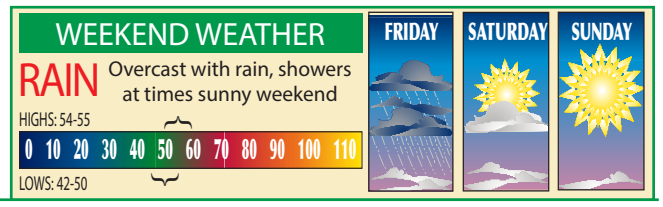

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The Washington Homeowners Association party featured entertainment and Irish dancing from brothers Fionn and Frederick Simon.

Manor Celebrates with Holiday Party

By Melissa Wong
Special to the Times

The Washington Homeowners Association (WHOA) hosted over 150 people in its third annual holiday party on December 7 in the Marina Community Center on Wicks Boulevard.

The party included caroling and instrumentals from Mayor Juan Gonzalez and the trio of Mari Rivera Lopez on guitar, along with Aura Rivera Lopez and Rosemary Canul.

The crowd was entertained with Irish dancing from brothers Fionn and Frederick Simon.

Residents enjoyed food and treats from home as well as from local eater-

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DA Joins Lawsuit Suing Uber for Duping Public

District Attorney Ursula Jones Dickson announced that the Alameda County District Attorney's Office is part of a coalition of law enforcement agencies representing 21 states and the District of Columbia that joined a lawsuit previously filed by the Federal Trade Commission against Uber Technologies, LLC and Uber USA, LLC, the operators of the popular ride-share and delivery company.

The lawsuit is pending in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, with a trial currently scheduled for February 2027.

The lawsuit alleges that Uber used a variety of deceptive and unfair practices in offering and selling Uber One subscription services, which Uber promotes as saving money on rides and deliveries.

Among other things, the lawsuit alleges that Uber improperly used negative option marketing tactics when it offered free trial subscriptions – a practice that automatically charges consumers if they do not cancel a free trial.

The lawsuit alleges Uber misled consumers about the amounts they could save when subscribing to Uber One and that the company made it extraordinarily difficult to cancel

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Students Invited to Join MLK Oratory Fest

San Leandro students are invited share their original or well-known essays, speeches, and poems inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The San Leandro Recreation and Parks Department is now accepting student entries for the 2026 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Oratorical Festival and Poetry Slam—an inspiring annual celebration of Dr. King's legacy of peace, equality, and social justice.

The oratorical festival will take place on Saturday, Jan. 17, at 10:30 a.m. at the Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd.

The event invites San Leandro students to step into the spotlight and share their voices through original or

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Kids Meet Santa Claus at the Firehouse

By Ruben Banuelos
San Leandro Times

Holiday cheer filled the air on Dec. 13 as families gathered outside Fire Station 9 in San Leandro for the annual Santa at the Firehouse event.

The community celebration that's rganized by the Alameda County Fire Department offered residents festive activities, fire safety education, and an chance to support local charities.

Children and parents were welcomed by Santa Claus, who arrived aboard an antique fire engine before entering the station. Inside, families enjoyed hot cocoa, cookies, music, and talking with firefighters.

The open house marked the second of three planned celebrations this holiday season, following the first gathering at Station 25 and preceding

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PHOTO BY RUBEN BANUELOS

Children met Santa Clause at Fire Station 9.

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MLK: Students invited to share either original work or well-known speeches, poems or essays

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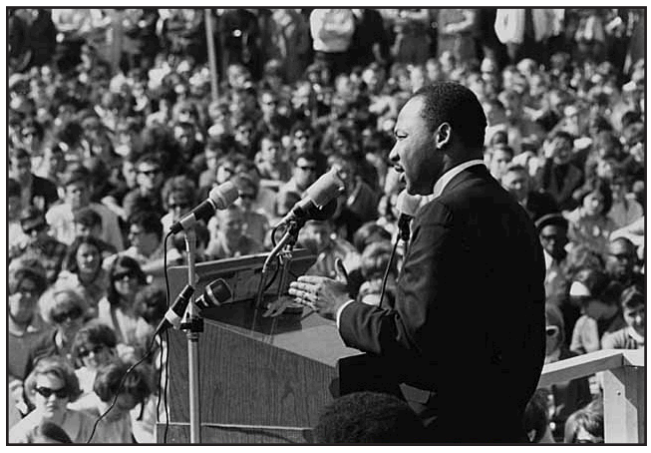
well-known essays, speeches, and poems inspired by Dr. King's powerful message. Students in grades 3 through 12 will have the chance to compete for gift card prizes in their grade category.

