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Community leaders, county staff and the public art artist join to cut the ribbon on Hesperian Boulevard improvements on Feb. 4.

## Hesperian Improvement Ribbon Cutting

Art, bike lanes, sidewalk improvements give San Lorenzo a lift

By Mike McGuire  
San Leandro Times

About 100 people braved a sudden downpour on Feb. 4 to welcome some long-awaited road and sidewalk improvements to Hesperian Boulevard in San Lorenzo.

The improvements stretch from the Interstate 880 overcrossing to A Street in San Lorenzo, starting with a public

gateway to San Lorenzo at Embers Way.

The Hesperian improvements were pushed for by late county Supervisor Wilma Chan and implemented by the Alameda County Public Works Agency. The project includes widened sidewalks, separated bike lanes and more visible crosswalks.

Roadway and pedestrian lighting were also installed. The corridor got

improved signage, and street trees and landscaping were added.

The roadway and sidewalks have been livened with public art, and an underground fiber-optic conduit was installed to improve communication, plus a transit priority system to time the lights and speed up bus trips. The pavement of the street was also reha-

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## City Council Extends Covid Eviction Deadline

Council votes 5-2 to extend eviction moratorium for another year

By Michael Singer  
San Leandro Times

San Leandro renters cannot be evicted for COVID-19-related reasons for an additional year following the approval of an ordinance by the City Council this week.

In a 5-2-vote Tuesday night – one week before the current eviction moratorium deadline was set to expire – the City Council voted to extend the city’s eviction moratorium to February 28, 2024, with Mayor Juan Gonzalez and Councilman Pete Ballew voting against extending the deadline.

The ordinance also requires landlords to report to the city if their renters claim the COVID exemption. City staff has been asked to collect the data and update the City Council every 90 days on the number of these exemptions, giving the city the opportunity to revoke the extension before next February if needed.

The ordinance only applies to residential renters, not businesses. The City Council ended the eviction moratorium for commercial renters in the

see DEADLINE, page 11

## Azevedo Proposes Renaming Library for Bernard Ashcraft

By Michael Singer  
Special to the Times

San Leandro Councilman and Vice Mayor Bryan Azevedo is proposing to rename the San Leandro Main Library on Estudillo Avenue to the Bernard Ashcraft San Leandro Main Library.

Ashcraft founded African Americans for a Better San

Leandro, he’s CEO of the Bay Area Business Roundtable, and Unity in the Community, a grassroots group of San Leandrans supporting diversity and standing against racism and bigotry.

At the Feb. 14 City Council meeting, Azevedo submitted the plan to the City

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## Police Raid on Best Avenue; Shooting at Liquor Store, Another Near Police Station

By Jim Knowles  
San Leandro Times

San Leandro police assisted Oakland police in a multi-location raid last Thursday, Feb. 16, including at a house on Best Avenue.

A neighbor said many police arrived, including police in riot gear, at about 6 a.m. in the 200 Block of Best Avenue and called over a loudspeaker, ordering people out of a house.

Lt. Matthew Barajas confirmed that the San Leandro police armored vehicle and SWAT unit was at the scene to assist the Oakland Police Department. Barajas said that it was a case that the Oakland police were working on and he didn’t have any more information on it.

An Oakland police spokesperson said that they served a search warrant on the 200

block of Best in San Leandro along with other agencies, but they couldn’t provide any more details at this time because it’s an active investigation.

### Two Recent Shootings

In other crime news, there were two shooting incidents recently in San Leandro, according to Barajas.

Several shots were fired at

a liquor store in the 300 block of East 14th Street on the night of Feb. 7 at about 11:40 p.m.

Police were called and found shell casings when they arrived at Town and Country Liquor. The clerks told police that the suspects drove up to the front of the store and one suspect approached the counter trying to conceal merchandise in his clothing,

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

SAN LEANDRO SCHOOL BOARD

Board meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 835 E. 14th St., San Leandro.  
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Pets of the Week



Ivy

Ruben

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter are Ivy, a German shepherd, and Ruben, a cat.

Ivy is a 1-year-old, female, German Shepherd mix who recently gave birth to four puppies.

Hayward Animal Shelter is seeking a foster for her and the pups. The shelter will provide supplies, foster will provide a loving environment for the pups to be raised until they are old enough to adopt. Contact animal.services@hayward-ca.gov or call 510-293-7200 to foster.

Ruben is a male cat in Hayward Animal Shelter's Working Cat program. He and his comrades, Pancake and Toast, are available as garden or working cats, which are cats that are feral or semi-feral that are good at controlling the rodent population around, barns, garages or gardens.

Learn more about working cats at: [www.haywardanimals.org/working-cats](http://www.haywardanimals.org/working-cats) or call 510-293-7200.



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## Ensemble Entertains Students

Evie Ladin of the Crosspulse Percussion Ensemble dances in the group's exploration of the African roots of American popular music at a PAL (Performance, Art & Learning) assembly held at the Performing Arts Center at San Leandro High School on Feb. 10. Third through fifth graders from McKinley and Jefferson schools learned about drums, beat boxing, body music and how Appalachian music has African roots, with the banjo coming originally from Africa.

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## Police: Gunfire

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Barajas said.

The clerks confronted the suspects, trying to prevent them from exiting the store without paying for the items, Barajas said. A brief struggle ensued and one suspect was able to walk out and retrieve a firearm and then return to the door of the store where he fired several shots in the direction of the clerks.

No one was hit by the gunfire.

Barajas said that the frequency of shootings varies from time to time, but lately there has been a more brazen use of firearms.

"The shootings have been more brazen, even in the middle of the day, we even had a shooting right by the police station," he said.

In that shooting, on Feb. 13, shots were fired in the area of Peralta Avenue and East 14th Street, according to Barajas. Police arrived and found several shell casings behind a business.

Witnesses said there was an altercation between two parties of people in the parking lot behind a restaurant. Police are still investigating the case.

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## Community Calendar

### San Leandro Democratic Club to Meet

The San Leandro Democratic Club will hold its monthly virtual meeting tonight (Thursday, Feb. 23) at 6:30 p.m. The club encourages the public's participation and wants to support events that are of value to club members and the public. Follow the link (<http://tiny.cc/gkh4vz>) to register for the virtual meeting. All are welcome.

### Black History Month Read-In

Join the San Leandro Public Library's 3rd annual Black History Month Read-In to uplift and celebrate Black writers, thinkers, and creators. Through February 28, participate online on Beanstack or use a paper tracker card (available at the San Leandro Main and Manor libraries or via the library's website). Earn 14 points by reading or completing activities and claim a finisher prize. This challenge is for patrons ages 12+. Visit the library's website for more information: [sanleandro.org/BHMreadin](http://sanleandro.org/BHMreadin)

### Grant Avenue Foundation Champagne and Crab Brunch

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

### Black History Month Screening of *Fences*

Celebrate Black History Month and watch a free film screening of *Fences* on Sunday, Feb. 26, at 1:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. The drama/historical film runs 2 hours 19 minutes and is rated PG-13. Enjoy light bites, and stay a while for an engaging community conversation afterwards. Registration is necessary by visiting or calling the Main Library at 510-577-3971. Email [pmallari@sanleandro.org](mailto:pmallari@sanleandro.org)

### Panel of Speakers on the Bill for Seminar on Ranked-Choice Voting

A seminar on ranked-choice voting will be held on Saturday, March 4, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., hosted by Helen Straughter with keynote speaker Supervisor Nate Miley and emcee Saleem Gilmore. Panelists include Supervisor Lena Tam, former San Leandro City Councilman Benny Lee, and Helen Hutchison from the League of Women Voters. Supporters and sponsors include Assembly member Liz Ortega-Toro, Eden Health District board member Ed Hernandez, former Oakland school board member David Anderson, and the Hayward/South County Black Women Organized for Political Action. Free admission. Continental breakfast served.

