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Andy Turner and Smitha Seshadri of Bridge Housing and La Plazita Preschool founder and CEO Krystell Guzman join Mayor Pauline Cutter at the ceremony to open the preschool.

City Leaders Celebrate New Preschool

By Jim Knowles
 San Leandro Times

A preschool was always planned at the Marea Alta affordable housing community across the street from the San Leandro BART Station, and now it's open.

The apartment building, owned and operated by BRIDGE Housing, opened in 2017 and last week the full

plan was realized with the opening of the La Plazita Preschool on the ground floor of the 4-story building at 1400 San Leandro Blvd.

The preschool will accommodate 65 students (age 3 months to 5 years) who will learn in Spanish and English with full-Spanish emersion.

Mayor Pauline Cutter said she's had Spanish emersion and Cantonese

emersion on mind since she was a school board member, and to see this come about is a dream come true.

Cutter spoke at a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Monday in the outdoor play area of the brand-new preschool, attended by many people who worked on the project. City officials, the preschool staff and staff from Bridge Housing came to
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Vaccine Mandate Fails in Close Council Vote

Ordinance would have required proof of vaccination at restaurants, theaters, bars

By Michael Singer
 San Leandro Times

A proposal to require proof of COVID-19 vaccination to enter places like full-service restaurants, bars, cafes, gyms, and theaters in San Leandro failed to pass during this week's City Council meeting by a vote of 3-3 with one abstention.

City Councilman Victor Aguilar requested the item to be added to the agenda for a vote based on the continued impact of COVID-19, the Delta variant, and anticipation of people gathering in close quarters during the holiday season. If it had passed, the proposal would have expired on January 30, 2022, if the Alameda County Public Health Department (ACPHD) concluded its state of emergency, or the City Council chose otherwise.

The proof of vaccine mandate would have also excluded religious gatherings, where food is served outdoors, and locations already covered by government agencies larger than San Leandro. In lieu of a vaccine card, the proposal would have required a negative test result in the past 24 hours.

During the council's debate, Aguilar said he had firsthand knowledge of the effects of COVID-19. He tearfully recounted that nine people in
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Fieldwork Brewing to Open in The Spring

By Jim Knowles
 San Leandro Times

Fieldwork Brewing Company announced plans this week to open its largest open-air beer garden and indoor taproom in downtown San Leandro in the spring 2022.

The San Leandro Fieldwork Taproom and Beer Garden will have upwards of 18 beers on the menu, and will present live music and other A&E programming, the brewing company announced.

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Schools Look to Overcome Digital Divide

School, city officials seek access for internet for all households

By Michael Singer
 San Leandro Times

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit last year, schools across the country scrambled to give less fortunate students the tools they would need to learn and work from home.

Last week, representatives from the two local school districts and the City of San Leandro met to discuss how that went – where they succeeded and where they need

to do more work. One of the challenges is called the digital divide.

The digital divide is the disparity between those who have access to modern technology and those who don't. The inequality could be caused by either the lack of a home internet connection or the absence of a computer to work on. Both school districts – San Leandro and San Lorenzo – are happy to report that

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— School board member
 Leo Sheridan

over the past 18 months, they provided thousands of laptops and portable internet connections for eligible students.

“The silver lining of COVID is that it threw our feet into the fire, made us pivot from what we knew how to do, and then work to get these Chromebooks and hotspots out to students as fast as possible,” said San Leandro school board member Leo Sheridan.
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Alta Mira Club Community Boutique

The Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave. in San Leandro, will have its annual Community Boutique on Friday, Nov. 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturday Nov. 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with White Elephant stage tables, opportunity drawing/gift tables, unique handmade items presented by many vendors and Alta Mira members. All proceeds support the club's purposes.

Hill & Valley Club Scholarship Bazaar

The Hill and Valley Club, 1808 B Street in Hayward, will hold its Annual Scholarship Bazaar on Saturday Nov. 6, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Items include jewelry, gift baskets, beautiful handcrafted items, holiday decorations, table linens, collectibles, homemade jams and jellies, candy and baked goods, plants, toys and games, and more.

This event funds scholarships for graduating seniors from local high schools and assists nursing students with the cost of state tests. Plenty of parking is available. This is an indoor event and masks are required. Come early for best selection.

Community Chat with Fred Simon

City Council Member and Oro Loma Sanitary District Board Member Fred Simon will hold his monthly community chat on Saturday, Nov. 6, at 9 a.m. in the Porky's Pizza parking lot, 1221 Manor Blvd. Simon invites residents to listen and share ideas about improving the community and environment.

Meet New City Staff at Town Hall Meeting on Nov. 6

The City of San Leandro will hold a town hall meeting to introduce new city staff members on Saturday, Nov. 6, at 10 a.m. in the Surlene Grant Community Meeting Room, adjacent to the police station at 999 East 14th St. A question-and-answer session with City Councilwoman Corina Lopez and city staff will follow introductions of new staff members City Manager Fran Robustelli, Assistant City Manager Janelle Cameron, Police Chief Abdul Pridgen, and Library Director Brian Simons. Proof of Covid-19 vaccination and face covering is required. Parking is available in the City Hall south parking lot.

Hearing Loss Association to Meet

The Hearing Loss Association's monthly meeting on Saturday, Nov. 13, will feature a presentation by Shariq Mobin, Ph.D. in auditory neuroscience and machine learning from UC Berkeley. Dr. Mobin who is working on the next generation of hearing aids using machine learning. Greetings at 9:30 a.m., presentation at 10 a.m. RSVP via Zoom at www.hearinglosseb.org to join the meeting.

Machine learning can now enhance sound, helping you better understand people who speak quickly, have unusual accents, or hearing talk in loud restaurants. But how to incorporate this new technology into the next generation of hearing aids remains a huge challenge. Dr. Mobin is founder of AudioFocus, a startup building the next generation of hearing aids. He would like to get you involved in the design of his hearing aid prototype to meet this challenge.

League of Women Voters Workshops

The League of Women Voters of Eden Area (LWVEA) invites you to its next workshops on Zoom to gain insight into how local government operates, how local officials make decisions and serve on local boards or offices, and what it takes to run for local elected office.

At these educational workshops local elected officials will describe their jobs and how their office functions. Learn where funding comes from, the primary function of elected officials, critical factors to consider before filing, how to file for office, and how to run an election campaign.

The next workshop will be on Wednesday, Nov. 17, from 7 to 8 p.m. with panelist Barbara Halliday, mayor of the City of Hayward. Another workshop will be on Wednesday, Dec. 15, from 7 to 8 p.m.

Register for the Nov. 17 workshop at <https://bit.ly/3pFWcHQ>; and register for the Dec. 15 workshop at <https://bit.ly/3bf3yJG>

Mandate: Chamber of Commerce opposed

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his family who were unvaccinated had contracted the disease including his mother.

"I had to watch my mom take her last breath. We had to watch the doctor pull the plug on her," Aguilar said. "My mom beat COVID, she was taken out of isolation, but COVID had done such a job on her body, that it was hard to watch. And that is what I am trying to do, is to prevent folks from suffering like my mom."

Aguilar was joined in support by council members Corina Lopez and Fred Simon. Mayor Pauline Cutter along with council members Deborah Cox and Pete Ballew voted against the proposal. Those voting against, along with council member Bryan Azevedo who abstained, cited current positive trends in San Leandro's vaccinated pop-

ulations and lack of support for a countywide vaccine mandate from the county.

