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Mayor Pauline Cutter, City Councilman Victor Aguilar along with other council members and residents attended a raising of a transgender flag at City Hall on Monday evening in memory of the five people killed in a shooting at an LGBTQ nightclub in Colorado.

## City Hall Raises Flag in Memory of Victims of Colorado Springs Shooting

By Mike McGuire  
San Leandro Times

City officials raised the Transgender Flag at City Hall on Tuesday evening in a ceremony for the five people who were shot to death in an attack in an LGBTQ nightclub in Colorado Springs, Colorado last Saturday night.

The previously scheduled event for

the Transgender Day of Remembrance (which fell on Sunday) became a vigil for the five people killed.

"We are a City of Kindness in all things," said Mayor Pauline Cutter, to open the ceremony before turning the podium over to City Councilman Victor Aguilar, who organized the ceremony.

"I am devastated by this senseless

killing of LGBTQ people in Colorado Springs," Aguilar said.

Aguilar read the names of the five people who were killed and called for a moment of silence. He praised the two men in the club who tackled the shooter and prevented even worse carnage, and called for cracking down on the kinds  
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## Gonzalez Takes Lead in Mayor's Race; Bowen For City Council

Ranked-choice voting sends Gonzalez and Bowen ahead to apparent victory with only a few ballots still outstanding

By Mike McGuire  
San Leandro Times

Juan Gonzalez appeared to be elected San Leandro's new mayor as of Tuesday with almost all the votes counted and the ranked-choice voting tabulations putting him over 50 percent.

The Alameda County Registrar of Voters had reported that nearly all the ballots were counted but it was unclear how many ballots were left.

On Tuesday, Gonzalez did not want to claim victory until he was sure all the votes had been counted. But if he does win, he said one of his first actions as mayor would be to hire additional police officers in the first 100 days.

Gonzalez said the department was dangerously overstretched with many officers having left the department, and the city had too few officers working too much overtime.

Gonzalez said he was looking forward to the City

Council's session shortly after new members take office where priorities are set for the coming year.

"One thing people do need  
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## Downtown Holiday Party Comes Back Dec. 2

The holiday tradition, "It's a Wonderful Night," will return to downtown San Leandro on Friday, Dec. 2, from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

After a 3-year pandemic hiatus, the San Leandro Downtown Association announced the return of the night of family fun with more activities and entertainment  
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## How to Make the Holidays Better For Loved Ones with Memory Loss

By Mike McGuire  
San Leandro Times

There are times when dwelling on the past can be a good thing, and one of those times is when an older person with memory loss joins loved ones at a holiday gathering.

That advice comes from Dr. Jim Mittelberger, medical director at the Center for Elders Independence (CEI),

where many seniors with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia are among the clients.

CEI provides daytime services and transportation to older people in several East Bay communities including San Leandro, with the aim of keeping them in their own homes while getting their needs met.

"I really like to look at what people can do, not what they can't do."

— Dr. Jim Mittelberger

"I really like to look at what people can do, not what they can't do," Mittelberger said.

With Alzheimer's, the most common form of dementia, the loved one's personality remains intact in the early stages of the disease. So does their thinking ability, he said.

"They're still there, but  
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### 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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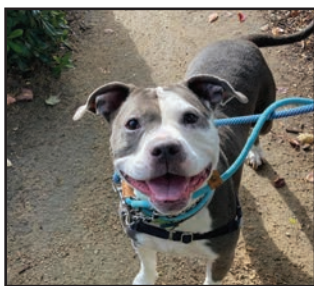
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## Pets of the Week



Twix



Lexi

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are Twix, a guinea pig, and Lexi, a pitbull mix.

Twix is a male guinea pig who loves playing in his guinea pig castle and hanging out with his best buddies, Hershey and Butterfinger. Guinea pigs are social animals and should always be housed with another guinea pig.

Lexi is a 6-year-old, female, pitbull mix. She is a happy-go-lucky couch potato pitbull who loves going on walks, but also just relaxing at home. She does well with other dogs and would do well in a home with older children and adults.

For more information on Twix or Lexi, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at (510) 293-7200.

## Inner Wheel Club Keeps the Chili Cook-Off Tradition Going, Texas Style

The first recorded chili contest was conducted on October 4, 1952 at the Texas State Fair.

The Inner Wheel Club of San Leandro continued this tradition with its recent Chili Cook-Off at the lovely home of Bruce, Sherrie, and Kristie Barnes.

Everyone enjoyed an afternoon of games – Corn Hole, What's in the Box, Pick Your Charity, Foundation Fun-Raising, Tic Tac Toe & Gin Rummy. Salads, cornbread, cookies, and a variety of delicious chilis were on the menu.

The club was glad to have many of the San Leandro Rotary Club members join



PHOTO COURTESY OF INNER WHEEL

Inner Wheel of San Leandro Chairperson Kristie Barnes stirs chili at the club's cook-off.

the party.

The winner of the Chili Cook-Off was Rotarian Morgan Mack-Rose. The event was a perfect blend of flavor,

friendship, and fun.

For more information about the Inner Wheel Club of San Leandro, email iw-clubofsanleandro@gmail.com

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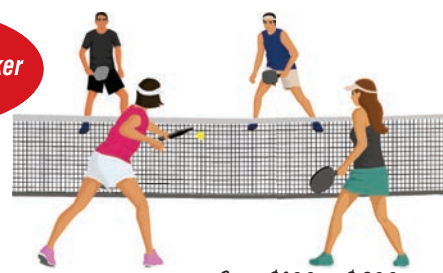
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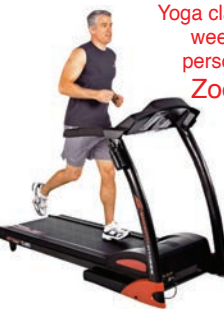


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## Community Calendar

### Mistletoe Madness Craft Show

The annual Mistletoe Madness craft show will be held on Saturday, Nov. 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd. in San Leandro. For more information, email [www.mmchristmasfair@aol.com](mailto:www.mmchristmasfair@aol.com).

