



# Happy Chanukah

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Chinook salmon spend 3 to 5 years in the ocean and then they return to swim up river, spawn and die. Fish are counted as they climb a fish ladder at an irrigation impoundment.

## Mokelumne River Salmon Run Breaks Record; Over 30,000 Fish Return

The fall run of Chinook salmon on the Mokelumne River has set a new record for the second year in a row, said the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD).

More than 30,000 fish have been counted to date and hundreds more arrive daily from the Pacific Ocean to

spawn, according to the water district.

This is the largest salmon return on the Mokelumne since record keeping began in 1940, surpassing the record-setting last year's count of 28,698 Chinook with several weeks still left to go in this spawning season.

The Mokelumne River is the primary

drinking water source for over 1.4 million EBMUD customers in Alameda and Contra Costa counties. EBMUD says it's dedicated to balancing customers' water needs with environmental protection and river stewardship.

"I'm proud of EBMUD's de- see SALMON, page 10

## Ballew Reflects On His Time In Office

Pete Ballew termed out after eight years on the City Council

By Michael Singer  
San Leandro Times

Pete Ballew is leaving the San Leandro City Council at the end of the year after an 8-year run representing the people, including his area (District 6).

At the Dec. 16 City Council meeting, Mayor Juan González presented Ballew with a resolution honoring his two terms of service as a council member and numerous public service accomplishments. Ballew was also gifted a San Leandro street sign with his name and years of service (2017-2024). He thanked ev-

eryone for the honor of serving over the last eight years.

"While local politics and government are not perfect, I smiled as I looked over the past years of agenda items and was glad about what we as a council have accomplished," Ballew said.

Ballew spoke with the *San Leandro Times* about his public service.

"I'm very satisfied that I'm leaving this council in a better place than when I got here," Ballew said. "Now it's see BALLEW, page 11

## San Leandro Test Scores Up Slightly

By Mike McGuire  
San Leandro Times

San Leandro Unified School District (SLUSD) students raised their scores in English Language Arts and Mathematics a bit in this year's results from the state education department's California School Dashboard, designed to let parents compare

school district outcomes.

English scores were up 2.1 points and math scores 1.7 points. There are 500 points in the scale, which is centered on exactly meeting state learning standards in the two subjects. The test is given each year for students in grades 3 to 8, and then in 11th grade.

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## 2024: Looking Back on the Year

By Jim Knowles  
San Leandro Times

### January

• The Macy's store that opened at Bayfair Mall in 1957 announced that it would close by April.

• San Leandro High's co-principals, brothers Reginald and Ronald Richardson, age gone. Ronald was removed from his principal job, though not fired from the school district. He decided to resign and his bother fol-

lowed suit. Students hold mass protest of school district's decision.

• Students join in an oratory contest and poetry slam to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday at the Marina Community Center. Speakers included former City Councilwoman Surlene Grant and Sistahs of the Drum entertained.

• The city asked the public to share views on parks and open space for the city's 23

parks.

• 77-year-old Judy Eisenberg walked out of Kohl's at Bayfair and was hit by speeding bicyclists popping wheelies, fractured her skull and died.

### February

• San Leandro joined other East Bay cities in fighting crime. The cities agreed to share data and create a real time crime center using cameras throughout the county.

• The San Leandro High United Parents held a crab feed at the Boys & Girls Club.

• Abdul Pridgen, San Leandro's first Black police chief, was removed from his post for what the city manager described as "allegations regarding department policy violations."

• Alameda County started looking for a new ambulance service, trying to reduce costs, as the cost of a ride in an see 2024, page 5

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## MEETING SCHEDULES

### CITY COUNCIL

Council meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, City Hall, 835 E. 14th St., San Leandro. For more information, call the City Clerk at 577-3367.

### SAN LEANDRO SCHOOL BOARD

Board meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 835 E. 14th St., San Leandro. For more information, call Zaira Duncan at 667-3522.



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## Food and Entertainment at Washington Manor Holiday Party

Mayor Juan Gonzalez has his hands full at the Washington Homeowners Association (WHOA) Holiday Party at the Marina Community Center on Wicks Boulevard on Saturday, December 7. That's his grandson Ts'ah along with an unidentified plush companion. At right, the serving line at a

very large potluck for the 250 people who came to the party. There was also entertainment, dancing and a kids' area, as well as lots of hot chocolate. It's one of the WHOA's two big annual events, the other being the Day in the Park in early September.

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## Play Winter Reading BINGO with the SL Library

The San Leandro Public Library invites all ages to play Winter Reading BINGO.

Pick up a game card at any San Leandro Library branch or participate online with Beanstack, the Library's online reading program application. Complete a row of squares in any direction to earn a drawing ticket for grand prizes.

For Kids and Youth Ages 0-17: Complete the whole game card (or badges on Beanstack) by January 7 to earn a free scoop of ice cream, generously provided by our friends at Loard's.

Grand prizes include Dual Membership for Oak-

land Museum of California (OCMA), four tickets to the MADE Video Game Museum, 4 tickets to a 2025 San Jose Earthquakes regular season home match, a \$30 Nike gift card, one month of lessons (including a uniform) from Pallen's Martial Arts or a 1-year family membership to the Exploratorium.

For Adults ages 18 and over, complete 5 squares in a row of the game card to get an exclusive 2025 calendar featuring our library mascot, RooRoo.

Learn more at sanleandro.org/winterreading or call 510-577-3971 for details.

## Preserve Your Photos, Contribute to SL Museum

Preserve your memories with the Fast Foto and Photo Call program at the San Leandro History Museum, 320 W. Estudillo Ave., between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 4.

Bring in your photographs to be digitized using the state-of-the-art Fast Foto scanner provided by the Memory Lab. Museum staff will assist with the process, and no prior orientation is required. There are 9 half hour slots available from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The museum is especially interested in photos from 1970 to the early 2000s to add to its historic collection. If you're interested in donating any

photographs to the museum, you can do so during your time slot. Or you can just digitize your print photos. Bring a USB device to store photos for yourself.

How to Participate:

1.) Reserve your spot by visiting the Library Calendar or sanleandro.libcal.com to schedule a session or email dnathlich@sanleandro.org

2.) Bring your photos to the museum at your scheduled time.

3.) Consider donating any photos that align with the museum's historical needs, helping to preserve the history of San Leandro for future generations.

# Community Calendar

## Homework Center At the Manor Branch Library

Need help with your homework? Come to the Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd., for after-school homework help on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m. This is for students in grades 1 through 5. Registration needed at [bit.ly/4fD096R](https://bit.ly/4fD096R) or call 510-577-7971.

## Resolve to Lose Weight By Joining TOPS

Resolve to lose weight in 2025. 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 9:30 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?

## American Legion Post 117 Sunday Breakfast On Hold Until January

The American Legion Post 117 of San Leandro monthly Fourth Sunday Breakfast will take a pause during November and December. The next breakfast will be on Sunday, Jan. 26.

