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Washington Avenue Crossing Upgraded

The long-planned work on the railroad crossing on Washington Avenue and Halcyon got underway last week. The paving blocks around the tracks were pulled out and crews worked with heavy equipment to remove part of the roadway before installing a new design to make the crossing safer for both pedestrians and vehicles. Since 1994, there have been six collisions – resulting in five deaths – at this crossing. In 2022, the City Council approved a contract to make the crossing safer, hiring an engineering firm to design and construct a new crossing.



Azevedo Seeks Business Ties on Vietnam Trip

Councilman returns from trip to Southeast Asia with local delegation

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

“We’re trying to put San Leandro on the map,” City Councilman and Vice Mayor Bryan Azevedo said of his recent trade delegation visit to Vietnam. He pointed out that the latest figures show that about 15 percent of San Leandrans are Vietnamese-American, while 37 percent are Asian-American. Some of those residents own businesses that might be interested in trade, he added. Azevedo joined some 50 other local officials and businesspeople on the 12-day trip, partners. *see AZEVEDO, page 11*

Local Doctors Launch Moonshot Research To Save Daughter

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

Two East Bay doctors are racing against time to save their two-year-old daughter, who suffers from an ultra-rare gene defect. Multiple brain, spinal, and nerve tests proved negative, but genetic testing found Lucy has two bad copies of the PGAP3 gene, one of the many genes involved in cell communication. It’s one tiny amino acid difference in one tiny protein, but it’s critical. “Her brain is developing normally, but it might not communicate properly with the rest of the body,” *see MOONSHOT, page 5*

San Lorenzo Para-Educator Presented Statewide Award by School Employees Organization

By Scott Faust
Special to the Times

A veteran paraeducator in the San Lorenzo Unified School District, Julie Glenn-Juuko, has been awarded a statewide Member of the Year Award by the California School Employees Association (CSEA), one of only five individuals honored by the organization for 2023. Glenn-Juuko has worked

for SLZUSD since 2006 and has been president of its CSEA Chapter 692 for eight years. She received her award on July 25 before a crowd of thousands during the group’s 97th annual conference at the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino in Reno. Each year, CSEA recognizes a handful of its 230,000 members for their commitment and dedication to students,

“She encourages us to do better by saying that is not OK, and we can concur.”
— San Lorenzo Superintendent Darryl Camp

community involvement and activism in the organization. Fellow San Lorenzo school employees, including those who nominated her for the award, appeared in a tribute video that highlighted Glenn-Juuko’s commitment to the district’s students and to the classified employees who are represented by the CSEA. Among the CSEA’s ac- *see AWARD, page 10*

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Pets of the Week

Kuzco

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are a German shepherd mix, and a German shepherd.

Kuzco (in a foster home) is a 1-year-old German shepherd mix, a goofy boy who loves to play with people and sleep on his back like people do.

Kuzco is best suited for a family with older kids and

Groot

grownups due to his size and energy level.

Groot is a 3-year-old German Shepherd who is looking for a family that can tame his wild side and give him a job to do. Groot is loyal and will love to be with that special person that gives him attention.

To adopt or for more information on Kuzco or Groot, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at 510-293-7200.

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE INNER WHEEL CLUB

Inner Wheel teamed up with the Rotary Club at the San Lorenzo Food Pantry.

Inner Wheel, Rotary Join Forces

Inner Wheel Club of San Leandro's President Monika Williams, Vice President Amy Neuman and Inner Wheel USA President Gloria Vasconcellos shared their joy at the San Lorenzo Family Help Center on Saturday, July 29.

They joined Rotary Club of San Leandro's Day of Service at the San Lorenzo Food Pantry. Volunteers checked in clients, handed out food, prepared and sorted food for distribution, and assisted with clean up.

Email iwclubofsanleandro@gmail.com for more information about Inner Wheel.

Call for Artists – Downtown Art Project

Downtown San Leandro has received a grant from the San Leandro Arts, Culture, and Library Commission for a Holiday Art Tree project.

Ten selected artists will each receive a \$500 commission to create joyful interpretations of the holiday season on pine tree-shaped wooden panels.

Artists who apply must either live, work, or go to school in San Leandro.

The application deadline is Aug. 31. More information is available at www.downtownsanleandro.com.

District Attorney Charges Two Men with Attempted Murder in Gas Station Shooting

The Alameda County District Attorney's Office is charging two men allegedly involved in a shooting incident at a gas station on East 12th Street in Oakland on July 7.

Roderick Smith of Hayward is charged with one count of attempted murder, two counts of shooting at an occupied vehicle and one count of unlawful firearm activity. Deandre Daley of Oakland is charged with one count of attempted murder, two counts of shooting at an occupied motor vehicle, one count of unlawful firearm activity and possession of a firearm by a felon.

Oakland police investigators say the two defendants parked their car after spotting the male victim pumping gas. A confrontation ensued. The defendants then started shooting at the male victim who shot back. That male victim was struck by a bullet. One of his female passengers was also shot and seriously injured. The third passenger was uninjured.

If found guilty of the charges, both Smith and Daley could face 77 years to life in prison.

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Community Calendar

Music at Marina Park

Bring a lawn chair and enjoy a summer evening at the park with music and fun on Thursday, Aug. 17, at 6:30 p.m. at Marina Park, 14001 Monarch Bay Drive. The Latin Rhythm Boys will provide high-energy Puerto Rican music and food will be available from The Food Truck Mafia. The evening of music is made possible by a donation from the San Leandro Optimist Club.

Alta Mira Club Salad Bar Luncheon and Fashion Show

The Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave. in San Leandro, will host a salad bar luncheon and fashion show on Saturday, Aug. 19, at noon with fashions throughout the ages. Tickets are \$35 at the door. Fashions presented by the San Leandro Players theater company and club members.