### Huls to Speak at Eden Garden Club

Eden Garden Club will meet on Monday Nov. 28, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Castro Valley United Methodist Church, 19806 Wisteria St. in Castro Valley. The speaker will be Lary Huls, a certified aesthetic pruner, landscaper, and designer/builder of an all native Butterfly Garden in San Leandro, who will share tips on pruning. Guests are always welcome. Eden Garden Club's members share plant exchange, pick a prize and gifts for silent auction. Donations are gratefully accepted for Penny Pines to plant pine trees in the National Forests. Masks are encouraged. For more information, call 510-397-1268.

### Friends of Castro Valley Library Book Sale

The Friends of the Castro Valley Library, 3600 Norbridge Ave., will hold an indoor book sale Friday through Sunday, Dec. 2 to Dec. 4, featuring fiction and mystery books, all categories of nonfiction books, children's books, DVDs and music CD's. Member Preview is Friday night from 6 to 8 p.m. Memberships may be purchased or renewed at the door. Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday (\$5 bag day) hours are 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Most books are \$1 or less; children's books are 25 cents. There is also a selection of gift quality, antiquarian, and special books at slightly higher prices. Cash, checks, and credit/debit cards are accepted. Masks are required in the library. Proceeds from the sale pay for library programs and amenities. For more information, call 510-733-3285.

### Crafts at the San Leandro History Museum

If you enjoy crafts, create a snow owl and marshmallow snowflakes at the San Leandro History Museum, 320 W. Estudillo Ave, San Leandro, on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Enjoy historical exhibits and take a stroll on the Casa Peralta Grounds. Free general admission. For more information, call 510-577-3990.

### Game Design: Introduction to Coding in Scratch

Jeff Gordon, owner/instructor of CodeAtrium San Leandro, will explain the process of building a chase game in Scratch on Wednesday, Dec. 7, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd. This program is best for kids age 8 to 12. Register at [Sanleandrolibcal.com](http://Sanleandrolibcal.com) as space for this free event is limited. For more information, call 510-577-7971.

### Author to Speak on History of Housing Discrimination

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

### The Morrisson Theater Chorus Holiday Concert

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

## San Leandro High Grad Makes Wrestling History at Western New England University

Kendall Branchaud, a 2022 graduate of San Leandro High School, made history at Western New England University in Women's Wrestling on Nov. 3 with the fledgling program's first win and first pin.

The San Leandro native began her wrestling career at Bancroft Middle School under the coaching of Dave D'Antonio and George Zuber. After wrestling in the middle school girl's championships her 7th and 8th grade years, Kendall went on to wrestle all 4 years at San Leandro High under Women's Wrestling Coach Juana Juarez and at Beast Bay Wrestling Club under Head Coach Yubinni Barrera.

Kendall was a 4-time state qualifier, first place in NCS and WACC in her weight class and Fargo National Team member representing California. She brought her success to Western New England University in Springfield, Massachusetts as a member of their first ever women's wrestling



Kendall Branchaud (left) got the new wrestling program at Western New England University off to a good start with the school's first win and first pin over her opponent from East Strousburg University.

program.

Wrestling under head coach Cheyenne Carden and Assistant Coach Brian Schurmeyer and WNE Wes-

tling program director Mike Sugarmeyer, Kendall has become a proud WNE Golden Bear and history maker.

But Kendall hasn't forgot-

ten her hometown, she keeps her San Leandro High School singlet with her during all tournaments as her good luck charm.

## Castro Valley Orchestra To Present a Free Concert

The Castro Valley Orchestra will present a free concert on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 2 p.m. at the Castro Valley Center for the Arts, 19501 Redwood Road in Castro Valley.

Works by Berlioz,

Schubert, and Saint-Saens will be presented. Flautist Beverly Johnson and clarinetist Michael Wilson will be featured.

A reception will follow the concert. Masking and distance protocols will be observed.

### Calendar Submissions

The Community Calendar is for publicizing nonprofit organizations, charities and community groups.

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## Memory: Ceremony

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of guns used in the shooting.

"We see hatred spewed here, even at City Council meetings," Aguilar said.

Transgender activist Khylenn Fowler, who created a

store in San Francisco specifically for transgender people's practical needs, spoke next.

"I am not happy until trans people are at every table that matters for a full and beautiful life," Fowler said.

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## Thanksgiving's Weekend Encore

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Whether it's a late Thursday night raid of the fridge, a turkey sandwich with a little warmed-up stuffing on Friday, or a bowl of turkey soup on Sunday, most Thanksgiving remnants are even better the second time around. And there's just no end to the possibilities.

### TURKEY CLUB SANDWICHES FOR 8

- 1 (8-ounce) carton sour cream
- 2 tablespoons prepared horseradish
- 2 teaspoons honey mustard
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1/8 teaspoon white pepper
- 3/4 pound thinly sliced ham
- 12 slices whole wheat bread
- 4 slices Swiss cheese
- 8 lettuce leaves
- 3/4 pound thinly sliced

- leftover turkey
- 8 slices tomato
- 4 slices bacon

Combine sour cream, horseradish, honey, mustard, garlic salt, and white pepper; stir well. Place 3 ounces of ham on each of 4 slices of bread. Top each with 1 teaspoon sauce, 1 slice cheese, a lettuce leaf, and another slice of bread. Place 3 ounces of turkey on each slice, and add 1 teaspoon sauce, lettuce leaf, 2 slices tomato, and 1 slice bacon. Top with remaining slices of bread. Cut each sandwich into halves

or quarters (if quartered, secure each segment with a toothpick.) Serves 8.