## Meditation Mondays

Relax at a free drop-in relaxation practice on the first Monday of the month, starting on Monday, Jan. 6, from 6 to 7 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Calm your stress with meditation, gentle stretching, breath work, and poetry. For age 18 and older. Call 510-577-3971 to reserve a spot of just drop in. (Future Meditation Mondays will be on Feb. 3 and March 3.)

## January Silver Screen

Seniors are invited to enjoy Jumanji (1995, PG) on Thursday, Jan. 9, at 1:30 p.m. in the Thunderbolt Room at the Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd., San Leandro. Hosted by the City of San Leandro Human Services Department's Senior Services. Tickets are \$2, and no registration is needed. Popcorn is included.

## Oakland Aviation Museum

Oakland Aviation Museum, 8252, Earhardt Road in Oakland, is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. View many famous aircraft, including the A-3 Skywarrior, A-4 Skyhawk, A-6 Intruder, MiG-15, Harrier Jump Jet, Cessna O-2, and the P-51 Mustang. Admission prices are: adults \$18, seniors \$15, teens/military \$13, kids 5 to 12 \$10, no charge for kids under 4.

## Become a Bicycle and Pedestrian Commissioner

Help make San Leandro a community where walking and biking are safe, equitable, and enjoyable for all ages and abilities. Become a member of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission. As a commissioner, you'll advise on biking and walking conditions and help create a more accessible San Leandro. Apply now: [SanLeandro.org/Boards](https://SanLeandro.org/Boards)

## Applications for the 2025 Cherry Festival & Parade

Last year, over 20,000 people enjoyed the parade and festival. The festival is seeking vendors with high-quality products, unique experiences, professional attitudes, community non-profits, and performers to help make this the best Cherry Festival yet. If you're interested in applying, visit [sanleandrocherryfest.com](https://sanleandrocherryfest.com) for more information. The 2025 Cherry Festival and Parade will be on Saturday, June 7.

## Join the "Book It 2025 Reading Challenge"

Push the boundaries of your reading by joining the San Leandro Library's "Book It 2025 Reading Challenge," open to teens and adults, starting Jan. 10. Stop by any branch library to pick up a gameboard, or join online at [sanleandrolibrary.beanstack.org](https://sanleandrolibrary.beanstack.org)

# San Leandro to Host Menorah Lighting Celebration

San Leandro is gearing up for the annual Public Menorah Lighting on Monday, Dec. 30, at 5 p.m. at the City Hall Plaza in front of the San Leandro police station, 901 East 14th Street.

This year's lineup of activities and entertainment is designed to delight attendees of all ages. The highlight of the evening will be the ceremonial lighting of the menorah, a cherished tradition that symbolizes the triumph of light over darkness and celebrates the festival of Chanukah.

Adding to the festive atmosphere will be a LED fire show to light up the night sky. Guests can also look forward to classic holiday treats such as warm latkes, crispy donuts, hot chocolate, and cotton candy.

Live music from the Ferris Wheels Band will set the celebratory tone. To commemorate the occasion, attendees will have the chance to pick up unique Chanukah-themed swag, including scarves and beanie hats. Fantastic prizes will also be up for grabs throughout the night.

Rabbi Shmaya, who has lived in San Leandro for a few years, recently moved to a new location together with his family, where he continues to spread light through his little synagogue known as "The Shtiebel." This welcoming space includes people from all backgrounds, regardless of their prior knowledge or involvement in Judaism.

Rabbi Shmaya's mission is to create an inclusive environment where everyone can come together to learn, celebrate, and enjoy the rich traditions of the community. Through events like the Public Menorah Lighting, he fosters a sense of belonging and under-



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The menorah will be lit in celebration of Chanukah at City Hall Plaza on Monday.

standing, inviting all to share in the joy of Chanukah.

"This event is all about bringing people together to celebrate the joy and meaning of Chanukah," said Rabbi Shmaya. "We're excited to see the community come out and share in this incredible experience."

The Public Menorah Lighting is free and open to everyone. Residents are invited to bring their friends, families, and holiday spirit to this magical evening. Whether you're attending for the first time or returning for another year of festive fun, the event promises to be a memorable highlight of the holiday season.

For more information, call 510-736-2311 or email [chabadleandro@gmail.com](mailto:chabadleandro@gmail.com). Celebrate Chanukah in style and create lasting memories with the San Leandro community.



## Project Literacy Tutor Training

Project Literacy, the library's free adult literacy and ESL program, is training new volunteer tutors. You can help adult students improve their basic reading, writing, and English language skills so they can meet their goals and live more fulfilling lives.

The four-part training con-

sists of an online orientation and three workshops held on Saturdays from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on January 25, February 1, and February 8.

To access the orientation or to register, visit [www.sanleandro.org/literacy](https://www.sanleandro.org/literacy) and click on "Be a Tutor," or call Project Literacy at 510-577-3944.

## Baby Story Time at the Manor Branch Library

Baby storytime is a great way for parents/caregivers to interact and develop a bond with their baby - held every Thursday at 9:30 am at Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Boulevard in San Leandro.

Babies will be in a social setting with other babies where they will sing and develop pre-language skills

as well as play with toys in an environment with others their age. Adults can use this time to meet with other parents in a supportive setting. This storytime is for pre-walking babies only. Experience lots of songs and movement. For parents who have a baby and a toddler, please attend the toddler storytime.

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## Fond of Fondue?

The perfect dish for any evening get-together is one half century ago—fondue! Fondue originated in Switzerland that enjoyed popularity as a way of using up hardened

cheese. The traditional recipe calls for a mixture of Swiss and Gruyere cheese and wine, melted in a communal pot.

Kirsch, a clear brandy distilled from cherry juice and pits, is added to the melted mixture, becoming a dip for pieces of crusty bread, and vegetables. Cheese fondue should also contain a bit of flour or starch to keep the cheese from separating. It's delicious, easy to make, and the communal nature of serving and

eating lends itself to quiet conversation and lots of laughter.

Once a popular wedding gift, fondue pots lurk mostly unused in the very back of many kitchen cupboards today. But even if you don't have the official fondue setup, it can be prepared and served in any kind of heavy kettle.

Although cheese fondue is the most popular style of this retro dish, there are many forms of fondue, including chocolate in which pieces of fruit or cake are dipped in warm chocolate sauce.

If you're serving more than 4 people, have extra fondue pots going to make eating easier. It's best when there are no more than four people per fondue pot.

Keep fondue warm over as low heat as possible to avoid scorching and stir it occasionally.

juice into the pot and turn on the burner. Let the wine and lemon juice warm up without boiling.

Reduce heat and add the shredded cheese. With a wooden spoon, mix well and stir regularly.

Dilute the cornstarch in the Kirsch, and add remaining ingredients, including pepper to taste, to the pot. If the mixture is too hard, add wine. If the mixture is too soft, add cheese.

Dip bite-size pieces of bread or vegetables, let them cool slightly, then enjoy and repeat.

Italian or French bread makes excellent dippers when cut into small pieces. You can also try mild green or red peppers, zucchini slices, steamed broccoli or cauliflower or whatever else you're in the mood for.

