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Power Washing Pelton

Anthony Gonzalez power washes the walkway into Pelton Center on Tuesday morning along Parrott Street in downtown San Leandro. Gonzalez works for the Downtown San Leandro Community Benefits District.

Lake Chabot Road Fix Won't Come Till 2026

Bay-O-Vista residents fed up with speeding traffic due to the closure of Lake Chabot Road

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

The San Leandro side of storm-damaged Lake Chabot Road will remain closed to cars while city leaders debate how to make one-way traffic safe for everyone and figure out how to pay for it.

On Monday, the City Council heard an update from the Public Works Department about Lake Chabot Road, the status of the repairs, its repair history, and the impact that the storms continue to have on the half-mile stretch of

road. While the road is closed to general traffic, emergency vehicles are permitted.

Repair estimates are between \$10 and \$15 million, according to Public Works Director Sheila Marquises. The department is focused on securing \$3 million to repair the most damaged sections of the road, notably a wash-out underneath the road near Chabot Terrace and a landslide from above Lake Chabot near

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Candidate Forum Ends in Squabble

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

Two San Leandro City Council members—one current and one former—got into a shouting and pushing match following a candidates' forum this past Saturday at the Main Library.

The altercation came at the end of the candidate endorsement forum, hosted by the

San Leandro Democratic Club (SLDC). The afternoon's discussion allowed voters to hear from the council candidates hoping to represent District 2 (Bryan Azevedo and Ed Hernandez) and District 6 (Robert Bulatao and Dylan Boldt).

Bryan Azevedo, who represents District 2, says he was leaving the event with his wife

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Tips to Use During Electrical Outages

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) told its Bay Area customers in an August 27 Zoom meeting that it is improving safety, keeping down rate increases, and speeding up connection times.

It was the third quarterly town meeting the utility company had held this year in its Bay Area region, primarily to talk about wildfire safety.

Tom Smith, PG&E senior manager for customer engagement, reported a 72 percent drop in fire ignitions this year, compared to last.

Smith credited ongoing safety improvements, and two kinds of power shutoffs

that can prevent a fire from weather conditions or damage to transmission lines.

One of those, the Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS), are quite familiar to most customers as they are triggered by developing weather conditions and are announced shortly before the shutoff. Customers at least know these are coming, Smith said

But there have been fewer power shutoffs lately. There has only been one in the Bay Area in recent months, affecting 160 customers, he said.

More of a surprise, to customers as well as to the company, are the Enhanced Powerline Safety Settings (EPSS) outages. These are

triggered automatically, when power lines are contacted by something that could damage them, and turn off within a tenth of a second to prevent damage.

Smith said that sometimes the cause is never found, because something like a falling tree branch is no longer in contact with the lines when the inspection crew arrives.

The good thing about an EPSS, besides a fire not starting, is that they tend to be relatively short, averaging under four hours so far this year, he said.

Safety Tips During Power Outages

Several questions came up

about getting updates on power restoration efforts during an outage, despite not having any power. Company officials had several suggestions.

Keeping cell phones charged, and note that cell phone towers all have several hours of backup power that let them work for a time, the officials said. Use any phone that does work to call PG&E for information. The outage update website is www.pge.com/outages, and it covers current as well as planned outages.

John Gilginas, regional safety director for the Bay Area region, had safety tips during an outage. Use bat-

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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 Zaira Duncan at 667-3522.



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Adopt-A-Pet



Arky



Valentina

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter are a German shepherd mix and an Australian cattle dog mix.

Arky is a 4-year-old Shepherd mastiff mix. He has been with the shelter since May and he has been waiting for his forever home.

Arky is very attached to people, and loves other dogs. He has been to street events and has done well meeting

everyone new.

Valentina is a 9-month-old Australian cattle dog mix. Valentina love to get attention from everyone she meets including dogs, and she loves to give attention. Valentina would do well in a home with older kids and up.

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

California Coastal Cleanup Day at Marina Park

Join Cynthia Prieto-Diaz, Civic Scientist with Engineers & Scientists Acting Locally and Eden Youth for a day of fun and collective action on Saturday, Sept. 21, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Check in at the Marina Inn, 68 Monarch Bay Drive

in San Leandro, next to Marina Park. Make a difference together by collecting trash to preserve our beautiful shoreline.

Shoreline cleanup and resource fair, prizes for trash and recycling collected, free recycling of tobacco waste.

To a San Leandro Man The Marina is Paradise

By Angelita Finlayson
Special to the Times

While walking around San Leandro Marina Park, I noticed a good-natured gentleman feeding the seagulls, and the birds were as friendly to him as he was to them.

Jaime Puente is bilingual (Spanish/English), a retired U. S. Navy Vietnam Veteran



who enjoys his daily walks before noon in this paradise, as he calls it.

As a San Leandro resident for many years, Mr. Puente is highly gratified that this city has a paradise for everyone to exercise, stay healthy, enjoy, and value.

So, stop and say hello the



PHOTOS BY ANGELITA FINLAYSON

Jaime Puente loves the Marina Park and his many fine-feathered friends along the shore.

next time you walk around this paradise and encounter Mr. Puente feeding the seagulls.

He has plenty of stories to share with other bird lovers,

retirees, veterans, and walkers. Mr. Puente inspires us as we walk – to pause, appreciate, and enjoy the beauty of this treasure in San Leandro.

Casa Peralta Workshops in September

Explore the rich cultural heritage of the Casa Peralta, 384 W. Estudillo Ave., through a captivating blend of historical insights and creative

expression every Wednesday in September (Sept. 4, 11, 18, and 25) from 1 to 4 p.m. Drop-in (no registration required for this activity).

Experience the San Leandro History Museum and explore the Historic Casa Peralta Tiles in the Casa grounds, learn about their significance in the historical context. Engage in a hands-on workshop where you'll create your own tile designs inspired by this historic masterpiece on a terracotta tile.

Whether you're an art enthusiast, history buff, or simply curious, this program offers a delightful journey into the past, celebrating the enduring legacy of the Casa Peralta tiles through artful exploration and creative inspiration. This program is intended for ages 10+.

Correction

The story about the San Leandro school board candidates ("School Board Candidates Running Unopposed," Aug. 29, 2024) incorrectly said that Diana Prola is the treasurer of the San Leandro Art Association. Prola was the treasurer several years ago. Cindy Unruh is currently the treasurer of the San Leandro Art Association.

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Community Calendar

City Council District 2 Candidate Forum

The League of Women Voters, Eden Area and the San Leandro Chamber of Commerce are hosting a webinar via Zoom on Thursday Sept. 12, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. to interview the candidates running for San Leandro City Council, District 2 – Bryan Azevedo and Ed Hernandez. Register for the Zoom link at: https://bit.ly/San_Leandro_City_Council_Forum

Castro Valley Democratic Club Forum

The Castro Valley Democratic Club invites the public and Democratic candidates for local offices to a no-host meet-and-greet happy hour at Don Jose's Restaurant in the Castro Valley Village shopping center on Friday, Sept. 13, from 5 to 7 p.m. Both endorsed and non-endorsed candidates have been invited.

