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Thrift shop volunteer Patty Williams with Bessie the cow who is now back in front of the shop during business hours.

Cow Mascot Returned to Shop

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

Bessie the cow made it back home. Earlier this summer the cow mascot was stolen from the Treasures Hospice Thrift Shop in downtown San Leandro ("Bessie the Cow Stolen from Thrift Shop," June 27, 2024). But Bessie re-

turned to the shop a couple of weeks ago.

"I got a call that Bessie was at an address," said Dee Gonzales, the proprietor of the thrift shop.

Gonzales said she didn't want to send somebody over to the address, thinking that somebody who would

steal Bessie might be tough to deal with.

Gonzales said she asked the police but they said they couldn't because she never filed a report about the stolen mascot.

"I said, a report? For a 20 dollar cow?" said Gonzales. "But a customer

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Former Mayor, State Senator Corbett Dies

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

Ellen Corbett, a giant of East Bay and state government, died on Friday at age 69. The cause of death was not immediately revealed.

She is survived by one son, Ryan Boehme, her mother, one sister and several brothers, according to fellow former San Leandro mayor and friend Shelia Young.

Corbett was the first elected woman mayor of San Leandro, serving from 1994 to 1998, after serving on the city council from 1990 to 1994. She moved on to the state assembly from the 18th District from 1999 to 2004 and the state senate from the

10th district from 2006 to 2014. She was Senate Majority Leader from 2010 to 2014.

"It is my firm belief that Ellen's principal goal in life was to serve the public and she did it exceptionally well," said Young. "She devoted the last 30 years of her life to all things that would make the world a better place."

Current San Leandro Mayor Juan González said Friday, "Tonight, we mourn the loss of the Honorable Ellen Corbett, a dedicated and experienced public servant whose contributions to our community will inspire future generations."

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City of San Leandro Awarded for Housing

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) announced that the City of San Leandro has been awarded the coveted Prohousing Designation, a distinction given to jurisdictions that have made a demonstrated commitment to dismantling barriers to housing development at all income levels.

San Leandro is one of only 50 California communities to received this distinction. San Leandro earned 64 points in its Prohousing Designation application based on the strength of the City's housing policies and programs, more than doubling HCD's minimum scoring criteria of 30 points. Based on HCD data,

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City Grants Foster San Leandro Arts

Arts commission awards 12 local artists and organizations

The City of San Leandro's Arts, Culture & Library Commission has awarded 12 Arts & Culture Grants to support art created by local artists and non-profit organizations, including:

1.) The Davis Street Community Center for disability services art programs, and show, \$10,000.

2.) The San Leandro Art

Association for free art classes for all ages, \$10,000.

3.) The San Leandro Improvement Association (SLIA) is responsible for transforming the Bell Planter into a work of art with mosaics, \$10,000.

4.) Teen Advocacy Going Strong (TAGS) for a teen and young adult creative reuse project, \$10,000.

5.) Constance Chapman for art workshops to motivate all adults to paint what they like and love about living in San Leandro, \$4,963.

6.) Eric Shea for a series of paintings inspired by stories from San Leandro cafes and restaurants, \$5,000.

7.) Frank Oliver for a "Tricks to Happiness" comedy and magic show and workshop

about how to live a happier life, \$5,000.

8.) Nancy Brown for a community collage art project, \$3,700.

9.) Rose Whitmore for a "Start Your Story" writing workshop and support for finishing her second book, "Tough Enough," a memoir, \$5,000.

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CITY COUNCIL

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

SAN LEANDRO SCHOOL BOARD

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



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Historian to Present Slide Show on the East Bay in 1900

Historian Richard Schwartz will present a slide show of historical photographs as he tells stories of everyday life in the East Bay at the turn of the century on Saturday, Sept. 7, at 2 p.m. at the Little Brown Church, 384 W. Estudillo Ave., behind Casa Peralta, presented by the San Leandro Historical Society. Schwartz's book, *Berkeley 1900: Daily Life at the Turn of the Century*, picked by the San Francisco Chronicle as a Holiday Gift Book of the Year, will be available for purchase after the presentation. Find more information at www.sanleandrohistory.org, or call 510-969-0975 and leave a message.

Correction

The story about the City Council candidates ("Two Council Candidates to Run Unopposed," Aug. 8, 2024) said that Bryan Azevedo narrowly defeated Ed Hernandez when they ran against each other in 2020, but Azevedo won by a vote of 18,182 to 15,480. The story also misidentified Dylan Boldt as a stay-at-home dad and active in community social-justice and who is disabled by a chronic form of cancer, but that description should have been attributed to his opponent in District 6, Robert Bulatao, a stay-at-home dad who deals with that condition, and is active in community social justice efforts. Boldt works full time as a union official. Also, Boldt is a current, not former, member of the Planning Commission.



Inner Wheel Donates to Project Literacy

Inner Wheel Club of San Leandro recently met with San Leandro Public Library administrators to present a donation to Project Literacy's

"Families Read Together" program.

The money was made available via the San Leandro Rotary Club's Annual Community Grant process.

The Inner Wheel grant was directed to purchase giveaway books to strengthen literacy skills and life goals of Project Literacy families.

Senior Librarian Armando

Rivera, IW President Amy Neuman, Literacy Coordinator Nicole Reader, and Publicity and Grant Writer Pearl Johnston met for the presentation.

Inner Wheel Club of San Leandro celebrates their continuing priority of personal service to our community. Email iwclubofsanleandro@gmail.com for more information about the club.

Sunday Concert at Hayward Memorial Park

Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon of live music for all ages on Sunday, Aug. 18, starting at 1 p.m. at the Tony Morelli Bandstand, Memorial Park 24176 Mission Blvd. in Hayward.

The show will feature Yolanda Cazessus, Gravity+4 and Alrighty Then. Admission

is free. Any donations raised will benefit the the East Bay Youth Orchestra.

Hayward Odd Fellows Sycamore Lodge #129 is partnering with H.A.R.D. and local non-profits for the 14th Annual Summer Concert Series on a series of Sundays from August to September.



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Community Calendar

T.A.G.S. Art Show and Ribbon Cutting

Teen Advocacy Going Strong (TAGS), 1711 East 14th St. in San Leandro, will host an art show and ribbon cutting on Tuesday, August 20, from 5 to 8 p.m. – Emerging Visions, Perspectives of the Next Generation, featuring young artists in our community. Art for sale, live music, comedy and refreshments. Grant support from the City of San Leandro and the Arts, Culture & Library Commission.