### Resolved to Lose Weight in 2023

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

### Women's History Month Tiny Art Show at the San Leandro Public Library

The San Leandro Public Library is celebrating Women's History Month this March by honoring women artists with their 2nd Annual Tiny Art Show. Register at the Main Library information desk, starting Feb. 15 to receive a mini art kit and create your masterpiece inspired by a woman artist. Kit includes a 3" x 3" canvas, paint and brushes along with some ideas to help you get started. Participants are invited to submit their work to be part of the show which will be up throughout March. Visit the library's website for more information at [sanleandrolibrary.org](http://sanleandrolibrary.org) or call 570-577-3971

## First United Methodist to Host Centering Prayer via Zoom

First United Methodist Church invites you to explore Centering Prayer via Zoom during Lent.

Newcomers to Centering Prayer can learn more during an informal Q&A 8:30 to 9 a.m. each Saturday from Feb.

18 through April 8. After this short 30 minute orientation, stay for a weekly group prayer at 9 a.m.

If you are already familiar with Centering Prayer, you're invited to join the group practice from 9 to 10 a.m. each

Saturday (year round).

All meetings are held via Zoom, visit the church website, [fumcsl.org](http://fumcsl.org), for the link. Centering Prayer is an ancient contemplative practice which helps quiet our busy minds and prepare us to experience the

tranquility of God's presence within us.

No experience is needed. All are welcome to pray together.

For more information, email: [pastor@fumcsl.org](mailto:pastor@fumcsl.org); or [joyce-dow@comcast.net](mailto:joyce-dow@comcast.net).

## Local Students Make Honor Roll at Oregon State University

Oregon State University recently announced the names of students who made the Scholastic Honor Roll Fall 2022, including the following students from San Leandro

and San Lorenzo:

### San Leandro

Kadence P. Drogo, freshman, psychology; Angela O. Koval, post baccalaureate, computer science; Elissa R. Ky, freshman, psychology; Benny Li, post baccalaureate, computer science.

### San Lorenzo

Fusako Obata, post baccalaureate, computer science.

A total of 12,220 earned a B-plus (3.5) or better to make the listing. To be on the Honor Roll, students must carry at least 6 graded hours of course work.

## Senior Meals Serving Lunch on Weekdays

Senior Meals prepared by Spectrum Community Services are available weekdays at the San Leandro Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St. Join us for a tasty, nutritious lunch Monday through Friday at noon.

Anyone who is 60 years or better is eligible to register to come get a meal. Advanced reservations are required. Spectrum requests a \$3.75 donation towards each meal or get our valued 10-meal ticket for only \$35.

Option to dine-in or take-away is available. To make your advanced reservation, call and leave a message for the San Leandro Spectrum Meals Program: 510-881-0302

Visit our website for more information, [www.SpectrumCS.org](http://www.SpectrumCS.org)

### The menu for the upcoming week is:

Thursday, Feb. 23: National Chili Day! Turkey chili, vegetable medley salad, fruit.

Friday, Feb. 24: Chili verde chicken with whole wheat tortilla on the side, pinto beans, corn, fruit.

Monday, Feb. 27: Chicken leek pie with a biscuit, tossed vegetable salad, fruit.

Tuesday, Feb. 28: Turkey burger on a whole wheat bun with lettuces and tomato, pickles and onion, sweet potato tots, fruit.

## SL Players to Present *Blithe Spirit* in March

San Leandro Players will present *Blithe Spirit* by Noel Coward, opening on March 4 at the San Leandro Museum/Auditorium, 320 West Estudillo Ave, San Leandro, next to the historic Casa Peralta.

Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m., March 4 through April 2, plus two Friday shows on March 23 and March 31 at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$20 general; \$15 seniors & under 12 (other discounts may apply). For tickets or more information, visit [www.slplayers.org](http://www.slplayers.org) or call 510-895-2573. Wheelchair accessible.

Proof of vaccination and masking required.

Charles Condomine is a

successful author but is having a bit of writer's block. In order to get realistic evidence and dialogue for the book he's writing he invites eccentric medium Madame Arcati to his home to perform a seance.

Charles, his second wife and two neighbors think the seance is a bit of a joke. But the joke's on Charles when Madame Arcati brings Elvira, his first wife, back from the spirit world. Great fun for the entire family.

Featuring Dawn Cates, Mark DeWeese, Terry Guilory, Laura Martin-Chapin, Kenneth Matis, Gia Mirra, Nina Sundsten. Directed by Dana M. Fry.

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

The City of San Leandro is again offering its nationally recognized and award-winning Home Earthquake Strengthening Course to homeowners. This is a "do-it-yourself" course geared towards owners of older, raised-floor homes. Homeowners will be shown how to identify and strengthen structural weaknesses in their homes. Upon completion of this four-day course, each homeowner will have a customized blueprint for their seismic project.

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

**When:** March 9, 14, 16, and 21

This is a four-day course.

**Where:** The Senior Community Center @

13909 E. 14th Street,  
San Leandro, Main Hall D

**Time:** 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

**Cost for City of San Leandro Residents:**

\$30.00 for single / \$35.00 for couples

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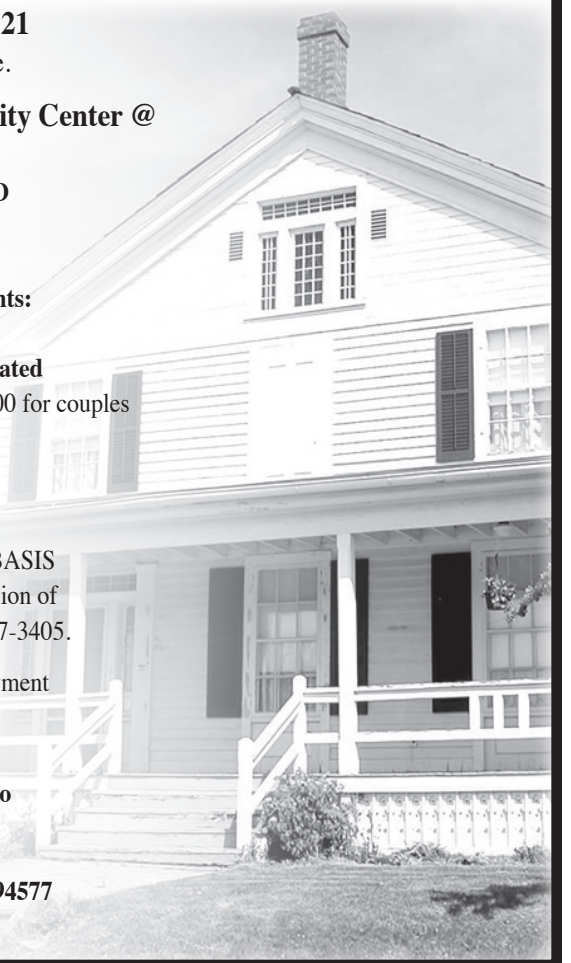
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Baking is the healthiest way. Allow about 10 minutes of baking time for every inch of thickness.

If your recipe calls for one kind of fish and it isn't available, you can substitute another in the same group (see box at right).

Fresh fish at the market should be firm to the touch and smell like a fresh ocean breeze.