Whether you're passionate about justice, moved by Dr. King's words, or simply ready to express yourself, you're invited to enter. Lift your voice, speak your truth, and inspire your community.

To enter, students must submit an entry form with a brief description of the piece they plan to perform. The deadline for entries is Monday, Jan. 12, or until 25 entries are received—whichever comes first. Spots fill quickly, so submit your form early.



The city's annual oratory contest invites students to share speeches or poems that inspire them.

While only students may perform, the event is free and open to the entire community. Come cheer on local youth, celebrate our diversity, and honor Dr. King's enduring message of hope, unity, and social change.

To submit an entry form, visit sanleandro.org/mlk or contact youth@sanleandro.org.

Jorge Rizo completed cadet training and is assigned to duty at the CHP's Hayward Area office.

Jorge Rizo of San Leandro Completes Cadet Training, Joins California Highway Patrol

Jorge Rizo of San Leandro, Calif. has successfully completed cadet training at the California Highway Patrol (CHP) Academy.

He is assigned to duty at the CHP's Hayward Area office. Before attending the CHP Academy, Officer Rizo worked as a manager at Foundation Repair of CA in Livermore, California.

Becoming a CHP officer has been his lifelong goal. His family served as his primary motivation to finish the academy, and he aims to be a positive role model for his children.

At the CHP Academy, cadet training starts with nobility in policing, leadership, professionalism, ethics, and cultural diversity. Training also includes mental illness response and crisis intervention techniques.

Cadet instruction covers patrol operations, crash investigation, first aid, and the arrest of suspected violators, including those who drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

The cadets also receive training in traffic control, report writing, recovery of stolen vehicles, assisting the motoring public, issuing citations, emergency scene management, and knowledge of various codes, including the Vehicle Code, Penal Code, and Health and Safety Code.

The California Highway Patrol said its mission is to provide the highest level of safety, service, and security.

Karen Korematsu to Speak on January 10

A reception featuring Dr. Karen Korematsu, civil rights advocate and daughter of Fred Korematsu will be held on Saturday, Jan. 10, at 2 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave.

The program is part of the library's exhibit – "Am I an American or Am I Not? – inspired by Fred Korematsu's resistance against the violation of his constitutional rights.

The exhibit examines the mass incarceration of over 125,000 Japanese Americans during WWII and invites visitors to reflect on historical injustice and its relevance today.

Community Calendar

Noon Year's Eve Celebration For Tots

The San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., will host a New Year's Eve celebration for ages 5 and under, but all are welcome, on Wednesday, Dec. 31, from 11 a.m. to noon. Adults will be able to participate and engage in year-end reflections, 2026 intentions, and all will be able to enjoy some refreshments, while supplies last. Count down to the New Year at noon!

Lego Winter Display

A Lego winter display is open to the public from Dec. 20 to Jan. 10 at the Bay Area Family Church, 2305 Washington Ave. in San Leandro. The 5-by-17-foot display will be open only on Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. The LEGO Group of companies does not sponsor, authorize or endorse this event.

Senior Book Club

Join a book club that offers adults 50+ a welcoming space to explore the joys, challenges, and wisdom that come with growing older through insightful literature and meaningful conversation. The club meets on the first Monday of the month from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St. Each gathering invites reflection, connection, and celebration of the aging journey in all its complexity.

Friends of San Leandro Library DVD Sale

The Friends of the San Leandro Library will host a DVD sale on Saturday, Jan. 24, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. DVDs are a dollar per disc. Buy three discs, and get two more for free. All proceeds benefit the San Leandro Library's programs and services. Credit cards accepted.