### CREAMY DIJON TURKEY SALAD

- 2/3 cup Dijon mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 cups cubed cooked turkey
- 1 apple, chopped
- 1/2 cup sliced celery
- 1/2 cup finely shredded carrot
- 3 tablespoons minced onion

(Use either prepared or home-made Dijon mayonnaise. To make your own, combine 1 cup mayonnaise with 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard and 1 tablespoon lemon juice.)

Combine Dijon mayonnaise and lemon juice in large bowl. Add turkey, apple, celery, carrot and onion; toss to coat. Cover and chill until ready to serve. Makes 4 (3/4-cup) servings.

### MASHED POTATO BAKE

- 3 cups hot mashed potatoes
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1-1/3 cup french fried onions
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

Heat oven to 350°F. Combine mashed potatoes, sour cream, milk and garlic powder in large bowl; mix well.

Spoon half the mixture into a 2-quart baking dish. Sprinkle with 2/3 cup french-fried onions and 1/2 cup cheese. Top with remaining potato mixture. Bake 30 minutes until heated through. Top with remaining onions and cheese. Bake 5 minutes longer, or until onions are golden. Serves 6.

### PILGRIM'S POT PIE

- 4 cups (about 1-1/4 pounds) cooked turkey chunks
- 1 cup frozen peas
- 1 cup frozen corn kernels
- 2-1/4 cups leftover turkey turkey gravy, or 2 (10-1/2 ounce) cans turkey gravy
- 1/4 cup snipped chives, divided

- 1-1/2 teaspoons dried thyme leaves
- 4 cups leftover mashed potatoes

Preheat oven to 400°F. In large bowl, mix turkey, peas, corn, gravy, 2 tablespoons of the chives and the thyme. Turn into shallow 2-1/2- to 3-quart baking dish; set aside.

In microwave-safe dish warm potatoes on high for 3 minutes; mix in remaining chives. Cover turkey mixture with potatoes. Place dish on baking sheet.

Bake for about 25 minutes in center of oven until turkey mixture is bubbly and potatoes begin to brown. Serve with cranberry sauce, if desired. Serves 6.

### TURKEY A LA KING

- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/2 cup chopped green peppers
- 4 ounces sliced mushrooms
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1-1/2 cups milk
- 1 (10-3/4 ounce) can condensed cream of mushroom soup
- 1 (2-ounce) jar pimiento strips
- 2-1/2 cups cooked cubed turkey
- Dash onion powder, pepper

Melt butter; add green pepper and mushrooms. Cover and simmer 5 minutes. Remove vegetables with slotted spoon. Add flour to butter, cooking and stirring until smooth. Add half-and-half and cream of mushroom soup, stirring until smooth and thickened. Add turkey, pimiento, mushrooms, green pepper, and seasonings. Taste and adjust seasonings. Serve over hot cooked rice, biscuits, or noodles. Serves 6.

### CRANBERRY-TURKEY LOAF

- First Layer:*
- 2 packages unflavored gelatin
- 1/2 cup cold water
- 1 pound jellied cranberry sauce
- 1/3 cup orange juice
- 1/2 cup celery, diced

- 1/4 cup pecans, chopped

*Second Layer:*

- 1 package unflavored gelatin
- 1/4 cup cold water
- 1 cup chicken broth, hot
- 2/3 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup evaporated milk
- 1/2 teaspoon Salt
- 2 cups cooked turkey, diced

*First Layer:* Soften gelatin in cold water. Mash cranberry sauce, add orange juice, and heat until sauce melts. Stir in gelatin. Chill until partially set, then add celery and pecans. Pour into 9-1/2- by 5- by 3- inch loaf pan and chill until almost set

*Second Layer:* Soften gelatin in cold water; stir in hot broth. Chill until partially set. Blend in mayonnaise, milk and salt. Add diced chicken. Spoon over cranberry layer. Chill. Unmold and garnish as you choose.

### YAM BREAD PUDDING

- 2 eggs
- 2 egg whites
- 1 cup soy or regular milk
- 1 cup mashed cooked yams
- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
- 3 cups dry whole-grain bread cubes (4 slices)
- 1/3 cup golden raisins
- 1/4 cup chopped pecans, toasted

To dry bread cubes, spread in a single layer in a 15x10x1-inch baking pan. Bake in a 300°F oven for 10 to 15 minutes or until dry, stirring twice; cool. (Bread will continue to dry and crisp as it cools.) Or let stand, loosely covered, at room temperature for 8 to 12 hours.

In a medium bowl beat together whole eggs, egg whites, and milk. Whisk in sweet potato, brown sugar, cinnamon, and nutmeg.

In a 2-quart square baking dish combine bread cubes, raisins, and pecans. Pour the egg mixture over bread mixture. Lightly press with the back of a spoon to thoroughly moisten bread.

Bake in a 325°F oven for 30 to 35 minutes or until a knife inserted near center comes out clean. Serve warm. Makes 6 servings.

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## Downtown: Annual festival returns for first time since pandemic began

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than in previous years.

The festivities will begin with a tree lighting and brass quintet at 5:30 p.m. at Estudillo Avenue and East 14th Street, followed by a spectacular light show.

The fun continues on West Juana Avenue at 6 p.m. with music and entertainment on the main stage and an outdoor holiday cinema courtesy of FunFlicks.