BAKED FISH & CHIPS

- 2 large potatoes (or as many as you want)
- 2 slices white bread
- 2 white fish fillets (haddock, hoki, pollock, etc.)
- 1 tablespoon flour, seasoned
- 1 egg, beaten

Preheat oven to 250° F.

Peel and chop the potatoes into thick wedges, then toss with the olive oil and some salt. Arrange on a large non-stick baking sheet and roast for 20 minutes, turning



Baked Fish & Chips

halfway.

Lightly toast the bread, then put in a food processor for coarse bread crumbs. Dust the fish in flour, shaking off the excess, then dip into the egg, then bread crumbs to coat thoroughly.

Roast the fish with the potatoes for a further 20 minutes, until both are golden. Serve with a favorite vegetable.

BAKED FISH WITH HERBS

- 1-1/2 pounds firm white fish fillets (halibut, cod etc.)
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup fine dry bread crumbs
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- 1/8 teaspoon dried sage

- 1 teaspoon dried parsley
- Vegetable oil cooking spray
- 1 tablespoon melted butter
- Fresh parsley and lemon wedge garnish for garnish

Preheat oven to 450°F. Spray baking dish with vegetable oil.

Wash fish fillets and gently pat dry. Season fish with salt and pepper. Beat egg and set aside. Mix herbs into bread crumbs and set aside. Melt butter.

Gently dip fillets into beaten egg and then into seasoned bread crumbs.

Arrange fish on sprayed baking dish. Drizzle fillets with melted butter. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes or until fish flakes with a fork.

Garnish with parsley and lemon and serve immediately.

Makes 4 servings.

Per serving: 275 calories, 9 g total fat (3 g saturated fat), 10 g carbohydrate, 37 g protein, 1 g dietary fiber, 370 mg sodium.

MEXICAN BAKED FISH

- 1-1/2 pounds cod
- 1 cup salsa
- 1 cup shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup crushed corn chips
- 1 ripe avocado, peeled, sliced
- 1/4 cup sour cream

Fish Groups

- **Lean Round Fish** – includes catfish, black bass, cod grouper, haddock, ocean perch, pike, orange roughy, scrod, sea trout, snapper, whiting, pompano, porgy, hoki
- **Fatty Round Fish** – includes bluefish, salmon, shad, smelt, freshwater trout, tuna
- **Dense-Muscle Fish** – includes mahi-mahi, monkfish, shark, sturgeon, swordfish
- **Flatfish** – includes flounder, halibut, sole, turbot, sand dabs

Preheat oven to 400°F. Lightly grease one 8x12-inch baking dish.

Rinse fish fillets under cold water, and pat dry with paper towels. Lay fillets side by side in the prepared baking dish. Pour the salsa over the top, and sprinkle evenly with the shredded cheese. Top with the crushed corn chips.

Bake, uncovered, in the preheated oven for 15 minutes, or until fish is opaque and flakes with a fork. Serve topped with sliced avocado and sour cream. Serves 6.

Nutritional information per serving: Calories: 311, Total Fat: 17.6g, Cholesterol: 69mg.

BAKED FISH WITH VEGETABLES

- 2 bunches green onions, chopped
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 stalks celery, chopped
- 3 carrots, thinly sliced
- 2 large bunches spinach,

rinsed well and chopped

- 1 cup mushrooms, chopped
- 1/2 cup parsley, minced
- 2 large tomatoes, peeled, seeded and diced
- Salt and freshly ground pepper

- 2 pounds halibut, mahi mahi, swordfish, shark, salmon or sea bass steaks, cut 1 inch thick

- 2 lemons, cut in wedges

In large skillet, sauté green onions in oil until tender. Add garlic, celery, carrots, spinach, mushrooms, parsley and tomatoes. Season with salt and pepper. Cover and simmer 12 minutes.

Spoon half of mixture in large baking dish coated with nonstick vegetable spray. Cover with fish steaks, then spoon remaining vegetable mixture on top.

Cover and bake at 350°F for 20 to 30 minutes, or until flesh of fish separates with fork. Serve with lemon wedges.

Makes about 6 to 8 servings.

MEDITERRANEAN BAKED FISH

- 1 cup thinly sliced leeks, white parts only
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 12 large fresh basil leaves
- 1-1/2 pounds orange roughy fillets
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 plum tomatoes, sliced
- 1 (2-1/4 ounce) can sliced ripe olives, drained
- 1 medium lemon
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 4 sprigs fresh rosemary

In a nonstick skillet, sauté leeks and garlic in oil until tender; set aside. Coat a 13-in. x 9-in. x 2-in. baking dish with nonstick cooking spray. Arrange basil in a single layer in dish; top with fish fillets. Sprinkle with salt. Top with leek mixture.

Arrange tomatoes and olives over fish. Thinly slice half of the lemon; place over the top. Squeeze juice from remaining lemon over all. Sprinkle with pepper.

Cover and bake at 425°F for 15-20 minutes or until fish flakes easily with a fork. Garnish with rosemary. Serves 4.

LEGAL NOTICES

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

The name of the business(es):  
Pacific Transactions, located at 18459  
Reamer Road Castro Valley, CA 94546. P.O.  
Box #2524 Castro Valley CA 94546. In Alameda  
County, is hereby registered by the following  
owner(s): Gabriella R. Stefanic, 18459  
Reamer Road Castro Valley, CA 94546. This  
business is conducted by an Individual. This  
business commenced N/A  
/s/ Gabriella R. Stefanic  
This statement was filed with the County  
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The name of the business(es):  
Foster Freeze #240, located at 2601 2601  
Alvarado Street San Leandro, CA 94577.  
in Alameda County, is hereby registered  
by the following owner(s): FF240 Won Inc.,  
2601 2601 Alvarado Street San Leandro,  
CA 94577. This business is conducted by  
a Corporation. This business commenced  
01/01/2002  
/s/ Kwang Hee Won  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
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The name of the business(es):  
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San Leandro, CA 94577. In Alameda County,  
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owner(s): Battle Studio A Calif. Corp., 13304  
Aurora Drive San Leandro, CA 94577. This  
business is conducted by a Corporation.  
This business commenced 01/18/23  
/s/ Helena Delia Batle  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
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The name of the business(es):  
California Bay Electric, located at 1005 94th  
Ave Oakland, CA 94603. In Alameda County,  
is hereby registered by the following owner-  
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Ave Oakland, CA 94603. This business is  
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This business commenced N/A  
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STATEMENT OF ABANDON-  
MENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS  
BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
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The following person has abandoned the  
use of the fictitious business name:  
**Love for The Creator** at 14325 Wake Ave.,  
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Full name of registrant is: **Sarah Cruz**, at  
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FILE NO. 594765

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT  
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Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es):  
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San Leandro, CA 94577. In Alameda County,  
is hereby registered by the following owner-  
er(s): Jahi C. Mirembe, 596 Alvarado Street  
San Leandro, CA 94577. This business is  
conducted by an Individual. This business  
commenced N/A  
/s/ Jahi C. Mirembe  
This statement was filed with the County  
Clerk of Alameda County on date indicated  
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Expires JAN 12, 2028  
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By-----, Deputy  
FILE NO. 595455

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

The name of the business(es):  
Bold Will, located at 1132 Carpenter Street  
#209 San Leandro, CA 94577. In Alameda  
County, is hereby registered by the following  
owner(s): Kimberly Wilson, 1132 Carpenter  
Street #209 San Leandro, CA 94577. This  
business is conducted by an Individual. This  
business commenced N/A  
/s/ Kimberly Wilson  
This statement was filed with the County  
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By-----, Deputy  
FILE NO. 594916

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

The name of the business(es):  
Innovated Electric, located at 22524 Byron  
St., Hayward, CA 94541. In Alameda County,  
is hereby registered by the following  
owner(s): Carlos Gonzales, 22524 Byron  
St., Hayward, CA 94541. This business is  
conducted by an Individual. This business  
commenced N/A  
/s/ Carlos Gonzales  
This statement was filed with the County  
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Expires JAN 22, 2028  
FEB 16, 23, MAR 02, 09, 2023  
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FILED JAN 09, 2023  
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ALAMEDA COUNTY  
By-----, Deputy  
FILE NO. 595474

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

The name of the business(es):  
Best Laundromat, located at 15401 Hesperian  
Blvd., Suite CDE San Leandro, CA 94578. In  
Alameda County, is hereby registered by the  
following owner(s): James Lloyd Lee, 288  
Cherrywood Ave San Leandro, CA 94577.  
This business is conducted by an Individual.  
This business commenced Nov 1, 2017  
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# Hesperian: Sidewalk art in San Lorenzo

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bilitated.