Senior Citizens Exercise and Meditation

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

Washington Home Owners to Meet

The Washington Home Owners Association will host its monthly meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 18, at 6:30 p.m. at the Marina Community Center Room C, 15301 Wicks Blvd. A representative from Alameda County Flood Control will be the guest speaker. Ask questions and find out the latest plans to improve the channels. Washington Manor residents and the general public are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Bob Glaze 510-352-2058.

Special Education Meeting on Zoom

Community Advisory Committee for Special Education (CAC) will have a Zoom meeting on Thursday, Sept. 19, from 5 to 6 p.m. Contact 510-537-3000 ext.1220 for information to attend online. CAC is a group of parents, community members, teachers and administrators working collaboratively to create an informed community which supports students' educational and learning experiences. The CAC also provides workshops, assist parents in understanding the special education programs and services.

The San Leandro Art Association Offers Free Mural Art Class

The San Leandro Art Association is offering a free mural art class to students in grades 6 to 12 on Saturday, Sept. 21, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The class will be held in conjunction with the outdoor art show, ArtFest 2024, at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. This is the fifth in a series of free art classes offered by SLAA to the residents of San Leandro, funded by a grant from the San Leandro Arts, Culture and Library Commission. In this course students will learn how to create a mural from start to finish. The class is limited to 12 students, on a first come – first reserved basis. For more information about this class, other upcoming classes visit: <https://www.sanleandroart.org/freeartclasses>. To register for this Mural Art Class send email to: sanleandroart.contact@gmail.com

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.



Young performers prepare for the Moon Festival, coming up this Saturday at the Main Library.

Come for Culture and Entertainment at the Moon Festival

Everyone is welcome to the San Leandro Moon Festival celebration on Saturday, Sept. 14, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Enjoy cultural entertainment, including lion and dragon dancing, martial arts demonstration, singing and dancing, vendor information tables, arts and crafts, and free moon cake samples. The festival is free to the public and is co-hosted by the Asian Community Cultural Association of San Leandro and the San Leandro Library.

San Leandro Library's Rides and Readers Car Show

The San Leandro Public Library's 3rd Annual Rides and Readers Car Show will be held on Saturday, Sept. 21, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Enjoy old and classic cars and learn about library resources and programs. Admission is free. For more information, call 510-577-3971.

Raiders Boosters Club To Meet at Ricky's

The community is invited to attend the Original Oakland Raiders Booster Club meeting on Thursday night, Sept. 12, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Rickey's Sports Lounge at 15028 Hesperian Blvd. in San Leandro. The special guest speaker will be retired KCBS broadcaster and Bay Area Radio Hall of Fame member Stan

Bunger who will discuss his new book "Mornings With Madden: My Radio Life With an American Legend."

No-host cocktails at 5:30 p.m. All ages welcome. RSVP via FB message at <https://www.facebook.com/theORBC>.

Future Thursday meetings will be held on Oct. 17, Nov. 7, and Dec. 12.

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More Events at The Library

Meet the Author of *West With Giraffes*

The San Leandro Library will present an exciting evening with Lynda Rutledge, the author of this year's community read book, *West With Giraffes* on Thursday, Sept. 12, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Lynda will share insights into her writing process, the inspiration behind this epic adventure, and the journey of bringing her characters to life. Don't miss this opportunity to ask your questions and get your book signed. Come and explore the fascinating behind-the-scenes stories of *West With Giraffes*.

Learn More About College Scholarships

Learn about finding and applying for scholarships at three classes at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., taught by Rebecca Lippman, former instructor and advisor at the UCLA Center for Scholarships & Scholarly Enrichment. Open to teens and their parents/caregivers. Register for 1, 2, or all 3 sessions. Introduction to Scholarships, Sept. 17, 6 to 7:30 p.m.; How to Find Scholarships, Sept. 24, 6 to 7:30 p.m.; Writing Scholarship Essays, Sept. 28, 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Project Literacy Needs Volunteer Tutors

Project Literacy, the San Leandro library's free adult literacy and ESL program, is training new volunteer tutors. You can help adult students improve their basic reading, writing, and English language skills so they can meet their goals and live more fulfilling lives. Training consists of an online orientation and three workshops, all on a Wednesday evening from 6 to 7:30 p.m.: Sept. 18, Sept. 25, and Oct. 2. To access the orientation or to register, visit www.sanleandro.org/literacy and click on "Be a Tutor."

National Voter Registration Day

Do you need to register to vote or have questions about your registration status?

Join the San Leandro Public Library and the Alameda County Registrar of Voters for National Voter Registration Day, Tuesday, Sept. 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the plaza at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Free. Just come on by. For more information, call 510-577-3971.

Plays Well with Others: Game Night

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

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Celebrating Mexico’s Independence

Next Monday is the 214th anniversary of Mexico’s declaration of independence from Spain. It will be a day of celebrations, music and fiestas. There are no specific foods associated with *el Día de la Independencia*, but indulging in classic Mexican fare is a big part of the celebration.

Most of these traditional foods are pretty easy to prepare at home and well worth the time. Roasted chilies and peppers are frequently called for in Mexican cooking. Simply hold the chilies over an open flame with kitchen tongs, turning them frequently so the skins blister evenly. Then wrap them in a

cloth or a paper bag and let them steam for 3 to 4 minutes before removing the skin under cold, running water.

- CHICKEN TACOS**
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
 - 1 pound boneless chicken breast halves, cut into bite-size pieces
 - 3/4 cup water
 - 1 ounce taco seasoning, packaged or homemade
 - 12 taco shells
 - Toppings (listed below)

Heat oil in large skillet over medium-high heat. Add chicken; cook, stirring occasional-

ly, for 4 to 5 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink. Stir in water and seasoning mix. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low; cook, stirring occasionally, for 4 to 5 minutes or until mixture is thickened. Fill warmed taco shells with chicken mixture. Top with lettuce, tomatoes, cheese and taco sauce. Makes 12 tacos.

- Taco & Fajita Seasoning**
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
 - 1-1/2 teaspoons cumin
 - 1 teaspoon black pepper
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 teaspoon paprika
 - 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
 - 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder

- 1/4 teaspoon onion powder
 - 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- Combine all ingredients. Yields 1 ounce, for 10-12 servings

- SIZZLING STEAK FAJITAS**
- 8-10 flour tortillas, warmed
 - 1 onion, sliced
 - 1 green bell pepper, cut into strips
 - 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
 - 1 pound sirloin or flank steak, cut into strips
 - Fajita seasoning
 - 1/4 cup water
 - 1 tomato, cut into wedges

Cook onion and green pepper in an oiled skillet over medium high heat until tender; set aside.

In same skillet, brown meat; drain fat. Mix in seasonings and water. Bring mixture to a boil; reduce heat to low and cook uncovered for 5 minutes. Return onion and green pepper to skillet; add tomatoes. Heat through and serve with warmed tortillas. Serves 6.

