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Lights On All Over Town

A house on Dartmouth Avenue in San Leandro is one of many homes lit up for the holidays.

San Lorenzo Development Put on Hold

Village Green Apartments was key to revitalizing San Lorenzo

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

The apartment complex that was going to revive San Lorenzo and fill the vacant space left by the former Mervyn's store has been put on hold.

In 2019, the County Board of Supervisors gave the okay for Demmon Partners to build an art-deco style, mixed use project with 163 market-rate units in five buildings – called the Village Green Apartments – on Hesperian Boulevard at Via Arriba. The site has been empty for over two decades.

But Alameda County Su-

pervisor Lena Tam (District 3) recently disclosed that the Village Green Apartments project would not move forward because of rising interest rates and escalating construction costs.

Representatives with Bohannon Development Company, which owns the site, and Developer Demmon Partners, which is developing the property, also commented.

“Currently, the Village Green Apartments development is not economically see ON HOLD, page 3

Hesperian Gardens Irked by Fires, Vandals, Debris

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

Residents of the Hesperian Gardens condominiums at 15205 Hesperian Boulevard are urging the city and Union Pacific Railroad to clean up dangerous conditions at a homeless encampment between the railroad tracks and the homes.

Fire is the biggest concern, as fires set by homeless people to stay warm at night have spread to vegetation growing near the condos.

Several residents have also cited trash, vandalism, and graffiti on buildings and the complex's sign as problems they believe are caused by see HESPERIAN, page 11

2023 in Review: Water in the News

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

January

- After heavy rain, Stenzel Park flooded and parts of the Estudillo Canal collapsed in Washington Manor. On the other side of town, the patios and backyards of several homes caved into San Leandro Creek.
- A snafu with ranked-choice voting (RCV) caused the apparent winner of an Oakland school board race to have fewer votes than his opponent. An organization called Fair Vote noticed discrepancies and their own results showed the ranked-choice tabulations were screwy. Nevertheless, Fair Vote remains a supporter of RCV.
- Historian Mitchell

Schwarzer spoke at the San Leandro Library about the city's history of racial discrimination and the practice of redlining.

February

- Adding new bike lanes on Grand Avenue and reducing the lanes from four to two displeased nearby residents, both drivers and some bicycle riders.
- Bay-O-Vista residents spoke out in opposition of an EBMUD plan to deposit soil from digging trenches for water pipes in the former quarry in the hills above San Leandro.
- San Leandro and Oakland police, including the SWAT unit, conducted a raid on a



TIMES FILE PHOTO

The walls in a section of the Estudillo Canal collapsed in Washington Manor last winter.

house in the 200 block of Best Avenue. Police said they had no more details since the case is “an active investigation.”

- A man fired shots at clerks at the Town and Country Liquors on East 14th Street, but no one was hit by gunfire. A few nights later, shots were

fired during an altercation behind a restaurant at Peralta Avenue and East 14th Street.

March

- The San Leandro Players production of *Blythe Spirit* opens at the San Leandro see 2023, page 5

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MEETING SCHEDULES

CITY COUNCIL

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

SAN LEANDRO SCHOOL BOARD

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



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Pets of the Week



Chloe



Mary

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are two Border collies, Chloe and Mary.

Chloe is an 8-week-old mostly white Border collie. She is looking for her home to grow into that special dog. Chloe can be a great working dog, or can be a great family pet with lots of activity.

Mary is an 8-week-old mostly black Border collie. She is looking to be that special someone's pet that has tons of energy and can do a job if needed.

Mary is a little clumsy but will get more agile the older she gets.

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



PHOTO COURTESY INNER WHEEL CLUB

Inner Wheel members Monika Williams, Pat Duey, Pearl Johnston, and Lynnette Flusche distribute goods at the April Showers program.

Inner Wheel Distributes Gloves, Scarves

In celebration of its 100-Year Centenary, Inner Wheel Club of San Leandro distributed over 100 sets of gloves,

beanies, and scarves to the homeless at the April Showers program located at the San Leandro Boys & Girls Club.

The Interfaith Homelessness Network of San Leandro formed the April Showers program to increase public

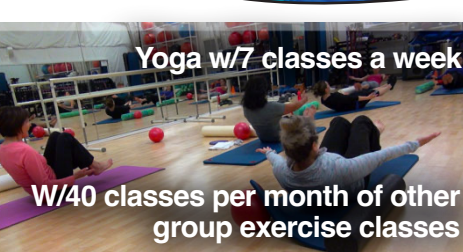
awareness and provide services to the homeless.

The Inner Wheel Club said it gave them great joy helping others to better their lives. Email iwclubofsanleandro@gmail.com for more information on the Inner Wheel Club.

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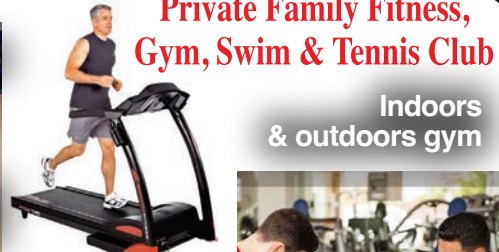


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On this Day: December 21

1913: First crossword puzzle (with 32 clues) printed in the New York World.

1915: 10.17 inches of rain fall in Glenora, Oregon, a state record.

1921: Supreme Court rules labor injunctions and picketing unconstitutional.

1923: Nepal changes from British protectorate to independent nation.

1925: "Battleship Potemkin," Soviet silent film premieres in Moscow.

1929: First group hospital insurance plan offered, Dallas,

Texas.

1941: Chicago Bears Ray McLean makes last NFL drop kick for an extra point.

1970: Elvis Presley meets President Richard Nixon in the White House.