Homework Center at San Leandro Public Library's Manor Branch

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

Lose Weight by Joining TOPS

Resolved to lose weight in 2026? 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. We meet on Fridays at 9:30 a.m. (doors open at 8:45 a.m.) at the United Methodist Church, 19806 Wisteria Street in Castro Valley. For more info contact Linda Brooks @ 510-461-3894. Join us for fellowship and support. What do you have to lose?

Diabetes Support Group

The Diabetes Support Group is open whether you have been recently diagnosed or living with diabetes for many years. This support group can help you manage your condition. Share your experience or learn from others in a supportive setting. Everyone aged 50+ is welcome. The support group meets the third Tuesday of every month from 10 a.m. to noon at the San Leandro Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St.

Mindfulness Matters

Calm your stress with this free drop-in relaxation practice the first Thursday evening of the month from 6 to 7 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. The next session will be on Dec. 4. Use meditation, gentle stretches, breathwork, poetry, and journaling to find balance in life's stresses. Ages 18+, all abilities. Call 510-577-3971 to reserve a spot, or just drop in.

Brian Copeland Rings in the New Year with All-Star Comedy Show

Award-winning comedian and storyteller Brian Copeland will headline a high-energy New Year's Eve comedy celebration, "Lighten Up: New Year's Eve with Brian Copeland and His Funny Friends," on Wednesday, Dec. 31, at 7 p.m. at the Castro Valley Center for the Arts, 19501 Redwood Road in Castro Valley.

Tickets: $75 Purchase tickets at: https://cvcfa.com

Audiences are encouraged to purchase early. The one-night-only event brings together a powerhouse lineup of nationally recognized comedians for an evening of sharp wit, big laughs, and a joyful send-off to 2025.

Joining Copeland onstage will be:

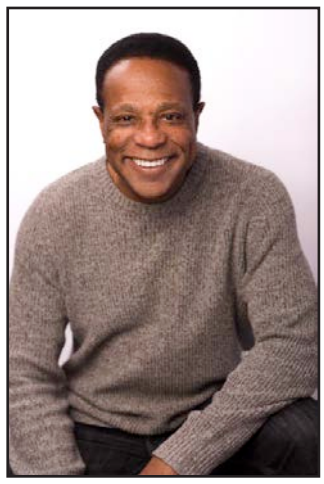
• Candy Shaw – NBC's Last Comic Standing, SF Sketchfest, Comedy Oakland

• Julia Jackson – SF Comedy Competition Semi-Finalist, United Solo Festival Winner

• Donald Lacy – HBO, Comedy Central, Theatre Bay Area Legacy Award Winner

• Frank Olivier (Just Added!) – America's Got Talent, The Tonight Show, Just for Laughs, HBO

• Sandy Stec – Punchline & The Improv alum, Laugh Factory, Marcus & Sandy on STAR 101.3



Brian Copeland

• Ngaio Bealum – Cannabis expert on Netflix's Cooking on High, appearances on NBC, CBS & ABC

Special guests will also appear.

Brian Copeland is the creative force behind Not a Genuine Black Man, the longest-running solo show in San Francisco theatrical history. He has been officially recognized as a legend of Bay Area comedy and, this year, was inducted into the Bay Area Radio Hall of Fame. Known for blending humor with insight, Copeland's New Year's Eve show promises laughter, reflection, and a communal celebration to kick off the year ahead.

Help Keep Gutters Clear and Storm Drains Flowing

The City of San Leandro reminds residents they can help keep gutters clear and storm drains flowing.

As the leaves come down, city street sweeping crews are working in high gear. A little help from the community goes a long way in preventing flooding and keeping neighborhoods safe and clean.

Here's how you can help:

Bring trash cans in promptly after pickup so street sweepers can reach the curb

Move parked cars on street sweeping days to improve leaf removal

Keep leaves out of the street—please bag or compost them instead of raking or blowing them onto the street and near storm drains.

Even small piles of leaves can block rainwater, causing backups that impact the entire block. The more leaves city crews can collect, the better storm drains work during winter storms.

