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A ribbon-cutting last week marked the new segment of the Bay Trail along Martin Luther King, Jr. Shoreline Park along Doolittle Drive in Oakland.

Bay Trail Makes a Connection

A gap in the San Francisco Bay Trail along Doolittle Drive was completed recently, marked by a ceremony last week at Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline Park.

The half-mile gap is now completed with a newly paved walking and bicycle

trail. Before, hikers and bikers had to trek on the shoulder of Doolittle Drive.

The project took nearly a decade to complete and was made possible by the ongoing partnership between the East Bay Regional Park District, Caltrans, and the Port of Oakland.

The SF Bay Trail is a planned 500-mile walking and cycling path around the entire San Francisco Bay.

"The Park District is proud to showcase the most recent improvements to this park," said Sabrina Landreth, gen-

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Council Makes New Rules on Travel, Reimbursements

New rule: You can't run for office on the same year you're vice mayor

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

The City Council made a few changes to their rules regarding courtesy at council meetings, travel reimbursements and the title of vice mayor.

This is the third time in two years that the council has adjusted its rules for meetings, administration, and committees. At its July 17 meeting, the council voted 6-0 (with councilmember Fred Simon absent) to approve the 79-page document.

And while the handbook is comprehensive, the council

expects to revisit modifications of the rules pertaining to two items: the process of appointing a vice mayor and the rules for travel reimbursement.

The position of vice mayor is a one-year appointment, decided in January. The vice mayor serves as mayor in case of the mayor's absence. The new handbook adds a rule preventing a council member from serving as vice mayor during an election year.

This rule is being added
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Fegurgur Selected To School Board

The San Leandro school board selected Melissa Fegurgur to fill a vacant seat at an Aug. 23 special meeting.

A vacancy opened in the Area 1 seat on the board after trustee Monique Tate resigned, effective June 30, due to her moving from the area. Six candidates applied and were interviewed by the board before the board made its decision

at the special meeting where Fegurgur was sworn in as the school board trustee for Area 1 in the San Leandro Unified School District (SLUSD).

Melissa Fegurgur has demonstrated her commitment to serving children and families across the San Leandro community," the school district announced in a press

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As School Year Begins, Students Find Improvements Made on Schools over the Summer

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

While students and their families were enjoying their summer, the San Leandro Unified School District and its contractors were busily improving facilities at several schools.

Students at Lincoln High School started the new school year on August 16 at their new campus on

Leonard Street, off Williams Street near the Adult School. When the school was visibly under construction in

June, Principal Matt Steinecke promised it would be open for the first day of school, even if some outdoor areas might still be getting finishing touches.

He was right on both parts. The students were inside the building, and construction workers were still finishing up a few things outside, a few days into the school year on Monday.

The old Lincoln High School, on Teagarden Street, had served students for 43 years.

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Principal Paulette Smith shows off some of the materials at the new Maker Space at Madison School.

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CITY COUNCIL

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

SAN LEANDRO SCHOOL BOARD

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



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Teen Injured by Bank Robbery Getaway Car

A 14-year-old boy was taken to a nearby hospital with non-life-threatening injuries Monday, Aug. 28, after he was hit by a car feeling police near the intersection of Via Cordoba and Via Granada in San Lorenzo.

Alameda County Sheriff's Office Lieutenant Tya Modeste told the Times that the driver of the blue, four-door sedan was suspected of entering the Citibank on Paseo Grande in San Lorenzo around 3:45 p.m. and demanded \$20,000, or he would blow up the bank.

"Shortly after passing the note to the employee, the suspect left the bank without the cash for an unknown reason," Modeste said. "A deputy who was in the area doing a patrol check, spotted the suspect leaving the building, wearing a dark hooded

sweatshirt and a mask."

During the two-minute pursuit, the suspect hit the teenage boy with his blue sedan and continued to speed off, according to Modeste.

Instead of chasing the getaway car, deputies stopped to help the boy and gave him first aid.

"He suffered some scrapes and bruises, but he was otherwise OK," Modeste said.

The suspect is believed to be a possible blackmail victim themselves, the lieutenant added. Investigators are continuing to investigate the attempted robbery and the hit-and-run incident.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Alameda County Sheriff's Office non-emergency number at 510-667-7721.

—By Michael Singer

Piano Student Inspired by Music As She Studies Astrophysics

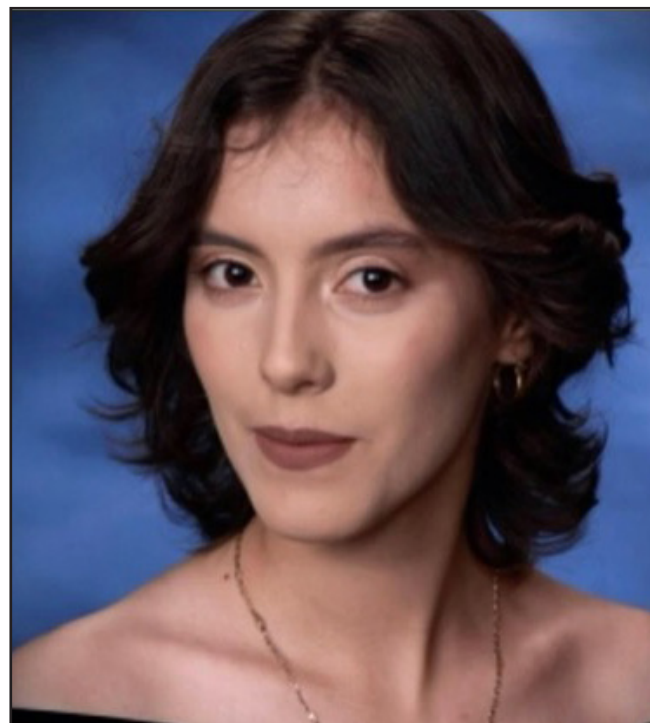
The MusicLink Foundation established the Senior Award of Excellence of \$1,000 to recognize a graduating senior who has shown ongoing commitment to lessons and has made significant progress in music studies, performing at an outstanding level.

This year the award was made possible through the Arline and Russell Bridge Endowment Fund.

The 2023 MusicLink Senior Award of Excellence was awarded to Emily Fong of San Leandro, a piano student of Dr. Maureen Spranza. Emily has taken MusicLink piano lessons for six years with her teacher.

"She has made much musical progress in theory, technique, sight-reading, ear training and repertoire," said Spranza.

Emily has shown her creativity through composition



Emily Fong plans to continue to enjoy music as she pursues her studies in astrophysics at UC Berkeley.

and improvisation and participated in the MTAC Improvisation Honors Recital at their annual convention. She has received the Senior Award through the MTAC Certificate of Merit Program.

In addition, Emily shows great academic achievement in school by taking AP classes and achieving high grades throughout high school. The MusicLink Foundation provided Emily with a baby grand piano for her studies.

Emily explains the role music plays in her life in her submitted essay:

"Music naturally became my guide and my main source of happiness, comfort, and joy. After all,

studying is no fun with no Chopin playing in the background — my all-time favorite study pal. Music provided me with a sense of comfort nobody else but my family could provide.

Alongside my continuing passion for music, I also developed a curiosity driven by interests in black holes and quasars in my early teenage years. I am proud to say that I have been accepted into the Astrophysics program at UC Berkeley and plan to work on space studies for the next four years. As I walk through the UC Berkeley campus with a STEM major, I plan to keep music strictly as a source of relief and comfort."

DA Files Charges For Bank Robberies

The Alameda County District Attorney's Office has taken decisive action in response to a series of bank robberies that rattled the city of Oakland.

Defendant Dwight Belton, a 63-year-old Oakland resident, was arrested on July 26, 2023, and is charged with two counts of robbery, with two gun enhancements. Belton is facing a possible sentence of 30 years.

The Alameda County District Attorney's Office's prosecution comes after the Oakland Police Department successfully uncovered crucial evidence linking Belton to a series of bank robberies

and attempted robberies. His method involved entering various banks, displaying a firearm to the tellers, and demanding money from bank employees.

While he occasionally masked his identity with a disguise of sunglasses and a mask, surveillance footage played a crucial role in identifying the suspect, recognizable by his distinct limp.

The Alameda County District Attorney's Office is unwavering in its commitment to ensuring public safety and will vigorously pursue justice in this matter to hold Mr. Belton accountable for his actions.

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Community Calendar

History Museum to Host Free Yoga Class

The San Leandro History Museum, 320 W. Estudillo Ave., will host a free yoga class with experienced instructor Dennis Cowenhill on Saturday, Sept. 2, from 1 to 3 p.m. Please bring your own yoga mat and blanket. Museum doors will open at 11 a.m. Feel free to explore the exhibits and learn more about San Leandro's history before the class begins at 1 p.m. Register at <https://sanleandro.libcal.com>. For more information, email dnathlich@sanleandro.org.