Class Teaches How to Treat Ringworm in Kitties

Full Circle Cats will offer a free, virtual cat Ringworm 101 class to learn some tips and tricks about treating ringworm kitties on Sunday, Aug. 18 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Visit fullcirclecats.org/workshops for more information. They will also offer a free, online Beginning Cat Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) Class on Wednesday, Aug. 28, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

San Leandro Players Present *Waiting in the Wings*

The San Leandro Players presents Noel Coward's *Waiting in the Wings*, at the San Leandro Museum/Auditorium, 320 West Estudillo Ave. The show runs on Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. through Aug. 18, plus two Friday shows at 8 p.m. on Aug. 9 and Aug. 16. Tickets: \$25 general; \$20 seniors and under 12 (other discounts may apply). For more information or tickets online at www.slplayers.org or by calling 510-895-2573.

Highway Patrol Age Well, Drive Smart Training

The First Presbyterian Church of San Leandro, 180 Estudillo Ave., will host a free class for drivers 65 and older, presented by the California Highway Patrol on Thursday, Aug. 22, from 10 a.m. to noon in the Fellowship Hall. Certificates of completion will be provided at the end of the class. Seating limited to 45 people. To reserve a seat or to get on the waiting list for this training, call 510-483-2772.

Alta Mira Club Salad Bar Extravaganza

The Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave. in San Leandro, will host a Weddings through the Ages – Salad Bar Extravaganza on Saturday, Aug. 31, at noon. Fashions by the San Leandro Players and Alta Mira members and friends. Tickets are \$35. For reservations, call Gayle Hamilton at 510-638-8765 or Linda Klass at 510-914-5684.

Annual Dahlia Show — Free Admission

The San Leandro Dahlia Society will present the annual dahlia show Saturday, August 31, from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Dahlias come in a variety of sizes, shapes and colors and will amaze everyone. No charge for admission. Hundreds of blooms. More information can be found on our the SL Dahlia Society's website, slds.club.

Enter Your Car in the Rides and Readers Car Show

Enter your car in the San Leandro Public Library's 3rd Annual Rides and Readers Car Show, to be held on Saturday, Sept. 21, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. If you have a vehicle that is from 1975 or older (preferred, not limited to), that you would like to enter in the show, visit tinyurl.com/SLPLCarShow to register your vehicle online. Or pick up a paper registration form from the Main Library or Manor Branch Library by September 7. Participant space is limited. For more information, call 510-577-3971.

Volunteer for Library's Homework Help Program

The San Leandro Library is seeking enthusiastic volunteers to join the Homework Help program at the Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd. in San Leandro. Starting Oct. 1, volunteers are needed just two days a week, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Whether you excel in math, science, languages, or simply enjoy assisting students with their studies, your support can make a real difference in our community. No teaching experience is necessary — just a willingness to lend a helping hand. Become a vital part of the library's mission to empower students and foster academic success. To sign up or for more information, contact Samira Habibi at shabibi@sanleandro.org or 510-577-3956.



First Presbyterian Packages Meals for the Hungry

First Presbyterian Church of San Leandro gathered fifty-one enthusiastic volunteers on Aug. 4 to package 10,000 meals with international non-profit partner Rise Against Hunger. This annual event brought together people from 10 to 80 as all ages completed the work in 90 minutes, a record for the church. Pastor Renée Rico commented, "We want to show that we care about our neighbors near and far by what we do."



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San Leandro Toastmasters Meet Every Thursday

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

American Legion Post 117 Sunday Breakfast

American Legion Post 117 of San Leandro hosts its monthly breakfast on the fourth Sunday of every month, from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial Building, 1105 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro. Pancakes with sausage, eggs, coffee, tea, juice. Veterans \$7, non-veterans \$8.

Calendar Submissions

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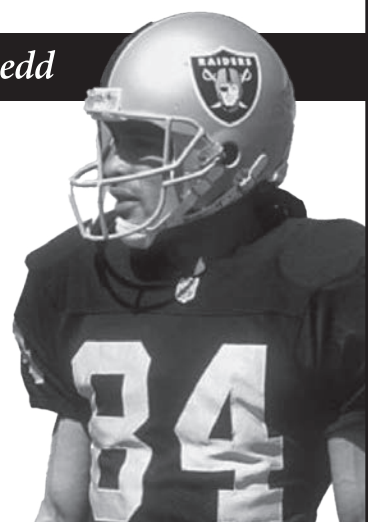
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Former Raider/ Film Director Kenny Shedd will be signing autographs for Always Dreaming Society Corporation during a Raiders vs Cowboys Watch Party. Donations are welcomed, as those proceeds will go towards the production of ADSC's newest short film - 'Girls Just Wanna Have Fun,' starring Bay Area TikTok sensation, Charlotte Rendez.

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BEST ZUCCHINI BREAD

- 3 cups flour, plus extra for preparing pans
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1-1/2 teaspoons salt
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon cloves
- 1/2 cup milk
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten
- 1/2 cup vegetable shortening, melted
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 cups shredded raw zucchini (about 3 zucchini)
- 2 cups chopped walnuts
- Butter for greasing pan



Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon,

nutmeg and cloves and set aside. Place milk, eggs, shortening, sugar and zucchini in large mixing bowl. Add combined dry ingredients and beat until batter is just blended. Stir in walnuts. Grease and flour two 8x4-inch loaf pans. Divide evenly between pans and bake at 350°F until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, 50 to 60 minutes. Remove from oven and let cool in pans about 5 minutes. Turn onto rack and cool completely. Makes 2 loaves, about 32 servings.

- 1 green bell pepper, seeded and diced
- 3 small zucchini, diced
- 2 stalks celery, trimmed and diced
- 6 radishes, sliced

Combine olive oil, lemon juice, vinegar and sugar in small bowl. Stir in parsley, season to taste with salt and pepper. Set aside. Combine remaining ingredients in large bowl. Toss with dressing. Serves 8.

ZUCCHINI CREOLE

- 1-1/2 to 2 pounds sliced zucchini
- 8 ounces sliced mushrooms
- 1 large green bell pepper, cut into thin strips
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 teaspoons dried leaf basil, crumbled
- 1 tablespoon melted butter
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 2 medium tomatoes, peeled and chopped

Combine zucchini, mushrooms, green pepper, garlic, basil, butter, salt, pepper, sugar, and Worcestershire sauce in a large skillet over medium heat; cook for 5 minutes. Add tomatoes and cook for 5 minutes longer, or until tender. Yields 8 servings.

SCALLOPED ZUCCHINI

- 4 medium zucchini
- 4 slices of bacon
- 1/3 cup of onions, sliced thin
- 1 pint canned tomatoes
- 1/3 cup celery
- 1/3 cup chopped green pepper
- Salt and pepper to taste

Wash zucchini, cut off ends, and cut in 1-inch slices. Cook until tender, drain. Fry bacon until crisp, remove from pan. Add onions, and cook until tender. Add tomatoes, celery, peppers, salt and pepper and mix in the vegetable. Add crumbled bacon and place in greased casserole. Sprinkle with bread crumbs. Bake at 350°F for 35-45 minutes. Serves 2.