Downtown San Leandro Artisan Market

Come to Downtown San Leandro on Sunday, Aug. 27, from noon to 5 p.m. for the San Leandro Artisan Market, featuring handmade goods and art from around the East Bay. Visit over 30 booths in the Fieldwork Brewery parking lot at 100 W. Juana Ave., showcasing San Leandro's vibrant and talented artists, enjoy live music, and grab a bite from one of San Leandro's delicious downtown eateries.

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.

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>.

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.

Resolved 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?

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.

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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.



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Dog Days

A dog watching the Fourth of July Parade in Alameda didn't get too excited about the whole thing.

Laney to Offer Courses in Artificial Intelligence

Laney College will offer students introductory courses in Artificial Intelligence & Data Analytics (AIDA) beginning this fall, to get students started on a pathway that will lead to careers in this exciting and innovative field.

Laney becomes one of the first community colleges in the state with such a program. Laney partnerships with industry leaders including Amazon Web Services (AWS), Intel, and Google will help prepare students for a career in the field or to transfer to a four-year school for additional study.

Faculty at Laney College in Oakland have taken a proactive approach to meet the demands of the rapidly evolving technology landscape by introducing innovative Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Data Analytics (DA) curriculum — AIDA. These courses will provide students and learners with the skills needed for their latest careers, which are being revolutionized through AI and machine learning (ML) advancements.

For more information about Laney College's AIDA courses, visit Laney.edu/AIDA.

AI and Data Analytics

have emerged as dynamic fields with a soaring demand for skilled professionals who can harness the potential of these technologies. These disciplines are already reshaping diverse industries from healthcare to finance and retail, and their influence continues to expand.

With the ongoing advancements in AI and ML, the demand for adept professionals

in these domains has set to surge and to reinforce the significance of acquiring AI and ML skills now.

"Learning AI and ML skills comes with significant advantages because these skills are the must-have for the next generation of professionals in all areas of employment," said Tuan Nguyen, one of the instructors leading the initiative. "Employers

demand AI/ML upskilling to prepare for their next product releases and service updates, and professionals can upskill with AI training and AI-based tools. The world is changing with AI."

Interested students should enroll now in CIS 96F: Introduction to Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning and/or MATH 118: Foundations in Data Science.

Weekend Weather May Bring Rain

By Mike Pechner
Special to the Times

If area forecast models are correct, we are in for a rare summer treat.

Some monsoonal moisture has been toying with the Bay Area and all of Northern California, including the Sierra Nevada this week with a number of lightning caused fires in Humboldt and Del Norte Counties.

Scattered showers were observed around the Bay Area on Monday. The current forecast models are quite bullish about bringing wetting rains to the entire Bay Area northward to the Oregon border and most of Sierra south of the Feather

River Canyon.

The models are forecasting the remains of Tropical Storm Hillary to move into the South Bay late Sunday night and the remainder of the Bay Area and Sierra Nevada late Monday. It's not totally uncommon to see rain in August as we did two summers ago.

While there is plenty of time for the models to come to a consensus, at this writing the rainfall forecast is off the charts with a range of one to

two inches which break existing records. The duration and amount of precipitation if it comes to fruition could cause localized flooding, debris flows and mud slides in the burn scar areas.

The deserts could see extensive flooding in dry washed, creeks and rivers. One good aspect of this type of event is that rain of this proportion has the ability to bring the current slow fire season to a temporary halt.

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Celebrating the Prolific Zucchini



Moist and fudgy Chocolate Zucchini Cake

Sure, it's nice to have a vegetable garden in your backyard and to watch those cute little vines grow and blossom. But as you're now aware, there are suddenly zucchini all over the place, like relatives who've heard you just won the lottery. Fortunately, zucchini can be used in a wide variety of dishes from pastas, to salads, soups, sauces, fritters, pies, casseroles...

the list goes on!

FUDGY CHOCOLATE ZUCCHINI CAKE

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 cups sugar
- 3/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 4 eggs
- 1-1/2 cups vegetable oil
- 3 cups grated zucchini
- 3/4 cup chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease and flour a 9x13 inch baking pan. In a medium bowl, stir together the flour, sugar, cocoa, baking soda, baking powder, salt and cinnamon. Add the eggs and oil, mix well. Fold in the nuts and zucchini until they are evenly distributed. Pour into the prepared pan. Bake for 50 to 60 minutes in the preheated oven, until a knife inserted into the center comes out clean. Cool cake completely

if you plan to add your favorite frosting. Yields about 18 servings.

ZUCCHINI CHILI

- 4-6 cup of grated, unpeeled zucchini
- 1 cup of celery, sliced
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 (15-oz.) can tomato sauce
- 1 tomato sauce can of water
- 1 (29-oz.) tomatoes & juice
- 2-3 tablespoons chili powder
- 1 teaspoon of garlic salt
- 2 teaspoons of salt
- 2 tablespoons of sugar
- 1 teaspoon of black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon of red pepper
- 1/2 cup of pitted ripe olives, sliced
- 1 (15-oz) can kidney beans
- 1 cup of fresh, sliced mushrooms

Sauté grated zucchini, celery and onion in hot oil in large kettle or saucepan until celery is tender, but not browned, about 6 minutes. Add tomato sauce, water, tomatoes and juice, chili powder, garlic salt and salt, sugar and pepper. Simmer slowly, uncovered, 1 to 1-1/2 hours. Add olives, kidney beans and mushrooms.

Simmer another 10 to 15 minutes. Serves 8.

