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State Senator Aisha Wahab (right) and Alameda County sheriff's deputies were joined by many other volunteers to give away turkeys and other Thanksgiving meal items last week to some 900 households at the community kitchen run by the Deputy Sheriffs Athletic League (DSAL) on Fairmont Drive.

Azevedo Wins; Holds Off Hernandez

Both candidates say they'll keep working to improve San Leandro

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

Bryan Azevedo has won re-election to the San Leandro City Council for a second term, holding his District 2 seat against Ed Hernandez who was trying to get his former seat back.

Azevedo had 14,579 votes (51 percent) to Hernandez's 14,132 (49 percent).

Countywide, there were some 4,836 mail-in ballots being "cured," where the county gives voters a chance to fix technical errors with ballots that would otherwise result in them being invalidated. Of-

ten, the problem is a missing signature. But Hernandez said that only perhaps 100 or 200 of those curing votes were in San Leandro, not enough to affect the outcome of the election.

Azevedo thanked voters. "I'm happy the community rehired me," Azevedo said.

Azevedo said he was excited to get to work bringing the community together around the issues, starting with crime, homelessness, garbage strewn about in some places, and traffic violations endangering res-

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Deputies Hold Annual Turkey Giveaway

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

Of the many families sitting down to enjoy Thanksgiving meals, about 900 are doing so thanks to a turkey and groceries they got from a turkey giveaway last Friday on Fairmont Drive in San Leandro.

The rain fell but festive music boomed and the mood was happy. Community booths lined the pickup route, and people dashed from their vehicles to gather information.

State Senator Aisha Wahab helped lead the event for the second year along with the Deputy Sheriff's Athletic League (DSAL), which operates the community kitchen that has

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Man Stabs Two People in San Lorenzo

Suspect later arrested

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

A Pleasanton man was arrested last Friday for two stabbings at two locations in San Lorenzo on November 20.

Unique Newton, a 32-year-old who works as a stagehand, was arrested on Friday, Nov. 22, around 6:30 p.m. and taken

to Santa Rita Jail pending an arraignment hearing before a judge in Dublin, according to court records.

On Nov. 20, around 6:30, Alameda County Sheriff's deputies responded to the

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Why Is the Vote Count So Slow?

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

Alameda County Registrar of Voters Tim Dupuis told the county board of supervisors at their November 12 meeting that the public was not pleased with the slowness of the vote count.

District 2 Supervisor Elisa Marquez asked why the

vote count had been so slow. Dupuis responded, "That is because of a shift we made four years ago to being an all-vote-by-mail state."

Mail-in ballots take longer to process, Dupuis said.

"We like that because it promotes voter participation and increased turnout. It is convenient," Dupuis said.

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— Tim Dupuis,
Alameda County
Registrar of Voters

But the registrar of voters' office gets inundated by vote-by-mail ballots in the last few days before an election, Dupuis said.

In fact, he said, ballots were still arriving on Nov. 12, having been postmarked on or before Election Day.

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CITY COUNCIL

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

SAN LEANDRO SCHOOL BOARD

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



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California Volunteers, Office of the Governor celebrates the start of an ambitious new service year for California Service Corps.

With a force of 10,000 service members, California is leading the way in national service as members are expected to provide over five million service hours in 2025.

California Volunteers is currently accepting applications and interest forms. Learn more at CAServiceCorps.com.

California Service Corps includes #CaliforniansForAll College Corps, Youth Service Corps, California Climate Action Corps and AmeriCorps California.

"As we launch this new service year with the nation's largest service corps, we reaffirm that service to others is the highest form of civic duty," said Governor Gavin Newsom. "These paid opportunities embody the best of California's values — a com-



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The California Service Corps has a force of 10,000 volunteers that preform vital services while gaining job skills.

mitment to each other, mutual understanding, and the belief that when we lift others, we all rise together."

Young People Make Money While Serving The Community

Over the last year, more than 38,000 Californians ap-

plied for a chance to earn money while serving their communities. In the coming year, California Service Corps programs will be over 10,000 members strong and will help communities by:

- Taking climate action.
- Tutoring and mentoring K-12 students.

• Supporting communities experiencing and recovering from disasters.

• Combating food insecurity and connecting vulnerable people to vital resources and services

opportunities," said Riverside Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson. "And Riverside benefits from their incredible talents while we grow the next generation of public servants."

"Hundreds of California Climate Action Corps fellows are taking on big challenges by planting trees, composting food waste, feeding hungry Californians and protecting rural communities from wildfires," said California Climate Action Corps fellow Robbie Cordova. "I'm thrilled to be returning for my final term of service and eager to continue this transformational project of fighting climate change to make a difference in my community."

"California Volunteers' AmeriCorps programs like Reading Corps and Math Corps drive positive change in the state's most underserved communities," said Audrey Borland, Executive Director of California Reading Corps and Math Corps. "Together, we focus on areas that need it most, with 96% of the students served by these programs coming from socioeconomically disadvantaged backgrounds."

Bridging Divides
"Service members have stepped up to bridge divides and help their communities by serving in the California Service Corps," said California Chief Service Officer Josh Fryday. "These members are the state's future leaders and we need their energy and enthusiasm to address our greatest challenges."

California Service Corps members gain skills and experience while making new friends and effecting positive change in their communities. Members receive living stipends and many can receive up to \$10,000 toward higher education after completing their service.

Job Experience
"Programs like the Youth Service Corps give our young people important job experience, particularly those who otherwise may not have such

Slow: Ranked-choice, recalls also slow count

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tion workload also increased and complicated because two cities allow underage voting in school district races, Dupuis said. Plus, four cities in the county use ranked-choice voting. And there were two recalls on the ballot this time — District Attorney Pamela Price and for Oakland Mayor Sheng Thao.

