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The wind turbine from Halus Power Systems in San Leandro was transported and installed recently for a customer in Phoenix, Arizona.

San Leandro Firm, Halus Power, Ships Wind Turbine to Phoenix

Halus Power Systems of San Leandro shipped a 90 kW wind turbine to a customer in Phoenix, Arizona last month.

A company called Tower Safety bought the turbine to use to train technicians on how to safely climb wind turbines. The company has been training technicians on how to climb cell towers,

and now they are expanding their training to include wind turbines.

“We’re pleased to have a small part in efforts towards green jobs creation,” said Louis Rigaud, general manager of Halus Power Systems, which is on Grant Avenue in San Leandro.

Rigaud went to the site in Phoenix for the truck unloading and installation

of the wind turbine.

Halus Power Systems is a renewable energy products service company. It’s North America’s leading supplier of mid-sized wind turbines, and designs and manufactures wind turbine components and control systems. The company stocks wind turbines from 90 kW to 600 kW at its San Leandro facility.

City Buys Nimitz Motel With State Grant

Motel to be turned into homeless navigation center

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

San Leandro bought the Nimitz Motel on Lewelling Boulevard with plans to convert it into a navigation center for the unhoused, City Manager Fran Robustelli said Monday, thanks to a last-minute award of \$9.3 million from California’s Project Homekey Program.

As part of her report to the City Council, Robustelli said the city had sufficient public funding to complete the purchase. About \$8 million would be used for the acquisition and renovation costs. The remaining \$1.3 million may be used for operations and services in the first three years of operations.

“I am very pleased to announce that the city closed escrow as planned on October 30,” Robustelli said on Monday.

She said that Homekey represents the critical public funding piece that the city needed to ensure it could achieve its vision for the motel. She also thanked California Assemblymember Liz Ortega and State Senator Nancy Skinner for helping secure the funding.

San Leandro used other state and federal funds for the purchase, and remaining two years of operations, including a \$2.5 million grant from a

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Expect More Jet Traffic Next Week

The Oakland Airport says to expect more private jets in the upcoming week.

The Asian-Pacific Economic Cooperation will hold a summit meeting in San Francisco from Nov. 11 through Nov. 17. The FAA has anticipates over 1,500 private jets are expected to fly into the Bay Area for the event, increasing the number of jets at the three major Bay Area airports.

Oakland Airport says they expect more jet departures at both the South Field and

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Swalwell Hosts Cybersecurity Summit to Protect Small Businesses

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

Around 60 percent of small businesses encountered cyberattacks, data breaches, malware attacks, or ransomware within the last year, according to recent industry reports.

Cyberattacks can also be a problem for non-profits,

religious organizations, and some school districts that can’t afford to pay for their own computer security specialist or hire a company to protect them.

In response, Congressman Eric Swalwell held a Cybersecurity Summit at Las Positas College in Livermore on Oct.

27. Swalwell sits on the House Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection Subcommittee. He said he wanted to bring together government agencies and computer security companies to trade best practices and hear from people in his district.

“Nearly every day, we

hear about criminals and nation-states launching cyberattacks that could undermine our national security and cause wide-scale economic damage,” Swalwell said. “We are now also hearing about thousands of small business owners who are having their

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MEETING SCHEDULES

CITY COUNCIL

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

SAN LEANDRO SCHOOL BOARD

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



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Pets of the Week



Abby



Shirley

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are both cats, Abby and Shirley.

Abby is a 5-month-old, domestic, short-hair grey tabby. She is a super sweet girl that loves attention and loves to play. Abby is sure to follow you around the house until you give her the attention she craves.

Shirley is a 5 month old Domestic short hair black kitty. She is a shy gal who would do well in a home that will give her confidence and patience.

Shirley is coming out of her shell and she would do best in a home with older kids.

To adopt or meet Abby or Shirley, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at 510-293-7200.



PHOTO COURTESY ST. LEANDER'S SCHOOL

St. Leander's Basketball Teams Hold Annual Food Drive

The St. Leander's School 6th grade and 8th grade basketball teams worked together

to collect food from the community for those in need. Food collected was given to St. Vincent de Paul for use in their food pantry.

This is the 10th food drive by the teams and the first since the pandemic.

Coach Chris Alvarez said

his hope is that the boys learn about service to others in addition to helping families in need.

He said he's grateful for the participation of the parents, players and the generosity of those in the community who gave to the food drive.

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Jet: Forum on trade in the Pacific region

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economic forum. It's goal is to support sustainable economic growth and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region.

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Community Calendar

Cub Scouts-Boy Scouts Annual Food Drive

The Cub Scouts and Boy Scout troops in San Leandro and Castro Valley have put fliers on doors for their annual "Scouting for Food" drive. The scouts will be back out over the weekend where they have left fliers to collect food for the Alameda County Food Bank. The scouts remind residents who received a flier to put out donations by 9 a.m. on Saturday. Suggested items are: canned and other non-perishable food items. No frozen food, open containers or glass containers.

Community Chat with Council Member Fred Simon

San Leandro City Council Member Fred Simon will hold his monthly community chat, regularly held on the second Saturday of the month, on Saturday, Nov. 11, from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Manor Park pickle ball courts, 14900 Zelma St. Listen and share ideas on improving our environment and city, and learn how to become a community ambassador. This week's chat is also in honor of those on Veteran's day, to thank veterans for their service and bravery.

