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Nurses Strike at SL Hospital

Nurses at San Leandro Hospital went on a 5-day strike, starting on Wednesday in protest of what nurses say is unsafe staffing during the pandemic and other concerns. The nurses at both San Leandro and Alameda hospitals are striking. They say the

county's Alameda Health System is not bargaining in good faith, and short staffing puts patients in jeopardy. The strike and rallies will run through Monday at both hospitals. A story with more information will appear here next week.

Rematch: Hernandez Vs. Azevedo

City Council District 2 race

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

San Leandro voters have two choices this November in the District 2 City Council race.

Incumbent Ed Hernandez and challenger Bryan Azevedo are campaigning as San Leandro recovers financially from the pandemic, and tries to ease tensions between law enforcement and residents. The two candidates previously faced off in 2016 with Hernandez taking the open seat.

District 2 is located in the southeast part of San Leandro. Along with citywide issues, the new representative will need to work with residents on a planned, mixed-use "transit village" at Bayfair Mall and the Bay Fair BART Station.

The San Leandro Chamber of Commerce hosted a virtual chat with each candidate last Tuesday. Questions included what each candidate might do with a potential \$1.7 million that the City Council voted back in June to reallocate from police coffers to be applied to other city services.

"I would have to look into that with the city staff because the budget is a reflection of my values," Azevedo said during the Chamber Q&A. "We have a lot of underserved and underprivileged here in San Leandro. So I would have to look at the budget and see where we could use it. We have a lot of workers and the city staff is really under-budgeted."

The chamber then asked Her-

nandez for his perspective.

"I think a majority of the money needs to go towards Covid-19 recovery, making sure people can stay safe in their

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Developers, Pot Biz Make Big Donations

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

Campaign finance statements appeared last week on the City of San Leandro website, showing who's backing who in the 2020 campaign.

City Councilman Ed Hernandez, running in District 2, has received contributions this year, through Sept. 19, of \$29,000 with expenditures of \$24,000.

Some of Hernandez' biggest contributors are Alco Iron & Metal Co. which gave Hernandez \$1,250 this year; and auto dealer Anthony Batarse, who was behind turning Marina Boulevard into auto row, with a contribution of \$1,500, according to campaign

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Demos Quirk and Villalobos Vie for Assembly

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

A former NASA scientist and nuclear physicist is matching up against a union labor manager and legal assistant to represent California's 20th Assembly District this November.

Incumbent Bill Quirk and challenger Alexis Villalobos, both Democrats, managed to get the two top votes in the 2020 primary back in March and are looking to lead Castro Valley, Hayward and the Eden Area out of the pandemic and into the future.

The top issues in California's 20th include addressing housing and homelessness, increasing funding for schools and teachers, and reducing our greenhouse gas footprint in a way that strengthens the economy.

The differences between the

two candidates' plans are within the details. Quirk is looking for housing fixes by increasing home building with low-cost loans. He also wants the state to enforce the regional housing needs allocation (RHNA) for what he calls "realistic zoning."

Villalobos says he wants funds for public schools, students, and teachers by closing corporate tax loopholes and reinvesting in public education. As his grandfather was a migrant who volunteered for the United Farm Workers, and his father was a union construction worker in San Francisco, Villalobos wants more workplace democracy and to reduce wage theft.

Villalobos graduated from Hayward's public schools and became the first in his family



Assemblymember Quirk



Alexis Villalobos

to earn a college degree when he graduated from Occidental College in Los Angeles.

As an organizer for SEIU local 87, Villalobos led a successful

campaign to reinstate a group of wrongfully terminated janitors at the San Francisco Superior Courthouse, and he worked on

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CITY COUNCIL

Council meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 7 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

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PETS OF THE WEEK



Venus



Simon and Tanner

friendly. She will happily greet new people with a purr.

Simon and Tanner are both 5-year-old, neutered males and are sweet and laid back.

All three will vie for attention. They love laying in cuddle puddles, eating greenie treats, and taking turns getting pets from their favorite people. All three have wonderful personalities and like to keep things neat and tidy.

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal shelter are an affectionate feline trio looking for a home together.

Their elderly owner passed away and his wish was that the cats not be separated.

Venus is a 7-year-old, spayed female who is confident and

This Day in History: October 8

• In 1860, a telegraph line was completed between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

• In 1871, the Great Fire of Chicago destroyed over 4 square

miles of buildings and killed 200.

• In 1930, the Philadelphia A's beat St. Louis to win the World Series.

• In 1933, Coit Tower dedicated.



PHOTO COURTESY THE KIWANIS CLUB

The Kiwanis Club met and elected new officers, while social distancing.

Kiwanis Club Installs New Officers At a Social Distancing Meeting

By Ursula Machado-Beito
Special to the Times

The Kiwanis Club of San Leandro hosted its 97th Installation Ceremony on Sept. 19 – and the club's first tailgate celebration – thanking the outgoing club officers and welcoming the

new ones.

It was the first time in six months the club reunited at Kiwanis West at 2777 Alvarado St. – with social-distancing and mask safety protocols in place – to celebrate a year of service.

Due to Covid-19, the club (along with most of the world) has become savvy Zoom users and embraces the new life of virtual meetings.

Despite the changes, the club's commitment has remained steadfast with service projects to support the San Leandro community, especially during a dire time of need.

If you're looking for an opportunity to make an impact within our local schools and organizations, the club would love to hear from you.

The Kiwanis Club meets every Tuesday at noon via Zoom. Contact the club on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/SLKiwanis>.

The officers of the Kiwanis Club of San Leandro are:

- President: Donna Wilson
- President-Elect: Ursula Machado-Beito
- Vice President: Rob Bae
- Secretary: Peggy Walters
- Treasurer: Bruce Hennings
- Immediate Past President: Lyman Alexander

Alta Mira Open House

The Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave. in San Leandro, will host an open house on Sunday, Oct. 11, from 2 to 5 p.m. Tour the historic Ygnacio Peralta House and hear a presentation about the house and the recently restored stained glass windows. Social distancing and masks required.

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Rematch: Candidates competing on social media, lawn signs

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homes,” Hernandez said during the Chamber event. “What is also important to me is to look at a potential police oversight committee to look at what our solutions are there.”

Azevedo for Stable Housing, Tenant Protections

Azevedo is a fourth-generation San Leandro resident and tradesman with the Sheet Metal Workers Local 104. His list of priorities includes providing stable housing with tenant protections and homeless support; community protections for future

emergencies as well as preparing to adapt to climate change; and adopting more timely responses to emergency problems such as the pandemic, its connected economic downturn, fires, earthquakes, and other disasters.