"We're very thankful to Wilma Chan," said Julie Yim, chief of staff for current Supervisor Lena Tam. "Wilma did all the hard work gathering funding for the project."

Jared Savas, central district director for Tam, praised Chan as an advocate for San Lorenzo and the unincorporated areas. Savas had previously held the same position with Chan and with her immediate successor Dave Brown.

Chan is remembered with a newly renamed street in the project area, Via Wilma Chan, by the currently closed Lorenzo Theater, which was formerly Via Mercado.

County Public Works Director Daniel Wollesenbet apologized for the project taking some time to be completed. Construction started in 2020, but the need for the work was understood before that.

"When you have a \$25 million project, that kind of money takes a while to accumulate," he said.

The director added that funds for the project came from several different sources, including the Alameda County Public Works Agency, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and the Alameda County Transportation Commission.

"What makes this project especially remarkable are the arts elements added," said Wollesenbet.

Perhaps most unusual among those elements are the 50 depictions of San Lorenzo's trees, birds and plants sandblasted into eight locations on sidewalks, the work of artist Vanessa March. The art extends between Post Office Road and Via Mercado along Hesperian Boulevard.

Marsh first took photographs of San Lorenzo's natural world, then painted silhouettes based on those, and then digitally created metal stencils to sandblast the designs onto the sidewalks.

The artist also designed banners that are hung on streetlights along the road, and nature scenes that are painted onto utility boxes in the area.

The new artwork joins artist John Wehrle's existing San Lorenzo mural painted on both sides of the I-880 overcrossing of Hesperian Boulevard.

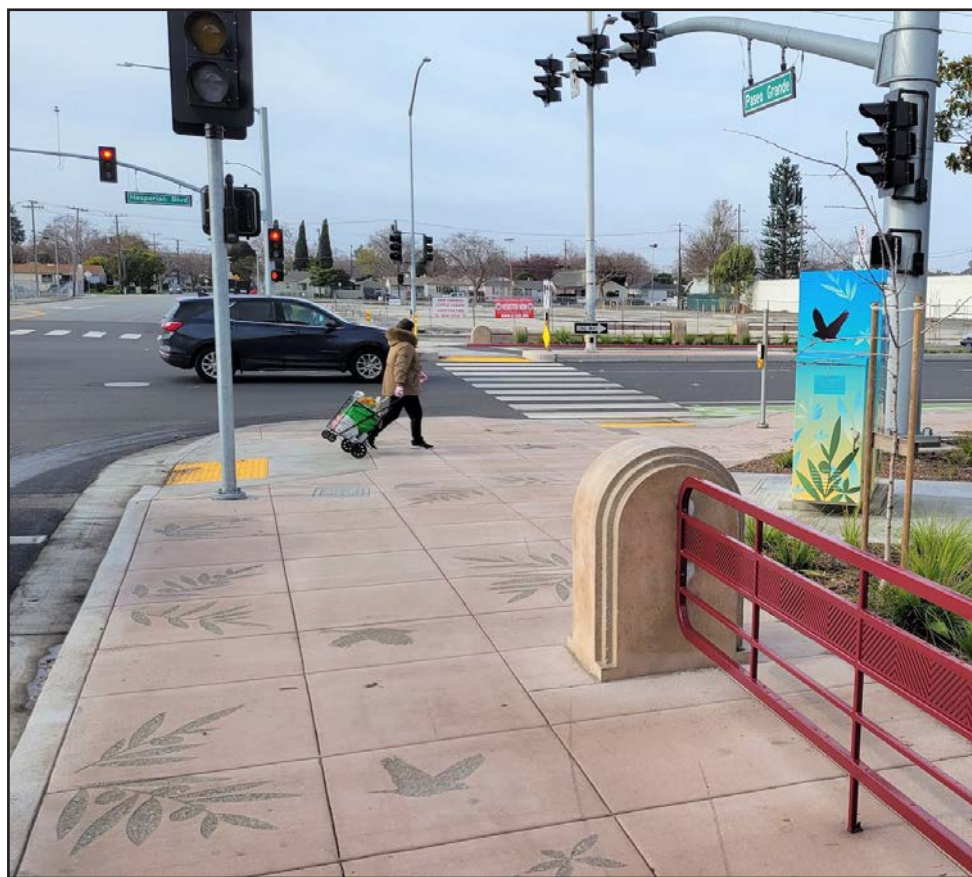
Alameda County Arts Commission Director Rachel Osijama thanked the members of the Arts Commission and the many community mem-

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**New sidewalk art is visible in front of the Wells Fargo Bank at Hesperian Boulevard, along with new banners on lamp posts, all part of Hesperian Boulevard improvements whose completion was marked February 4.**



**A pedestrian along Hesperian Boulevard at Paseo Grande in San Lorenzo passes new public art on the sidewalk and an improved crosswalk.**

## HEALTH & FITNESS

### It's Opposite Day in Our Body; Our Muscles Maintain Balance

By Mitch Rothbardt  
Special to the Times

Let's talk about opposites. I don't mean hot or cold, black or white, yummy food compared to olives, kind of opposites. I mean how things affect other things in unexpected ways.

We were talking in the gym this morning, and Sally asked how the range of motion (ROM), or lack of it, can affect knee pain. She hadn't thought about my answer, so she suggested I write about it.

#### What do I mean by opposites?

Our body maintains its posture through what are called opposing muscle groups. That sounds complicated, but all it means is that muscles counteract muscles on one side of the body on the other side. Think chest and back.

In a perfect world, each muscle is about as strong as the opposing muscle, which allows our body to stay balanced and in good posture. When there's a large disparity, it means that one muscle must bear more of the responsibility of keeping us upright and moving. That can lead to poor posture and/or movement, leading to pain.

#### What does this mean in the real world?

Injuries and pain tend to happen at extreme ROM. An extreme ROM is defined as one that extends outside normal positions. (That's different for everyone due to differences in flexibility, mobility, strength, and other factors. For example, an extreme shoulder ROM may be an overhead reach for one person while someone else's may be raising their arm only shoulder high.)

When we're in those positions, the strength in surrounding muscles holds everything together and keeps the joints and muscles in good working order.

I know it's a complex concept, so here's an example. A common cause of knee pain is when the muscles on the back of our legs (hamstrings) are weaker than the ones on the front (quadriceps). In this case, the stronger quadriceps overpower the weaker hamstrings and pull our knee too far forward. OUCH.

#### This also means that:

1. Our joints frequently aren't the cause of joint pain. Yes, your knees may not be the actual problem.

2. Proper strength training is really darned important.

Other common problem areas are shoulders (chest vs. upper back) and low back (hip flexors vs. glutes.)