American Legion Post 117 Veterans Day Ceremony

San Leandro Post 117 of the American Legion will hold a Veterans Day ceremony at the San Leandro Senior Community Center 13909 East 14th St., on Saturday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m. Post 117 invites everyone in honoring all those who have served in the military.

Soroptimist International Annual Holiday Boutique

Visit the 18th Annual Holiday Boutique benefiting Soroptimist International of the East Bay at the Hill and Valley Club, 1808 B Street in Hayward, on Saturday, Nov. 11, from 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The boutique supports women and girls in our community to achieve education and economic independence. You'll find handcrafted gift items, holiday decor, hats, jewelry, woodworking, knitted and crocheted items, handmade pottery, pampered chef, Tupperware, and much more. Refreshments will be available.

Alta Mira Club Community Boutique

The Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave. in San Leandro, will host its Annual Community Boutique on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 10 and 11, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. White Elephant stage tables, opportunity drawing/gift table, unique handmade items presented by many popular vendors and Alta Mira members.

San Leandro Garden Club Sale

The San Leandro Garden Club will be selling plants and previously owned jewelry on the porch at the Alta Mira Clubhouse, 561 Lafayette Ave., San Leandro on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 10 and 11, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Garden Club's sale on the porch will be on the same days as the Alta Mira Club's Annual Community Boutique inside.

Hearing Loss Association to Meet

The Hearing Loss Association of America, East Bay Chapter, will hold its monthly meeting on Saturday, Nov. 11, via zoom. Greeting at 9:30 a.m., presentation 10 a.m. RSVP at www.hearinglosseeb.org and click on monthly meetings. Dr. McCullagh will talk about her research on brainstem level sound processing in a genetic form of autism, FXS, and the new work in her lab using a comparative approach to understand hearing with two ears. Dr. McCullagh is an assistant professor in the Integrative Biology department at Oklahoma State University where her research is focused on auditory processing, specifically the sound localization circuit in the brain.

International Bible Church Program for Veterans

International Bible Baptist Church, 15963 Marcella St. in San Leandro will host a special program with gifts for veterans on Sunday, Nov. 12, from 10 a.m. to noon. The Veterans Sunday program will honor veterans who have served out country. Hosted by IMOMS: IBBC Moms of military men and women.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE SAN LEANDRO PLAYERS

Karen Barbera, Terry Guillory, Amy Cook, Gretta Stimson appear in the San Leandro Player's production of *Bloody Jack*, playing at the San Leandro Museum Auditorium.

San Leandro Players Bloody Jack Playing on Fridays and Saturdays

The San Leandro Players present *Bloody Jack*, at the San Leandro Museum/Auditorium, 320 West Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro, next to the historic Casa Peralta. The show runs Saturdays at 8 p.m.

and Sundays at 2 p.m. through Nov. 19; and on two Fridays, Nov. 10 and Nov. 17, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 general, \$15 seniors and under 12. For more information or reservations, visit www.slplayers.org or call 510-895-2573.

Who Was Jack the Ripper? Any one of the play's characters could well be the notorious Bloody Jack.

IDES St. John Pizza Lunch and BINGO

IDES St. John, 1670 Orchard Ave. in San Leandro, will have a Pizza Lunch and Bingo on Saturday, Nov. 18, at noon with salad, pizza and dessert. Tickets are \$15 for lunch and four Bingo cards. Extra Bingo cards can be purchased for 25 cents each. For tickets and to RSVP, call Janet Re at 510-483-1132, Willie Calvo at 510-207-6326, or Kathy Dunlap at 775-722-8208.

Keystone Plants in Your Garden Help Birds, Butterflies

Learn how to grow California "keystone" plants in your garden or on your balcony to save butterflies, moths, bees, and birds from decline at the Homegrown Habitats San Leandro fall event at Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd., on Saturday, Nov. 11, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, in the library's Program Room.

Presentation and Q&A with Jennifer Dirking, patio native garden tour, native seed giveaway. Rain or shine.

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

SL Art Association Free Demonstration

The San Leandro Art Association will host a free art presentation by Annette Frei, on Tuesday, Nov. 14, at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave.

Socializing with refreshments begins at 5:30 p.m., a short meeting begins at 6 p.m., and the demonstration begins at 6:30 p.m.

Annette, a local artist, will show examples of her work while sharing her inspirational techniques.

Members will also display artwork for the Artist of the Month Contest. All ages are welcome.

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Thanksgiving Sides



...with a Twist!

Thanksgiving Day is just a couple of weeks away, so it's not a minute too soon to make plans for your holiday meal. In most families, there'd be open rebellion if your table didn't include such traditional favorite side dishes as yams and cranberries along with the roast turkey.

But that doesn't mean you can't try out a few really good variations on the old themes.

GARLIC MASHED POTATOES

8 medium russet potatoes
15 peeled garlic cloves

Salt
1-1/2 cups milk
1/2 cup butter (1 stick), cut into small pieces

Peel potatoes and quarter lengthwise; cut crosswise 1/2 inch thick. In a 5-quart saucepan, combine potatoes and garlic cloves; cover with water (about 8 cups) by 1 inch. Add 1 tablespoon salt.