- CHILE RELLENOS**
- 12 Anaheim chile peppers, charred and peeled
 - 1 pound Cheddar cheese, cut into strips
 - 1 cup milk
 - 1 cup all-purpose flour
 - 1 egg, beaten
 - 1 teaspoon baking powder
 - 1 teaspoon baking soda
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 1 teaspoon canola oil

- 1/2 cup flour for coating
- Stuff each pepper with a strip of cheese.
- In a small bowl combine milk, the 1 cup flour, egg, baking powder, baking soda, salt and canola oil; mix well to make a batter.
- Pour enough oil in heavy frying pan to reach 1 inch in depth and heat over medium-high heat. Roll each pepper in the remaining flour and dip in the batter. Fry until lightly browned on both sides. Serves 4.

- BEEF CHIMICHANGAS**
- 1 pound ground beef
 - 1-3/4 cups water
 - 1 (1.5 ounce) package Ortega Burrito Seasoning
 - 8 (8-inch) soft-taco-size flour tortillas, warmed
 - 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
 - Vegetable oil
 - Salsa, mild
 - Guacamole (optional)

Brown beef; drain. Stir in water and burrito seasoning mix. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low; cook, stirring constantly, for 5 to 6 minutes or until mixture is thickened.

Place beef mixture evenly on each tortilla; sprinkle with cheese. Fold into burritos; secure ends with toothpicks.

Add vegetable oil to 1-inch depth in medium skillet; heat over high heat for 3 to 4 minutes. Place 1 or 2 burritos in oil; fry, turning frequently, for 1 to 2 minutes or until golden brown. Remove with slotted spoon; drain. Repeat with remaining burritos. Remove wooden picks.

Serve with salsa and guacamole. Yields 8 servings.

- ENCHILADA CASSEROLE**
- 2 pounds ground beef
 - 1 large onion, chopped
 - 2 cloves garlic, chopped

- 1 ounce taco seasoning mix
- 1 package enchilada seasoning mix
- 1 (12-ounce) can tomato paste
- 1 (10-1/2 ounce) can cream of mushroom soup
- 2-3 jalapeño peppers, chopped
- 4-5 cups water
- 1 pound sharp Cheddar cheese, grated
- 15 corn tortillas

Preheat oven to 350°F. In a large skillet, brown beef and drain. Add onions and garlic, mixing thoroughly. Stir in taco and enchilada seasonings. Add tomato paste, soup, and jalapeños. Add water slowly. Cover and simmer about 45 minutes.

In a greased 9x13 inch baking dish, layer meat sauce, tortillas and grated cheese. Sprinkle grated cheese on top of casserole. Bake, covered, for 45 minutes. Uncover and bake an additional 12 minutes. Yields 8 servings.

- REFRIED BEANS**
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
 - 1/2 medium onion, diced
 - 2 cloves garlic, minced
 - 1 teaspoon ancho chili powder, or other chili powder
 - 1 (15-ounce) can pinto beans, drained and rinsed
 - 2/3 cup chicken broth, plus more if needed
 - Salt and pepper
 - 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro leaves

Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the onion and cook until tender, about 3 minutes. Stir in the garlic and chili powder and cook for 1 minute more. Stir in the beans and chicken broth and cook until the beans are warmed through, about 5 minutes.

Mash the beans coarsely with the back of a wooden spoon, adding more chicken broth to moisten, if needed. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Stir in the cilantro. Yields four 1/2-cup servings.

- BASIC QUESADILLAS**
- Per Serving:*
- 2 tablespoons butter
 - 1/2 cup grated Jack cheese
 - 2 flour tortillas

Melt butter in a skillet until bubbling. Place 1/4 cup of the cheese on each tortilla, fold over. Fry about 1 minute on each side. Eat immediately.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19): This might surprise you, but you're not always right about everything. A troubled loved one needs you to be less demanding and more understanding. Kindness encourages openness.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Your Bovine instinct guides you well this week. A change of heart might be the wisest course to take. A trusted friend offers good advice, so listen closely.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): Be more sensible where money is concerned. An urge to splurge needs to be put aside for now. Later, you'll be able to indulge yourself with the things you want.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): A past health problem recurs and needs attention. It might not be serious, but your family and friends deserve reassurance. Meanwhile, you get news about a job opening.

LEO (July 23 - August 22): A romantic encounter with a loving Libra could make the Lion a happily purring Feline this week. Be open to Cupid's encouraging signals. In addition, a workplace change is coming.

VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): This is a good week for mending fences with family and friends. Put those minor irritations behind you and rebuild those once-precious relationships.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): An investment opportunity needs closer scrutiny. You're not getting all the information you need. On another note, a personal relationship bodes far more positive potential.

SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): Someone might try to get you to reveal a secret that you vowed to keep sacred. Stick with your commitment to your promise and reject all attempts to get you to give it up.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): This is a good time to change some longstanding routines. Let yourself be more flexible in adapting to new situations. You'll appreciate what happens next.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): A chance to travel opens up. Consider asking someone who has recently become very special in your life to go with you. Good things are always better when shared.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): A neighbor is revealed as the source of some upsetting events, but you need to be wary of a confrontation until you have absolute proof. Other neighbors can help.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): A business decision needs to be made. Be aware that what you decide will affect a close associate. Talk it over with them before making your move.

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The producer of the film, Aisha Knowles, will moderate a question-and-answer session afterward with some of the surviving residents of Russell City.

Film on Russell City To Screen on Sept. 17

The Apology, a feature length documentary investigating an incident in the 1960s in which Alameda County and the City of Hayward dismantled the entire community of Russell City will be shown on Tuesday, Sept. 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the Castro Valley Center for the Arts, 19501 Redwood Road in Castro Valley. A question-and-answer session follows with some of the surviving residents, moderated by Aisha Knowles, producer of the film. Free parking. Handicap accommodations.

More Happenings

Castro Valley Democratic Club

The Castro Valley Democratic Club, East Bay Women's Voices, the San Leandro Democratic Club and Mobilize rallied more than 65 volunteers on Saturday, Aug. 24, for a postcard party at the Castro Valley Library to send more than 1,900 postcards to swing states this month. Volunteers are welcome to the next monthly postcard party on Sept. 21, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Castro Valley library, 3600 Norbridge Ave. For more information, contact Jessica Hughes, chair of the Castro Valley Democratic Club Postcarding Committee at tenshibbb@gmail.com.

I.D.E.S. St. John Pizza & Bingo

I.D.E.S. St. John, 1670 Orchard Ave. in San Leandro, will host a pizza lunch and Bingo on Saturday, Sept. 21, at noon. Tickets are \$15 and includes a salad, pizza and dessert and four Bingo cards. Extra Bingo cards for 25 cents each. For tickets, call Jenet Re at 510-483-1132, or Willie Calvo at 510-207-6326.

Project Literacy Needs Volunteer Tutors

Project Literacy, the San Leandro library's free adult literacy and ESL program, is training new volunteer tutors.

You can help adult students improve their basic reading, writing, and English language skills so they can meet their goals and live more fulfilling lives.

Training consists of an online orientation and three workshops:

Wednesday, Sept. 18 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 25 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

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HEALTH & FITNESS

Balancing School, Fall Sports Season And Your Child's Mental Health

Tips to help parents support their student's success

By Dr. Archana Dubey
Special to the Times

The fall season is upon us and as teens go back to school, many are also gearing up for the sports season.

