Fall Home Improvement

MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST –
PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR THE FALL AND WINTER 5

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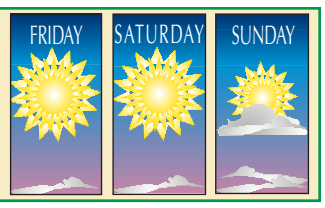

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People gather at a beer tent, with or without a beer, at the Okdroberfest celebration in downtown San Leandro on Saturday, Sept. 14. Below, contestants compete to hold out a full stein of beer the longest in a stein-holding competition. Contest judge Angele Sweet, center and wearing hat, checks that all the contestants' steins are still level. Roderick "Rory" Benz of San Leandro won the later of two contests.

Beer Fans Celebrate in Downtown SL

Hundreds of people came to downtown San Leandro on Saturday, September 14 for the second annual Okdroberfest, presented by Downtown San Leandro near the Fieldworks Brewery on Juana Street. The name combines the famous German celebration of autumn and beer with The Dro, a social media nickname for San Leandro.

There was beer, of course, several other beverages, food and musical entertainment in the German style, vendors, and a beer tent to enjoy it all in, with or without a beer.

Women Voters Explain Ballot Propositions

League of Women Voters, Eden Area hold forum on the confusing state ballot measures

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

The League of Women Voters (LWV) held a forum at the San Leandro Public Library last Tuesday to help voters make sense of the 10 state propositions on the ballot in the November 5 election.

Marian Handa of the Eden Area chapter of the LWV guided people at the forum through the details. She worked off the league's printed guide to the propositions pros and cons, which is also available online at CAvotes.org. The audience followed along intently but asked only a few questions.

Proposition 36

Perhaps getting the most media attention among the state measures so far is Proposition 36, which rolls back several key provisions of Proposition 47 that was passed by voters in 2014. Prop. 47 made some drug and theft felonies into misdemeanors. This year's Prop 36 would

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Police Make Arrest for Murder on Benedict Drive

San Leandro police detectives arrested three suspects last Thursday who were wanted in connection with a homicide that occurred on Benedict Drive in May.

On the evening of May 5, 53-year-old Anderson Choy was pulling into the driveway of his home when two suspects, one of them armed with an AR-15 style firearm, approached his vehicle in an apparent robbery attempt.

As the suspects confronted Choy, one shot was fired into Choy's vehicle, striking him in the neck. Choy was pronounced deceased by medical personnel at the scene.

Investigators were able to

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Hernandez and Azevedo Speak at Forum

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

Running against each other for the third time for the City Council's District 2 seat, incumbent Bryan Azevedo and challenger Ed Hernandez met to debate issues and qualifications at a League of Women voters online forum on Thursday, Sept. 12.

In contrast to the recent forum at the Main Library, both candidates were polite. They observed the agreed-upon time limits and neither accused the other of anything questionable.

The candidates agreed broadly on the major issues confronting the city, while having differences of emphasis on ways to address them. Each brought up issues not mentioned by the other.

Hernandez called for reopening Lake Chabot Road, which did not come up in Azevedo's remarks.

They both agreed that public safety and crime were major concerns, along with housing. Both wanted Bayfair Center, which is in District 2, developed soon and the stalled

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Pop is a 3-year-old Doberman. He is a strong, energetic dog. Pop enjoys exploring and will seek attention from people when he wants it. He would be a good hiking buddy and would do best in a home with adults only.

If you are in interested in meeting with Mom or Pops, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at 510-293-7200.

Radio Operators Drill At Marina Community Center

San Leandro amateur radio operators recently held a simulated exercise drill at the Marina Community Center and during the drill a 7.8 magnitude earthquake occurred up north in the Cascadia Subduction Zone.

Internet, telephone lines and cell phone towers were affected along the coast. This is the type of situation when ham radio operators use high frequency (HF) and very high frequency (VHF) to communicate with other ham radio operators throughout the state to pass on vital information.

The amateur radio operators during the exercise, along with their radio call signs, are: Cy Moy (AE6CY), George Down (W6GED), Edward Galvan (N6LRC) Bernard Louie (K6KBL), John Hargraves (K6ZTF), not shown – Joe Colouch (N6MM) and Robert Torio (K6OPD).

Chamber of Commerce To Host City Council Candidate Forum

The San Leandro Chamber of Commerce will host a Virtual Candidate Forum for candidates for the San Leandro City Council on Tuesday, Oct. 1, at 5:30 p.m. All the candidates are invited. The candidates are: District 2 – Ed Hernandez and Bryan Azevedo. District 6 – Robert Bulatao and Dylan Boldt. And the council members running unopposed: District 4 – Fred Simon. District 1 – Sbeydeh Viveros-Walton. For information and registration to attend the virtual forum, visit bit.ly/ccforum24

Hayward Area Rec and Park Candidate Forum Hosted by LWVEA

The League of Women Voters, Eden Area will host a virtual Candidate Forum on Zoom to help you learn more about candidates running for the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District board of directors on Thursday, Oct. 3, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

The candidates invited include Louis Manuel Andrade, Joseph Grcar, Rick Hatcher, Kenneth Owen, Luis Reynoso, and Peter Rosen. Registration is required so the LWVEA can get the participation link to you.

Register and find more forums at https://tinyurl.com/LWVEA2024

If you are unable to join us or would like to see the forums again, they will be posted via the LWVEA YouTube channel: https://tinyurl.com/LWVEAforums2024

Community Calendar

Drive-Through Voter Registration

The local Democratic campaign will hold two Drive-Through Voter Registration drives on Sept. 28 and Oct. 12 from noon to 4 p.m. at 1199 B St. in Hayward, corner of B and Second Street. The last day to register for the November election is October 21, so register soon.

Free Shredding Event at Bayfair Mall

Join Robert Bulatao, candidate for San Leandro City Council in District 6, on Saturday, Sept. 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Bayfair Mall northwest parking lot (near Chili's and Starbucks) to safely dispose of things that no longer serve you. Bring your old papers, tax records, file folders, checks, CDs, and hard drives to be securely shredded in an on-site shredding truck. Even if you don't have anything to shred, you're welcome to come and share your concerns about our city and learn more about Robert's vision of how to create a better, safer and stronger community for everyone. For more information, email rb4sanleandro@gmail.com.