Bring to a boil; reduce heat, and simmer until potatoes are easily pierced with the tip of a paring knife, 25 to 30 minutes.

Drain; return garlic and potatoes to pan. Stir over medium-high heat until dry, 1 to 2 minutes. Remove from heat.

In a small saucepan, bring milk to a boil; pour over potatoes. Add butter and 1 teaspoon of salt. Mash until smooth and creamy. Serves 8.

TWICE BAKED YAMS

4 medium unpeeled yams
1/2 cup golden raisins
1 tablespoon light brown sugar
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
1 (8-oz) can crushed pineapple in own juice, drained

1 teaspoon vanilla
2 tablespoons chopped pecans
1 cup miniature marshmallows

Preheat oven to 400°F.

Scrub yams and place on a baking sheet. Cook for 1 hour or until tender. Let cool 15 minutes. Cut thin slice off top of each; carefully scoop pulp into a bowl, leaving shells intact. Mash pulp; stir in raisins, brown sugar, cinnamon, pineapple, and vanilla.

Spoon into shells, sprinkle with pecans and marshmallows. Bake at 350°F. for 15 minutes or until thoroughly heated. Serves 8.

GREEN BEANS WITH CARAMELIZED ONION

4 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil
2 large sweet onions, such as Vidalia, thinly sliced
Salt and pepper
2 pounds green beans, trimmed
4 teaspoons chopped fresh tarragon leaves

In a large nonstick skillet, heat 1 tablespoon oil over medium-high.

Add onions and season with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring often, until softened and just beginning to brown, about 10 minutes.

Reduce heat to medium; cook, stirring occasionally, until onions are deep golden brown and very soft, 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a large pot of boiling salted water, cook green beans until crisp-tender and bright green, about 6 minutes. Drain and toss with tarragon and 1 teaspoon oil; season with salt and pepper. Transfer beans to a platter and top with onions. Serves 8.

CRANBERRY & DRIED CHERRY RELISH

1 (12-ounce) package fresh or frozen cranberries
1 cup dried cherries
1 cup sugar
2 cups water

In a large saucepan, combine cranberries (no need to thaw if frozen), cherries, sugar, and water.

Bring to a boil; reduce heat to medium-low. Simmer until most berries have burst and liquid is syrupy, 20 to 25 minutes. Transfer to a bowl. Cover, pressing plastic wrap directly on surface of relish;

refrigerate. Yields 3 cups.

SWEET POTATO & TURNIP GRATIN

3 medium turnips, peeled, cut into 1/4-inch-thick rounds
Salt and pepper
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
2 medium sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1/4-inch-thick rounds
2 tablespoons butter, cut into pieces
3/4 cup vegetable broth
1/4 cup dry white wine
1 cup grated Gruyere cheese
Preheat oven to 350°F.

In an 8-inch square baking dish, arrange a single layer of turnips and sweet potatoes, overlapping slightly. Season with salt and pepper and sprinkle with one-third of the flour. Repeat to make three more layers, sprinkling with salt, pepper, and flour between layers.

Dot top layer with butter, then slowly pour broth and wine into dish, keeping layers intact. Cover with foil and bake until vegetables are tender when pierced with a knife, 45 minutes.

Increase oven temperature to 425°F. Remove foil and sprinkle cheese over dish. Bake until cheese is golden and bubbling, 12 to 15 minutes. Let gratin sit 10 minutes before serving. Serves 8.

POMEGRANATE & CRANBERRY JELL

4 (1/4-ounce) envelopes unflavored gelatin
1/2 cup sugar
2 cups pomegranate juice
2 cups cranberry juice

In a small saucepan, sprinkle gelatin over 1 cup cold water; let soften for about 5 minutes. Place over low heat, and cook until gelatin has dissolved, 3 to 4 minutes. (When rubbed between your fingers, it should feel smooth.) Add sugar, stirring gently until dissolved, 2 to 3 minutes; remove from heat.

Transfer gelatin mixture to a medium bowl; gradually stir in juices. Pour into a 1-1/2-quart (6-cup) Bundt pan, and skim any foam from surface. Refrigerate until firm, at least 3 hours and up to 1 day.

To unmold, dip bottom of pan (do not submerge) briefly into hot water; invert onto a serving platter, and shake firmly to release. Serves 6.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19): There's no need for that suspicious Aries mind of yours to work overtime, either at home or on the job. Remember that appearances are often deceiving.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): A new opportunity might seem riskier than you would like. Examine all sides; then rely on your good sense to guide you toward the right decision.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): You might be enjoying your new relationship, but if you're still unsure of a commitment, continue to hold off. Your instincts are usually right.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): You might feel under pressure these days, but be careful not to blow off steam in a way you'll later regret. Opt for a calm discussion to air out grievances.

LEO (July 23 - August 22): A difficult situation will need more than your personal charm to resolve it. Put that Leonine intelligence to work, and you'll soon come up with a prudent solution.

VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): A friend might resent your well-intended attempt to offer advice. Back off and let things settle down before you try again. Meanwhile, be cautious about investments.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): Be careful about taking on added obligations at work and/or in your personal life without first checking to see whether you can handle the extra load.

SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): A rejection is no reason for you to give up. Check to see what went wrong and make adjustments. Then try again! Success is in your aspect.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Things should be looking up at work, as your ideas begin to find favor with both bosses and co-workers. Romantic aspects also improve.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Be more loving with your spouse or partner to prove that you're not taking them for granted. In addition, business deals will need careful scrutiny.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): As the holidays approach, be wary of those who can take unfair advantage of your generous nature. Also, an old injury flares up and needs attention.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Expect to see some old friends at upcoming holiday gatherings, including some who were -- and could once again be -- very special in your life.

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Congressman Eric Swalwell, left, moderates a discussion about cybersecurity on how small businesses can protect themselves.

Summit: 'Don't pay the ransom'

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client data held for ransom and don't know where to begin. I want to try and fix that."

Representatives from the FBI, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), and California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) attended the forum. They discussed how the government provides cybercrime prevention and response services help fight

computer crimes.

"Our best advice for small businesses is 'Don't pay the ransomware.' Contact us instead," CISA Deputy Executive Assistant Director Matt Hartman told the crowd. "It opens the door to other vulnerabilities in your network and allows them to ask for even more money."

Swalwell said he was the target of a cyber attack in 2015 when he announced he was

running for President of the United States, but he sympathizes with small businesses.

"My in-laws have a dental practice," Swalwell said. "If they were attacked and didn't have the information we are sharing today, hackers could quickly get a couple thousand dollars out of them. So, it's on us to bring awareness to the problem and to make sure they know what government

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HEALTH & FITNESS

Two Exercises to Help with Posture

By Mitch Rothbardt
Special to the Times

Life these days involves lots of computers and phones, and that's done a number on our collective postures.

Sitting itself isn't terrible, except we do too much of it, which plays havoc on our backs, shoulders, and hips.

Here are two easy things you can do to help you not totally feel like a tightly wound stress ball all the time.

Wall Slides

Spend lots of time typing and scrolling? I'll bet your chest is a little tight, and your shoulders are rolled forward. It's pretty common and Wall Slides are great in helping counteract it.

Here's how you do them:

1.) Stand with your back to a wall and touch your butt,

upper back, and, if possible, your head to it.

2.) Bring your arms straight out to the side and bend your elbows 90 degrees. Your arms should look like goalposts.

3.) If you can, touch the wall with both elbows and the back of your hands. If you can't, do the best you can.

4.) Slide your arms up and down the wall, maintaining contact.

5.) Do a set of 10 after every 60 to 90 minutes of sitting.

6.) Google "Wall Slides" to see it in action.

Lunge Stretch

Your hip flexors are long ribbon-shaped muscles that start slightly above your hips and run down either side of your body to a little below your hips.

These are the muscles that

pull your hips back when you sit down. Lots of sitting tightens up your hip flexors like a rubber band sitting in the sun for a week, and tight hip flexors pull your hips into a position called Anterior Pelvic Tilt (Google it for some pictures). That position can lead to back pain and is a prime example of how back pain doesn't always have to do with your back.

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see POSTURE, page 11



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GUEST COMMENTARY



Alameda County Buyers At A Disadvantage

By Carl Medford, CRS
Special to the Times

Nationally, the median single-family home price is \$430,000, up 0.4% from the same time last year. Figures just released by Redfin reveal two key numbers: to buy that median priced home in the US, homebuyer wannabes must earn \$115,000, about \$40,000 more than the typical American household brings in. Put another way, nationally, buyers must have a household income 53.33% over the median income to qualify for a home purchase.

Consequently, it does not take much imagination to realize Alameda County residents are at a serious disadvantage with respect to the majority of the country. To begin, at the end of September, the median price of an Alameda County single-family home was \$1,133,000. Using an interest rate of 8% and assuming 20%

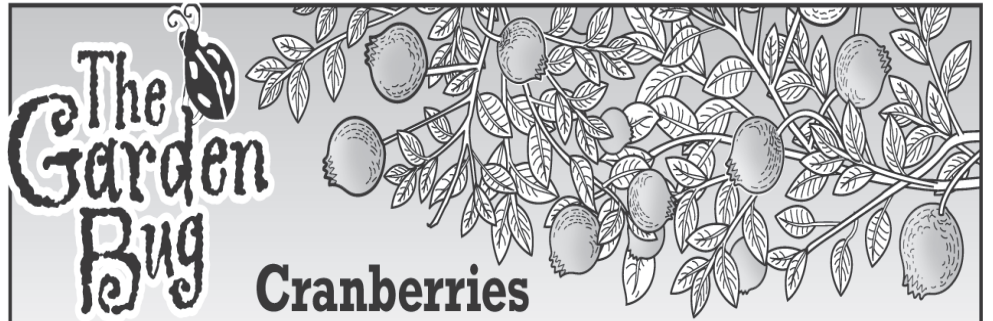
down, potential buyers will need to earn approximately \$250,000 to complete the purchase – as long as they have no other debt. If they are paying off school loans, have car payments and so on, the income requirement goes up.

To put things into perspective, according to www.point2homes.com, the median household income in Alameda County is only \$114,320. This means that to qualify for a home purchase at the median price, the household income must be 118.68% over the median. At more than double the national average, it is not hard to see why Alameda County buyers are at a serious disadvantage.

