Monday through Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Seller's Permit Number: 206974624-00001.



Library Events

LEGO Club: Build A Robot

Imagine and create what your robot would like with the Lego Club on Thursday, Nov. 5, from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. For ages 5+. The library supplies the Legos, you build.

Tai Chi to Improve Balance

Improve your balance and focus or overall wellbeing at the Tai Chi class on Friday, Nov. 6, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., for adults 18+, at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Come for a session of slow flowing, focused body movements. No registration needed.

Friends of the Library Cookbook Sale

The Friends of the San Leandro Library will host a cookbook sale on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro. Hundreds of beautiful books featuring cuisines from around the world will be featured. From the basic how-to to elegant dining recipes, these books originally sold for as much as $50 but will be sale priced at $4 for hardbacks and $3 for paperbacks.

Homework Center at Manor Branch Library

Need help with your homework? Come to the Homework Center at the Manor Branch Library 1241 Manor Blvd, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m. This is for students in grades 1 through 5. Registration needed: www.sanleandro.org.

Teen Lounge

The Teen Lounge is open every Wednesday and Thursday, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library 300 Estudillo Ave. Games, art, snacks, and fun. Open to teens in grades 6-12, no registration necessary.

Senior Fitness & Luncheon

Join First Presbyterian Church, 180 Estudillo Ave., on Wednesday, Nov. 17, at noon for a fun afternoon of gentle seated and optional standing exercises, followed by a delicious luncheon. All are welcome to participate or simply enjoy the fellowship. Call 510-483-2772 to sign up.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19): There's no need for that suspicious ARIES mind of yours to work overtime, either at home or on the job. Remember that appearances are often deceiving.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): A new opportunity might seem riskier than you would like. Examine all sides, then rely on your good sense to make the right decision.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): You might be enjoying your new relationship, but if you're still unsure of a commitment, continue to hold off. Your instincts are usually right.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): You feel under pressure these days, but be careful not to blow off steam in a way that you'll later regret. Opt for a calm discussion to air out grievances.

LEO (July 23 - August 22): A difficult situation will need more than your personal charm to resolve it. Put your LEOnine intelligence to work, and you'll soon come up with a prudent solution.

VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): A friend might resent your well-intended attempt to offer advice. Back off and let things settle down before you try again. Also, be cautious about investments.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): Be careful about assuming added obligations at work and/or in your personal life without first checking to see whether you can handle the extra load.

SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): A rejection is no reason for you to give up. Check to see what went wrong and make adjustments. Then try again! Success is in your aspect.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Things should be looking up at work, as your ideas begin to find favor with both bosses and co-workers. Romantic aspects also improve.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Be more loving with your spouse or partner to prove that you're not taking them for granted. Meanwhile, a business deal needs careful scrutiny.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): As the holidays approach, be wary of those who might take unfair advantage of your generous nature. Additionally, an old injury flares up and needs attention.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Expect to see some old friends at upcoming holiday gatherings, including some who were – and could once again be – very special in your life.

REAL ESTATE GALLERY



Dangerous Electrical Panels

By Carl Medford, CRS
Special to the Times

A seller who ordered a preemptive Home Inspection discovered an ominous warning in the section of their report dealing with their property's electrical system, which stated:

"The "Zinsco/Sylvania" electrical panel on the property was not fully inspected due to inherit defects that are a potential safety hazard. A visual inspection of the front of the panel and breakers was performed, no covers were removed or internal components inspected. We recommend a licensed electrician be retained for further inspection and recommendations. An electrician is likely to recommend full replacement of these brands of panels."

When the seller consulted their real estate agent, they also recommended replacement.

A quick Google search with keywords "Zinsco panels" provides the following: "Zinsco electrical panels (also branded under GTE-Sylvania) are obsolete distribution systems installed in North American homes from the 1930s through the mid-1970s. Because of severe design defects, they pose high fire and shock risks and are no longer approved for safety standards." Additionally, these defects are also present in panels made by Federal Pacific Electric (FPE).

A deeper dive reveals key safety hazards, including failure to trip during electrical overloads, short circuits and inability to disconnect due to fused components. For this reason, most hardware or electrical supply outlets no longer carry replacement parts.

Due to the safety concerns, it is recommended that these panels, once identified, be replaced with modern electrical panels made by companies such as Eaton, Square D, GE, Siemens or Leviton. Some insurance companies will deny or cancel coverage if they discover a home has one of these dangerous panels. Similarly, real estate agents will most often recommend replacement before or during a sale. Additionally, since the defective panels were mostly installed prior to the mid-70s, they typically are not rated higher than 100 Amps. The standard for newer homes is 200 Amps which means that, if possible, not only should the panel be changed, but the service to the home should be upgraded to 200 Amps.