CURRIED ZUCCHINI SOUP

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- Salt
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 teaspoons curry powder
- 3 medium zucchini, sliced 1 inch thick
- 1 Russet potato, peeled and cut into 1-inch chunks
- 1/3 cup sliced almonds, toasted, for garnish

Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add onion and 1 tablespoon salt; cook, stirring occasionally, until the onion is soft, 4 to 5 minutes. Add garlic and curry powder; cook, stirring constantly, until fragrant, about 1 minute. Add zucchini, potato, and 4 cups water. Bring to a boil; reduce heat, and simmer until vegetables are tender, 10 to 15 minutes. In batches, puree soup in a blender (do not fill more than halfway) until smooth; serve immediately, or let cool, and refrigerate in an airtight container until chilled. Garnish with toast-

ed almonds. Yields 4 servings.

ZUCCHINI-ROSEMARY MEATLESS FRITTATA

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 cups zucchini, halved lengthwise and thinly sliced
- 4 large eggs
- 2 egg whites
- 1/4 teaspoon salt, divided
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper, divided
- 1/2 teaspoon chopped fresh rosemary
- 2 ounces Parmigiano Reggiano, grated

Preheat the oven to broil. Heat oil in a skillet over medium-high heat; add garlic, cook for 1 minute but don't let it brown. Add zucchini; cook 5 minutes or until tender, stirring continuously. Season with salt and pepper. Meanwhile, whisk together the eggs, egg whites, and rosemary, and season with salt and pepper. Pour the egg mixture over the zucchini and cook, just until the eggs begin to set, about 3 minutes. Sprinkle cheese evenly over the top. Place pan under the broiler for 3 minutes or until the frittata rises slightly and becomes light and settled. The eggs should not be runny. Transfer to a serving plate, cut into pie-shaped wedges, and serve. Serves 4.

ZUCCHINI & CORN MEDLEY

- 4 slices bacon
- 2 cups chopped zucchini
- 1-1/2 cups corn kernels
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 pinch pepper
- 1/4 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese

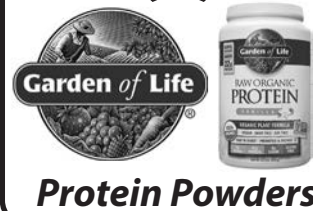
Place bacon in a large, deep skillet. Cook over medium-high heat until evenly brown. Reserve 1 tablespoon of drippings. Drain bacon, chop, and set aside. Heat the bacon drippings in the skillet over medium heat. Sauté the zucchini, corn, and onion until tender but still crisp, about 10 minutes. Season with pepper. Spoon vegetables into a bowl, and sprinkle with chopped bacon and shredded cheese. Serves 6.

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- ARIES (March 21 to April 19):** This is a good time for the usually outspoken Lamb to be a bit more discreet. You can still get your point across, but do it in a way that is less likely to turn off a potential supporter.
- TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** Good news: All that hard work you put in is beginning to pay off. But you need to watch that tendency to insist on doing things your way or no way. Be a bit more flexible.
- GEMINI (May 21 to June 20):** You might want to delay making a decision on the future of a long-standing relationship until you check out some heretofore hidden details that are just now beginning to emerge.
- CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** Your reluctance to compromise on an important issue could backfire without more facts to support your position. Weigh your options carefully before making your next move.
- LEO (July 23 - August 22):** This is a good time for ambitious Leos or Leonas to shift from planning their next move to actually doing it. Your communication skills can help persuade others to join you.
- VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22):** Relationships -- personal or professional -- present new challenges. Be careful not to let a sudden surge of stubbornness influence how you choose to deal with them.
- LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22):** You might need more facts before you decide on a possible career change. On the other hand, you should have no problem making a decision about an important personal matter.
- SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21):** You're respected by most people for your direct, no-nonsense approach to issues. But be careful you don't replace honest skepticism with stinging sarcasm.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** A newly emerging situation could require a good deal of attention and some difficult decision-making. However, close friends will help you see it through.
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** Ignoring changes in a relationship could create problems later on. Get involved now while there's still time to work things out and reach an understanding.
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** Of course you deserve to indulge yourself in something special. But for now, tuck that bit of mad money away. You'll need it to help with a looming cash crunch.
- PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** March 20) A temporary setback in your financial situation is eased by changing some of your plans. You'll be able to ride it out quite well until the tide turns back in your favor.

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Zach and Geri Landman with their daughter Lucy, and (below) Geri and her baby. Lucy's donated cells are being used to find a cure for the rare gene defect.

Moonshot: Family starts foundation to raise awareness and funding

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Zach Landman told the *Times*. "Without a cure, we were told that she would never walk or talk, and she would suffer from severe seizures. Geri and I have medical training, so we read all the papers on the subject and found some startling information."

Lucy's condition is so rare that only 30 to 50 people worldwide have this defect in their genes, Zach said. His

“The goal is to give these kids the best shot at life.”

— Zach Landman

other daughters do not have the same condition.

The cure for PGAP3 is being developed at Nationwide Children's Hospital Center for Gene Therapy right now. Scientists have used Lucy's donated cells as the scientific building blocks for the cure.

Zach says the latest round of clinical tests should be wrapped up by this fall, and the family will know if the treatment has a chance. The procedure includes adding the proper genes into Lucy's system using the shell of a virus structure as the carrier.

However, because there are simply not enough kids known to have Lucy's genetic disorder, no drug company,



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE LANDMAN FAMILY

government, or investor is interested in funding this research.

Last year, the Landmans co-founded Moonshots For Unicorns (moonshotsforunicorns.org), a 501(c)(3) non-profit, to raise awareness and pay for the nearly \$2 million in research costs. The results would be made available to other researchers as a way to treat other gene-related issues.