Spooktober Neon Night Market

Join us in Downtown San Leandro for our spooky Spooktober Neon Night Market on Friday, Oct. 4, from 4 to 9 p.m. at 222 Davis Street. Featuring food trucks, vendors, beer garden, live music, a candy scavenger hunt and costume contests for you and your pets. Halloween's getting started early in town.

Ballet Folklorico Mexicano

Ballet Folklórico Mexicano De Carlos Moreno presents Dia de Muertos 2024 on Saturday, Oct. 5, at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Oct. 6, at 2 p.m. at the San Leandro Performing Arts Center, 2250 Bancroft Ave. Purchase tickets before Sept. 20 for a $10 discount at eventbrite.com. Visit www-balletfolkloricomexicano.org for more information.

Alta Mira Club Pancake Breakfast

The Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave. in San Leandro, will hold a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 5, from 8 a.m. to noon. All-you-can-eat pancakes, fruit salad, sausage, coffee, tea, and juice. Adults $15, children $8, no charge for children under 5. For tickets, call Isobel Polvorosa at 510-955-7155 or purchase at the door.

SLED Fall Cornhole Tournament

Join the San Leandro Education Foundation (SLED) for the most fun fundraiser around. All skill levels welcome to the second Cornhole Tournament — guaranteed at least 3 games regardless of skill — on Sunday, Oct. 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Bayfair Mall rooftop parking area. The whole family is welcome, though 13 and up is recommended for tournament play. The top 3 teams will win awesome prizes. Food and beverages for sale on site, and free kids' activities for the younger ones provided by Juniper Corner and SLHS teen volunteers.Tickets are $60 per team; advance registration recommended. For tickets and sponsorships, go online at https://e.givesmart.com/events/EoN/

Family Friendly October Fest

The First Presbyterian Church of San Leandro 180 Estudillo Ave., is having a Family Friendly October Fest on Saturday, Oct. 12, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. with dinner, music, dancing and entertainment by Douglas McCay the Charismatic Conjuror. For more information or to reserve a seat for $12 call the church office at 51-483-2772 Tuesday through Friday between 10 a.m. and 1p.m.

Senior Citizens Exercise and Meditation

First United Methodist Church, 1600 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro, invites senior citizens for a free seated exercise and guided meditation followed by conversation over healthy refreshments on Tuesday mornings from 10 to 11:30 a.m. through Nov. 12. Nurture your body, mind, and spirit while building community. Meet in the Chapel which is entered from Bancroft Ave. All are welcome, non-denominational. For more information, call the church office at 510-483-0606, Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Late blooming native plants like this California fuchsia will inspire participants at the free Art in the Garden event at the Manor Branch Library on September 28.

Art in the Garden: Create Art with Native Plants

Learn about native plants, join some fun art activities, and take home starter plants and seeds to grow in your garden or in containers on your porch on Saturday, Sept. 28, from 1 to 3 p.m., on the patio at the Manor Library, 1241 Manor Boulevard in San Leandro.

Presented by Homegrown Habitats San Leandro, sponsored by the City of San Leandro.

Assumption School Festival – We Are Ohana

The Assumption School Festival featuring carnival games, live entertainment and food booths will be on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 27 to 29 – Friday from 5 to 9 p.m., Saturday from noon to 9 p.m., and Sunday brunch from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. – in the school parking lot at 1851 136th Ave in San Leandro. Open to the public with no cost for admission.

The festival will have an expansive family zone, an outdoor 21+ beer garden with sports game showings. Single play tickets and wristbands as well as food and drink tickets will be available for sale onsite and can be purchased via cash or credit card.

See the Assumption School Website for more details: https://www.assumptionschool-sl.org/

Health Fair at Praises of Zion Missionary Baptist Church

Praises of Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 1395 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro, will host a Community Health Fair on Saturday, Sept. 28, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All are invited to enjoy yourself and find important information on mental health, sheltering, abusive relationships, counseling on how to get help, cancer, food resource pantry and other information.

Free exercise classes at noon and 1 p.m. Free massages by a chiropractor, plus free food, games, face painting and jumpers for the kids.

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More Events at The Library

Plays Well with Others: Game Night

If you're a game lover, Manor Branch Game Night will feature party games Apples-to-Apples style on Thursday, Sept. 26, from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at the Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd. Best for young adults and up. Call 510-577-7971 for details.

Hispanic Heritage Month –Crafts and Language

Play Mexican Lotería and participate in a craft activity while learning about the Latino/Hispanic culture and the Spanish language on Saturday, Sept. 28, at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. For ages 5+ and families and caregivers.

Homework Center at San Leandro Public Library's Manor Branch

Starting Oct. 1, students in grades 1 through 5 can get help with their homework every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd. in San Leandro. Volunteers are here to assist with homework and support your child's learning needs. Registration is required. For more information, contact Samira Habibi at shabibi@sanleandro.org or call 510-577-7971.

Friends of the San Leandro Library Fall Book Sale

A vast collection of signed first editions in the collectible book section is one of the featured highlights at the Friends of San Leandro Library's two-day Fall Book Sale on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 5 and 6, at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave.

On Saturday, Oct. 5, the Friends of the Library's Member Preview will be held from 9 to 11 a.m., and then the sale is open to the public from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. On Sunday, Oct. 6, the Friends' popular Bag Sale Day – just $3 for a grocery-size bag of books – will run 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Get early access to the sale by becoming a member. Check out the San Leandro Library website or stop by the Friends of the San Leandro Library Bookstore in the Main Library for more information.

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Bacon-Beef Casserole

One Dish Meals For Fall Dining

There was a time when the casserole was the heart and mainstay of home cooking. Easy to prepare, the one-dish meal—baked in the oven and served in the pot in which it was cooked—took only a few ingredients, but yielded a rich, deep and well-rounded collaboration of tastes.

Perhaps because it was simple to make and often used such common basics as Campbell's Soup and Bisquick, more sophisticated ingredients with exotic names began assuming undue importance in the kitchen and casseroles began to disappear.

But today, with the realization that vegetables, potatoes and pasta are essential components of our diets, the casserole is being welcomed back to the supper table in style.

BACON-BEEF CASSEROLE

2 pounds beef chuck steak, cubed
6 slices bacon, chopped
2 carrots, sliced
4 large tomatoes, chopped
1 large onion, chopped
4 cloves garlic, minced
2 tablespoons flour
2 cups red wine
2 cups beef stock
2 tablespoons tomato paste Chopped parsley Olive oil Salt Freshly ground black pepper

Add oil to a large skillet and cook bacon until brown and crispy; remove from pan then set aside.