### CLASSIC CHEESE FONDUE

- 2 garlic cloves, cut in half
- 1 cup dry white wine
- 1/2 pound Gruyere cheese, shredded, plus extra
- 1/2 pound Swiss cheese, shredded
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 2 tablespoons Kirsch
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- Pepper

Rub the garlic inside the fondue pot then discard.

Pour the white wine and lemon

### GARLICKY CHEESE FONDUE

- 8 ounces Monterey jack cheese, coarsely grated
- 8 ounces Muenster, grated
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 cup dry white wine (or apple cider)
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 1 tablespoon kirsch
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg

In a bowl or large plastic bag, combine the cheeses and toss with the cornstarch to coat. Set aside until ready to use.

In a fondue pot or large heavy saucepan, bring the wine and garlic to a simmer over medium-low heat. Add the cheese a bit at a time, stirring well to prevent from clumping, and cook until melted. Add the kirsch, salt, pepper, and nutmeg, stir well, and cook stirring until the mixture is smooth, 3 to 5 minutes.

Adjust the seasoning, to taste. Set the pot over a candle or canned heat and serve hot with assorted dipping items.

### BEEF FONDUE

- 3 pounds sirloin, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- 1/2 pound butter
- 3/4 cup olive oil
- 10 tablespoons butter
- 5 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 3 tablespoons Dijon mustard

Melt 1/2 pound butter and olive oil in a large pan. When hot, transfer to a large fondue pot.

Meanwhile, prepare the dipping sauce: melt 10 tablespoons butter, Worcestershire sauce, and mustard in a medium pot. Stir until fully melted; keep warm over low heat.

When oil mixture begins to bubble, spear beef cubes with a fondue fork; lower into oil and fry 3 minutes, until no longer pink. Serve with dipping sauce.

### Horseradish Dipping Sauce

- 1-1/4 cup sour cream
- 4 teaspoons prepared horseradish
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon onion, finely chopped
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper

### Salt and pepper

Mix all ingredients together, adding salt and pepper to taste. If prepared ahead of time, keep refrigerated. Bring to room temperature or warm slightly to serve.

### BEER-CHEDDAR RAREBIT FONDUE

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 cup beer or ale
- 1 pound aged cheddar cheese, shredded
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Squares of toasted bread

Melt the butter in the cheese fondue pot. Add beer and warm it up without bringing it to a boil.

Reduce heat. Mix the shredded cheese with flour, and gradually add the cheese/flour mixture. Mix with wooden spoon and let it melt. Keep adding more cheese until all of it is melted. Add remaining ingredients.

If the mixture is too hard, add beer. If the mixture is too soft, add cheese.

Dip toast into the melted cheese and enjoy.

### CARAMEL FONDUE

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1 tablespoon rum
- 3 egg yolks, beaten
- 1 cup milk, warmed
- 1/4 cup boiling water
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Apples, marshmallows

Place sugar in a small pan; heat while stirring over medium heat until sugar melts and liquefies. Set aside.

In small bowl, whisk together cornstarch and rum. Set aside.

Combine egg yolks, milk, and reserved rum mixture in a double boiler over hot water; cook, stirring constantly, until thickened. Combine melted sugar and boiling water in a small pot; immediately add to warm milk mixture; continue stirring over low heat 20 minutes, until caramel has melted.

Remove from double boiler; stir in vanilla and transfer to a fondue pot. Serve with apples or marshmallows on spears.

### CHOCOLATE FONDUE

- 12 ounces dark or bittersweet chocolate
- 2/3 cup whipping cream
- 2 tablespoons Cognac
- Fresh fruit or dessert bites

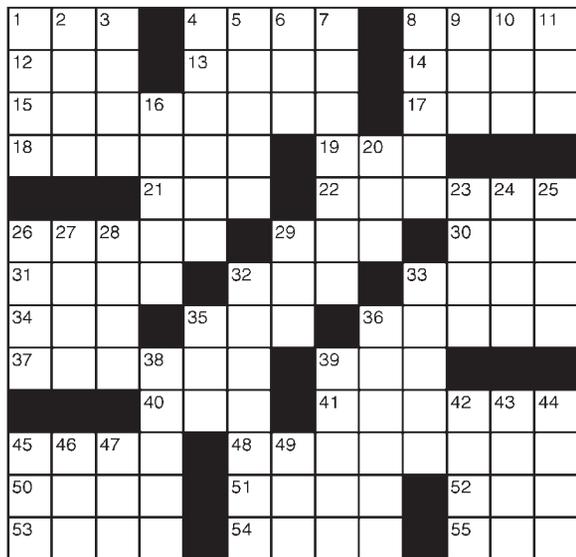
In a double-boiler over low heat, melt the chocolate one handful at a time, then add the cream and stir until warm and smooth. Do not allow it to boil.

Add the cognac and keep stirring. Once all the ingredients are warmed up and well mixed, transfer the mixture into your chocolate fondue pot and turn on burner.

If mixture is too thick, add more cream or cognac. If too runny, add more dark chocolate.

Put a piece of fruit onto a fondue fork and dip it into the hot chocolate fondue.

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- ARIES (March 21 to April 19):** Sharing the joys of the celebrations that mark this time with your loved ones can help reinforce your devotion to them. You'll treasure the reactions you get in return.
- TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** Enjoy the parties and pleasures of this week with families and friends. A holiday romance could take you well into the New Year -- and maybe beyond!
- GEMINI (May 21 to June 20):** Your loved ones help make this week's celebrations especially meaningful. Make time to do some serious thinking about the decisions that you'll soon be facing.
- CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** Love of home and family is reinforced during this last week of the year. This could be your chance to open up about secrets that you've held on to for far too long.
- LEO (July 23 - August 22):** Enjoy this week's special round of merriment with loved ones who adore you, whether you're roaring with delight at a party or purring with affection at home.
- VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22):** This last week of the year is a good time to assess what you've done and reassess how recent changes might affect your plans for the coming year.
- LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22):** Balance the festive aspects of this last week of the year with honest reflections about the relationships you truly value and those you think might have become irrelevant.
- SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21):** Celebrate the week's festivities knowing that you'll be able to invest what you've learned over the past year into opportunities that await you in 2025.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** Share the merry moments of this week with the wonderful people who have loved you and encouraged you to realize your dreams.
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** As this week of celebration moves into history, the sage Sea Goat takes their high place in the Zodiac to judge the past and face the future.
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** Enjoy the last merry-making week of the year knowing that you've done well in 2024 and that you're ready to confront the challenges of 2025!
- PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** When you ultimately emerge from the celebrations of this week, you'll find yourself with many new friends whom you'll take into the next year!

# 2024: Anonymous donation comes in for Hass Avenue Bridge

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ambulance reaches \$3,664.87.

- Assumption School sets a fundraising record as students raise money for Davis Street's hot breakfast program.

## March

- The City Council approved plans to develop housing and add bike and pedestrian paths to redevelop the Bayfair Mall area as a transit oriented development zone.