Together, we can keep San Leandro moving—rain or shine.

Tobacco Recovery Support Group Meets on Thursdays

The Support Group for Tobacco Recovery meets on Thursdays from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. in the Sequoia Conference Room, 1100 San Leandro Blvd., one block from the San Leandro BART Station. No prerequisites, no prior experience, no requirements.

Discussion topics include your relationship with tobacco, self-care and stress relief, medicines that can help, wellness and recovery, and the new you.

Live Well, Be Well Health Education Classes

The City of San Leandro's Human Services Department, in collaboration with City Serve of the Tri-Valley, is hosting seven free health Education classes on Wednesdays through Jan. 14, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St.

Topics include Good Food, Good Mood, Refresh & Recharge, the Balance Within, and more. Register online at www.sanleandrorec.org or call customer service at 510-577-7990. Use code 25809 to register.

Barns of the East Bay Photo Exhibit At Hayward Museum

A photo exhibit of barns in the East Bay is on display through Feb. 7 at the Hayward Area Historical Society Museum at 22380 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward. The museum is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

"Barns of the East Bay: From Hay Day to Fading Away" is a series of photographs by local photographer Patty Burton that documents the area's backroads and their agricultural history.

Library Events

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Holiday Wishes From The Central County Real Estate Professionals

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Living in the incredibly diverse San Francisco Bay Area, it is no secret many of the different cultures have differing ideas about what the season means. Our local real estate agents reflect this, as we are a multicultural group spanning differing ethnicities, cultural and religious backgrounds.

Regardless of the various events being celebrated this season, the airwaves are full of Christmas Carols and songs that address components of the Holiday Season.

One of my favorites is "We Wish You A Merry Christmas." Wikipedia states, "While the history of the carol itself is unclear, its origin probably lies in the English tradition wherein wealthy people of the community gave Christmas treats to the carolers (those in the lower working and poverty classes) on Christmas Eve, such as "figgy pudding" that was very much like modern-day Christmas puddings; in the West Country of England, "figgy pudding" referred to a raisin or plum pudding, not necessarily one containing figs. In the famous version of the song, the singer demands figgy pudding from the audience, threatening to not "go until we get some". It was a lower-class poke at the wealthy class, intended to be a reminder that "You've got yours, now give us some." It was a classic confrontation between the haves and have-nots.

Regardless of its historical overtones, it's a fun song to sing and has been a staple in the repertoire of concerts and door-to-door carolers alike.

The song makes a poignant point in reminding us that we should be aware of those in need at this time of year. Not all are fortunate enough to reside inside warm homes and for some, family is a distant memory. We encourage you to seek out opportunities to give to the less fortunate this holiday season. As a family, instead of giving gifts to each other we have partnered with organizations such as World Vision providing funds that will buy overseas families much needed animals such as cows and goats, dig wells in barren areas and so on.

Of importance this time of the year is time spent with families and friends. Airports fill with those longing to spend the holidays with loved ones. While we don't eat a lot of "figgy pudding" these days, holiday feasts are looked forward to with anticipation by many.

The Central County real estate professionals wish you and yours a blessed Holiday Season and a Merry Christmas

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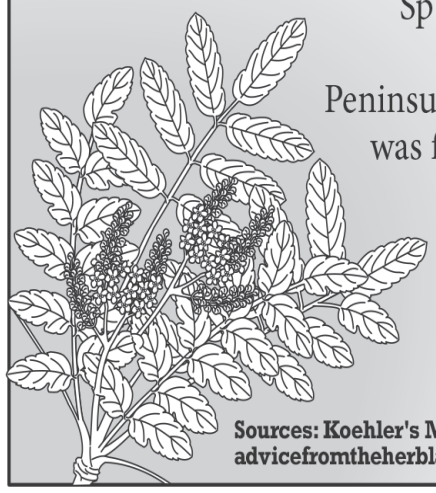
The Garden Bug

Frankincense



The English name for this tree derives from the old French *franc encens,* which means "pure light." The aromatic compounds made within its tissues resist fungus and insects, and resin leaks out to solidify around wounds in its bark. Sparse forests of these trees grow in the dry ground of the southern Arabian Peninsula. It is there that the "Incense Road" was formed, bringing trade and wealth to this area for centuries. To grow a frankincense tree of your own, it is best to purchase it as a potted plant, rather than growing seeds.