To compensate, some prospective buyers are looking to sources such as relatives to provide additional funds to increase downpayments, thus lowering mortgage payments and corresponding income requirements.

Ironically, even with the high numbers, this is still a good time to buy a home. There are a few reasons. First, those hoping for lower interest rates may have a long wait ahead of them. At approximately 8%, rates are hovering close to historical averages. The low rates we saw during the foreclosure crisis and global pandemic may not reappear in our lifetimes. Secondly, 62% of current homeowners with mortgages have rates below 4%. This is preventing many from selling existing properties with low mortgage rates and replacing them with rates twice as high. Therefore, we will not be seeing a flood of homes to the market for quite a while which, looking back over the past year, means prices will continue at their current levels or even increase.

Bottom line: those continuing to pay rent hoping for a brighter tomorrow could actually end up losing a considerable amount.



Commercially-grown cranberries grow in bogs, but cranberries can be grown on dry land. Determine the pH of your garden soil, as cranberries need a soil pH of less than 5; also, make sure you have very well-draining soil. Cranberry plants need about three months of temps in the 32°–45°F. range to trigger a dormant phase. Fruit of the cranberry plants may appear the year after planting, but more likely the second year depending on the number of pollinators visiting your plantings. – Brenda Weaver

Source: www.gardeningknowhow.com

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Total: 6 – Average Price: \$1,237,500
High: \$1,951,000 – Low: \$700,000

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\$1,951,000 [4 BD - 2,664 SF - 2000

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The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage paused its multi-week climb but continues to hover under eight percent. The Federal Reserve again decided not to raise interest rates but have not ruled out a hike before year-end. Coupled with geopolitical uncertainty, this ambiguity around monetary policy will likely have an impact on the overall economic landscape and may continue to stall improvements in the housing market.



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Fertilizer Will Help Crepe Myrtle Bloom

By Buzz Bertolero
Special to the Times

Q My Crepe Myrtle tree used to bear beautiful pink flowers, but several years ago, it stopped after the tree broke in half. What must I do to get it to bloom again? Also, the foliage is a red color. What do you think happened to this tree?

A Crape Myrtles do not stop blooming just because the tree's structure has been damaged. They bloom only on the terminal ends of the new growth that formed each spring. The trees are so colorful because all the flowers are at the end of the vegetation and, in many cases, cover the foliage. You'll never find any flowers in the interior

area of the canopy. Once it finishes flowering, seed pods develop. The pods are green, turning to brown. The mature pod will shatter, distributing sterile seeds. These pods are pruned off annually. When Crape Myrtles produce little growth, you get little to no flowers. To stimulate the growth, fertilize in March and late May with an organic all-purpose fruit and shade tree fertilizer. I'd apply half a pound of fertilizer per inch of trunk diameter measured two feet off the ground. It should be distributed around the drip line of the tree. The first application could be made earlier after the tree has been pruned. The red foliage indicates other problems influencing growth, but I'm unsure what they might be. The red color should only be seen in the

fall before leaf drop. I'd have an arborist evaluate the situation to determine what other problems are occurring.

Q Is it okay to plant bulbs in containers/planters instead of the ground? If so, when is the best time to plant bulbs? This is all new to me.

A It's perfectly okay to plant bulbs in containers of all sizes and shapes. The best time to plant bulbs in the ground is from the end of October through the end of the year, while with a container, any time from October on is okay to plant. This is when the days are getting shorter and cooler. In addition, you should purchase your bulbs early for the best selection. Tu-

lips and Hyacinths need to be chilled for six weeks before planting in a refrigerator and remove any fruit. The naturally releasing ethylene gas from the fruit will damage the immature flowers. The remaining bulbs can be stored in the garage or any other dry location until you are ready to plant. Depending

on the size of the container, you can double or triple-deck different bulbs in one container. When you are ready to plant, add Bulb Food to the soil mix. Depending on the size of the bulb, add a teaspoon or tablespoon of Bulb Food under each one. Finally, add some seasonal color like Pansies so they are

immediately colorful. It's a bit late for Tulips, but it's okay for Daffodils.

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.

WEEKEND GARDENER

Vegetables

For a bumper harvest of broccoli, pinch out the main shoot a month after planting. This will result in fewer—but larger—side shoots and the biggest overall yield. Cutting the main shoot after the head has already formed will result in more side shoots, but they will be smaller in size.

Set out garlic, onions and shallots from sets, planting them where they can dry out for the month before harvest next June or July.

Roses

Stop watering and feeding roses. Prune lightly to remove long, bloomed-out canes, but hold off hard pruning until January when the bushes are fully dormant.

Trees

Now that shade and ornamental trees have shed their leaves, their need for pruning to correct any problems is readily apparent by their fully exposed branches. Though pruning can be done any time in fall and winter, there are good reasons for doing it now to eliminate potential hazards of weak, broken or diseased limbs crashing down in the storms that will be coming in the next few weeks. Major problems with trees should be left to professional arborists.

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Full name of registrant is: **Zhong Yuan Liang**, at 17640 Via Arriba San Lorenzo, CA 94580.

The Fictitious Business Name Statement **Direct Parts Imaging**, was filed on 02/09/2022 in the county of Alameda. Original File Number 586411. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.