Correction

In the story on the effort to recall District Attorney Pamela Price ("Price Recall Petition Collects Signatures," Dec. 14, 2023) the wrong byline appeared above the story. The story was by Mike McGuire.



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Arts & Crafts Swap Meet

California BrainWaves hosts an Arts & Crafts Swap on the first Wednesday of every month from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Trustees Room of the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Free, all ages and skill levels welcome. Neurodivergent-friendly. Donate, craft, grab goodies.

Race through the History of the Oakland Speedway

Join the library for a race through the history of the Oakland Speedway on Saturday, Jan. 6, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the San Leandro History Museum, 320 W. Estudillo Ave. The Oakland Speedway once stood where Bayfair Mall is today. Discover the many races, vehicles, and people who raced at the speedway. Be prepared to actively participate in reading and movement around the "racetrack." Activity is for ages 10+, adults are welcome. Email the Museum Curator, Dylainie Nathlich at dnathlich@sanleandro.org if you have any questions. Registration is required. Visit: <http://tinyurl.com/OaklandSpeedway> to register.

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 649 Monthly Meeting

American Legion Post 649 in Castro Valley meets on the last Monday of every month at 1800 (6 p.m.) for dinner, followed by the meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Moose Lodge, 20385 Rutledge Road in Castro Valley. For more information, call Jim Smith at 510-305-2280.

Seniors Invited to Join Spectrum's Fall Prevention Program

Calling All Seniors: Fall into safety with Spectrum's Fall Prevention Program. Spectrum's Community Services Fall Prevention Program is accepting registration for its winter classes. The EnhanceFitness classes offer exercises addressing strength, balance, and flexibility. The Walk With Ease classes focus on self-motivated walking to boost strength and ease arthritis symptoms. Classes run from Jan. 2 to March 22 at the Cherryland Community Center, San Leandro Senior Center, or virtually via Zoom. Call 510-881-0300 (Option 6) or register online at www.SpectrumCS.org.

Resolve to Lose Weight

Join TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) for the support you need to start your weight loss journey. TOPS is a non-profit weight loss support group that meets on Fridays at 9 a.m. at the United Methodist Church, 19806 Wisteria Street in Castro Valley. For more information, call Sandy Montero at 510-299-7312. Join for fellowship and support. What do you have to lose?

Historic Airplans on Display at Oakland Aviation Museum

Oakland Aviation Museum, 8252, Earhardt Road in Oakland, is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. View many famous aircraft, including the A-3 Skywarrior, A-4 Skyhawk, A-6 Intruder, MiG-15, Harrier Jump Jet, Cessna O-2, and the P-51 Mustang. Admission prices are: adults \$18, seniors \$15, teens/military \$13, kids 5 to 12 \$10, no charge for kids under 4.



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Groundbreaking for New Torani Plant

San Leandro Mayor Juan Gonzalez (center) joins officials of Torani and Prologis at the groundbreaking of a planned new 200,000 square foot warehouse and production facility at the corner of Williams and Merced streets. The large lot at 1919 Williams St. had been vacant for some time.

Developer Prologis will own the new warehouse and lease it to Torani, a maker of specialty flavoring which had been expanding its San Leandro operations, despite the pandemic. Torani's headquarters and current production facilities are nearby on Marina Boulevard.

On Hold: Project critical to San Lorenzo

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viable and will not be feasible until conditions recover," said Scott Bohannon, senior vice president of Bohannon Development Company. "At this time, it is impossible to determine when that will happen, but we remain hopeful for the project's eventual completion."

The Alameda County Planning Commission approved the project in 2019 with an estimated \$16 million price tag. The original estimated timeline for completion would have been 2021.

The 5.1-acre parcel would have been developed with three- and four-story apartment buildings, a pool, a dog park, and a shuttle to BART. There was to be 12,000 square feet of retail space with room for at least six different shops ranging from 1,300 to 2,600 square feet.

Demmon Partners said they would remodel the marquee on the Lorenzo Theatre across the street as part of the project.

Since the COVID-19 outbreak put initial construction on hold, interest rates increased from 4.75% on October 31, 2019, to 8.50% on July 27, 2023, and the



An artist's rendering shows what the Village Green Apartments would look like if it's built.

Lorenzo Theater suffered two devastating fires in June and October 2020.

"Throughout this process, Demmon Partners has been committed to bringing Village Green Apartments to San Lorenzo and continues to believe this community is an ideal spot for this new project," Terry Demmon said in a statement. "We look forward to once again pursuing this critical development when circumstances prove more favorable."

Supervisor Tam said her

office would continue to work with the Bohannon Organization, Demmon Partners, and the San Lorenzo community to support the project.

"The Village Green Apart-

ments project is critical to the revitalization of San Lorenzo by introducing urgently needed residential and economic opportunities into the area," Supervisor Tam said.

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1/4 cup dried currants
1/4 cup candied mixed fruit
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Zest of 1 orange
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 cup self-rising flour
2 teaspoons cinnamon
Pinch salt

Grease a pudding mold.
In a large saucepan combine butter, sugar, milk, dates, raisins, currants, mixed fruit peel and zest of the orange; bring to a boil. Remove from heat and stir in baking soda. Sift in the flour, cinnamon and salt; mix gently until blended. Pour into prepared pudding mold. Cover with a double layer of greased wax paper and steam for 2 hours. Yields 6 servings.
Serve with custard, whipped

PLUM PUDDING

1/4 cup butter
1/3 cup brown sugar
1 cup milk
12 dates, pitted and chopped
1/2 cup raisins

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HOLIDAY CARROT CAKE WITH CREAM CHEESE FROSTING

For the cake:

3 cups grated carrots
2 cups all-purpose flour
2 cups sugar
2 teaspoons baking soda
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
4 eggs
1-1/2 cups vegetable oil
1-1/4 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 (8-ounce) can crushed
pineapple with juice
3/4 cup chopped pecans

For the frosting:

3-1/2 cups powdered sugar
1 (8-ounce) package
Neufchatel cheese
1/2 cup butter, softened
1-1/4 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 cup chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease and flour a 9x13 inch pan.