This year's event also includes a holiday market in Pelton Plaza with over 30 unique specialty vendors with handmade goods, a dedicated kids' craft area, a dance video game, and free photos with Santa Claus in front of his

holiday train engine. And the Grinch will make a special appearance that evening.

"We felt that this year, more than ever, it was important to go all out for the community," said Paul Jackman, President of the Downtown Association. "People want to gather and celebrate but also be safe. Because 'It's A Wonderful Night' is an outdoor event, we hope people will feel more comfortable celebrating together."

"It's a Wonderful Night" is brought to the community by the San Leandro Downtown Association in partnership with the City of San Leandro, the Downtown San Leandro Community Benefit District,

San Leandro Optimist International Club, FunFlicks, Ghirardelli Chocolate, and Rotary Club of San Leandro.

**Music and entertainment are on the bill for the 'It's a Wonderful Night' festival in downtown San Leandro on the evening of Friday, Dec. 1.**

PHOTO BY PAUL JACKMAN



## Women's Advent by Candlelight at Church of the Assumption

Church of the Assumption, 1100 Fulton Ave. in San Leandro, will hold Advent by Candlelight, a special evening for women to become renewed and refreshed before the Christmas rush begins, on Thursday Dec. 1, at 7 p.m.

This is an opportunity to relax and refocus on the season of Advent – a wonderful time of waiting and anticipa-

tion. The program includes uplifting scripture readings, music and reflections focused on the Advent season.

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By Carl Medford, CRS  
Special to the Times

GUEST COMMENTARY



# Happy Thanksgiving!

Of year: Bay Area trees drop their remaining leaves, temperatures begin to slide, frost lingers on car windows and Holiday decorations and Salvation Army bell ringers appear as if by magic. Activities move indoors, furnaces begin to light and, as holiday catalogues descend on your mailbox like a swarm of locusts, turkeys migrate from freezers to ovens and eggnog faithful check dairy cases in anticipation.

Having grown up in Canada just south of the frozen tundra, I am delighted by the Central County weather this time of year. The mere thought of shoveling snow produces hives and the trials

associated with scraping ice from my car and trying to start it in sub-zero temperatures are a distant memory of winters past. While it may get chilly outside, Bay Area residents enjoy temperate conditions while most the country is immersed in freezing temperatures, snow and ice. We have much for which to be thankful!

The Realtors of the Central County want to extend to you the warmest of wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving. As we distance ourselves from the pandemic and watch the Fed attempt to get the economy under control, we must admit that things are still better here than in many other places in the world. As an example, due to the current conflict, sections of Ukraine are without utilities heading into winter. While there is conflict and catastrophe in numerous places across the globe, even with our current economic woes, housing crisis, affordability gap and more, we have peace.

We also want to remind you that, although we don't face the rigors of severe winters, there is still a need to prepare for the cooler days ahead. It is time to change your furnace filters. Make sure you have a CO detector outside the bedrooms on every level and fresh batteries in all your smoke detectors. Clean

out your gutters to ensure winter rains can easily flow and make sure you have extensions to divert downspout water away from the foundation. Make sure windows and doors are properly sealed to eliminate drafts. It's also a good idea to have older roofs checked to ensure they will remain watertight through the impending rains.

From all of us to all of you – have a wonderful Thanksgiving and a blessed Holiday season!

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By Buzz Bertolero  
The Dirt Gardener

**Q** I harvest some of my green tomatoes yearly before the frost, hoping they'll ripen indoors, but they never do. I usually place them in the sun on the window sill but eventually throw them out. How can I successfully ripen them this year?

**A** Leaving tomatoes out to ripen in the open air doesn't work, as you've found out. You ripen tomatoes off the vine in a shallow plastic or cardboard box with a lid to create

a simple ripening chamber. The bottom of the box is lined with a one-inch layer of newspaper, and you place the green tomatoes next to one another, but don't let them touch each other. A second layer can be added, separated with another layer of newspaper, but no more. The box is then placed in a cool, out of the way the way location like the garage. Every five to seven days, you open the lid a remove those that have turned red. The chamber traps the ethylene gas naturally given off by the tomatoes. You can hasten the ripening by adding an apple or other fruit that releases ethylene. I know an old-school method would have you wrap each tomato separately in newspaper or other material and store them in a box. I think it's tedious, and the lid makes that un-

necessary. You should select tomatoes that haven't been damaged by the cold. So, it may be too late for this year, but I'd still try a few anyway to get a feel for the technique.

**Q** Should we clean up the fallen leaves to avoid hiding places for pests? Also, can use these leaves make compost?

**A** Cleaning up the fallen debris from turf and ground cover areas and around the base or under the canopy of trees and shrubs is recommended. With turf and herbaceous ground covers, it's a critical issue. The debris will mats down with each rainy period. This layer prevents the sunlight from reaching the

plants. These areas then turn yellow and eventually die as the plants cannot manufacture food in their leaves, known as Photosynthesis. Although the top layer appears dry, it is still wet and dark underneath. Woody ornamental trees and shrubs can develop stem and crown rot, water mold fungus, and other diseases when the crown is covered for an extended time. From personal experience, it's easier to stay on top of the leaf drop as it's occurring than to wait to do it all at the end. Dry leaves are easier to remove than those that are wet and matted. It's one of the few times a leaf blower has become very handy. This material can be raked up, stored in plastic bags, or added directly to a compost pile. The compost can be used as mulch or worked into the soil as a soil conditioner. It doesn't matter the size of your backyard; composting can be done without creating a nuisance to the eyes or nose.