Add garlic and onion to skillet and cook until onions are soft, remove onions and garlic mixture from pan then set aside.

Add beef cubes to pan then brown on all sides. Sprinkle the flour over the beef and cook for 1 more minute. Remove beef and set it aside. Note do not overcrowd the pan, if needed you can do it first with half the amount of beef then do this step twice.

Pour 1 cup of wine into the pan and bring it to a boil to deglaze. Return the beef, bacon, onion mixture to the pan.

Add the stock, remaining wine, tomatoes, carrots and tomato paste. Bring it to a boil then transfer it into a casserole.

Bake in a 320°F preheated oven for 2 hours.

Remove from oven then season with salt and freshly ground black pepper, garnish with chopped parsley then serve. Yields 4 to 6 servings.

CORN & SPINACH CASSEROLE

1 tablespoon butter
1/4 cup chopped onion
3 cups fresh or frozen corn kernels
2 eggs, beaten
1/2 cup milk
1 tablespoon white wine vinegar
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon fresh pepper
1/2 pound fresh spinach, coarsely chopped
2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
1/4 pound bacon slices
1/4 cup dried bread crumbs

Butter a 1-1/2 quart casserole. Sprinkle chopped onion in dish. Add corn, sprinkle with 1/2 teaspoon salt and dash of pepper.

Mix eggs with milk and pour over the corn. In another bowl, add vinegar, salt and pepper to chopped spinach and toss until well-seasoned.

Place spinach mixture on top of corn. Sprinkle with cheese. Cover with bacon slices.

Top with bread crumbs and bake in preheated 375°F oven for 45 minutes.

MEAT LOAF WITH MIXED VEGETABLES

3/4 cup evaporated milk
2 cups soft bread cubes
1/4 cup chopped onion
2 pounds lean ground beef
1-1/2 teaspoon salt
2 eggs, beaten
1 teaspoon dry mustard
1-1/2 cups frozen mixed vegetables, thawed

Pour milk over bread cubes and let stand until milk is absorbed. Stir in onion, ground beef, salt, eggs, and dry mustard; blend well. Stir in vegetables. Mix and shape into a loaf. Bake in loaf pan at 350° for 1-1/2 hours.

Cool for 5 minutes before turning out of pan. Serve with mashed potatoes and gravy.

Serves 6 to 8.

TUNA CASSEROLE

8 ounces wide egg noo dles
1 teaspoon vegetable oil
1/2 cup thinly sliced green onions
1 teaspoon dill weed
1 can condensed cream of chicken soup
1-1/3 cups skim milk
1 (12-1/2-ounce) can wa terpack tuna drained Pepper to taste
2/3 cup grated part-skim Mozarella cheese Paprika

Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray a 7x11-inch baking dish with non- stick spray. Set aside.

Cook noodles in boiling water for 5 minutes, drain and set aside. Heat oil in large skillet. Add onions and sauté until limp. Remove from heat, stir in dill and soup, and gradually stir in milk until smooth. Add tuna chunks and pepper to taste. Stir in noodles and toss well to coat.

Pour into prepared baking dish, top with cheese and paprika and bake for 20 minutes.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19): Travel plans could be interrupted by the reemergence of a workplace problem that was never quite fully resolved. Deal with it at once, then take off on a well-deserved trip.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Aspects favor cultural activities for sensuous Bovines. Attend a concert or an art show. Better yet, create something yourself (a poem, perhaps?), and dedicate it to someone special.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): Respect any doubts you might now be feeling about a new situation. They could be reflecting your inner awareness that some essential information might be missing. Check it out.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): It's important to start the new week with as clean of a slate as possible. Either complete all those unfinished tasks, or pass them on to others who would be more than happy to take them on.

LEO (July 23 - August 22): This is a good time to cut down on expenses and tame the urge to splurge. Applying some financial discipline now could help the Big Cat ride out a possible monetary crunch later on.

VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): Money matters are dominant this week. Recheck your accounts and make sure they're up-to-date. Also, pay more attention to personal issues before they become major problems.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): You might be tempted to employ the same tactics as your adversary, but this could backfire. Better to use the same balanced approach that has worked for you before and could work again.

SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): A changing workplace environment could stir up confusion as well as apprehension. Best to ignore the rumors and get the facts. You could find that the changes bring positive elements.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Communication is easier this week, as people are ready and eager to hear what you have to say. Also, check for possible technical problems before you start a new project.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Aspects favor change for the usually traditional Goat. Opening your mind to possibilities you had ignored could lead you to make decisions you once considered improbable.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Making personal as well as professional adjustments to changing conditions might be easier with more information explaining the hows and the whys of the situations in question.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): With a growing tide of positive reactions to buoy your confidence, this could be the right time to put the finishing touches on your new project and get it well and truly launched.

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Fall Home Improvement

Your Complete Fall Home Maintenance Checklist

As the crisp air settles in and leaves start to paint the landscape in vibrant shades of orange and gold, fall offers the perfect backdrop for a little home improvement cheer. Whether you're looking to prepare your home for the colder months ahead or simply want to refresh your living space, this season provides a wealth of opportunities to dive into projects that bring warmth and comfort to your abode. In this friendly guide, we'll explore some fantastic home improvement projects that can elevate your home this autumn.

Weatherproof Your Home

As the temperatures begin to drop, it's crucial to ensure your home is prepared for the chill. Weatherproofing not only keeps your home cozy but also boosts energy efficiency, helping you save on those heating bills. Start by checking for drafts around windows and doors. Simple solutions such as weather stripping or caulk can help seal gaps that let the cold air in. Don't forget to inspect your attic, as this area is often overlooked. Adding insulation can significantly improve your home's warmth and energy efficiency.

Tend to Your Home's Exterior

Fall is an excellent time to tend to your home's exterior. Start by cleaning your gutters to prevent clogging and potential damage during winter storms. While you're up there, inspect your roof for any missing or damaged shingles that may need replacement. Now's also the time to give your siding a good wash to remove dirt, mildew, and other grime – just like a spring cleaning, but for the outside!

Consider giving your front door a refreshing coat of paint or a seasonal wreath to leave a warm first impression on visitors. Creating a welcoming entryway not only enhances your home's curb appeal but also sets a cozy tone as you transition into the fall season.