“We’re still dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic which we can expect to have economic repercussions,” Azevedo said in a statement. “There is also the looming threat of climate change that will affect our community. We must be prepared. I am not satisfied with our city’s response to coronavirus. We need to and can do better. When the shel-

ter-in-place orders went into effect, I sprang into action making check-up calls to vulnerable residents, delivering groceries, and providing meals to those in need.”

Azevedo’s campaign has not gone without some hiccups. The Alameda County Department of Environmental Health ordered him to stop serving meals from



Ed Hernandez

his driveway back in June. Azevedo says he served an estimated 3,000 meals to support families impacted by the pandemic.

Hernandez for Recovery Efforts, Housing, Health

Hernandez is a real estate manager and the current District 2 council member. Hernandez says he is primarily focused on local recovery efforts including supporting food, housing, and health services through the recession. His priorities include more efforts to support family health and public safety efforts, including increasing 911 capacity. Hernan-

dez is also focused on infrastructure improvements and associated jobs.

“I will continue my partnerships with residents, community and business leaders, neighborhood associations, and elected officials to maintain the partnerships for after-school programs for children and teens, provide solutions to address homelessness, expand housing for future generations that our workforce can afford, help local businesses thrive and repair our streets and potholes – making our roads safer while creating jobs,” Hernandez said in a statement.

When asked if as an incumbent there are any council votes he made that in hindsight he regrets or had unintended consequences, Hernandez pointed to housing.

“I think something that wasn’t ready for prime time was the



Bryan Azevedo

mobile (home) rent ordinance protection,” Hernandez told the Chamber of Commerce. “There were going to be maybe quite a few issues and we’ve seen those. I could have just supported it, but ultimately we have to make sure the people who want to stay in San Leandro can do so if they choose and find a way to provide that opportunity.”

Azevedo is endorsed by the Alameda County Democratic Party, the California Democratic Party, SEIU-UHW 1021, Our Revolution San Leandro, and by two current San Leandro City Council members: Victor Aguilar Jr. and Benny Lee. He is also endorsed by Alameda County Supervisor Richard Valle and San Leandro District 4 candidate Fred Simon.

Hernandez has the support of several groups including the Sierra Club, the Alameda County Firefighters Union Local 55, and the Building & Trades Council of Alameda County. Hernandez is also endorsed by San Leandro Mayor, Pauline Cutter, Alameda County Supervisor, Wilma Chan, and State 18th Assembly District representative, Rob Bonta.

Donations: If you’ve got the money, honey...

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finance statements filed with the city clerk’s office.

The California Apartment Association PAC gave Hernandez \$1,500 this year. The International Association of Firefighters Local 55 PAC gave him \$1,000. Lee Thomas, an Oakland school district administrator and former city councilman, gave Hernandez \$1,050.

Hernandez received \$1,000 from Gordon Galvan, and \$2,500 from real estate developer Ed Miller of Cal Coast Properties, the company that is developing the San Leandro Marina; and \$500 from Tom Silva, who recently got the City Council’s approval to build an apartment building on Bancroft Avenue.

In 2019, Silva also made a \$2,500 contribution to the Hernandez campaign, according to candidate financial forms.

Hernandez received smaller contributions, between \$100 and \$200, from some local political figures – former City Council members Surlene Grant and Michael Gregory, and former school board member Louis Heystek.

Hernandez received \$250

from John Oram of Bloom Innovations, a cannabis company that got a license to operate from the City Council. Hernandez received \$2,500 from DSWC Inc., a cannabis retailer owned by Oram.

The Hernandez campaign’s expenditures include payments to companies that produce mailers, and \$4,500 to political consultants, the Lew Edwards Group.

contributor is the Operating Engineers Local 3 with \$2,000.

A number of individual contributors gave the Azevedo campaign a couple hundred dollars. Azevedo loaned \$5,000 to his own campaign.

Azevedo spent \$3,300 on lawn signs, and \$1,500 to a company for data base access.

Fred Simon

Fred Simon’s campaign had taken in around \$7,000 this year, as of Sept. 19., with contributions of \$500 each from the Sheet Metal Workers Local 104; Plumbers,

Bryan Azevedo

Bryan Azevedo, who is running against Hernandez, has received contributions of \$11,000 this year. Azevedo’s biggest

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Alison Hayden Challenges Swalwell For 15th District Congressional Seat

Republican Alison Hayden of Hayward is challenging Rep. Eric Swalwell to represent California's 15th Congressional District, which includes Castro Valley, San Leandro, San Lorenzo, Hayward, and other parts of Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

Hayden, 61, says she is concerned that the distresses due to the pandemic, California wildfires and civil unrest from Black Lives Matter and Antifa will spill over into suburban communities.

"We need to be prepared. I'm all about local planning, law enforcement and local preparedness," she says.

She also says Swalwell has gone too far left on issues such as gun control.

"The Second Amendment is not about deer hunting," says Hayden. "It's keeping the government in check."

She also says firearms are necessary for self-protection when police can't respond immediately.

Hayden says she believes she has a lot to contribute to the district with her experience and background. She was born in Sacramento and raised in an Air Force family stationed in



Alison Hayden
Candidate for Congress

Taiwan. She graduated from a boarding high school in Taiwan and attended U.C. Berkeley for her Bachelor's degree and London School of Economics for her Master's.

Hayden faces an uphill battle against Swalwell in the heavily Democratic district. She received 17 percent of the vote in the March 3 Primary against Swalwell's 59 percent. The other 24 percent was divided among one other Republican, one Independent,

and three other Democrats. In addition, Swalwell has appeared frequently on cable news and the TV networks since the election of Donald Trump.

Hayden says that one of the greatest threats facing the country is that citizens are not getting timely, accurate information, because there is no standard or accountability for the media.

"People are upset with each other, but is it real?" she asks.

She says most people actually have a lot in common, and just want to live the best kind of lives they can.

"Strength is from the family and the local level, not the state," she says.

On national issues, Hayden's website advocates completing the border wall, funding and supporting law and order, ensuring transparency about the way tax money is spent, and creating protections against technologies and inputs authored by antagonistic regimes.

She says that we don't have enough correct information to determine if climate change exists or is caused by carbon dioxide, but that there are Nobel Peace Prize winners who think it's "malarkey." She says she does not support abortion unless the woman's life is in danger.