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

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**Lawn Help**

A pre-winter application of fertilizer now will help out almost any lawn; ask your local garden center expert for more information.

**New Roses?**

If you plan to add new rose bushes in the next few months, now is the time to remove the old bushes.

**Thanksgiving Weekend Decor**

Brighten up your home with potted chrysanthemums in orange yellow and brown shades. You'll find a nice last-minute selection at nursery centers and most super-markets.

**Mortgage Rates Tumble**

Mortgage rates tumbled this week due to incoming data that suggests inflation may have peaked. While the decline in mortgage rates is welcome news, there is still a long road ahead for the housing market. Inflation remains elevated, the Federal Reserve is likely to keep interest rates high and consumers will continue to feel the impact.

Over the last fifty years, Freddie Mac has closely monitored the trajectory of mortgage rates. This week we are launching enhancements to our Primary Mortgage Market Survey® methodology that will increase its accuracy and reliability. This new approach will incorporate more detailed data and monitor real-time mortgage rates more closely.

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

Case No: 22CV020958

Superior Court of California, County of Alameda. In the matter of the petition to change the name(s) of **Michelle Faith Olenich**. Petitioner(s) **Michelle Faith Olenich** has/have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name(s) as follows: **MICHELLE FAITH OLENICH** to **MICHELLE FAIE KATUALA**. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. **1221 Oak Street Dept. 17, Oakland, CA 94612 on JANUARY 13, 2023 at 11:00 o'clock am.** A copy of this order to show cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county The San Leandro Times. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter are directed to make known any objection that they may have to the granting of the petition for change of name by filing a written objection, which includes the reasons for the objection, with the court at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and by appearing in court at the hearing to show cause why the petition for change of name should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

**Dated: SEPTEMBER 03, 2022**

**Charles A. Smiley - Judge of the Superior Court**  
**NOV, 10, 17, 24, DEC 1, 2021**  
**0549-SLT**

**LEGAL NOTICES**

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NAME STATEMENT  
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Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es):  
Alco Construction, located at B. 22669 7TH ST., Hayward, CA 94541. in Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Alca Siding Inc, 22669 7TH ST., Hayward, CA 94541. This business is conducted by a Corporation.

This business commenced N/A

/s/ Carlos Alvarado Flores

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
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Professions Code  
Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es):  
Hayward Aikido, located at 1024 B ST., #1, Hayward, CA 94541. 20125 Sapphire St., Castro Valley, CA 94546. in Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Melissa A. Miller, 20125 Sapphire St., Castro Valley, CA 94546. This business is conducted by an Individual.

This business commenced 07/01/21

/s/ Melissa A. Miller

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OCT 21, 2022  
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FILE NO. 592882

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

The name of the business(es):  
AMT Plumbing, located at 1233 Aileen St. San Leandro, CA 94577. in Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Luis Martinez, 1233 Aileen St. San Leandro, CA 94577. This business is conducted by an Individual. This business commenced N/A

/s/ Luis Martinez

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on date indicated by file stamp above.

Expires SEP 20, 2027

**OCT 27, NOV 03, 10, 17, 2022**  
**0538-SLT**

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OCT 27, 2022  
County Clerk  
ALAMEDA COUNTY  
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FILE NO. 593025

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

The name of the business(es):  
SM Hair And Nail Spa located at 1460 Via Lacqua San Lorenzo, CA 94580. in Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): SM Hair And Nail Spa LLC, located at 1460 Via Lacqua San Lorenzo, CA 94580. This business is conducted by an Individual. This business commenced N/A

/s/ Phung Mai

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on date indicated by file stamp above.

Expires OCT 26, 2027

**NOV 3, 10, 17, 24, 2022**  
**0539-SLT**

**LEGAL NOTICE****NOTICE OF PETITION  
TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent**, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the **later** of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

**YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court.** If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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

**STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT  
OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
FILE NUMBER 543420**

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

**N2 Quilting**, at 17715 Buti Park Court, Castro Valley, CA 94546, in Alameda County.

Full name of registrant is:

**M. R. Hoskin**, at 17715 Buti Park Court., Castro Valley CA 94546.

The Fictitious Business Name Statement

**N2 Quiltingn**, was filed on 04/06/2018 in the county of Alameda. Original File Number 543420. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime). This statement was filed with the County clerk of Alameda County on: top right stamp date. NOTICE - This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14400, et seq., B&P Code.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda County on 10/06/2022.

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

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

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

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

The Fictitious Business

Name Statement

**Mya Memories**,

was filed on 08/22/2018 in the county of Alameda. Original File Number 548609. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime).

This statement was filed with the County clerk of Alameda County on: top right stamp date.

NOTICE - This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14400, et seq., B&P Code.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda County on 09/07/2022

**NOV 3, 10, 17, 24, 2022**  
**0540 SLT**

**SEP 15, 22, 29, OCT 06, 2022**  
**0391-SLT**

**DISTRICT COURT  
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

**MICHAEL TROUTT**, an individual, **CASE NO. A-20-815212-C**  
Plaintiff, **Dept. No.: XXIII**

vs.

**HAKKASAN HOLDINGS, LLC et al.**,  
Defendants.

**HAKKASAN HOLDINGS LLC et al.**,  
Third Party Plaintiffs,

vs.

**JEREMY JOSEPH SUMMER; CHRIS SUMMERS**; and **JOHN DOES 1-5**,  
Third Party Defendants.

**SUMMONS – SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**

Case No. A-20-815212-C

**SUMMONS**

**DISTRICT COURT, CLARK COUNTY  
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**1. NOTICE! YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. THE COURT NAMED ABOVE MAY DECIDE AGAINST YOU WITHOUT YOUR BEING HEARD UNLESS YOU RESPOND.**

**2. TO THIRD-PARTY DEFENDANTS JEREMY JOSEPH SUMMERS and CHRIS SUMMERS:** A civil Amended Third-Party Complaint has been filed by Defendants/ Third-Party Plaintiffs named above.