Charity Art & Craft Fair

Several local charities and artisans will sell handicrafts and artwork on Saturday, Sept. 16, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 4628 Grenadier Place in Castro Valley. A variety of homemade treats, gourmet chocolate, quilts, East African beaded jewelry and other handmade items will be featured. Sponsored by Together Women Rise Castro Valley and other nonprofits. Drop by and donate to good causes that support education, drinking water, and funds grassroots projects in low-income countries to foster gender equality. For more information, contact Amy Madsen at amymadsen@gmail.com.

Raiders Boosters Club Meetings

All football fans in the community are invited to attend the Original Oakland Raiders Booster Club meetings on Thursday nights (9/21, 10/12, 11/9, 11/30 and 12/14) from 5 to 8:30 p.m. at Rickey's Sports Lounge, 15028 Hesperian Blvd. in San Leandro. No host cocktails at 5 p.m., order dinner as you arrive. \$5 for raffle tickets. All ages welcome. RSVP via Facebook message at <https://www.facebook.com/theORBC>.

SLED Un-Gala 15th Anniversary Party

The San Leandro Education Foundation (SLED) will celebrate its 15th anniversary with its party of the year - this year an "Un-Gala," on Friday, Sept. 22, from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Zero Net Energy Building, 14600 Catalina St. in San Leandro. Ditch the formalwear and come ready to celebrate student success and raise funds for vital hands-on learning opportunities for San Leandro students. Tickets online at www.sledfund.org/gala/

Enter Your Car in the Rides and Readers Car Show

Join the San Leandro Public Library's second annual Rides and Readers Car Show at the Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., on Saturday, Sept. 30, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you have a vehicle from 1975 or older (preferred, not limited to), and would like to participate in this event, visit tinyurl.com/RidesandReaders to register your vehicle online, or pick up a paper Registration & Disclosure form from the Main or Manor Library by September 16. Registration is just for car owners entering the show, not for spectators, and admission is free. For more information, call 510-577-3971.

American Legion Post 649 Monthly Meeting

American Legion Post 649 in Castro Valley meets on the last Monday of every month at 1800 (6 p.m.) for dinner, followed by the meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Moose Lodge, 20385 Rutledge Road in Castro Valley. For more information, call Jim Smith at 510-305-2280.

San Leandro Toastmasters

San Leandro Toastmasters meets every Thursday from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. online through Zoom. Email sanleandrotm@gmail.com for more information. Also, the Toastmasters meet in person at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., on the last Thursday of every month from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m.

Resolve to Lose Weight in 2023

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



The Dahlia is San Leandro's official flower. Dahlia growers will display the many varieties of the flower at the annual show.

Hundreds of Varieties of Dahlias to Be on Display

San Leandro Dahlia Society will present its annual Dahlia Show on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 9 and 10, in the Karp Room of the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Hours are Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and on Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The show is free and open to the public. The dahlia is San Leandro's city flower. You'll be wowed by the various colors, sizes, and shapes of these amazing flowers.

SL Adult School Career Technical Education Open House

San Leandro Adult & Childhood Development, Career Education Center, 1448 Williams St., will host a Career Technical Education Open House on Thursday, Sept. 7, at 6 p.m.

Explore the many certified training classes and programs: Accounting, Administrative Assistant, Barber & Cosmetology, Business & Financial Literacy, Clinical Medical Assistant, Computer Classes, Home-care Worker, Intro to Early Childhood Development, Medical Billing & Coding, Medical Terminology, Medical Front-Office Assistant, Paraeducator Test Prep, Payroll Technician, Pharmacy Tech, Pre-Apprenticeship Test Prep, Veterinary Assistant, Vocational Nursing Program, and Workforce Communication.

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Briefs & Announcements

Community Chat with City Councilmember Fred Simon

San Leandro City Council Member Fred Simon will hold a community chat on the first Saturday of the month (Sept. 3) at 9 a.m. at a new location - Washington Manor Park, 14900 Zelma St., behind the pool near the basketball court, to listen and share ideas on improving our environment and community, including Manor Pool.

San Leandro High School Classes of 1954 and 1955

San Leandro High School classes of Jan. & June of 1954 and Jan. & June 1955 will hold a class reunion luncheon on Saturday, Sept. 16, at 11:30 a.m. at Frankie, Johnnie & Luigi Too, 11891 Dublin Blvd. in Dublin. Price of \$43 per person includes a family style luncheon. Contact Pat at nanagramps@aol.com Mary Anne at maperras@sbcglobal.net Gayle at gale737@att.net or Sandra at sandradore@att.net for flyer.

Hearing Loss Support Group

The Hearing Loss Support Group will meet on Saturday, Sept. 9, via Zoom. Greetings at 9:30 a.m., presentation at 10 a.m. The presenter will be Isaac Alter, a medical student in the Department of Otolaryngology - Head & Neck Surgery at Columbia University, and a Bay Area native. He's a former Broadway musician with a lifelong passion for music and the effects that it can have on people. He will discuss music and hearing, and his work with Dr. Anil Lalwani and Dr. Alex Chern examining the effect of hearing loss on music enjoyment. He will talk about the current state of research and what the group has found in the past, as well as their recruitment of individuals who use hearing aids or cochlear implants to participate in their current study. RSVP at www.hearinglosseb.org and click on monthly meetings. For more information, email Andrea Doeberman at andrea-doeberman@gmail.com.

2nd Division Association Reunion Looking for Members

The Second (Indianhead) Division Association is searching for anyone who served in the Army's 2nd Infantry Division at any time. The association will hold its 100th annual reunion in Colorado Springs, Colorado from September 20 to 24, 2023. For more information, visit www.2ida.org/product/reunion/10 on the web, send an email to 2ida.pao@charter.net or call Mike Davino at (919) 356-5692.

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Picnic Time!

No matter where you spend the last long weekend of summer, one thing is certain: Labor Day is best when celebrated outside!

Whether you're hauling the family to a favorite picnic spot or having a cookout in the back yard, all of us have our own idea of what makes a picnic.

The food doesn't have to be perfect, just wholesome and good, and most important — quick and easy to prepare.

So here are our suggestions for a great outdoor meal this weekend

that won't mean long hours in the kitchen the day before.

CLASSIC GRILLED CHEESEBURGERS

- Safflower oil, for grill
- 1-1/2 pounds ground beef chuck (80 percent lean)
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- 4 slices sharp Cheddar cheese
- 4 large hamburger buns
- 4 teaspoons mayonnaise
- 1 beefsteak tomato, cut into 4 slices
- 1/2 onion, cut into 1/4-inch



rings

4 lettuce leaves (green-leaf, Boston, romaine, etc.)

Preheat grill to medium-high; brush grates with oil.

Gently form beef into four 1-inch-thick patties, about 4 inches in diameter. Make an indentation in the top of each patty. Generously season both sides with salt and pepper.

Grill burgers 3 minutes. Flip,

top with cheese, and grill 4 minutes for medium-rare. Toast buns face-down on grill until just lightly charred, about 30 seconds. Spread them with mayonnaise.

Place burgers in buns with tomato, onion, and lettuce. Yields 4 burgers.

OLD-FASHIONED POTATO SALAD

5 potatoes

- 3 eggs
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup sweet pickle relish
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1/4 teaspoon celery salt
- 1 tablespoon prepared mustard
- Ground black pepper to taste
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add potatoes and cook until tender but still firm, about 15 minutes. Drain, cool, peel and chop.

Place eggs in a saucepan and cover with cold water. Bring water to a boil; cover, remove from heat, and let eggs stand in hot water for 10 to 12 minutes. Remove from hot water, cool, peel and chop.

In a large bowl, combine the potatoes, eggs, celery, onion, relish, garlic salt, celery salt, mustard, pepper and mayonnaise. Mix together well and refrigerate until chilled. Serves 8.

GRILLED CORN ON THE COB

Peel husks back, but do not remove. Using your fingers, remove silk from corn and pull husks back up around corn. In a large pan, cover corn (husks on) with cold water. Soak for at least 1 hour. Drain, shaking corn to remove ex-

cess water. Cover corn as much as possible with husks. If necessary, tie the tips of the husks together with wet kitchen string.

Grill corn (with husks) on an uncovered grill directly over medium-hot coals about 25 minutes or until tender, turning several times. Carefully remove the husks and strings.

Meanwhile, melt some margarine or butter with a little lemon juice, and thyme. Brush mixture over the corn before serving.

EASY BAKED BEANS

- 6 ounces smoked bacon, cut into 3/4-inch pieces
 - 2 onions, peeled, chopped
 - 3 (28-ounce) cans Boston-style baked beans
 - 1/2 cup catsup
 - 2 tablespoons brown sugar
 - 1 tablespoon dry mustard
- Over medium-high heat, stir fry bacon until crisp, 6 to 8 minutes, and transfer to paper towels to drain. Discard all but 1-1/2 tablespoons fat in pan.