These panels were very popular for homes build from the 1950s through the 1980s. We recommend that you identify your panel's manufacturer by opening the front door and, if the panel was made by one of the companies listed above, call a local electrician to get an assessment of the current condition and the cost for replacement.

No one likes unexpected expenses, but the benefits of replacing defective panels can literally be lifesaving.

Carl Medford is an active licensed Realtor with Keller Williams Advisors and a licensed general contractor.and a licensed general contractor. contractor.

The Garden Bug

Sticklewort

Sticklewort (also known as *agrimony* or *church steeples*) traditionally symbolizes "**thankfulness**" or "**gratitude**." Its fragrant yellow flowers bloom throughout the summer months. It can grow as high as 40" tall, in such areas as meadows, forest edges, pastures, and river banks. It is used in folk medicine to treat inflammation and other diseases. Parts of the plant are used to make teas, infusions, bath soaks, mouthwash and topical preparations. – *Brenda Weaver*

Sources: wikipedia, ediblewildfood.com



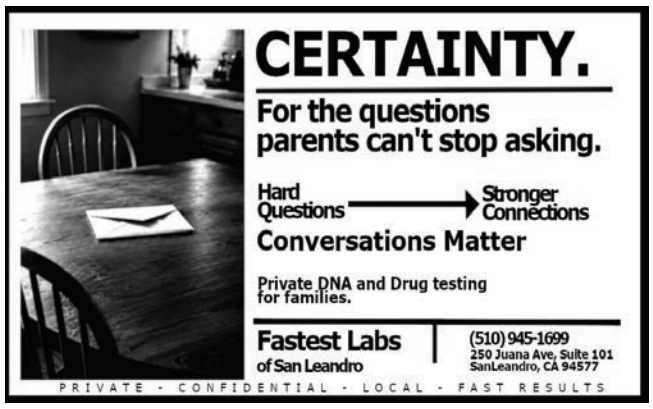
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The Uninvited

Hey, San Leandro, come see what you're missing. Once again, the San Leandro Players have put on a fine play right here at the Museum/Auditorium next to Casa Peralta – The Uninvited. It's a clever play about a haunted home and the experiences of its new owners, their friends and villagers.

The actors are superb, the special effects enchanting, and the set/sound/lighting/costumes are top notch. The theater is intimate, and every seat has a completely unobstructed view of the stage. There was a good turnout, and a great time was had by all.

I am not affiliated with the production, actors, or anything else to do with the theater. I'm writing this to let everyone know about this wonderful gem we have here in our midst. Plus, I want them to thrive so we can see future performances for years to come.

On a side note, is San Leandro really going to let the historic Casa Peralta be demolished? This is another gem that should be revered, something in my opinion that we don't have in abundance (show me a cherry tree). I don't know, maybe a $7,500,000+ roundabout is of better value? But I don't think so, and I like roundabouts.

Dwan Johnson
San Leandro

Question on Bridge Cost

Editor,

The anonymous donation given to the city for replacement of the Cary-Haas Pedestrian Bridge was $5 million. The accepted bid was less than $1 million.

What is going to happen to the unused balance of the donation? The donation was given several years ago. Was the money placed in an interest bearing account in the meantime? Were there contingencies put on the donation by the donor?

Sarah Diamond
San Leandro

City Council Sells Out to Pot Dealers

Editor,

They say there's a 7-Eleven on every corner. San Leandro has about seven. Now the City is considering raising its cannabis dispensary cap from four to six. This allows almost as many pot shops as 7-Elevens.

The draft would allow dispensaries, subject to conditional use permits, throughout our commercial and industrial districts, but exclude downtown. If downtown warrants special protection, why don't our other business districts? If the concern is the effect on neighboring businesses, those concerns deserve equal consideration throughout San Leandro. What planning principle justifies that distinction?

A 600-foot buffer from schools and youth centers is also a superficial safeguard. It does not answer the larger question: what kinds of business districts do residents want? This looks more like business planning for one controversial industry than community planning for everyone.

The financial attraction is obvious. More dispensaries offer the prospect of more tax revenue. That may look politically easier than convincing voters to approve another quarter-cent sales tax. But revenue alone does not make this good community planning.

If businesses are asking for more licenses, those licenses clearly have value. Before making more available, why aren't we testing that demand at the full 10 percent cannabis business tax voters already authorized? If applicants remain willing to operate at that rate, the public should receive that return.

Our leaders should negotiate from the value of what they control. A limited license is a public privilege, and expanding access should come with a clear public benefit.