In a large bowl, combine grated carrots, flour, white sugar, baking soda, baking powder, salt and cinnamon. Stir in eggs, oil, 1-1/4 teaspoon vanilla, pineapple and 3/4 cup chopped pecans. Spoon batter into prepared pan.

Bake in the preheated oven for

30 to 40 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center of the cake comes out clean. Allow to cool.

To Make Frosting: In a medium bowl, combine confectioners' sugar, Neufchatel cheese, 1/2 cup butter or margarine and 1 1/4 teaspoons vanilla. Beat until smooth, then stir in 1 cup chopped pecans. Spread on cooled cake.

EGGNOG COOKIES

1-1/4 cups sugar
3/4 cup butter, softened
1/2 cup eggnog
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 egg yolks
1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
2-1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

Preheat oven to 300°F.

Combine flour, baking powder, cinnamon and nutmeg.

Cream sugar and butter until light. Add eggnog, vanilla, and egg yolks; beat at medium speed with mixer until smooth. Add flour mixture and beat at low speed until just combined. Do not overmix.

Drop by teaspoonfuls onto ungreased cookie sheet 1 inch apart. Sprinkle lightly with nutmeg. Bake 20 to 23 minutes until bottoms turn light brown. Yields 6

dozen.

OLD-FASHIONED PERSIMMON PUDDING

For the pudding:

1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted
butter, softened, plus extra
for the pudding mold
1 cup sugar
1 cup sifted all-purpose flour
1 cup persimmon pulp (from 2
to 3 ripe persimmons,
peeled and seeded)
3 teaspoons brandy
2 large eggs, slightly beaten
2 teaspoons baking soda
mixed with 2 teaspoons
warm water
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon ground ginger
1 teaspoon ground cloves
1/2 cup chopped walnuts
1 cup golden raisins

For the Hard Sauce:

1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted
butter, softened
1 cup confectioners' sugar
1 tablespoon brandy

To make the pudding: In a large bowl, cream together the butter and sugar with an electric mixer at medium speed. Add the flour, 1/2 cup at a time, alternating with the persimmon pulp, brandy, eggs, and baking soda mixture. Stir in the vanilla, spices, walnuts, and raisins and mix on low until the butter comes together, about 5 minutes.

Butter the top and bottom of a 2-quart pudding mold with a lid. Spoon in the mixture. Put the buttered lid on tightly and lock into place. Put the mold in a bigger pot filled with water to come halfway up the side of the mold; cover the pot.

It is necessary to have a well-buttered mold and enough water for ample steam for this pudding to come out right. Bring the water to a simmer and let simmer over medium-low heat for about 2 hours. Make sure the water doesn't evaporate; add more hot water if it does.

The pudding should be checked with a cake tester. When the tester comes out clean, the pudding is done. Take the mold out of the water and unmold when cool, 1 to 2 hours.

While the pudding is steaming, prepare the hard sauce. Cream the butter and sugar together with an electric mixer. Beat in the brandy. Chill at least 1 hour. Serve with the warm pudding. Yields 10 to 12 servings.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19): The holidays allow you to let your usually downplayed soft side really glow. Don't be surprised to find a Scorpio looking to share the light.



TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Dress up in your party best and enjoy the compliments that come your way. You'll have a great time reconnecting with old friends and making new ones.



GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): Holiday galas give you many chances to do what you're so good at -- namely, being the life of the party. Indulge yourself in the good times. You earned it!



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Get out and experience the holiday fun. And remember, while you're a traditionalist with most things, open your mind to how others like to celebrate.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): This is a good time to fill the family den with the love and warmth that you lucky Leos and Leonas exude. Invite friends to share in your happy celebrations.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): Indulge yourself in the holiday festivities with family and friends, and forget about those small details that often keep you from enjoying the moment to its maximum.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): The holiday season brings family and friends together to help you repair a very special relationship that recently underwent a serious test of commitment.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): Set aside those workaday woes, and enjoy the holidays with family and friends. You'll learn soon enough the cause behind those workplace problems.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Aim for a happy, festive time with family and friends. Reach out to friends from the past and restore or reconnect those once-strong ties.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): A family member pays you a surprise visit to help you celebrate the holidays. Meanwhile, that workplace problem is closer to getting resolved.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Your holiday plans are working out as you had hoped they would. Congratulations! Also, expect news about a long-needed change in the workplace.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Your holiday plans could suddenly change, but rest assured, it's for the better. Be ready to go with the flow and accept the unexpected.

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2023: Music at Arroyo High; library name-changed canceled

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Museum/Auditorium.

• City Councilman Bryan Azevedo withdrew his bid to rename the San Leandro Library after Bernard Ashcraft after the proposal met much opposition. People said the library just didn't need a new name.

• A music festival fills up the Arroyo High School gym for performances by orchestras and bands from students in the San Lorenzo School District.

• Bigge Crane of San Leandro buys a new crane, the Kobelco CK-2000G-3, that can lift over 200 tons.

• A pair of trees on school district property next to Bancroft Middle School topple over and knock down the Hass Avenue-Cary Drive Pedestrian Bridge. A lot of students crossed the footbridge on their way to Bancroft.

April

• The San Lorenzo school board voted to give teachers, staff and administrators a 20
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San Leandro High art students in the advanced drawing and painting class had their work displayed at the Drawing Room Annex in San Francisco.