Dupuis said that vote-by-mail ballots require extra work at the Registrar's office compared to votes cast on machines. They arrive unstructured, in bags or on trolleys, and must be prepared

for machine processing.

Ballots are sorted and put in trays in the same orientation before signatures are verified. Then, their envelopes are opened, and they are sorted again and set up for high-speed scanning, Dupuis said.

If any votes are not correctly marked or have extraneous marks, the whole batch has to be removed and examined by two-person teams, and then the good ballots are rescanned and tallied.

"You'd be amazed what people put on their ballots," the Registrar of Voters said.

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Community Calendar

SLHS Jazz Band Concert

Everyone is invited to the San Leandro High School Jazz Band Concert on Wednesday, Dec. 4, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., and the San Leandro High School Wind Ensemble Concert on Monday, Dec. 9, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Both concerts will be held at the San Leandro Performing Arts Center, 2250 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro. Tickets are \$5 at the door. All proceeds go to support the San Leandro High School Instrumental Music Program.

Christmas Concert at Calvary Lutheran

Everyone is welcome to enjoy the Community Christmas Concert on Saturday, Nov. 30, at 7 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church, 17200 Via Magdalena in San Lorenzo. \$10 suggested donation taken at the door. All proceeds go to the San Lorenzo Family Help Center. More information will be available at www.CalvarySanLorenzo.com/concert.

After-School Homework Help At the Manor Branch Library

Need help with your homework? Come to after-school homework help on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd. This is for students in Grades 1-5. Registration needed. To register, call 510-577-7971.

Art Reception and Sale

The public is invited to an Art Reception and Sale for the extensive works of Castro Valley's Betty Loeffler, Sunday, Dec. 1, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Castro Valley Center for the Arts, 19501 Redwood Road. Betty's work which includes handmade paper, prints, and monotypes spans almost 100 years. Betty died in 2022. There are framed and unframed offerings. Refreshments will be served. Artist and curator Susan Sarti will play piano and photographer Bruce Cassaday will accompany on trumpet. For more information, call 808-754-0393.

"It's a Wonderful Night" Downtown Holiday Celebration

Ring in the holidays at San Leandro's annual downtown festival, It's a Wonderful Night, on Friday, Dec. 6, from 4:30 to 9 p.m. See the tree lighting, holiday performances, photos with Santa, holiday train rides, crafts for kids, holiday market, and more. The holiday tree lighting will be at 5:30 p.m. in at Estudillo Ave at E. 14th Street, and the main event will be centered around W. Juana Avenue between E. 14th St. and Washington Avenue.

Friends of the San Leandro Library Cookbook Sale

The Friends of the San Leandro Library will host a Cookbook Sale on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Hundreds of beautiful books featuring cuisines from around the world will be featured. These books originally sold for as much as \$50 but will be sale-priced for much less. Start your holiday shopping with quality cookbooks at bargain prices. All proceeds benefit the San Leandro Library's programs and services. Now accepting credit cards.

Sign Up for Davis Street Holiday Basket Giveaway

Davis Street will hold its Annual Holiday Food and Toy Basket Giveaway on Dec. 23. Registration for families, seniors, and singles in need is now underway. If you or someone you know is in need – head over to www.davisstreet.org or call 510-347-4620 to see if you qualify. In-person sign-up hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Wednesday from noon to 6 p.m.

Hearing Loss Association Holiday Party

The Hearing Loss Association of America, East Bay its December meeting and Holiday Party on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 10 a.m. – in person, no Zoom – at the Kaiser Fabiola Building, 3801 Howe St., Room G-26, in Oakland. Potluck – bring a holiday treat if you like. HLAA East Bay will provide bagels and coffee. Register by Dec. 12 at www.hearinglosseeb.org and click on "Meeting Details" and then "RSVP."



Brian Copeland will perform his Christmas show, The Jewelry Box, at the Main Library.

Copeland's Christmas Show, The Jewelry Box, To Play at the Library

Award-winning playwright and actor Brian Copeland's family-friendly holiday show The Jewelry Box will return for one special performance at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., on Thursday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$40 cash at the door general admission and \$20 for those under 15. The show is recommended for ages 12 and up. The show runs approximately one hour.

Solo Series subscribers for the 2024 season will be admitted free on a first come, first served basis.

The Jewelry Box was written by Copeland and directed by David Ford. The hilariously heartwarming story, a prequel to Copeland's hit solo show

Not a Genuine Black Man, follows a young Brian as he heads to the "mean streets" of Oakland to buy his mom a Christmas present. When he finds the perfect gift – a jewelry box in the White Front store – six-year-old Brian sets out to earn the required \$11.97 by Christmas.

The show is rife with references to 1970s Oakland as it follows Brian's adventures as he scours the "help wanted" ads, applies for jobs, and collects bottles, inching his way toward the perfect Christmas gift.

San Francisco Magazine named The Jewelry Box as one of its "7 Must See San Francisco Holiday Events of 2024."

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Betty and her husband, Dr. Robert Allen Loeffler, moved to Castro Valley in 1960. They raised their five daughters in Castro Valley and Bob opened his plastic surgery practice there.

Both Loefflers were very involved in the Bay Area art community, garnering awards along the way. Betty was influenced and studied under Lundy Seaquist and took workshops from Mel Ramos



Betty Loeffler

and Wayne Thiebaud. Betty died in 2022.

"This is an opportunity to have an original piece of art at a very reasonable price," said Betty's daughter Pam Holloway. Most important to the family is that mom's work

More Events

Lucille Kline Holiday Tea At the Alta Mira Club

The Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette St. in San Leandro, invites everyone to the Lucille Kline Holiday Tea on Saturday, Dec. 14, at noon. Tickets are \$30 per person. For reservations, call Linda Klass at 510-914-5684 or Isabel Polvorosa at 510-955-7155.