Easy money for City Hall is not necessarily a good bargain for the community. At least negotiate a fair return for the people who live here.

Sky Woo
San Leandro

Trump Betrays Afghans

Editor,

Before Trump was president, our country held respect throughout the world for our ideals of freedom and justice. When Bush started the Afghanistan war on October 7, 2001, freedom-yearning Afghans, hoping to liberate themselves from Taliban oppression, began helping our forces as translators and guides.

The ill-conceived war didn't work out so well. 20 years later, August 30, 2021, President Biden honored the Doha defeat agreement signed by trump in February 2020 and pulled out the last Americans and some of our Afghan allies from the country.

Those Afghans risked their lives in hostile Taliban territory to help us, and we gave them shelter here. But now, Trump is deporting them back to Afghanistan where they will face deadly danger.

This betrayal is a crime against those who risked their lives on our behalf. It crushes the possibility of other freedom fighters ever trusting us in the future. For shame.

Bruce Joffe
San Leandro

A Thanksgiving Message

Editor,

I am saddened to see the state of San Leandro as it relates to crime, conduct and overall reckless attitudes of the public. Thank you San Leandro police for dispatching ambassadors, people who are not officers of the law to deal with criminals and for delegating your job duties to non officers and technology, for allowing delivery drivers to colonize the streets, parking spots and commit countless violations hourly with zero consequences.

Thank you San Leandro police for seeing cars parked in red zones and not doing anything about it, for driving by unauthorized, non health department certified food vendors in the streets, for letting our city turn into one big unregulated flea market, and for letting dirt bikes colonize the streets and run red lights.

There are multiple violations committed hourly in this city, with zero consequences and no action on your part. Thank you for not responding to crimes, for wasting our tax dollars and being an officer in name only, for wearing the badge and not upholding the law.

Robert Johansen
San Leandro

Think Outside the Box on Casa Peralta

Editor,

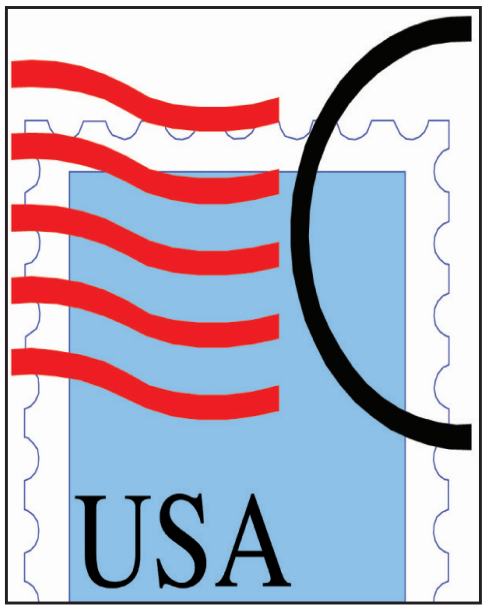
At a time when more housing needs to be built, our City of San Leandro wants to tear down an historic one, the Casa Peralta on Estudillo Avenue (San Leandro Times, Nov. 5, 2026).

Moreover, the city is too inflexible to realize that Casa Peralta can serve two uses for the price of one.

Why not repair Casa Peralta and use it for a residence for San Leandro School District teachers? I also believe that the City of San Leandro's estimate for repair costs is excessive. Is this due to the city's wish to tear down the Casa instead of repairing it?

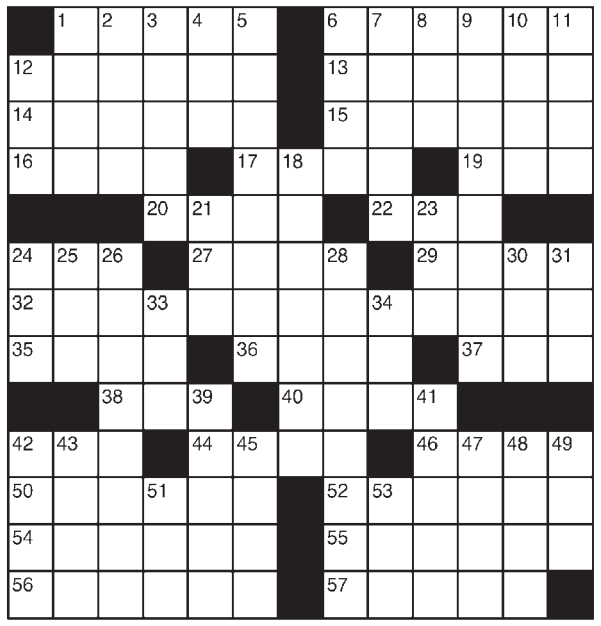
Anyhow, I find it rare for the City of San Leandro to think outside of the box.