HOLIDAYS AROUND *the* TOWN

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GUEST COMMENTARY



It's Beginning To Look Like Christmas

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Residents of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada hold fast to the belief that Meredith Willson, on a cold winter night in 1951, looked out his window while staying in Yarmouth's Grand

Hotel and penned the words, "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas." Directly across the street from the hotel is Frost Park, and the words in the song correspondingly declare "There's a tree in the Grand Hotel, one in the park as well, it's the sturdy kind that doesn't

mind the snow." I can personally attest to the cold and snow having actually been in Yarmouth in the midst of a frigid Canadian winter.

The song goes on to reference the Five and Ten store which was an actual business operating in Yarmouth at the time. It is a nostalgic tune, which describes the emotions that many long for at this time of the year. First made famous by Perry Como, many love the rendition by Bing Crosby, others know the season has arrived when Johnny Mathis' edition hits the airwaves and numerous others have chimed in, including Canadian singer Michael Bublé.

It IS beginning to look a lot like Christmas, even if it is the San Francisco Bay Area. Even with the lack of snow, holiday spirit is in the air. As we approach December 25th, we are reminded that, in spite of the many differences we have here in the Bay Area across cultures, religions, ethnicities, socio-economic strata and more – we have so many things in common as well. We all live in this amazing part of the world and enjoy the unique benefits found only here. While traveling in Europe earlier this year, when asked where we were from, eyes glistened when we stated, "The San Francisco Bay Area." To a person

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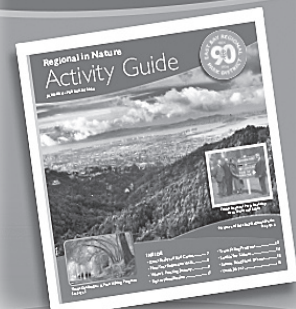


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JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2024

the responses were all the same, with comments such as, "You are so lucky," "We love that area," "We want to visit someday," and "You are blessed."

It has been quite a year. Even with the continuing housing crisis, high interest rates and current lack of inventory, we are excited that those who purchased homes in 2023 will be spending their first holiday season in their new homes.

The Central County Realtors wish you a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year! All the best to you and yours, and our sincerest wishes for peace and happiness in this holiday season.

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.

RECENT HOME SALES

Home sales information is compiled and provided by CalREsource and includes Bedrooms, Square Feet and Year Built when available

Castro Valley

29524 Palomares Road 94552: \$1,900,000 [4 BD - 2,301 SF - 1949]

TOTAL SALES: 1
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$1,900,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$1,900,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$1,900,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$1,900,000

Hayward

53 Fernridge Court 94544: \$500,000 [3 BD - 1,585 SF - 1991]
27841 Biscayne Avenue 94544: \$650,000 [3 BD - 1,216 SF - 1954]
1008 Imperial Place #5 94541: \$660,000 [2 BD - 1,565 SF - 1982]
24647 Traynor Court 94544: \$715,000 [3 BD - 1,058 SF - 1950]
675 Hampton Road 94541: \$725,000 [5 BD - 1,530 SF - 1989]
1266 Sandy Bridges Court 94541: \$750,000 [3 BD - 1,532 SF - 1988]
215 Bolt Court 94544: \$752,000 [2 BD - 1,491 SF - 2020]
693 Chase Avenue 94541: \$753,000 [3 BD - 1,345 SF - 2004]
456 Brian Street 94544: \$770,000 [3 BD - 927 SF - 1952]
24730 Santa Clara Street 94544: \$780,000 [3 BD - 1,400 SF - 1957]
27925 Biscayne Avenue 94544: \$820,000 [3 BD - 1,000 SF - 1954]
26981 Jennings Way 94544: \$949,000 [3 BD - 1,231 SF - 1955]
301 Fig Tree Court 94544: \$1,135,000 [4 BD - 1,821 SF - 1996]
29028 Vagabond Lane 94544: \$1,250,000 [4 BD - 3,025 SF - 2008]

TOTAL SALES: 14
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$500,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$752,500
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$1,250,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$800,642

San Leandro

2077 Washington Avenue #314 94577: \$372,000 [1 BD - 692 SF - 1984]
1551 Marybelle Avenue 94577: \$780,000 [3 BD - 1,015 SF - 1944]
1221 Coe Avenue 94579: \$855,000 [3 BD - 1,401 SF - 1951]
1359 Santa Rosa Street 94577: \$905,000 [3 BD - 1,338 SF - 2000]
181 Sunnyside Drive 94577: \$1,020,000 [4 BD - 2,286 SF - 1923]
837 Glen Drive 94577: \$1,140,000 [4 BD - 1,523 SF - 1929]

TOTAL SALES: 6
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$372,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$880,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$1,140,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$845,333

San Lorenzo

1777 Via Redondo 94580: \$805,000 [3 BD - 1,434 SF - 1954]
16052 Via Harriet 94580: \$880,000 [3 BD - 1,621 SF - 1956]
17453 Via Valencia 94580: \$930,000 [3 BD - 1,973 SF - 1951]
1508 Via Hermana 94580: \$1,075,000 [3 BD - 1,627 SF - 1955]

TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$805,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$905,000
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Mistletoe Should Be Pruned from Trees

By Buzz Bertolero
Special to the Times

Q I've discovered several patches of Mistletoe growing in several mature trees. How do I eliminate it since I've read that it's harmful?