- Maite Barloga, who had been an associate principal and taught biology, was named the new principal of San Leandro High School.

- Benny Jackson of San Leandro turns 100. He's visited every continent, except Antarctica, but says there's still time.

- The San Leandro Farmers' Market returns for a new season with Mayor Juan Gonzalez cutting the ribbon.

- A car plowed into a concrete block dumpster shed in the parking lot of Pelton Center, smashing through a side wall. Fortunately, a woman inside collecting cardboard boxes wasn't injured.

## April

- Documentary film, *The Apology*, about Russell City in Hayward shows the East Bay's history of injustice. The film documents how the predominantly Black community off West Winton Avenue was bulldozed in 1963 to make way for a business park.

- Assumption School students celebrated International Day, highlighting cultural pride and diversity.

- San Leandro had two murders in two days as a man was shot and killed on Hesperian Boulevard and an 18-year-old man was stabbed to death at Safeway on Bancroft Avenue.

- Torani Foods of San Leandro, the syrup maker, won the East Bay Economic Development Association's annual innovation award for excellence in the food category.

## May

- Volunteers came to Bethel Community Church on Bancroft Avenue to make a rainwater garden, which directs rainwater to the garden and prevents flooding.

- In his State of the City speech, Mayor Juan Gonzalez said San Leandro is moving forward – with a new interim police chief, the return of the annual celebrations and the addition of the navigation center for the homeless and pickleball courts.

- A man was found shot and killed in his car in his driveway on Benedict Drive in Bay-O-Vista.

- The City of San Leandro agreed to pay \$3.9 million to a mentally disabled man who was dressed as a cartoon ninja and had a knife. He fled and when police caught up with him he took a fighting stance and hit his head on the pavement when police used a taser on him.

- In addition to the \$10,000 each City Council receives annually for travel and training, City Councilwoman Xouhoa Bowen asked the council for an additional \$18,000 and received it to bring her annual travel stipend to \$28,000. The additional money was to attend an executive education program at Harvard. Her supporters say the cost will be outweighed by how much money Bowen will be able to save San Leandro in the future due to her Harvard training.

## June

- Drove of people attend-

ed the annual Cherry Festival and Parade in downtown San Leandro.

- The City Council voted unanimously to make Interim Police Chief Angela Averiet the permanent chief. Averiet has two decades of law enforcement experience, including with the Hayward P.D. and as chief of the Los Altos P.D.

- The City Council voted to lower the speed limits on streets around town, though what difference that made in speed isn't easily apparent.

- The San Leandro school board extended Superintendent Mike McLaughlin's contract through June of 2028. According to Transparent California, McLaughlin's salary is \$474,000 plus \$49,000 in benefits.

## July

- A new park opened. Ashland Zocalo Park will add needed green space and be a plaza for pop-up markets.

- A San Leandro ran across the country to raise money for food banks. Zoon Nguyen, a 2013 SLHS grad, ran from Santa Monica to New York City.

- Voters didn't pass an increase in the annual stormwater tax to improve the stormwater drainage system in a special election. City officials said the increase is needed because the amount hasn't been raised in 30 years.

- Hundreds of seniors attend a resource fair at the Senior Center where they met representatives from care organizations and government agencies.

- Most people asked by a reporter downtown said they thought President Biden made the right decision in pulling out of the race for a second term. One woman said she didn't think Harris could win.



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

**An out-of-control car wiped out two telephone poles and a traffic-light pole on Washington Avenue in March.**

## August

- San Leandro High grad Isaac Woofter, working as a filmmaker in New York, released his first feature film, "Bound."

- The city announced that the swimming pool at Washington Manor Park won't open this summer because construction is behind schedule.

- Police arrest a man for the shooting of a clerk at the 7-Eleven store on Williams Street and San Leandro Boulevard. The clerk, who was shot in the stomach, recovered at the hospital.

## September

- The Boys & Girls Club of San Leandro celebrated 77 years with a Rock the Block party and a Total Teen Takeover that showed all the club's activities to the public.

- Ham radio operators hold drill at the Marina Community Center to practice communication in case of an emergency.

- Mayor Juan Gonzalez said work will still proceed at the Shoreline project at the former marina, despite a key developer declaring bankruptcy.

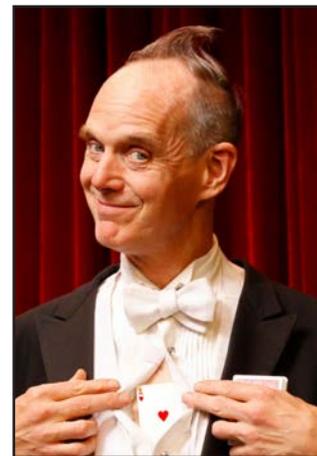
- Police arrested three suspects for the homicide on Benedict Drive in May.

- The Rides and Readers car show is held at the Main Library as classic cars fill the parking lot.

- The city received an anonymous donation of \$5 million to rebuild the Haas Avenue-Cary Drive Pedestrian bridge that was knocked down when a pair of eucalyptus trees fell on it.

## October

- A man died in a fire at the Eden Roc Apartments on Washington Avenue. Theodis



**Frank Oliver performed a free show of magic, comedy and juggling at the San Leandro Library.**

Patterson, 78, was found dead inside the building, along with his dog.

- The Alameda County Civil Grand Jury pointed out local ballot measures that don't meet the standard for impartiality. The jurors said the statement on the ballot, which is all a lot of voters see, is written by the supporters of the measure to persuade voters to pass the measure.

- At a City Council candidates' forum, Ed Hernandez said part of the problem local businesses face is that the taxes on those business are constantly raised.

- City Council candidate Dylan Boldt's campaign took in over \$100,000, mostly coming from unions.

- The Arroyo football team won its homecoming game with a 44-15 victory over Mt. Eden.

- The mystery play *Clue* opened at San Leandro High School.

## November

- Bryan Azevedo was re-elected to the City Council

and Dylan Boldt won a seat on the council, too. Two incumbents, running unopposed, Fred Simon and Sheydeh Viveros-Walton, will also return to the council.

- The City Council censured council members Fred Simon and Victor Aguilar for interfering with the city manager's responsibilities after an investigation found that they pressured Fran Robustelli to not fire then-Police Chief Abdul Pridgen.

- The new \$67 million San Leandro High gym opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, followed by a volleyball match.

- The Bottle Shop liquor store in Downtown San Leandro was hit twice in two weeks by burglars who – both times – used a car to smash through the front of the store.

- The demolition finally began on a pair of long-vacant buildings at 1300 Bancroft Avenue. An apartment building is planned to eventually be built on the site.

## December

- The annual tree-lighting to kick off the "It's a Wonderful Night" celebration in Downtown San Leandro brought out several thousand people for entertainment and pictures with Santa Claus.

- A jury convicted Louis Woods III of Oakland of second degree murder for the shooting death of another man outside Cunha's Cocktails in 2022.