George Z. Banks
San Leandro



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Sons of Liberty to Hold Open House On Sunday on 10th Anniversary

Sons of Liberty Alehouse, 150 W. Juana Ave., will celebrate its 10th anniversary on Sunday, Nov. 15, with an official anniversary party from 6 to 9 p.m., a specialty Brown Butter Old Fashioned, and fun giveaways throughout the day.

This milestone marks a decade since husband-and-wife owners Tom and Teresa Lawrie opened the original location, which has since grown into a family of businesses across San Leandro and Livermore.

"When we opened our doors in San Leandro 10 years ago, we wanted to build the kind of neighborhood spot we would want to hang out in ourselves," said Tom Lawrie, co-founder of Sons of Liberty Alehouse. "We learned a lot along the way, and every step forward, from opening our Livermore location to launching Honeycomb Cocktail Lounge, came with the support of this community. Ten years in, we're proud of how far we've come and even more excited about what's ahead."

Sons of Liberty Alehouse opened in San Leandro in 2016, pairing the polish of an upscale tavern with the easy-going feel of a neighborhood hangout, and the concept quickly caught on. Its early success fueled a second location in Livermore in 2022, followed by Honeycomb Cocktail Lounge next door in 2025, a hidden Art Deco speakeasy serving inventive craft cocktails.

Most recently, the Lawries launched Big Boy Ice, which produces crystal-clear, slow-melting, and custom-engraved ice. The couple is now in the beginning stages of franchising Sons of Liberty Alehouse in a new state.



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The Lawrie's will have a party on Sunday on the 10th anniversary of their Sons of LIberty Alehouse.

Main Library Launches New Technology Corner For School-Age Children

The San Leandro Public Library launched of a new Technology Corner in the Children's Library at the Main Library, made possible through a donation from the Donna Reed Foundation.

A portion of this gift has been designated to enhance library services for school-age children, ages 6–11, by expanding opportunities for hands-on learning, creativity, and exploration.

The enhancements supported by the donation include:

• New kid-friendly furniture, creating an inviting space for reading, tinkering, and collaborative learning.

• New artwork extending the illustrations of artist Susan Deming, bringing added energy and warmth to the space.

• Technology learning toys for in-library use, including a coding robot, snap circuits, and an art projector to spark hands-on exploration.

• Free access to Fiero Code, an online platform that teaches children coding through challenges, games, and self-paced activities.

• Lendable technology tools, such as Sphero robots, Ozobot Evo robot, and lendable kits focused on electronics, robotics, and coding, allowing families to continue learning at home.

"We are deeply grateful to the Donna Reed Foundation for supporting innovative learning experiences for children in San Leandro," said Library Director Brian Simons. "While the Children's Library already offers a lively play area for ages 0–5, school-age children currently have fewer options for interactive, play-based learning. The Technology Corner allows school-age kids to explore STEM-focused resources designed to inspire curiosity and build foundational skills in coding, electronics, and creative problem-solving."

Families are encouraged to visit the Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., to explore the updated space and discover new tools for learning and play.

For more information, contact the San Leandro Public Library at (510) 577-3971 or visit www.sanleandro.org/library.

Re-elected: San Lorenzo school district Measure J passes; April Chan holding off Gary Wolff on EBMUD board

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keeping with district elections.

In the three other City Council District races the incumbents held their posts, running unopposed, as San Leandrans apparently followed local politics in a state of acquiescence – Sbeydeh Viveros-Walton in District 1, Xouhoa Bowen in District 5, and James Aguilar in District 2.



Mayor Juan Gonzalez won re-election to a second 4-year term.

Making Progress, Says Mayor

Gonzalez said he wants to keep making progress, replacing old fire stations and fixing roads. He said homelessness and public safety are big issues and the city is making progress on those.

The other issues are infrastructure and longterm economic development, the mayor said.

"And I want to help the council members address the needs of individuals in their districts, such as fixing sidewalks," Gonzalez said.

Also, fiscal sustainability, not spending beyond our means, is necessary, Gonzalez said.

Asked about the long-delayed marina development, Gonzalez said a federal judge's decision is coming down this month on the bankruptcy of the developer, and then the city wants to sell the land to a new developer who can move ahead with the project.

Ballot Measures

A San Lorenzo Unified School District measure, Measure J, is passing with 78 percent of the votes as of Tuesday – 15,405 votes yes to 4,224 no.

Voters passed the public transit tax measure (Measure RTM) by a wide margin, 67 percent yes. The measure just needed 50 percent to pass.