CHOCOLATE ZUCCHINI CUPCAKES

- 1-1/4 cups butter, softened
- 1-1/2 cups sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup baking cocoa
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup plain yogurt
- 1 cup grated zucchini
- 1 cup grated carrots
- 2 cups chocolate frosting

In large bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Stir in vanilla.

Combine the flour, baking cocoa, baking powder, baking soda and salt; add to the creamed mixture alternately with yogurt, beating well after each addition. Fold in zucchini and carrots.

Fill paper-lined muffin cups two-thirds full. Bake at 350°F for 18-22 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pans to wire racks to cool completely. Frost cupcakes. Yield: 21 cupcakes.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19): A previous misunderstanding continues to taint the atmosphere to some extent during the early part of the week. But cooler heads prevail, and the situation eases by the week's end.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): While the artistic aspect of the Divine Bovine is well-served this week, your practical side is also getting the sort of recognition that could lead to a new and well-deserved opportunity.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): With home-related matters taking on more importance this week, now could be the time to make some long-deferred purchases. But shop carefully for the best quality at the best price.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Congratulations! While a family problem might still rankle, it should be easing, thanks to your efforts to calm the waters. Also, a workplace situation seems to be moving in your favor.

LEO (July 23 - August 22): Big Cat's energy levels should be rather high these days, and you might do well to tackle any tasks that still need doing. This will clear the way for any upcoming projects.

VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): Someone's criticism might not be as negative as you perceive. Actually, it could be helpful. Discuss the matter with your critic, and you both could learn something valuable.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): A business matter could cause some friction among your colleagues. But once again, that logical mind of yours comes to the rescue. And the sooner it does, the better!

SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): There still might be some heated temper flare-ups out there. But your sensible self should advise you to stay out of these situations until things cool down and calm is restored.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Changing your mind could be the right thing to do if you can't resolve your doubts. You might want to discuss the matter with someone whose advice you trust.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): The Sea Goat's merrier side dominates this week, and this means that despite your usual busy schedule, you'll be able to squeeze in parties and all sorts of fabulously fun times.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): An educational opportunity could offer a lead to something other than what you had planned. But keep an open mind, and before you decide to turn it down, check it out.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): The Piscean wit and wisdom you have helps you work through a situation that might have been accidentally, or even deliberately, obscured. What you unravel could prove to be very revealing.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS

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Platform Uses AI to Keep Children Safe Online

Software engineer develops platform to protect young students from bullying, inappropriate content

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

What if children could explore educational material online without encountering any harmful or inappropriate material?

Krishna Selvaraj, a senior software engineer at Microsoft, has developed the tools to do just that.

Selvaraj was moved after reading a news article about how online bullying among students led to the suicide of a 12 year old. He decided to come up with a technological solution – a platform to make a safe online environment for children.

Selvaraj is the leader of the Trust and Safety Initiative of Flip, a subsidiary of Microsoft. He came up with a content moderation model using artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML).

After completing his masters in computer science, Selvaraj was fascinated by the potential of machines to learn and make intelligent decisions. Advanced algorithms can analyze language and context of messages to detect bullying or hateful speech, and immediately flag or block



Krishna Selvaraj developed a platform to block harmful content to make the internet safe for children.

such content.

As children increasingly use the internet from a young age, they face new risks of inappropriate material or cyberbullying, Selvaraj said. Protocols need to be in place to protect young users. Educating kids on safe online behavior and parental controls are key.

AI and machine learning enhance security by filtering harmful content, he said.

The screening isn't done

on the basis of mere keywords or a checklist, Selvaraj said. It takes into account the entire context in deciding if the content is age appropriate.

An automated moderation system is used by the platform to filter out and remove user content that contains violence, nudity, racism, or other violations, Selvaraj said. The platform also uses sophisticated algorithms and machine learning to identify, and block cyberattacks, fraud, misinformation, cyberbullying, self-harm, terrorism, threats, graphic content, and spam.

This system serves a global audience including many educational institutions and has successfully reduced the occurrence of online harm, Selvaraj said.

The platform is available via a web browser, or with a mobile app on iOS and Android devices. The software allows students and teachers to post topics and submit their own videos.

Selvaraj said his goal is to create an online education environment that is secure and accessible for learners and teachers of all ages and backgrounds.

HEALTH & FITNESS

How Do Age and Exercise Fit Together?

By Mitch Rothbardt
San Leandro Times

People frequently ask how I factor age into our members' programs. We have members in their 30s, 40s, 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s. My answer usually surprises them.

I don't factor in age at all. It never enters my mind.

That may seem reckless or even dangerous, but I assure you it's quite the opposite. I've trained people in their 30s and 40s who deal with pain every day, move poorly, and have below-average physical strength.

I've trained people in their 60s and older who feel great, move well, and have strength well above average. How does age figure in? It doesn't.

I write individualized programs for all our members, which is just some of what I

consider.

- Goals
- Mobility
- Injuries
- Movement and Postural Asymmetry
- Psychology
- Training Frequency
- Training Experience
- Exercises Preferences
- Movement Quality

All these things are more important than age. Studies have shown that older people aren't necessarily fragile or incapable of doing things. It's only when people stop moving and challenging themselves that these things occur and if you look around, you'll see that can happen at any age.

Let me put it another way. If someone in their 70s has knee pain while performing certain exercises, I'll examine their posture and movement to

determine any issues and then adjust their program accordingly. Doesn't that seem better than just pulling out "The Age 70 Training Program" and having them do it no matter what?

Here's a simple way to look at things: You can improve no matter how old you are. You can feel and move better no matter how old you are. You can improve not only with exercise but also with daily movement, such as walking and climbing stairs.

I know this can seem complicated, so let me know your questions, and I'll do my best to answer them.

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

Awarded: Just 10 percent of cities receive this distinction

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San Leandro's 64 points is tied with the City of Sacramento as the fourth-highest-scoring jurisdiction in the state.

In the official award letter, HCD praised the City for its commitment and diligence in combatting the state's housing crisis. HCD also highlighted several particularly impactful strategies, including allowing greater densities, floor area

ratios and building heights for infill housing near transit, and streamlining approval of housing development projects through a ministerial review process without public hearings.

"We are honored that the State of California recognizes the City's hard work and its commitment to housing production," said San Leandro Mayor Juan González. "We

look forward to the benefits that will come from this designation."

By earning the Prohousing Designation, the City receives priority access to Prohousing Incentive Program (PIP) grants and additional points in the scoring of competitive housing, community development, and infrastructure funding programs administered by HCD.

CV Democratic Club Candidate Interviews

The public is invited to candidate endorsement interviews at the San Lorenzo Library, 395 Paseo Grande, San Lorenzo, on Sunday, Aug. 18, from 1 to 4 p.m., hosted by the Castro Valley Democratic Club.

Democratic Party candidates from the following

offices will speak: Oro Loma Sanitary District, Eden Township Healthcare District, Bay Area Rapid Transit District 5, and AC Transit District 6.