Dive into Indoor Painting Projects

If you're feeling a bit more ambitious, fall is a wonderful time to dive into indoor painting projects. Choosing warm hues, like deep reds or soft yellows, can transform your rooms into snug retreat spaces. Think about accent walls or even painting your cabinets for a fresh, dramatic and inexpensive update. The key is to select colors that reflect the season while complementing your existing décor.

Before you start painting, it's essential to prep your space. Remove furniture, cover surfaces, and tape off areas that need precision. And don't forget to open windows; this ensures the room is well-ventilated as you unleash your inner artist!

Creating a Cozy Outdoor Oasis

Few things are more enjoyable than spending crisp fall evenings outdoors. Consider creating a cozy outdoor oasis where you can unwind. Adding a fire pit is an inviting way to warm up those cool nights, perfect for toasting marshmallows and gathering with friends and family. Surround it with comfortable seating options, perhaps draped in soft throws and warm cushions.

If you have a garden space, now's the time to plant some late-blooming flowers or autumn perennials that can thrive as the weather cools. Mums, asters, and ornamental kale can add a beautiful pop of color to your outdoor space.

Prepare Your Home for the Holidays

Lastly, as the fall season turns to winter, it's also wise to start planning for the holidays. Consider allocating time for larger cleaning projects and organizing tasks. Tackle your storage areas, declutter spaces, and set aside items you'll need for festivities ahead.

If you love to entertain, now's the time to assess your dining space. Are there any items you need to purchase or upgrade for hosting friends and family? Perhaps consider a larger table or additional seating to accommodate gatherings.

With fall upon us, now is the ideal time to embrace home improvement projects that not only beautify your space but also create a warm and inviting atmosphere. By weatherproofing your home, enhancing your outdoor spaces, and injecting cozy elements indoors, you'll transform your home into a delightful haven for you and your loved ones to enjoy throughout the season and beyond. So, grab your tools and get started—your cozy autumn sanctuary awaits!

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REAL ESTATE REALITY

By Carl Medford, CRS
Special to the Times

GUEST COMMENTARY

8 Ways Sellers Can Help Buyers Purchase Their Home

By Carl Medford, CRS
Special to the Times

With home prices continuing upwards, buyers are seeking assistance with expenses. Recent commission changes whereby buyers are now responsible for their agent's compensation have added urgency to the equation. The good news is that sellers can provide help in the following ways:

Inspections. Historically, Alameda County buyers paid for inspections, with costs easily exceeding $1,000. Recently, however, sellers looking to maximize their home's value and set the stage for non-contingent offers have begun preemptively providing reports. As long as inspections were done recently by competent inspectors, these reports can be accepted.

Closing Costs. As the market slows, sellers become more willing to provide credits towards closing costs. These credits are usually up to 3% of the purchase price and are especially useful for those with limited funds and FHA or Cal HFA loans.

Home Warranties. While practices differ regionally, Alameda County sellers customarily provide buyers with a 1-year Home Warranty. This not only saves buyers money, it provides peace of mind for the first year of ownership.

Mortgage Rate Buydowns. Even with the recent rate reduction, some buyers are still struggling to qualify. Sellers can ease the pain by helping buyers 'buy down' the mortgage rate, thus reducing their monthly payment and easing qualification limits.

Repairs. Inspections frequently reveal issues that could be costly for buyers to remedy. Sellers can help by responding positively to buyer Requests for Repairs. Requests can range from small, low-cost items to significant issues, such as costly Section 1 dry rot and termite related damage.

Leased Items. While items such as solar panels can be leased, lowering the initial costs of obtaining the system, those monthly lease payments can provide a barrier to buyers. When purchasing a home with leased equipment, in addition to qualifying for the mortgage, buyers must additionally qualify with the leasing company. This increases their debt ratio and may disqualify some buyers. Sellers can alleviate this by paying off leases with sale proceeds at the close of escrow.

Appliances. Sellers willing to leave refrigerators, washers and dryers can help buyers ease the initial move-in costs.

Concessions to the buyer's agent. Buyers can submit a request along with their offer asking that the seller provide compensation for their agent. Sellers can then decide if they are willing to cooperate.

With buyers pushed to the limits, anything helps. Sellers should carefully consider providing help.

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.

Mortgage Rates Continue to Tumble

Mortgage rates continued declining towards the six percent mark, reviving purchase and refinance demand for many consumers. While mortgage rates do not directly follow moves by the Federal Reserve, this first cut in over four years will have an impact on the housing market. Declining mortgage rates over the last several weeks indicate this cut was mostly baked in, but rates will likely fall further, sparking more housing activity.

RECENT HOME SALES

Castro Valley

2239 Lessley Avenue 94546: $909,000 [4 BD - 1,524 SF - 1948
5277 Winifred Drive 94546: $950,000 [3 BD - 1,316 SF - 1956
20041 Anita Avenue 94546: $1,008,000 [4 BD - 2,468 SF - 1941
19141 Crest Avenue 94546: $1,198,000 [3 BD - 1,632 SF - 1977
2995 Sydney Way 94546: $1,450,000 [4 BD - 2,902 SF - 1948
18761 Reamer Road 94546: $1,500,000 [4 BD - 2,194 SF - 1999
5688 Cold Water Drive 94552: $1,510,000 [4 BD - 1,669 SF - 1966

TOTAL SALES: 7
LOWEST AMOUNT: $909,000 **MEDIAN AMOUNT:** $1,198,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: $1,510,000 **AVERAGE AMOUN** $1,217,857

SAN LEANDRO

1132 Carpentier Street #205 94577: $385,000 [2 BD - 1,180 SF - 1983
14739 Harold Avenue 94578: $518,000 [2 BD - 1,179 SF - 1977
555 Joaquin Avenue 94577: $530,000 [2 BD - 1,643 SF - 1972
1452 Pierce Avenue 94577: $660,000 [2 BD - 840 SF - 1942
849 Martin Boulevard 94577: $678,500 [2 BD - 1,294 SF - 1942
15127 Endicott Street 94579: $698,000 [2 BD - 1,164 SF - 1949
214 Reva Avenue 94577: $725,000 [2 BD - 1,243 SF - 1946
16345 Blanco Street 94578: $730,000 [2 BD - 1,018 SF - 1947
2482 Cheshire Court 94577: $765,000 [1,723 SF - 1977
326 West Broadmoor Boulevard 94577: $780,000 [3 BD - 1,357 SF - 1929
1398 Graff Avenue 94577: $929,000 [2 BD - 1,448 SF - 1940
860 Begier Avenue 94577: $1,075,000 [4 BD - 1,836 SF - 1932
16123 Windsor Drive 94578: $1,100,000 [2 BD - 2,624 SF - 1947
1842 Benedict Drive 94577: $1,200,000 [3 BD - 1,730 SF - 1958
2372 Longview Drive 94577: $1,400,000 [3 BD - 2,296 SF - 1960
2351 Longview Drive 94577: $1,480,000 [3 BD - 2,168 SF - 1960