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lowing owner(s): Marjoly INC., located
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The name of the business(es):
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Jay Associates located at 1333 Morgan
Avenue, San Leandro, Ca 94577, in Al-
ameda County, is hereby registered by
the following owner(s): Cunningham
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The name of the business(es):
Don Bablo Cleaning Service at 705
Peterson Street, Oakland, CA 94601.
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by the following owner(s): Marta Cruz
Ramirez, located at 705 Peterson Street,
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The name of the business(es):
Ultimate Carpet Cleaning, at 25673
Eldridge Ave, Hayward, CA 94544. Ala-
ameda County, is hereby registered by
the following owner(s): Rodrigo Garcia,
located at 25673 Eldridge Ave, Hay-
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The name of the business(es):
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Hayward, CA 94546. Alameda County,
is hereby registered by the following
owner(s): Brittney Cacas located at
21748 Vallejo St, Hayward, CA 94546.
This business is conducted by An In-
dividual. This business commenced
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Reason City Passed on State Grant to Fight Retail Theft

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

The City of San Leandro declined to apply for millions in state grants earlier this year to aid in the fight against organized stash-and-grab theft, citing bad timing, lack of data, staffing issues, and other obstacles, a city spokesperson told the Times.

Since the pandemic, there has been a jump in the number of groups of shoplifters rushing in and out of stores with armfuls of unpaid merchandise. Target, CVS Pharmacy, Walgreens, and Safeway have been the main targets.

The grants were part of California Governor Gavin Newsom's statewide Organized Retail Theft Prevention Grant Program, with the funds often earmarked for public safety cameras and automated license plate readers. Last month, the cities of Fremont and Newark announced they had been awarded \$2 million

in these state grants.

Deputy City Manager Eric Engelbart told the Times that San Leandro considered doing the same but did not apply because of several circumstances.

"Given the timing of where the City of San Leandro was at in our own proposed expansion of public safety cameras, the timing simply didn't align with the grant requirements," Engelbart said. "As a result, it is unlikely that the City of San Leandro would have been successfully awarded funding through this grant program if an application had been submitted."

Engelbart added that the grants required San Leandro businesses to provide massive amounts of data that proved these thefts were real and had a negative financial impact. Another obstacle included a two-month window of opportunity to gather the data and submit the application

and a minimum commitment of \$75,000 of San Leandro's budget to manage the grant money.

"The grant mandated the police department serve as the lead applicant on behalf of San Leandro, which was determined to be infeasible due to ongoing staffing shortages (at the police department)," Engelbart said. "The city's sole crime analyst staffing position became vacant around the same time the grant opportunity was announced, and that position would have been instrumental in collecting the required data necessary to apply."

Since the pandemic, California has seen a massive uptick in coordinated retail thefts. According to California Department of Justice data, Alameda County saw 250 stash-and-grab incidents per 100,000 residents in 2022, up 10 percent from 2019 reports. Commercial burglary has also

increased. Alameda County reported 350 incidents per 100,000 residents, more than 50 percent higher than 2019.

In response to the rash of

thefts and state grant awards going to only Fremont and Newark in Alameda County, District Attorney Pamela Price announced the creation of an

Organized Retail Theft Vertical Prosecution Team and added \$2 million to the county's prosecution coffers to fight these coordinated retail thefts.



PHOTO BY MIKE MCGUIRE

A fire broke out at the 7-Eleven store at 136th Avenue and East 14th Street on Wednesday afternoon. At the time the cause was unknown.

OPINION

LETTERS to the EDITOR

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City Council Right to Consider Effectiveness of Cameras

Editor,

I'm disappointed in San Leandro Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Griego's response to the city council's delay in approving additional surveillance cameras.

As the spokesperson of the San Leandro Chamber of Commerce and our local businesses, I would expect Ms. Griego to appreciate our City Council requiring data on the effectiveness of the existing surveillance cameras before spending more taxpayer money on 41 additional cameras.

All of our council members support public safety for San Leandro and its residents, including those who voted against the approval, as was made clear in their comments during the meeting.

The City Council shouldn't consider 41 additional surveillance cameras until an analysis shows whether they are justified, not to mention the data needed to determine the effectiveness of those sur-

veillance cameras already installed, the last of which was installed less than a month before the meeting.

As a resident, I for one am grateful when the San Leandro City Council spends our money judiciously.

Mike Katz-Lacabe
San Leandro

Trunk-or-Treat Halloween Festival

Editor,

On October 21st, the Bay Area Family Church hosted its second annual Trunk-or-Treat Halloween Festival. People from all over the Bay Area and neighborhood came to participate in the Halloween festivities. Over 460 people were in attendance, which was greater than the previous year's festival by over 100 people.

It was a joyful and jam-packed event filled with the holiday spirit. The organizers provided training for all of the volunteers including sharing about the spirited culture to be created at the festival. As a church, the focus of the culture was

to treat all friends and guests as family members emphasizing the idea that we are all one family under God regardless of what organization, church, or background each person comes from. Volunteers came from the Bay Area Family Church, the Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles (CARP) club from Chabot College, and the Student Athletic Advisory Committee from CSU East Bay.

All guests could view the creative variety of self-decorated car trunks whilst participating in carnival games to get candy. We had 15 car trunks, a photo booth, face paint, bounce houses, a haunted house that attracted hundreds of folks, delicious food, and a costume fashion show. The haunted house constantly had a long line of people of all ages wanting to go through. There were different levels of scariness that allowed children of all ages and even parents to enjoy.