**3. The Third-Party Complaints against you include:** (1) Contribution; (2) Restitution – Indemnity – Unjust Enrichment; (3) Civil Conspiracy; and (4) Declaratory Relief.

**4. If you intend to defend this lawsuit, an answer or other appropriate response in writing to the Complaint must be filed either by you or your attorney to the following:**

a. File with the Clerk of this Court, whose address is shown above, a formal written response to the Amended Third-Party Complaint in accordance with the rules of the Court, with the appropriate filing fee.

b. Serve a copy of your response upon the attorney whose name and address is shown below.

**5. If you intend to seek the advice of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your response may be filed on time.**

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# Gonzalez: Lee Thomas' second-choice votes push Gonzalez ahead

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to know is the true cost of running a city," he said. "Infrastructure like streets and buildings need to be maintained, and money set aside for this, so they don't fall apart sometime in the near future."

Celina Reynes was elected to the City Council in District 1, while Xouhoa Bowen narrowly won in District 5 as votes counted later swung in her direction.

## Under Ranked-Choice Voting, Lee Thomas' Second-Choice Votes Puts Gonzalez Over the Top

Gonzalez defeated Bryan Azevedo, who won more first-place votes. Under ranked-choice, if no candidate wins a majority of first-place votes, lower-finishing candidates are successively eliminated and their second-place votes are reassigned to the candidates they were cast for.

In the first round of vote-counting, Azevedo had 7,866 votes, or 37.3 percent of the total, while Gonzalez had 7,795, or 37.0 percent, while they were trailed by Lee Thomas, with 4,923 votes (23 percent) and Christopher Bammer, with 532 (3 percent).

Bammer, as the lowest finisher, was eliminated in the second round, and his second-place votes were redistributed, having gone mostly to Azevedo.

In the third round, Thomas was eliminated, and his second-place votes were redistributed. Some 2,249 went to Gonzalez and gave him the victory with 10,174 total votes (over 50 percent), and 1,761 went to Azevedo, who ended up with 9,880 total votes.

Azevedo called for all votes to be counted before declaring a winner.

"My mother had said it would take two people to beat me," he said, referring to the second-place votes from Thomas voters that put Gonzalez ahead.

Reynes won in District 1, almost getting a majority in first-place votes with 10,068, or 49 percent of votes, that then grew to a majority through the ranked-choice process. Kenneth Pon got 7,623 first-place votes (37 percent) while David L. Anderson got 2,738 (13 percent).

When Anderson was eliminated in the first round of ranked-choice, his second place votes went mostly to Pon. Enough of them went to Reynes, however, to give her a majority of total votes, with 11,053 (56 percent) to Pon's 8,766 (44 percent).

## Reynes Plans Rent Stabilization Ordinance

"I am incredibly proud of our campaign for bringing mental health, police reform, and housing rights to the center of political conversations in San Leandro," Reynes said. "I can't thank San Leandro voters enough for putting their trust in me."

Reynes said her first acts in office would be spearheading a rent stabilization ordinance protecting the 44 percent of San Leandrans who rent, and to introduce legislation to increase transparency in how pregnancy crisis centers advertise their services.

In District 5, vote counting had shown Monique Tate leading Bowen until the latest batch of votes was counted, more than a week after the election. Bowen ended up squeaking out a victory with 9,362 votes (50.1 percent) to Tate's 9,325 (49.9 percent) – a difference of 37 votes, as of Tuesday.

Bowen said that if those were final figures and she won the council seat, that she would pursue relationship-building with other council members, and listen and learn from the city manager and city staff.

She noted that she had interacted with the council as a constituent up until now, but not as a member.

"I'm incredibly excited," Bowen said. "It is an honor." Adding, "The vote count was a unique experience."

Victor Aguilar was elected as he ran unopposed, with 16,424 votes, in council District 3.

San Leandro school board Area 2 candidate Jackie Calderón Perl was elected with 8,722 votes (67 percent of the total) over Abbey Kerins, who got 4,231 votes (33 percent).

That district-wide vote was complicated by the race being left off the ballots that were mailed out to the other 5 school board areas. This was remedied by mailing out a supplemental ballot for only that race. Voters from those areas had to use two different voting machines if they voted in person.

"I feel super-good," Perl said. "It's a great honor, and I'm amazed at the turnout of support."

Perl said she looked forward to meeting with community members from around the district and learning what issues were important to them. She said she wanted to get the best ideas from parents and staff at each school and "cross-pollinate" them to best



Juan Gonzalez



Celina Reynes

Mayor - San Leandro (RCV)		
45 of 45 Precincts Reported(100.00%)		
	Vote for One (1) Only	
Contest	Votes	Percentage
Bryan Azevedo	7,866	37.25 %
Juan Gonzalez, III	7,795	36.92 %
Lee Thomas	4,923	23.31 %
Christopher Bammer	532	2.52 %

In the mayor's election as of Tuesday, (above) Bryan Azevedo had the most first-place votes with 7,866 votes to Juan Gonzalez with 7,795 votes. But after the ranked-choice vote calculations, Gonzalez benefited (below) by taking more of Lee Thomas' second-choice votes to come out ahead with 10,174 votes to Azevedo's 9,880 votes.

Round 3		
Candidate	Votes	Percentage
BRYAN AZEVEDO	9880	49.27 %
CHRISTOPHER BAMMER	0	0.00 %
LEE THOMAS	0	0.00 %
JUAN GONZALEZ, III	10174	50.73 %

address district-wide concerns.