Mandate Would Have Affected 250 Businesses

The mandate would have impacted more than 250 businesses in the city, according to Deputy City Manager, Eric Engelbart. The staff report also noted that the city had no funding or dedicated resources to enforce the rule and that any outreach program would take longer to roll out than the mandate itself.

"Based on a search of available online resources, city staff was thus far able to identify only four other jurisdictions in California that have adopted similar requirements mandating proof of vaccination to enter specified places of public accommodation," Engelbart said.

The list includes San Fran-

cisco, Berkeley, Los Angeles, and Contra Costa County. City staff and those voting against the item commented that three of the four agencies had their own public health officer and so their mandatory proof of vaccination requirements was adopted via a public health order, rather than via a local ordinance.

No Public Speakers Supported a Mandate

Those on the council voting against the item noted that according to Alameda County data, 88 percent of San Leandro residents have been fully vaccinated and 93 percent have received at least one shot, making the city one of the more protected areas in the county.

Out of 20 people calling in to comment, none were in support

of the three-month ordinance.

"We have heard from many of our businesses, and they say this would put an undue burden on them at a time when they are still recovering from the quarantines of last year," said San Leandro Chamber of Commerce president and CEO, Emily Griego. "We have been advising our members to follow the county health department rules and we encourage their guidance. So, we ask the council to hold off on the decision until we hear from Public Health."

In response to staff and community feedback, the council has invited Alameda County Public Health Director Dr. Nicholas Moss to the Nov. 15 council meeting to comment on the matter, according to a city spokesperson.

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San Leandro - According to industry experts, there are over 33 physical problems that will come under scrutiny during a home inspection when your home is for sale. A new report has been prepared which identifies the eleven most common of these problems, and what you should know about them before you list your home for sale. Whether you own an old home or a brand new one, there are a number of things that can fall short of requirements during a home inspection. If not identified and dealt with, any of these 11 items could cost you dearly in terms of repair. That's why it's critical that you read this report before you list your home. If you wait until the building inspector flags these issues for you, you will almost certainly experience costly delays in the close of your home sale or, worse, turn prospective buyers away altogether. In most cases, you can make a reasonable pre-inspection yourself if you know what you're looking for, and knowing what you're looking for can help you prevent little problems from growing into costly and unmanageable ones. To help homesellers deal with this issue before their homes are listed, a free report entitled "11 Things You Need to Know to Pass Your Home Inspection" has been compiled which explains the issues involved. To hear a brief recorded message about how to order your FREE copy of this report call toll-free 1-855-890-1345 and enter 1003. You can call any time, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Get your free special report NOW to learn how to ensure a home inspection doesn't cost you the sale of your home.

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East Bay Living

Dungeness Crab Sport Season Opens

Every year at this time, recreational crab fishers eagerly set out in pursuit of California's Dungeness crab. The annual sport season will open one minute past midnight on Saturday.

Some set hoop nets and crab traps from boats and piers while others fish crab loop traps on the end of a fishing rod. Still others will dive in to take the crabs by hand. Regardless of the method, Dungeness crabs are one of Cali-

fornia's most popular shellfish.

No Dungeness crab may be taken from San Francisco or San Pablo bays, which are important crab nursery areas. (For information regarding recreational Dungeness crab fishing regulations, visit www.dfg.ca.gov/marine/invertebrate/crabs.asp)

If you're lucky enough to lay your hands on some fresh crabs this weekend, here are some choice ways to serve them.



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5 fresh mint leaves, finely chopped, plus extra
Salt
3/4 cup prepared or picked fresh Dungeness crabmeat (from 1 to 2 crabs, about 1-1/2 pounds each)

To make the dressing, whisk together lime juice and ginger in a small bowl. Gradually whisk in oil. Season with salt and pepper.

For the salad, slice or shave carrots, fennel, radish, rutabaga, and turnips, preferably on a mandoline, into very thin rounds over a large bowl; toss. Add vinaigrette, jalapeno, cilantro, and mint, and toss to combine. Season with salt. Gently fold in crab. Garnish with cilantro and mint. Makes 10 servings.

CRAB COCKTAIL

1/4 cup mayonnaise
1/4 teaspoon soy sauce
1/4 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
Few drops sesame oil
1/2 teaspoon wasabi paste
1/4-inch fresh ginger
1 lime, halved
1-1/2 cups white crabmeat
Enough Chinese leaf cabbage to line 2 small plates when shredded
1 scallion
1 teaspoon pink peppercorns

In a bowl, combine the mayonnaise, soy sauce, Worcestershire sauce, sesame oil and wasabi. Peel and mince or grate the ginger into the bowl and add the zest of 1/2 the lime. Squeeze 1/2 teaspoon of lime juice into the bowl and mix everything together.

Toss the crab in the sauce, and then finely shred the Chinese leaf cabbage, arranging a bed of shredded cabbage on two plates. Divide the crab between them, piling it into the center of each one. Finely chop the scallion and scatter over each plate, and then bash some pink peppercorns either in a pestle and mortar or put them in a freezer bag, close it and hit with a rolling pin and sprinkle these, too, over the crab cocktails.

Cut the remaining lime half into wedges and put on the side of the plates for extra spritzing.

NEW ORLEANS CRAB ETOUFFE

1 stick butter
2 cups chopped onions
1 cup chopped celery
1/2 cup chopped green bell peppers
1 pound picked over crab meat
2 teaspoons minced garlic
2 bay leaves
1 tablespoon flour
1 cup water
1 teaspoon salt
Pinch of cayenne
2 tablespoons finely chopped parsley
3 tablespoons chopped green onions

In a large sauté pan over medium-high heat, melt the butter. Add the onions, celery, and bell peppers and saute until the vegetables are wilted, about 10 to 12 minutes. Add the crabmeat, garlic, and bay leaves and reduce the heat to medium.

Heat until the crab is the temperature of the vegetables, stirring occasionally, but don't break up the crab. Dissolve the flour in the water and add to the crab mixture. Season with Kosher salt and cayenne. Stir until the mixture thickens, about 4 minutes. Stir in the parsley and green onions and continue cooking for 2 minutes. Serve over steamed rice. Makes 4 servings.

CHUNKY CRAB CAKES

1 pound lump crab meat, cleaned
1/4 cup fresh white bread crumbs without crusts
2 tablespoons mayonnaise
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
1 egg, beaten
1 teaspoons seafood seasoning powder
Dash Worcestershire sauce
Dash hot pepper sauce
Juice of 1/2 lemon
White pepper, pinch of salt

Gently fold together crab meat and bread crumbs, being careful not to break lump crab meat. Combine mayonnaise, mustard, egg, seafood seasoning, both sauces, lemon juice, and salt and pepper in separate bowl. Mix well.

Gently fold crab meat mixture into sauce mixture until thoroughly mixed. Shape into 4 cakes. Bake in greased jellyroll pan at 400°F until golden brown, 20 to 25 minutes.

If desired, serve with Grainy Mustard Sauce (below).

Grainy Mustard Sauce

1 cup sour cream
1/4 cup white wine
3 tablespoons whole grain mustard
Salt, pepper

Combine sour cream, white wine, mustard, pinch salt and pinch pepper. Mix well.