DIY Casa Peralta Art Creation Workshop

Unleash your creativity at the DIY Casa Peralta Art Creation Workshop on Saturday, Dec. 7, from noon to 2 p.m. at the San Leandro History Museum, 320 W. Estudillo Ave. In a hands-on experience you'll craft faux-stained glass and terracotta tile designs. Inspired by the history of the Casa Peralta and the Little Brown Church. No experience required, just bring your imagination. All materials provided, and you'll leave with your own beautiful piece of art.

Paintings on Memories, Moments and Meals At the SL History Museum

Experience OrderUp! San Leandro, an exhibition of vibrant paintings by fine artist Eric Shea, celebrating the local memories, moments, and meals of our community, on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the San Leandro History Museum, 320 W. Estudillo Ave. You'll have the opportunity to share your own memories about the restaurants in San Leandro. Enjoy light refreshments while you take in stunning works that bring to life the stories behind our favorite eateries, both past and present.

Free Winter Holiday Concert and Community Sing-Along

Join Chorus Eclectic for a free concert on Sunday, Dec. 15 at 4 p.m. at the San Leandro Church of Christ, 601 MacArthur Blvd. The chorus will sing Christmas songs and invite the audience to sing along with several holiday favorites. Entry is off of the back parking lot. Snacks, desserts, hot chocolate, and raffle tickets for themed baskets will be available for purchase during intermission.

Resolve to Lose Weight By Joining TOPS

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?

be out in the world bringing joy to people."

There are framed and unframed offerings. Refreshments will be served. Artist and curator Susan Sarti will play piano and photographer Bruce Cassaday will accompany on trumpet. For more information, call 808-754-0393.

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Thanksgiving's Weekend Encore

Sure, we'll all be groaning after Thursday's big dinner, but most of us have waited all year for the grand prize of Thanksgiving – the weekend of leftovers!

Whether it's a late Thursday night raid of the fridge, a turkey sandwich with a little warmed-up stuffing on Friday, or a bowl

of turkey soup on Sunday, most Thanksgiving remnants are even better the second time around. And there's just no end to the possibilities.

TURKEY CLUB SANDWICHES FOR 8

1 (8-ounce) carton sour

- cream
- 2 tablespoons prepared horseradish
- 2 teaspoons honey mustard
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1/8 teaspoon white pepper
- 3/4 pound thinly sliced ham
- 12 slices whole wheat bread
- 4 slices Swiss cheese
- 8 lettuce leaves

3/4 pound thinly sliced leftover turkey
8 slices tomato
4 slices bacon

Combine sour cream, horseradish, honey, mustard, garlic salt, and white pepper; stir well. Place 3 ounces of ham on each of 4 slices of bread. Top each with 1 teaspoon sauce, 1 slice cheese, a lettuce leaf, and another slice of bread. Place 3 ounces of turkey on each slice, and add 1 teaspoon sauce, lettuce leaf, 2 slices tomato, and 1 slice bacon. Top with remaining slices of bread.

Cut each sandwich into halves or quarters (if quartered, secure each segment with a toothpick.) Serves 8.

CREAMY DIJON TURKEY SALAD

2/3 cup Dijon mayonnaise
1 tablespoon lemon juice
2 cups cubed cooked turkey
1 apple, chopped
1/2 cup sliced celery
1/2 cup finely shredded carrot
3 tablespoons minced onion

(Use either prepared or homemade Dijon mayonnaise. To make your own, combine 1 cup mayonnaise with 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard and 1 tablespoon lemon juice.)

Combine Dijon mayonnaise and lemon juice in large bowl. Add turkey, apple, celery, carrot-

divided
1-1/2 teaspoons dried thyme leaves
4 cups leftover mashed potatoes

Preheat oven to 400°F. In large bowl, mix turkey, peas, corn, gravy, 2 tablespoons of the chives and the thyme. Turn into shallow 2-1/2- to 3-quart baking dish; set aside.

In microwave-safe dish warm potatoes on high for 3 minutes; mix in remaining chives. Cover turkey mixture with potatoes. Place dish on baking sheet.

Bake for about 25 minutes in center of oven until turkey mixture is bubbly and potatoes begin to brown. Serve with cranberry sauce, if desired. Serves 6.

TURKEY A LA KING

1/4 cup butter
1/2 cup chopped green peppers
4 ounces sliced mushrooms
1/4 cup flour
1-1/2 cups milk
1 (10-3/4 ounce) can condensed cream of mushroom soup
1 (2-ounce) jar pimiento strips
2-1/2 cups cooked cubed turkey
Dash onion powder, pepper

Melt butter; add green pepper and mushrooms. Cover and sim-

mer 5 minutes. Remove vegetables with slotted spoon. Add flour to butter, cooking and stirring until smooth. Add half-and-half and cream of mushroom soup, stirring until smooth and thickened. Add turkey, pimiento, mushrooms, green pepper, and seasonings. Taste and adjust seasonings. Serve over hot cooked rice, biscuits, or noodles. Serves 6.

CRANBERRY-TURKEY LOAF

First Layer:
2 packages unflavored gelatin
1/2 cup cold water
1 pound jellied cranberry sauce
1/3 cup orange juice
1/2 cup celery, diced
1/4 cup pecans, chopped

Second Layer:
1 package unflavored gelatin
1/4 cup cold water
1 cup chicken broth, hot
2/3 cup mayonnaise
1/2 cup evaporated milk
1/2 teaspoon Salt
2 cups cooked turkey, diced

First Layer: Soften gelatin in cold water. Mash cranberry sauce, add orange juice, and heat until sauce melts. Stir in gelatin. Chill until partially set, then add celery and pecans. Pour into 9-1/2- by 5- by 3- inch loaf pan and chill until almost set.