Perl is looking forward to holding "open office hours" at each school to meet parents who may not be members of existing school site councils, which she also plans to consult.

School board candidates Leo Sheridan in Area 4 and James Aguilar (no relation to councilmember Victor) in Area 6 were re-elected unopposed, and did not appear on the ballot.

## Tam Wins for County Supervisor

In county races, Lena Tam won the District 3 Supervisor race with 40,190 votes (52 percent) over Rebecca Kaplan, who got 36,951 votes (47 percent). Pamela Price was elected District Attorney with 228,721 votes (53 percent) over Terry Wiley, with 201,676 votes (47 percent).

Liz Ortega was elected the new Assembly member for District 20, with 68,775 votes (62 percent) over Shawn Kumagai, with 41,889 votes

(38 percent).

April Chan narrowly won the Ward 7 seat at the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) board with 14,408 votes (34.6 percent of the total) over Corina Lopez, departing San Leandro City Councilmember, who got 14,268 votes (34.3 percent) and Matt Turner who got 12,974 votes (31 percent). Ranked-choice voting is not used for EBMUD elections, since a majority of votes is not needed.

## Hernandez Elected to Eden Health Board

In Eden Health District, Area 5, incumbent Ed Hernandez, a former San Leandro City Council member, won over challenger Chike Udemezue. Hernandez got 12,786 votes (77 percent) to Udemezue's 3,921 (23 percent).

In the Ora Loma Sanitary District, incumbents Shelia Young, a former San Leandro mayor; Fred Simon, current City Council member; and Rita Duncan defeated challengers Mimi Dean, Bob Glaze and Dan Walters.



PHOTO BY MIKE MCGUIRE

Jackie Calderon Perl looks forward to taking a seat on the San Leandro school board.



## Holidays: Family pictures and music can bring great joy

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they forget things," the doctor said. Their ability to plan effectively can also be affected.

It's things that happened relatively recently that a person with early Alzheimer's may forget, he said. Older memories are often quite intact.

"So, talk about old times, which they're likely to remember clearly, particularly when they had shared those with others present," Mittelberger said.

"Holidays are a great time to bring out old pictures and things from the past," Mittelberger said.

You can also bring out possessions they'll remember, along with playing or singing music. Music can bring great joy to a person with memory loss, especially if they remember enjoying it with some of the people present.

Food is a good topic at

Thanksgiving, he said. The older person may greatly enjoy helping prepare it, especially if they did so previously with family members or friends

**"Holidays are a great time to bring out old pictures and things from the past."**

— Dr. Jim Mittelberger

who are there.

Another Thanksgiving tradition, everybody watching a football game, may present a bit of a problem. Music is much easier on the nerves of a person with Alzheimer's, he said.

### Smaller Groups of People Work Better for Someone With Alzheimer's

For the same reason — too much going on at once. It's best to have one person at a time talk to your guest and to have people arrive one after another rather than in groups all at once. For that matter, big parties are not the best idea for someone with Alzheimer's, Dr. Mittelberger said.

People with Alzheimer's can get weary at a gathering and providing a quiet place for them to rest or nap is a good idea, he added.

Many people forget that any older person might suffer from hearing loss and fading eyesight, he said. So, it's best to look at the person and speak to them more clearly, a bit more slowly, and a little louder than you might with someone younger.



**Dr. Jim Mittelberger, who works with people who have dementia, is the medical director at the Center for Elders Independence.**

It's best to divert the conversation and not contradict a person with memory loss who gets something wrong,

he said. They may get wrong which city they're in or that a loved one has passed away. Be gentle with the latter, Dr. Mittelberger suggests.

A person with memory loss can't just "try harder" to successfully remember things, the doctor cautioned. The memories are no longer physically there or never got made. If you correct a

person with Alzheimer's on something, they might not remember and ask again in a few minutes.

People with memory loss can suffer stress from changes in the environment, so consider holding the gathering at their home in the first place rather than having them travel to yours, Dr. Mittelberger suggests.

## Colorful Plants Brighten the Holidays

By Melinda Myers  
Special to the Times

Garden centers, florists and grocery stores are filling their shelves with a variety of holiday plants; a sure sign the holidays are approaching.

This is the time of year to give, receive or fill your home with colorful poinsettias, Christmas cactus, cyclamen, and other holiday plants. Extend their beauty and longevity with proper care.

Start by selecting healthy plants that have been receiving proper care. The plants should be free of insects, disease and have no yellow leaves, brown leaf edges and spots.

Flowering plants should have just a few open flowers, some buds showing color, and the rest healthy plump buds. You will enjoy watching the flower buds open, blooms expand, and a longer flowering period.

Always protect your gift plants from the harsh outdoors. Professional florists and garden center staff should provide a care tag and wrap your plants in a plastic or paper sleeve for the ride home.

Carefully remove the wrap as soon as you get home. This is especially important when caring for poinsettias. The upturned leaves emit ethylene, a ripening hormone that can shorten the longevity of your poinsettia's colorful display.

Rewrap your holiday plant anytime you move it outdoors and never leave it sitting in a cold car while running er-

rands. A chilled plant looks fine until it warms. By the next day, the plant turns grayish-green, wilts and may die. Not such a nice gift or addition to your holiday décor after all.

Once home, place it in a cool, brightly lit location. The cool temperatures and indirect light help the blooms last longer. Remove or fold down the foil wrap, if present, to allow sunlight to reach all the leaves.

Avoid drafts of hot and cold air. These can dry or chill the plant resulting in leaf and blossom drop.