Oro Loma

On the Oro Loma Sanitary District board of directors, Shelia Young appears to be headed for victory against Tiara Pena for the District 1 seat with 4,188 votes to 1,745.

In Oro Loma District 3, Benny Lee leads Fred Simon with 3,879 votes to 3,089. And in District 5, Rita Duncan leads Koroush "Cyrus" Farsaei with 5,911 votes to 1,279.

EBMUD

In the East Bay Municipal Utility District board of directors seat for Ward 7, which covers San Leandro, April Chan won the most votes among four candidates with 22,685 votes. Her closest competitor was Gary Wolff with 19,960 votes, followed by Luis Reynoso with 4,314 votes and Joseph Grcar 2,023 votes.



Sbeydeh Viveros-Walton ran unopposed in City Council District 1, winning a 4-year term.

AC Transit

In the AC Transit board of directors seat for Ward 3, which includes most of San Leandro, Adriana Valencia leads with 41,490 votes (just over 50 percent) to 40,226 votes for Joel B. Young.

Castro Valley Orchestra's Winter Concert

The Castro Valley Orchestra will present a winter concert on Sunday, Dec. 13, at 2 p.m. at the Castro Valley Center for the Arts, 19501 Redwood Road in Castro Valley.

The program includes Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Pirates of Penzance, Luigini's Ballet Egyptien, and Tchaikovsky's Symphony #1, Winter Dreams.

Admission is free but donations will be gratefully accepted.

A reception will be held immediately after to concert to meet the musicians and other concert goers.

Music: Journey through music of communities seeking identity

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have experienced repression in different ways: African Americans in the United States, the Inca in Peru, Tibetans in China, and the Basque people of France and Spain.

"As we face a world of injustice, we often look to minority communities as those who suffer most," said Bill Everett, Music with a Mission's artistic co-director. "Classical music today is part of the rich tapestry that bears witness to this struggle. 'Indigenous Voices' takes a journey through the music of these communities as they fight for identity,"

The program features works by Bright Sheng, Florence Price, Gabriela Lena Frank and Maurice Ravel, performed by pianist Aileen Chanco, violinist Tien-Hsin Cindy Wu and cellist Robert Howard.

Everett also highlighted the inclusion of a work by Gabriela Lena Frank, a composer with Bay Area roots.

"I'm very happy to bring our audience a piece by Gabriela Frank, one of my favorite living composers," Everett said. "She is a Bay Area native and still has strong connections to the area. She also won the Pulitzer Prize for music this year."

"While I wish these struggles were a thing of the past, they continue today. It's also a reminder of how classical music has evolved and remained relevant today," said Chanco, the organization's executive and artistic co-director. "I'm very excited to be performing this program with my incredible colleagues, especially since it includes one of my favorite pieces of chamber music to play, the Ravel Piano Trio."

Chanco, a Juilliard-trained pianist and founding director of Music with a Mission, has performed with orchestras throughout the United States and internationally. Wu has appeared at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center and the Kennedy Center. Howard has performed with ensembles including American Bach Soloists, New Century Chamber Orchestra, Philharmonia Baroque and the San Francisco Symphony.

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The move marks a new chapter for the organization, which presents chamber music concerts featuring accomplished professional musicians while creating opportunities for emerging artists and bringing live music to schools, community centers, eldercare facilities and other community settings.

Now based at All Saints Episcopal Church in San Leandro, Music with a Mission hopes to deepen its ties to the community and build relationships with local businesses and community organizations. The nonprofit sees the move as an opportunity to make live classical music an even more accessible part of local cultural life.

As part of its transition to San Leandro, the organization has welcomed two new board members, Felix Cruz and Sharon Vaughn. Cruz is a longtime San Leandro resident who lives in the Broadmoor district, while Vaughn is a member of All Saints Episcopal Church, which hosts the organization's concerts and is home to its new office.

The organization presents concerts and community programs designed to foster connection, discovery and joy through live performance. Its move to San Leandro represents an opportunity to expand that mission, reach new audiences and build lasting community partnerships.

Suspect: Thefts across the state

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tified in alleged theft activity in other parts of Northern and Southern California, as well as in Nevada.

"Mr. McClain is accused of committing 57 thefts across 8 jurisdictions in Alameda County, prompting multiple law-enforcement agencies throughout the region to investigate and share information, ultimately bringing this case to us for prosecution," said District Attorney Ursula Jones Dickson. "I commend our law enforcement partners for their coordinated efforts to identify this defendant and to enable us to bring these cases forward."

McClain was scheduled to appear on November 3 at 9 a.m., in Department 104 at the Wiley W. Manuel Courthouse of the Alameda County Superior Court.

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