More information on Alison Hayden is available on her website: alison-hayden-for-congress.com. She can be reached by e-mail at AlisonCongress2020@protonmail.com for comments and questions.

Davis Street Walmart Reopens

The Walmart store on Davis Street held a re-opening ceremony last Friday to welcome back customers and announce donations to local nonprofits.

The store had been closed since the night of widespread looting across San Leandro on May 31.

During the closure, Walmart has repaired the damage and made several improvements to the store in the Westgate Center, including remodeling the entire store.

The electronics section is new and interactive displays have been installed. The grocery section has been expanded with more Hispanic and Asian foods now available, due to customer demand.

The store now has express delivery where a customer's order arrives within two hours. And the store now has Walmart Pay, a touch-free way to pay.

"The store team is excited to be back serving the San Leandro community and we are thankful for our customers' patience as we remodeled the store," said John Larkin, San Leandro Walmart store manager. "We think customers will like our new and improved store."

The Davis Street Walmart presented community grants to two local nonprofits – \$1,000 grant to the Interfaith Homeless Network to support its April Showers program which gives area homeless the opportunity to take showers, receive meals and access to several services; and a \$1,000 grant to Imagine



PHOTOS COURTESY OF WALMART

Walmart held a ribbon cutting ceremony last Friday to announce the reopening of the store on Davis Street.



That Kids which helps provide school support and educational programs to children of incarcerated parents, foster children, and children who are homeless or underprivileged.

"I am proud to join the San Leandro store in celebrating their new beginning," said San Leandro Mayor Pauline Cutter. "Walmart has been a long-time integral member of our community I am elated that this store is reopened to continue serving our

community."

The Davis Street store employs approximately 350 associates who were temporarily transferred to other Bay Area Walmart stores while the San Leandro store on Davis Street was closed for the renovations and remodeling.

The store has put Covid-19 protective measures in place to protect its employees and customers. Store hours will be 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Oakland Aviation Museum

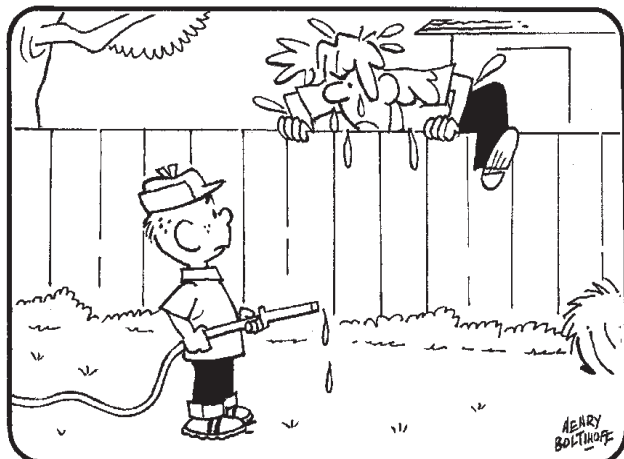
The Oakland Aviation Museum is open to the public for outdoor viewing only, Wednesday through Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Indoor exhibits will remain closed until the current restrictions are lifted.

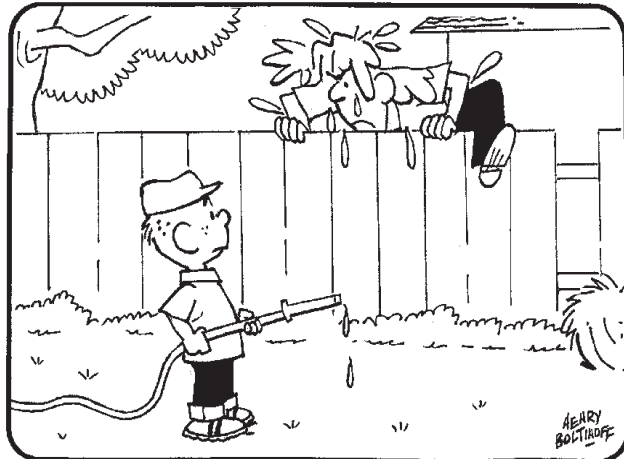
The museum features many famous aircraft and is located at the Oakland Airport's North Field, 8252 Earhart Road in Oakland, just off Doolittle Drive.

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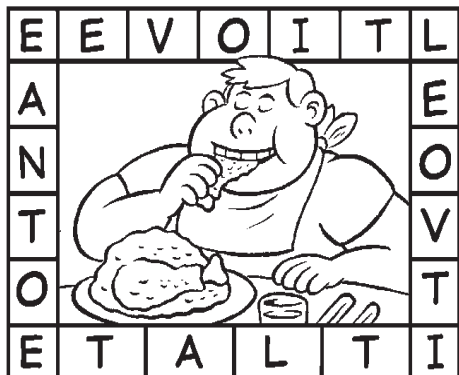
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Boy's hat is different. 2. Fence board is missing. 3. Horse is longer. 4. Window is missing. 5. Tree is fuller. 6. Man's nose is different.



A WISE PIECE OF ADVICE! Hidden in the above frame is a famous proverb. You can find it by reading every other letter as you go around it counter-clockwise. The trick is finding the right first letter.

Answer: Starting with "E" in the bottom left corner: "Eat to live, not live to eat."

"HI, DIDDLE, DIDDLE, THE CAT AND THE RIDDLE!"

You'll be in the catbird seat if you can solve these two puzzles:

1. What is a library cat?
2. What cat loves water?



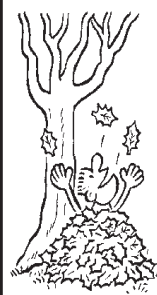
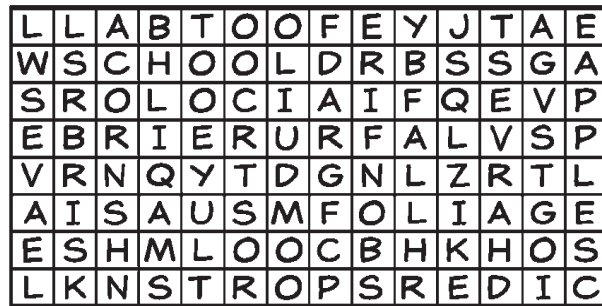
Answers: 1. A catalog. 2. A catamaran.