Add onions to pan and stir often until they begin to brown and stick to bottom of pan, 7 to 9 minutes. Add beans and their liquid, catsup, brown sugar, dry mustard, and cooked bacon; mix well. Pour into a shallow 3-quart casserole.

Bake, uncovered, in a 350°F oven until beans are bubbling in the center, 30 to 40 minutes. Makes 10 servings.

PICNIC FRIED CHICKEN

- 1 quart buttermilk
- 2 teaspoons cayenne pepper, divided
- 2 (2-1/2-pound) fryer chickens, cut into 8 pieces
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- Olive oil, for frying

Stir together the buttermilk and 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper in a large bowl; add chicken, turning to coat. Cover with plastic wrap, and refrigerate at least 6 hours or up to overnight.

In a large brown paper bag, combine flour with remaining 1 teaspoon cayenne, 1 teaspoon salt, and 1 tablespoon pepper; shake to combine. One at a time, place chicken pieces in the bag; shake to coat. Place coated pieces on a clean plate or tray.

In a large skillet, heat 2 inches oil to 350°F. Using tongs, add chicken one piece at a time, being careful to not overcrowd pan. Fry, turning every 3 to 4 minutes, until deep mahogany in color, about 18 minutes. Remove chicken from skillet, and drain on paper towels.

LEGAL NOTICES

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF STANISLAUS

STREET ADDRESS: 801 10th Street, MAILING ADDRESS: 801 10th Street, 4th Floor, Modesto 95354.

PLAINTIFF: Miguel Oseguera

DEFENDANT: Wayne Lopez, Rocio Ruiz, Juan Carlos Vazquez Araiza, Oscar Jasso and Does 1 to 10.

COMPLAINT - Personal Injury, Property Damage, Wrongful Death.

TYPE: X MOTOR VEHICLE X Property Damage X Personal Injury.

JURISDICTION X ACTION IS AN UNLIMITED CIVIL CASE (exceeds \$25,000)

Case number: CV-22-003926 This case has been assigned to Judge Sandhu, Sonny S. Dept 24.

1. Plaintiff Miguel Oseguera alleges causes of action against defendant Wayne Lopez, Rocio Ruiz, Juan Carlos Vazquez Araiza, Oscar Jasso and Does 1 to 10.

2. This pleading, including attachments and exhibits, consists of the follow number of pages: four

3. Each plaintiff named above is a competent adult

SHORT TITLE: Oseguera vs. Lopez, et al.

6. The true names of defendants sued as Does are unknown to plaintiff.

a. Doe defendants (specify Doe numbers): 1 to 5 were the agents or employees of other named defendants and acted within the scope of that agency or employment.

b. Doe defendants (specify Doe numbers): 6 to 10 are persons whose capacities are unknown to plaintiff.

8. This court is the proper court because

b. at least one defendant now resides in its jurisdictional area.

9. Plaintiff is not required to comply with a claims statute.

SHORT TITLE: Oseguera vs. Lopez, et al.

10. The following causes of action are attached and the statements above apply to each (each complaint must have one or more causes of action attached):

a. Motor Vehicle

11 Plaintiff has suffered

a. wage loss b. loss of use of property c. hospital and medical expenses d. general damage e. property damage f. loss of earning capacity g. other damage (specify):

14. Plaintiff prays for judgement for costs of suit; for such relief as is fair, just, and equitable; and for

a. (1) compensatory damages

The amount of damages is (in cases for personal injury or wrongful death, you must check (1)):

(1) according to proof

Date: Aug. 30, 2022

Christopher Der Manuelian

SHORT TITLE: Oseguera vs. Lopez, et al.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION -- Motor Vehicle ATTACHMENT TO - Complaint (Use a separate cause of action form for each cause of action.)

Plaintiff (name): Miguel Oseguera

MV- 1. Plaintiff alleges the acts of defendants were negligent; the acts were the legal (proximate) cause of injuries

and damages to plaintiff; the acts occurred on (date): June 2, 2020 at (place) Eastbound on Interstate 580 about .5 miles east of Vasco Road in the county of Alameda. MV-2. DEFENDANTS

a. The defendants who operated a motor vehicle are (names): Wayne Lopez, Rocio Ruiz, Juan Carlos Vazquez Araiza, Oscar Jasso and Does I to 10 b. The defendants who employed the persons who operated a motor vehicle in the course of their employment are (names): Wayne Lopez, Rocio Ruiz, Juan Carlos Vazquez Araiza, Oscar Jasso and Does I to 10 c. The defendants who owned the motor vehicle which was operated with their permission are (names): Wayne Lopez, Rocio Ruiz, Juan Carlos Vazquez Araizar, Oscar Jasso and Does I to 10 d. The defendants who entrusted the motor vehicle are (names): Wayne Lopez, Rocio Ruiz, Juan Carlos Vazquez Araiza, Oscar Jasso and Does I to 10 e. The defendants who were the agents and employees of the other defendants and acted within the scope

of the agency were (names): Wayne Lopez, Rocio Ruiz, Juan Carlos Vazquez Araiza, Oscar Jasso and Does 1 to 10

SUMMONS (CITA2CION JUDICIAL)

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:

Wayne Lopez, Rocio Ruiz, Juan Carlos Vazquez Araiza, Oscar Jasso and Does I to 10

(AVISO AL DEMANDADO):

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):

Miguel Oseguera

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 dias, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su version. Lea la informacion a continuacion.

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Pets of the Week



Kari

Kari is a 10-month-old terrier puppy. She is full of life, love, and positive energy. Kari would do well in a home with older kids and does well with other dogs.

Flavio is a 10-month-old chihuahua mix puppy. He is looking for a young family that



Flavio

can take their time with socializing him and showing the love and affection he deserves. He would do best with older kids and do well with another young dog. For more information on Kari or Flavio or to adopt, contact the Hayward Animal Shelter at 510-293-7200.

East Bay Parks Police Make Arrest In Murder At Shoreline Park

The East Bay Regional Park District Police Department announced last week they arrested Ginrhic Arden Bernandino Santiago as the suspect in the homicide of Francisco Felix.

Felix was murdered in his vehicle around 2:20 p.m. on Tuesday, August 8, while parked at Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline in Oakland, near the Oakland Air-

port's North Field.

Witnesses' descriptions of the suspect vehicle and allied police agencies assisted with leading our investigators to the identity of Felix's suspected killer, according to the EBRPD police.

The EBRPD police said the arrest last Thursday in Oakland was a coordinated effort involving assistance from the U.S. Marshal's Service, the

Oakland Police Department, the Alameda Police Department, and the San Leandro Police Department.

More details will be come as the investigation continues, police said. Until then, anyone with information about this investigation is encouraged to call the East Bay Regional Park District Police Department's Crime Tip Line at 510-690-6521.

Trail: 'It's a place where people can hike, walk, have a picnic'

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general manager of the East Bay Regional Parks District. "The completed project provides safer access to the park, the Bay Trail, and the waters of San Leandro Bay for the community who live closest to it and those who spend time there, while also improving nearby natural habitat."

The project also upgraded the boat launch staging area adjacent to the trail, including a repaved staging area parking lot, renovated ADA-accessible boat, kayak and paddleboard launch area. Plus, it restored one acre of marsh habitat.

"Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline is a beautiful space in the middle of our urban landscape," said East Bay Regional Park District



Board Member Ellen Corbett. "It's a place where people can take a hike, walk their dog, have a picnic, go bird-watching, and can now enjoy enhanced access to the SF Bay Trail and Bay Water Trail."

The San Francisco Bay Trail Gap and Improvements Project was made possible

through funding from the California Department of Transportation, Alameda County Transportation Commission, California Natural Resources Agency Urban Green Infrastructure Program (Proposition 68), Wildlife Conservation Board, Measure CC, and the Park District.



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Ancient Artifacts

Construction along Washington Avenue just south of downtown is making improvements to intersections and storm drains. Workers pulled out an old pipe that was no longer in use, seen here at the corner of Castro Street and Washington Avenue.

***** NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Proposal to Establish Trustee Areas and By-Trustee Area Voting Within the Castro Valley Unified School District *****

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Education Code section 5019(c), the Alameda County Committee on School District Organization will conduct a Public Hearing on a proposal to establish trustee areas within the Castro Valley Unified School District and to establish by-trustee area voting for the election of the members of the Castro Valley Unified School District Board of Education, as follows:

DATE: September 12, 2023
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Castro Valley Unified School District Office
Board Room
4400 Alma Avenue
Castro Valley, CA 94546

The public may attend the Board meeting in person at the Board Room of the Castro Valley Unified School District OR via the Zoom video/tele-conferencing platform.