So now that you're an expert on this subject, what to do? In my opinion, the most important thing is to change your mindset around chronic pain. It's crucial to understand that shoulder, knee, and low back pain often has little to do with your shoulders, knees, and lower back.

Once you understand that, you can more easily see answers that lie more in your locus of control as opposed to a surgeon's. Isn't that an incredibly empowering notion?

If you want to dive even deeper on this topic, Google "Janda Cross Syndrome" or drop me an email.

Mitch Rothbardt is the owner and head trainer at Castro Valley Fitness. Email him at: [Mitch@castrovalley-fitness.com](mailto:Mitch@castrovalley-fitness.com)

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# REAL ESTATE GALLERY



## REAL ESTATE REALITY

By Carl Medford, CRS  
Special to the Times

GUEST COMMENTARY



## Spring Market Erupts Early This Year

In a traditional real estate market (not that we've seen one for a long time), Superbowl Sunday marks the kickoff to the spring selling season.

The logic is simple: men, captivated by the climax of the football season, are not willing to give up their sofas in lieu of tramping through open houses.

Once the big game is over, however, all that changes as a seat in front of the TV is exchanged for a seat behind the wheel. This year, however, it seems the Superbowl has had little or no effect: the market had already launched prior to the kickoff.

In what has been a shocking turn of events, the spring real estate market seems to have arrived well ahead of the cro-

cuses as buyers are out in full force, open houses are again crowded and multiple offers are back.

The only thing that's missing? Listings.

In fact, an already low market inventory is getting even lower as buyers are starting to snap up available homes and sellers are not hitting the market at the same pace.

This seems to line up with prognosticators who suggested that once buyers came to terms with the fact that interest rates were not going back down any time soon, they would get back into the market. Sellers, on the other hand, are taking a lot longer to deal with the fact that if they refinanced at the incredibly low rates over a year ago,

when they sell their home and buy a replacement, they are going to have to say goodbye to historically low rates they will probably never again see in their lifetime.

For some, that is a tough pill to swallow.

On the flip side is that fact that every spring inventory does increase, as sellers realize it is the best time of the year to sell. The difference this year is that we may not see as much of an increase as we have seen in previous years, which, in and of itself, should provide the market with some additional impetus. Years ago, when answering machines were a thing, my Canadian neighbor put a cute message on his machine in time for the spring thaw. "Spring is sprung, the grass is riz, I wonder who a-calling me is?" If I was to rewrite that today, it would be, "Spring is sprung, the grass is riz, I wonder where the inventory is?"

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

## Now is an Excellent Time To Prune Your Grape Vine

Whoever lived in our house before planted a grape arbor with edible grapes on one side and wine grapes on the other. The vines appear very old, perhaps never pruned at all. The arbor recently fell down. So, now I have no idea when or how to prune it. What should I be doing?

By Buzz Bertolero  
THE DIRT GARDENER

Grapes are pruned when they are dormant, so now is an excellent time to do so. They are either 'spur' or 'cane' pruned depending on the fruiting habits of the variety. Typically, wine grapes are cane pruned, while table or eating grapes prefer spur pruning. Cane pruning is used on those varieties growing on arbors.

The fruiting wood is developed away from the trunk. We leave long canes to train on wires, trellis, or arbors. Grape varieties that are Spur Pruned develop fruiting wood close to the base. They are pruned back to within several buds to leave small spurs for development.

To get a better idea of this, I'd google 'pruning grape videos'. You should find many videos on YouTube, to help clarify things. It will also give you a sense of what to do next.

Whatever you decide, I'd forgo a crop of grapes next year to get the vines under control. They can't stay on the ground, so you must decide what to do about the arbor. If you don't rebuild, you'll need a trellis structure, not a fence.

There are several ways you can attack the mass of twisted canes. The first is to cut off everything and start from scratch with the new shoots that develop this spring. Or, you could



select the most vigorous or longest canes to serve as your foundation. They would be attached to the new arbor or trellis. All the rest of the canes not used would be cut off at the ground. Next winter is when I would prune for a grape harvest. Either option is doable. You'll just have to select the option that's best for you.

Does the passion fruit I see in the super-market grow on the passion vine? I've never seen any fruit on the one that covers my fence.

Passion fruit is a member of a larger family of vining plants that are grown for their flowers. Some varieties require pollination, while others are self-fertile. The most popular ornamental/fruiting variety is Passiflora Edulis. It has

large white and purple flowers, and the fruit is oval in shape purple in color, and the pulp is yellow with black seeds. The fruit is highly aromatic.

The best production comes when the winters are mild, and frost-free and the area has cool summers. The key to pollination is humid conditions, where we have problems.

Typically it's too dry for pollination to occur but that is not to say that mother nature might cooperate one of these days. In the meantime, you should enjoy the flowers and foliage.

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](mailto:buzz@dirtgardener)



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## The Weather and You

# Watch Out for Wacky Weather Coming Up

By Mike Pechner  
Special to the Times

The coldest air since December 1998 is moving over all of California today and continuing Friday.

This a major storm dropping down from Western Canada with modified arctic air featuring temperatures as much as 30 degrees below average with strong and gusty winds through the end of the week.

This storm is the most the impactful north to south in California in 25 years. Snow mixed with rain is possible at sea level from the Bay Area south to Los Angeles inland away from the coast and bay except Eureka.

We certainly could see rain mixed with snow Thursday here in I-880 corridor with sticking snow on Las Trampas Ridge which separates Hayward and San Leandro from Walnut Creek and Danville.

The gusty northwest winds with cold temperatures will produce dangerous wind chill

factors in higher elevations on Mt. Diablo above 1,500 feet. I think that snow is likely Thursday night and Friday on all of the usual spots, Mt. Tamalpais, Mt. Diablo, Mt.

“It’s likely snow will fall in the Oakland Hills and along Skyline.

Hamilton, Mt. St. Helena, etc.

Low temperatures this weekend after skies clear could drop to upper teens in coldest valleys of the North and East Bay, coldest since Dec. 1998.

The National Weather Service forecast for the East Bay interior valleys actually say

“Chance of rain and snow Thursday.” This would include Concord, 680 corridor, Livermore, Dublin, Pleasanton, maybe Niles Canyon. Forecasting snow at sea level is a tricky proposition to say the least.

It’s likely snow will fall in the Oakland Berkeley Hills and along Skyline, Highway 35 from La Honda south to highway 9, Altamont Pass, the Summit of 17, Angwin in Napa County and Highway 29.

Fruit trees are beginning to bud and the below freezing temperatures are a concern. Good news is more rain is forecast into the the first week of March which gives more credence to erasing the drought conditions of the last 3 1/2 years.