"The goal is to give these kids the best shot at life," Zach said. "About 1 percent of people in the United States have some type of genetic disease. We would use the results from Lucy's treatment like researchers do with developing flu shots. Each year, we would build on developing research to be able to treat more people."

The Landmans have been in contact with four or five other families whose loved ones may have similar gene therapy needs that could benefit from Lucy's story.

But in the process, their youngest daughter has taught the family resilience.

"Marrying my personal and professional life has taught me, and I look for what Lucy has given us," Zach said. "From this experience, she taught me to be a listener and to make sure I am learning and growing."

The Moonshots for Unicorns page (moonshotsforunicorns.org) provides information on getting involved and opportunities to donate. You can follow Lucy's journey on her Instagram page (@lucythepgap3goose).

Senior Q&A: Do You Have Any Advice On When to Update or Revise a Trust?

Q: My wife and I have a Living Trust and related estate planning documents which were prepared some years ago. We were told that we should keep them current. Do you have any advice in terms of when it is time to update or revise them?

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

A: When your trust was prepared, your attorney probably did his or her best to encourage you to plan for normal contingencies, such as by naming backup beneficiaries and successor trustees in the event your first choices predeceased you or became unable to serve.

However, none of us can peer into the future and anticipate all events. The real key to keeping your documents current is to coordinate them with any significant change in your own personal circumstances, and to keep them compliant with any changes in the law.

While certainly not an exclusive list, here is my short list of times when it may be prudent to at least review your trust and related estate planning documents and, where appropriate, seek the guidance of your attorney:

- When there is a change in family circumstances, such as births, deaths, marriages, divorce
- At the beginning signs of incapacity
- When you anticipate

the need for long-term care, including the need for a Medi-Cal subsidy to help with the cost



- When you feel it is time to delegate decision-making powers to your successor trustee
- When there is a significant change in your assets and net worth

• When there is a significant change in the tax law that would affect your planning

• When any of your beneficiaries become disabled and apply for public benefits, such as SSI and/or Medi-Cal.

In terms of Advance Healthcare Directives, HIPAA Privacy Authorizations, and Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment ("POLST"), I would have a different list.

With these health-related documents, it is important to keep them current so that your physicians know they reflect your current wishes, especially wishes regarding end-of-life care. With regard to your Health Directive and HIPAA Authorization, I would suggest reaffirming those wishes at least every three years.

You might do so by simply attaching an addendum reaffirming your wishes, dating and signing it and asking two disinterested witnesses to sign. Regarding the POLST, I would suggest doing the same but with a frequency of at least once a year, and perhaps every six months depending upon your circumstances.

If your agents change addresses and telephone numbers, you might notate their new contact information by way of a dated addendum, rather than by interlineating or writing over their addresses in the original documents.

Generally speaking, I encourage my clients to look at their trust and related documents annually ~and when any of the above events occur, and to consider a review by their attorney every five years. Not all reviews will necessitate a change in the plan documents, but the above benchmarks will serve you in good stead should a revision be necessary.

Gene L. Osofsky is an elder law and estate planning attorney who has been helping East Bay families for over 30 years with Trusts, Powers of Attorney, Probate, Medi-Cal Planning, and related matters. For more information, please visit: LawyerForSeniors.com or call: (510) 247-2555.

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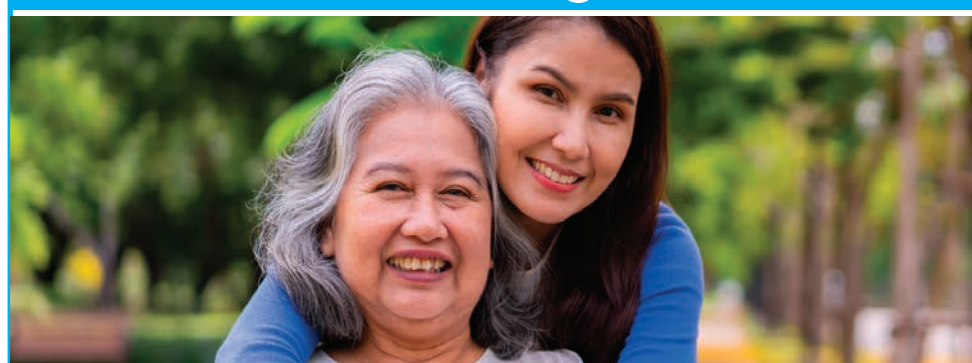
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REAL ESTATE GALLERY



Californians Favor Reducing Environmental Restrictions to Allow More Housing Starts

By Carl Medford, CRS
Special to the Forum

Californians, in a shift in mindset, have changed their opinions about easing environmental restrictions to build more housing. A November 2001 survey conducted by the non-partisan Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) revealed that 53% of surveyed individuals preferred to maintain the restrictions while only 43% felt they should be eased.

There have been a lot of changes in the Golden State in the past 22 years, including stratospheric surges in housing prices, dramatic increases in the costs of building materials, labor and permitting fees, significant declines in the skilled labor pool, increasing state regulations and taxes, intensifying natural disasters –

just to name a few. All of these factors have contributed to a growing housing shortage crisis and a burgeoning homeless population.