Only eligible members of the Castro Valley Democratic Club will vote for endorsements. Audience questions will be submitted in writing

and screened by the club's moderator.

For more information, call or text Pat Payne at 510-427-5261.

Returned: 'Stole it back'

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who comes in saw Bessie hanging in front of a house in the unincorporated area, just two blocks from the sheriff's sub-station."

The customer apparently went into detective mode to retrieve Bessie.

"He went over and picked up Bessie one night at midnight and brought her in," Gonzales said. "So you could say she got stolen back."

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By Carl Medford, CRS
Special to the Times

GUEST COMMENTARY



Significant Changes to Begin August 17th, 2024

By Carl Medford, CRS
Special to the Times

Beginning 08/17/2024, new rules will apply to residential real estate transactions in California handled by Realtors (real estate agents belonging to the National Association of Realtors [NAR]), substantially changing familiar time-honored practices. In anticipation of the change, the California Association of Realtors has completely revised many of the forms used during residential transactions, including the Residential Purchase Agreement and

Residential Listing Agreement. While NAR implementation is 08/17/2024, our local Bay East MLS implemented the changes on 08/12/2024.

Historically, listing agents met with sellers and, as a part of the negotiation process, determined how much commission would be paid for selling the home. It is important to note that commissions have always been negotiable. From the total commission paid, the listing broker would pay a portion of the commission to the buyer's broker that had secured a purchase agreement.

This process resulted in a broker-to-broker payment. For full transparency, the amount of compensation a seller was willing to pay to the buyer's broker was displayed on the MLS (Multiple Listing Service) so that buyer agents knew in advance the compensation they could expect for selling any specific property.

Going forward, there will be some fundamental changes to the buying and selling process:

The new California residential listing agreements will no longer provide a space for a buyer's agent's compensation. Instead,

it will only list the commission paid to the listing broker. This may effectively end broker-to-broker compensation. Additionally, the MLS will no longer display any buyer agent compensation.

Going forward, every buyer wishing to be represented by a Realtor will be required to sign a Buyer/Broker Agreement that establishes an agency relationship with their agent and clearly spells out how much their agent will be compensated for their services. The terms of the agreement and compensation provided are all negotiable.

Buyers will have the ability to ask a seller for a concession to cover their predetermined obligation of payment to their agent. Sellers will then be able to respond to the buyer's request as part of the negotiations. If a seller is not willing to provide a concession that covers the entirety of the predetermined buyer agent's compensation, the buyer will be expected to provide the difference.

It is going to take time for the new processes to become normalized, and Realtors are asking for patience as we learn how to operate in this new real estate reality.

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.

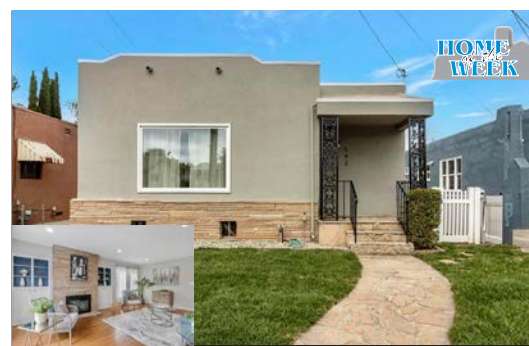
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14885 Van Avenue 94578: \$715,000 [2 BD - 839 SF - 1954
2053 Manchester Road 94578: \$790,000 [2 BD - 969 SF - 1947
1940 Placer Drive 94578: \$790,000 [3 BD - 1,618 SF - 1947
2250 Upland Road 94578: \$848,000 [3 BD - 1,588 SF - 1945
14535 Elm Street 94579: \$862,000 [3 BD - 1,096 SF - 1953
1365 Graff Avenue 94577: \$1,050,000 [3 BD - 1,658 SF - 1946

TOTAL SALES: 9
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3550 Teeling Way 94546: \$1,105,000 [3 BD - 1,684 SF - 2019
21165 Walker Court 94546: \$1,148,000 [3 BD - 1,216 SF - 1954
5079 Ray Avenue 94546: \$1,205,000 [3 BD - 1,752 SF - 1954
3766 Brookdale Boulevard 94546: \$1,225,500 [3 BD - 1,680 SF - 1953
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2441 Mikemary Court 94546: \$1,315,000 [3 BD - 1,684 SF - 1968
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20887 Sherman Drive 94552: \$1,660,000 [4 BD - 2,278 SF - 1999
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TOTAL SALES: 16
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$520,000 **MEDIAN AMOUNT:** \$1,215,250
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Prune More to Encourage New Growth

By Buzz Bertolero
Special to the Times

Q My roses are doing reasonably well, but some of the stems are very long, and leggy. I prefer that the plants be bushier. Am I pruning them wrong?

A I wouldn't say you're pruning them wrong. You just need to prune the bushes a bit more aggressively after each flush of flowers. But first, you need to identify whether or not the long canes are part of the desired variety or rogue or sucker growth.

Hybrid Tea, Grandiflora, and Floribunda varieties are budded onto a second variety called the rootstock. It's typical for roses to produce rogue or sucker growth. These are shoots that develop below the bud union or off the surface roots.

The bud union is the knot-like structure found at the base of the bush.

The suckers are vigorous shoots that grow rapidly into long, leggy branches. Another characteristic of this growth is that they produce small, cherry red flowers. This growth is eliminated while the other shoots are pruned back.

Many rose pruning books will instruct you to prune back to the second set of five leaves. I tend to ignore this point and prune to shape the bushes, especially the sides, so the plants don't merge into one another.

Most of us tend to plant our roses a bit too close to one another. The top is then lowered to prevent them from growing too tall. This should be a standard practice throughout the growing season when you remove the spent flowers.

Also, you want to make your cut where there is an outside bud. All the buds are located in the area where the leaf blade attaches to

the stem. At this time of the year, don't leave the plant void of leaves, as the green stems will burn in the afternoon sun. You should continue to feed your plants with Dr. Earth Rose Food or similar fertilizer right through the fall. They should be watered the day before fertilizing and immediately afterward to prevent fertilizer burn.

It's not too late to mulch your plants to conserve moisture, as there are plenty more warm days ahead. A two-inch layer of mulch should be spread a foot beyond the drip line of each plant. This extra attention will reward you with two or more flushes for flowers between now and the New Year.

Q I finally planted several Jalapeño Peppers and was pleasantly surprised at how well they have grown. However, I'm disappointed that the flavor has been mild rather than hot. My wife thinks I picked them



too soon. What do I need to do to increase the heat?