- Around 250 people enjoyed a Thanksgiving luncheon at the Senior Center, served by 30 volunteers.

- The City of San Leandro received an \$83 million state grant to support pedestrian and bicycle safety.



PHOTO BY RODRICK ORELLANA

**Arroyo High running back Joseph Estes broke away for a touchdown in the Dons' 44-19 win over Mt. Eden at Arroyo's homecoming game.**

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By Carl Medford, CRS  
Special to the Times

GUEST COMMENTARY



# Wishing Peace This Holiday Season

By Carl Medford, CRS  
Special to the Times

From the depths of the horror of WW1, the Christmas Truce story holds promise that even in the worst times, men can gather in peace.\* A mere 6-months old, the war was already revealing the horrors that would mark the conflict as “The Great War.” A time of unspeakable tragedy, it saw the deaths of between 15-19 million with 23 million wounded. Yet on Christmas Eve, 1914, English troops, huddled in the morass of their trenches, heard German soldiers singing Christmas Carols from their own lines a short

distance away.

History.com explains, “Enemy soldiers began to climb nervously out of their trenches, and to meet in the barbed-wire-filled “No Man’s Land” that separated the armies. Normally, the British and Germans communicated across No Man’s Land with streaking bullets, with only occasional gentlemanly allowances to collect the dead unmolested. But now, there were handshakes and words of kindness. The soldiers traded songs, tobacco and wine, joining in a spontaneous holiday party in the cold night.”

Celebrating this Christmas

and Holiday Season, we are not devoid of conflict in the Bay Area. The recent election has reinforced ideological ‘trenches’ as political philosophies are growing further apart, dividing our nation. Living in one of the wealthiest pockets on earth, we are seeing a growing rift between the haves and have-nots, evidenced by the increasing homeless population. We are also continuing to see racial tensions as the multitude of ethnicities living here strive to find equal footing and opportunity.

I recently had the opportunity to sing in a choir that sang the favorite, “Let There Be Peace on Earth.” Written by Jill Jackson-Miller and Sy Miller in 1955, it has become a Holiday favorite. The lyrics implore,

“Let there be peace on earth,  
And let it begin with me  
Let There Be Peace on Earth,  
the peace that was meant to be  
With God as our Father,  
brothers all are we  
Let me walk with my brother  
in perfect harmony.  
Let peace begin with me, let  
this be the moment now.  
With ev’ry step I take let this  
be my solemn vow  
To take each moment and  
live each moment in peace  
eternally  
Let there be peace on earth,  
and let it begin with me.

This song echoes the 2024



*Helleborus niger* is a member of the Ranunculaceae plant family and closely related to the Lenten rose. It is a herbaceous perennial plant with leathery, evergreen foliage. In mild winter regions, it may indeed flower by Christmas. It will self-sow in areas advantageous to its growth, and the seedlings can be moved to new locations while still small; but mature Christmas roses resent being disturbed, so avoid moving or dividing mature plants if at all possible. – Brenda Weaver

Sources: ipm.missouri.edu, perennials.com

hopes and dreams of the Central County Realtors who wish all a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and peace on earth, goodwill t’ward all.

\*www.history.com/news/christmas-truce-1914-world-war-i-soldier-accounts

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## RECENT HOME SALES

### Gastro Valley

- 21403 Gary Drive #10 94546: \$465,000 [2 BD - 936 SF - 1961
- 21612 Baywood Avenue 94546: \$825,000 [2 BD - 834 SF - 1942
- 4651 Proctor Road 94546: \$1,075,000 [3 BD - 1,563 SF - 1946
- 4014 Greenacre Road 94546: \$1,110,000 [3 BD - 1,143 SF - 1952
- 20112 Laurelwood Drive 94552: \$1,115,000 [4 BD - 1,875 SF - 1990
- 4167 Veronica Avenue 94546: \$1,150,000 [3 BD - 1,441 SF - 1957
- 5259 Proctor Road 94546: \$1,150,000 [3 BD - 1,591 SF - 1955
- 18775 Edwin Markham Drive 94552: \$1,450,000 [3 BD - 1,852 SF - 1985
- 18950 Edwin Markham Drive 94552: \$1,738,000 [4 BD - 2,947 SF - 1986

**TOTAL SALES:** 9  
**LOWEST AMOUNT:** \$465,000 **MEDIAN AMOUNT:** \$1,115,000  
**HIGHEST AMOUNT:** \$1,738,000 **AVERAGE AMOUNT:** \$1,119,777

### SAN LEANDRO

- 1400 Carpentier Street #332 94577: \$440,000 [2 BD - 1,170 SF - 1983
- 901 Figueroa Drive 94578: \$802,000 [3 BD - 1,135 SF - 1955
- 1005 Halcyon Drive 94578: \$820,000 [3 BD - 2,049 SF - 1947
- 15285 Upton Avenue 94578: \$850,000 [4 BD - 1,760 SF - 1952
- 2501 Bodega Way 94577: \$870,000 [3 BD - 1,128 SF - 1961
- 1056 Grace Street 94578: \$900,000 [3 BD - 1,418 SF - 1947
- 15042 Edgemoor Street 94579: \$970,000 [5 BD - 1,449 SF - 1962
- 450 Cape Cod Drive 94578: \$1,022,000 [3 BD - 1,614 SF - 1980
- 777 Juana Avenue 94577: \$1,150,000 [3 BD - 1,830 SF - 1941
- 1859 Starview Drive 94577: \$1,270,000 [3 BD - 2,337 SF - 1968
- 1223 Alder Creek Circle 94577: \$1,275,000 [4 BD - 2,197 SF - 2002
- 1567 Daniels Drive 94577: \$1,500,000 [3 BD - 3,022 SF - 1952

**TOTAL SALES:** 12  
**LOWEST AMOUNT:** \$440,000 **MEDIAN AMOUNT:** \$935,000  
**HIGHEST AMOUNT:** \$1,500,000 **AVERAGE AMOUNT:** \$989,083

### SAN LORENZO

- 16029 Via Arroyo 94580: \$775,000 [3 BD - 1,062 SF - 1946

**TOTAL SALES:** 1  
**LOWEST AMOUNT:** \$775,000 **MEDIAN AMOUNT:** \$775,000  
**HIGHEST AMOUNT:** \$775,000 **AVERAGE AMOUNT:** \$775,000

### HAYWARD

- 1234 Stanhope Lane #167 94545: \$410,000 [2 BD - 1,007 SF - 1989
- 2451 Creekside Court 94542: \$510,500 [2 BD - 936 SF - 1991
- 22764 6th Street 94541: \$551,000 [1 BD - 494 SF - 1940
- 22139 Castille Lane #58 94541: \$568,000 [2 BD - 1,202 SF - 1982
- 1085 Folsom Avenue 94544: \$700,000 [4 BD - 1,192 SF - 1944
- 27460 Lyford Street 94544: \$752,000 [3 BD - 1,119 SF - 1956
- 28480 Aragon Avenue 94544: \$830,000 [3 BD - 1,524 SF - 1959
- 462 Elmhurst Street 94544: \$830,000 [3 BD - 1,173 SF - 1958
- 356 Saint George Street 94541: \$863,000 [3 BD - 1,329 SF - 1950
- 110 Notion Way 94544: \$865,500
- 1937 Southgate Street 94545: \$875,000 [3 BD - 1,128 SF - 1956
- 695 Kendall Way 94541: \$890,000 [3 BD - 1,570 SF - 1951
- 1158 Citron Way 94545: \$920,000 [3 BD - 1,544 SF - 1959
- 25917 Madeline Lane 94545: \$940,000 [3 BD - 1,244 SF - 1959



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## Heading into the Holidays, Mortgage Rates Increase

This week, mortgage rates crept up to a similar average as this time in 2023. For the most part, mortgage rates have moved between 6 and 7 percent over the last 12 months. Homebuyers are slowly digesting these higher rates and are gradually willing to move forward with buying a home, resulting in additional purchase activity.