SAN FRANCISCO ORIGINAL CRAB LOUIS

1 cup mayonnaise
1/4 cup ketchup-style chili sauce
1/4 cup minced scallions
2 tablespoons minced green olives
2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1 teaspoon bottled horseradish
Salt and black pepper
Shredded iceberg lettuce or other salad greens
1-1/2 pounds cooked crabmeat

Garnish:

Capers
Tomato wedges
Hard-cooked eggs
Lemon wedges

To make the dressing, whisk together mayonnaise, chili sauce, scallions, olives, lemon juice, Worcestershire sauce, horseradish and salt and pepper to taste in a small bowl.

Line four plates with shredded lettuce. Divide crabmeat among plates and sprinkle crabmeat with capers. Arrange tomatoes, hard-cooked eggs and lemon wedges around the crabmeat. Serve with dressing. Serves 4.

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DUNGENESS CRAB SALAD FOR 10

For the Dressing:
Juice of 4 fresh limes
1-1/2 teaspoons finely grated peeled fresh ginger
1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
Salt and freshly ground pepper

For the Salad:

1 pound carrots
1 fennel bulb, trimmed, cored
3 ounces radishes, peeled
1/2 rutabaga, peeled
1 bunch baby turnips, peeled if needed
1 jalapeño chile, halved, seeded, and thinly sliced
1/2 cup finely chopped fresh cilantro, plus extra

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF

Tracy Dal Porto
Case Number:
RP21106752

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **Tracy Dal Porto**

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

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on November 17, 2021, 9:45 a.m., Dept. 202, at 2120 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA 94704.

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

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

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

Attorney for petitioner: Patrick C. Kerwin
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SLHS Instructor Among County Teachers of the Year

Awards ceremony tonight in Castro Valley for Alameda County teachers of the year

The Alameda County Office of Education will host the 32nd Annual Teacher of the Year Awards Ceremony on Thursday, November 4, at the Castro Valley Center for the Arts.

Seventeen district-level honorees were selected by 15 districts across the county over the past few months. The honorees are recognized for their individual dedication and excellence in the classroom.

In the San Leandro school district, San Leandro High School teacher Erica Viray Santos has been named Alameda County Teacher of the Year, recognizing her exemplary accomplishments as a social studies teacher in the Social Justice Academy (SJA), which she has coordinated since the program's inception.

She has been an integral member of the San Leandro High School social studies department since 2008 and has been a highly influential teacher and leader, said the San Leandro Unified School District.

Under Viray's guidance, her students have been effective advocates for numerous local social justice campaigns, including the Justice for Steven Taylor campaign to demand police accountability and reallocation of funding for mental health crisis response teams.

The students in the Social Justice Academy have also worked on the Myrna and Mariah Resolution for peer advocacy and education

related to domestic and dating violence, sexual assault, and toxic gender roles. They worked on the Yes on Measure N and Measure I campaigns to raise essential school funding, and the From Sundown to Safe Town campaign to establish San Leandro Unified school district as a haven and San Leandro as a sanctuary city for undocumented immigrants.

"I am deeply humbled to have been included in consideration for this award, but it is truly my students and SJA colleagues who actually deserve this recognition," said



Erica Viray Santos, who heads the San Leandro High Social Justice Academy, was selected Teacher of the Year.

Viray Santos. "Their collective brilliance and relentless energy have challenged the oppressive systems that continue to marginalize BIPOC communities in ways that have made real, tangible, and lasting differences for folks here in San Leandro who have been historically silenced. In serving these young adults, I am likely the one who learns the most every day."

The Social Justice Academy hosts many events throughout the school year, including the very popular One Love, One Mic, showcasing

academy student performances of original spoken word and musical performances. Other events include: Solidarity Fest during Season of Service, Period of Peace, Womxn's Hxstory Month, International Womxn's Day Celebration, Black Hxstory Month Celebration, Indigenous People's Celebration, Transgender Day of Remembrance, and Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

"Ms. Viray Santos is far and away one of the most passionate, dedicated, and skillful educators I have had the honor

of working with," said San Leandro Unified Superintendent Mike McLaughlin in a statement from the school district. "I am continually amazed at the energy and insight her students bring to elevating relevant, real-world issues while envisioning the change they want to see through their actions. Teachers like Erica demonstrate the authentic power education offers to future generations faced with complex challenges."

Visit www.acoe.org for more information or tickets to tonight's awards ceremony.

DATE: Tuesday, November 16, 2021
TIME: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
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Divide: Laptops distributed

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“Teachers brought in their new ways to teach. We all learned a whole new modality to education and a new set of skills.”

During the meeting, each district took turns detailing its efforts to mitigate the pandemic’s effect on learning. Since March 2020, San Leandro Unified sent more than 8,000 Chromebooks home and more than 1,500 hotspots, or portable devices the size of a pack of playing cards that can connect a device to the internet. San Lorenzo reported it sent home 7,000 similar laptops with more than 1,000 wireless hotspots in use.

Tony Batalla, the Chief Technology Officer and head of IT for the City of San Leandro, identified three categories in his presentation that determined a divide where the technology may be lacking in the household: those without broadband, those without computers, and households with an annual income less than \$75,000 per year.

It’s not that San Leandro residents don’t have options. For broadband accessibility, Batalla says San Leandro has a 100 percent availability of fixed residential providers

“We need to do a better job of outreach... and to co-promote these programs.”

— Tony Batalla, Technology Officer, City of San Leandro

including AT&T and Xfinity. However, according to recent US Census data, 22 percent of residential households in the area do not have a broadband internet subscription. Those families and their students are

forced to use public venues like the library or a coffee shop to access the internet.

Mapped out, the East 14th corridor in south San Leandro was identified by the schools as having a swath of homes without broadband or a computer. The unincorporated area of Ashland was also identified as an area with fewer households with broadband connections.

To overcome these boundaries, Batalla and other presenters recommend implementing new digital inclusion strategies, which also align with San Leandro’s Smart City Strategy.

“We need to do a better job with outreach and the ability for some of these agencies to co-promote these programs,” Batalla said.

Suggestions for overcoming this divide includes computer training in non-English languages, partnering with non-profit companies for computer training, purchasing

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PHOTOS BY JIM KNOWLES

City Councilwoman Deborah Cox and Mayor Pauline Cutter tour the new preschool with La Plazita Preschool founder Krystell Guzman.



Krystell Guzman poses for a picture with her daughter Vaylee Gutierrez.

Preschool: Young students learn language quickly

continued from front page the ribbon cutting.

CEO of La Plazita Schools Krystell Guzman said her middle daughter was the inspiration for starting a preschool. She started her first preschool in her home and now runs two preschools in Oakland, and now this one in San Leandro.

Guzman said that when she was a kid, speaking Spanish was discouraged. It’s been her dream to teach kids both Spanish and English and to “speak it and scream it from the mountaintops.”

Kids come to her program without knowing Spanish, but they quickly learn, Guzman said.

“Children come not knowing any Spanish and by age 5 they’re ready to go,” Guzman said. “And it helps them so much the rest of their lives.”

All the people who work at the school are native Spanish speakers.

“It’s not just a school, it’s a mission,” Guzman said.

Funds for the preschool came from the City of San Leandro and BRIDGE Housing. The project was designed by two local design firms, MESH Design Build Studio and Dune Hai Landscape Design, and constructed by JH Fitzmaurice Contractors of Oakland.

“Quality child care is a fundamental part of thriving communities,” said Smitha Seshadri, Executive Vice President of BRIDGE Housing.

For more information about La Plazita, visit www.laplazitapreschool.com.