Your wife is correct. You're harvesting the peppers too early. Jalapeño Peppers should be three inches long and two inches wide when mature. The color will cycle from green to a darker, almost blackish-green color. Some varieties of hot peppers do turn a blackish

red. All the varieties will turn red if left on the plant long enough. Red Jalapeños have a wonderfully sweet/hot taste. Once you think maturity has been reached,

harvest a few and check their flavor. If the taste is suitable, you'll know you can pick the rest when they reach that stage. If they're not quite spicy enough for you, wait a few more days and try again. You'll need to keep trying the peppers at different stages until the taste suits you. The Scoville Heat Unit Scale measures each pepper variety's spicy heat or spice. This scale runs from twenty-five hundred to over five million. Jalapeño Pepper is around ten thousand, while the Ghost Pepper is over a million. In addition, geography plays a role, as mature chili peppers are more intense the closer they're grown to the equator. Hence, a mature Jalapeño Pepper growing in Orange County will be hotter than those in San Jose or Portland, Oregon. Jalapeño Peppers sold locally are not being grown in the Bay Areas. They're probably

from Southern California or Mexico. If they continue to be too mild, you should plant another more intense variety next year.

Note: When harvesting hot or chili peppers, you should carefully snap each pepper from the plant. Better yet, use a pair of sharp garden shears or scissors to cut the stem an inch or so above each pepper. It's highly recommended to wear a pair of rubber gloves to protect your hands, especially those with nicks, and cut from any of the plant juices. Also, don't touch your eyes for whatever reason, as you will encounter severe and intense discomfort. Remember, safety first when dealing with hot peppers.

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.



Vegetables

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

Berries

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

Flowers

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

Mortgage Rates Decrease to Lowest Level in Over a Year

Mortgage rates plunged this week to their lowest level in over a year following the likely overreaction to a less than favorable employment report and financial market turbulence for an economy that remains on solid footing. The decline in mortgage rates does increase prospective homebuyers' purchasing power and should begin to pique their interest in making a move. Additionally, this drop in rates is already providing some existing homeowners the opportunity to refinance, with the refinance share of market mortgage applications reaching nearly 42 percent, the highest since March 2022.

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tered by the following owner(s): Thom-
as Venegas, located at 1105 Begier Ave.,
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/s/Thomas Venegas
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cated at 14278 E 14th Street, Ste A San
Leandro, CA 94578 / 1634 Sweetwater
Dr, San Leandro, CA 94578. Alameda
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lowing owner(s): Jose Javier Martinez,
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Leandro, CA 94578, Victor Hugo Torres
1634 Sweetwater Dr, San Leandro, CA
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Married Couple.
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/s/Jose Javier Martinez
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This business commenced 07/01/2024
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located at 631 Tudor Road, San Leandro
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This business commenced 8/11/2024
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Crime Data Should Be Made Available

Editor,
Earlier this year I called for the City Council and City Manager to remove the interim status on Police Chief Angela Averiett and give her a long-term contract. I am grateful that they did so. I wish Chief Averiett and all members of our police department the best of success in serving our community.

I was delighted to see so many of our officers interacting with San Leandro residents last week on National Night Out. Building positive relationships between the community and our police department is a key component towards a safer San Leandro for all.

An area where our new police chief can make a further difference is in the reporting of crime metrics. To maintain the public's trust and confidence in our police, it is important that the department publish accurate and timely data on the level of crime occurring in our city.

Under our prior police chief, the department did not publish the 2023 crime data on the city website until early 2024. The data showed that 5,698 serious and violent crimes (called Part 1 crimes) occurred in San Leandro in 2023. This was the highest annual number of serious and violent crimes in our city since 1996.

Has crime continued to rise, or has it declined, in 2024? The public simply does not know. The city website shows crime data through February 2024. Data from March 2024 and subsequent months has not been published. I hope this gap in the reporting of crime data will soon be addressed.

Ed Hernandez
San Leandro

Ed Hernandez is a former member of the City Council, District 2, and current City Council candidate

Can You Drive on It, or Not?

Editor,
I am writing regarding the letter from Sarah Bailey (Letters to the Editor, Aug. 8, 2024). The letter says that Lake Chabot road is closed off with fencing that has a gate to allow fire trucks to pass through and bollards to prevent drivers to drive through. But it then goes on to say that almost half of the road surface is held up by

air making the road impassable, and then finishes by saying Lake Chabot Road's closure does not prevent evacuations.

I'm confused. Please clarify, can it or can it not be driven on in an evacuation?

Kevin Biddle
San Leandro

Open Lake Chabot Road Now

Editor,
At his State of the City address, Mayor Gonzalez outlined three pillars guiding city leadership: Public Safety, Housing, and Infrastructure. City leaders have failed residents in each of these areas with regard to Lake Chabot Road.

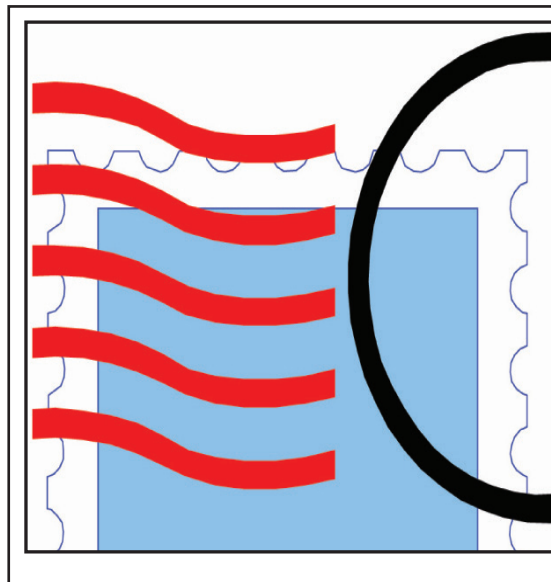
Since February 2023, the city has created a significant public safety risk by installing permanent fencing to prevent anyone from driving on Lake Chabot Road, eliminating an important emergency evacuation route for thousands of residents in the highest fire danger area in the city.

This closure has also severely diminished the quiet enjoyment and safety of surrounding neighborhoods by converting their quiet residential streets into a major traffic corridor. The significantly increased traffic, large trucks, and speeding cars blasting through stop signs have damaged streets and created daily hazards for hundreds of residents.

Last month, the city opened the gates, installing bollards to prevent vehicles from driving on the road. These bollards will undoubtedly cause confusion and accidents during an emergency evacuation, potentially trapping many and causing loss of life.

If Lake Chabot Road is safe for multi-ton emergency vehicles, then it is safe for one-and-a-half ton personal vehicles. We need the city to open Lake Chabot Road to alternating one-way traffic on the undamaged part of the road to reduce dangerous non-residential traffic in Bay-O-Vista and allow Lake Chabot Road to be used once again as a crucial emergency evacuation route and much needed arterial for San Leandro.

Please join us by signing the petition at www.openlakechabotroad.com and attending the San Leandro City Council meeting on September 9th at 7 p.m. at City Hall to



voice your support and demand our officials reopen the road.