TOTAL SALES: 16
LOWEST AMOUNT: $385,000 **MEDIAN AMOUNT:** $747,500
HIGHEST AMOUNT: $1,480,000 **AVERAGE AMOUNT** $853,343

SAN LORENZO

1389 Culver Place 94580: $600,000 [3 BD - 1,457 SF - 1972
17347 Via Chiquita 94580: $688,000 [3 BD - 1,031 SF - 1951
530 Drew Street 94580: $715,000 [3 BD - 1,014 SF - 1950
1412 Cobblestone Lane 94580: $810,000 [3 BD - 1,520 SF - 2009
1479 Via San Juan 94580: $900,000 [3 BD - 1,050 SF - 1951
1559 Bandoni Avenue 94580: $900,000 [3 BD - 1,050 SF - 1952
16034 Via Catherine 94580: $980,000 [3 BD - 1,231 SF - 1956

TOTAL SALES: 7
LOWEST AMOUNT: $600,000 **MEDIAN AMOUNT:** $810,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: $980,000 **AVERAGE AMOUN** $799,000

HAYWARD

2141 Oak Creek Place 94541: $392,500 [3 BD - 1,598 SF - 1972
814 Voyager Way 94544: $575,000 [2 BD - 1,110 SF - 1988
18882 Rainier Avenue 94541: $655,000 [2 BD - 1,124 SF - 1949

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Consider Spacing when Planting Roses in a Garden

By Buzz Bertolero
The Dirt Gardener

Q My Brandy and Double Delight roses are now over six feet high. I didn't expect this. How do I keep them shorter, improve the foliage color, and have them flower more?

A Brandy and Double Delight are hybrid tea roses that grow into large bushes, as do grandiflora-type roses. You control the size of each plant by pruning. Every time you remove the spent flowers, you're pruning them.

Therefore, roses are pruned year-round, with the most severe pruning done when dormant. During the rest of the year, you shape and control the plant size, usually done after each flush of flowers. It's crucial to consider spacing when planting roses in a home garden. This usually doesn't happen, so the plants often merge by the fall into one large mass of canes and foliage. Cutting off the flowers at the second set of five leaves, suggested in many rose books, complicates this situation. So, now the bushes are, besides being bushy, very tall, especially if the height wasn't sufficiently reduced in the winter.

This is what I would do if these were my roses. I'd remove the top two feet and whatever canes and foliage necessary from the sides to separate each bush.

I'd prune to an outside bud, that is, any bud pointing away from the center of the plant, structure, or walkway. They're located at the base of each leaf, which is attached to the stem. These buds form stems that terminate with the flowers. The cuts should be at an angle and close to the bud. The excess stem will die back naturally if you leave too much space or plant tissue above the bud. This produces the black tips that are seen on many rose bushes. Frequent watering and nutrients improve the foliage color and encourage more flowers. Roses are heavy feeders and love plenty of moisture. So, continue this through October. In the spring and fall, you supplement your rose food with Magnesium Sulfate, better known as Epsom Salt, for dark green leaves and basal shoots. With water and fertilizer, your roses will bloom again by the holidays and next year. However, the foliage will not be pristine with the cooler temperatures and longer nights but the flower color will be intense, like in the spring. With the beginning of the rainy season, the rose leaf diseases return. Moisture remaining on the foliage after the sun goes down is the primary cause of rose Rust, Black Spots, and Mildew. It's not recommended to spray to control these diseases in the fall.

In the winter, prune the dormant canes back to thirty inches. After each flush of flowers, you prune back the growth to reduce the size of the plant, preventing it from getting too tall and bushy. You ultimately determine the size of each plant.

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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WEEKEND GARDENER

Fall is for Landscaping
The fall months are the best time to transplant shrubs or give the garden a new look by replacing established shrubs with those that flower in spring or have colorful foliage. Transplant azaleas, camellias and hardy evergreens and water them deeply.

Flowers
Transplant winter annuals such as calendula, stocks, violas, pansies and impatiens. Divide and replant perennials such as irises, coral bells and Oriental poppies.

Vegetables
Sow fava beans, celery, chard, chives, lettuce, peas, radishes and spinaches. Transplant artichokes, asparagus, broccoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower and established herbs such as sage and thyme.

Dried Arrangements
Fields and gardens are full of end-of-season pods, berries, fruits and flowers that can be used for dried arrangements. Some dry on the plants and are ready for use; some have to be cut and then dried. Wheat and oats, for example, can be cut and hung upside down for a week to dry. Cut strawflowers, thistles and statice with long stems and arrange "as is" without water.

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672 Grand Terrace 94541: $680,000 [2 BD - 1,170 SF - 2003
24833 Alderberry Place #7 94544: $790,000 [3 BD - 1,391 SF - 2002
24047 Alice Street 94541: $850,000 [3 BD - 1,041 SF - 1928
18670 Hunter Avenue 94541: $850,000 [3 BD - 1,051 SF - 1951
2724 D Street 94541: $880,000 [3 BD - 1,028 SF - 1947
556 Sarah Place 94544: $1,031,000 [3 BD - 1,469 SF - 1955
1812 June Marie Court 94541: $1,350,000 [4 BD - 2,412 SF - 1992
29840 Cantera Drive 94544: $1,635,000 [4 BD - 2,701 SF - 2017
50 Sonas Place 94542: $2,150,000 [4 BD - 3,548 SF - 2014

TOTAL SALES:	12		
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HIGHEST AMOUNT:	$2,150,000	AVERAGE AMOUNT	$986,541