- Brenda Weaver

Sources: Koehler's Medicinal Plants (1887), laphamsquarterly.org, advicefromtheherblady.com

WEEKEND GARDENER

Roses

January is the month to prune your rose bushes as well as deciduous trees, shrubs, grape vines, kiwis and berries. Apply dormant oil spray after pruning, not before. Do not prune any spring-flowering trees or shrubs until they finish blooming.

Prune roses way back, using clean, sharp tools and protect your hands with heavy gloves. Make all cuts at 45-degree angles above an outside bud eye, about a quarter-inch above the eye. Take out twiggy and malformed growth.

For a moderate pruning, cut bushes 18 to 24 inches high with three to six canes left in place. Severe pruning produces larger, but fewer blooms. Floribundas and grandifloras often benefit from a light pruning.

On old garden roses, don't do anything until after the spring bloom. Prune tree roses and hybrid teas to a vase shape. Climbing roses bloom on mature canes, so don't be overzealous. Train their canes against a fence or trellis by attaching the canes to the structure in a horizontal position.

Slithery Pests

Snails and slugs love rainy weather and will be after young winter annuals. The quickest, safest way to get rid of them is to hand pick them at dusk using a flashlight. They can often be found clinging to the garden hose and along the side of sheltered bricks. Secure them in a plastic bag and put them in the garbage.

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RECENT HOME SALES

Castro Valley

19117 Parsons Avenue 94546: $629,000 [3 BD - 1,036 SF - 1947
4252 Omega Avenue 94546: $735,000 [3 BD - 1,224 SF - 1947
4216 Gem Avenue 94546: $751,000 [2 BD - 928 SF - 1947
22659 Canyon Terrace Drive #U3 94552: $825,000 [2 BD - 1,213 SF - 1997
3635 Lorena Avenue 94546: $1,075,000 [3 BD - 1,684 SF - 1952
4319 Shamrock Way 94546: $1,080,000 [3 BD - 1,199 SF - 1959
5667 Greenridge Road 94552: $1,173,000 [4 BD - 1,781 SF - 1960
4741 Sorani Way 94546: $1,233,000 [3 BD - 1,730 SF - 1963
20602 Crow Creek Road 94552: $1,250,000 [3 BD - 2,358 SF - 1992
5846 Cold Water Drive 94552: $1,300,000 [3 BD - 1,723 SF - 1972
18009 Laird Court 94546: $1,655,000 [3 BD - 3,029 SF - 1959
19358 Lake Chabot Road 94546: $1,950,000 [4 BD - 3,185 SF - 1952
17691 Whisper Lane 94546: $2,000,000 [4 BD - 3,047 SF - 2021

TOTAL SALES: 13
LOWEST AMOUNT: $629,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: $1,173,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: $2,000,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT: $1,204,307

SAN LEANDRO

15059 Hesperian Boulevard #34 94578: $170,000 [1 BD - 1,985 SF -]
1650 San Leandro Boulevard 94577: $315,000
15205 Hesperian Boulevard #G 94578: $525,000 [3 BD - 1,348 SF - 1987
15382 Andover Street 94579: $540,000 [2 BD - 842 SF - 1949
1707 Oriole Avenue 94578: $590,000 [2 BD - 714 SF - 1939
1058 Victoria Avenue 94577: $725,000 [2 BD - 846 SF - 1953
14378 Outrigger Drive 94577: $735,000 [3 BD - 1,957 SF - 1987
1608 Lanier Avenue 94579: $761,000 [3 BD - 1,158 SF - 1959
332 West Broadmoor Boulevard 94577: $820,000 [3 BD - 1,086 SF - 1923
1817 Sundberg Avenue 94577: $823,000 [3 BD - 1,092 SF - 1953
825 Billings Boulevard 94577: $825,000 [3 BD - 1,246 SF - 1943
15049 Thoits Street 94579: $832,000 [3 BD - 1,114 SF - 1951
16830 President Drive 94578: $850,000 [3 BD - 1,415 SF - 1955
406 Begier Avenue 94577: $903,000 [3 BD - 1,450 SF - 1926
15470 Heron Drive 94579: $960,000 [4 BD - 1,651 SF - 1999
357 Melven Court 94577: $965,000 [3 BD - 1,379 SF - 1926
14935 Fjord Street 94578: $990,000 [1,914 SF - 1978
16238 Lyle Street 94578: $1,100,000 [3 BD - 1,564 SF - 1952
2018 Royal Wings Way 94579: $1,380,000 [4 BD - 2,820 SF - 1998
850 Collier Drive 94577: $1,400,000 [5 BD - 3,070 SF - 1929