A Mistletoe is a parasitic plant that lives off another plant or host to survive. Bringing Mistletoe under control is very important to the overall vigor of the trees. For a long time, Mistletoe was limited to the foothills around the Central Valley, but today it is commonly found here and will not be long before it reaches the coast. Birds are the primary reason for the spread of the problem as they nest or rest high up in the canopy of trees away from any predator. The white Mistletoe berries contain many sticky seeds. The birds carry the seeds from tree to tree on their feet, beaks, and droppings, as they are not digestible. The most practical control is to physically

remove it by pruning it out. An arborist should prune large mature landscape trees to shape and open the canopy for better air circulation and remove the thin and spindly branches. They should be maintained as they are an essential asset to any home. Besides the apparent benefits, people overlook the resale value they add to the property. So, it's money well spent because of the return, just like a new roof, solar panels, painting, or interior upgrades. The second option is to spray it with Florel from Monterey Lawn and Garden. Florel is the only product registered for controlling Mistletoe and is a plant growth regulator. It has no insecticidal, fungicidal or herbicidal properties, so it's environmentally friendly. It's best applied when temperatures exceed sixty degrees from February through April. The entire tree doesn't need to be sprayed; saturate the Mistletoe clusters. In five to seven days, the Mistletoe should begin to shed its leaves and branches. A second

application is only necessary if Mistletoe remains present after three weeks. After spraying the clusters, wash or hose off any of the spray residues on any plants under the tree(s). Both options will not eradicate the problem as the birds will return the Mistletoe. Thus, you'll have to repeat your control as necessary.

A I have a typical spider plant that is now ten years old. The tips of the leaves always turn brown. The rest of each leaf is a lovely, healthy green with a white stripe. Can you tell me why the tips always turn brown?

Q Tip burn on Spider Plants usually occurs when they're over-watered and is the beginning stage of their decline. However, I don't think this is your problem as the plant would never have lived this long. I suspect that the chemical elements in your water cause the persistent tip burn. They collect at the Tip or edge

of a leaf during evaporation. I'd try watering your plant with distilled or bottled water. You know you're on the right track when the tip burn disappears with the new growth.

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



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WEEKEND GARDENER

Vegetables

The Yuletide season is a reminder to apply the second round of dormant oil spray to deciduous fruit trees, shrubs and roses. The spray should be applied through mid-January whenever you can expect several days of dry weather above 40 degrees.

Roses

Summer-flowering bulbs can be planted in the coming weeks for cut flowers and garden colors in spring. You'll find a fresh crop of bulbs for gladioluses (plant at three-to-four week intervals from January through March) and begonias (set the tubers in peat moss to sprout, then pot up in larger containers).

Trees

Be careful not to over-water poinsettias and other gift plants. Be sure they have adequate draining (open the foil at the bottom of the pot) and water only when soil feels dry to the touch.

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percent raise over two years.

- The Bancroft Middle School girls wrestling team won the state championship at a tournament held in Sonoma County.

- A vigil was held in Marina Park for Steven Taylor on the anniversary of the day he was shot and killed in 2020 by a San Leandro policeman who was later charged with manslaughter.

- County Supervisor Nate Miley organizes a cleanup of illegally dumped rubbish in Alameda County. Miley leads a task force that encour-

ages the public and nonprofit groups to educate and enforce anti-dumping laws.

- San Leandro Mayor Juan Gonzalez called for a public safety bond to retrofit firehouses in the State of the City address. The mayor listed his priorities, including the navigation center for the homeless and an effort to hire more police officers to fill vacancies.

May

- Letter carriers picked up a little extra for the annual "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive as residents left non-perishable food items to be picked

up. The goods go to local food banks.

- The annual Family Fest brought music, food and beer to Ashland where East 14th Street was blocked off for the event.

- Caltrans hired a company to dismantle a homeless camp between Springlake Drive and I-238. As a bulldozer moved in, homeless people left with what they could carry in shopping carts.

- People said crime is up and complained about the shortage of police officers at a meeting at the Marina

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SLHS Principal Who Was Removed From Post Resigns from School District

*By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times*

San Leandro High School's leadership remains in flux a month after the removal of co-principal Dr. Ronald Richardson and protests that followed. At the time, he remained officially employed by the district.

But the San Leandro Unified School District board met in closed session on Dec. 12 to approve a settlement with Ronald Richardson and accepted his resignation.

According to a statement made by board president Evelyn Gonzalez at the public

meeting that immediately followed the closed session, Richardson will be moving on to other opportunities and the board wished him success.

Other Principal On Leave

The other co-principal, Dr. Reginald Richardson (brother of Ronald Richardson), remains in that position but has taken a leave through the end of Winter Break, which runs to January 4, 2024. The board expects him back as principal after that.

Ms. Maite Barloga, who had been one of two assistant

principals at San Leandro High School, will be acting principal until Reginald Richardson's return.

Barloga is being supported by Monica Guzman, a principal on special assignment with the district. The open assistant principal position Barloga had held is being filled in her absence by Mark Corti, a retired administrator with the San Leandro district.

There had been an assistant principal position open prior to Ronald Richardson's removal, and the district is still working to fill that on a permanent basis.

OPINION

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More Information Needed on Dismissal of Principal

Editor,
Thank you Tanya Forsberg for following up on the dismissal of co-principal Dr. Ronald Richardson from San Leandro High School (Letters to the Editor, "Dismissal of Principal Unsubstantiated," Dec. 7, 2023). Having gotten to know Dr. Ro Richardson personally while my daughter attended SLHS, I know him to be a man of great character and integrity. I cannot imagine any impropriety or inappropriateness concerning him. I have not heard any recent details regarding his dismissal and would like the newspaper to please follow up and keep us informed.