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- ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** A work-related situation that started last month takes on increasing importance this week. The choice is still yours as to how it will evolve. Be careful not to make quick judgments.
- TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** “Careful” is the watchword for the prudent Bovine this week. Don’t let your emotions overwhelm your logic. Try for balance as you maneuver through a touchy situation.
- GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** Your energy levels rise to meet the challenges that will mark much of this month. New opportunities beckon. Look them over, but proceed cautiously before making any kind of decision.
- CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** Your private life can be a problem this week, as a partner becomes more difficult. Resist a reaction you might regret. Instead of walking away, try to talk things out.
- LEO (July 23 - August 22):** You should be your usual sunny self these days, as you bask in the admiration you adore. Enjoy it as you move into a new arena to confront an exciting upcoming challenge.
- VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22):** Your perseverance reserves will be tapped frequently this week as you deal with the problems involved in making a new situation work for you. But it’ll all be worth it.
- LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22):** You’ll find fewer roadblocks turning up as you continue to move ahead with your plans. Expect some important news to come your way by mid-November.
- SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21):** Good news – you finally get to the bottom of that pesky mystery you’ve been trying to solve for weeks by using some gentle persuasion to get someone to break his or her silence.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** The best time to take on that important task is now. Move forward one step at a time so you can assess your progress and, if need be, change direction.
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** The new opportunities you hoped to find this month are beginning to open up. Study them carefully to be sure you make the choice that’s best for you.
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** Turn a disappointment into a learning experience. Check out possible weaknesses in your approach and strengthen them. A loyal colleague offers good advice.
- PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** Your new situation offers opportunities to help you get the skills you’ll need in order to stop swimming in circles and finally move straight toward your goals. Go for it.



Too much time alone can be bad for your health.

Public Health Threat People Don't Discuss

(NAPS)—There is a public health threat looming across the United States that's not visible to most but affects nearly half of all Americans daily: loneliness. Social isolation is as bad for your health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day and is twice as harmful as obesity. Worst of all, loneliness is a contributing factor in senior suicides, which are rising in the U.S. While it is not something people like to think about, now more than ever, Americans must remove the stigma around mental health and spread awareness to better combat loneliness.

Many of the 12 million Americans over age 65 who live alone are entering the time of year where that lack of companionship and isolation is most palpable: winter. Whether physical or travel challenges keep seniors from attending family gatherings or the harsh weather deters them from venturing out for a social event, seniors can suffer from prolonged loneliness that can quickly manifest into more serious issues.

Loneliness does not have to be synonymous with getting older or with aging in place. Here are tips on how to help keep loneliness—and its negative health effects—at bay:

- **Intervene early:** Spotting loneliness in yourself or someone you love can be difficult. The most common physical and behavioral signs of loneliness include persistent sadness, impaired cognitive performance, lower self-esteem, or lack of motivation and energy. Early intervention can positively affect one's quality of life, so it's important to address these symptoms as soon as possible before they become overwhelming.

- **Leverage technology:** Technology can play a key role in reducing loneliness, ensuring seniors are always connected to loved ones and care teams who can monitor and interact with them. For example, Philips Cares is a mobile application that helps connect seniors who are subscribers to Philips Lifeline service with their family and friends, helping to enable these caregivers to be there for their aging loved ones, easing and enriching their aging journey.

- **Make a connection:** Connecting with people, purpose and passions will help eliminate feelings of isolation. Consider organizing a reoccurring social gathering, such as a book club or a group fitness class. Explore local activities organized by a senior community center or find a National Council of Aging program through www.ncoa.org/ncoa-map.

For further facts about the latest technology to help seniors stay connected with their care circle, please visit: <https://philips.to/2MGDqLm> or call (855) 223-7395.

Senior Q&A: How to Preserve Public Benefits for an Adult Child in Divorce

Q: Our daughter is going through a divorce. She has a 19 year old son (our Grandson) who has a disability and gets both SSI and Medi-Cal. She plans to seek child support from the father. We worry that the child support will reduce our Grandson's SSI and possibly eliminate his Medi-Cal. Is there a way around this?

By Gene L. Osofsky, Esq.
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

A: Yes, indeed, and my compliments for asking the question! Very few attorneys or judges are familiar with the work-around for this concern, which involves the use of a Special Needs Trusts ("SNT"). As a result, the sad fact is that many persons on SSI and/or Medi-Cal, including adult children, lose their benefits when they (or their parents) divorce. A bit of background:

To qualify for Supplemental Security Income ("SSI"), your Grandson with a disability must meet two financial conditions: He must (a) have less than \$2,000 in non-exempt resources (e.g., savings), and (b) his monthly income must be less than the SSI benefit rate, currently \$954.72 per month if living independently or \$693.58 if living in his mother's home (in 2021). An award of SSI also entitles the beneficiary to Medi-Cal without a co-pay ("share of cost").

But it gets more complicated in the divorce process. If he is "incapacitated from earning a living and without sufficient means", then his parents' duty to support him continues into adulthood under California law! However, any court-ordered Child Support ("CS") that he receives would—unless special arrangements are made as described below — be treated as "unearned income" to him and offset his SSI dollar for dollar, likely eliminating it entirely, along with his right to Medi-Cal without a share of cost.

The question, then, is whether there is a way to preserve ALL benefits, i.e., his right to SSI, his right to No Share of Cost Medi-Cal, AND his right to Child Support?

Answer: YES! Enter the Special Needs Trust ("SNT"). With professional guidance, your daughter could create a SNT for her adult son and, through her attorney, ask

the court to "irrevocably assign" the payment of CS to the SNT. If structured properly, under SSI rules there would then be no offset to his SSI and no change in his Medi-Cal! Your Grandson would then receive all three benefits: (1) Child Support, (2) SSI without offset, and (3) Medi-Cal without a Share of Cost.

The SNT would be managed by a Trustee, which could be your daughter, who would then handle the funds in a manner compliant with the SSI and Medi-Cal rules. This typically would mean that, as Trustee, she would not disburse funds directly to your Grandson, himself, but instead would use them to pay third party providers directly for

goods and services provided to him, such as a tutor, computer, clothing, etc.

To make this option work, it is essential that your daughter engage an Elder Law or Special Needs attorney familiar with the use of the SNT in the divorce context. The SNT attorney would then work with her divorce attorney to create the proper SNT, and might even help educate the judge and opposing counsel to the benefits of this technique. In this regard, our firm has developed a special interest in these cases, and the results have been very rewarding and usually recognized as a "win-win" by all parties before the court.