LINK-UPS! Here's a list of 12 one-syllable words, divided into two columns. Turn them into six longer words by linking them together. To do this, draw a line from one word in the left column to one word in the right.

Answers: Allowed, leered, leered, ranked, ranked, wealthy, wealthy, wealthy, wealthy, wealthy, wealthy, wealthy.



A PROBLEM FOR THE "SEASONED" PUZZLER!



Hidden in the above diagram are 19 words associated with the FALL season. They can be found by reading up or down, side to side, or diagonally. Letters can be used more than once. Listed below are the 19 words you're looking for:

Acorns	College	Football
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1. ALL THY
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3. LEE SURE
4. WEAL OWED
5. OFF LED
6. TON RED

Four Vie for Two Seats on Oro Loma Board of Directors

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

Four candidates are vying for two seats on the Oro Loma Sanitary District in the November election, two incumbents and two challengers.

Incumbent Dan Walters, the current board president, is running for re-election, along with appointed incumbent Bob Glaze, who filled the vacancy created when Juan Diaz left the board two years ago. Challengers are Paul Stelzmann, chief plant operator with EBMUD (East Bay Municipal Utility District), and Benny Lee, a San Leandro City Councilmember who's prevented from running again for that seat by term limits.

Ora Loma provides sewage services to about 40 percent of San Leandrans, plus the communities of Ashland, Cherryland, unincorporated Hayward and part of Castro Valley.

All four candidates agree that sewage rates need to be kept low while the district continues to replace aging pipes and other equipment. Ora Loma has historically had the lowest sewage rates in Alameda County, and often in the Bay Area and state.

Bob Glaze

Glaze was a long-time member of the San Leandro City Council, first elected in 1984 and serving until 2005 with a four-year break in the middle. He wants to accelerate and enhance what the district is currently doing, such as speeding up the rate of pipe replacement. He also wants to continue working with other agencies such as U.C. Berkeley to develop new technologies and ideas.

Glaze points with pride to Ora Loma's horizontal levee, a sloping vegetated area that gently breaks waves on the Bay while filtering out some pollutants before they can reach the Bay.

Challenges he sees ahead are keeping pharmaceutical waste out of the Bay, dealing with rising sea levels that could threaten the district's treatment plant and expanding the use of recycled water for non-drinking uses such as landscaping. Keeping costs down while doing this is also important, Glaze said.

"We've (the current board) been able to do things for the future rather than simply maintain them as they are," he said.

Glaze also stresses the importance of community involvement in the district's mission. At a Sept. 25 candidate forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters, he said it is important to get out into the community and listen to people talking about what they need and what they'd like the district to do.

Dan Walters

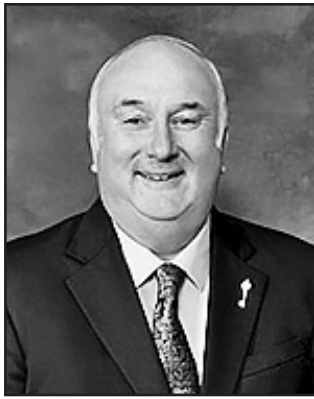
Dan Walters was first appointed to the board to fill a vacancy, and then about a year later in 2016 was elected to it. He now serves as the board president, along with being chair of the East Bay Dischargers Authority (EBDA), which regulates discharges into the Bay by local governments and special districts.

Walters is proud of having helped kept Ora Loma's rates the lowest in the Bay Area and often in the state. He's also proud of the recently completed renegotiation of a 40-year agreement with EBDA, which resulted in Ora Loma paying a lower share of total costs of protecting the Bay than for the previous 40 years.

"We should stick to what we do and that will keep rates low," Walters said.

Walters is skeptical of increased water recycling, which he said the district has researched.

"We don't really have a market for more recycled water now, and won't for another two



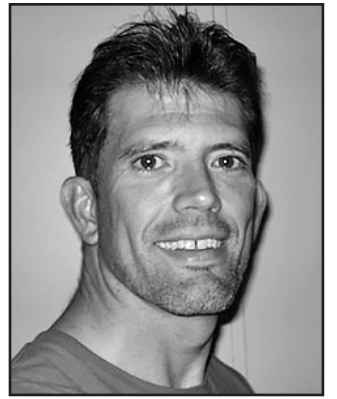
Bob Glaze



Dan Walters



Benny Lee



Paul Stelzmann

or three decades," Walters said. "If the market does arise, we can respond quickly to supply its need in a year or so. But it's very expensive to do so if that market isn't there."

Walters sees the need to work closely with regulators, to see what's coming based on science. That knowledge, he said, will help keep compliance costs lower as rules and conditions change.

Walters first got interested in sewage as a ten-year-old Cub Scout on a field trip to the local sewage plant, he said. While he didn't become a sewage engineer, he was awakened to engineering in general. He became a chemical engineer, and today is CEO of Copper Harbor Inc., a specialty chemical producer in San Leandro.

Benny Lee

Benny Lee said he wasn't

really planning to run for the Ora Loma board until everyone was forced to shelter in place for Covid-19. He realized that, though he was in his last year on the San Leandro City Council, he still had knowledge and skills to offer other public agencies who face immediate critical challenges.

Lee cites his familiarity with technology, and how it can be used for public purposes, as an important set of skills he can offer. His full-time job is as director of public wi-fi for San Mateo County, and he brought a set of fiscal management tools to San Leandro when he joined the council.

Those have made the lives of department directors much easier, he said, letting them easily plan out years into the future instead of relying on educated guesses.

Lee thinks that communica-

tions with the community is key to the district doing its job well, and that communication has to be in the various languages the community speaks. A recent survey in San Leandro showed that 51 percent of the city's residents spoke a primary language other than English, and that 36 percent did not speak English at all.

A recent state law requires more recycling of organic wastes, Lee said.

"We will be charged if we don't meet those goals," he said. "It is vital that people need to understand what we need to do and why."

Lee made an unusual request related to getting encouragement and advice from Bob Glaze at the outset of his public involvement. Don't vote for him instead of Glaze, Lee said, give Glaze your vote before casting your other

vote for him.

Paul Stelzmann

Paul Stelzmann works day to day as a sewage plant operator for the East Bay Municipal District (EBMUD), and said he is running for the Ora Loma board because he wants a new challenge in the industry he's already working in.

Stelzmann likes what the board has been doing, but thinks he would bring a different perspective to the board from his daily work. He wants the board to stay fiscally responsible, keeping costs down while maintaining or improving needed infrastructure.