Participating in sports, whether casual play or organized athletics, can be highly beneficial.

Regular physical activity can help defend against common health issues such as obesity and type 2 diabetes in children. Sports can also strengthen social relationships with friends and family.

That's why the federal government has set a goal of increasing participation in after-school or extracurricular sports to 63 percent of young people from ages 6 to 17 by 2030. The current participation rate here in California is less than 50 percent.

It's important to balance extra-curricular sports with teen mental health. For some young people, participation can become overwhelming and even lead to stress, anxiety, and other mental health challenges.

Expectations for some young athletes can be very high. Kids are eager to win, and many give it their all. Others are not as athletically inclined and may feel stress over the possibility of underperforming.



Dr. Archana Dubey

Whatever the case, it's easy to get caught up in the expectation of having to meet academic expectations, pushing harder during sports practices, and making time for social activities. The result: kids can feel like they must stretch themselves to accomplish what they feel is expected of them.

To help kids thrive this fall academically, athletically and socially, here are some strategies to consider:

- Develop a game plan:

- For parents, it's important to create a "game plan" to help prepare for both the new school year and the challenges that come with competitive sports. Just as you would prep for an individual sporting event, it's important to develop a comprehensive plan for the full academic and athletic year ahead.

- Create or re-establish a routine:

- What time does the family sit down for dinner? When is homework time? What is the limit for screen time? When is "lights out" at night? What time do alarm clocks ring?

- Having a consistent, daily routine can help children feel less overwhelmed and more confident, secure and stable entering their school and sports season.

- Schedule a Well-Child Visit:

- Think of a well-child visit as an opportunity to understand your child's health needs better. Your child's pediatrician or PCP can assess their physical and emotional health at the start of the school year and prior to sports season.

- It's also a great time to complete their school's physical forms and to get current on immunizations. Ask your child's doctor about what's driving their physical development, such as diet, exercise, and sleeping habits.

- Listen often and discuss mental health:

- Starting the discussion around mental health can be scary for some teens, and parents, so providing an open and safe environment to discuss difficult topics can set the precedent for your child of asking for help when it's

needed.

- Be sure to validate your teen's feelings and avoid asking too many questions to show that you're truly listening.

If your kids do talk about being scared or nervous, validate those feelings. Help them feel secure and let them know it's possible to feel better.

- These can be sensitive topics for your child, so empathy, openness, and patience can go a long way in helping them feel heard and optimistic that things will get better.

Focus on your child's overall disposition — not just what they're saying — and watch for warning signs of issues, such as persistent sadness, sudden mood changes, sleep problems or loss of interest in activities they usually enjoy, such as sports.

Back to school and fall sports season are a fantastic way for your children to stay active and healthy.

Sports, indeed, can improve the physical and mental well-being of young people, but it's also important to make sure your child has the resources they need to get help along the way.

By Dr. Archana Dubey,
Chief Medical Officer, United
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By Carl Medford, CRS
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GUEST COMMENTARY



Buyer/Broker Agreements Causing Confusion

By Carl Medford, CRS
Special to the Times

As the real estate landscape is changing resulting from the recent class action lawsuit, we are seeing significant confusion from sellers and buyers alike. At the heart of the uncertainty is the mandated Buyer/Broker agreements now required for Realtors (members of the National Association of Realtors) to show any home to any prospective buyer and which will become law for all California real estate agents as of January 1st, 2025.

Put succinctly, if any prospective buyer wishes to be shown a property by

a Realtor, they must sign a buyer/broker agreement which creates an agency relationship between the buyer(s) and the agent and specifies the terms of the agent's compensation. The agreement term can be as little as one day to view a single property or can encompass any listing up to a maximum of 3 months.

Some buyers, unaccustomed to signing any representation agreement, are pushing back and refusing to sign. For these buyers, the only opportunity available to see any given home is an open house. They are discovering, however, that even then they may be asked to sign a document outlining

their relationship with the hosting Realtor.

In the past, it was possible for an agency relationship to be presumed between an open house agent and any visiting buyer. In an attempt to remove confusion, the California Association of Realtors has designed a form entitled OPEN HOUSE VISITOR NON-AGENCY DISCLOSURE AND SIGN-IN. This form states, "Agent is holding an open house or conducting in-person or live virtual tours of the Property identified above. Visitor is interested in viewing the Property. Agent agrees to show property to Visitor on the following terms and conditions: AGENT DOES NOT REPRESENT VISITOR: Unless otherwise agreed in writing, Agent is not working with and has not entered into a representation agreement with Visitor that would apply to the Property."

The form goes on to clarify that the agent holding the property open is representing the interests of the seller only and that any communications with that agent are not confidential. It also clarifies that if a visiting buyer wishes to have the open house agent represent them, then an additional buyer/broker agreement will need to be signed.

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buyer wishes to have an agent represent them in the purchase of a home, like it or not, a representation agreement is required.

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

Mortgage Rates Remained Flat This Week

Mortgage rates remained flat this week as markets await the release of the highly anticipated August jobs report. Even though rates have come down over the summer, home sales have been lackluster. On the refinance side however, homeowners who bought in recent years are taking advantage of declining mortgage rates in order to lower their monthly payments.

RECENT HOME SALES

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2780 Cortez Court #9 94546: \$624,000 [2 BD - 1,141 SF - 1977
4217 David Street 94546: \$637,000 [3 BD - 1,565 SF - 1952
3816 Vincent Court 94546: \$850,000 [3 BD - 1,081 SF - 1954
21735 Baywood Avenue 94546: \$1,000,000 [3 BD - 1,192 SF - 1942
18967 Vaughn Avenue 94546: \$1,180,000 [3 BD - 1,400 SF - 1956
5490 Balkan Court 94552: \$1,365,000 [3 BD - 1,712 SF - 1978
18019 Center Street 94546: \$1,550,000 [3 BD - 2,655 SF - 1985
25593 Crestfield Drive 94552: \$1,850,000 [5 BD - 2,992 SF - 1998
25736 Durnwood Court 94552: \$2,100,000 [5 BD - 2,820 SF - 1998

TOTAL SALES: 9
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$624,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$1,180,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$2,100,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT \$1,239,555

SAN LEANDRO

1513 137th Avenue 94578: \$458,000 [2 BD - 811 SF - 1970
1650 164th Avenue 94578: \$585,000 [2 BD - 1,168 SF - 1980
2147 West Avenue 134th 94577: \$660,000 [2 BD - 1,116 SF - 1926
847 Lafayette Avenue 94577: \$710,000 [2 BD - 1,068 SF - 1941
1650 152nd Avenue 94578: \$750,000 [3 BD - 1,088 SF - 1940
1448 Kelly Avenue 94577: \$790,000 [2 BD - 1,318 SF - 1942
1521 152nd Avenue 94578: \$800,000 [4 BD - 1,282 SF - 1958
1379 Wainwright Avenue 94577: \$823,000 [3 BD - 1,384 SF - 1942
15049 Milford Street 94579: \$868,000 [3 BD - 1,121 SF - 1954
16338 Ridgehaven Drive #903 94578: \$920,000 [4 BD - 1,930 SF - 2019
16310 Ridgehaven Drive #201 94578: \$920,000 [4 BD - 1,918 SF - 2020
814 Collier Drive 94577: \$1,060,000 [2 BD - 1,274 SF - 1949
534 Dahlia Court 94578: \$1,280,000 [4 BD - 2,741 SF - 1978