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The Public Hearing agenda will be posted beginning September 8 at the Alameda County Office of Education, 313 W. Winton Avenue, Hayward, CA 94544.

All parties having an interest in the proposal shall be heard by the County Committee at the Public Hearing.

Fegurgur: Social work background

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release. "Professionally, she holds the role of Program Manager, dedicated to ensuring children's well-being and healthy development within safe and nurturing homes. Her journey to her current position began with a foundation in early childhood and parent education, culminating in a Bachelor of Science in Child Development from San Diego State University and a Master's Degree in Social Work from California State University East Bay."

Fegurgur has two children in San Leandro public schools and has participated in school initiatives. She led the Parent Teacher Committee at Halkin Elementary School, establishing parent support groups and orchestrating community engagement activities and fundraisers to support the school.

Fegurgur advocates for students with diverse needs,



Frgurgur is sworn in as a school board member, shown here with Superintendent Mike McLaughlin.

emphasizing safety and inclusion, the school district said in a statement. Her social work background equips her with insights into addressing challenges stemming from socio-economic factors that can impact a child's educational

experience.

The other five candidates who applied for the vacancy on the school board were Diego Alonzo, Anne Carrigan, Gordon Imrie, Zachary James Borja, and Wilson Nacario.



PHOTO COURTESY OF DAVIS STREET

Davis Street supporters dined at the organization's annual fundraiser.

Davis Street Supporters Dine at Annual Fundraiser

Supporters of Davis Street came together on August 23 to raise funds to support the tens of thousands of families and seniors who rely on Davis Street each year.

The event, "An Evening Under the Stars," held at the Sequoyah Country Club, was a sold-out success. Attendees enjoyed an evening of dining and dancing, united in their commitment to Davis Street's mission.

The generous crowd ignited hope and generated vital resources to sustain the work done by Davis Street. The impact of these programs resonates within the community, reaffirming the commitment that no individual or family in need will ever be met with

a closed door.

"We are grateful for the support of our community," said Davis Street CEO Rose Padilla Johnson. "This achievement underscores the power of community collaboration."

The event's sponsors who played a crucial role in this success:

Juan and Evelyn Gonzalez; Rachelle Parham; Anonymous; Lloyd W. Aubry Company, Inc.; NUG; AA Batarse Foundation; Fremont Bank; Lena Tam, Supervisor, Alameda County; Kaiser Permanente; Michael and Nancy Pretto; Galvan & Associates; McDermott Costa; Susan Cota; Pacific Farms; ClearPath; Castro

Valley Yoga; Angela Rafoth; Mary Hekl; Rome Solutions; Teresa Karlson; Liebowitz, Walker, & Munoz Group; Corbett Paralegal Services; Patrick O'Brien; Morgan Stanley; Stephen Cassidy; Gary Bess and Associates, and an anonymous sponsor.

Davis Street is a nonprofit organization serving low-income families and seniors in the San Leandro, San Lorenzo, Castro Valley, Ashland, Cherryland, and the Eden area. Services include medical, dental, and behavioral health care, services for adults with disabilities, food and clothing assistance, subsidized child care, housing, and utility assistance.

Rules: Council votes themselves a raise

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after the issue came up when Councilman Bryan Azevedo was running for mayor in the 2022 election. Azevedo wanted to be vice mayor but then-Councilman Pete Ballew and Mayor Pauline Cutter opposed giving Azevedo the title, saying it was an "unwritten rule" that you can't run for mayor while you are the vice mayor. The council named Ballew the vice mayor instead of Azevedo.

Now it is a rule, as the City Council has added it to the handbook. The revised handbook reads:

"During an election year, an incumbent running for San Leandro City Council office shall not be appointed Vice

Mayor. If a Councilmember is running for re-election while serving as Vice Mayor, they are subject to automatic, immediate resignation from the position. No Councilmember may announce they are running or pull nomination papers while they serve as Vice Mayor. If a Councilmember is running for San Leandro City Council office, the ballot designation shall not include the words, Vice Mayor. The title Vice Mayor shall not be used on any official ballot designation."

Other changes to the handbook include updating annual salaries for City Council members (\$15,876) and the mayor (\$31,752) that were approved last year. It also caps the may-

or's car allowance at \$4,500 per year.

Council members and the mayor will also now receive an increase in their budget for technology of up to \$4,000 for the first six months of their term and up to \$2,100 for each year hereafter, for purchasing electronics or computer equipment they use on the job.

For traveling or taking training, council members will be reimbursed up to \$10,000 per fiscal year, according to the new handbook rules. The mayor will now receive \$15,000 per fiscal year, reimbursed after providing supporting documentation to the city manager.

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Constituents Take a Walk with Swalwell around Lake

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

A group of about 100 people walked along Lake Chabot this past Saturday to hear from their congressman – Representative Eric Swalwell – and how he is working on their issues in Washington, D.C.

It was the seventh time Swalwell has held his “Hike with Your Rep.” Swalwell represents California’s 14th Congressional District, which includes Hayward, Pleasanton, Livermore, Union City, Castro Valley, and parts of Dublin and Fremont.

After a 30-minute trek, the crowd stopped for a discussion near Coots Landing where the park district stocks the lake with trout and catfish.

Among his recent congressional actions, Swalwell touted his bipartisan achievements with Puerto Rican Republican Jenniffer González-Colón on the “Preventing Our Next Natural Disaster Act” to help communities better prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural disasters. He said he was committed to preventing a government shutdown before Congress fails to come to an agreement by the end of its fiscal year on September 30.

“When we get back to Washington next month, we have to make sure we commit to keeping the government



PHOTOS BY DARRELL LAVIN

About a hundred people joined Congressman Eric Swalwell for a walk at Lake Chabot on Saturday where they stopped and talked about the issues.

open, pay our troops, keep communities safe, and helping address natural disaster relief, which Republicans are threatening to cut off if the government shuts down,” Swalwell said.

Congressman Stops to Take Questions

In a round-robin session of questions from the crowd, Swalwell said he continues to support women's reproductive rights, enforcing campaign finance reform, extending support for Ukraine, and protections for LGBTQ communities.

Addressing local issues, Swalwell said he continues to work on building public transit that would extend from Pleasanton to Manteca and working with local leaders like Hayward Mayor Mark Salinas on preventing poverty and improving housing for underprivileged residents.

“We have the 13th wealthiest area in the country, yet we have the 3rd highest cost of rent,” Swalwell said. “We have to do more to bring down the cost of housing.”

One issue that continues to flood the congressman's mailbox is the number of requests by residents to help their loved ones emigrate or seek refuge in the United States.

We have the largest Afghan population in the country and we're proud of that and we have to take care of the folks – especially those interpreters who served our country over in Afghanistan – and provide a pathway to citizenship, Swalwell said. And we are not meeting that commitment right now.

Later that day, Swalwell met with members of the Afghanistan community in Union City to update them on his progress. The initial 65 cases last year have ballooned into thousands of people who are waiting for Visas to the United States, Swalwell said.

Among the crowd walking with Swalwell was a Scout Troop from Pleasanton learning firsthand about government.

“My father encouraged me to email the representative as part of my merit badge and to ask questions about the federal debt ceiling because that was something my dad and I had been talking about,” said Arun Reyes from Troop 948. “And I got an email back from Mr. Swalwell about what he was doing about it and how he was helping to resolve the issue. It's all very interesting.”

Rules: ‘Expectations of decorum’

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However, City Councilmember Victor Aguilar asked if a future review of the rules could instead compensate for milage for those who would rather drive to a location, such as Los Angeles, instead of flying.

The latest version of the handbook adds, “Expectations of Decorum.” The clause supports public comment and discussion but requires people to be “courteous and polite” to city employees and prohibits inflammatory, racist, and hate speech. The mayor is also obliged to remind people about the rules of civility and allows the mayor to remove disruptive attendees from the chamber as part of the new

handbook.

Another section of the handbook combines two city commissions (Arts Commission and Library-Historical Commission) into one – Arts, Culture, and Library Commission.

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New Homes a Great Option

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With housing inventory at an all-time low, buyers are looking under every proverbial rock to find a home to purchase. There is one source many overlook, however: new homes. The good news is there are new home developments in the Bay Area that currently have homes available for sale.

There are many advantages to buying new homes:

Like buying a new car, no one has lived in the home before you, therefore, there is nothing you need to “undo” to make it yours. It is, in fact, a blank slate waiting for your personal decorating touches.

It comes with a “new home smell.” Many love buying new cars because of the factory smell: it is the same with a new home. There are no lingering aromas from past occupant’s activities, no food smells, animal odors and the like. The homes come with a warranty. In most cases, there is a 1-year “bumper-to-bumper” warranty that covers every aspect of the home. In addition, there is usually a 10-year warranty on all the home’s major systems.