Check the tag for watering instructions. Most holiday plants prefer moist but not wet soil. Use your finger as a moisture meter.

Water thoroughly whenever the top few inches of soil are crumbly and just slightly moist or according to the directions on the care tag.

Pour out any water that collects in the foil, basket, decorative pot or saucer. Or place pebbles in the bottom of these or the saucer to elevate the plant above sitting water. This reduces the risk of root rot and makes care much easier.

Keep your floral display looking its best by removing spent flowers from azaleas, Christmas cactus, cyclamen and kalanchoes. This keeps the plant looking fresh and often encourages more blooms.

Once the holidays have passed, keep enjoying these plants through the gray days

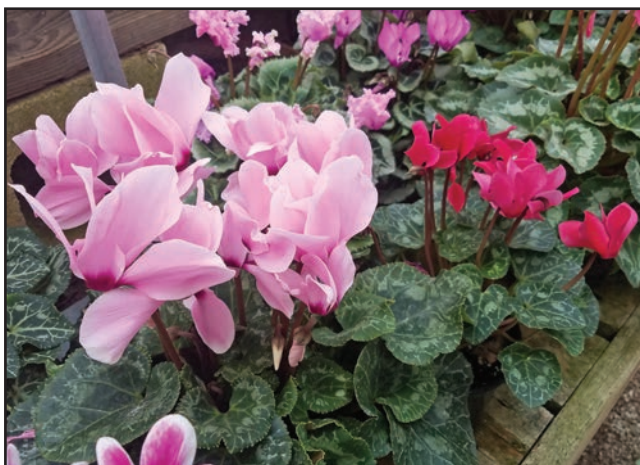


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**Cyclamen plants have uniquely shaped flowers, come in a variety of colors, and stand above attractive variegated leaves.**

of winter. Move the plants to a sunny window, fertilize with a dilute solution of complete or flowering plant fertilizer, and water as needed.

Add some artificial berries, cut flowers in water picks, or silk blooms to replace the faded flowers. Use colorful stakes or natural twigs for added beauty and to support floppy leaves and stems.

Boost your spirits and those of family and friends

this holiday season with a few colorful plants. Giving them as gifts and using them to decorate your home is guaranteed to brighten your holiday celebrations.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released *Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition* and *Small Space Gardening*. Myers' website is [www.MelindaMyers.com](http://www.MelindaMyers.com).

## Obituaries

### John J. Florez

~ November 7, 2022 ~

John J. Florez of San Leandro passed away peacefully at home on Nov. 7, 2022. He was preceded in death by his son John Florez Jr. He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years Susie Florez, daughter Sharon Florez, and son-in-law Gerardo Abreu, along with 3 sisters and 2 brothers. He also left behind 6 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren, along with many niece, nephews, cousins, friends and in-laws. John was a hardworking dedicated family man who touched the lives of every person he met. He will forever live as a hero in many people's hearts. We love you Johnny. Forever and Always.



### James "Binks" Aird

August 9, 1945 ~ October 31, 2022

James Milton Aird was born on August 9, 1945 in Oakland, Calif. He passed on October 31, 2022 in Walnut Creek. He had lived his life in Hayward and San Leandro.

Over the years James enjoyed trips to Santa Cruz, Disneyland, fishing trips and waterskiing. In the early days it was racing hydro-boats and golf.

"Mr. Jim" retired from PG&E after 50 years of service and was able to spend more time with family — his wife Carol, daughters Lindsay (and her husband Kevin) and Jamie, and the grandkids Kierra and Colton.

James also leaves a sister Linda Liness, and nieces Leah (Chance), Emerald, Leo and Lacey.

James will be greatly missed by all who knew him. We love you!

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# Wahab the Apparent Winner in State Senate District 10

By Michael Singer  
San Leandro Times

While mail-in ballots continue to be counted, California State Senate District 10 candidate Aisha Wahab says she's confident in the outcome.

As of Monday, at noon., Wahab generated 113,208 votes. Her opponent, Lily Mei had 48,892 votes with a spread of 7 percent.

"While it is the Registrar of Voters and the Secretary of State's responsibility to call the race, I've been contacted by California State Senate Leadership to schedule my orientation and prepare me for transition as our lead has grown each night since Election Day," Wahab said.

The candidates are vying to replace State Senator Bob Wieckowski, who is terming out at the end of this year.

Following the redistricting agreements in December 2021, representation for State Senate 10 has removed Castro

Valley and the unincorporated towns of San Lorenzo, Ashland, and Cherryland. It does, however, continue to cover the Fairview District. State Senate

**"I'm proud of my team for prioritizing the issues we all care about."**

— Aisha Wahab

10 District includes over 1 million residents and stretches across both northern Santa Clara and southern Alameda counties.

Wahab, who was backed by labor unions and endorsed by Wieckowski, ran on a platform of protecting reproductive

healthcare, housing for middle-income families and the unhoused, supporting small businesses, environmental sustainability, and public safety.

Wahab made national headlines as the first Afghan-American woman elected to public office in the United States when she was elected to Hayward City Council in 2018. She previously served as the Chair of the Alameda County Human Relations Commission and a board member for the nonprofits Afghan Coalition, Abode Services, and Tri-City Volunteers.

"I'm proud of my team for prioritizing the issues we all care about and running a strong community-based campaign and grateful to the voters for their support and belief in an inclusive and positive future," Wahab said. "I'm proud to represent the district I was raised in and will work with everyone to develop the best policies for our residents."



Aisha Wahab is the apparent winner in State Senate District 10. When she was elected to the Hayward City Council she was the first Afghan-American woman elected to public office in the United States.



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