Second Layer: Soften gelatin in cold water; stir in hot broth. Chill until partially set. Blend in mayonnaise, milk and salt. Add diced chicken. Spoon over cranberry layer. Chill. Unmold and garnish as you choose.

YAM BREAD PUDDING

2 eggs
2 egg whites
1 cup soy or regular milk
1 cup mashed cooked yams
1/4 cup packed brown sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
3 cups dry whole-grain bread cubes (4 slices)
1/3 cup golden raisins
1/4 cup chopped pecans, toasted

To dry bread cubes, spread in a single layer in a 15x10x1-inch baking pan. Bake in a 300°F oven for 10 to 15 minutes or until dry, stirring twice; cool. (Bread will continue to dry and crisp as it cools.) Or let stand, loosely covered, at room temperature for 8 to 12 hours.

In a medium bowl beat together whole eggs, egg whites, and milk. Whisk in sweet potato, brown sugar, cinnamon, and nutmeg.

In a 2-quart square baking dish combine bread cubes, raisins, and pecans. Pour the egg mixture over bread mixture. Lightly press with the back of a spoon to thoroughly moisten bread.

Bake in a 325°F oven for 30 to 35 minutes or until a knife inserted near center comes out clean. Serve warm. Makes 6 servings.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19): TA project benefits from your organizational skills that get it up and running. Your success leaves a highly favorable impression. Don't be surprised if you get some positive feedback soon.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Spend time on practical matters throughout the week, then shift your focus to more artistic pursuits. Resist being overly self-critical. Just allow yourself to feel free to create.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): Restarting those creative projects you had set aside for a while will help provide a much-needed soothing balance to your hectic life. Besides, it will be like meeting old friends again!

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): A change in plans could make it tough to keep a commitment. But stay with it. You'll get an A-plus for making the effort to do what's right and not taking the easy way out by running off.

LEO (July 23 - August 22): The Lion's enthusiasm for a workplace policy review is admirable. But be sure you know who is really behind the resistance to change before pointing your finger at the wrong person.

VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): You can expect to have a lot of work throughout the first half of the week. Devote the rest of the week to checking your plans in case some need to be adjusted.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): Try to avoid signing on the dotted line during the early part of the week. You need time to study issues that weren't fully explored. The latter part of the week might be more favorable for decision-making.

SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): A new development could snarl travel schedules or other holiday-linked projects. Some flexibility might be called for, to deal with problems before they get too far out of hand.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Relatives seek your advice on a matter you'd rather not be involved in. If so, use your sage Sagittarian tact to decline the "offer" so that no one's feelings are needlessly hurt.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): A shift in your planning direction might help you speed up your progress toward achieving a long-planned goal. Trusted colleagues are ready to offer valuable support.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): An unexpected demand for the settlement of an old loan could create some preholiday anxiety. But you might not really owe it. Check your records thoroughly before remitting payment.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): It's a good time to get involved with your social circle. Enjoy some well-earned fun and games with those closest to you before you have to resume more serious activities next week.



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

No Shortage Of Leaves

Clovis Formunkwin, a supervisor for the Downtown Ambassadors, rakes up leaves in downtown San Leandro. During the fall, the whole crew has to pitch in to rake up all the leaves.

HEALTH & FITNESS

Ten Things You Might Like To Know About Fitness

By Mitch Rothbardt
Special to the Times

I want to remind everyone of 10 important things I hope you've learned from reading my columns over the last few years.

1.) If you have chronic pain, start by looking at your posture and movement patterns. Back and knee pain rarely start with back and/or knee issues.

2.) Do something. Anything. Don't worry about the perfect workout program or diet. Just do something you can commit to doing 100 percent.

3.) You don't activate your core by sucking it in. While standing, lightly push your fingers into the sides of your abs. Push them out using your core. Notice the pressure that goes from the front of your belly all the way around your back? That's sound core ac-

tivation.

4.) Consistency matters above all else.

5.) Sure, age means something, but not nearly to the extent that you may think.

“Do something, anything. Don't worry about the perfect workout program.”

There's no reason that anyone at any age can't get healthier with exercise.

6.) Having said that, the longer you wait to do something, the harder it is to get started.

7.) Fitness and nutrition

are simple—not necessarily easy, but simple. Don't fall for some complex, overly detailed plan that you likely won't be able to follow. Remember number 4: Consistency is everything.

8.) Fitness doesn't always prevent injuries, but it does make you less likely to get them, and they'll be easier to recover from.

9.) If someone talks about their diet like a religion, back away slowly.

10.) Remember our motto: The most important thing anyone can get from a workout is the desire for another one.

Thank you so much for reading my columns. I hope you learned a few things along the way. Happy holidays!

Mitch Rothbardt is the owner and head trainer at Castro Valley Fitness. He can be reached at Mitch@CastroValleyFitness.com.

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GUEST COMMENTARY



October Market Rebound May Be a Positive Sign

By Carl Medford, CRS
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It is no secret that the real estate market has been in a slump. Beginning with soaring interest rates in May, 2022, 2024 home sales have been decied to be the worst

since 1995. Now, in a bit of good news, the rebound we have been hoping for may be at hand.

Marion McPherson with Inman News, quoting stats from the National Association of Realtors (NAR), states, "Existing-home sales — which

include single-family homes, townhomes, condominiums and co-ops — increased 3.4 percent month-over-month and 2.9 percent year-over-year to a seasonally adjusted rate of 3.96 million. The median home price increased 4.0 percent year-over-year to \$391,600, with all four regions posting price increases."

These are national numbers, so the real question here is how do we stack up here in the Bay Area, especially Alameda County?