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

## RECENT HOME SALES

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### CASTRO VALLEY

Total: 7 – Average Price: \$1,242,142  
High: \$1,550,000 – Low: \$895,000

21872 Baywood Avenue 94546: \$895,000 [3 BD - 1,700 SF - 1941  
19096 Santa Maria Avenue 94546: \$1,000,000 [3 BD - 1,368 SF - 1940  
5010 Foxboro Drive 94546: \$1,180,000 [3 BD - 1,800 SF - 1961  
19615 Barclay Road 94546: \$1,300,000 [3 BD - 1,758 SF - 1963  
4531 Hillsborough Drive 94546: \$1,320,000 [4 BD - 2,622 SF - 1965  
4638 Lockridge Way 94546: \$1,450,000 [4 BD - 2,092 SF - 1960  
16991 Grovenor Drive 94546: \$1,550,000 [3 BD - 1,925 SF - 1962

### HAYWARD

Total: 11 – Average Price: \$741,045  
High: \$1,170,000 – Low: \$375,000

20449 Meekland Avenue 94541: \$375,000 [2 BD - 982 SF - 1943  
675 Newbury Lane #244 94544: \$412,000 [1 BD - 643 SF - 1988  
22530 3rd Street #306 94541: \$550,000 [2 BD - 1,200 SF - 1994  
22562 Hennings Court 94541: \$685,000 [3 BD - 1,560 SF - 1947  
280 Elmwood Lane 94541: \$700,000 [2 BD - 1,051 SF - 1950  
23510 Wright Drive 94541: \$735,000 [3 BD - 971 SF - 1951  
109 Sunswept Court 94544: \$799,500 [3 BD - 1,594 SF - 2019  
31638 Medinah Street 94544: \$840,000 [3 BD - 1,597 SF - 1956  
31108 Chicoine Avenue 94544: \$935,000 [3 BD - 1,371 SF - 1955  
1073 Central Boulevard 94542: \$950,000 [3 BD - 1,814 SF - 1953

3013 Woodroe Court 94541: \$1,170,000 [4 BD - 2,049 SF - 1985

### SAN LEANDRO

Total: 5 – Average Price: \$736,400  
High: \$878,000 – Low: \$420,000

1888 Vining Drive 94579: \$420,000 [3 BD - 1,111 SF - 1956  
1677 140th Avenue 94578: \$750,000 [3 BD - 1,200 SF - 1947  
429 Linnell Avenue 94578: \$816,000 [3 BD - 1,828 SF - 1952  
1581 138th Avenue 94578: \$818,000 [2 BD - 1,548 SF - 1947  
1519 Sayre Street 94579: \$878,000 [3 BD - 1,190 SF - 1956

### SAN LORENZO

Total: 4 – Average Price: \$604,125  
High: \$800,000 – Low: \$136,500

556 Doane Street 94580: \$136,500 [3 BD - 1,618 SF - 1950  
920 Lynn Court 94580: \$690,000 [3 BD - 1,048 SF - 1950  
1751 Via Redondo 94580: \$790,000 [3 BD - 1,078 SF - 1954  
16179 Via Owen 94580: \$800,000 [3 BD - 1,452 SF - 1955

## Mortgage Rates Increase for Second Consecutive Week

Mortgage rates moved up for the second consecutive week. The economy is showing signs of resilience, mainly due to consumer spending, and rates are increasing. Overall housing costs are also increasing and therefore impacting inflation, which continues to persist.



PHOTO BY MIKE McGUIRE

Newly renamed Via Wilma Chan sign and improved bicycle lane along a momentarily empty Hesperian Boulevard in San Lorenzo on February 4.

## Hesperian: 2 percent for art

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bers who helped select and implement the artwork.

The county’s “2 Percent for Art” ordinance sets aside that portion of each capital construction project for acquiring and installing public art as part of a project.

About two dozen members of My Eden Voice demon-

strated at the ribbon-cutting despite the rain, calling on Supervisor Tam to support permanent tenant protections after temporary pandemic protections for tenants expire.

The measure comes up before the supervisors later this month. Tenant supporters are worried about a “no” vote or abstention by Tam, who

received campaign contributions from landlord-allied groups, said Barisha Spriggs, a county Democratic party Central Committee member active with the group.

But the group was not protesting the road improvements, though, and Spriggs happily joined other community members to cut the ribbon.

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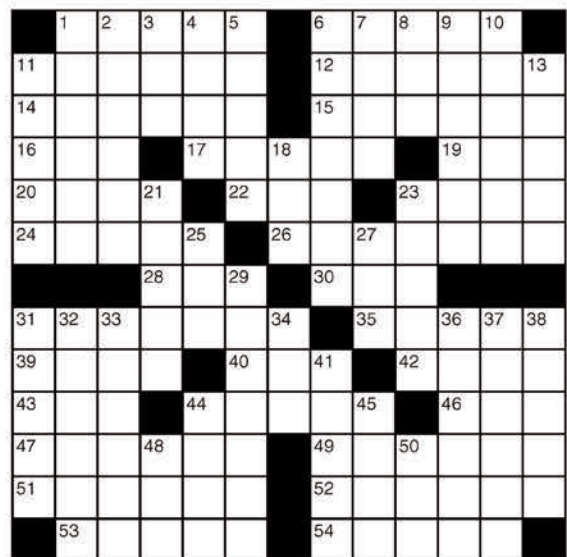
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### Library Naming Shows Poor Judgement

Editor,

I strongly object to the proposal by City Council members Bryan Azevedo, Victor Aguilar, Fred Simon and Celina Reynes to rename the San Leandro Main Library as the Bernard Ashcraft Library.

To name a public building after an individual is a high honor that should be reserved for persons who have made outstanding and unique contributions to our nation, state or city. We hold these individuals out as role models for our youth and future generations.

For these reasons I voted for naming the new community meeting room at San Leandro City Hall after former City Council member Surlene Grant. However, Mr. Ashcraft's body of work fails to satisfy the high standard for having a public building named in his honor.

Mr. Ashcraft operates an Oakland-based consulting firm. San Leandro has paid Mr. Ashcraft over \$200,000 purportedly for workforce and economic development. Has Mr. Ashcraft delivered any positive, measurable results is question I doubt anyone at City Hall knows the answer to. Instead of naming a public building after Mr. Ashcraft, the City Council should find out what Mr. Ashcraft has done with our tax dollars.

Anything positive that Mr. Ashcraft brings to our community must be weighed against his strident and extreme views that divide our community. For example, during my campaign for Mayor, I asked Mr. Ashcraft for support. He replied, "You don't have a black agenda. Come back and speak with me when you do."

In another recent case, Mr. Ashcraft referred to a mayoral candidate and his supporters on Facebook as "maggots who want to use Jim Crow tactics to suppress social and economic justice."

Is this the person our beloved library should be named after? No is the clear answer.

By putting Mr. Ashcraft forward for this honor Council members Azevedo, Aguilar, Simon and Reynes have displayed exceptionally poor judgment. Instead of focusing on the real issues facing San Leandro – crime, homelessness

and housing – their proposal will needlessly waste city resources and divide the community. That is the exact opposite of what public officials should do.

**Lee Thomas, MPA**

*San Leandro*

*Lee Thomas is a former San Leandro City Council member*

### The Bernard Ashcraft Library? Editor,

Here we go again. Sure City Council member Azevedo has been the butt of many jokes. Many have questioned his maturity, intelligence and ability to lead our city during his campaign for mayor. His own biggest opponent has been himself, his own statements and actions in public have spawned criticism he has received.

Last week, council member Azevedo proposed naming a public library after Bernard Ashcraft. Who is he? I had the same question. After some digging on Azevedo's own social media and campaign finance reports, it turns out Ashcraft was a vocal supporter and contributor to Azevedo's campaign. Over \$1,600 contributed as well as working his campaign.

It's things like this, with the air of nepotism that makes me count my blessings every day that we avoided what could have been a huge mistake had he won the mayoral election.

What is even more scary to me, is the fact that three other council members supported this ridiculous idea. It makes me wonder what is next. This group of council members have expressed their desire to push a super progressive agenda.

What's next? Stripping the budget to build a homeless navigation center? Cut the police budget or take away tools used by the police?

I hope everyone is paying attention. I hope everyone is talking. We need to hold these people that were elected to represent us accountable.