Roy Daniels
San Leandro

Take Time to Appreciate Pride in Ownership

Editor,
As a San Leandro homeowner for the past 4 years, I have daily interaction in our Marina area neighborhoods. In a time when everyone seems to focus on complaining, negativity and problems without offering any solutions. I would like to share something positive and uplifting, everyday (weather permitting) my 6-year-old son Junior and I walk the neighborhood

and he is dribbling 2 basketballs. The positive energy and feedback from people is very encouraging and uplifting. The streets are clean from trash and debris, people are always outside maintaining yards and offering a smile with a Hello or Great Job kid! I feel this is important for my son to feel comfortable with our surrounding neighborhood and building memories at the same time. I don't feel that our neighborhoods are enjoyed anymore, everyone is busy driving across town to drop off or pick up their kids overlooking the good to focus on the bad. Just saying, take some time to appreciate your neighborhood and find your pride in ownership.

Larry Salas
San Leandro

Charge for Wrong Item in Container, but It's Not Homeowner's Fault

Editor,
Waste Management, which has the garbage pickup concession in the Ora Loma District in San Leandro has announced that it will start issuing additional charges if it encounters items placed in the wrong container, or a container is overflowing.

For example, if there is a plastic bag in the green container, you will be charged extra.

Waste Management tells customers that their containers should be out by 6 a.m. on the garbage pickup day. Since most people do not get up at 5 a.m. to take out their containers, generally containers are put out on the day prior. Since no one can police their containers all day and all night, this means that any person walking anywhere can put anything they want into any container, and you will end up paying for it.

This has happened to me. On one pickup day, I glanced into my green container, and I see someone had put a plastic bag full of garbage in it. Fortunately this was before this Waste Management policy went into effect, and I moved the garbage to the correct container.

So you, as a homeowner, who ends up being the victim of a littering or vindictive person, is going to be charged for it. Where is the morality in this?

Joseph Springer
San Leandro

War in Gaza Is Genocide

Editor,

Shame on Bruce Joffe for using Hamas as cover for his support for a racist, Apartheid state that has since October 7th killed more than 18,000 Palestinians, most of them women and children. The 4th strongest military in the world has waged a genocidal war on a civilian population that it has imprisoned in an open air prison camp after stealing their homes and land. They are mainly refugees from 75 years of ethnic cleansing.

More than 100,000 homes have been made uninhabitable. Some 2.3m Palestinians are being shuffled around a sliver of land as the Zionist regime bombs their homes, hospitals ambulances, bakeries and schools. The intent is to drive them

in to the Sinai. Water, electricity, who goes in or out, is controlled by Israel.

Right wing settlers, many of them fascists and religious extremists from numerous countries have tormented tortured and killed Palestinians in the occupied West Bank, with military support, this has been going on long before October 7. One doesn't have to be a supporter of Hamas to see what's happening here. And it's financed and supported by the US taxpayer. The US is the only nation to veto a UN resolution calling for a cease fire and freeing of all hostages. Israeli prisons in the occupied territories are full of Palestinian hostages. Netanyahu and Biden are a war criminals.

This is not a religious war. An occupied people are resisting the occupier. Jews and Muslims lived in relative harmony in this part of the world for centuries before the colonial settler theological state of Israel; it was Christian Europe that waged a genocide against Jews, not Muslims. Both Jews and Muslims are victims in this Great Game between world powers.

Richard Mellor
San Leandro

Vaccination Works

Editor,

A recent United Nations report documents 10,000 Ukrainian civilian deaths due to Russia's aggressive war. That number is dwarfed by an estimated 15,000 Palestinian civilians killed in Israel's military response to Hamas' 1,200 murders on October 7. How then should we characterize the deaths of nearly 319,000 American civilians by what Brown University medical researchers call "Covid-19 vaccine-preventable deaths?" This devastating number is higher than

a previous estimate by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, and Harvard School of Public Health, that 232,000 American deaths could have been prevented had the deceased been vaccinated.

"All of this comes down to trust – whether the political leadership creates a climate of trust in public health agencies' efforts, in the science," says Dr. Thomas Tsai, co-author of Harvard's analysis.

This deadly legacy is the crime for which Donald Trump's anti-vaccine, anti-mask, anti-science harangues must disqualify him from holding public office ever again.

Bruce Joffe
Piedmont

Consider Pon for City Council

Editor,
To Mayor Juan Gonzalez and the City Council,

In reaction to Celina Reynes' resignation, I believe Ken Pon should be considered as a highly qualified candidate for appointment to the City Council, District 1. He has served the city of San Leandro our entire 42 years of living here.

"He goes to meetings and I teach school," is what I used to say to many people we encountered throughout our community. Consequently, there was a natural progression for him wanting to be on the City Council.

Of course, he was very disappointed in the last election, but he continued being involved with city matters, as well as being consulted for his opinions on future city projects. At this point in our lives and with the vacancy opening, I strongly feel that Ken Pon qualifies and has earned being appointed to the City Council.

Marilyn Fong
San Leandro

Hesperian: 'I know what he was doing – free-basing cocaine'

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homeless people.

Some residents say they've seen drug use inside a garbage can enclosure.

"I've lived in some neighborhoods not as nice as this one," said longtime Hesperian Gardens resident Bonita Kitt, speaking about someone she suspects of drug use. "And I know what he was doing in there. He was free-basing cocaine."

A man ran through the complex throwing rocks and other objects at residents, and an outside electrical outlet is tapped by people from the encampment — to blast loud music at condo residents all night, several residents claimed.

There's even the fear of running over people sleeping on or beside the one road leading into Hesperian Gardens, especially when people drive to work on dark winter mornings, said one resident who declined to give her name.

Residents including Bonita Kitt and Will Huang said their complaints to the condominium board of directors have gone unheard, and until recently so had their complaints both to the city and to the railroad.