TOTAL SALES: 13
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$458,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$800,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$1,280,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT \$817,230

SAN LORENZO

15410 Wagner Street 94580: \$758,000 [3 BD - 1,014 SF - 1950
1159 Via Esperanza 94580: \$830,000 [3 BD - 1,043 SF - 1950
16058 Via Conejo 94580: \$915,500 [3 BD - 1,406 SF - 1944
1831 Via Natal 94580: \$1,000,000 [3 BD - 1,670 SF - 1955

TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$758,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$872,750
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$1,000,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT \$875,875

HAYWARD

3083 Chronicle Avenue 94542: \$280,000 [4 BD - 1,592 SF - 1932
562 Van Court 94544: \$530,000 [2 BD - 780 SF - 1944

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Dead Branch Could Come from Pruning at Wrong Time of Year

By Buzz Bertolero
The Dirt Gardener

Q I'm concerned about my fifteen-year-old apricot tree. The new growth is lush and vigorous, but in early summer, one or more branches rapidly decline and die. This is alarming, and I fear I may soon have little or no tree left. What steps can be taken to prevent this?

A The primary causes of dieback in the canopy of apricot trees are Phytophthora Root Rot and Eutypa dieback. They affect major and minor branches or limbs, and the disease symptoms look very similar. When the disease occurs, distinguish the two diseases.

Phytophthora Root Rot, a soil-borne fungus, is the primary suspect when a limb or section of a tree fails to break dormancy and leaf out. Also, it's the causal agent when, for no apparent reason, the foliage on a branch collapses or wilts and turns brown shortly after the rainy season concludes. This problem occurs in clay soils that drain poorly and receive excessive summer irrigation, usually from planting under their canopy. Phytophthora Root Rot affects a variety of ornamental plants and fruit trees and is a slowly developing disease over several growth seasons;

Mature Apricots are watered every three weeks, June through October. You can use a soaker hose or a large watering basin that is filled up several times. You'll find more information at ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/r107100111.html.

But I don't think root rot is your problem. Instead,



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Eutypa Die Back would be my guess. Eutypa Die Back is only an issue with Apricot trees and grapes. It's an airborne fungus that enters the tree through the pruning wounds made during the winter when it's wet before the pruning wounds callus over. The affected branches or limbs collapse in the late spring, after Memorial Day, or early summer for no apparent reason. You prevent this by changing the time of the year you prune. It is now recommended that apricots be pruned in the late summer. Although the leaves haven't dropped, the tree is dormant as its growing season has concluded.

You'll find more information about Eutypa Die Back at ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/r51009111.html.

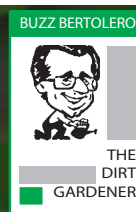
NOTE: When fruit trees are under stress, such as the conditions favoring Phytophthora Root Rot, borers will attack, and it's not uncommon for globs of amber-colored sap to be on the

limbs and branches. Also, it is possible for an Apricot to suffer from both Phytophthora Root Rot and Eutypa Die-Back concurrently, which can complicate the diagnosis and treatment.

A Our Privet Hedge burned in the heat while on an extended vacation. The drip system had a problem, which has now been corrected. It looks sad right now. Will it recover?

There is a good chance it will improve, but you must be patient as it doesn't happen overnight. Right now, I'd do nothing other than remove the burnt/brown leaves as best as you can. You'll need to wait to see where the new growth develops and then prune off the rest of the damaged growth. More than likely, this will not occur until next spring.

Buzz Bertolero is an Advanced California Certified



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27561 Stromberg Court 94545: \$590,000 [2 BD - 988 SF - 1970
17827 Rainier Avenue 94541: \$650,000 [2 BD - 853 SF - 1951
1815 Cedar Street 94541: \$680,000 [2 BD - 840 SF - 1943
24825 Diadon Drive 94544: \$686,000 [2 BD - 969 SF - 1950
22199 Princeton Street 94541: \$726,000 [2 BD - 830 SF - 1946
874 Cherry Way 94541: \$728,000 [2 BD - 1,056 SF - 1926
265 Winton Avenue 94544: \$750,000 [3 BD - 888 SF - 1925
27723 Medlar Drive 94544: \$760,000 [3 BD - 1,457 SF - 1973
3283 Naomi Drive 94541: \$770,000 [3 BD - 1,176 SF - 1954
28220 Rochelle Avenue 94544: \$770,000 [3 BD - 1,115 SF - 1954
28549 Coleridge Avenue 94544: \$780,000 [4 BD - 1,236 SF - 1958
28150 Cole Place 94544: \$800,000 [3 BD - 951 SF - 1950
27412 Portsmouth Avenue 94545: \$901,000 [3 BD - 1,128 SF - 1957
1462 Highland Boulevard 94542: \$909,000 [4 BD - 2,366 SF - 1947
614 Santana Drive 94541: \$980,000 [3 BD - 1,723 SF - 2016
25313 Parklane Drive 94544: \$980,000 [4 BD - 1,909 SF - 2019
27166 Hayward Boulevard 94542: \$1,000,000 [1 BD - 1,074 SF - 1948
2093 Bolero Avenue 94545: \$1,050,000 [4 BD - 1,569 SF - 1956
24247 Nora Circle 94545: \$1,075,000 [4 BD - 1,693 SF - 2018
23124 Maud Avenue 94541: \$1,100,000 [3 BD - 1,200 SF - 1955
2737 Markham Court 94542: \$1,175,000 [3 BD - 2,168 SF - 1985
3496 Skyline Drive 94542: \$1,182,500 [3 BD - 1,808 SF - 1979
30352 Saint Annes Place 94544: \$1,300,000 [4 BD - 1,659 SF - 1955
3616 Skyline Drive 94542: \$1,413,000 [4 BD - 2,133 SF - 1976
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Flowers

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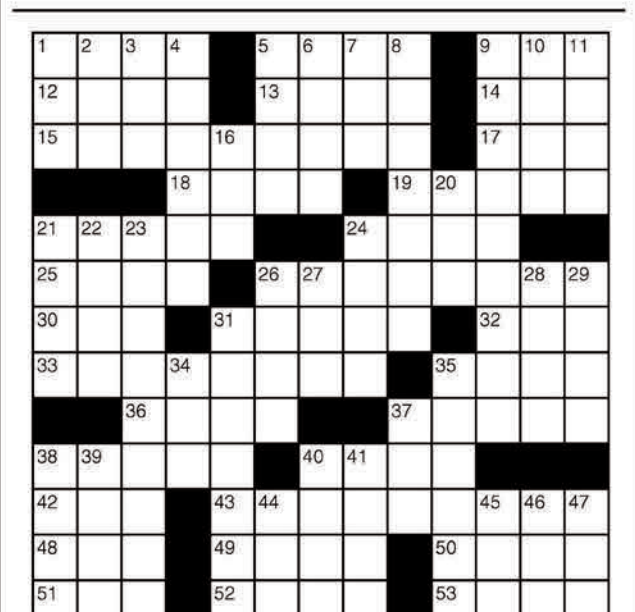


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Why Education Is Important

Editor,

In his letter to the editor on August 29, school board member Leo Sheridan reminds us of why education is really important.