Gene L. Osofsky is an elder law and estate planning attorney in the East Bay. Visit his website at www.LawyerForSeniors.com



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GUEST COMMENTARY

Moving Causes Stress

Although I have helped countless families relocate, it took a personal move to fully appreciate the stress involved. Turns out, even if fully prepared, moving is a very stress-producing event. According to Wikipedia, "Psychiatrists Thomas Holmes and Richard Rahe examined the medical records of over 5,000 medical patients as a way to determine whether stressful events might cause illnesses. Patients were asked to tally a list of 43 life events based on a relative score. A positive correlation of 0.118 was found between their life events and their illnesses. Their results were published as the Social Readjustment Rating Scale (SRRS), known more commonly as the Holmes and Rahe Stress Scale."*

On a scale of 1-100, with death

of a spouse leading at 100, a divorce comes in at 73 and imprisonment at 63. While a change in residence only comes to 20, there are numerous other factors that must be included, such as a new mortgage - 32. Retirement - 45. Business readjustment - 39. Change to a different line of work - 36. A change in living conditions - 25. Change in schools - 20. Start adding applicable factors together and the stress levels can quickly become overwhelming. Since the process of selling your existing home and purchasing a replacement will be filled with ample angst in and of itself, do as much as possible to reduce stress in other areas. There will be varying levels of stress based on the external issues surrounding a move, so alleviate as much stress as possible with effective prepara-

tion. Hire a moving company (or book moving vehicles if doing a self-move) well in advance. Most moving companies provide helpful checklists to ensure critical items or tasks do not get overlooked. Get rid of as many "unused" belongings as possible: if you have not used something for years, the cost of moving it may greatly exceed its value. It is usually senseless to pay to move something you will most likely not use in the near future. Additionally, it may cost less to purchase replacement furniture for your new home than cart outdated furniture with you that may not fit in your new digs. Plan effectively, reduce the amount of your belongings, follow moving checklists and use trusted professionals to make the entire process as easy as possible. Not only will your stress levels be lower, you will likely reduce the chances of actually getting ill as well.

*https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Holmes_and_Rahe_stress_scale

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Forcing Bulbs in Containers



By Buzz Bertolero
The Dirt Gardener

Q How would I go about forcing bulbs in containers. What type of bulbs and soil do I use? Should a novice gardener attempt this?

A Forcing bulbs in containers is a gardening project for people and kids of all ages and skills. It's simple to do with a high degree of success. For the home gardener, Paperwhite Narcissus and Hyacinth are the best bulbs for

forcing, while tulips and other bulbs are best left for a commercial grower. Water, not soil, is the primary growing medium, while a commercial grower will use sand. You'll need a shallow, three to four-inch deep container without a drainage hole. Plant saucers work really well. It could be clay, ceramic or you could use a plastic insert. Polish rocks, decorative pebbles, or just plain old gravel fill three-quarters of the space. The bulbs are then placed on the rock layer, close to one another. You may have to add some additional rock to stabilize the grouping. Although the bulbs are loose, roots form quickly and anchor the bulbs in the container. Water is then added but don't submerge the bulbs; otherwise, they'll rot. The water level should be just below the base of the bulb to avoid problems. You check the water level daily to keep it at the proper level. Until you see roots, the containers don't require any light and should be kept in a cool place such as a garage or a covered area outside. They're then moved to a bright location such as a sunny or bright window. You should see shoots developing in four to six weeks and flowers after that. To extend

the blooming season, stagger your planting schedule by planting some every three weeks. And finally, after they finish blooming, discard the bulbs as they are spent and have no value next year.

A I recently renovated an established Bearded Iris bed which had become terribly overgrown with weeds etc., and I've dug up all the plants. I plan to replant them back in the same spot, but many of the rhizomes were full of small, evenly spaced holes. It was like someone with an ice pick was very patient. I threw away the 'Holy' rhizomes. What should I be treating the soil with to prevent this from reoccurring?

Q You needed to be concerned as no treatment is necessary, so sleep easy. The holes on the rhizomes are where the roots were attached. As you dug the Bearded Iris clumps up, a certain amount of roots separated from the plants. The uniformity of the holes and their locations on the rhizomes are a dead giveaway. Insects attack roots in a random pattern. You can double-check this by pulling some of the roots off and examining the pattern. When replant, be sure that most rhizomes are above the ground as they don't like to be buried.

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18545 Redwood Road 94546: \$750,000 [2 BD - 750 SF - 1953
3651 Pinon Canyon Court #44353 94552: \$800,000 [2 BD - 1,258 SF - 1996
2374 Vegas Avenue 94546: \$838,000 [2 BD - 1,031 SF - 1948
22678 Canyon Terrace Drive 94552: \$925,000 [4 BD - 1,463 SF - 1997
19992 Santa Maria Avenue 94546: \$930,000 [2 BD - 1,250 SF - 1946
2232 Camino Dolores 94546: \$950,000 [4 BD - 1,749 SF - 1963
4340 Gem Avenue 94546: \$988,000 [2 BD - 1,012 SF - 1949
18417 Milmar Boulevard 94546: \$997,500 [3 BD - 1,066 SF - 1950
20003 Shadow Creek Circle 94552: \$1,335,000 [4 BD - 1,970 SF - 1999
19540 Summer Place 94546: \$1,430,000 [3 BD - 2,041 SF - 1999
19952 Mollie Court 94552: \$1,650,000 [4 BD - 3,022 SF -]
5589 Trailside Court 94552: \$1,810,000 [4 BD - 2,150 SF - 1975
17515 Cardinal Court 94546: \$1,860,000 [4 BD - 3,081 SF - 2006

219 Burbank Street 94541: \$940,000 [4 BD - 1,716 SF - 2016
537 Bishop Avenue 94544: \$960,000 [3 BD - 1,210 SF - 1955
1164 Huron Lane 94545: \$1,000,000 [3 BD - 1,294 SF - 1957
22580 Northview Drive 94541: \$1,005,000 [4 BD - 1,812 SF - 1963
30375 Vanderbilt Street 94544: \$1,010,000 [4 BD - 2,097 SF - 1962
1620 East Avenue 94541: \$1,125,000 [4 BD - 1,900 SF - 1951
24091 Malibu Road 94545: \$1,160,000 [3 BD - 2,264 SF - 1978
1395 Highland Boulevard 94542: \$1,230,000 [4 BD - 1,773 SF - 2018
24927 2nd Street 94541: \$1,300,000 [4 BD - 2,611 SF - 1958
27084 Fielding Drive 94542: \$1,325,500 [3 BD - 2,247 SF - 1984
4192 Picea Court 94542: \$1,500,000 [4 BD - 1,750 SF - 1952
23739 Carlson Court 94541: \$1,590,000 [4 BD - 3,217 SF - 1992
28809 Bay Heights Road 94542: \$1,705,000 [3,705 SF - 2003
173 Sonas Drive 94542: \$1,835,000 [3 BD - 2,865 SF - 2018
183 Arundel Place 94542: \$2,311,000 [5,050 SF - 2012

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Total: 39 - Average Price: \$367,500
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1315 A Street #108 94541: \$530,000 [2 BD - 1,056 SF - 1984
19573 Meekland Avenue 94541: \$535,000 [2 BD - 1,177 SF - 2005
25938 Kay Avenue #117 94545: \$550,000 [2 BD - 1,148 SF - 1989
713 Canonbury Way #399 94544: \$560,000 [2 BD - 878 SF - 1988
22139 Castille Lane #71 94541: \$597,000 [2 BD - 1,163 SF - 1983
26953 Hayward Boulevard #206 94542: \$600,000 [2 BD - 1,316 SF - 1983
834 Barker Avenue 94541: \$690,000 [3 BD - 1,200 SF - 1955
925 Paradise Boulevard 94541: \$702,000 [2 BD - 854 SF - 1942
1183 Tiegen Drive 94542: \$718,000 [2 BD - 846 SF - 1948
1233 D Street 94541: \$740,000 [2 BD - 992 SF - 1907
21483 Burr Way 94541: \$750,000 [3 BD - 1,040 SF - 1950
2436 Cryer Street 94545: \$760,000 [3 BD - 1,387 SF - 1957
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28033 Sandlewood Drive 94545: \$775,000 [4 BD - 2,072 SF - 1975
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775 Beryl Place 94544: \$820,000 [3 BD - 1,320 SF - 1953
24445 Alves Street 94544: \$835,000 [3 BD - 1,152 SF - 1950
26186 Hickory Avenue 94544: \$885,000 [3 BD - 1,864 SF - 1952
3368 Creek View Court 94541: \$900,000 [3 BD - 1,705 SF - 1990
25363 Parklane Drive 94544: \$926,000 [4 BD - 1,909 SF - 2020