TOTAL SALES: 20
LOWEST AMOUNT: $170,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: $824,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: $1,400,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT: $810,450

SAN LORENZO

557 Empire Street 94580: $578,000 [3 BD - 1,074 SF - 1950
16826 Bar Avenue 94580: $635,000 [4 BD - 1,222 SF - 1947
17277 Via Alamitos 94580: $830,000 [4 BD - 1,211 SF - 1948
15746 Paseo Largavista 94580: $850,000 [3 BD - 1,000 SF - 1944
961 William Drive 94580: $915,000 [3 BD - 1,541 SF - 1999
187 Via Malaga 94580: $920,000 [3 BD - 1,711 SF - 1951

TOTAL SALES: 6
LOWEST AMOUNT: $578,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: $840,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: $920,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT : $788,000

Holiday Season Safety Tips from the California Fire Foundation

The holiday season is a time of joy, family gatherings, and cherished traditions. As families across California prepare for festive celebrations, it's essential to prioritize safety—especially in a state prone to wildfires. Here are some key holiday safety tips from the California Fire Foundation:

1. Kitchen Safety

The kitchen is often the center of holiday festivities, but it can also be a source of accidents. Keep these tips in mind:

• Stay Attentive: Never leave cooking food unattended, especially when frying, boiling, or broiling. If you must step away, ask someone to watch the stove.

• Keep Flammable Items Away: Store dish towels, paper products, and other flammable items away from stovetops and hot surfaces.

• Know Your Appliances: Familiarize yourself with your appliances and their safety features. Ensure they are in good working condition before use.

2. Deep Frying Turkeys Safely

Deep frying a turkey can be delicious but risky. Follow these precautions:

• Use a Safe Location: Always fry outdoors, away from structures and dry vegetation. Never fry indoors or in a garage.

• Thaw the Turkey Completely: Make sure the turkey is fully thawed and dry to prevent hot oil splatters.

• Monitor the Temperature: Use a thermometer to maintain the proper oil temperature and never leave the fryer unattended.

• Have a Fire Extinguisher Nearby: Keep a Class K fire extinguisher, designed for grease fires, within reach.

3. Christmas Trees and Decorations

Festive trees can be fire hazards if not handled properly:

• Choose Fresh Trees: Pick a live tree that is fresh and well-watered; dry trees ignite easily.

• Water Regularly: Keep the tree watered and check daily to prevent drying out.

• Use LED Lights: LED lights produce less heat and are more energy-efficient than traditional lights.

• Inspect Decorations: Check lights and ornaments for damage, and replace frayed cords or broken bulbs.

4. Outdoor Lighting Safety

Decorating the exterior of your home can also pose risks:

• Use Outdoor-Rated Lights: Only use lights labeled for outdoor use.

• Avoid Overloading Circuits: Follow manufacturer guidelines for how many strands can be safely connected.

• Secure Cords: Keep cords out of pathways and away from flammable materials.

5. Community Responsibility and Wildfire Prevention

Celebrate responsibly and help protect your community:

• Clear Away Debris: Remove dry leaves, branches, and other combustible materials from your yard.

• Create a Defensible Space: Maintain a fire-resistant zone around your home by trimming shrubs and trees and using fire-resistant landscaping.

• Stay Informed: Monitor local fire conditions and regulations, especially during dry periods.