**Lawrence Andrews**

*San Leandro*

### A Need for Bike Lanes, But Redesign Grand Avenue Lanes Editor,

I completely agree with Joel Robertson's letter from last week regarding the new San Leandro bike lanes. In it he states

that, contrary to what many here have written, there are in fact numerous cyclists in San Leandro and there is a need for more bike lanes.

However, he also states that the new bike lanes on Grand Avenue and Fairmont Boulevard have issues for both cyclists and drivers. Well said. I like that his letter doesn't make this a cyclist-vs.-driver issue, but rather a poorly designed shared roadway issue.

The first time I drove down Grand Avenue after the reconfiguration, I was completely confused by what I saw. I wasn't aware of the new bike lanes and it was so strange to see cars parked out in the road as opposed to by the curb. The first thought I had was that I wouldn't feel comfortable leaving my car parked like that.

I agree with his suggestion to change these bike lanes to the traditional, outside of the parking lane type. This would be better for all.

**Wendy Smith**

*San Leandro*

### Balloon Mania

Editor,

The political-crazies' media and its blogosphere are frenzied because Biden hesitated to shoot down a Chinese spy balloon over Montana, ignoring the fact that a hard crash landing would make analyzing the balloon's contents much more difficult. The water recovery off South Carolina's coast didn't gain praise from them either. Now they complain about Biden shooting down three more spy balloons. It looks like nothing will satisfy those MAGAdiots.

"This never woulda happened under Trump," they squawk. But of course it did, at least three times, with no response from the Pretender-in-Chief. Maybe he let the balloons through because the thought they were coming from Russia.

**Bruce Joffe**

*Piedmont*

### Fox News Repeats Trump's Lies

Editor,

In 1942, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt said, "You and I have the utmost contempt for Americans who...served the enemy propagandists by spreading the incredible story" that the Pacific Fleet

had been completely destroyed by the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Decent Americans now "have the utmost contempt for Americans who...served the enemy propagandists by spreading the incredible story" that Donald Trump won the 2020 election. Fox News, from its executives to its news reporters and show hosts, have earned our contempt. As revealed in a court filing this week, Fox News leaders wrote to each other in late 2020 and early 2021 that Trump and his supporters were making claims about the 2020 election which were "ludicrous," "totally off the rails," "nuts," "kooky," "complete bs," "Really crazy stuff. And damaging."

Simultaneously, those same Fox News leaders talked about the urgent need to broadcast these "damaging" lies. Tucker Carlson wrote to the other hosts of Fox's prime time shows that Trump is "...a demonic force..." who "...could easily destroy us if we play it wrong." Carlson complained that "...an alternative like newsmag could be devastating to us" and noted with panic to his fellow hosts that Fox's stock price went down during that period.

American historian Timothy Snyder wrote "The European history of the twentieth century shows us that societies can break, democracies can fall, ethics can collapse, and ordinary men can find themselves standing over death pits with guns in their hands. It would serve us well today to understand why." One of the ways societies break, democracies fall and ordinary men commit murders is when our mass media outlets know both the truth and the harm lies can bring about, and choose to tell those lies in order to greedily hoard money and power for themselves.

**Doug Jones**

*San Leandro*

### Be Aware of Anti-Semitic Attacks

Editor,

I am writing to draw attention to a rise in anti-Semitic attacks here and nationwide and to underline the need to speak out against this.

On February 4, I visited the Schneerson Center in San Francisco — where a Nazi sympathizer terrorized congregants at a reli-

gious gathering on Feb. 1 — to deliver a message of solidarity on behalf of the Socialist Workers Party.

Earlier in the week a swastika was painted in the play yard used by students at a nearby Jewish school. At the University of California, clubs at the law school have put into their bylaws a ban on speakers who support Israel's right to exist. This is an attack on free speech, targeting a majority of Jewish people.

Working people in this country face a grinding economic crisis. History teaches us that as this crisis deepens and workers fight back, the capitalist rulers turn to Jew-hatred, seeking to blame Jewish people for the economic and social problems workers face.

All working people and our unions need to speak out against anti-Semitism and acts of Jew-hatred taking place.

**Carole Lesnick**

*Socialist Workers Party  
Oakland*

### Commends the Environmental Protection Agency

Editor,

I wanted to commend the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for issuing its protection of Bristol Bay in Alaska from a mining company that wants to build a mine known as Pebble on the headwaters. Bristol Bay is the homeland of the Alaskan Indigenous Peoples. The salmon that flows in the bay is their food supply.

Building Pebble Mine will wipe out the fish which will result in hardship towards the Alaskan Indigenous Peoples. I am glad that the EPA will put a stop to it.

**Billy Trice Jr.**

*Oakland*

### A Location for EBMUD Trench Soils?

Editor,

With so much opposition to EBMUD's plan to relocate soils near the quarry on Lake Chabot Road, could the solution lie with taking the material to Oyster Bay Regional Shoreline? There has been an on-going amount of work there to import soil.

**Chris Bacina**

*San Leandro*



## Vacant Building Catches Fire For Second Time

A vacant warehouse at 139th and Washington Avenue that had burned in September caught fire again on Sunday. There were no injuries, according to the Alameda County Fire Department. The fire went to two alarms and sent out a thick plume of smoke, which KRON4 News reported was seen as far away as San Jose. When it first burned last September, the fire department called the structure a heavily fortified commercial building with a grow operation.



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## California Poison Control Warns About Picking Wild Mushrooms

Heavy rains spawned a bumper crop of wild poison mushrooms typically look like most edible mushrooms. Death caps, abundant in California, can easily be mistaken for other edible mushrooms, growing mainly under coastal live oaks. There are more than 700 cases of mushroom ingestion reported to CPCS each year. Fatalities are uncommon, but do occur.

CPCS experts warned the public about the potential dangers of eating wild mushrooms. Buying cultivated mushrooms at a reputable food market is the safe way to eat them, rather than eating wild mushrooms that were picked by friends or family members.

Heavy rains, which California just experienced, is producing a tremendous number of poisonous Amanita phalloides or "death cap" mushrooms which lead to an increase in human poisonings reported to CPCS.

"No matter how experienced one is at mushroom identification, there is always a risk in eating wild mushrooms," said Dr. Rais Vohra, CPCS medical director for the Fresno/Madera Division of CPCS.

Death cap mushrooms aren't easy to identify. The look like the ones you can eat.

Contrary to folklore which says poison mushrooms are

brightly colored, poison mushrooms typically look like most edible mushrooms. Death caps, abundant in California, can easily be mistaken for other edible mushrooms, growing mainly under coastal live oaks. There are more than 700 cases of mushroom ingestion reported to CPCS each year. Fatalities are uncommon, but do occur.

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## Deadline: State to lift state of emergency Feb. 28

continued from front page fall of 2021.

California is scheduled to lift its COVID state of emergency on Feb. 28, allowing landlords to begin eviction processes for tenants who haven't paid rent in a few years. In a related motion last week, the council also approved an ordinance giving tenants and mobile home owners who owe back rent due to COVID hardships a full year to pay it back.

Nothing in the ordinance relieves the tenant or mobile home owner of liability for the unpaid rent, they just have six more months to pay it.

City Council member Celine Reynes, who voted in favor of the moratorium extension, stressed the importance of protecting renters who are most at risk of homelessness.

Mayor Juan Gonzales, who voted against the measure, said he was displeased that the process was rushed and did not equally take into consideration the voices of property owners and landlords, most of whom he identified as mom-and-pop operators.

Even though COVID restrictions are easing, renters in San Leandro are still struggling to pay the rent. Based on call data collected by the city's housing division between July 2020 and June 2022, 51 percent (339 inquiries) called

"This financial hardship is exacerbated by ongoing high levels of inflation which makes purchasing necessary household goods like food, clothes, gasoline, and medications substantially more expensive.