To begin, October of 2021 saw 1,229 completed home sales with an average price of \$1,249,000. October of 2022, however, reflected the changing interest rates as sales plummeted to 792 and the average price dipped to \$1,218,000. 10/2023 saw a further reduction to 689 sales and an even lower average price of \$1,215,000. December 2023 was dramatically worse, with only 344 sales — less than

The Garden Bug



Prayer plant

This popular tropical houseplant (*Maranta leuconeura*) is known for its striking foliage and for how its leaves stay flat during the day, then fold up like praying hands at night. It is very slow-growing, but can eventually reach up to a foot in height indoors if conditions are suitable. Give these plants bright light to maintain growth, but avoid

prolonged exposure to direct sunlight. Use well-draining, acidic soil and keep it evenly moist. Water with filtered or distilled water once the top layer of soil has dried out. — Brenda Weaver

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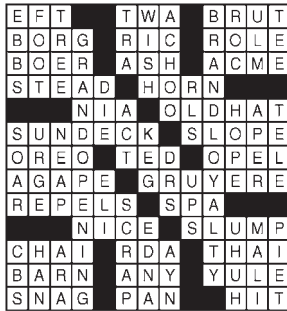
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a third of the 1,013 homes sold in December of 2021. October 2024, however, saw an increase to 808 sales, up 17.2% from 2023. The average price was also up to \$1,241, a boost of 1.02%.

While it is a bit early to officially call this a rebound, it is a hopeful sign that things may be finally turning around. Lawrence Yun, NAR's Chief Economist, echoes the sentiment, stating, "The worst of the downturn in home sales could be over, with increasing inventory leading to more transactions. Additional job gains and continued economic growth appear assured, resulting in growing housing demand."

Yun adds, "For most first-time homebuyers, mortgage financing is critically important. While mortgage rates remain elevated, they are expected to stabilize. The ongoing price gains mean increasing wealth for homeowners nationwide. Additional inventory and more home building activity will help price increases moderate next year."

Prior to the election, many held their breath wondering what impact the results might have on the market. With the election over, let's hope we can now focus on getting the housing market back on track with increased inventory and lower interest rates. If ever there was a time to see things turn around, it is now.

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

RECENT HOME SALES

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21586 Orange Avenue 94546: \$533,000 [3 BD - 1,222 SF - 1948
17114 Rolando Avenue 94546: \$745,000 [2 BD - 1,048 SF - 1940
19134 Schuster Avenue 94546: \$900,000 [2 BD - 1,763 SF - 1956
5030 Seaview Avenue 94546: \$1,200,000 [4 BD - 2,539 SF - 1975
18590 Carlton Avenue 94546: \$1,264,000 [4 BD - 2,086 SF - 1966
7902 Caldwell Court 94552: \$1,889,000 [4 BD - 2,749 SF - 1992
5192 Silver Birch Drive 94552: \$2,070,000 [5 BD - 3,526 SF - 1999

TOTAL SALES: 7

LOWEST AMOUNT: \$533,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$1,200,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$2,070,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$1,228,714

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14521 Doolittle Drive 94577: \$545,000 [3 BD - 1,060 SF - 1979
751 Odonnell Avenue 94577: \$575,000 [3 BD - 964 SF - 1950
2402 Heathrow Lane 94577: \$630,000 [2 BD - 1,371 SF - 1978
153 Dutton Avenue 94577: \$630,000 [1 BD - 815 SF - 1940
14401 Seagate Drive 94577: \$665,000 [2 BD - 1,202 SF - 1984
15219 Andover Street 94579: \$668,000 [3 BD - 1,020 SF - 1950
1590 152nd Avenue 94578: \$680,000 [2 BD - 981 SF - 1930
16811 Clinton Avenue 94578: \$750,000 [3 BD - 1,434 SF - 1944
1663 142nd Avenue 94578: \$750,000 [2 BD - 1,220 SF - 1942
14169 Seagate Drive 94577: \$770,000 [3 BD - 1,660 SF - 1987
528 East Merle Court #B 94577: \$800,000 [3 BD - 1,424 SF - 1920
1115 Louise Street 94578: \$800,000 [2 BD - 1,637 SF - 1948
1986 Evergreen Avenue 94577: \$810,000 [3 BD - 1,595 SF - 1953
759 Saint Marys Avenue 94577: \$822,500 [3 BD - 1,242 SF - 1925
14654 Acacia Street 94579: \$890,000 [3 BD - 1,456 SF - 1953
1709 140th Avenue 94578: \$1,100,000 [3 BD - 1,732 SF - 1946
14453 Nassau Road 94577: \$1,110,000 [4 BD - 1,386 SF - 1962
1456 San Rafael Street 94577: \$1,200,000 [4 BD - 2,150 SF - 1925
15178 Discovery Road 94579: \$1,550,000 [4 BD - 2,968 SF - 1994

TOTAL SALES: 19

LOWEST AMOUNT: \$545,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$770,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$1,550,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$828,710

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1368 Jacqueline Place 94580: \$548,000 [2 BD - 1,188 SF - 1972
15750 Via Colusa 94580: \$600,000 [3 BD - 986 SF - 1944
603 Heritage Circle 94580: \$760,000 [4 BD - 1,451 SF - 2004
16126 Via Arriba 94580: \$820,000 [3 BD - 1,072 SF - 1944
15725 Via Represa 94580: \$905,000 [3 BD - 1,314 SF - 1955
1188 Via Manzanitas 94580: \$928,000 [3 BD - 1,594 SF - 1950
17282 Via La Jolla 94580: \$950,000 [3 BD - 1,399 SF - 1950
18201 Via Jose 94580: \$1,215,000 [3 BD - 1,379 SF - 1954

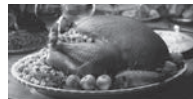
TOTAL SALES: 8

LOWEST AMOUNT: \$548,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$862,500
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$1,215,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$840,750

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32 Astrida Drive #4 94544: \$505,000 [2 BD - 1,000 SF - 1982

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Sensitive Plants Can Be Protected from Frost

By Buzz Bertolero
The Dirt Gardener

Q We recently landscaped our yard with new hardscape and plants. What is the best way to protect the new plants from frost damage? I thought I heard about a spray that protects plants when frost is present.