Greg Novak
San Leandro

Closed Road Makes Life Miserable in Bay-O-Vista

Editor,
The City of San Leandro needs to re-open Lake Chabot Road. There are real concerns about evacuation and emergency services. There also are threats to the health and safety of my family and neighbors who live along what's become the alternate route.

Lake Chabot Road was designed to carry traffic around the hill where Bay-O-Vista is. Now traffic travels up, over and down the steep hillsides. My house is on Astor Drive, a short steep street between two blind corners. It connects the still-open part of LCR to BOV and it's the route thousands of commuters between Castro Valley and San Leandro now take.

Parking at my curb can be death-defying. Pulling out of driveways risks collisions. Cars turn the corner and speed down the street, braking heavily (or not). Uphill, vehicles loudly work to climb. Conversations are impossible when cars pass uphill. Soot and tire/brake dust are everywhere. Our street-facing windows are kept closed so we can hear and breathe inside our house.

3,500 cars per day is 3,000 more cars than before. Most traffic is between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. One car every fifteen seconds for 12 hours, all day long, every day. Some days there are 12 cars waiting to turn at the stop sign at the top of the street.

Help us re-open Lake Chabot Road. Sign the petition at openlakechabotroad.com

Paul Wellenkamp
San Leandro

Police Tried to Search Without Warrant

Mayor González and City Council, Following the visit of Police Chief Angela Averiett to Broadmoor Plaza (senior apartments) in

July, invited by the facility's Black management, yesterday I was visited by four police officers who came with a bogus claim and wanted to search my apartment, even though they didn't have a warrant. They went out the same way they came.

This a continuation of four years of harassment by management that's now backed up by the police department. This when this place has been broken into by thieves twice, windows have been shattered; the restaurant across the street has had four windows shattered. Vandals, junkies, and all kind of lawbreakers roam East 14th Street. The police chief claims to be short on personnel but still four officers can be assigned to harass an 83 years old senior citizen.

The City Council is responsible.
Leo T. West
San Leandro

Letter Ignores Immigration Law

Editor,
Craig Williams (Letters to the Editor, Aug. 8, 2024) tells us "immigrants" commit less crime than U.S. citizens and cites NPR, Cato, etc. The thousands of invaders who cross illegally our southern border are differently called "illegals" in our official immigration documents, and also by President Biden. This means every invader (illegal) has already committed a crime at entry into our country as they have broken our immigration law, a crime citizens have not committed. The term "immigrant" applies to people looking to legally become citizens. Let's just get that straight.

There is no mention by Craig also of MS-13 gang members and terrorists who are coming through the border, or any apology to the Niemi family for the illegal man who killed their husband and father by shooting him seven times in the face. A murder by an illegal of one of our citizens is one too many.

Donald Trump is simply agreeing with Presidents Obama, Clinton, and Biden who all said we

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should have strong borders. It's just that President Trump is the only one willing to actually strengthen the border. Kamala ain't gonna get it done. We need to get President Trump back into office to protect the nation.

Corey Anderson
San Leandro

A Lot to Be Thankful For

Editor,
Thank you San Leandro police and city for the following:

Letting our city turn into one large flea market with unlicensed street vendors. Thank you city officials for not enforcing vendors business licenses and thank you health department for regulating the temperature of meat that some of these people sell.

Thank you for letting the homeless and vagrants run wild in the streets with zero accountability. Thank you for not responding to property and retail crimes. Thank you for being there and present when we need you. Thank you for the blue light solar cameras and ambassadors (who are nice) who have no arresting power.

Thank you for not enforcing the laws of loitering, vagrancy, and jaywalking, among other laws on the books. Thank you for letting uneducated and uninformed drivers park in red zones and think that putting on emergency lights absolves them of any wrongdoing.

Thank you city officials for outsourcing almost everything in City Hall. Why even open, or even have a building, when most of the employees are in different counties or states. Thank you for having live, local San Leandro city employees to help us. Thank you for being present to patrol the areas in need.

Thank you for relying on others to do your job. Thank you being the upstanding law enforcement officers you are. One big thank you for the city and our esteemed police department. Thanks for making San Leandro Great Again (SLGA).

Robert Johansen
San Leandro

Corbett: Taught government at Chabot College

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After hitting term limits in the legislature, Corbett ran unsuccessfully for Congress from the 15th District in 2014, just missing the runoff in a race ultimately won by Eric Swalwell.

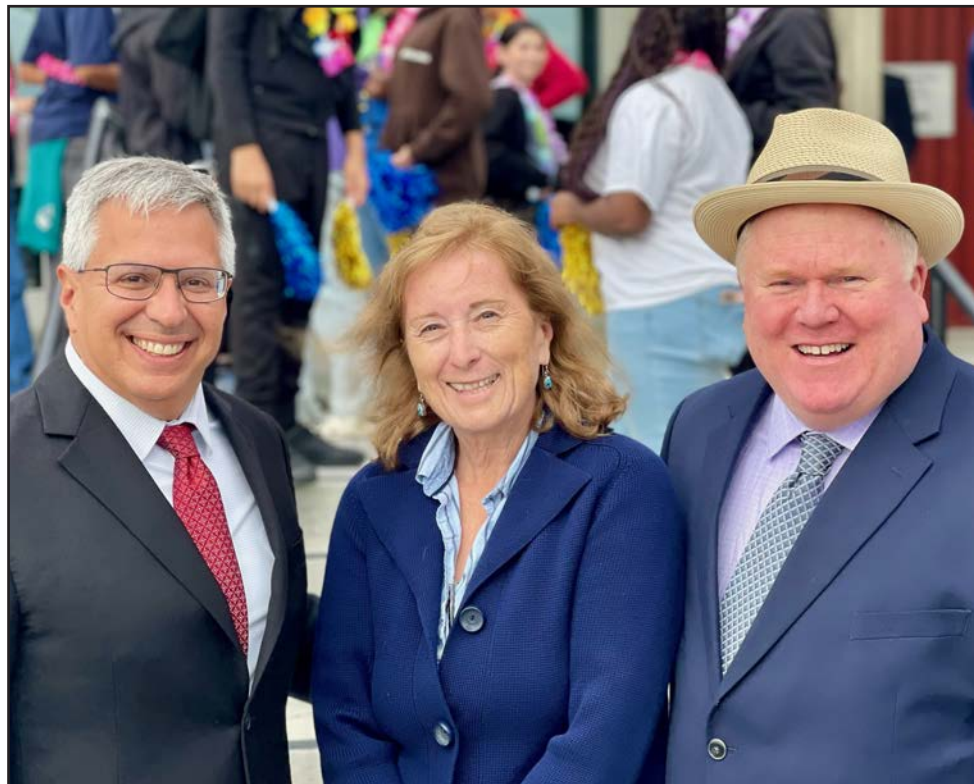
In her time in Sacramento, Corbett had built a reputation as an advocate for public education, the environment, and consumer protection.