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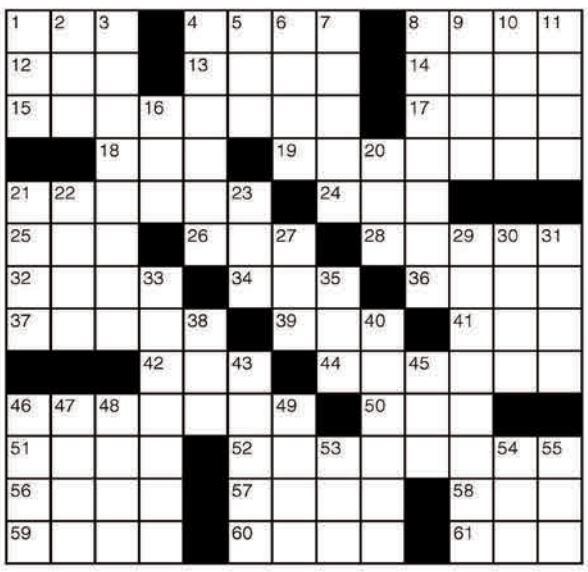

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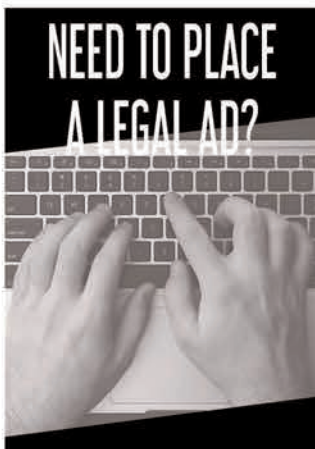

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Forum: Candidates address crime, what to do about the marina

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Marina redevelopment project revived quickly lest the area descend into blight.

Azevedo said, "I believe we can build a San Leandro that balances growth with preservation, that invests in affordable housing while also protecting our current residents and that addresses homelessness with compassion and real solutions."

Hernandez said San Leandro was a "a loving, inclusive community" that he wanted to improve further.

"Some of the pressing priorities I'm focused on are public safety, small businesses as well as infrastructure and housing," Hernandez said.

Police and Public Safety

In answers to questions posed by LWV moderator Penny Peck, Hernandez frequently brought up a present lack of public safety as an impediment to fixing other problems, such as revitalizing downtown.

Azevedo stressed safety along with other ways to address those problems.

Both candidates said they wanted to restore the police department to its full pre-pandemic strength, which Hernandez put at about 90 officers.

Azevedo agreed, but suggested several ways to make the current force more effective, such as non-police observers as added sets of eyes and ears who would call police if they were needed.

Bryan Azevedo

Azevedo said he supports expanding the current safety ambassador program, whose unarmed members can intervene to resolve issues but call police if needed.

That program now operates downtown, but an attempt is underway to expand it to the Greenhouse Marketplace area, and Azevedo would like to see it in Bayfair as well.

Hernandez wants to expand the police force beyond its pre-pandemic level to about 100 officers, as suggested by the new Police Chief, Angela Averiett. The force size had dipped as low as 50 officers and now sits at about 67, he said.

Hernandez also supported building a culture that supports the police in their work, while holding them accountable for any wrongdoing.

Both supported adding mental health professionals to remove some of the challenges facing police officers in dealing with mental health issues.

Ed Hernandez

What to Do About The Marina

Azevedo wants to resume using the marina as a maritime resource, something the city has been moving away from for over a decade. He supports seeking federal funds to resume dredging the channels, as well as instituting a ferry service to San Francisco.

"We should go back and forth to San Francisco all day," Azevedo said. "Even if people sleep here at night in those hotels."

Hernandez faulted the city for the marina developer defaulting on a loan after considerable plans had been drawn up for the shoreline project.

"The city has a responsibility," Hernandez said.

"We have to finish the job, get ready, double down in the Marina.," Hernandez said. "Fix it up, get rid of the blight, improve the infrastructure and get it ready for the next iteration of whatever we want

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Here's What Occurred

Editor,

I call upon the city to release the video of the physical altercation between Councilmember Bryan Azevedo and myself earlier this month at the San Leandro Public Library. I have reviewed the video. Councilmember Azevedo has repeatedly misrepresented what occurred. He initiated and caused the physical confrontation.

Here is what occurred: In the library hallway, Councilmember Azevedo's mother approached journalist Steven Tavares in an agitated state and berated him, using abusive language.

I was standing nearby. I decided to record what was happening on my cell phone as the actions of Councilmember Azevedo's mother were extreme and violated the library's Code of Conduct. She noticed I was recording her and began to berate me.

At this point, Councilmember Azevedo rushed toward me. He has stated, "I stepped in to protect my mom." I had said nothing to his mother nor acted in any manner that was threatening to her.

It was Councilmember Azevedo who snapped. His face was a ball of anger and he verbally threatened me. I stood my ground and told Councilmember Azevedo to back-off. Councilmember Azevedo came right to my face and attempted to push me back by shoving his chest into me.

Fortunately, that was the extent of the physical altercation. Others quickly intervened to separate us. A third person associated with Councilmember Azevedo, however, forcibly grabbed my arms from behind, causing me to suffer painful shoulder and elbow strain.

Contrary to the accusations of Councilmember Azevedo, at no point did I state his wife was not a legal resident. I would never make such a comment. My spouse was born outside the U.S.

Since Councilmember Azevedo took office four years ago, our City Council has experienced an unprecedented level of infighting. If Councilmember Azevedo wins re-election, we will have another two years of paralysis and dysfunction on the City Council as he prepares to run for Mayor in 2026.

Lee Thomas
San Leandro
Lee Thomas is a former San Leandro City Council member

San Leandro Officials Set a New Low

Editor,

So current City Councilmember Bryan Azevedo gets into a beef with former City Councilmember Lee Thomas at the City Council debate which was held at the library and Council member Corina Lopez jumps in between them to break it up. What was she thinking?

Lopez must have thought that she was Hulk Hogan or Rocky Balboa or at a minimum a low level referee for the World Wrestling Federation and ends up going to the hospital because of her interference.

Maybe interference is not the correct word to use and maybe it was a smart move on her part as now I can see a lawsuit coming for pain and suffering and let's not forget to throw in mental anguish when she calls the law offices of 1-800-SUE-CITY to say she can't sleep and is having nightmares because she thought she was going to die.

We're all sick of Trump's ranting and raving but at least he never got into a physical altercation which just shows that San Leandro's elected officials have set a new low, and I really didn't think that was possible until last week.

It's time to clean out our own political swamp as I've had enough of the "let's get ready to rumble" mentality in San Leandro.