We concluded the festival with the costume fashion show. A red carpet runway was laid out for children and adults alike to walk across and show off their costumes. It was very cute and entertaining to see all the creative, inspired participants strike a pose, which brought lots of joy to all the parents and audience watching.

A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this event possible, bringing a smile to the children's faces. The Bay Area Family Church hopes to see you again next year on the 3rd Saturday of October for another great Trunk-

or-Treat festival.

Gabby von Euw and
Johanna van Galen,
Event Ministry Coordinators
San Leandro

A Call for Ceasefire

Editor,

Children are our most important asset. They are the key to the future. The trauma children in Gaza have suffered over the years has been documented in a 2022 report, Trapped, by Save the Children. The findings are not unexpected: "Fifteen years of life under blockade has left four out of five children in the Gaza Strip reporting that they live with depression, grief, and fear."

Since October 7, more than 3,257 children have been reported killed, including at least 3,195 in Gaza, 33 in the West Bank, and 29 in Israel, according to the Ministries of Health in Gaza and Israel respectively. The number of children reported killed in just three weeks in Gaza is more than the number killed in armed conflict globally—across more than 20 countries—over the course of a whole year, for the last three years.

I call on our senators, Alex Padilla and Laphonza Butler, to introduce a bill to call for an immediate ceasefire in Israel and Occupied Palestine, similar to H.Res. 786 which was introduced in the House. As of today the only member of Congress in the Bay Area to co-sponsor that bill is Barbara Lee. I urge my representative,

Eric Swallowell, to do the same.

Currently, we have approximately 8,700 children enrolled in San Leandro schools. Can you imagine if we lost more than one third of them in a month?

Robert Behr
San Leandro

Deficit Hypocrisy

Editor,

Republicans in Congress love to pose themselves as "deficit hawks," screeching outrage that our government debt is so high. They are especially vocal about cutting necessary government programs like Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) because "government debt is too high." They pretend to care about debt despite having approved tax cuts and spending during Trump's presidency which increased government debt \$7.8 trillion, more than any previous administration.

The newly elected Speaker of the House, (Maga) Mike Johnson, claims to care about the debt by proposing to fund national security assistance for Israel only if funds are cut from the Internal Revenue Service. The IRS uses those funds to catch billionaire tax cheats, which actually reduces our debt. When Republicans let billionaires evade taxes, the burden falls on the rest of us tax-paying, law-abiding citizens. Next November, we tax-payers will have our chance to vote out those Republican phony deficit-hawk hypocrites.

Bruce Joffe
Piedmont

School District Celebrates Bancroft Improvements

The San Leandro Unified School District celebrated the culmination of extensive facility improvements at Bancroft Middle School with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Oct. 25, followed by a dedication ceremony at the new Lincoln High campus.

The \$15,750,000 in renovations at the school came from the measure N bond passed by voters in 2020.

The improvements are designed to create a more inviting and secure educational environment for students,

staff, and families.

The renovation project includes:

- a redesigned ADA-accessible school entry

- A transformed courtyard featuring new shade structures, hardscape, landscaping, outdoor furniture, and student gathering spaces

- New modular classrooms
- A new safety drop-off area for convenience and security

- A brand-new field and track

- Security fencing and electric vehicle charging stations.

Former Mayor Stephen Cassidy welcomes Bancroft Middle School students and the public to a ribbon cutting on Oct. 25. A new entrance, new courtyard, and playing field and other improvements were made possible by voter-passed Measure N, a campaign Cassidy had chaired.



PHOTOS BY MIKE McGUIRE



Below, school board members joined to dedicate the plaque for the new Lincoln High School building on October 25. From left, James Aguilar, Jackie Perl, Melissa Fegurgur, President Peter Oshinski, Diana Prola, Leo Sheridan, and Evelyn Gonzalez.

Motel: Work to start in the spring

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The road to purchasing the state budget bill earlier this summer and \$750,000 in federal American Rescue Plan Act funds, Robustelli said.

The total project cost to acquire and renovate the motel is around \$12 million, while annual operation and services costs will average about \$1.8 million.

After five years, San Leandro is expected to move the shelter and navigation center to another location in town and convert the Nimitz Motel into permanent supportive rental housing for homeless and at-risk families.

The road to purchasing the Nimitz Motel had several obstacles. San Leandro was denied funding from Project Homekey in the summer of 2022 because of the highly competitive nature of the Homekey Program. In response, the city amassed a stronger project team in the fall of 2022, including the experienced nonprofit Housing Consortium of the East Bay (HCEB).

HCEB is currently working with the project architect to submit a building permit application before the end of this year with an anticipated construction start date of spring

2024 and completion and full occupancy in summer 2024.

HCEB will serve as property manager and interim shelter developer. San Leandro-based nonprofit Building Futures will remain the primary provider of supportive services, Robustelli said.

The Nimitz Motel at 555 Lewelling Boulevard has 33 studio units with a ground-floor office and a restaurant. The motel includes on-site parking and laundry facilities. In addition to being near grocery stores and other businesses, the site is also close to local homeless camps.

Posture: Working on shoulders and hips

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straight ahead.