This holiday season let's celebrate safely and responsibly. By prioritizing kitchen safety, being mindful of decorations, and taking steps to prevent wildfires, we can ensure joyful and secure celebrations.

Police Seek Leads in Unsolved Murders

Reward money significantly increased in three unsolved cases

The San Leandro Police Department reminded the public last week that it's still looking for leads in three unsolved homicides.

Last December, the San Leandro City Council unanimously approved a resolution to significantly increase the existing reward amounts for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for three unsolved homicides:

• The October 9, 2010, double homicides of Marius Robinson and Kwame Nunn (increased to $150,000).

• The March 22, 2013, homicide of Delun "Allan" Pan (increased to $150,000).

• The December 14, 2014, homicide of Joel Ramirez (increased to $150,000).

These tragic cases have remained unresolved for years, leaving families and the community searching for justice, said the San Leandro Police Department in a statement. The enhanced rewards are part of the City of San Leadnro's commitment to bringing closure to the victims' loved ones and holding perpetrators accountable.

The San Leandro Police Department said that it is continuing to work with local and regional partners to pursue leads and employ new technologies in these investigations.

Anyone with information about these cases is asked to contact the San Leandro Police Department via the following methods: Sergeant Jason Vincent at 510-577-3315, the anonymous tip line at 510-577-3278, or Text-to-Tip at 888777(keyword: TipSLPolice).

San Leandro Players to Hold Auditions for The Odd Couple (Female Version)

San Leandro Players will hold auditions for its spring 2026 production of "The Odd Couple (Female Version)" by Neil Simon, directed by Dana Fry.

Auditions will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 6 and Jan. 7, at the San Leandro Museum/Auditorium, 320 West Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro.

Contact Dana Fry at danabegood@yahoo.com for more information. Non-AEA, no pay; all ethnicities and ages encouraged.

Rehearsals will run from Jan. 12 through Feb. 26, Monday through Thursday, from 7 to 9 p.m., plus a Feb. 28 dress rehearsal.

Performances will run from Feb. 28 through March 29 on Saturdays and Sundays with two Friday performances.

The Odd Couple (Female Version) centers around Olive Madison and Florence Unger, divorced women who become roommates. The play opens with Olive hosting a game night for friends in Olive's messy apartment when Florence arrives, freshly separated from her husband.

The comedic tension arises from their contrasting personalities. Olive is laid-back and disorganized, while Florence is uptight and meticulous. As they navigate their differences, the play explores the themes of friendship, compatibility and the challenges of cohabitation.

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TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Change lies ahead for the brave Bovine who is ready to shuck off the tried-and-true to try something new. But appearances can be deceptive. Check it all out before you charge into anything.

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LEO (July 23 - August 22): The new year holds both glitter and gold. This means LEOs and LEOnas should begin getting the facts they'll need to separate the real thing from the sham in order to make important decisions next year.

VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): A good way to start the new year might be to arrange for a visit to someone you haven't seen in a long time. You might also want to pick up that project you put off a while back.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): As you contemplate the new year's potential, you might want to talk things over with people who are or have been where you want to go. Their experience and advice can be helpful.

SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): Someone close to you might feel you have no more room for him or her in your life. This calls for immediate reassurance of your love so you can start the new year on a high note.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): The coming year will bring more people into your life. Some situations might not work out as well as others. But overall, everyone earns something, and that's always a good thing.

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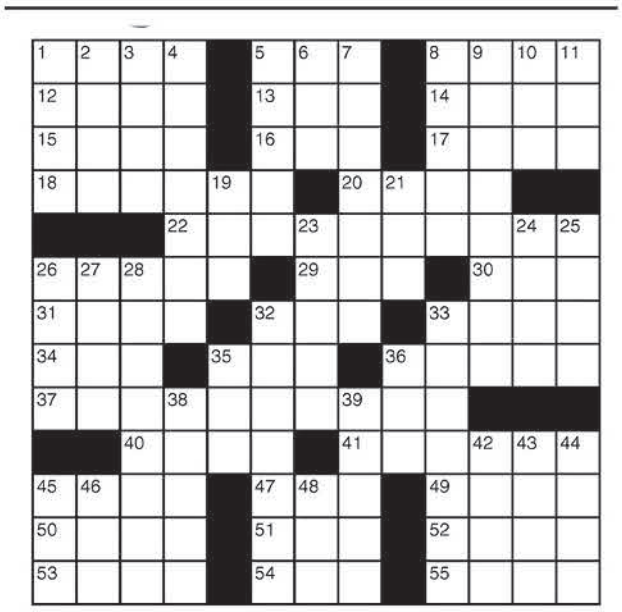