In some cases, there is less competition. Prices are fixed and there are no bidding wars. Many builders offer incentives for using their preferred lender. This could include a credit towards upgrades, closing costs,

HOA fees and more.

There are also some drawbacks, however.

Since everything is new, prices are at the top of the market. Exactly like buying a new car, you will pay full market price.

Since it is a new home, it has no drapes, window coverings or extensive landscaping. All these items need to be factored into the cost of ownership.

You may need to wait a long time for the home to be built. After the foreclosure crisis (in which builders were stuck with finished homes they could not sell), builders learned to start building homes after they had completed orders. Since we are still facing labor and material shortages, it may take quite a while for the home to be completed and, in many cases, the completion date may get pushed back a few times.

Some builders with limited inventory have waiting lists or lotteries to get a home.

If you are out looking for a home, it always pays to look at the new-home developments in your area. Take your Realtor with you – there are definite benefits to having representation.

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Pruning Roses During Summer Can Lead to Sun Damage

By Buzz Bertolero
The Dirt Gardener

My climbing roses have finished blooming for the year. They are very dense, so can I prune them way back now?

This is one of those yes, no, or depends on answers. You'd do your heaviest pruning on all types of roses during winter. They're also pruned after every flush of flowers to shape the plants and

control their size. It's not unusual for many roses to bloom year-round, although the foliage isn't pristine. Lady Banksia and Cecil Brunner are the exceptions because their spring bloomers should be sheared back after the blooming period. The spring flowers are not as dramatic when cut back in winter. With older Hybrid Tea varieties such as Peace, Chrysler Imperial, or Queen Elizabeth, you must carefully prune them severely as they bloom on the second-year wood. If you prune too heavily, you'll get no flowers next year. If this is a variety introduced this century, then these varieties mostly bloom on both the new and old wood. So, it doesn't matter what's removed or left. The biggest concern with pruning all types of roses way back or severely during the summer months is sunburn. The green, exposed canes will be damaged from the mid to late afternoon sun. These canes turn black on those plants facing south, west, or in southwest direction. These damaged canes typically die. You protect them by leaving a fair amount of leaves. If you live inland where it gets hot, I'd wait till winter to prune while your odds for success are more significant along the coast. Again, this applies to

cutting them back severely. You can thin out some of the growth now as long as you aren't exposed to many green canes. I could be more specific if the variety were known. If so, I'd consult a nursery professional at your favorite garden center for their opinion. They're the best resource for what would be best in your area.

We have a beautiful Black Mission Fig started from a root cutting. It gets loaded with figs, but they dry up. My grandson read up on this and discovered we have a male tree to our dismay. Should we plant a female tree?

Planting a second tree will not solve this problem. Fig pollination is a bit complicated because it is accomplished in several ways. It is variety-dependent. A gall wasp pollinates Black Mission Figs, and the male and female structures are found in each fruit. But pollination is not your problem because the figs do form. They don't mature. Instead, I'd look to increase the water. You should have a six-to eight-inch watering basin extending from the trunk to the drip line. Figs are watered twice a month and you should fill the basin up multiple times.

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Preserve the Harvest for Winter Meals and Holiday Gifts

By Melinda Myers
Special to the Times

The cucumbers have filled the vegetable drawer, you've run out of cabbage recipes and your family is refusing to eat one more BLT. Or maybe you just couldn't resist that special deal on a bushel of tomatoes, potatoes or apples at the farmer's market. So what is a gardener or shopper to do with all that produce?

Since properly stored vegetables will hold their flavor and nutritional value longer than those left in a plastic bag or set on the sunny kitchen counter, consider preserving some for the long winter ahead using one of several methods.

Storage orchard racks and slatted crates placed in a cool, dark location have long been used to store squash, onions and potatoes. The stackable nature or drawers provide ample storage space, so fruits and vegetables do not touch. Keeping stored fruit separated prevents rot from spreading from one fruit to the next. Plus, the slatted sides allow airflow to extend storage longevity.

Those in colder climates can store their carrots and parsnips right in the garden. Once the soil gets a bit crunchy, cover them with straw or evergreen boughs for easier digging in winter. Then dig as needed or harvest during the first winter thaw. If this isn't possible or not your style, try out a root vegetable storage bin. The root crops are layered in sand or sawdust and placed in a cool, dark location. Just remove and use as needed.

Drying is one of the oldest food preservation techniques. Most of us have grabbed a



few bundles of herbs to hang and dry. Expand your drying endeavors to include fruits and vegetables. The goal is to quickly remove moisture without cooking the food. You can make your own dehydrator or purchase one. Research has shown that blanching vegetables and fruit before drying helps destroy harmful bacteria. Blanching involves a steam or boiling water bath followed by a cold water bath. Timing varies with the fruit or vegetable you are preparing.

Another ancient food preservation technique, fermentation, is experiencing a comeback. Cultures around the world have fermented fruits and vegetables for thousands of years. Unique flavors, storage options and health benefits have many gardeners revisiting this tradition. Fer-

menting cucumbers into pickles, cabbage into sauerkraut, and berries into preserves are just a few options. The ingredients can be as simple as water, salt, and spices. All you need is a vessel, vegetables and fermenting culture. You can jump-start your efforts with a fermentation crock kit (gardeners.com) which includes the crock, cover and weights to make sure your veggies stay safely submerged in water.

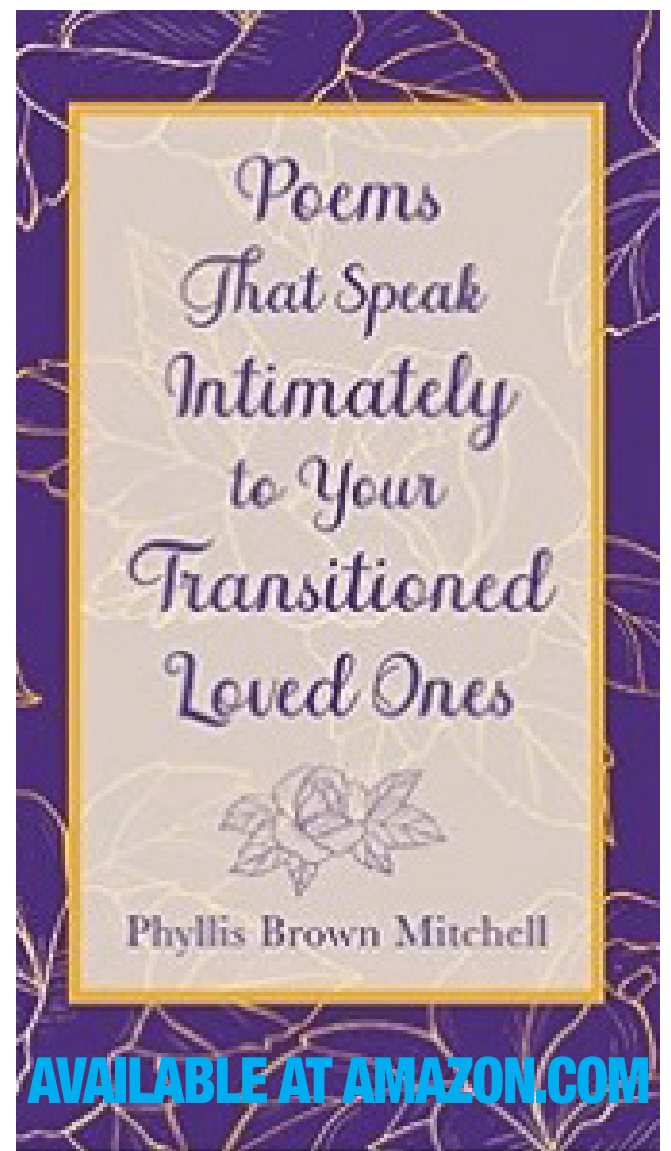
Or quickly lock in the flavor and nutrition of your fruits and vegetables with freezing. You'll need airtight containers or bags that are durable, don't leak and won't become brittle in cold temperatures. Some produce does not freeze well and others may need to be blanched before they are packed in the freezer bag or

container. But frozen items can easily be retrieved from the freezer and included in your winter meals.

Canning is a bit more involved, but can be lots of fun. This process preserves the food and keeps it safe by preventing the growth of undesirable bacteria, yeast and mold. The sealed jars keep the flavor in and bad microorganisms out. So gather your produce, jars, pressure cooker, canner and friends to create tomato sauce, salsa, jams and jellies to enjoy or give as gifts.

Whatever method you choose, do a bit of research before you start. You'll have greater success and a lot more fun. The National Center for Home Food Preservation website, <http://nchfp.uga.edu>, provides all the basic information for storage and food preservation.

Gardening expert, TV/radio host, author and columnist Melinda Myers has more than 30 years of horticulture experience and has written over 20 gardening books. Visit her website at www.melindamyers.com.