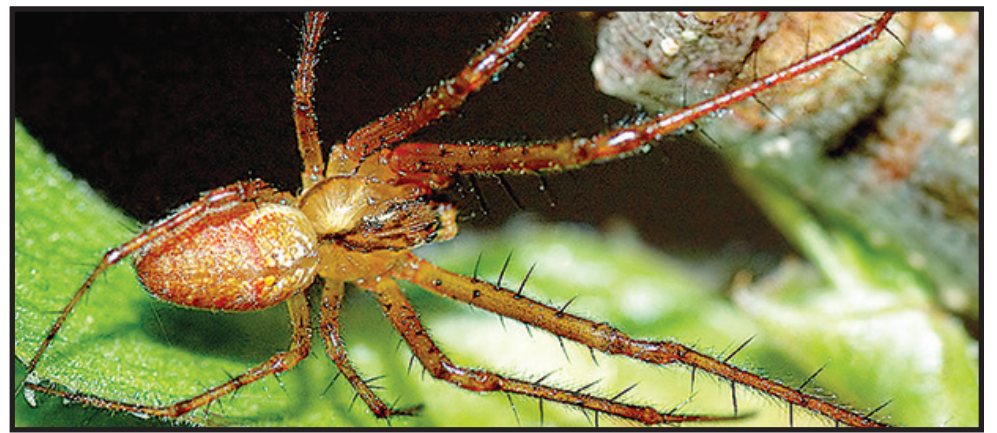
This past June, in a PPIC survey of more than 1,000 adults, the numbers had switched. 55% were now in favor of easing the current restrictions while the number of opposed dropped to 44%.

A post by Phil Hall of WRE News dated Aug 8, 2023 clarifies the shifting mindsets in California. He states, “The majority of Californians would not be upset if the state relaxed its stringent environmental and land use restrictions in order to boost the short supply of available housing.” Hall quotes Dean Bonner, PPIC’s associate survey director and research fellow, who informed, “Opinions on environmental and land use restrictions mirror

how Californians feel about reducing state regulations by changing CEQA – the California Environmental Quality Act.” Bonner further explains, “CEQA has guided planning on building projects and land use for over 40 years. About six in ten (59%) Californians favor changing CEQA regulations as a way to make housing more affordable; support for such changes is also widespread at half or more across parties and regions.”

The survey found that, no surprise, results fell along party lines, with Democrats typically wanting to maintain the restrictions by a tight margin (51% to 48%) while Republicans supported easing the restrictions (64% to 35%) with independents favoring easing (60% to 39%). While homeowners were split on the survey, renters overwhelmingly stated their preference to do whatever was necessary to increase housing (62% to 37%). Ironically, the only region in the state that opposed easing restrictions was the Bay Area.

With housing shortages weighing in as one of the state’s primary concerns, perhaps it is time to reevaluate the regulations currently hampering the development of critically needed housing units.



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Spiders Keep the Other Insects Under Control

By Buzz Bertolero
The Dirt Gardener



I have three small apple trees. Each year I get very few apples to eat due to bugs infesting or damaging the fruit. I see a lot of spiders in the tree. I think I’m wondering if there is a way I can control these pests. The trees are now full of apples, and as they ripen, I’d like to protect them from the problems.

Spiders pose no threat to ripening Apples or any other edible crop. The webbing they constantly spin is a nuisance; however, most garden spiders are beneficial in keeping the insect population under control in gardens. At this time of the year, wormy apples and skin blemishes are the biggest problems. Unfortunately, it may be too late to solve them effectively. Wormy apples are

controlled during the blooming period by setting out Coddling Moth Traps and applying Beneficial Nematodes under the tree drip line. While the spring is the primary period, there can be secondary infestations, so you should keep the traps out all season and monitor them weekly. Once you have trapped six or more, spray the tree with Spinosad. Spinosad is a biological product made from a naturally occurring bacterium. It is the primary organic spray for Coddling Moth in Captain Jack Death Bug Brew and Monterey Garden Insect Spray. Sevin or Carbaryl is also used, but I don’t recommend it. The Beneficial Nematodes control the over-wintering pupae while the traps monitor the flying adults. Skin blemishes can develop from pecking bird fruits rubbing together or from sunburn on hot days. Sunburn blemishes occur on those fruit facing the southwest and those not protected by leaves. Fertilizing in spring provides the necessary nutrients to shade the maturing apples. Also, removing the cluster of fruits on the outer branches help this problem. All that being said, the apples with all their flaws are still edible. You just cut out damage for homemade apple sauce.

Note: UC Davis IPM website for Coddling Moth has more information. It is found at <https://ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/PESTNOTES/pn7412.html>.

I just put in a cement/brick front porch that faces southwest. I want to plant several tall, deciduous trees that cast afternoon shade on the porch and a second-story bedroom window. My first choice is the Festival Sweet Gum/Liquidambar for its leaf shape and fall color. The Sunset Western Garden Guide mentions that the tree puts out surface roots. I plan to dig a hole four to five feet deep and as wide. Will this alleviate the root problem? It would be an expensive mistake if the roots tore up my porch.

The Liquidambar roots will likely come to the surface eventually, so I wouldn’t risk planting this tree. Instead, I suggest you consider Crape Myrtle or Flowering Pear. Crape Myrtles are flowering now, while the Pears bloom in February/March. They both have marvelous fall colors, but they don’t have maple-like leaves. The Crape Myrtles and Flowering Pears are now planted in narrow strips and as street trees. Both trees can be kept under twenty-five feet and are perfect for your situation.

Buzz Bertolero is an Advanced California Certified Nursery Professional. The Dirt Gardener’s website is www.dirtgardener.com and questions can be sent by email to buzz@dirtgardener.com.