# Keep the Hummingbird Feeder Out in the Garden for the Winter

By Buzz Bertolero  
The Dirt Gardener

Should Hummingbird Feeders be stored for the winter? If not, how do I go about protecting it from the cold? Also, could I capture one and keep it as a pet?

Hummingbirds are active during winter as long as they have a food source.

Hummingbirds have the highest energy expenditure of any warm-blooded animal. A hummingbird must take in more than its body weight in nectar daily, which can be difficult during the winter.

With little to no flowers for nectar, a liquid feeder is the only option. So, I wouldn't be inclined to take it down.

I'd also replace my Hummingbird food with Kaytee Hummingbird ElectroNectar. Kaytee Hummingbird ElectroNectar is the first-ever hydrating energy drink for Hummingbirds.

This naturally clear nectar was developed to mimic flower nectar with added electrolytes and no added colors for overwintering hummingbirds. It's available online and elsewhere.



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On those nights when the temperature will dip below thirty-two degrees, you have two options. You can bring the feeder inside at night and put it back out early in the morning.

Hummingbirds must start feeding early in the day after coming out of a 'torpor'. The torpor stage is similar to hibernation, which occurs when their metabolism slows down, or food is in short supply.

Your other option is to insulate the feeder by wrapping the bottle in bubble

wrap. Keeping a hummingbird as a pet is possible with the right size structure and food sources; however, it is illegal.

In the United States, capturing a hummingbird violates the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918. This law makes possessing or capturing any migratory bird, including hummingbirds, illegal. In addition to the prohibition of holding or capturing a hummingbird, the act also makes it unlawful to keep a hummingbird's nest, egg, or baby. The penalties for breaking this law include a steep fine.

(Note: Hummingbird facts from a variety of sources)

Hummingbird can flap their wings more than fifty times a second. They can fly in any direction at speeds of thirty miles per hour or more and have a heart rate of over twelve hundred beats per minute. Hummingbirds can flap their wings at a staggering eighty times per second and lick their food at about thirteen licks per second. They do not use their feet for walking or jumping but for perching. Hummingbirds have a lifespan of about four years, grow to about eight inches in length, and weigh less than an ounce.

How soon would I get fruit if an apple graft were successful? Also, does the fruitless portion of the tree impact the graft?

In one to two growing seasons, you'll get fruit on a successful graft. Your biggest concern is not allowing the fruitless portion of the tree to overgrow the new graft. Also, it must be

braced when the fruit matures so the weight doesn't cause it to break off.

## WEEKEND GARDENER

### Spray

The Yuletide season is a reminder to apply the second round of dormant oil spray to deciduous fruit trees, shrubs and roses. The spray should be applied through mid-January whenever you can expect several days of dry weather above 40 degrees.

### Shopping for Bulbs

Summer-flowering bulbs can be planted in the coming weeks for cut flowers and garden colors in spring. You'll find a fresh crop of bulbs for gladioluses (plant at three-to-four week intervals from January through March) and begonias (set the tubers in peat moss to sprout, then pot up in larger containers).

### Gift Plants

Be careful not to over-water poinsettias and other gift plants. Be sure they have adequate draining (open the foil at the bottom of the pot) and water only when soil feels dry to the touch.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF

Dennis Paul Autin, Jr. Case Number: 24PR100687

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Dennis Paul Autin, Jr.

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

THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 8, 2025, 9:45 a.m., Dept. 201, at 2120 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA 94704.

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Petitioner: Alaina Maria Gatchell also known as Alaina M Gatchell 3243 James Anthony Drive, Tracy, California 95377 +1 209 814 2402

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# Salmon: Mokelumne River salmon make up half of catch off coast

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 cades-long dedication to sustaining the health of the Mokelumne River habitat and investing in fish hatchery operations," EBMUD Board President Lesa McIntosh said in a press release. "This historic salmon run is a testament to our science-driven management, cooperative relationships with neighbors on the river, and our collaboration with local, state and federal partners to enhance spawning grounds, operate our hatchery

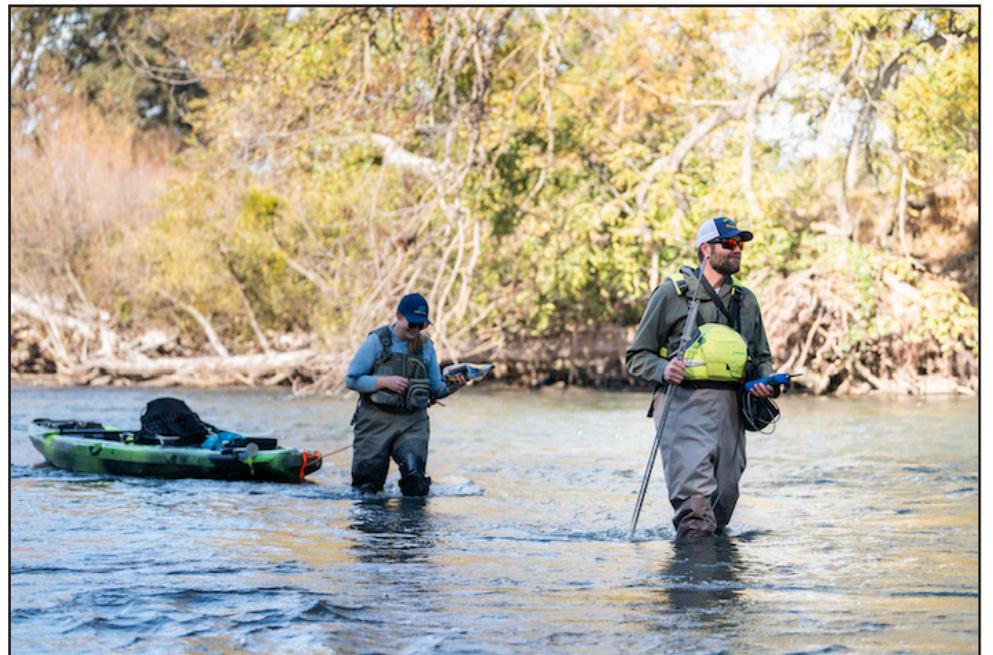
effectively, and protect vital natural resources." EBMUD manages river flows and funds the Mokelumne River Hatchery, which is operated in partnership with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). The Mokelumne contributes only about 3 percent of the freshwater flow into the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, yet its salmon population makes up as much as 50 percent of the commercial catch off the California coast.