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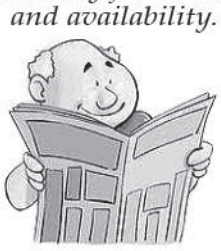

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Party: Washington Homeowners celebrate 75th year

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ies. Kids and kids-at-heart participated in arts and crafts and visited Santa Claus. The entertainment concluded with karaoke from some spirited singers.

Then, lucky folks won prizes from gift baskets to gift cards. Twenty-four giant teddy bears were given away and every family got a framed picture to take home.

WHOA thanked the generous donors and sponsors, numerous volunteers, amazing performers, and all the guests. Many donated enough toys to fill three barrels, which were quickly collected by the Fire Department, Station 11.

In 2026, WHOA celebrates its 75th year. Visit its website (whoasl.com) for upcoming events and speakers for the monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of every month in the Marina Community Center.

PHOTO BY MELISSA WONG

The Washington Homeowners Association party included caroling and instrumentals from Mayor Juan Gonzalez and the trio of Mari Rivera Lopez (guitar), Aura Rivera Lopez, and Rosemary Canul.

Firehouse: People come to see what firefighters do, meet Santa Claus

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the final event scheduled for Saturday, December 20, at Station 28 in Newark.

"This is an event where we invite people to come in and see what firefighters do on a daily basis," said Alameda County Fire Department spokesperson Cheryl Hurd. "The event lets people meet our organization through a positive and energetic experience, which they would normally only experience during emergency situations."

People were encouraged to donate unwrapped toys, which will be distributed to families in need through local nonprofit organizations.

"The reason we do this every year is to collect toys and give back directly to our community," Hurd said. "All of the donations go to nonprofits that support families right here where we serve."

Firefighters also used the festive environment to teach children about fire safety and to help establish positive relationships with first responders. By meeting firefighters without emergency gear, children were able to see them in a more approachable and friendly setting.

"This helps kids understand that firefighters are friendly and here to help," Hurd said. "They learn who to call when something's wrong and they become less fearful."

The Santa at the Firehouse tradition began in 2017 as a grassroots effort to support a community member in need. Firefighter James Cobb III explained that the idea originated during a difficult time for a local family.

"It began when a member of our community, Craig Lis, was passing away from brain cancer," Cobb said. "His family contacted us during the holiday season to request help in creating a fund to pay for hospital expenses. We came up with this idea, and it just grew from there."

Since then, the fundraiser has expanded into an annual toy and food drive supporting multiple families through partnerships with nonprofit organizations. Cobb said the event has become a meaningful and lasting tradition.

Parents attending emphasized the importance of children building positive relationships with first responders.

"It's important for kids to see firefighters and police as friendly leaders," said Nicole Kusowitz, a parent in attendance. "My son loves his firefighter costume, and being here lets him see real firefighters while dreaming about becoming one someday."

Firefighters encourage families to attend the final Santa at the Firehouse event and to continue supporting toy donations that help spread holiday cheer throughout the community.

"This work is about giving back," Cobb said. "It's about being part of the community we serve."

Parents and kids took pictures with fire fighters.

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Parents took pictures as their kids talked to Santa Clause at Fire Station 9 at the annual Santa at the Firehouse on Dec. 13.

DA: 'Consumers deserve honesty'

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"Consumers deserve honesty and transparency in the marketplace," said DA Jones Dickson. "We take these allegations seriously and will continue to work with our law enforcement partners to protect consumers from misleading and unlawful conduct."

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