A Bonide Wilt Stop protects sensitive plants from cold weather damage. It coats the leaves of plants with a protective layer that insulates the tissue from the cold, but it still allows the leaves to breathe. Bonide Wilt Stop's best 'non-technical' description is 'Chap Stick' for plants. While you can apply it to all your plants, protecting deciduous plants, such as those that annually drop their leaves, like Japanese Maples and roses, is unnecessary. Also, evergreen plants, woody ornamentals like Photinia, Camellias, Pyracantha, etc., and conifers like redwoods, pines, and junipers do not need any protection. The primary cold-sensitive plants that need protection are Bougainvilleas, Mandevilleas, Hibiscus, Citrus, and Succulents. This applies to those plants on open ground or in containers. Our first frost or freeze date is in December, even though it's getting cold at night. The Bay Area has a mixture of cold temperatures. The farther inland you go,

the colder the winters. So. It's early, and we can apply Bonide Wilt Stop now and let it dry. It's a milky color that dries clear. Freezing temperatures, frost, or cold/frigid air are descants, pulling moisture out of plant tissue and causing the cells to rupture. The foliage is brunt, and you'll have dead stems and branches depending on the internal moisture of the plant. There must be moisture in the ground. Mother Nature supplies it in rain most years, but plants under any covering must be watered with any frost or freeze warning. The severity of the damage is determined by how cold it gets and how long the temperature stays under thirty-two degrees after the sun rises. Plants are not affected by the 'wind chill'; they are affected only by the actual temperature. With such warnings, I'd be prepared to cover the sensitive plants with a plant blanket such as N-Sulate or a similar product, but not plastic, as the cold will travel through it. The plants are covered at dinner time and removed at breakfast. All you need to do is toss it over the plants. It's not necessary to tie or secure it. Frost or freezing temperatures only occur when the air is calm with no air movement. It will not blow off. Typically, we get three to four warnings each winter. Also, it's not advisable to wrap plants like a mummy for an extended period. Container plants should

be clustered together and grouped next to the house. The escaping heat is beneficial. Also, add some non-LED miniature lights. The lights give off small amounts of heat that can warm the cold air under the blanket. It has been a while, but if we get frigid temperatures, plants don't



survive. It has been a while since that has happened. I wouldn't be in any hurry to prune off the damaged

tissue, as it can help protect the foliage below. The danger of frost is usually over by St. Patrick's Day. But there are those years when there is a late frost, so wait until April to prune.

Buzz Bertolero is an Advance California Certified Nursery Professional and the Senior Gardening Professional at Sloat Garden Centers. The Dirt Gardener's website is www.dirtgardener.com and

Mortgage Rates Tick Up

Mortgage rates ticked back up this week, continuing to approach 7 percent. Heading into the holidays, purchase demand remains in the doldrums. While for-sale inventory is increasing modestly, the elevated interest rate environment has caused new construction to soften.

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/s/Brooke Bowen

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/s/Tovan Doan

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Demolition of 1300 Bancroft Starts this Week, Thankfully

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

The demolition of the former medical buildings on Bancroft and Estudillo avenues to make way for an apartment building will finally begin this week, according to City Hall.

"He should be preparing to demolish the existing buildings over the Thanksgiving holidays when schools are out of session, but that is all the city knows at this point," said Tom Liao, the City of San Leandro community develop-

ment director.

The City Council okayed the development back in 2022.

The developer recently got the permits for the demolition, Liao said. He has until 2025 to complete the project, and then he could get a 2-year extension, going to 2027.

"It's really the developer you should be communicating with about his development status, because otherwise he is in compliance with the city," Liao said.

Phone calls over a few

months from the newspaper to the developer, Tom Silva and his firm Eden Realty, come to a dead end. A phone message says the person you're trying to reach is unavailable. Emails from the newspaper to Silva got no reply.

In August, Silva sent out an email to city officials and this newspaper announcing dates for the demolition work to begin. In the email, Silva said demolition would begin on the first building on Aug. 26

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PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

The buildings on the 1300 block of Bancroft Avenue have been vacant, awaiting the wrecking ball.

OPINION

LETTERS to the EDITOR

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Thanks to Campaign Supporters

Editor,

I extend my heartfelt thanks to my wife, Katherine Greenberg, my daughters Rachel and Sarah, Mayor Juan Gonzalez, and all the current and former elected officials, friends, neighbors, supporters, and family members for their sacrifice and support during my campaign for San Leandro City Council.

Special thanks to my campaign committee and advisors: Trustee Evelyn Gonzalez, Former Mayors Stephen Cassidy (and his family), Shelia Young and Pauline Cutter, Trustee Leo Sheridan, Trustee Aisha Knowles, Former Councilmembers Lee Thomas and Corina Lopez, Louis Heystek, Dominic Gonzalez, Jeff Falero, Meneka Mahajan, Zachary Borja and Kenneth Pon.

Although the election outcome was not as hoped, I am proud of our vigorous, issue-focused campaign and deeply appreciate the support of over 14,000 San Leandro residents who voted for me.

Your vote was for a safer San Leandro for all. I believe the majority of voters who supported my opponent share this desire for our community.

I hope the new City Council will focus on public safety, financial challenges, housing solutions, and business development, making San Leandro a city with good-pay-

ing jobs and attractive amenities like a vibrant downtown and a re-imagined Bayfair Mall.

I will continue to serve San Leandro as a director on the Eden Health District, improving health outcomes for the vulnerable and supporting safety-net hospitals. Recently, we awarded over \$270,000 to local non-profits.