Salmon returns are counted every year during the spawning season, which typically runs from September to January. These Chinook return to their home waters in the Mokelumne to reproduce and die after spending two to five years maturing in the Pacific Ocean.

The pattern is a significant stage in the salmon life cycle and a strong indicator of the habitat's ecological health and the population's survival rate. On October 16, 2024, EBMUD biologists recorded the passage of 3,824 migrating fish, the largest one-day salmon count in more than 30 years.

Passage is measured as salmon pass through a fish ladder at a small irrigation impoundment owned by the Woodbridge Irrigation District.

The statewide closure of California's 2023 and 2024 commercial and recreational salmon fishing seasons to protect the Central Valley fall-run Chinook population has certainly had a positive



PHOTOS COURTESY EBMUD

**EBMUD operates a fish hatchery and has worked to protect the Mokelumne River.**

impact on the number of fish coming back to freshwater, said EBMUD.

The commercial and recreational salmon fishing fleet, which funds the production of ocean enhancement fish at the hatchery, forewent both seasons and contributed to this year's success on the

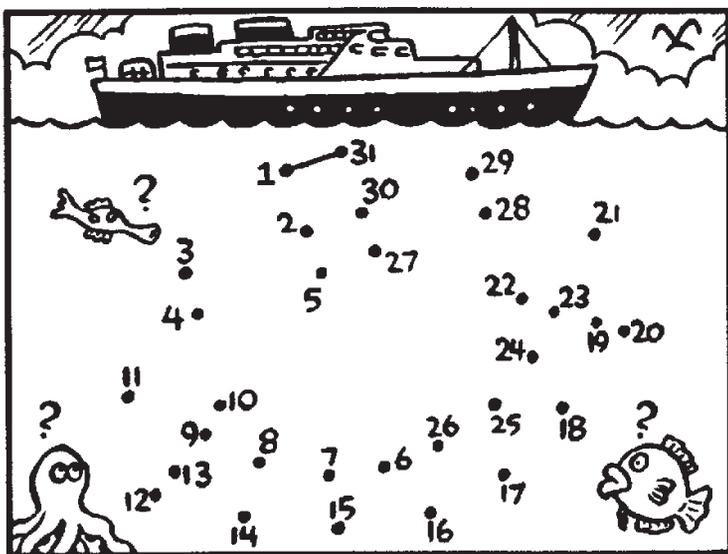
Mokelumne. But similar returns have not been realized elsewhere in the Central Valley. In fact, the Mokelumne hatchery is supporting the Coleman National Fish Hatchery by providing approximately 3 million eggs this spawning season.

"We are excited to have

another robust salmon return that allows us to support all our hatchery goals, including mitigation, enhancement and climate resilience, as well as meet our in-river spawning targets with enough fish to fill the habitat," said EBMUD Manager of Fisheries and Wildlife Michelle Workman.



Chinook return to their home in the Mokelumne.



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**WHAT DOES** a fully loaded 50,000-ton container ship weigh just before leaving port? Connect the dots and find out.

Answer: It weighs anchor.

## Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

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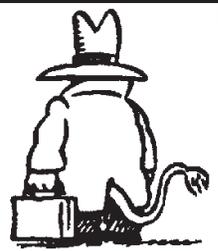
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**HIDDEN ANIMALS!** Can you find the three animals that are hidden in these three sentences?

- The whippoorwill's song filled the night.
- A tempura tsunami of terrific tastes.
- Sumo lessons are from nine to one.

Answers: 1. Hippo. 2. Rats. 3. Moles.



Hidden in the diagram above are the names of 26 fruits and vegetables. They can be found reading up or down, or side to side. You'll even find them diagonally going up or down. Letters can be used more than once. Listed below are the names you're looking for.

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|---------|---------|---------|
| APPLE   | GARLIC  | PARSNIP |
| BANANA  | GRAPE   | PEA     |
| BEET    | GUAVA   | PEAR    |
| CABBAGE | LENTIL  | PUMPKIN |
| CARROT  | LETTUCE | QUINCE  |
| CELERY  | LIME    | RHUBARB |
| CHERRY  | MANGO   | SHALLOT |
| COCONUT | OKRA    | SPINACH |
| CORN    | ORANGE  |         |

**IT'S MAGIC!** Use the numbers 3 through 12 to fill in this Magic Number Square. The numbers in each horizontal row and vertical column should total 44. We've filled in six of the squares. The rest is up to you. Use trial and error — and a good eraser!

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17			14
	20		
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[ 44 ]			

Our answer: First row: 10, 13, 18, 3. Second row: 17, 4, 9, 14. Third row: 5, 20, 11, 8. Fourth row: 12, 7, 6, 19.

# Ballew: 'Everything in government is compromise'

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Dylan's (Dylan Boldt) turn—my replacement—to continue that work.”

Ballew was a member of the San Leandro Police Department from 1981 to 2016, retiring as a captain. He served as a board member of the Fairmont Hospital Foundation, treasurer and vice president of the San Leandro Boys and Girls Club president of the San Leandro Scholarship Foundation, president of San Leandro Community Counseling, president of the San Leandro Kiwanis Club, and head coach of the San Leandro High freshman football team.

But beyond the titles, Ballew says he remains very grounded in his role in the community.

“I don't see things through red or blue lenses... I see things through human lenses and lenses of dignity and respect,” Ballew said. “I always have a sense of fairness. If you want to get my attention, say one word. Say ‘unfair.’ If you say something's unfair, I will stop whatever I'm doing and absolutely come to a freezing, grinding halt. I will get in there with my equity lens, and we will dig it out. It's been a trigger of mine since I was a baby.”

Beginning in 1961, those early years were spent at a home on Monterey Street, where Ballew was raised in a single-parent home. His mother emphasized community service and volunteering. In his formative years, Ballew became active in leadership roles from the time he was at

Bancroft Junior High through San Leandro High School, including serving on the class board and in student government.

As a member of the police department, Ballew had presented and participated in City Council meetings, but it was support from former San Leandro City Councilman Jim Prola and former Mayor Ellen Corbett that got him involved on the council.

In his first term, Ballew says he was most proud of ordinances establishing San Leandro as a Sanctuary City, building a comprehensive disaster response plan, and ordinances on tobacco sales in the city, supporting tenant relocation during COVID, and adding wi-fi in the city's parks.

“I think the biggest surprise for me in my first term in office was that more San Leandreans didn't know how to get something done by using the city's app or knowing which department to call,” Ballew said. “You do a lot of education as a council member. People might not know how to get a pothole repaired. It's really a simple process, but you gotta know what it is before you can do it.”