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CASTRO VALLEY

Total: 14 - Average Price: \$1,308,535
High: \$2,384,500 - Low: \$620,000

3009 Grove Way #C11 94546:
\$620,000 [2 BD - 1,042 SF - 1992
22221 Cameron Street 94546:
\$900,000 [3 BD - 1,126 SF - 1951
19375 Parsons Avenue 94546:
\$1,050,000 [3 BD - 1,469 SF - 1938
7863 Summerpointe Place 94552:
\$1,088,000 [3 BD - 1,443 SF - 1997
3375 Sydney Way 94546:
\$1,150,000 [3 BD - 1,391 SF - 1954
2718 Delaney Court 94546:
\$1,150,000 [4 BD - 1,966 SF-2020
19078 Santa Maria Avenue 94546:
\$1,225,000 [4 BD - 2,000 SF - 1946
3833 Somerset Avenue 94546:
\$1,250,000 [2,385 SF - 1951
21719 Gail Drive 94546: \$1,260,000
[3 BD - 2,318 SF - 1969
19464 Yuma Street 94546:
\$1,330,000 [5 BD - 2,685 SF - 1971
16995 Mira Vista Place 94546:
\$1,600,000 [5 BD - 2,388 SF - 1973
18574 Greenridge Court 94552:
\$1,630,000 [2,571 SF - 1976

21890 Tanglewood Drive 94546:

\$1,682,000 [3 BD - 3,446 SF - 1950

5200 Wildrose Lane 94546:

\$2,384,500 [3 BD - 5,100 SF - 1990

HAYWARD

Total: 21 - Average Price: \$879,714
High: \$1,390,000 - Low: \$490,000

95 Rock Rose Court 94544:

\$600,000 [4 BD - 1,312 SF - 1980

18014 Incline Road 94541:

\$661,000 [2 BD - 1,270 SF - 1973

2650 Oliver Drive 94545: \$680,000

[3 BD - 1,254 SF - 1971

1230 Apple Avenue 94541:

\$753,000 [3 BD - 1,025 SF - 1946

27394 Capri Avenue 94545:

\$800,000 [3 BD - 1,128 SF - 1957

21459 Locust Street 94541:

\$800,000 [4 BD - 1,893 SF - 1900

1859 Cedar Street 94541: \$850,000

[3 BD - 984 SF - 1943

784 Blaine Way 94544: \$850,000

[3 BD - 1,358 SF - 1954

18558 Ricardo Avenue 94541:

\$870,000 [4 BD - 1,581 SF - 1951

24598 Broadmore Avenue 94544:

\$880,000 [3 BD - 1,161 SF - 1956

31277 Carroll Avenue 94544:

\$880,000 [3 BD - 1,563 SF - 1955

24874 Willmet Way 94544:

\$880,000 [3 BD - 1,685 SF - 1958

27088 Lemay Way 94544:

\$900,000 [4 BD - 1,522 SF - 1957

32306 Ithaca Street 94544:

\$920,000 [3 BD - 1,548 SF - 1951

121 Cornucopia Way 94544:

\$920,000 [3 BD - 1,495 SF - 2006

142 Saint Andrews Street 94544:

\$960,000 [3 BD - 1,158 SF - 1955

1861 Osage Avenue 94545:

\$1,100,000 [3 BD - 1,224 SF - 1965

305 Toscana Way 94545:

\$1,120,000 [4 BD - 2,101 SF - 2010

1648 E Street 94541: \$1,170,000

[4 BD - 1,969 SF - 1959

22119 Prospect Street 94541:

\$1,390,000 [5 BD - 4,226 SF - 1950

1950

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Total: 7 - Average Price: \$879,642
High: \$1,200,000 - Low: \$730,500

1400 Carpentier Street #230 2242

Prosperity Way 94578: \$730,500 [2

BD - 1,228 SF - 1955

1519 166th Avenue 94578:

\$770,000 [4 BD - 1,728 SF -1955

981 Purdue Street 94579: \$795,000

[3 BD - 1,081 SF - 1951

2259 Cherry Street 94577:

\$795,000 [2 BD - 912 SF - 1924

16322 Ridgehavan Drive #504

94578: \$899,000 [4 BD - 1,918

SF - 2020

15304 Mendocino Street 94579:

\$968,000 [5 BD - 1,737 SF - 1955

1255 Alder Creek Circle 94577:

\$1,200,000 [4 BD - 2,197 SF - 2002



WEEKEND GARDENER

Vegetables

Sow seeds for carrots, lettuce and spinach a few seeds at a time every two or three weeks from now through October. This will provide a succession of succulent harvest through the winter. Leafy green plants, such as lettuce and spinach, that are 3 to 4 inches tall before the first fall frost will be mature enough to provide harvests through early spring.

Berries

Feed and water bramble fruits and strawberries. The sizes of next spring's berry fruit buds are determined by what you do this month and next. The more fertilizer and irrigation now, the bigger the berries will be next spring. Propagate bramble fruits by bending the cane tips to the soil surface and burying them 1 to 3 inches deep.

Flowers

Sow or transplant alyssums, fibrous begonias, columbines, calendulas, marguerite and Shasta daisies, gerberas, impatiens, pansies, Oriental and Iceland poppies, primroses, snapdragons, stocks and sweet peas. Seedlings sown now will be ready for transplanting by early October and November. Bait for snails.

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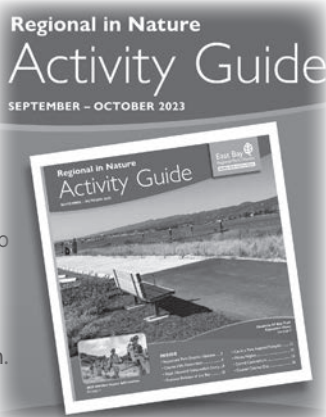
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Mortgage Rates Rise

For the third straight week, mortgage rates continued creeping up and are now just shy of seven percent. There is no doubt continued high rates will prolong affordability challenges longer than expected, particularly with home prices on the rise again. However, upward pressure on rates is the product of a resilient economy with low unemployment and strong wage growth, which historically has kept purchase demand solid.