Earlier, she had taught government at Chabot College in Hayward.

Born in Oakland in 1954, she lived most of her adult life in San Leandro.

She attended Chabot College and Cal State Hayward (now East Bay) before earning a Bachelor of Science degree from U.C. Davis. She then earned her law degree from the University of the Pacific's McGeorge School of Law. She worked as an aide to Assemblyman Elihu Harris from 1979 to 1981 before entering politics herself.

"Ellen Corbett didn't dwell on the past but focused main-



Three San Leandro current and former mayors posed for a photograph – Mayor Juan Gonzalez and former mayors Ellen Corbett and Stephen Cassidy.

PHOTO COURTESY OF STEPHEN CASSIDY

appreciated Ellen's strong support of public education, including local school bond

measures. Ellen came from the progressive Democrat tradition, championing working families, women's rights and choice, marriage for gay and lesbians and environmental protection."

San Leandro's school superintendent Dr. Dr. Michael McLaughlin also remembered her as a tireless advocate for schools, both locally and in Sacramento.

"Ellen's passion for public service was evident in every role she took on," McLaughlin said. "In our school district, she was a tireless advocate for increased state funding and was instrumental in securing vital state support for our schools."

At the time of Corbett's death, she was serving on the board of the East Bay Regional Parks District (EBRPD), to which she had been elected in 2016.

"Ellen was an incredible champion of our mission and a tireless advocate for communities to have access to open space, public parks, and nature," said EBRPD General Manager Sabrina Landreth.

Corbett won many awards and honors for her legislative and advocacy work during her career, including from the California Labor Federation, the Consumer Federation of California, the American Cancer Society, the California

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After serving as mayor of San Leandro, Ellen Corbett was elected to the state assembly and then to the state senate

ly on the future," said former Mayor Young, who now serves on the board of the Oro Loma Sanitary District. "As far as I know she never held a grudge and if she did, you'd never know about it."

"I would never have served as mayor or council member if it hadn't been for Ellen," Young continued. "She was my mentor in more ways than I can count. We spent time together like sisters in politics."

"We travelled together and often times had to hold fast on issues where we knew we were right, which was most of the time," Young said.

Former Mayor Stephen Cassidy, who has championed local schools, said, "I

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Police Make Arrest in Computer Scam

San Leandro man conned out of \$44,000; police make arrest

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

San Leandro police arrested a San Lorenzo man on Wednesday, August 7 for defrauding a San Leandro senior out of \$44,000 in a computer scam, according to police spokesperson Lt. Abe Teng.

Police charged Rihua Liu, 36, of San Lorenzo with sending a popup message to the victim, whose name was not released, saying he urgently needed to send money to settle an invoice for an anti-virus program. Police are looking for other possible suspects.

The alleged scammer was able to get access to the victim's computer and personal information when he responded, and thus was able to defraud him out of the money. The victim soon realized he had probably been scammed and contacted police.

After an investigation, the suspect was arrested in Castro Valley, and police later got a search warrant for his residence in San Lorenzo. Police found more evidence from the scam and also an unregistered firearm there, Teng said.

"Scammers know that people are worried about computer scams, so they now sometimes say you have to send them money to ensure computer security," Teng said.

"It's best to hang up and call the real company back to see if you really owe them anything and perhaps to see if you even have an account with them."

Teng cautioned that any link shown in the message is likely to take you right back to the scammers, as is any phone number, if the call is from a scammer.

"The scammers like to pretend they're a business or government agency you would have heard of, and would tend to trust," said Teng.

He added that the Internal Revenue Service is a favorite, but the IRS does not call people at home to tell them they owe taxes.

There are a few other things Teng said are tipoffs to a call being a scam. One is the equivalent of a hard sales push, saying the payment must be made right now. The scammer hopes you don't think about it very much, and don't have time for questions to form in your mind.

Another is asking for payment in some unusual form, such as gift cards. Legitimate businesses almost always ask for payment by traditional means, whether checks, credit cards or sometimes cash if they

see SCAM, page 12

Maria Odete Camacho

March 27, 1921 ~ July 29, 2024

Maria Odete Camacho, age 78 of San Leandro, died on July 29, 2024, after a two-year battle with lung cancer. She was surrounded by her family and passed away peacefully.

Maria was born in Madeira, Portugal and came to the U.S. in 1977 settling in San Leandro, where she lived for 45 years with her husband of 53 years, Manuel Camacho until his death in 2021. Maria then moved to Castro Valley to be closer to family. Maria enjoyed cooking, gardening, crocheting and spending time with her family and grandchildren. Maria is survived by her son Rui Camacho of Pleasanton, daughter-in-law Victoria Camacho, grandsons Jared and Steven Camacho, daughter Ana Sousa of Castro Valley, son-in-law Martino Sousa, and grandchildren Nicholas, Alexander and Sabrina Sousa. Maria is also survived by two brothers in Portugal, a sister and brother in Venezuela and numerous nieces and nephews.

Maria was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend, she will be deeply missed. Funeral Mass at Saint Leander's Catholic Church in San Leandro will be held to remember and honor Maria at 10:00 am, on Tuesday, August 27th, all are welcome to attend.



Arts: Encourages a more vibrant arts and cultural environment

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10.) Monica Hedman for a 2024 Holiday Belly Dance Showcase featuring 15 belly dancers, \$5,000.

11.) Vianney Gavilanes for a series of creative writing workshops for Latinx girls in 6th to 8th grades, \$5,000.

12.) Kimberly Twardochleb for two film documentaries of San Leandro entrepreneurs, \$5,000.

In 2024, as part of the City of San Leandro Public Art Master Plan, the Arts, Culture & Library Commission renewed the Arts & Culture Grants Program after a 3-year hiatus. This grant program supports efforts to create a more vibrant artistic and cultural environment through projects that engage and enrich the San Leandro community.

San Leandro-based non-profit organizations and individual creators, artists, or culture bearers living in San Leandro are eligible to receive grant funding.

“By empowering local artists and organizations, we spotlight San Leandro’s cultural fabric,” said Mayor Juan González. “Our financial support underscores the

City’s commitment to fostering creativity and inclusivity by celebrating the unique stories and talents that make San Leandro a vibrant place to live.”

The Arts, Culture & Library Commission has established the largest grant fund in the history of the Arts & Culture Grant Program, amounting to \$80,000. The Commission also increased the grant limits to \$10,000 for non-profit organizations and \$5,000 for individuals.

These changes encouraged community participation with record-setting results, with 26 applicants seeking \$153,843 in grant funding, nearly twice the available amount. The Grants Sub-Committee of the Arts, Culture & Library Commission reviewed all applications and referred their recommendations to the full commission, which unanimously approved them.

All grant-funded programs, workshops, classes, events, and art shows are free to the community. Visit www.sanleandrolibrary.org for information about upcoming Arts & Culture Grant-sponsored events.