Brent Heath
San Leandro

Politicians Perpetuate Homelessness

Editor,

To Governor Gavin Newsom: I know you politicians all live in little bubbles so I thought I would write this letter to let you know what's going on in the real world. I don't know if you've ever bothered to look around the major cities in California, the City of Oakland being one of the worst that I've seen, where you have garbage all over the streets from the homeless individuals, I would guess, which is just going to encourage an influx of rats thereby fleas and we're going to end up with some kind of plague once again like the one that ran rampant through San Francisco's Chinatown in 1904, or, God forbid, the black plague that ran rampant through Europe.

Then all you politicians will sit around scratching your brains and say "Gee, I wonder what happened I just don't understand." I know, I know, let's make new rules and laws. But instead of creating new laws, why don't you just implement the ones that you already have on the books? It's illegal to be a vagrant, to panhandle, loitering, and so on. I know the solution to the homeless is simple – we'll just give them free housing, free water, free utilities, free garbage, free food, free telephones, free health care, maybe even a clothing allowance, and nobody's going to make them go to work. So that's a great solution.

They can spend their spare time sitting in front of the grocery store panhandling making a good $15 to $20 an hour or more tax-free. Now you may think to yourself, they can't make that much money.

Well let me tell you, I'm a very curious individual, so one day I decided to sit in front of the grocery store and panhandle and behold I made $2 in 3 minutes so if you extrapolate that, that's not bad per hour.

Personally, I think it's kind of boring to sit there but to each their own I guess. Then of course all you politicians can't figure out why we have such a high homeless population. Perhaps you have taken apathy and complacency to an art level.

Just an idea, but why don't you spend time trying to figure out what to do with the population that just does not want to go along with a any program and how to stop the homeless from accumulating so much garbage.

Jon Lilley
San Leandro

Tried Everything

Editor,

Something must be done about the birds in our town. They are just all over my backyard. Sparrows, finches, California towhees, doves – I even spotted a white-edged oriole and a yellow warbler. They are there every morning and every evening. I am just fed up and don't know what to do anymore.

I have tried everything. I let the lawn go natural with wildflowers and a few small shrubs. I leave a small dirt patch for them. I put out wild bird seed in an elevated feeder under the tree. I keep a fresh birdbath with clean water, even making sure to power wash the bath once a month and scrub it with a water/vinegar solution to prevent finch eye disease. But they just keep coming back.

I can't have an afternoon on my back patio reading a book without all these birds popping around and playing in the trees. More people need to be aware of this situation and what they can do about the birds in their backyards as well.

Sean Stenhouse
San Leandro

Propositions: Ballot measures on housing, marriage, inmate labor

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make them back into felonies when committed by repeat offenders.

Supporters of Prop. 36 this year have blamed Prop, 47 for rises in overdose deaths, open drug use, and organized shoplifting. The latter has been blamed for numerous business closures. But voters have rejected earlier attempts to roll back Prop 47.

Opponents of this year's Prop 36. say Prop. 47 has saved taxpayers considerable money on prisons, which had been so overcrowded that federal courts had ordered their populations reduced. They say those savings have been used for crime-prevention efforts.

Prop. 36 opponents also say that putting more people back in prison is not the best way to deal with worsened theft and drug problems.

There is more information available from supporters of Prop 36., Californians for Safer Communities, at voteyesprop36 com, and from opponents, Stop Prop 36, at stopprisonscam org.

Tackling Unaffordable Housing

Many Californians complain that it's hard to afford housing these days on the incomes people earn. The two pieces of that are the subject of three different propositions, although one is a bit indirect.

Raising the incomes of some Californians is the goal of Proposition 32, which raises the state's minimum wage to $18 an hour by January 1, 2026, and then adjusts it each year to keep up with inflation.

Supporters say it would give an income boost to people badly needing one, while opponents especially in the business community, say it would raise costs and thus inflation, and result in cut hours and job loss.

State law does protect many but not all tenants against rent increases. Extending it to more tenants is the goal of Proposition 33, which removes the restrictions on local rent control that are in the 1995 Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act.

A number of renter groups support this, while rental property owners oppose it.

Proposition 5 addresses housing by lowering the voter approval threshold for local affordable-housing bonds from the current 2/3 (66.7 percent) to 55 percent.

State Bond Measures

There are two statewide bond issues on the ballot.

Proposition 2 would authorize $10 billion in bonds to build new, public school and community college facilities, or renovate existing facilities. It would help the state fund its share of the costs, usually split with local school districts.

Information is available from supporters, Yes on Prop 2, at yesprop2ca.com. There is not an organized opposition website, but Assemblyman Bill Essayli, Republican form Riverside County, has announced his opposition.

Proposition 4 would authorizes 10 billion in bonds for various projects to deal with effects of climate change. Proposed projects include safe drinking water, wildfire prevention, and protecting communities and natural lands from climate risks.

Laws on Marriage

Two other measures involve laws about marriage

Proposition 3 removes language rendered invalid by the U.S. Supreme Court ruling legalizing gay marriage nationwide. The old language, originally inserted by Proposition 8 in 2008 and banning gay marriage, is unenforceable. But proponents of Prop 3 worry that a rollback of federal gay marriage rights is possible. They want a clear state-level right to gay and interracial marriage just in case.

Opponents argue that unclear wording in the constitution could be construed as removing all restrictions on marriage contained in state laws, opening the door to polygamy, child marriage and incest.

There is little controversy so far over Proposition 35, which makes permanent a current tax on managed health care plans to provide ongoing funding for Medi-Cal and other health care services. There is no organized opposition, not even from those managed health care plans.

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Outreach Team workers Ashley Nicole and Beatrice Sanchez from the Alameda County Registrar of Voters office urged people at the San Leandro Main Library to register to vote, on September 17, Voter Education Day. The deadline to register is October 21.

Should Inmates Be Forced to Work?

Proposition 6 gets rid of something most of us probably think was banned just after the Civil War, involuntary servitude. But a loophole in the 13th Amendment does allow forced labor for those convicted of crimes, if a state allows this.

"Chain gangs" of prisoners crushing rocks and building roads became notorious in some states, with opponents viewing the mostly Black prisoner groups as a throwback to slavery. Most states banned any forced labor by prisoners by the 1950s, but not California and 15 other states.

California inmates can be forced to work while imprisoned. While they are paid, they earn very low wages, compared to similar jobs outside the prison.