Had he paid attention to his US History class, he might have understood why the founding fathers considered freedom of speech paramount to a free society and sought to prevent government from imposing restrictions on it.

A little education might have made him ask himself what have the courts said about municipalities trying to restrict the political speech of citizens by passing ordinances limiting what they could say on their own property to specific times, or what sort of fliers they can pass on public property.

And if he had done so, he would have learned that courts have ruled these types of ordinances as unconstitutional. It turns out that being annoyed by people expressing support of candidates he doesn't like is not a compelling government interest. Imagine that.

We have not had many recent contested school board elections (none this year), and the result has been that people like Sheridan have ended up on the school board. San Leandro school children and our community deserve better. It's too late this election, but I urge all thinking people to consider running for school board next time around.

Margarita Lacabe
San Leandro

We Need to Protect Small Businesses

Editor,

I am a small business owner and will be a strong advocate for small businesses on the City Council. Small businesses are the heart of our community. They create jobs and economic opportunities for hard working San Leandro families and generate tax revenue for essential city services that benefit all San Leandro residents.

Unfortunately, running a small business in San Leandro today has become increasingly difficult. Neighborhood markets, restaurants and stores across San Leandro have been broken into with money, merchandise and valuable equipment stolen. For example, D'Gonzalez Carniceria, across from City Hall, has had its windows shattered multiple times and broken into, this past

year. The cumulative cost of the replacing the shattered windows has exceeded \$4,000.

Just as we must protect residences, we must protect small businesses. The first step is to rapidly restore our police department to full strength. It remains severely understaffed. At most times, we have only 6 to 7 patrol officers on patrol for the entire city. As a result, our city becomes a magnet for crime. Criminal suspects know that they can commit crimes in San Leandro without fear of being arrested.

I further propose that San Leandro establish a grant program for small businesses hurt by crime. San Francisco has a similar program that provides up to \$2,000 in grants to small businesses for vandalism-related costs.

By keeping San Leandro small businesses operating, the program will pay for itself through the sales tax revenue the city will receive from the sales at these businesses. And we will reverse the blight from boarded-up store windows that is growing in our community.

Finally, let's all remember to shop and dine at our small businesses. Working together, we can help small businesses stay and thrive in San Leandro.

Ed Hernandez
San Leandro
Ed Hernandez is a former City Council member and current candidate for City Council

Fear-Mongering about Crime Is Not Leadership

Editor,

Fear of crime seems to be dominating this year's election cycle locally. But fear does not empower communities, it only makes them more vulnerable. When politicians run on that fear - suggesting that the current City Council has not done enough to address our public safety needs while proclaiming we just need more police - they do us all a disservice. Here are some facts:

Despite the loud claim that crime in San Leandro is the worst it's been in 27 years, the fact is that while the number of Part 1 crimes (robberies, assaults, burglaries, larcenies, auto thefts) in 2023 was about the same as in 1996, the population of San Leandro grew by about 14% during that period. That means the crime rate per capita has actually declined by that same amount!

It is true that as of this month

SLPD remains understaffed with the number of sworn officers around 17 below the authorized (and budgeted) strength of 90. This is true throughout the policing profession nationally. Between retirements and young people seeking more attractive alternative employment, recruiting is the challenge everywhere. Our City Council has supported SLPD's recruiting efforts by making our police officers the highest paid in Alameda County - including offering hiring and retention bonuses. In addition the Council has funded more social services (alternative mental health response) and technology (Flock cameras and dash-cams) to support the police. The police budget has increased by almost 20% since FY 2018, routinely amounting to a third or more of the entire General Fund.

Research shows that crime increases with population, but there is no correlation between the number of officers and the crime rate. The economy and social factors play much more of a role.

The apparent spike in crime in SL between 2022 and 2023 is almost entirely explained by increases in non-violent larcenies and auto thefts - not the robberies and assaults that make people afraid to walk their streets and use our public spaces. Conjuring up a general fear that crime is out of control not only paralyzes residents, it undermines our efforts to promote economic development.

The police need our support, but funding is not the issue. More genuine partnerships with the community and inter-agency problem solving strategies to target specific crimes (like retail and auto thefts) make more sense.

Bob Bailey
San Leandro

Candidate Forum Lacked Moderation

Editor,

I am writing to address a concerning incident that occurred during the recent City Council debate at the San Leandro Public Library. At the event, Corina Lopez, who was responsible for moderating, failed to manage the situation when it escalated.

During the debate between District 2 candidates Ed Hernandez and Bryan Azevedo, Ed Hernandez engaged in disruptive behavior. He repeatedly verbally attacked Bryan, despite being told to stop, and continued until his microphone was muted. Corina Lopez did not enforce her promise to handle such disruptions, allowing the situation to deteriorate further.

Additionally, Lee Thomas, a supporter of Hernandez and former City Council member, was overheard making negative remarks about Bryan.

After the debate, as Bryan's mother, Kathy Azevedo, was speaking with others, Lee began recording

her without consent. When Bryan asked Lee to stop, Lee ignored him and physically confronted Bryan, in an attempt to provoke a fight.

Adrian Norbeto intervened to prevent further aggression. Bryan chose to de-escalate the situation and leave.

This incident, which should be visible in the library's security footage, underscores significant issues of fairness and respect within our local political discourse. Maintaining integrity and professionalism in these political engagements is crucial for fostering constructive dialogue.

In my opinion, Lee Thomas should not be invited to these types of events in the future. Not only is he not an active member on the City Council, Lee, Ed, and Leo Sheridan have a history of repeatedly attacking him in person and on social media for years.

Greg Azevedo
Lathrop, California

Forum Reform Needed

Editor,

After the mishap at the Democratic Party endorsement event this a good time to suggest reforms. To begin with I would recommend that they eliminate the fact that they are picking one Democrat over other Democrats.

Do a forum to educate voters, not pick and reject Democrats. If they are Democrats then they are probably good people. They are often investing personal money and lots of time into the process. Only one tenth of one percent of San Leandro Democrats vote in the endorsement process which makes it a weak democratic exercise by any stretch of the imagination, yet the endorsement is very valuable, worth maybe \$20,000.

Another reform would be to use technology. The California Democratic Party encourages local party organizations to use their data source. For local candidate forums in San Leandro they can send out 12,000 emails announcing the event for a mere \$120.

They can then send out another email after the forum with a video of the debate. At the debate about 75 people had a chance to hear the candidates, using the technology a potential 12,000 Democrats could evaluate the candidates.

Also the question process leaves a lot to be desired. The moderator takes questions on index cards and is arguably very selective about which questions are asked. Let people line up one side of the auditorium and ask their own damn questions.

Over the years district elections has never been allowed as a question yet it is central to how we do our local democracy. Second, the Lake Chabot Road issue is a significant \$12 million taxpayer investment decision.