Huang, a longtime resident who spoke through an interpreter, said they were heartened by a recent letter from Janelle Cameron, assistant city manager, and the involvement of City Councilman Bryan Azevedo, whose district includes the complex.

"The city seemed to feel until recently that because people were on private land, there was nothing they could do," Huang said. "It might be private land, but it's a public nuisance."

Azevedo said that he met several times with the railroad, and praised their willingness to clean up after the encampment residents.

"They've cleaned up several times, but they can't do a major cleanup every single day," Azevedo said. "People leave, and the trash is cleared, but then they're back within days, and it starts accumulating again."

The encampment is one of several along railroad tracks and elsewhere in San Leandro that has caused trouble, Azevedo said.

The camp residents are complaining about is along Union Pacific Railroad tracks just past Bayfair Mall. The sign pointing into Hesperian

Gardens is a few feet past the tracks.

That sign has been obscured by piles of trash and graffiti, Huang said.

Kitt said that normally, a condo board would pressure the city to make the area safe, but this doesn't happen because none of the board members live in the complex, she said. They live elsewhere, one as far away as Las Vegas, and rent the units out, she said.

The property management company isn't local, either, she said. It is located in Livermore, and residents' calls have been returned slowly if at all, according to Kitt.

Kitt would certainly like management to fix that gate that is supposed to limit access to the complex, but which has been under repair for several years. Residents have been paying a \$450 monthly assessment that whole time to repair it, she said.

Calls to the management company for comment were not immediately returned.

Kitt is concerned about the safety of residents in case of fire or the driveway being blocked when an ambulance is needed.

There had been a resident manager at the complex, but



PHOTO BY MIKE MCGUIRE

Trash is piled up by the sign pointing into the Hesperian Gardens condominiums on Hesperian Boulevard.

she recently moved away and sold her unit. It was bought by the Schabert family, and the parents of young children sometimes work different schedules. They're worried about their children's safety in case of fire.

"My father is there," said mother Rowieh, a nurse. "But he's older and not as mobile as he used to be if they all had to leave quickly."

"Do we have to wait until

something bad happens to clean it up?" she asked.

Huang was concerned that some of the unhoused residents might have come from the John George mental health facility on Fairmont Avenue, a long walk or short bus ride up the hill from Bayfair Mall.

Huang said that might explain what happened to his wife in 2021, when one of her tires was punctured by glass in the driveway, and a man then jumped out waving a broken bottle and threatened to kill her. She ignored the flat tire and sped onto Hesperian as best as her damaged car could

to escape the danger, he said.

Councilman Azevedo said that dangerous situations involving homeless encampments were occurring there and elsewhere, and that he is planning to soon introduce legislation to limit encampments to approved sites. Unhoused people would also be welcome to move to the city's Navigation Center on Lewelling Boulevard when it opens.

"We need to have compassion for the homeless, but also have compassion for other residents, homeowners and businesses," Azevedo said. "They live here, too."

2023: Cherry Festival returns; rash of trees cut down; did post office install boxes backwards?

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Community Center. Several people described being robbed or assaulted on the street. One man said we could build a new City Hall if we just enforced the traffic laws.

• Customers in the drive-through lane at the South San Leandro Post Office wondered why the new mailboxes are turned around the wrong way, so the slot to deposit mail is not facing your car as you pull up. People thought it was a mistake. But it turns out it's part of the Postal Services new program to prevent mail theft.

June

• The Cherry Festival

comes back with a parade, food and music as The Purple Ones, a Prince tribute band, entertained the crowd.

• The longtime neighborhood bar, The Washington Club, got notice that the new property owner wasn't going to renew its lease, so the bar's last day was June 4, a Sunday, and all the customers came that day for one more big party.

• EBMUD presented plans to expand its underground reservoir to store water in case of severe drought. The Bayside Facility in San Lorenzo stores water in an aquifer sealed off by layers of clay.

• A Washington Manor resident called attention to a rash of trees being cut down by property owners, even though the city is trying to encourage more trees. Some residents trim trees down so much that all that's left is practically a stump.

• Alameda County Industries raised garbage bills by 9 percent. The annual increase is

usually below 5 percent.

• Two men were killed and a girl was injured in a crash on Davis Street of a car that was running from Alameda County Sheriff's Department deputies. The car was reported carjacked a day earlier and possibly involved in a murder in Manteca. Deputies attempted to make a stop but the driver sped away.

Eva Luz Rivera Guerrero Saunders

Eva Luz Rivera Guerrero Saunders, 85 died September 20th, 2023 in Hayward California.

She was born in Vicam Sonora, Mexico to Irene and Manuel Rivera, was preceded in death by Manuel River, Irene Guerreo and Ester Guerreo and is survived by Octavio Saunders, Nina Mimnaugh, Javier Saunders, James Saunders.

A celebration of life will be held at 1:00 pm Jan 13th, 2024 Redwood Chapel Community Church. 19300 Redwood Rd, Castro Valley, CA 94546 (Williams Chapel)



Evelyn Marie Becker

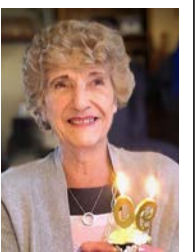
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Resident of San Leandro

Evelyn Marie Becker, 93, of San Leandro passed away on December 9, 2023. Evelyn was born January 8, 1930 to Mary and Manuel Freitas, the youngest of five siblings. Evelyn graduated from San Leandro High School and briefly attended U.C. Berkeley. She married Donald Becker in 1951 and went on to have six children. Her husband served on the San Leandro Police Department for 34 years and was Chief of Police from 1975 until retirement in 1986.