Stelzmann said the board also needs to ensure that the pumping plants keep operating if there are fire-related power shutoffs.

"I want to do the best job possible to ensure the best possible service at the lowest possible rate," Stelzmann said.

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That's why the city usually stages its Sausage and Suds Music Festival this time of year. Like so many other events, it's on hiatus for 2020 because of the pandemic.

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Cooking sausages is easy. Some people recommend pricking them with a fork. If you don't, they may split while cooking, which is not a problem. They just won't look as pretty.

A simple way to cook any kind of links is to poach them in water (or beer or wine) until just cooked through and firm, about 20 minutes. Then grill or fry them until they've browned nicely.

SKILLET SAUSAGE & RICE

1 (16-ounce) package smoked sausage

1 small onion, chopped
1 medium-size green bell pepper, chopped
1 garlic clove, minced
1 cup chicken broth
2 (3.5-ounce) bags quick-cooking brown rice
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
Chopped fresh parsley

Cut sausage into 1/2-inch slices. Sauté in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat 8 to 10 minutes or until lightly browned.

Remove sausage slices, and drain on paper towels, reserving 1 tablespoon of drippings in skillet.

Add bell pepper, onion, and garlic to skillet, and sauté over medium-high heat 4 minutes or until tender. Add chicken broth, stirring to loosen particles from bottom of skillet, and bring to a boil.

Remove rice from cooking bag; add rice, sausage, salt, and pepper to skillet. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover, and cook 5 minutes or until rice is tender. Garnish with parsley if desired. Serves 4 to 6.

BRATWURST IN BEER SAUCE

4 bratwursts

1 to 2 tablespoons flour
1 to 2 tablespoons butter
1 (12-ounce) bottle dark beer
3 to 4 tablespoons gingersnap crumbs

1 tablespoon grated onion
Salt and pepper
Several tablespoons concentrated beef stock
1 to 2 tablespoons lemon juice

Prick bratwurst with a fork to keep them from bursting and dredge them in flour. Melt butter in skillet and fry wurst on both sides. Remove them from skillet and set aside.

Pour beer into skillet and scrape off the browned particles clinging to the side and bottom of the skillet. Sprinkle in the gingersnap crumbs and grated onion and cook together for about 10 minutes. Season to taste with salt, pepper, a little beef stock and lemon juice, and cook for 2 or 3 minutes more. Reduce heat, returning the bratwurst to the skillet and cook until heated through. Makes 2 to 4 servings.

SAUSAGE SPAGHETTI

1 tablespoon olive oil
1 yellow onion, finely chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 7-to-8 inch sweet sausage link
1 7-to-8 inch Italian hot and spicy sausage link
1 large (28 oz.) can of whole peeled tomatoes
1 (16 oz.) package spaghetti
Salt
Freshly grated Parmesan cheese

Heat a tablespoon of olive oil in a large skillet on medium heat. Add the chopped onion and cook until translucent, about 5 minutes. Add the minced garlic and cook a minute more.

While onions cook, put a large pot of salted water on to boil for the pasta.

Remove onion and garlic from the pan and set aside. Remove sausage meat from the casings and add to the pan, breaking up the meat as you add it to the pan.

Cook on medium to medium high heat until lightly browned.

Lightly purée the whole peeled canned tomatoes (and juices) in a blender, and add to the skillet with the sausage meat. Add the cooked onions and garlic.

Once the pasta water has come to a rolling boil, add the spaghetti pasta. Allow the water to return to a rolling boil. Cook, uncovered, with a vigorous boil, for as long as the directions on the pasta package say, usually about 9-12 minutes. When pasta is cooked but still a little firm, remove the pot from the heat. Drain the pasta and place it in a serving bowl.

Serve immediately. Toss with the sauce and garnish with grated Parmesan cheese. Serves 3 or 4.

SAUSAGE WITH APPLES & SAUERKRAUT

1 large onion, quartered and sliced
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 large apples, peeled, cored, and diced
2 cups apple juice
1 tablespoon vinegar
4 tablespoons light brown sugar
2 pounds cold pack sauerkraut, rinsed and drained
2 pounds smoked sausage
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1 teaspoon of caraway seeds, or to taste, optional

Heat oven to 425°F.

In a large ovenproof sauté pan or Dutch oven over medium heat, sauté the onion and sliced sausages in olive oil until onion is golden and sausage is lightly browned, about 5 to 7 minutes. Add the apples and sauté for 1 minute longer. Add apple juice, vinegar, brown sugar, sauerkraut, and pepper. Add caraway seeds, if using.

Cover and bake for 1 hour. Serve with crusty rolls or biscuits and a tossed salad. Serves 8 to 10.

SAUSAGE & PEPPERS

8 Italian sausage links, sliced

1 large can Hunts Tomato Sauce
1 green bell pepper
1 large onion, sliced
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
1 teaspoon fresh basil or 1/2 teaspoon dried
1/2 teaspoon fresh oregano or 1/4 teaspoon dried
3 tablespoons olive oil
4 cloves garlic, whole
1/4 jalapeño pepper, minced
1 bay leaf
1 small can mushrooms
1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar

Slice the sausage into 1-1/2 inch thick slices. Core and slice the pepper, and slice the onion lengthwise, 1/2 inch thick. Finely mince the hot pepper (or substitute dried red pepper flakes or cayenne powder). Adjust amount according to spiciness desired.

Brown the sliced sausage in the olive oil. When the sausage is half done, add the whole cloves of garlic and allow to brown in oil. If garlic browns too quickly, remove momentarily from the pan. When sausage is done, crush the garlic cloves into the oil with the tines of a fork. Add the peppers, onions and cook until edges of onions begin to brown.

Deglaze the pan with the balsamic vinegar. Reduce heat and

add the sauce, bay leaf, and remaining ingredients. Simmer over very low heat for 30 minutes. In the final 5 minutes, add the can of mushrooms. Adjust seasonings, adding salt and pepper to taste.

Remove bay leaf and serve with crusty French bread. Serves 4-5.

For an added treat, layer on a bit of Parmesan or mozzarella cheese and place under the broiler 2-3 minutes before serving.

BAKED SAUSAGE & BEANS

2 pounds dried pinto beans
1 tablespoons baking soda
1 pounds dark brown sugar
8 ounces molasses
2 tablespoons prepared mustard
1 pound sausage sliced
1 white onion quartered
1 can tomatoes with green chilies
2 teaspoons freshly ground black pepper
1/4 cup Worcestershire sauce

Wash beans and soak overnight.