Plants with "people" names

Creeping Jenny (*Lysimachia nummularia*)

Sweet William (*Dianthus barbatus*)

Jack-in-the-Pulpit (*Arisaema triphyllum*)

Johnny Jump-Up (*Viola tricolor*)

Queen Anne's Lace (*Daucus carota*)

Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*)

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Award: Credits her late mother for her example in public service

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accomplishments of the past year was joining with other district professional associations to negotiate a 20 percent, two-year salary increase that

took effect on July 1.

In accepting the award, Glenn-Juuko honored her late mother, Mary Glenn, who she said set an example of public service and committed

leadership while serving on a fire board in San Ramon and a personnel commission in Hayward.

"I've had the privilege to support and interact with some of the most amazing students," Glenn-Juuko said. "I work with fabulous, talented, caring and compassionate staff and incredible families and community. I leave at the end of a hard day's work with joy and a full heart, knowing I have made a difference."

She also credited the CSEA with helping to ensure that classified employees work in a "safe, fair and respectful environment" that empowers them to create the "best possible learning environment for our scholars."

SLZUSD Superintendent Daryl Camp presented the award to Glenn-Juuko, along with school board president Kyla Sinegal.

"I can't say thank you



Julie Glenn-Juuko, second from right, receives her 2023 Member of the Year Award at the CSEA conference in Reno on July 25. From left are Alberto Puga, CSEA Awards Committee member; Dr. Daryl Camp, San Lorenzo superintendent; and Adam Weinberger, CSEA Association president.

enough to Ms. Glenn Juuko for advocating continuously for systems improvement,"

Camp said. "She encourages us to do better by saying, 'This is not OK.' And we can concur. We're all striving to do better every time we come to work."

Chabad of SL to Host Talk by 100-Year-Old Holocaust Survivor

Chabad of San Leandro together with Chabad of the Tri-Valley will present a talk by a 100-year-old Holocaust survivor on Thursday, Aug. 24, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St. in Livermore.

Joseph Alexander, born in 1923 in Poland, remains as one of the world's leading voices and survivors of the Holocaust. His journey through 12 concentration camps (including Dachau and Auschwitz-Birkenau), the Warsaw Ghetto, and the death march is a miraculous story of

survival and triumph.

Listen to his harrowing tale and be captivated by his enduring faith and spirit that have outlived the evils of history. With the dwindling number of survivors, this is a rare and historic opportunity to absorb a fading generation's message and story.

Tickets range from \$20 to \$90. To order your tickets, go to: jewishsanleandro.com/holocaustsurvivor

For more information, email chabadsleandro@gmail.com or call 510-736-2311.

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Washington Manor Residents Left Out on Pool Decision

Editor,
I feel I must respectfully respond to last week's letter from Mayor Gonzalez asserting the city had "clear guidance" from the residents in support of the appropriation of funds earmarked for the competition pool to unspecified construction at the Aquatic Center and maintenance thereon. That residents want the city to properly maintain facilities does not by itself give authority to unilaterally change prior agreements.

In the July 17th City Council meeting, the consent calendar was moved to the start of the meeting without prior notification. Of the 19 items on that calendar, nine were for fund appropriations. Eight of those nine showed the fund amount. Item 23-332 relating to the pool did not. It said "provides funding for annual maintenance and repairs to the Family Aquatic Center pool, deck and play equipment."

The City Manager's report also

did not identify the movement of funds from the competitive pool. It referred to "large investments and a complete renovation of that popular swim center as well as some investment in future maintenance to keep that facility working well."

To know the impact of the appropriation you would have to open the attachment to item 10.i. Note, too, that this very full meeting had a presentation on housing protections and included a consent item regarding the controversial Lake Chabot Road Repair Project. Finally, my call in to object to this item was not taken due to problems with Zoom.

In short, promises of transparency feel hollow. Washington Manor Park is important to many residents here. We deserve the respect of being heard.

Susie Erb
San Leandro

Turn Old Quarry into a Park

Editor,
This is an open letter to Mayor Gonzalez regarding the \$600,000

for the Steven Taylor Memorial:

I propose the amount of \$600,000 of city money would be much more widely spent for the good of the whole San Leandro community, by the following proposal:

Purchase, by the City of San Leandro, the old site of the San Leandro rock quarry grounds on Lake Chabot Road. Make this a new new family open-air recreation area. This old rock quarry is a very large, beautiful and quiet space. I know this, having explored this area many times on a Sunday, before its brief life as a public golf-driving range.

With a dozen plastic picnic tables, and a small playground for children, it could be a terrific space for families and a nice hiking area to explore on a beautiful East Bay-weather day.

This city purchased recreation area would permanently protect it from EBMUD's proposal of trucks dumping excavation soils, "for the next 50 to 100 years."

A recreation area would be a win/win proposal, both for all citizens of San Leandro, as well as the residents of the Bay-O-Vista neighborhood.

Tad Schock
San Leandro

National Night Out a Cherished Tradition

Editor,
National Night Out stands as a cherished annual tradition observed throughout our remarkable nation, creating a space for our community

members to forge connections with the dedicated firefighters and police personnel. These selfless individuals take the time to visit and share invaluable safety insights.

On August 1 the Heart and Soul Communities organization proudly hosted its second National Night Out, joined in synergy by the newly formed Better Together communities. This vibrant community organization endeavors to foster profound connections amongst neighbors, cultivating stronger relationships that bolster emergency preparedness and simultaneously curtail instances of crime and vulnerability within our community.

We extend our sincere thanks to the Alameda County Firefighters, who graced Sol St. with their presence, engaging with our residents and imparting indispensable wisdom concerning emergency services and available assistance.

The event was embraced by a multitude of residents whose unwavering support and active participation propelled Heart & Soul's National Night Out to success. Our youth admirably supervised exhilarating games and served an abundance of various cuisines, including fried chicken sandwiches from local Bay Area business Bruh & Em's Chicken.