— Tom Liao, City of San Leandro Community Development Director

for assistance on the eviction moratorium. During the same time period, 48 percent (275 inquiries) of the calls were from residents asking for some type of rental assistance.

In 2020, 250 renters applied for San Leandro's emergency rental service program, but only 148 were awarded funds.

By the end of March 2022, when Alameda County ended its federal emergency rental assistance program called Housing Secure, San Leandro residents were the second highest per capita in the county to receive funding, with a total of \$16.4 million dollars in rental assistance approved out of approximately \$36 million in total assistance requested. About 1,700 renters from San Leandro applied for the county's Housing Secure assistance, with 650 approved

for funding, said San Leandro Community Development Director Thomas Liao.

"This financial hardship is exacerbated by ongoing high levels of inflation, which make purchasing necessary household goods like food, clothes, gasoline, and medications substantially more expensive for households," Liao said.

Reports by San Leandro tenants of threats of displacement due to the pandemic

rose from 45 cases in 2019 to 39 in 2020, to 97 in 2021, and 102 in 2022, according to Centro Legal de La Raza, which the City of San Leandro contracted to help manage and distribute COVID relief funds. The threats included lawsuits against those unable to pay rent, harassment, rent increases, refusal to repair living spaces necessary for health or safety, and unfair or illegal behavior by the landlord.

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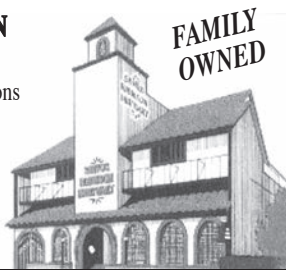
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February 26, 1942 ~ February 10, 2023

On February 10th Delores Passed peacefully in her sleep at 80 years of age. She was born on February 26, 1942 in Oakland, California and was the younger of two children. She graduated from Castlemont High School and moved from Oakland to San Lorenzo with her parents after graduation. Delores lived with her parents until the passing of her mother and father. She was employed by Western Electric Company for her entire career and retired after 30 years of service. She was a beloved sister, Aunt and great Aunt. She is survived by her brother, sister-in-law, niece, nephew and great nieces and nephews.

Delores loved Christmas and brought joy to family and neighbors with her wonderful displays of collectables every year. She enjoyed travel and a second home with her parents and would invite friends and family to enjoy times together and was always a generous and delightful person.

Viewing/ Visitation will be held February 22nd at Santos Robinson Mortuary from 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Funeral services will be held February 23rd At St. Leander Church at 11:30 AM. Burial to follow at Holy Sepulchre.



# Cast Rehearsing for Spring Musical, *Matilda*, at SLHS

San Leandro High's musical to open on March 17 at the San Leandro Performing Arts Center

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*Matilda, The Musical*, based on the book by Roald Dahl, will be San Leandro High School's spring musical, opening at the San Leandro Performing Arts Center on March 17. Tickets on sale at: [www.sanleandrop performingartscenter.com](http://www.sanleandrop performingartscenter.com)

*Matilda* tells the story of a young girl, unappreciated at home and attending a school where evil headmistress Agatha Trunchbull shows the students no mercy. Matilda Wormwood channels her own and others' strengths into making things much better for almost everyone, though not for the headmistress.

It's only the high schoolers' second play back after the pandemic, with many of the cast of the recent *Beauty and the Beast* appearing again in *Matilda*, said Music Director Kim Braun.

It's also a labor of love for several teachers, says Braun, a Teaching Artist at the high school. The high school does not have a drama teacher this year, but several teachers were

determined the students would get to put on a spring musical despite that.

Sherlyn Villegas plays Matilda, and Katie Schnur plays her nemesis Trunchbull. Matilda's librarian friend Mrs. Phelps is played by Kaia Renee Harrison, and teacher Miss Honey is played by Nayana Clinton-Torrence.

*Matilda, the Musical* is directed by Amy Weinstein and choreographed by Dallis Wright-Morash, with Braun as music director. Costumes are designed by Liz Nelsen, Jesse Vail is technical director, and Sadie Barreto is the production assistant. Dustin Brown is theater manager.

Asked what was their favorite thing about the play at a recent rehearsal, cast members mentioned the play itself, along with the company they get to keep.

"The cast," said Nha Dang, who plays Matilda's young classmate Alice. "Everyone's really nice and I can be around people who can make it fun and relaxing."

Lee Voss, who plays the



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The cast of San Leandro High School's upcoming spring show – *Matilda, The Musical* – minus actors portraying the Wormwood family who are onstage rehearsing.

escapologist in Matilda's story-within-a-story, said, "Lyrically, it's one of my favorite musicals. There are little bits of humor, so many witty words."

Connie Simsungco, who plays Tommy, likes how catchy the musical numbers

are, along with some of the dialogue, noting it's originally a British novel and play.

"We had to Americanize everybody," Connie said. "It's almost a shame we didn't get to do it all in British accents."

Joshua Tesorero, who

plays Bruce, said he enjoys "Putting in all the work we have to put in, then seeing the result. Nobody (who isn't in the show) is really aware of all we're doing."

"You all are amazing and people should come see," Braun told the cast at their

rehearsal that day.

Show times are 7 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, March 17 and 18, and March 24 and 25; and at 2 p.m. on Sundays, March 19 and March 26.

For tickets, visit: [www.sanleandrop performingartscenter.com](http://www.sanleandrop performingartscenter.com).

## Library: Council also discussed removing Dave Karp's name

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Manager's office as an urgent referral to be heard by the City Council's Rules Committee in March – with the intent of returning the item back to the council for a final vote in May.

San Leandro library sites are identified solely by their location: Mulford-Marina Branch, Manor Branch, and South Branch. Azevedo noted that for a library system that at one time didn't want African Americans to go to the library, prioritizing the renaming of the library is "really important."

"Ashcraft is a community leader who has worked tirelessly to bridge the gap and the divide for communities of color," Azevedo said. "When he was a youth, he was only allowed to attend the 'colored-only' section of the library (in the town where he grew up), but through this experience, he began to dream of a better tomorrow. Bernard's dream is that the library is for everyone."

The motion was given priority status, which could supersede other items under review by the Rules Committee, including appointing members of commissions such as the Arts, Culture & Library Commission. However, Azevedo noted

that it is unlikely that renaming the library will stop the wheels of the government.

The idea for renaming the Main Library, according to Azevedo, came during the Council's discussion last year of removing former Mayor Dave Karp's name from a meeting room at the Main Library because of allegations of racism in his response to a melee between high school students and police in 1991. And according to a 1993 L.A. Times story, Karp disputed the findings of a state Fair Employment and Housing Commission report that criticized the city's racial divide.

"Some council members suggested names like County Supervisor Wilma Chan or former City Councilmember Surlene Grant, so I thought it would be appropriate to submit Bernard Ashcraft's name," Azevedo told the Times.

Ashcraft is in his 90s and has been recovering from illness, which is another reason Azevedo wanted to prioritize the renaming process.

Renaming of public sites is not new to San Leandro. Last May, Woodrow Wilson Elementary School was renamed Halkin



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The City Council is looking at naming the Main Library after Bernard Ashcraft.

Elementary to honor the area's indigenous people.

In 2019, Grover Cleveland Park on O'Donnell Avenue was

renamed to honor former Mayor Tony Santos.

The proposal to rename the Main Library will go to the Rules Com-

mittee, followed by a review by the Arts, Culture & Library Commission before returning to the City Council for a vote.