Evelyn was preceded in death by Don in 2000, three brothers and one sister. She is survived by her six children: Kathleen (Bill) Kellar, Jenny Santos, Don Becker, John (Janis) Becker, Barbara Becker and Bill (Sunshine) Becker. She was adored and will be greatly missed by her ten grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Until her illness slowed her down earlier this year, Evelyn led a busy and active life with her church, friends and family. She was a devoted member of St. Felicitas Catholic Church. She loved to travel and socialize, but most of all she loved spending time with her large and boisterous family. Evelyn will be greatly missed by her family and those fortunate enough to have known her, but her memory will live on through the lives she touched and the love she shared.

Visitation will be Wednesday, December 27th from 4-8 pm at Santos-Robinson Mortuary, 160 Estudillo Ave. San Leandro, with the Vigil for the Deceased at 6:00 pm. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Thursday, December 28th, 10:30 am at St. Felicitas Catholic Church, 1662 Manor Blvd, San Leandro. The Rite of Committal and Burial will follow, 12:30 pm at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, 26320 Mission Blvd, Hayward, CA. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to St. Felicitas Church or the American Cancer Society.



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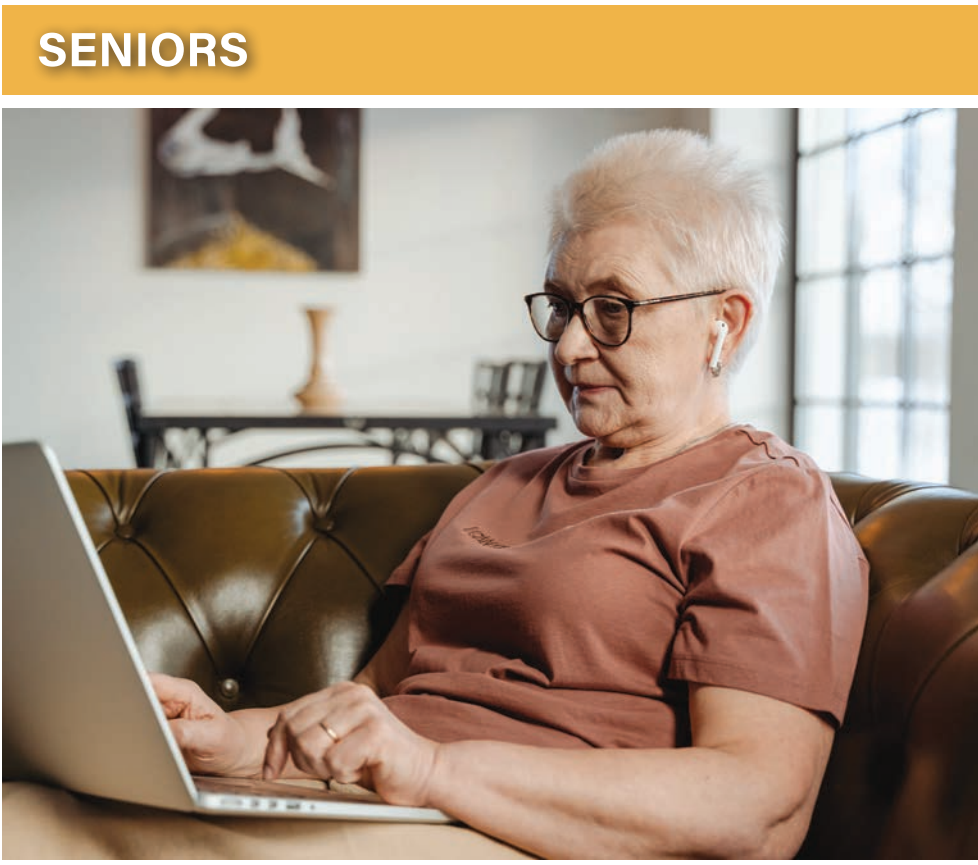
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Toy Donation – The Roosevelt Elementary School Dad’s Club sets up toy donation bins at the school every year to donate to the Alameda County Firefighters Local 55 Toy Drive. They dropped off the toys this year at San Leandro Station 9 on Sunday at the Santa at the Firehouse event. In the photo are (left to right) Firefighter Jackson Pasquini, Santa Clause, Mayor Juan Gonzalez, Roosevelt Dad’s Club President Javier Garcia-Flores with his children Helayna and Joaquin, Firefighter Markus Powell, and Capt. James Cobbs.



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PUTTING PEOPLE OVER POLITICS

Get Educated About Scams

By Matilda Charles
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

There is a movement online among the children of seniors to instruct us about scams we might come across. All sorts of advice is being handed out to them about how to approach us with these scam facts, mostly falling in the “gentle” category to be sure we’re not offended by being told we could become a victim of a scam.

I can see where this could go. Amongst the advice about possible financial scams there could be “suggestions” that we perhaps turn the management of our money over to others. Or perhaps it would mean someone else would balance

our checkbook each month to verify just where our money is going.

I don’t think so.

The way around this – should these types of discussions come to your house via well-meaning others – is to be one step ahead and be very well versed in the typical scams that are aimed at seniors.

In a banking scam, you know not to click any email links or give any information over the phone. You hang up and call the bank directly to ask if they called you.

In the charity scams, you’ll be asked to give money over the phone. Don’t do it. If you want to give, send a check directly to the charity.

In the grandparent scam, a fake grandchild will call and say he’s in trouble and needs bail money. No, you’ll simply hang up.

No, the IRS will never call and insist you make a payment with gift cards.

In the romance scam where a fake online love interest suddenly needs cash, you won’t hand over a single dime. Period.

Go here to read about the various scams: www.aarp.org. Put “Fraud Resource Center” in the search box to get the details on the 70 scams listed. Know what you’re talking about when others come to you to “educate” you about scams.

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