Ballew says his second term was more complex, with COVID-19 being a significant factor. The pandemic led the city to provide public Zoom meetings, which increased participation but made the process less efficient and required more vision to manage diverse voices, he added.

Ballew said he was disappointed that the Marina

project has stalled. Although, he has always needed to recuse himself from voting because he lives close to the project.

Ballew said he has fought hard to support police staffing levels but attrition has made it hard to maintain staff. In fact, he said only two officers are currently assigned to the traffic division that enforces traffic laws.

Lastly, Ballew's proclamation was passed by a vote of 4-3 with Simon, Aguilar, and Azevedo voting against.

Ballew said he was disappointed but was more satisfied to have served than in getting recognized.

The highlights of the last four years included celebrating the city's 150th anniversary (sesquicentennial) and visiting Ponta Delgada, San Leandro's Sister City in the Azores Islands. But Ballew emphasized that politics is about compromise, where all sides need to be heard to reach workable solutions.

“Everything in government is a compromise... everything,” Ballew said. “Whether it's labor negotiations, rent moratoriums, or short-term rental ordinances, everything has two to three to five to 10 sides. I learned from Ellen Corbett that the key is getting all those sides to the table and giving them a voice. That's where you start. Then there's a compromise, and you end with something that nobody loves but everybody can live with.”

Ballew says he is pleased with his eight years of service but wishes he had more time



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**Pete Ballew receives a city street sign with his name on it from Mayor Juan Gonzalez.**

to finish projects such as establishing a Code of Ethics for the City Council, honoring

the late Ellen Corbett, and creating more public art in San Leandro.

“You can never have enough public art,” Ballew said.

# Scores: 22 percent of students missing more than 10 percent of school days

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Most students statewide do not quite meet the learning standards, and San Leandro students fall behind the statewide average scores. English Language Arts students in San Leandro scored 32 points below the state average.

In math, San Leandro students ran 73.1 points below the state standard.

San Leandro students got closest to the statewide average in science, missing the standard by 16.3 points. That was a drop of 1.1 points for San Leandro students.

The district made some progress on key factors for students being in classrooms and learning, said district spokesperson Dr. Keziah Moss. Chronic absenteeism, which rose nationwide during the pandemic, dropped 6.5

percent in San Leandro last year.

Some 22.4 percent of San Leandro students through grade 8 still miss more than 10 percent of instructional days, however.

This compared with a statewide average of 18.6 percent of students chronically absent, according to the California Dashboard figures. This puts San Leandro in the state's yellow, or middle, color-coded performance category.

Fewer students got suspended in San Leandro last year, Moss said. Some 3.9 percent of San Leandro students were suspended at least one day, and that is down by 0.4 percent from last year. That puts SLUSD in the next-to-best green category of the state performance categories. Some 3.2 percent of students

statewide were suspended for at least one day.

Graduation rates remained above the statewide average of 86.7 percent, at 89.3 percent, but this was a drop of 1.5 percent from last year.

There were declines in progress for English learners, down 2.1 percent from last year. The district's figure of 47.3 percent making progress

was still above the statewide figure of 45.7 percent.

Preparing students for college or careers also declined by 5.4 percent, to 28.6 percent. This is behind the statewide rate of 45.3 percent, according to the California Dashboard data.

“We've also met state standards for accountability and performance, showing that

SLUSD is excelling in areas beyond just test scores” Moss said. “These include the state's five Local Indicators, which focus on things like having qualified teachers, enough instructional materials, and safe facilities.”

“They also measure how well we teach state standards, engage families, improve school climate, and ensure

all students have access to a broad range of courses,” she continued.

Moss said there were a number of areas for improvement, particularly where performance measures dropped for specific subgroups of students.

“We're also continuing our work to boost test scores across the board,” Moss said.

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# New City Council Members Sworn In for Next Term

The newly elected City Council members took the oath of office at the council meeting on the night of December 16.

The new members are incoming District 6 Councilmember Dylan Boldt, District 1 Council Member Sbeydeh Viveros-Walton (finishing the remaining term of a City Council member who resigned), second-term District 2 Councilmember Bryan Azevedo, and second-term District 4 Council Member Fred Simon.

A family member, friend, or elected official swore in each incoming council member. After the oaths of office, the officials made brief comments of gratitude and policy visions.

A recording of the meeting can be viewed on the City's Meeting Central website.



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**Sheydeh Viveros-Walton was sworn in on Dec. 16 for her next term on the City Council.**

The four council members will officially take office on January 1.

At the same meeting, outgoing District 6 Council Member Pete Ballew was

honored for his eight years of service. He was presented with a resolution acknowledging his council service and numerous public service achievements.



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**The cause of the house fire in San Lorenzo where two dogs died is under investigation.**

## Six Displaced after Fire on Bandoni Ave. in San Lorenzo

Six people were displaced after a house fire on Bandoni Avenue in San Lorenzo last Thursday, Dec. 19.

Two dogs died in the fire on the 1600 block of Bandoni

that started just after noon, according to the Alameda County Fire Department. No people were injured.

The fire was put down in about 20 minutes. Twen-

ty-one firefighters arrived at the scene.

The cause of the fire is under investigation, said fire department spokesperson Cheryl Hurd.

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## Bicyclist Hit and Killed by Car At Hesperian and Lewelling

*By Jim Knowles  
San Leandro Times*

A bicyclist was struck and killed by a car near the intersection of Hesperian and Lewelling boulevards on Saturday, Dec. 7, just after midnight.

The driver in a Hyundai Elantra hit the bicyclist who

was riding on the wrong side of the road, said California Highway Patrol spokeswoman Officer Kylie Musselman.

The driver fled and was later apprehended and arrested by the CHP for driving under the influence.

The victim was Brien Anthony Yungling, 39, of Hay-

ward, according to the county coroner's office. The driver, Christian Garcia, 27, of Hayward, could face additional charges, Musselman said.

When the report is done and sent to the district attorney, it will be up to the DA what charges the driver will face.

## Students: Sign Up for Martin Luther King Oratorical Festival and Poetry Slam

The San Leandro Recreation and Parks Department is now accepting student entries for the 2025 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Oratorical Festival and Poetry Slam to be held on Saturday, Jan. 18, at 10:30 a.m. at the Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd.

This annual event honors Dr. King's legacy of peace, equality, and social justice.

The Oratorical Festival and Poetry Slam will feature

local students performing original or well-known essays, speeches, and poems inspired by Martin Luther King's message.

San Leandro students in grades 3 through 12 are invited to enter. Gift card prizes will be awarded in the respective grade categories.

To enter, submit an entry form with a brief description of the piece you plan to perform. The entry deadline is Monday, Jan. 1, or until 25

entries are received — whichever comes first. So be sure to submit your form early.

To submit an entry form, visit [sanleandro.org/mlk](http://sanleandro.org/mlk) or contact [youth@sanleandro.org](mailto:youth@sanleandro.org).

While only students may perform, this event is free and open to the entire community to attend. Come support local talent and join in celebrating Dr. King's enduring message of hope and social change.