Third, crime is being hyped as a top problem yet the FBI stats indicate violent crime is down 18 percent,

murder 25 percent, rape 26 percent and robberies 16. Let's empathize with crime victims but celebrate the success in public safety.

Fred Setterberg wrote a book about San Leandro entitled *Lunch Bucket Paradise*. The Chronicle last year said San Leandro was the 6th best place in the Bay Area to live, that's damn good for a lunch bucket town. Let's not fabricate crime stats to tear down our fair city and let us embrace technology not repress it to advance our democracy.

Craig Williams
San Leandro

We Need More Women in Local Politics

Editor,

The men in politics in San Leandro need some classes in anger management immediately. For years our community has witnessed the ridiculous and antagonistic behavior that has gone on, specifically with the men wanting to hold elected city positions.

I am aware of an altercation that got violent between a few of them. A woman who got hurt trying to deescalate a fight between male politicians.

And they say women don't have enough judgement to manage our own bodies or to run the country because we are too emotional?

There have been so many complaints of all kinds, letters to the editor, gossip, smear campaigns, and name calling. Maybe they don't know how their behavior has been received and is spoken about in neighborhood get togethers. No one likes it or finds it productive. It wreaks of entitlement.

Can more women please consider running for office because I am thoroughly fed up with what I'm seeing. My fourth grader has a better handle of themselves than I have seen from the men wanting seats this election cycle. Perhaps the school district can hold classes for present, past, and future council members.

They know how to teach children how to manage their emotions in nondestructive ways. They teach kindergarteners how to resolve conflict in ways that do not lead to violence. Whatever training is being offered at City Hall isn't working.

The beef between Ed Hernandez and Brian Azevedo needs to stop. Whatever is going on to mix in Lee Thomas, it needs to stop. We get it. Y'all don't like each other or anyone that gets voted in to take a seat you ran for.

This continued escalation will end up with someone getting shot. It's not a leap. It's an embarrassment and it is dangerous.

This election promises enough violence without men in San Leandro adding to it. Walk away. Talk about the issues. You're not just losing the respect of your community you're making us feel unsafe. Stop it.

Gloria Strohm
San Leandro

Squabble: 'They insulted my mother and I stepped in'

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and parents when they passed former City Councilmember Lee Thomas and a few others in the hallway. According to Azevedo, the two men exchanged unflattering words for a few seconds before rushing towards each other, meeting face to face.

"They were talking trash about me and my family and taking video of our reactions using their phones," Azevedo told the Times. "I asked them to stop, but they continued. At one point, they insulted my mother, and I stepped in to protect her."

Azevedo said he recalls bumping into Thomas but added that he avoided any other violent moves.

Lee Thomas declined to comment.

Several bystanders, including San Leandro Mayor Juan González and SLDC member Corina Lopez, told the men to stop and to calm down.

"I was coming back from the library café when I heard the shouting," Lopez told the Times. "I began trying to pull the groups apart as a peacekeeper."

Lopez said she injured her forearm during the altercation and was later treated at the hospital. She said she hopes that the library's video surveillance video will provide answers as to how the incident started.

'The public needs to see the video'

"I think the members of the public need to be able to see the video immediately to make their conclusions about who represents them," Lopez said. "The library should be a safe space for all. Public officials need to be held to the highest standard."

San Leandro resident Karen Fernandez also intervened to stop the shouting. She told the Times that she told both men that she was disappointed with them and that they were unprofessional.

"I like both Bryan and Lee, but neither of them acted like adult men," Fernandez said.

San Leandro Police Lieutenant E.A. Teng said the police were contacted regarding the altercation at the San Leandro Main Library on Saturday and that a police report was written. Teng declined to say who filed the report and what if any, accusations were made.

"As far as subsequent investigative steps or criminal charges go, it is premature to provide any definitive comments at this point," Teng told the Times.

City of San Leandro spokesman Paul Sanftner said the city will not take any immediate action while the investigation is ongoing.



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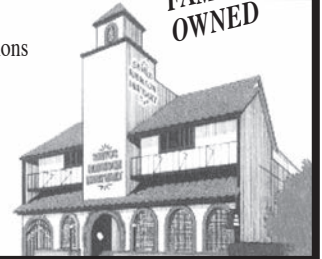
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A Mass in honor of Ellen Marie Corbett, the first woman to be elected San Leandro mayor before a career in the state Legislature, will be Sept. 21 at the Church of Assumption in the East Bay city she called home.

Corbett, a former Majority Leader of the California State Senate, longtime legislator, community college professor and civic activist, died Aug. 9 at age 69. She was a daughter of the Corbett family, whose members have long been involved in East Bay legal and civic circles.

"Ellen really loved San Leandro, and representing the neighborhoods," recalled longtime friend Phil Daly. They had known each other since their college days in the 1970s and worked together as young political activists.

Daly said Corbett "lived and breathed politics." "Ellen always managed to do the right thing on behalf of the people she represented. She stayed informed. She knew the issues," said Daly.

Ellen Corbett grew up in a robust Irish Catholic family with deep roots in the East Bay and California. Her father the late attorney William D. Corbett embraced his Irish ancestry, as did her mother Eveleen Sullivan Corbett. The senior Corbett's met at the University of California Berkeley and started their family in Oakland before moving to San Leandro more than 50 years ago.

Ellen Corbett followed in her father's law career, as did brother Kevin Corbett and younger sister Mary Corbett Matoza. Ellen Corbett graduated from Bishop O'Dowd High School, attended Chabot College and the former Cal State Hayward before earning a bachelor's degree from UC Davis and a law degree from the McGeorge School of Law at the University of the Pacific.

Ellen Corbett's passion was politics. She served 16 years in the state Legislature and was only the second woman to be elected Majority Leader of the state Senate.

Corbett cherished a political pin from the 1900s given to her by her late grandmother, Marion Sullivan of Sutter County, who had earned it as a young woman at a political convention in San Francisco. Her grandmother, a woman who was one of the earliest to graduate with a degree in mathematics from UC Berkeley, recognized in Ellen the drive and commitment it took a woman to have a life in law and politics. "She was deeply moved by our grandmother's gesture, and she valued that pin as a treasure," said Mary Matoza, Ellen's younger sister.

Ellen Corbett served on the San Leandro City Council before becoming the first woman to be elected Mayor, serving in that role from 1994 to 1998.

Corbett was elected to the state Assembly in 1998 and served until 2004 when she was termed out. Two years later, Corbett was elected to the state Senate from the 10th Senate District.

Corbett served as Senate Majority Leader from 2010 to 2014.

"She was very respected, and well liked," said Jason Liles, legislative director for current Senate Majority Leader Mike McGuire, D-Healdsburg.

While in the Legislature, Corbett authored more than 160 bills that were signed into law including seismic safety inventories of all K-12 school buildings, protecting privacy of domestic violence victims, preventing sale of illegal guns at gun shows, strengthening internet privacy and user account protections, and requiring training on gender identity and sexual orientation for judges.

Following her Legislative career, Corbett in 2016 was elected to the board of the East Bay Regional Park District and served a term as president.

District officials remembered Corbett as a "tireless advocate for communities to have access to open space, public parks and nature."