Ruby to Turn 100

Ruby Dean Scott Hatchett of San Leandro will celebrate her 100th birthday on Monday.

Ruby has lived in San Leandro for 22 years and currently lives at the Human-Kind Broadway Plaza senior facility.

She is going to be honored by Mayor Juan Gonzalez and Supervisor Lena Tam.

Ruby’s daughter Vera Sims, her granddaughter Leslie Robertson and other grandchildren and great-grandchildren will be at Ruby’s birthday party on Monday.



Ruby Dean Scott Hatchett

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Congress of Seniors, and numerous environmental groups, according to State Senate websites.

The Hindu American Foundation commended Corbett for her resolution declaring October 2013 Hindu American Awareness & Appreciation Month in California.

She was as one of the top 100 attorneys in California, as well as an outstanding legislator, by the California State Sheriff’s Association in 2008.

In 2022, she received the first Champion of San Leandro Award from the San Leandro

City Council and then-Mayor Pauline Cutter, with former Mayor Cassidy presenting her with the award.

Shelia Young said, “She was a single mother who was a hero to many, and I will miss her laugh, smile and knowledge most of all.”

Adopt-A-Pet



Georgie



Valentina

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

Georgie is a 7-month-old, male Bordie Collie. He’s is a sweet boy that will need a lot of training and love. Georgie is a working dog breed, so some working dog experience is a plus, but not required.

Valentina is a 7-month-

old, female German shepherd mix. She’s is a shy girl, so she would do best with confidence building, and support.

Valentina loves other dogs and people, she would do well in a home that will give her confidence, life experience, and also give her time to come out of her shell. If you are interested in meeting with Valentina, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at 510-293-7200

Scam: Make thousands of calls

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have a local outlet, Teng said.

Many people think they would never fall prey to a phone or computer scammer,

Teng said. But the scammer doesn’t have to succeed very often for the scam to be successful, he added.

“They can make thousands

of calls and have most people recognize what they’re up to,” Teng said. “Getting away with it just once, though, can make them thousands of dollars.”

How to Plant a Backyard Garden in the Shade

By Melinda Myers
Special to the Times

It is possible to brighten up those shady spots in your landscape. It’s all about proper plant selection, planting, and care.

Start by evaluating the sun and shade patterns in your gardens. Monitor the amount of sunlight different areas receive throughout the day and at various times of the year. You may be surprised the space gets more sunlight than you thought.

Make a list of plants you have successfully grown and those that failed in the shady location you are landscaping. Use this information to help you select other plants with similar light requirements.

As always, select plants that thrive in your climate and tolerate the amount of sunlight, moisture, and soil in the proposed garden location. Look for plants that provide attractive foliage all season long and flowers at various times.

When planting under or near trees be careful not to

kill the tree when creating your shade garden. Plant a foot or more away from the tree trunk and don’t cut or remove surface roots that create entryways for insects and diseases.

Dig as small as possible planting holes to avoid disturbing the roots and for easy planting. Avoid adding soil over the tree roots and against the trunk as this can lead to tree decline and even death.

Skip deep cultivation that damages the roots, the majority of which grow within the top 18 inches of soil with 50 percent of them in the top six inches.

Add seasonal color and vertical interest with shade-tolerant annuals like impatiens, begonias, and coleus. Avoid damaging the tree roots by planting these in containers and setting the pots on the soil surface amongst perennial shade-tolerant groundcovers or on mulched beds under the trees.

Once you’ve planted your garden, adjust the care to compensate for the limited light conditions. Plants growing

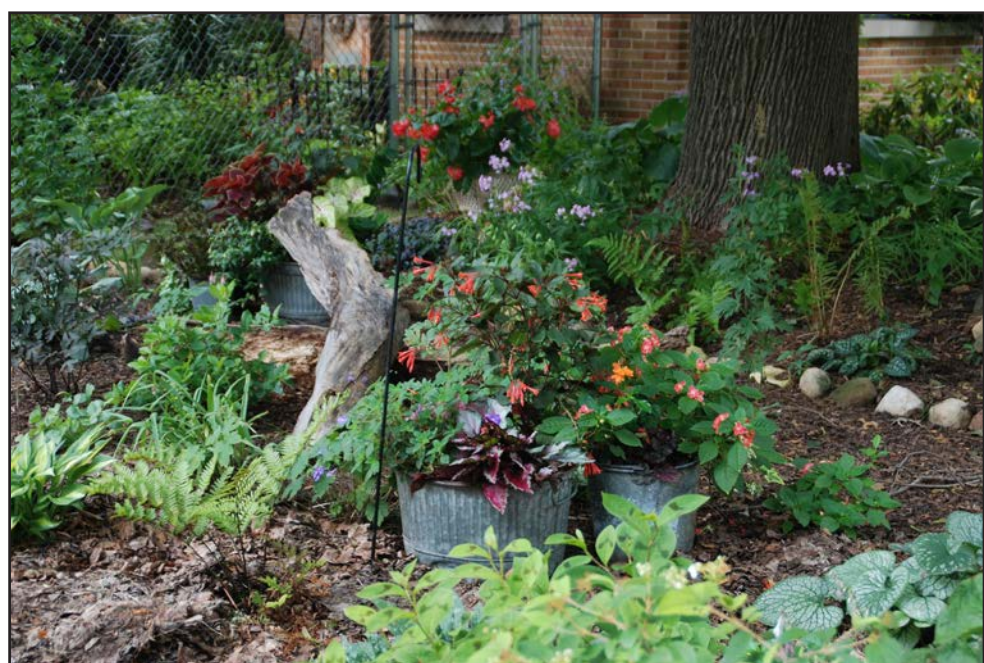
under large trees or overhangs must be watered more often, especially during the first year or two until the plants become established.

The dense canopy of many trees and impervious overhangs prevent rainfall from reaching the ground below. Plus, the extensive root systems of trees and shrubs absorb much of the rainfall that does make it through, so check soil moisture several times a week and water thoroughly as needed.

Spread a layer of organic mulch over the soil surface and away from the tree trunk and crowns of the plants. Organic mulches help conserve moisture, suppress weeds, and improve the soil as they decompose.

Tree and shrub roots also compete with plantings for nutrients. Use a low-nitrogen, slow-release fertilizer that promotes balanced above- and below-ground growth. Apply it at planting and early each spring as needed.

Avoid high nitrogen, quick-release fertilizer that



Placing shade-tolerant container gardens below tree canopies beautifies shady spots without damaging the tree roots.

promotes lush succulent growth that is more susceptible to insects and diseases. Plus, limited light is a potential plant stressor that can further increase the risk of problems.

Sometimes there is just too much shade to grow even shade-loving plants. Con-

sider mulching the area to suppress weeds, support the tree’s health and protect the soil. Then relax and enjoy the shade on hot sunny days.

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