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Total: 17 - Average Price: \$909,294
High: \$1,680,000 - Low: \$330,000

2077 Washington Avenue #211 94577: \$330,000 [1 BD - 618 SF - 1984
14445 Doolittle Drive 94577: \$460,000 [2 BD - 865 SF - 1979
1931 Placer Drive 94578: \$525,000 [2 BD - 934 SF - 1947
1480 Pierce Avenue 94577: \$669,000 [2 BD - 848 SF - 1942
599 Euclid Court 94577: \$715,000 [1 BD - 794 SF - 1926
506 Tiffany Road 94577: \$770,000 [3 BD - 1,116 SF - 1950
101 Begier Avenue 94577: \$825,000 [2 BD - 1,499 SF - 1912
2017 Arctic Street 94577: \$840,000 [4 BD - 1,556 SF - 1950
1916 Cleveland Street 94577: \$846,000 [3 BD - 1,440 SF - 1944
256 Bowling Green Street 94577: \$850,000 [2 BD - 1,260 SF - 1941
3455 Monogram Road 94577: \$928,000 [3 BD - 1,577 SF - 2000
136 Peralta Avenue 94577: \$1,040,000 [3 BD - 1,896 SF - 1946
580 Dowling Boulevard 94577: \$1,100,000 [3,434 SF - 1919
742 Rodney Drive 94577: \$1,200,000 [3 BD - 1,733 SF - 1936
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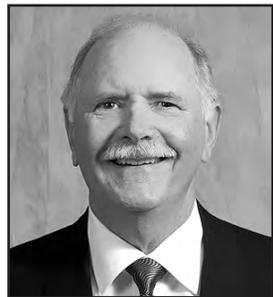
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Kiddie Kollege Preschool Program

The City of San Leandro will launch Kiddie Kollege, a play-based preschool program hosted in classrooms at Halcyon Park and Washington Manor Park. COVID-19 Safety Guidelines and Procedures will be administered during the program to maintain proper safety protocols. Kiddie Kollege offers developmentally appropriate classes that provide preschool-aged children with a variety of play and learning activities designed to foster creativity, boost self-confidence, and ensure school readiness. Classes start this week. Space is limited and registration will be made on first-come, first-served basis. Visit SanLeandroRec.org to register. San Leandro residents may be eligible for the RecLINK scholarship. For more information, call Liz Hodgins at 510-577-3473.

Kids' Afternoon Program at First Presbyterian

A free afternoon program for children in kindergarten through high school is held every Wednesday from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the parking lot of First Presbyterian Church, 180 Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro. WOW (Wonders on Wednesday) is for K-8 students and Peak is for students in grades 9 through 12. Snacks, games, crafts and Bible study. All activities are outdoors and masks are required except when eating or drinking. You will need to fill out a registration card and an informed consent agreement as the program complies with all Alameda County health guidelines. For more information, call the church office at 510-483-2772.

Mistletoe Madness Arts & Crafts

Mistletoe Madness, a premier craft event featuring local artists and makers, is coming back for the holidays on Saturday, Nov. 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd. in San Leandro. Get a good start on your holiday shopping with unique gifts. Take a sneak peek of what's offered on the website (www.mistletoemadness.net).



Roll with Inner Wheel

The Inner Wheel Club of San Leandro recently held its general meeting and many new fundraising projects were introduced. New members Amy Neuman and Veronica Dilling were installed by Inner Wheel USA Vice President Gloria Vasconcellos. Send an email to iwclubofsanleandro@gmail.com for more information about the club.



FLOOD ZONE

IS YOUR HOME IN THE FLOOD ZONE?



The City of San Leandro continues to participate in the FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) Flood Insurance Rating System and achieved a Class 8 designation that enables residents in FEMA-designated flood zones or Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) to receive discounts of up to 10 percent on flood insurance.

Properties in the flood zone that have federally backed loans are required to have flood insurance. If you are unsure whether your home is in the flood zone, we will gladly provide you with flood zone information. Please send your name, email address, phone number and the site address you are inquiring about by:

- Email to: mjeffery@sanleandro.org -or-
- Phone: City's Flood Zone Information Hotline at 510-577-3413

Flood zone maps can be viewed at <https://msc.fema.gov/portal> or at the City's Division of Building & Safety Services located on the 1st Floor, City Hall at 835 E. 14th Street.

Ways to Reduce Flood Risks

There are approximately 3,000 homes that are in San Leandro's flood zone, the following are steps all residents can take to reduce flood risks.

- Residents are encouraged to assist in maintaining the flood control channels in their areas by removing or reporting obstructions (such as shopping carts, leaves, debris, trash, etc.). To report obstructions or illegal dumping, or for questions regarding flood control channels, please contact Alameda County Public Works Agency's Maintenance and Operations Department at (510) 670-5500.
- Keeping storm drains free of obstructions reduces flooding in the event of heavy rains. To report obstructions or illegal dumping, or for questions regarding the City's drainage system maintenance, please contact Public Works – Water Pollution Control Plant at (510) 577-3434.
- Do not drive or walk around road barriers where roads or pathways may be flooded or washed out.
- Stay away from downed power lines and electrical wires.
- In the event of home flooding, turn off electricity.
- Do not use appliances or motors that get wet unless they are taken apart, cleaned and dried.
- Elevate or relocate electrical panels, furnaces, water heaters, washers and dryers.

Building in the Flood Zone

Though all development within the city requires a permit, there are very specific requirements when building in the flood zone. Always check and fulfill permitting requirements with the Division of Building & Safety Services at (510) 577-3405 and/or the Engineering Division at (510) 577-3428 before you build on, alter, fill, or re-grade on any portion of your property and/or within any easement or right-of-way. To report any suspected permitting violations, please contact Division of Building & Safety at (510) 577-3405.



Refurbished Chabot Space & Science Center to Reopen

New exhibits join with NASA Ames to bring items from Mercury and Gemini programs to public view for the first time

Chabot Space & Science Center will reopen Nov. 12 with a new NASA Ames Visitor Center.

The center, at 10000 Skyline Blvd. in Oakland, was closed for 18 months to complete construction on its largest refurbishment since 2000.

As part of a landmark partnership with NASA's Ames Research Center, a new exhibition will debut at Chabot titled The NASA Experience. Visitors will come face-to-face with inspiring artifacts and hands-on learning opportunities that have never before been on display.

"We are thrilled to share with you all the new experiences Chabot has to offer," said Executive Director Adam Tobin. "Chabot is kicking off an exciting next chapter to re-envision science education in partnership with NASA's Ames Research Center in Silicon Valley, making visible the extraordinary people and legacy of discovery at NASA. We look forward to welcoming back our community with new opportunities to experience wonder, joy and learning together."

The NASA Experience will feature some of the most fascinating items in space research and exploration, including spacesuits from the Mercury and Gemini missions, experimental heat shield technology, and a fan blade from the world's largest wind tunnel.

Many of these items have never been on display to the public. This exhibition will bring to life the thrilling, challenging, and inspiring process of scientific discovery

by showcasing the real stories and people at NASA's Ames Research Center.