Adding a symphonic touch, the Bay Area Voices took center stage, entralling the audience with a medley of captivating solos and mesmerizing group performances. DJ Keffe masterfully sustained the festive atmosphere, interspersing

the delightful cadence of Bay Area Voices' melodies. We would also like to thank YM&H Hauling for providing the clean-up and trash haul.

It is with immense pride and gratitude that we acknowledge the turnout of our community and neighbors, their enthusiastic support and involvement was pivotal in the success of this event.

We eagerly await the joyous celebration of National Night Out in the coming year.

Ericka Tillis
Owner and Founder,
Heart and Soul Communities
San Leandro

AI Breaks Copyright Law

Editor,
Section 230 of US Code Title 47 protects common carriers such as Facebook, Google, and Bing from liability for what is returned from searches on the internet. This is logical since those carriers are not creating the content and they tell you the source the search results come from.

Artificial Intelligence software, however, is different. Those programs are clearly publishers. They create new works by copying already existing material that someone else created and present it as new, creative work. This is clearly massive copyright law infringement. Either we need to do away with copyright law or force AI programs to pay a fee every time they use someone else's words.

Don Siefkes
San Leandro

Azevedo: Visits industrial facilities, ports, waste treatment plant

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sponsored by the Vietnamese-American Business Association in San Jose. Among his companions were Oakland Mayor Sheng Thao, Alameda County Supervisor Lena Tam, Alameda County Sheriff Yesenia Sanchez, and Azevedo's favorite new person he met on the visit, actor Danny Glover.

Glover wore a San Leandro hat Azevedo had given him at several official events.

"Now if Glover can just introduce me to his friend Tom

Hanks," Azevedo mused.

Azevedo did, however, invite Glover for a tour of San Leandro in the weeks ahead. Glover accepted, but they are still working out the exact date.

The group was plunged into a whirlwind of meetings, industrial tours and conversations with leaders. They had a little time to see a few sights, but not much, he said.

The group visited the chambers of commerce in Hanoi, Da Nang, and Ho Chi

Minh City. Ken Maxey, head of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce, was one of several business leaders in the delegation.

"We got to Vietnam at one in the morning, and our first meeting was at 7 a.m.," Azevedo said.

Azevedo saw the highlight of his trip as his meeting with the nation's prime minister, Pham Minh Chinh, who surprised him by cracking a succession of jokes. He also quoted Abraham Lincoln at one point.

"Politicians here don't crack jokes nearly so often. In fact, voters often don't like it if they do, especially at meetings," Azevedo said.

He also met with mayor Phan Van Mai of Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon, and some continue to call it that). And as a councilman himself, he met with the city councils in Hanoi, Da Nang and Ho Chi Minh City.

The delegation visited two different automobile assembly plants, two ports, a waste treatment facility and several other industrial operations.

"We don't just want to buy things from them," Azevedo said. "We want to sell them our products, too."

He was impressed with how modern the car plants were. On the other hand, the shipping ports in the Bay Area are still a bit ahead.

One area he would like to see our ports learn from, though, is in rapidly converting to renewable energy.

Vietnam's will use 100 percent renewable energy by 2050, he said.

"But talk about housing unaffordability, even compared to here," he said. The average port worker makes the equivalent of \$200 a month, and the average house costs hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Azevedo was also struck by how friendly ordinary Vietnamese, as well as public officials, were to Americans, several decades after a war there.

He also noticed that streets were safe, even for women and children at 1 a.m. While we in the Bay Area worry about how many murders this month, the 1.9 million people living in Da Nang have not experienced a murder there since 2019, he said.

"Traffic is organized chaos, though," he said.

Azevedo loved the food, with restaurants all following a single outstanding culinary tradition rather than reflecting the wide diversity of nationalities we're used to in restaurants here.



The delegation got to visit the Golden Hand Bridge, in the Ba Na Hills amusement park, near Da Nang.

"I found myself missing he said, "But I've never eaten that food diversity at times," so well in my life."



Visitors can tour the Bay Mau nipa palm forest outside Hoi An, not far from Da Nang in round bamboo boats, called coracles.



Bryan Azevedo joined other officials, Bay Area business leaders and one famous actor in a visit to Vietnam to promote trade between the two nations. From left, in front, District 3 county Supervisor Lena Tam, Azevedo, Alameda County Sheriff Yesenia Sanchez, and Bay Area resident and noted actor Danny Glover. Standing, from left, Teresa Hoang of the Vietnamese-American Business Association and Ken Maxey, Oakland Chamber of Commerce chair.

American Pickers Coming To California in September

The American Pickers TV show is coming back to California in September to hunt for valuable antiques.

The hit show on The History Channel follows skilled pickers in the business, as they hunt for America's most valuable antiques. They are always excited to find historically significant or rare items, in addition to unforgettable characters and their collections.

The show is looking for leads and would love to explore your hidden treasure. If you or someone you know has a unique item, story to tell, and is ready to sell, they want to hear from you.

The Pickers do not pick stores, flea markets, malls, auction businesses, museums, or anything open to the public. If interested, please send your name, phone number, location, and description of the collection with photos to: americanpickers@cinetflix.com or call (646) 493-2184.

As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, the Pickers are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics. Along the way, they want to meet characters with amazing stories and fun items. They hope to give historically significant objects a new lease



on life while learning a thing or two about America's past along the way.

The Pickers are always looking to discover something they've never seen before. They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them.

The American Pickers con-

tinue to follow all pandemic guidelines and protocols for safe filming outlined by the state and CDC. Nevertheless, they are excited to continue reaching the many collectors in the area to discuss their years of picking and are eager to hear their memorable stories.

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