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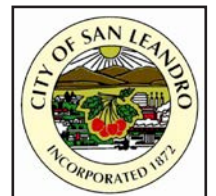
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**Tuesday,
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6:30 pm**

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RECENT HOME SALES

Home sales information is compiled and provided by CalREsource and includes Bedrooms, Square Feet and Year Built when available

CASTRO VALLEY

Total: 10 – Average Price: \$1,345,700
High: \$1,888,000 – Low: \$930,000

20070 Sapphire Street 94546:
\$930,000 [3 BD - 1,060 SF -
1950 YRBLT]
19686 Laurelwood Drive 94552:
\$1,149,000 [4 BD - 1,875 SF -
1986 YRBLT]
19847 Forest Avenue 94546:
\$1,150,000 [3 BD - 1,286 SF -
1956 YRBLT]
19350 Buren Place 94552:
\$1,200,000 [3 BD - 1,785 SF -
2000 YRBLT]
3932 Bonsai Place 94546:
\$1,200,000 [3 BD - 1,529 SF -
1962 YRBLT]
21118 Ashfield Avenue 94546:
\$1,215,000 [3 BD - 1,314 SF -
1955 YRBLT]
17461 Mayflower Drive 94546:
\$1,420,000 [4 BD - 1,946 SF -
1957 YRBLT]
5661 Shadow Ridge Drive 94552:
\$1,480,000 [4 BD - 1,891 SF -
1972 YRBLT]
2859 Eugene Terrace 94546:
\$1,825,000 [4 BD - 3,072 SF -
2000 YRBLT]
5326 Pacific Terrace Court 94552:
\$1,888,000 [4 BD - 2,605 SF -
2000 YRBLT]

HAYWARD

Total: 13 – Average Price: \$999,307
High: \$1,850,000 – Low: \$490,000

351 Laurel Avenue #19 94541:
\$490,000 [2 BD - 882 SF - 1974
YRBLT]
29404 Hub Lane 94544:
\$665,000 [1 BD - 1,042 SF -

2020 YRBLT]

24697 Diamond Ridge Drive
94544: \$725,000 [3 BD - 1,475
SF - 1991 YRBLT]
25827 Spring Drive 94542:
\$732,000 [2 BD - 871 SF - 1951
YRBLT]
2704 Ocala Street 94545:
\$749,000 [3 BD - 1,128 SF -
1957 YRBLT]
1074 Old Oak Lane 94541:
\$820,000 [3 BD - 1,918 SF -
2010 YRBLT]
1238 Westwood Street 94544:
\$840,000 [3 BD - 1,053 SF -
1953 YRBLT]
27532 Gainesville Avenue 94545:
\$880,000 [3 BD - 1,119 SF -
1956 YRBLT]
256 Louette Court 94541:
\$880,000 [3 BD - 1,719 SF -
1955 YRBLT]
151 Hewitt Place 94544:
\$980,000 [3 BD - 1,130 SF -
1953 YRBLT]
29230 Eden Shores Court 94545:
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2005 YRBLT]
110 Sonas Drive 94542:
\$1,840,000 [5 BD - 3,300 SF -
2011 YRBLT]
28861 Bay Heights Road 94542:
\$1,850,000 [5 BD - 3,489 SF -
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Total: 12 – Average Price: \$942,000
High: \$2,400,000 – Low: \$305,000

1270 Terra Avenue 94578:
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1952 YRBLT]

1153 Halcyon Drive 94578:
\$717,000 [3 BD - 1,042 SF -
1947 YRBLT]

787 Woodgate Drive 94579:
\$725,000 [3 BD - 1,356 SF -
1973 YRBLT]
831 Arguello Drive 94578:
\$738,000 [3 BD - 1,115 SF -
1955 YRBLT]
409 Estabrook Street 94577:
\$760,000 [2 BD - 1,004 SF -
1942 YRBLT]
15977 Windsor Drive 94578:
\$788,000 [2 BD - 969 SF - 1947
YRBLT]
14302 Corvallis Street 94579:
\$835,000 [3 BD - 1,081 SF -
1951 YRBLT]
1068 Broadmoor Boulevard 94577:
\$855,000 [2 BD - 1,102 SF -
1937 YRBLT]
1948 Placer Drive 94578:
\$950,000 [4 BD - 771 SF - 1953
YRBLT]
1300 Glen Drive 94577:
\$1,030,000 [3 BD - 1,709 SF -
1938 YRBLT]
502 Dahlia Court 94578:
\$1,201,000 [1,914 SF - 1978
YRBLT]
1520 Santa Maria Street 94577:
\$2,400,000 [5 BD - 2,465 SF -
1925 YRBLT]

SAN LORENZO

Total: 3 – Average Price: \$781,000
High: \$818,000 – Low: \$745,000

17327 Via Andeta 94580:
\$745,000 [3 BD - 1,000 SF -
1944 YRBLT]
970 Via Mariposa 94580:
\$780,000 [2 BD - 898 SF - 1944
1229 Via Dolorosa 94580:
\$818,000 [3 BD - 1,043 SF -
1950 YRBLT]

WEEKEND GARDENER

Lawn Dry Spots

Even the healthiest of lawns get brown spots, where water has trouble penetrating and eventually the grass dies. When some soils begin to dry, they actually start repelling water. No matter what the cause, it is difficult to deeply rewet these dry areas unless you use a wetting agent (all nurseries and garden centers carry these penetrating solutions). Coring and dethatching may also help.

Disposing of Fallen Fruit

Gather fruit from under trees and add them to your compost pile. However, if the fruits are infested with insects or disease, discard them in the garbage. Do not let fruit rot on the ground.

Deep Water Trees

As we head into the really hot part of summer, deep-water large trees and shrubs, even if they are watered by a sprinkler system. Many sprinklers just don't run long enough to penetrate the soil deeply. Use a soaker hose, deep-root irrigator or a hose turned low and feeding a basin under the dripline of the tree.

Select Plants Carefully

Most nurseries care for their plants meticulously, but in summer a missed watering can stress a plant severely. Check plants carefully when buying. Foliage should look perky and lush without dry, browned edges.

Prepare Your Home and Family for an Earthquake

You can't predict the future, but you can feel more confident in your ability to face unforeseen emergencies such as Sunday's 6.1-magnitude earthquake if you prepare your home and family ahead of time.

"In the event of an emergency, a well-thought-out emergency plan can eliminate stress, limit confusion and save a great deal of wasted time," says Tim MacWelch, author of the book, "Outdoor Life: Prepare for Anything."

Luckily, there is a lot of overlap in the supplies and preparations you need to make for many disasters. To be better prepared for anything, MacWelch recommends taking the following actions:

- Create up-to-date contact information cards for each family member.
- Develop communication

strategies to keep in touch, even if phones are out-of-service.

- Plan how you will assist or care for family who have mobility or medical issues, communication difficulties or special needs.
- Maintain, inspect and rotate emergency supplies, such as nonperishable food, water, first aid, lighting and communication equipment. Periodically pull out all of your emergency supplies. Take inventory, check expiration dates, use older items and replace them with new supplies. Make sure you end up with more items than you started with.
- Maintain specialized supplies for infants, young children and sick or elderly members of your family.
- Create a plan and keep supplies for the care of pets
- Have the tools and the knowl-

edge to shut off your utilities.

- Develop basic self-sufficiency skills in the event you have to seek shelter in a place without utilities. Create a supply kit that includes drinking water, no-cook foods like protein bars and peanut butter, first-aid supplies, flashlights, digital backups of important documents and cash.
- Create an evacuation plan, in case you have to leave your home.
- Learn basic safety skills, such as first aid, CPR and fire prevention.
- Get the family ready by conducting emergency drills. For example, you can perform a classic fire drill by evacuating your home at an unexpected time. Have everyone low-crawl out of the house and meet at a planned spot outside the home. Round out the exercise with stop, drop and roll each time you have a fire drill.