Ellen Corbett is survived by son Ryan Boehme; her mother Eveleen Corbett; sister Mary Corbett Matoza (Craig); brothers Edward Corbett, Bill Corbett (Joanna) Kevin Corbett (Patty), Tim Corbett (Grace); and nieces and nephews Patrick Corbett, Katie Corbett, Megan Corbett, Dylan Matoza, Shane Matoza, Fiona Corbett, and Sofia Corbett. She was predeceased by her father William D. Corbett, brother Danny Corbett, and sister-in-law Michelle Corbett.

Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on 9/21 at the Church of Assumption, 1100 Fulton Ave., San Leandro, CA. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Davis Street Community Center and San Leandro Boys and Girls Club.



James Edward Watt

November 27, 1939 ~ August 25, 2024

James Edward Watt was born on November 27, 1939 in Spencerville, Ohio, to his proud parents, Robert and Lois Watt. It pleased the Lord to call him home on August 25, 2024. James passed away peacefully surrounded by Mirtha and daughter, Allison.



As a young man, James made an honorable decision to join the Ohio Army National Guard. He moved to West Palm Beach to build his career in law enforcement and later became a businessman. After he married Mirtha, they moved to Fresno, CA. In 2018 they moved to San Leandro.

We'd like to express our thanks to our family and friends for their love and support.

Okdroberfest Coming to Downtown San Leandro on Saturday

The 2nd Annual Okdroberfest Celebration will be held this Saturday, Sept 14, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 100 A W. Juana Ave. in downtown San Leandro.

Unlike other local beer festivals, Okdroberfest is held in September, the traditional start of the Oktoberfest season in Germany. Okdroberfest pours beers exclusively from brew-

eries that have taprooms here in San Leandro: 21st Amendment, Drake's Brewing, and Fieldwork Brewing Co.

There will be 12 different varieties of beer, including three brewed just for the Oktoberfest season. The Rotary Club of San Leandro will be selling locally produced brats from Nicosia's Gourmet Sausages, 100% beef hotdogs



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from Casper's, and pretzels from Firebrand Bakery.

Enjoy your brews in the shade of the giant beer garden tent while listening to Alpine

A stein holding contest, a balloon artist and a costume competition will be part of the fun at the Okdroberfest on Saturday.

Sounds Oktoberfest band, rock from the Marinfidels, and hard-hitting blues rock guitarist Shane Dwight.

Danny Murry's Irish Pub will host the Whiskey Station, and Sons of Liberty will pour wine and their guava margaritas. There will be stein holding and costume competitions, axe throwing, face painting, and even a balloon artist.

Road: 'We need to push forward on stabilizing the road,' says mayor

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Astor Drive. Public Works has identified four places where intense street repair would be necessary.

"The narrowest part of the damaged sections of road would be 12 feet wide, and it could prevent emergency vehicles from getting through if cars were lined up to move out on either side of Lake Chabot

Road," Marquises said.

Mayor Juan Gonzalez reiterated that city staff should continue to look for federal grant money. He urged the police department to redouble efforts to monitor speeds in Bay-O-Vista where residents complain about speeding traffic using the neighborhood streets, since Lake Chabot Road is closed.

Gonzalez said the city needs to move quickly to find a solution.

"We need to push forward on stabilizing the road and figuring out the realistic options," Gonzalez said.

The discussion will next move to the Facilities and Transportation Committee on October 2.

During the meeting, Mar-

quises disclosed that Public Works will suspend any road work in October for the rainy season. The city hired a firm to provide an environmental study for the area later this fall. Marquises noted that it will open up to bid on the design phase of the construction project in the spring and fall of 2025. Pending the environmental study results, construction is estimated as early as 2026.

the Council, and more than 40 people lined up at the meeting to express their frustration.

Some were angry that traffic was being redirected through their typically quiet streets, and many were frustrated by the delays in repairs. Others were concerned that blocking Lake Chabot Road would put the neighborhood at risk in case of a fire or other disaster. A few complained about loud vehicles, skid marks from braking tires, and items stolen from vehicles.

Neighborhood Fed Up with Speeding Traffic

Meanwhile, Bay-O-Vista residents are getting increasingly louder about redirected traffic in their neighborhoods. Residents packed the meeting. A petition signed by more than 700 residents was presented to

David Sampson, who lives on View Drive, was among the majority of speakers who want the city to open Lake Chabot Road to one-way traffic. He said he wore his reflective vest to the meeting because walking in the Bay-O-Vista

neighborhood is no longer safe.

"With the additional traffic from Lake Chabot, we have more cars, cars going faster, and the streets are narrower," Sampson said. "I feel that we need to do something such as one-way traffic."

Thashan Naidu, a 22-year Bay-O-Vista resident, was one of the few speakers who did not want the road reopened and asked the city to reimagine the use of Lake Chabot Road.

"The overall cost to the city to fix one stretch of road for the convenience of some is a disproportionate use of city funds and would be at the expense of other crucial infrastructure projects that benefit the city as a whole," Naidu said.



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tery-powered flashlights rather than candles for temporary lighting needs to guard against any nearby gas leaks. An electric candle that uses LEDs rather than an open flame is safe.

If you're using a generator, be sure it is vented properly, he advised. Tips on generator safety are on the PG&E website at www.pge.com/en/outages-and-safety/safety/electric-safety/backup-power-safety.html.

There is information on that same website about rebates for customers buying generators and other backup power sources.

Rate Increases

Jake Zigelman, PG&E Bay Area region vice President, said the company realizes customers are upset about recent rapid rate increases, and that the company has pledged to hold annual increases to 3 percent or less through 2026. They are looking at ways to make company operations more efficient to keep costs down for customers, he added.

Zigelman also said the company is trying to respond to customer concerns about how long it is taking to install new electric connections.

"We know it takes too long now," he said.

They are moving toward making a commitment date with the customer for the installation. If a customer continues having a problem getting a new connection, they can email the company at bayarea@pge.com.

Zigelman noted that rising demand is a key factor in slowing down connections. He and other officials said that demand is expected to rise some 70 percent by 2040, but by only 15-50 percent during hours of peak demand. Efforts to shift demand to less busy times is having an effect, they said.

Smith said that PG&E is working to make its poles, transmission lines and other equipment safer against fires, beginning in the areas most at risk.

On the California Public Utility Commission's (CalPUC) map of Bay Area fire

risks, much of the East Bay hills above Skyline Boulevard falls into Tier 3, the areas of highest risk. Many San Leandro homes above Interstate I-580, but short of the crest of the hills, fall into Tier 2, areas of still-high risk. San Leandro homes below I-580, and in the unincorporated communities just south of city limits, do not face high wildfire risk.

Some Castro Valley homes near the hills are in Tier 2 as well, but most of Castro Valley is not at high wildfire risk, the CalPUC map shows.

One customer asked what the company is doing about having lots of wind and solar power during the day, but the hours of peak demand coming in the evening.

The officials said there are several large battery storage projects being pursued, with the largest being at Elkhorn Slough near Moss Beach. There is also huge untapped storage potential in people's electric vehicles, and the company is working on a way to tap that during power shortages.