Finally, I hope the community will come together to reform our City Charter, adopting District-based elections for City Council to make running for office more affordable, accessible and attainable for trustworthy and ethical candidates.

Thank you for your trust and support over the past 13 years. Please encourage your friends and family, especially our youth, to vote in 2026.

¡Adelante, Juntos!

Ed Hernandez
San Leandro

Thanks to All

Editor,

I'd like to thank City of San Leandro staff for serving residents with dedication and for helping push forward City Council priorities with persistence and creativity.

I'd also like to thank the community for both your positive and uplifting stories, as well as your willingness to generously share your personal blessings to support our city.

I especially want to thank my

fellow council members for your steadfast commitment to serving our community and for the grace you've demonstrated when working through complex situations.

Finally, I pray that we each have the opportunity to purposefully pause and give thanks for the many blessings of liberty that we enjoy.

On behalf of the City of San Leandro, Happy Thanksgiving Day!

Juan González
Mayor of San Leandro

Property Taken by Neighbor

Editor,

Regarding my letter about the trespassing neighbor (Nov. 14, 2024) and the reply (Nov. 21, 2024):

If moving the fence was an option, I would have done it. When the city permitted the trespassing neighbor to attach a fence to the rear of my fence, I lost control of my fence even though it is on my property.

The city doesn't care about the survey, they issued him a building permit without regard to the boundary lines.

Three licensed contractors have refused the job due to lawsuit concerns and I lack the strength and the tools to do it myself.

Susan Patrick
San Leandro

Actions Contradict Climate Plan

Editor,

Why does this city claim to have a climate action plan when some of their actions contradict that plan?

That plan claims the goal of reducing greenhouse emissions, but they continue to poison our parks and playgrounds by spraying toxic weak killer in the areas where people and pets walk and play. These toxins kill wildlife and seep into

the ground, causing more damage to our planet.

This week, I saw multiple bait boxes placed at Stenzel Park in order to kill squirrels. Great, San Leandro, more poisons in our ecosystem. On top of these poisons causing a slow, painful death to squirrels, it also harms the other species that feed off of deceased animals.

Leadership in San Leandro needs to decide which side of the climate crisis they are on. Either stop poisoning our parks and wildlife, or admit that your alleged commitment to the plant is all for show.

Lisa Russell
San Leandro

Politically Motivated Character Assassination

Editor,

This letter seeks to expose political corruption witnessed at the San Leandro City Council meeting on November 18, 2024.

The political injustice of San Leandro Mayor Gonzalez, and City Council-Members Ballew, Bowen, and Viveros-Walton, on November 18th marked a new era of corrupt government overreach, unsubstantiated politically motivated character assassination, and victimization of all San Leandrans. The only ones who stood firm for truth, fairness and all San Leandrans were the Honorable Victor Aguilar, the Honorable Bryan Azevedo and the Honorable Fred Simon.

In October, shortly before an anticipated investigatory report emerged, the mayor and three council members decided to imbue themselves with the power to discipline political rivals within the City Council. This is without having adopted a code of ethics or objective parameters for punishments. How fair is that?

On November 18th, despite hearing direct testimony from Rob-

ert Glaze about being misquoted and leaving out exculpatory evidence in the so-called "Independent Report" paid for by the City, and having heard multiple San Leandrans pointing out several errors in that report, the mayor and his three buddies decided to continue to hurl subjective punishing measures against their political foes, Simon and Aguilar.

Any reasonable person would have found the report doubtful enough to withdraw it. But, instead, the four political adversaries unleashed their power to defame, punish and humiliate Aguilar and Simon. And all of this at exorbitant tax-payer expense.

Shockingly, Simon and Aguilar were deprived of due process, when denied access to usually shared council information about these proceedings.

As a result, all City Council members are now de facto gagged in standing up for the best interest of San Leandro, for fear of opponents misconstruing their opinions as threats punishable by their political adversaries. The BIG LOSER here is San Leandro.

Dr. Chris and
Stephanie Smith
San Leandro

Wildlife Protection Needed

Editor,

California annually imports some two million non-native American bullfrogs and 300,000 freshwater turtles for human consumption, sold in "live markets" throughout the state. All are diseased and/or parasitized, though it is illegal to import or sell such products. Inexplicably, the permits continue to be issued, though state law forbids the importation/sale of such products.

Released into local waters by various "do-gooders," the exotics prey upon and displace our native

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Turkey: Helping to make it a happy Thanksgiving for everybody

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been used by restaurant start-ups and new entrepreneurs since 2020.

"Poverty is often hidden in the Bay Area. People struggle in shadow," Wahab said. "But they should be able to celebrate this most American of holidays."

"Holidays aren't always the happiest times for people," Wahab said. "They can be the loneliest. Sometimes a full belly helps people be happy and grateful."

Wahab had helped with the Hayward City Council's Thanksgiving turkey giveaway in her four years there. Since getting elected to the state senate two years ago she's taken a leading role in the giveaway, and vows to do one every year for the holiday.

People drove up to the former home of Dig Deep Farms at 2700 Fairmont Dr. and got their vehicles in line to get the turkey and other Thanksgiving meal items from volunteers, including several dozen sheriff's deputies and many members of the Tri-City Volunteers, based in Fremont.

Dig Deep Farms remains open, just in multiple other locations, community kitchen

Executive Director Patrick Eiser said.

While the event was aimed at lower-income families from Alameda and Santa Clara counties, you didn't need to sign up in advance, just come and join the line on Fairmont Drive.

"We want to express gratitude to all our partners who made the event possible," Eiser said. Those included Kaiser Permanente which was the biggest financial supporter, as well as the Alameda County Community Food Bank, Alameda County DSAL, Tri-City Volunteers, Grocery Outlet and the San Francisco 49ers.

While this food giveaway was geared to a particular holiday, the community kitchen gives away drive-up produce and groceries to several hundred households every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. Eiser said. There is no need to sign up, just show up, he said.