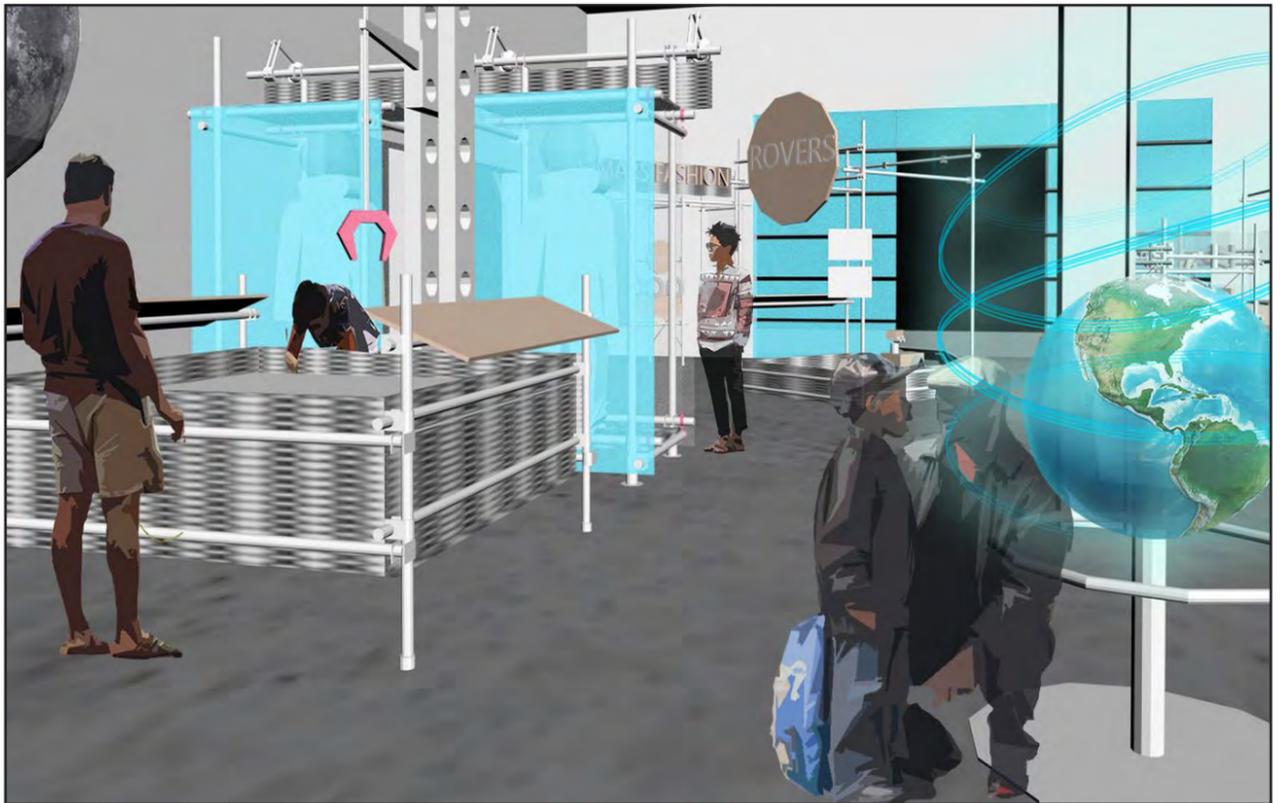
Visitors step into the role of a NASA scientist by embarking on hands-on activities and connecting with real NASA scientists in interactive stations. Here, visitors will be able to design and build rovers, planes, and space robots for exploration, then test them in extraordinary environments inspired by labs at NASA's Ames Research Center.

Chabot Space & Science Center will mark reopening weekend with three days of festivities with extended hours to accommodate demand. Tickets will be limited, and visitors are encouraged to buy their timed tickets in advance.

Reopening weekend will feature researchers and scientists from NASA's Ames Research Center, including astronaut Dr. Yvonne Cagle. Additionally, the weekend will include performances and workshops with community partners, a space-themed collaborative build zone, robotics demonstrations by teen Galaxy Explorers and more.

Beginning November 20, Chabot's regular hours will be Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with extended holiday hours. Timed tickets through Dec. 30 and current COVID-19 policies are now available at chabotspace.org. Advanced tickets are highly encouraged for all visitors and members.

Visitors will enjoy a refreshed and welcoming museum experience with trans-



IMAGES COURTESY CHABOT SPACE & SCIENCE CENTER

An artist's rendering shows the new exhibits at the Chabot Space & Science Center on Skyline Boulevard in Oakland.

formative renovations to the Center such as significant updates to the museum layout, courtyard, exhibitions and esthetics. Spectacular new murals from local artists Cece Carpio and Lindsey Millikan will also debut in Chabot's Spees Building.

Chabot's transformation is generously funded in part by The Gordon & Betty Moore Foundation.

Chabot Space & Science Center is a non-profit institution, community resource, and hub for interactive STEAM engagement in Oakland. Chabot was founded in 1883. Its mission is to inspire and educate learners of all ages about the universe and planet Earth.

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ACROSS

- Landed
- Gearwheel tooth
- Slightly
- Sultry Home
- "- you serious?"
- Barn roof spinner
- Strict disciplinarian
- Noble Italian family
- Swift
- Sculptured trunks
- Old Olds
- Doctor Zhivago
- Wye follower
- Moreover
- On edge
- Sciences' partner
- Observe
- Campus VIP
- "Hogwash!"
- Finale
- Water tester
- Love god
- Inherited
- Painter's motion
- Reduces
- Nashville's st.
- Instrument in a Dixieland band
- Couturier Cassini
- Stannum
- Pinta's companion
- Favorites
- Norm (Abbr.)
- Vortex

DOWN

- Charitable gift
- Bound
- Concerning
- Spud
- Big gorges
- Mine yield
- Oil tycoon J. Paul --
- Declared
- Baby's bed
- Division word
- Casual tops
- Notion
- Ump's call
- Hit with a ray gun
- Triage ctrs.
- System for linking computers
- Ruby of films
- Paulo, Brazil
- Away from WSW
- Island wraps
- Queen's domain
- Stir-fry pan
- Entryway
- Factions
- Packing string
- Halt
- Far (Pret.)
- Author Bagnold
- Tear
- Remain
- Torched

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I-880 Planting: Final Leg of HOV Lane Project

The recent planting of trees around the Davis Street and Marina Boulevard overcrossings on Interstate 880 are the final leg in the project to widen the freeway.

The project added a High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane and improvements from Hegenberger Road to Marina Boulevard. The work was a joint venture between the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

The freeway widening work to accommodate a southbound HOV lane is intended to

encourage carpooling.

The Davis Street and Marina Boulevard overcrossings were reconstructed to provide more vertical clearance, and a new sound-wall was constructed to reduce noise in neighborhoods.

When the South Segment project opened to the public, the work to replace highway planting remained to be completed. In August 2020, work began on the I-880 Replacement Planting at Davis Street and Marina Boulevard project on all four sides of each interchange and on I-880 within those interchanges.

Construction for this project includes installation of irrigation systems, landscaping, bridge railings, end corbels, and decorative slope paving.

Mayor Cutter Takes Pride in Project

San Leandro Mayor Pauline Cutter, who is the chair



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Beautification and greening bring about community pride with completion of the final leg of the I-880 Southbound High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lane – South Segment Project.

of Alameda CTC, said San Leandro takes pride in this beautification project.