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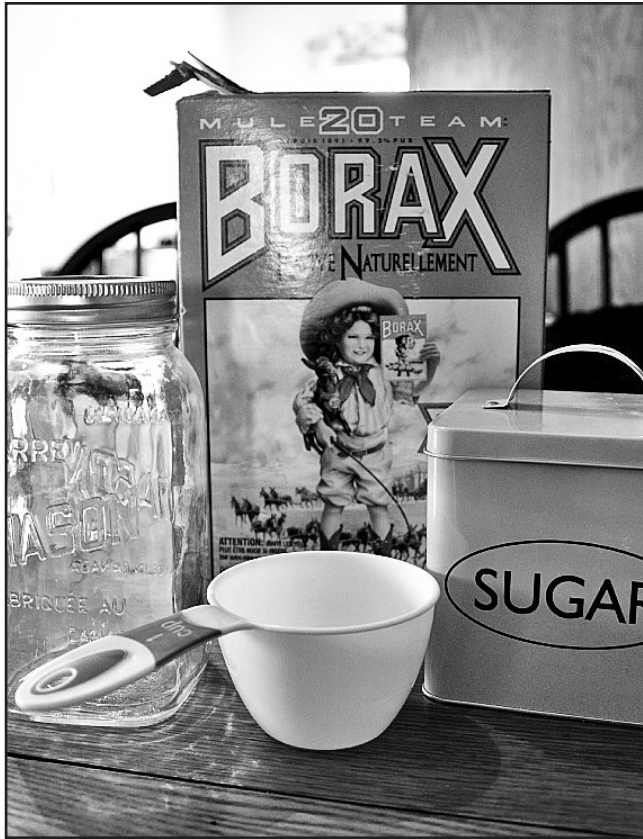
Make Your Own Boric Acid Ant Bait

By Buzz Bertolero
The Dirt Gardener

Q I'd like to use a Boric Acid bait to control the intermittent ant problem in my kitchen. The directions on the Boric Acid says to broadcast it as is; however, a person I spoke to said to mix it with granulated sugar and then place the mixture in a jar lid on the counter. Which method is the most effective?

A With the dry conditions, ants are coming indoors much earlier than normal in search of water. Boric Acid is a pretty good answer for controlling ants, although it sounds dangerous.

The EPA considers Boric Acid to have a low toxicity risk for humans and other mammals. It's not known to cause cancer, birth defects or aller-



After mixing one cup of sugar and four teaspoons of Boric Acid in three cups of water, heat the mixture to just below the boiling point and let it cool.

gies. Boric Acid works best against the small and usually black or reddish/black-colored sugar ants. It's an odorless, white powder that can be combined with mint jelly, honey, peanut butter and corn syrup, along with sugar.

You'll be looking for a two-percent mixture of Boric Acid to the attractant. Sugar and water is a better attractant than a dry mixture. One cup of sugar and four teaspoons of Boric Acid in three cups of water should give you the necessary two-percent solution.

The mixture is heated to just before the boiling point and then let cooled. Hot water is necessary to make the Boric Acid soluble. The pot is then sanitized in a dishwasher.

For solid food baits,



mix one teaspoon of Boric Acid with one cup of the solid to make a two-percent solution.

There are many types of receptacles available for the ant bait stations. You can use shallow jar lids, a baby food jar with holes punched in the top, bottle caps, two-inch lengths of drinking straws or trays of tin foil.

With the sugar-water solution, you can pour it directly into the lids or trays or over cotton balls that are then placed at the bottom of the bait station. Don't worry, the ants will find their way into the container.

If you see a line of ants in your kitchen, place the bait directly in the line. And, don't skimp on the number of bait stations you set out. If you don't know where they're coming from, place the bait stations along windowsills or in countertop corners.

The bait is changed ev-

ery few days. Even though they have a low toxicity, common sense dictates that you keep them out of the reach of pets and children. Also, clearly label and store any leftover bait in the garage.

And, finally, don't expect the ants to disappear overnight. Boric Acid is a slow-acting stomach poison, that each ant takes back to the colony and shares with only a few other ants. In a few days, you'll notice a reduction in the number of ants near the bait, but it could take three to four weeks to completely eradicate the colony causing your problems.

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The Garden Bug

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Source: urbanext.illinois.edu/roses/history



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Solution for Drag Racing Might Work for Sideshows

Parallels between the two illegal activities; would 1950s solution work as well for sideshows?

By Robert J. Newman
Special to the Times

In the early 1950s we had a similar problem like sideshows. It was drag racing.

Not having the internet or cell phones, we would cruise the local drive-ins – Jerry's, Gordon's and Karl's – and challenge for a race.

Then we would caravan to a location for a race. Mission Boulevard between Dakota and Niles was one, and Dakota Road, too.

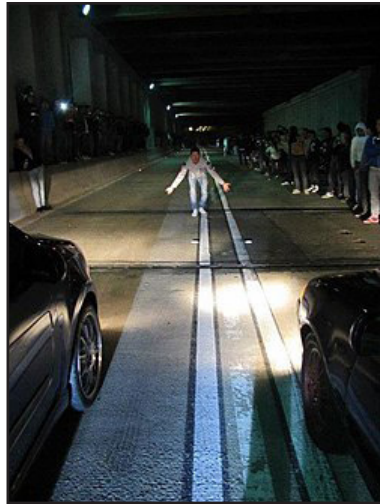
My favorite spot was Doolittle Drive, near the airport along the estuary, because it had a place to

park and watch the race.

We put outlooks at each end and if they saw the police coming they would blow their horns and flash their lights and everybody would jump in their cars and take off in different directions.

Like sideshows, it drew complaints. One residential area near the high school put concrete islands in the middle of the intersections and it stopped the after-school races there.

At the City Council meetings there were lots of suggestions like hire more police and build



speed bumps, but the council said it wasn't in the budget. One man said, lock 'em up and take their cars. Another man said, why don't we build a place where they could race, and they all laughed.

They All Laughed But one Man Followed Up On the Idea

But one man, whose name I can't remember, did just that. He built a drag strip out by the pig farms between Centerville and Newark, and Saturday and Sun-

day races began with all types of dragsters.

But the best part was on Wednesday nights anybody with 2 dollars could race their car on the quarter-mile strip and if you broke 60 mph you would get it announced. They built bleachers for fans and the car clubs would show off their cars, and they had soda pop and hot dogs.

One thing it did – street racing (on city streets) almost completely disappeared. Why can't we do something like that for sideshows?

OPINION

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Azevedo Represented Business, Not Labor

Editor,

Vice Mayor Bryan Azevedo recently visited Vietnam as a representative of the Vietnamese business community. There's nothing wrong with that unless you claim otherwise, that you represent the working class or "everyone" as Azevedo has. In a conversation I had with him some years ago he stressed his union background. This, and his association with the Democratic Party got him the endorsement of some unions in the past.

However, in the mayoral election of 2022 the local Democratic Party endorsed no one in the San Leandro's mayoral race and he responded: "I don't like either party. I do what the community wants, not the party. Political parties do nothing but divide us!" he posted to his FB page.

I don't like either party but that doesn't mean political parties don't matter. They represent class interests which brings me to Dave Fies' absurd comments last week that, Azevedo "...champions the best interests of our city devoid of any political agenda." What nonsense is this? Councilmember Azevedo went to Vietnam as a representative of the Vietnamese Business Association, of capital not labor. And there is no such thing as "no political agenda" which is crystal

clear in this case. As far as political agendas go, state your agenda and defend it rather than blabber about representing the, "community." The Chamber of Commerce is not a worker friendly group.

The undemocratic regime in Vietnam allows no independent unions and workers there are among the cheapest on the planet. Did Brother Azevedo the "union man" meet with workers there? Did he raise the issue of independent, democratic unions? As a representative of business, not labor, he couldn't. This disingenuous obscuring of class lines is the principle cause of the disdain workers have for politicians and the two big-business parties in the United States.

Richard Mellor
San Leandro

Azevedo's Popularity Inspiring Jealousy

Editor,

Regarding the letter, "California Waste Solutions Supporting Azevedo" (Aug. 24, 2023), Ed Hernandez seems to have a fixation on Vice Mayor Bryan Azevedo and his popularity with the people of San Leandro. Could it have something to do with the fact that Hernandez was the first incumbent in 150 years to be voted out of office? The voters sent a clear message that they were not happy with him and his go along to get along politics

of old.

He never focused on social and economic justice, and now his extreme jealousy of the popularity of Vice Mayor Azevedo borders on sickness. Maybe he should focus on his obsession with trying to tear down the work of the Vice Mayor and all who associate with him in seeking a new way forward. Attacking California Waste Solutions and other corporations is not how you encourage companies to serve the public interest and impact on the economic health of San Leandro.

Bernard Ashcraft
San Leandro

Unions Help Create Democracy

Editor,

President Biden often mentions that the middle class created the modern American economy and that unions created the middle class. Unions also played a major role in creating our modern democracy and without union support the Democratic Party might not even be a major party in American politics!

Unions are also schools of democracy, grassroots schools of democracy where members vote on labor contracts, union leadership and political endorsements and they do a lot of the grassroots leg work on many campaigns. Union members have negotiated and won Just Cause protection, pensions for their old age, good health-care plans and other benefits not to mention the eight-hour work day.

Although we have lost thousands of these important schools housed in union halls throughout the country due to corporations outsourcing their industry to low-wage countries, unions still are arguably the most democratic institutions in our country. Unions have also played a central role in funding

some of the most important issues of our time. For example the United Auto Workers, which was very prominent in San Leandro, not only played a major role in financing the Civil Rights movement, they also financed the first Earth Day.