When ready to cook, cut sausage at a diagonal into 1-1/2 inch pieces. Combine all ingredients in large pot and fill with water.

Cook in 300°F oven for 6 hours. Makes 8 servings.



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SENIORS

The Real Deal: Helping Seniors Detect Fake News, Propaganda

Q: Are there any resources that you know of that can help seniors detect fake news? My 75-year-old mother shares a lot of misinformation with her family and friends that she sees on Facebook. I've talked to her about it, but for some reason she has a difficult time deciphering real news from fake news and propaganda.

By Jim Miller
Special to the Times

A: Unfortunately, the digital misinformation problem your mom is experiencing is not uncommon. According to researchers from Princeton and New York University, people aged 65 and older are up to seven times more likely to share fake news and dubious links on social media than their younger counterparts. Why? There are several theories.

The first is that many seniors started using social media sites like Facebook only within the past five or six years and may lack the digital literacy skills to identify false or misleading content.

Some other possible theories are that most seniors experience some cognitive decline as they age, making them more likely to fall for hoaxes.

Many older Americans also suffer from chronic loneliness which can cause them to share misinformation as an attempt to make connections with other people. And studies have shown that older people are generally more trusting than younger generations, which can make them more gullible.

All this is particularly concerning now as we sit in the midst of a



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global health pandemic and a 2020 election season, both of which are ripe with misinformation, rumors and conspiracy theories. And seniors are prime targets of this false/misleading information because they are much more likely to vote than their younger cohorts and are much more vulnerable to getting sick and dying if they contract COVID-19.

Where to Get Help

To help your mom detect and combat online misinformation there are several great resources she can turn to that offer free courses and tips.

One is MediaWise for Seniors, a project of the Poynter Institute, which offers two free online courses to help seniors detect and combat online misinformation – see [Poynter.org/mediawise-for-seniors](https://poynter.org/mediawise-for-seniors).

The first four-week course has already filled up, but your mom can still enroll in a self-directed course called “Hands-On Lessons to Separate Fact and Fiction Online.” It is hosted by Christiane Amanpour and Joan Lunden, and she can take the course anytime.

In addition, Poynter has worked with AARP to produce Fact Tracker interactive videos and a webinar on spotting and filtering misinformation at [AARP.org/facttracker](https://aarp.org/facttracker).

Some other free course options you should look into include Senior Planet, which is offering a one-hour online course on “How to Spot Fake News” at [SeniorPlanet.org](https://seniorplanet.org).

The News Literacy Project that provides the Checkology virtual classroom, which was initially created for middle and high school students, is now offering an independent learners option that is ideal for older adults – see [GetCheckology.org](https://getcheckology.org). Their lessons will help your mom detect the difference between news, opinion and propaganda.

And Coursera, a free worldwide online learning platform, which offers an in-depth six-week course called “Making Sense of the News: News Literacy Lessons for Digital Citizens,” which she can access at [Coursera.org/learn/news-literacy](https://coursera.org/learn/news-literacy).

There are also many good websites, like [PolitiFact.com](https://politiFact.com), [Snopes.com](https://snopes.com) and [FactCheck.org](https://factcheck.org) that will let your mom fact check a story to help her identify fact versus fiction. These sites have most likely already fact-checked the latest viral claim to pop up in her news feed.

Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of “The Savvy Senior” book.



Remember that we seniors are the preferred target of scammers. Don't fall for their tricks.

Scammers' Tricks Are No Treat

By Matilda Charles
SENIORS NEWSLINE

They never give up. Scammers are still taking every opportunity to steal our identity and separate us from our money, and the list keeps growing.

Here are a few of the scams out there now:

Seniors are getting calls from people who claim to be employees of the Department of Justice. Reports to the National Elder Fraud Hotline say that these scammers pretend to be investigators, and what they want is your personal information.

If you get a call like this, don't be concerned that it's an authentic government call. It

isn't. Just hang up.

Maybe you'll get a call wanting to sell you an air purifier. They'll claim it will clean any coronavirus out of the air in your home. Maybe they'll try to get you to put it on a credit card, or they'll claim it's Medicare approved and all you need to do is give them your Medicare number. Don't fall for either of these tricks.

Scammers will try these same tactics with miracle cures for COVID, masks that are “guaranteed” to protect you, face shields, vitamin supplements, free COVID tests, low-cost prescription drugs and much more.

Sometimes scammers pretending to be from the govern-

ment will try to get your personal information by saying they want to send you a stimulus check, or maybe they claim to need Census 2020 information. Sometimes it's about an expired warranty on your car or lower interest rates.

Just hang up. Don't press 1 or any other number to have your number taken off their list. All that does is give them another opportunity to convince you to give up personal information.

If someone you don't know leaves a message about any of these topics, ignore it.

Remember that we seniors are the preferred target of these scammers. Don't fall for their tricks.

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CARES Act: Skip Required IRA Distributions This Year Multigenerational Households Provide Outstanding Benefits During COVID-19 & Beyond

Q What options would I have this year regarding my IRA Required Minimum Distributions, which I would normally take by year end?

By Gene L. Osofsky, Esq.
Special to the Times

A Good question. Here are three. While not intended as an exclusive list, they are top of mind for me:

Option No. 1: Skip RMD's Altogether This Year. This is a new option for IRA owners who would otherwise be required to take Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs).

In response to the Corona Virus Pandemic, Congress passed, and the President signed, three major bills this year aimed at lessening the economic impact of the COVID Pandemic and restoring economic vitality to the nation's economy.

One of them is called the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (i.e., the "CARES Act"). One of its provisions allows IRA owners – who are of an age that would otherwise require them to take Required Minimum Distributions ("RMD's") before year end – to skip their RMD withdrawal altogether this year. This is really something new.

For IRA owners who can afford to do so, and who would prefer to see their IRA grow and/or would prefer to forego the additional taxable income this year, this may be an excellent choice.

If you have already taken your distribution and would prefer to return that to your IRA, check with your financial advisor or IRA Custodian to find out if you can still do so, as there are special rules that would apply in that situation.

Option No. 2: Make A Qualified Charitable Donation With Your RMDs: You can arrange to allocate all or some of your IRA RMD's to a charity of your choice.

The distribution will then not be included in your taxable income. However, there are special rules that would apply: Notably, the contribution must be made directly from your IRA to the charity; it cannot be made to you initially, with you later turning around and sending the funds off to the charity.