“As Mayor of San Leandro and Chair of Alameda CTC, I am happy about our involvement in this project. I have a long-term commitment to sustainability, and the work on this project moves the sustainability needle forward with noise reduction, erosion mitigation and air quality improvement.”

Cutter said she’s also pleased with the creative aspect of this project – the artwork on the concrete em-

bankments along the highway and the bridge railings and end corbels emblazed with the city’s cherry blossom logo.

The total construction

phase budget for this \$3.2 million project, including support and capital costs, was funded from a combination of City of San Leandro and

Alameda CTC-administered funds. Full completion of this project will take place after a three-year plant establishment period in 2024.

City of San Leandro to Host Second Virtual Meeting on Housing

The City of San Leandro will host the second virtual workshop to learn about the next San Leandro Housing Element – a collection of goals, policies, and programs to meet the housing needs for all in San Leandro over the next eight years.

The workshop will be on Saturday, Nov. 6, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Register at www.SLHousingElement.com.

The Housing Element is a required part of the City’s General Plan intended to provide a comprehensive strategy for promoting the production of available, affordable, and adequate housing within the community.

It serves as a strategy to address housing needs across

the economic and social spectrum.

Per state law, every eight years, local governments must update their housing element and have it certified by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). The City’s current Housing Element was adopted in 2015 and covers the period from 2015 to 2023.

San Leandro, like all Bay Area jurisdictions, is required to update its Housing Element by Jan. 31, 2023 for the period covering 2023-2031.

Having an approved housing element makes San Leandro eligible for a variety of state or other public financing, including funds

for affordable housing, parks, and infrastructure.

The Housing Element update includes many opportunities for the public to get involved. The City wishes to hear from people who live and work in San Leandro to help identify the City’s housing needs and priorities.

To ensure inclusive housing policies that represent the values and ideas of the city’s diverse population, the City wants to hear from as many people as possible.

To learn more about the process, and to sign up for project updates, visit www.SLHousingElement.com. For more information, email Principal Planner Avalon Schultz at aschultz@sanleandro.org.

SL Players Present *The Game’s Afoot*

The San Leandro Players will present *The Game’s Afoot: or Holmes for the Holidays* on Saturdays and Sundays at 8 p.m. through Nov. 21 at the San Leandro Museum/Auditorium, 320 West Estudillo Ave, San Leandro.

Proof of vaccination and

masks required.

A Broadway star admired for his leading role as Sherlock Holmes, has invited his fellow cast members to his Connecticut home for a weekend of revelry. But when one of the guests is stabbed to death, he must assume the persona of Holmes,

to track down the killer before the next victim succumbs.

Tickets are \$20 general, \$15 seniors and under 12 (other discounts may apply). For information or reservations, call (510) 895-2573 or on the SL Players website (www.slplayers.org).

Divide: Improving digital access

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a mobile computer lab for community centers or libraries, establishing a partnership with the two school districts to prepare outreach materials, and perhaps developing a so-called hack-a-thon with a goal of building applications to improve residential internet subscription rates.

Additionally, the groups discussed support for estab-

lishing a borrowing program for internet devices (laptop, Wi-Fi connections), treating it like a library book, to be returned after a short period.

To help pay for some of these programs, San Leandro Schools have applied for a Digital Inclusion Grant from the California Emerging Technology Fund and the California Public

Utilities Commission, as well as coordination through the San Leandro Public Library.

Under these grants, the main library would be eligible for \$27,000 and the Manor Library could get \$23,000 to assist in their training classes. The group said it is projected to start first cohorts in early 2022. The funding is expected to last two years.

Hill & Valley Club’s Annual Scholarship Bazaar

The Hill and Valley Club, 1808 B Street in Hayward, will hold its Annual Scholarship Bazaar on Saturday Nov. 6, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Items include jewelry, gift baskets, beautiful handcrafted items,

holiday decorations, table linens, collectibles, homemade jams and jellies, candy and baked goods, plants, toys and games, and more.

This event funds scholarships for graduating seniors

from local high schools and assists nursing students with the cost of state tests. Plenty of parking is available. This is an indoor event and masks are required. Come early for best selection.

Spring: Brewer to open at East 14th Street and Juana Avenue

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The Berkeley brewing company will move into the building at East 14th Street and Juana Avenue that's currently being remodeled after standing vacant for 14 years. It was previously the Bay Bank of Commerce, and before that a Firestone Auto Service Center in the 1960s.

The San Leandro beer garden will be the eighth Fieldwork Brewing location. It will feature exposed steel framing, large roll-up garage

“These will be good co-tenants. If you have a chicken sandwich, you'll want a beer.”

— Matt Holmes, Retail West Development

doors, with both indoor and open-ceiling areas, the company said. The 7,800 square foot building at 1495 East 14th St. will accommodate 265 people in the garden and another 65 in the taproom.

A hot chicken sandwich franchise will join the brewing company to provide patrons with a bite to go along with a beer.

“They're both very strong tenants, very focused in what they offer, and we're trying for a very focused, urban mindset with curb appeal,” said Matt Holmes with Retail West, the developer of the property. “These will be good co-tenants. If you have a chicken

sandwich, you'll want a beer.”

The infrastructure work has been underway for several months – upgrading sewer pipes, water pipes and electricity. Nothing was done in the past 14 years and the building had to be brought up to code, Holmes said.

“We're looking forward to a really vibrant corner here – a one-of-a-kind environment in town,” Holmes said.

The centerpiece of the beer garden will be a 75-year-old olive tree, surrounded by comfortable seating, lounge areas, fire pits, loveseats and coffee tables, according to Fieldwork. Picnic table seating, planters and bicycle parking will be available, as well as a kids' area.

“We are thrilled to expand our East Bay presence with the largest Fieldwork beer garden and taproom yet in San Leandro,” said Barry Braden, CEO and Co-Founder of Fieldwork Brewing Company. “As with all Fieldwork's locations, the San Leandro beer garden and taproom will provide the best hospitality, a casual environment, and exceptional beers – as fresh as possible and directly from the source.”

Fieldwork has brewed well over 500 unique beers since opening its West Berkeley brewery in February 2015. The brewing team led by Head Brewer and Co-Founder Alex Tweet focuses on innovation for its ever-evolving roster of highly aromatic and well-balanced beers.

The San Leandro Fieldwork Taproom and Beer Garden will have upwards of 18 beers on the menu, and will present live music and other A&E programming.

For more information regarding Fieldwork Brewing Company, visit fieldworkbrewing.com and [instagram.com/fieldworkbrewingco](https://www.instagram.com/fieldworkbrewingco).



An artists' rendering shows what the Fieldwork Brewing Company's beer garden will look like when it opens next spring in downtown San Leandro where construction is underway (below).



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Alta Mira Club Community Boutique

The Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave. in San Leandro, will have its annual Community Boutique on Friday, Nov. 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturday Nov. 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with

White Elephant stage tables, opportunity drawing/gift tables, unique handmade items presented by many vendors and Alta Mira members. All proceeds support the club's purposes.

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A big crowd turned out for Arroyo High's homecoming game on Saturday, a 48-34 loss to Newark Memorial. The Dons kept it close until the fourth quarter with three touchdown passes from quarterback Ronnie Yalung to receiver Nathan Sanchez.



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Big Crowd at Arroyo Homecoming

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