Labor Day is therefore a day where we celebrate not only Labor's great contribution to building our economy but also to their role in protecting our democracy. Civics classes are important in our school system but educators should make the honest connection between unions and democracy and should suggest that if students want to actively participate in democracy on a grassroots level there is no better place to exercise their democratic rights than in a workplace that has a union.

Craig Williams
San Leandro

Senate Bill 423 Will Bring Housing the Bay Area Needs

Editor,

In this massive ongoing housing crisis, San Leandro still has trouble planning for enough new housing to be built. We only permitted 670 new homes from 2015 to 2022 total, far from enough at any income level. But at least when projects that help meet our housing goals are submitted, we typically approve them, and even give them variances where it reasonably helps.

The same can't be said of richer parts of the Bay Area. Much of the time, exclusionary suburbs have rejected affordable housing even when it met the zoning standards they themselves wrote, because they don't think people making less than \$75,000 a year should be allowed to live near them. Senate Bill 35 (2017) started to quash that activity by requiring most cities to speedily approve affordable housing that met city zoning. Since the law's passage, 18,000 new homes have been approved under SB 35,

13,000 of them affordable at low or very low incomes.

A lot needs to change in housing production statewide, but we—and especially Assemblymember Ortega—can make a big difference today by supporting Senate Bill 423. This would not only keep SB 35 from expiring for another 12 years, it would also strengthen the law's provisions based on experience to make it even more usable and get more mixed-income housing off the ground.

Even in San Leandro, the certainty it gives builders will make new projects more likely. It is supported by the California Housing Consortium, the California Conference of Carpenters, East Bay Housing Organizations, the California-Nevada Conference of Operating Engineers, and the Northern California District Council of Laborers.

Everyone should support SB 423. It's not a complete solution, nothing is, but it's another major step forward.

John Minot
San Leandro

How Can So Many Trials Even Be Scheduled?

Editor,

Remember when Lehman Bros. collapsed in 2008? Who could forget? That sparked Federal bailouts to banks and insurance companies that were deemed "Too Big To Fail."

It looks like The Donald is making a similar page in history, by earning 91 criminal charges in four indictments. Legal pundits are wondering how so many trials can even be scheduled? And, how would an ex-President serve prison time if convicted?

The Orange-faced Loser's strategy is becoming "Too Corrupt To Be Convicted."

Bruce Joffe
Piedmont

School: New maker labs, garden and student library added

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Bancroft Middle School, at 1150 Bancroft Ave., got a long-awaited shaded courtyard area. The district also cut down some eucalyptus trees near the school, along San Leandro Creek. Two of those trees fell during last winter's storms destroyed the footbridge that connects to Haas Avenue that many students had taken to school.

There is no word yet as to when the footbridge will be replaced. The city and school district say are working together to replace it.

There is a new entrance and student drop-off area opening at McKinley Elementary School, on the Bancroft

Avenue side of the school located at 2150 E. 14th Street.

New Classrooms and Play Area Added at Madison Elementary

Across town at Madison Elementary School, at 14751 Juniper Street, two new classrooms for Transitional Kindergarten have been added. California recently changed the age at which students could enter kindergarten, so districts had to add transitional kindergarten for children just a little bit younger, with fall birthdays.

A play area was added near the two classrooms. A major new academic program is also starting at Madison, according

to Principal Paulette Smith: the district's first Mandarin dual-language immersion program.

Smith points out that while the physical additions to the school this year were modest, a near-doubling in physical size had occurred there just after schools reopened from pandemic closures. She said perhaps the excitement over returning to schools in-person had overshadowed there being much more of Madison than there had been.

There is a new maker lab, a new library, student garden and a new art lab, among other additions at Madison.

The enrollment at the school has gone from 350



Ms. Hsu will be teaching in the new Mandarin dual-language immersion program at Madison Elementary School.



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Part of a new children's garden area at Madison School.

before the pandemic to 600 this year, Smith said. This happened as some districts nationwide are concerned about students who never returned after the pandemic.

"None of ours are missing," said Smith. "We know exactly where to find them," she added as she stood in a very busy courtyard.

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Nancy Elizabeth Cutter

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Nancy Elizabeth (Gatter) Cutter lived a full and meaningful life prior to her passing on July 19, 2023. Nan was born on May 20, 1932 in Albany, California to Frank and Margaret Gatter. She grew up in San Leandro with her parents and sister Joan, who was only one and a half years younger. Joan and Nan were very close and had a lifelong friendship. They spent a great deal of time with their seven cousins, who were also close like siblings. While growing up, Nan received lessons in ballet, piano, and did Girl Scouts.

Nan met Fredrick Marshall Cutter while they were both at San Leandro High School. He would park his bike at her parents house and walk Nan to school. On April 1, 1951, they entered into a marriage that lasted over 72 years. The two had an inspiring love and a happy life. Throughout their lives, when the right music was playing, Nan and Fred lit up the room with their beautiful dancing. In their later years, Fred would refer to Nan as "his special gal" or "special lady" and "the love of his life."

Nan and Fred made their home in Newark, California. Nan was one of the early employees at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. She loved to share that she worked there before Fred, who spent most of his career in electronics at LLNL. After starting their family, Nancy became a full time homemaker. Over the next seventeen years they would be blessed with six children.

Being outdoors was an important part of Nan's life. She and Fred backpacked the entire John Muir Trail over numerous trips and backpacked extensively in the Sierra Nevada. Yosemite was a very special place for her family. They spent many summers at the family cabin in Foresta before it burned down. After the kids were grown, Nan and Fred traveled throughout North America in their travel trailer and on cruises, with noteworthy visits to Canada, Alaska, and Hawaii. Nan enjoyed bird watching and identifying wildflowers while hiking.

Nan had a keen mind and had many hobbies. As a girl, she used to enjoy gardening with her father and this led to a lifelong passion. She also did beautiful cross-stitch and created art that was hung in the family home. If the Olympics or any figure skating was on, you could find Nan watching it and sharing about the athletes and their achievements. In their retired years, she and Fred took daily walks and visited many coffee shops where they were known by name by the baristas.

As a couple, Nan and Fred had many enduring friendships. Their many friends and their families were very important to Nan and she nurtured those relationships. Indeed, within their neighborhood and close families, she was dear to their children. She was even called "mom" by some of the friends that spent time with her family. The Cutter's Christmas Eve open house was a tradition for many years and is one of the many fun ways Nan brought people together.

Those who knew Nan knew that her children and their families were the true center of her life. She was an attentive and caring parent, grandparent and great-grandparent. She is survived by her sister Joan (Doug) Mumma; husband Fred Cutter; children Scott (Pauline) Cutter; Cheri (Adriano) Salamanca; Sean (Katie) Cutter; Kurt (Beth) Cutter; Rick (Teresa) Cutter; daughter-in-law Terry (Bob) Langdon; fourteen grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren. She joins her son Clay Cutter who passed in 1990.

The family invites those who knew Nancy to join in a celebration of her life on September 10th from 1-4pm at the Brookmeadow Clubhouse at 450 Charlotte Common in Livermore.



Willie J. Walton

Willie J. Walton, son of Juanita Walton, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on April 22, 1946. He received his education in Cincinnati, Ohio.

A highlight of his life in Ohio was a short-lived boxing career. He earned a Golden Glove status. He even took part in the 1972 Olympics in Munich, Germany.

He was in an adult adoption program in Ohio. Upon his adoption his adopted family then moved to California sometime in the 1980s.

He met the love of his life, Vera Akles, in 1988; they were inseparable from when they met. Willie and Vera were united in marriage in 1995. They both shared a love of animals. They kept dogs a plenty. A cat and, multiple fish tanks.

They started a successful, thriving business known as "Walton's Janitorial Service" from this union based in San Leandro, CA. Their clients and the business community greatly respected and admired the couple. They also served on the "Seven Step NA program board of directors in San Leandro, CA.

After his wife passed away, he relocated to Sacramento, CA, with his beloved dog, Satchmo, and lived at a friend's home until he passed away on August 22, 2023.

Preceding him in death are His mother, Juanita Walton; His wife, Vera Walton; And his sisters, Clara Mae Walton and Rose Walton. His cousin (Sis), Barbara Avery, and his son, Jerome Burke, of Cincinnati, Ohio. Cousin Gerald of Oakland, CA.

Willie is survived by his sister-in-law Doris Crane from Chicago, Illinois; (3) sons: Robert (Lisa) Stanford, Eric (Ava) Walker, Tony; (2) daughters: Tracey Alexander and Jackie Smith, of Cincinnati, Ohio. (2) stepdaughters, Ronda Akles of Dallas, TX, and Loretta Johnson of Portland, Oregon; (2) stepsons, James Clark of Las Vegas, Nevada; and Chago Akles of Portland, Oregon. (20+) Grandchildren (20) Great grandchildren, a host of nieces and nephews, and cousins.

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