Check with your IRA custodian to see if it offers this service. I understand that Fidelity, Vanguard, T. Rowe Price, Charles Schwab and Wells Fargo offer this option to their customers.

Important Note: the charity must receive the contribution

and cash the check before the end of the tax year to make this work. Although you will later receive a Form 1099-R, it is up to you – not your IRA custodian – to properly report the contribution as a nontaxable Qualified Charitable Donation.

Option No. 3: Fund a 529 Plan for Your Grandchild. If you have been thinking of funding, or contributing to, a 529 educational plan for your grandchild, this might be an excellent place for the money.

True, this distribution will be taxable income to you initially, but once you fund your grandchild's 529 plan, the contribution will grow, and can ultimately be withdrawn, income tax free so long as used for qualified educational purposes.

If none of these appeal to you, check with your financial advisor, as there may be other options for you to consider.

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GUEST COMMENTARY



Top 10 Buyer Turnoffs Preventing Buyers From Visiting

As the pandemic continues to limit access to listings, buyers are relying on the Internet to shortlist homes. Sellers and their agents must work hard to ensure those Internet views result in actual visits.

To maximize online views, avoid these Top 10 buyer turnoffs:

Horrible pictures: With lousy pictures the No. 1 reason buyers skip listings, a professional photographer is a great investment. The Internet is clogged with poor listing photos – make sure yours sizzle.

Clutter: If a buyer cannot see a room for the clutter, they will not hang around. Clear out extraneous items BEFORE the home hits the market.

Dirt: Would you want to visit a dirty home in today's COVID-19 environment? If needed, hire a professional cleaner.

Lack of light: Dark rooms are a huge turnoff. Remove heavy curtains or other coverings preventing light from filling a space. Install enough lighting fixtures to ensure well-lit rooms.

Religious items: In this multicultural area, it is best to remove crosses, items with religious sayings or bible verses. Additionally, rooms or closets converted to temples, grottos

and prayer rooms should have all religious symbols, icons and so on removed.

"Retro" rooms: Most homebuyers today do not want to upgrade a home after the purchase and will pay a premium for turnkey homes with modern amenities. Updated kitchens and baths are considered "must-have" features for today's buyers. They are also looking for hardwood or laminate floors, dual pane windows and ceilings with "popcorn" removed.

Outdated countertops: Today's buyers want quartz or granite. If a home has tile or laminate counters, some buyers will not be willing to pay the cost of upgrading and will move on to the next listing.

Bizarre paint colors: Bright orange, canary yellow, firetruck red, Barney purple, shocking pink, neon green, charcoal black and, ironically, stark white are usually immediate turnoffs. While color is currently "in," buyers are looking for soft, warm shades, not eye-peeling hues.

Wall coverings: For the most part, wallpaper and wood paneling are usually dated and provide an excuse for buyers to move on to other listings.

Unkempt exteriors: Wild landscaping, dead grass, overgrown patches, clogged gutters

with standing weeds and other issues present buyers with challenges many will avoid.

Savvy sellers understand their home must resonate with today's buyer's preferred tastes. Be ruthless and remove obstacles that will prevent buyers from actually visiting.

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Pruning Trumpet Vines Too Early Could Bode Ill

By Buzz Bertolero
Special to the Times

Q I planted several trumpet vines three years ago to cover a very long fence. I recently cut it back to remove all the dead undergrowth of twigs, stems, leaves, and other debris. Now, all that is left is bare stems and trunks. What can be done to improve its looks, or is it dead?

A Trumpet vines are aggressive growers, so it is common for them to grow on top of themselves. When this occurs, all the undergrowth turns brown from the dark shady conditions; however, this doesn't mean that the plants are dead.

If you scratch the stems with your fingernail, you will notice that the tissue underneath is green or a yellow/cream color.

But if the branches are brittle and snap off when bent, then they are dead.

New growth should develop off the bare stems. How much depends on how soon winter arrives. Usually, I'd suggest feeding to encourage the new growth but not at this junction of the year.

Unfortunately, the timing of your pruning was poor. The growing season concludes with the first Sunday in November when Daylight Savings Time ends. So the vines are going to look unattractive until the spring.

The plants are very slow in producing a new set of leaves, with the days getting shorter and the nights cooler. Late spring to early early summer is the ideal time to prune trumpet vines severely. This gives you a much longer growing season for the vines to re-establish

themselves.

My other concern is the new growth may not be mature enough to survive cold temperatures. Passion vines are a tropical plant and suffer damage when the temperatures drop below 40°F, much like bougainvilleas, hibiscus, mandevilla's, and others.

In past years, the mature leaves acted as an umbrella protecting the plant from the cold, but that is not the case this year. The plant's basic structure is now exposed and could suffer severe damage

depending on how cold it gets. An application of Cloud Cover or Wilt Stop could help, but that's about all you can do other than crossing your fingers and wait until the spring to see what happens.

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Mortgage Rates Dip Again

The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 2.88 percent for the week ending Oct. 1, down from the previous week when it averaged 2.90 percent. A year ago at this time, the 30-year rate averaged 3.65 percent.

Fifteen-year fixed-rate mortgages averaged 2.36 percent, down from 2.40 percent.

Five-year hybrid adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 2.90 percent, unchanged from a week earlier.

As a result of low mortgage rates that have stayed under

three percent since July, the housing market has seen a strong, upward trajectory during a very uncertain time, according to Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's Chief Economist.

"We're seeing potential home buyers who now have more purchasing power and many current homeowners who have the option to refinance their loan for a better rate. However, several factors could disrupt this activity including high home prices, low inventory and lender capacity," said Khater.