3.) Hold for 60 seconds each side.

Shoulders and hips are the primary victims of poor posture and can affect your body

in ways far and wide. These two moves can help.

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

Hope Hospice Offers Grieving Workshop over Zoom in November

Hope Hospice offers a one-hour workshop over Zoom as a safe space to discuss the unique considerations of grieving during the winter holiday season.

Although this workshop is offered over Zoom, space is still limited due to the interac-

tive nature of the presentation. There is no charge to attend. Choose from one of following dates; the program is the same. Thursday, Nov. 16, from 1 to 2 p.m.; and Thursday, Dec. 14, from 2 to 3 p.m. To register, call the Grief Support Department at 925-829-8770

or submit an inquiry form at [HopeHospice.com/grief](https://www.hopehospice.com/grief).

For people who are processing the loss of a loved one, the winter holiday season can be painful. Experiencing grief at this time may intensify feelings of loneliness or anxiety

about being asked how you are coping.

You may feel disinclined to participate in holiday gatherings to avoid such questions, or because you feel lost without your loved one by your side.

Summit: Choose a strong password

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agencies to go to for help."

Best practices include:

- Use two authentication methods: Try a password followed by an email or text or perhaps a PIN and a thumb scan.
- Update your software

regularly: The latest versions of your operating system or apps will likely include protections against known threats.

- Choose strong passwords: While "12345678" and "password" are obvious to avoid, using words or phrases that could be tracked back to

your personal information is also unwise.

- Back up your information: Even if you upload your information to a Google Drive, Dropbox, or another service, experts recommend an external hard drive as well.
- Don't click on things

you shouldn't: This includes any link asking you to share personal and financial information or passwords.

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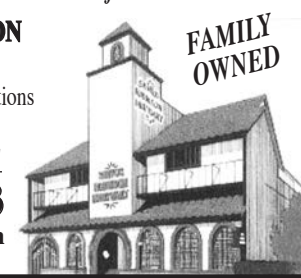
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Stolen Car Smashes into Shop at Dutton and East 14th

By Mike McGuire
Special to the Times

Three cars were damaged and a light pole knocked down at the corner of East 14th Street and Dutton Avenue on Saturday by a man driving a car reported stolen from Richmond.

Nobody was seriously injured, but it was another blow to the owners of On The Runway, a fashion clothing store that had a car go through its front door a month ago.

A police investigation is ongoing and the driver is being sought, according to San Leandro Police Department

spokesman Lt. Abe Teng.

The driver took off running on foot toward Oakland along East 14th Street. He was chased on foot by the driver of the first car he had hit, according to a witness. That driver didn't catch him, but the fleeing driver did drop his wallet, the witness said.

That wallet contained not only his ID but a number of credit cards in other people's names, according to the witness, who said it was turned over to police.

According to Teng, a blue Dodge Challenger reported stolen in Richmond was

headed toward downtown along East 14th at a high rate of speed at about 1:15 p.m. on Saturday. He struck two other cars, one on each side of the intersection with Dutton Avenue.

According to a witness, the car tail-ended an Acura waiting in traffic at the light at Dutton Avenue, driving it into the back of a tow truck just ahead and adding front-end damage to that car's rear-end damage.

The witness said the Challenger then drove the wrong way on East 14th Street, and just past Dutton hit another car head-on before hitting and knocking over the traffic signal pole. That pole landed just in front of the door of On The Runway, at 600 E. 14th St., and the Challenger also stopped just short of its door.

"I was doing business right inside and heard a big screech," said shop owner Angela Ajetomobi, who runs the store with her husband Olulade. "I heard two big bams, and then a third one. Then the light pole fell down, started smoking, then flames, and all the smoke was coming



PHOTOS BY MIKE MCGUIRE

The car that witnesses said started the multiple-vehicle crash at the corner of East 14th Street and Dutton Avenue, come to rest in front of On the Runway at 600 E. 14th St.



On The Runway store owners Olulade and Angela Ajetomobi in front of their shop hit again by a car.

in my door. We even got a few car parts inside."

The flames went out, and fire trucks soon arrived to make sure nothing else ignited, according to witnesses. But the Ajetomobis remained shaken.

"It's the second time in a month a car's run into the

store," said Olulade Ajetomobi.

He said that last month, a car crashed all the way into the store, at 1 a.m.

"It was a car full of youngsters. They also hit a van, then dispersed right after their car hit the store."

The windows of the shop

are still boarded up from that crash, he said.

"And 8-12 (the boba shop facing his store across Dutton Street) gets hit all the time," he added.

Angela said, "There's something about this corner. There's screeching five or six times a day."



FLOOD ZONE IS YOUR HOME IN THE FLOOD ZONE?



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

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

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

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

Ways to Reduce Flood Risks

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

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

Building in the Flood Zone

Though all development within the city requires a permit, there are very specific requirements when building in the flood zone. Always check and fulfill permitting requirements with the Division of Building & Safety Services at (510) 577-3405 and/or the Engineering Division at (510) 577-3428 before you build on, alter, fill, or re-grade on any portion of your property and/or within any easement or right-of-way. To report any suspected permitting violations, please contact Division of Building & Safety at (510) 577-3405. You can also report through MySL Mobile 311 at <https://www.sanleandro.org/750/Report-a-Concern>