Proposition 6 would remove the state constitution's forced labor provisions for prisoners. Prisoners could agree to work to gain credit against their sentences, or for wages that might have to be negotiated with the prisons under other court rulings and laws.

You can get more information from supporters of Prop 6, Yes on Prop, at voteyesoncaprop6.com. There is no organized opposition.

Questions about Prop. 34

Perhaps the most mysterious of this year's propositions is Prop. 34, which is derided as "revenge" in pro-Prop 33 TV ads. Its text appears to be about health care, not housing. Prop. 34 garnered the most questions at the September 19 LWV forum.

Prop. 34 got on the ballot through the efforts of the California Apartment Association, whose arguments in favor can be seen at caanet.org.

The opponents, Vote No on 34, (whose website is at noon.34.org), say it is being pushed as revenge that would primarily affect one Los Angeles health care provider, the AIDS Healthcare Foundation. That group provides health care and affordable housing, while advocating for rent control, which the CAA opposes.

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it to be."

Bayfair Mall

Both candidates brought up Bayfair Center when asked if there was a stalled development in their district that had drawn community concern.

Azevedo called for redeveloping it with some kind of attraction to bring a family to, such as a bowling alley or skating rink. He suggested seeing if Disney, Pixar or Marvel were interested in sponsoring an attraction there.

Hernandez recalled that building 2,000 units of housing there had been hoped for when he was on the council and they passed the Bayfair Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) plan.

Hernandez said, "Bayfair is a big opportunity."

He added, though, that safety there remains a concern, but that he was a housing expert who relished the challenge.

Both candidates called for restoring downtown's Casa Peralta historic house, with Hernandez also urging support for the Alta Mira Club/Peralta House on Lafayette Avenue, just out of downtown. Both suggested reaching out to philanthropy or nonprofits to help with Casa Peralta.

Housing and Rent

On housing, Azevedo wanted specific protections for tenants against evictions and big rent increases. While Hernandez supported more housing generally and touted his own background in real estate and housing.

Azevedo said he had carried out much community service, including cleanups during the pandemic and since, in addition to his official duties.

Hernandez said he had been active with community groups such as the Food Bank and Rotary. He also pointed out his current service on the Eden Health Care District board, steering grants to nonprofit healthcare groups.

Homelessness and Sanctuary City

Moderator Peck asked each man what his greatest accomplishment on the council had been, as each had served a 4-year term.

Azevedo replied it had been building the Navigation Center for the homeless.

"All the homeless are not the same," Azevedo said. "We're going to help identify (each person's needs) and help them get a place if they need it, or get the medication or counseling they need."

Hernandez said the greatest accomplishment was getting sanctuary city status for San Leandro, restricting city cooperation with federal immigration authorities. There was an issue of losing federal funding if that wasn't passed, but he said it went beyond that.

"It was important that people felt safe, that you didn't have to worry about parents being deported and kids coming home to missing parents. Or people being victims of violence and not feeling they could respond or react or press charges."

Asked about possible budget cuts, Azevedo warned against cutting police or fire services, or any service that affected the city's most vulnerable people.

Hernandez said more attention should be paid to raising revenue, to "expanding the pie" instead of cutting it. He pointed to the property transfer tax passed during the pandemic that brought in enough revenue so the city didn't have to cut city services when they were most needed.

The League of Women Voters forum was recorded, and people can watch going to YouTube and entering "LWVEA San Leandro City Council 9 12 24"

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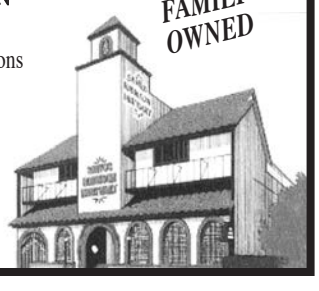

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This anniversary, steeped in the Jewish significance of the number 36, highlights Hirschhorn's enduring impact on the congregation and beyond. Cantor Hirschhorn has released 11 albums of original folk, Jewish, and world music as a songwriter, choral composer, and storyteller.

Her music is sung in choral concerts, movies, dance performances, peace gatherings, and synagogues in the United States and worldwide. She leads the community in celebration using her award-winning music every week at Temple Beth Sholom.

In honor of this milestone, the community is invited to join Temple Beth Sholom for regular services and upcoming events, including the upcoming Jewish High Holiday services, — Rosh Hashannah on Oct. 2 to Oct. 4, and Yom Kippur on Oct. 11 and Oct. 12. (RSVP required for attendance. RSVP by going to TBSsanleandro.com)

This year's High Holiday services promise to be especially moving, featuring Cantor Hirschhorn's original music and the inspiring presence of the congregation's new rabbi, Josh Weisman.

The number 36, or "double chai" in Jewish tradition, symbolizes life, making this milestone especially meaningful. For Cantor Hirschhorn, it represents a "double blessing" of service and community. "These years have been about more than just music or ritual; they've been about creating a living, breathing community where every voice is heard," she said.

Cantor Linda Hirschhorn leads the celebration with her music at Temple Beth Sholom.

Since joining the Temple in 1988, Cantor Hirschhorn has become more than a spiritual leader—she is a cornerstone of the community.

As Temple Beth Sholom prepares to celebrate Cantor Hirschhorn's 36th anniversary at the High Holiday Services, the community reflects on her legacy and looks forward to a future filled with continued growth and connection. Those interested in hearing Cantor Hirschhorn firsthand can find information about joining upcoming Temple events at www.tbssanleandro.org.

Arrest: Police track down two suspects

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identify the suspects through surveillance footage and other digital evidence as brothers, 18-year-old Erick Moreno and 28-year-old Mauricio Moreno, both residents of Hayward. The brothers were taken into custody separately last Thursday during a joint operation between SLPD detectives and members of the Tactical Operations team. A third suspect was initially arrested for being an accessory to the homicide but was released later the same day.

"This case is a testament to the tenacity and persistence of our detectives in seeking justice for the homicide victim," said Lieutenant Abe Teng of the San Leandro Police Department. "A lot of time was spent painstakingly gleaning evidence and conducting surveillance to build a case strong enough to go beyond just making arrests."

The Alameda County District Attorney's Office charged the Moreno brothers with murder on Monday, Sept. 23

While this case has been charged, the SLPD asks anyone with information to contact them via any of the following: Sergeant Jason Vincent at 510-577-3315, non-emergency line at 510-577-2740, anonymous tip line at 510-577-3278, or text-to-tip at 888777 (keyword: TipSLPolice).