More information is available at 510-820-5222 or at info@acdsal.org.

The DSAL Community Kitchen opened in 2020 as a place to help new restaurants get started, often being opened by immigrants and low-in-



PHOTO BY MIKE MCGUIRE

State Senator Aisha Wahab (center, brightly dressed) and Alameda County sheriff's deputies joined to distribute Thanksgiving turkeys and other holiday food to some 900 households on Friday, November 22. The turkey giveaway took place at the community kitchen run by the Deputy Sheriffs Athletic League (DSAL) on Fairmont Avenue near Castro Valley.

come local residents. It has cooking and food preparation equipment, as well as both

cold and dry storage.

There are currently 24 entrepreneurs working out of

the kitchen, but there is room for up to 35, Eisner said. If you're interested in using the facility, look on www.dsal.org, or call the kitchen manager at 510- 820-5222.

Azevedo: Candidates' goals

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idents on foot and in vehicles.

Both Candidates Thank the Voters

Hernandez thanked the voters who had supported him, and said he has lots of work to do, even if not as a member of the City Council.

Hernandez said he plans to step up his involvement with the Eden Health District board, seeing through several projects there. He said he plans to spend added time with his family, and to do what he can professionally, in his career as a real estate broker, to encourage more housing be built in San Leandro.

Hernandez may cut back on some of the other boards he sits on, though he plans to stay active with the board for the Alameda County Fair. But he said he will be leaving his post as president of the San Leandro Democratic Club after this year.

"I want to keep helping the community move forward, especially on housing," Hernandez said. "It was a pleasure to run, and I was happy to get the support of over 14,000 people



Bryan Azevedo



Ed Hernandez

who voted for me."

"I ran the best race I could, kept things clean," he added.

District 6

San Leandro's other contested race for City Council in District 6, was not as close, with Dylan Boldt getting 16,679 votes (62 percent) to Robert Bulatao's 10,437 (38 percent).

City Council incumbents Fred Simon in District 4 and Sbeydeh Viveros-Walton in District ran for re-election unopposed.

School Board Elections

All four candidates in San Leandro Unified School District board races ran unopposed.

Newcomers Zachary Borja in Area 1 and Cindy Rocha in Area 3 will join the board, while incumbents Peter Osinski, at-large, and Diana Prola, in Area 5, will be returned.

In the San Lorenzo School District Area 5, the district's only contested board seat, Alicia Gonzalez was leading



PHOTO BY MIKE MCGUIRE

City Councilman Bryan Azevedo's supporters gathered on election night, though the vote count wouldn't be decisive for a couple of weeks with Alameda County's slow tally of the votes.

with 2,360 votes (64 percent) over fellow incumbent Penny Peck's 1,335 votes (36 percent). A move to voting by areas rather than district-wide had forced the two incumbents into a race against each other.

San Lorenzo school board candidates Kyla Sinegal, an incumbent from Area 3, and Dorothy Lee, a newcomer from Area 2, ran unopposed.

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Letters: Imported turtles harming native species

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species, while spreading diseases and parasites, dangerous for wildlife and the public alike.

The market animals are kept in horrendous conditions, routinely butchered while fully conscious. Worse, the majority of the bullfrogs carry a dreaded chytrid fungus, *Batrachochytrium*

dendrobatidis (Bd), causing the extinctions of 200-plus amphibian species worldwide in recent years.

Easy fix: Stop issuing the import permits. Our Dept. of Fish & Wildlife and the Fish & Game Commission have received more than 4,000 letters supporting a ban, from environmental and sporting organizations, animal wel-

fare groups and the public. Former Resources Secretary Huey Johnson wrote twice, all to no avail. Legislation is in order.

The issues are many: environmental protection, public health, and unacceptable animal cruelty. All legislators may be written c/o The State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814. Email pattern for all:

senator.lastname@senate.ca.gov; assemblymember.lastname@assembly.ca.gov

Eric Mills,
coordinator
Action For Animals
Oakland

Crime Solution
Editor,
Hey, Planning Commission, why not a tall San

Leandro police officer, disguised as a large pine tree, who will perform early morning surveillance at the downtown Bottle Shop liquor store? Using this method, maybe the smash-and-grab burglars will be caught before a third successful attempt is made.

George Z. Banks
San Leandro

Stabs: Man arrested

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15000 block of Via Nueva in San Lorenzo to investigate reports of a stabbing. Deputies learned of a second stabbing near Grant Avenue and Via Nueva, according to ACSO Sergeant Roberto Morales.

Deputies searched the surrounding area on Wednesday night but did not find the suspect, he said.

Both victims suffered non-life-threatening injuries and were treated at a local hospital. The victims' names were not released, nor was any information about the relationship between the victims and the suspect.

Detectives followed up on the investigation and were able to identify and arrest Newton for attempted murder.

Newton was booked into Santa Rita Jail and is charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, attempted homicide, second-degree burglary, and felony child molestation.

No further information on the suspect is being provided at this time, Sgt. Morales said.

Even though Newton is in custody, Sheriff's Office officials are considering the attempted murders as an active investigation. They are also looking for video surveillance cameras that may have captured these incidents.

Neighbors in the area of Via Nueva and Grant Avenue with information are asked to contact ACSO's non-emergency number at 510-667-7721.

Demolition: Plenty of time to complete

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and would take 4 to 6 weeks, and then the second building would be demolished, and work would be completed by mid-November.

City Hall replied to Silva that he would have to get demolition permits first. Now, apparently, he has done so.

A website for Eden Realty lists an address as a P.O. Box in San Lorenzo and an address of 318 Sunset Blvd. in Hayward, which is a house with no sign for a business of any kind.

The Eden Realty website features one property – an apartment building, also on Sunset, just two blocks down the street from the house.

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