RECENT HOME SALES

Castro Valley

20480 Wisteria Street	94546: \$516,000 2 BD - 1,141 SF - 1977
19179 Garrison Ave	94546: \$710,000 2 BD - 844 SF - 1949
4393 Gem Avenue	94546: \$755,000 3 BD - 1,276 SF - 1949
18042 Redwood Road	94546: \$775,000 3 BD - 1,447 SF - 1952
20641 Center Street	94546: \$775,000 3 BD - 1,062 SF - 1950
21315 Outlook Court	94546: \$800,000 3 BD - 1,430 SF - 1958
3979 Westbury Road	94546: \$910,000 4 BD - 1,932 SF - 1934
4794 Proctor Road	94546: \$975,000 3 BD - 1,589 SF - 1952
18069 Vineyard Road	94546: \$985,000 4 BD - 1,991 SF - 1960
17676 Garland Court	94546: \$990,000 4 BD - 1,888 SF - 1954
18755 Walnut Road	94546: \$1,020,000 3 BD - 1,616 SF - 1955
18735 Brickell Way	94546: \$1,100,000 2 BD - 1,524 SF - 1952

TOTAL SALES: 15

LOWEST AMOUNT: \$516,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$855,000

HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$1,100,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$859,250

San Leandro

1132 Carpentier Street	94577: \$400,000 2 BD - 1,182 SF - 1983
14957 Western Avenue	94578: \$400,000 2 BD - 1,042 SF - 1946
398 Parrott Street	94577: \$490,000 2 BD - 1,102 SF - 1976
616 Cascade Road	94577: \$538,500 2 BD - 780 SF - 1948
15396 Hesperian Blvd	94578: \$555,000 3 BD - 1,376 SF - 1979
16218 Lindview Drive	94578: \$570,000 2 BD - 1,639 SF - 1950
923 Alice Avenue	94577: \$645,000 2 BD - 1,111 SF - 1926
15699 Wicks Blvd	94579: \$672,500 3 BD - 1,092 SF - 1958
871 Casanova Drive	94578: \$690,000 3 BD - 1,076 SF - 1954
2119 Orchard Avenue	94577: \$703,000 3 BD - 1,020 SF - 1952
190 California Avenue	94577: \$825,000 2 BD - 1,552 SF - 1925
15501 Jutland Street	94579: \$830,000 4 BD - 1,377 SF - 1956
2070 Hillside Circle	94577: \$870,000 2 BD - 1,733 SF - 1975
93 Williams Street	94577: \$900,000 3 BD - 1,306 SF - 1924
1042 Begier Avenue	94577: \$950,000 2 BD - 1,651 SF - 1940
231 Sunnyside Drive	94577: \$1,050,000 4 BD - 2,194 SF - 1923
1595 Graff Avenue	94577: \$1,050,000 2 BD - 2,674 SF - 1959

TOTAL SALES: 17

LOWEST AMOUNT: \$400,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$690,000

HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$1,050,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$714,058

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Remove Stalk After Flowers Yellow

By Buzz Bertolero
Special to the Times

Q After my Naked Ladies Amaryllis Belladonna have finished blooming, are you supposed to cut the stalk or do you leave it on until it dries like the leaves? Also, when is the best time to transplant Amaryllis bulbs?

A The only purpose of the flower stalk is to support the flower. You can remove it anytime after the bloom is spent or with the flowers when used as a cut flower. I prefer to do it soon after the flower fades. Amaryllis is best transplanted after

the flowering and foliage have turned yellow. This is when they go dormant.

Note: Amaryllis Belladonna is known as Belladonna lily. They produce rosy pink fragrant flowers in the summer without any foliage; hence, the other name Naked Lady. This bulb is drought tolerant with strap-like leaves grows in any of soil and is long-lived.


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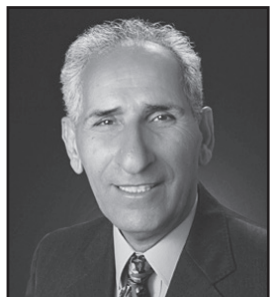


Ranging from Pennsylvania and New Jersey to Ontario, Quebec and the Canadian Maritimes, this shrub is noted for filling the forests with color and for the delicate beauty of each flower. Mass explosions of pink appear in the lower wetlands in May. By mid-June, flowering has moved to the higher-elevation areas of northern New England and Canada, where it is found along woodland trails and mountaintops. Its woody seed pods split in autumn, allowing the winter winds to scatter them.
- Brenda Weaver

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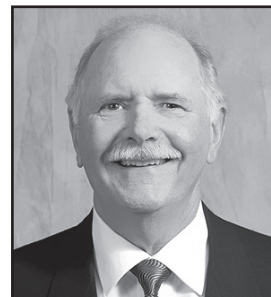
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County Clears Schools to Open, but Most Choose to Wait

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

Alameda County health officials have cleared the way for younger students to return to in-class instruction as early as next week, but the majority of public and private schools say they will hold off for now.

As of Oct. 13, elementary schools (transitional kindergarten through 5th Grade) that complete a Covid-19 health and safety reopening plan are permitted to open, the county public health department said last Thursday.

On Sept. 22, the county moved into the Red Tier of the State's color-coded reopening blueprint, as fewer people in the county are testing positive for the novel coronavirus. The county's daily case rate is 4.1 per 100,000 residents.

Elementary schools still need to post their reopening plans to their websites and submit their plan to the Alameda County Office of Education.

"We know it is hardest for younger children to spend all day learning online," county health department spokesperson Neetu Balam said. "Returning elementary students to classrooms balances the potential risk of increased Covid-19 transmission with the impact of distance learning on both students' mental health and their ability to learn."

Schools are not required to open, leaving the decision and timing of when to open with each school and each school district.

In a letter to parents and staff last week, San Leandro Unified School District Superintendent Mike McLaughlin and Castro Valley Unified School District superintendent Parvin Ahmadi explained why students will continue distance learning for the

time being and open only when appropriate public health measures, such as sufficient Covid testing, are in place.

"Right now, our shared focus is ensuring quality distance learning for your children," McLaughlin said in his email. "A return to in-person instruction

"A return to in-person instruction will still have a large component of distance learning as we will have to limit the number of students on campus."

— Superintendent
Mike McLaughlin

will still have a large component of distance learning as we will have to greatly limit the number of students on campus. With that in mind, feedback from our recent family survey will help us strengthen this format for the months to come."

Superintendent Ahmadi added that Castro Valley is moving forward with opening support technology hubs where students could participate in distance learning while at a school.

"With these hubs, we want

to provide services and support to students who are at the risk of experiencing difficulties such as those related to technology," Ahmadi said.

While all of the 23 Catholic elementary schools in Alameda County submitted applications to the waiver process, Oakland Diocese interim Director of Communications, Helen Osman said no Catholic Schools will be opening next week.

"We've been very diligent and intentional in planning with teachers, staff and parents," Osman said. "Since each school's enrollment, facilities and staffing considerations are unique, each school will have a different process in returning to in-person instruction."

The county health department said it will begin to consider permitting middle and high school students to return to in-person education in four to 12-week phases as long as health conditions allow. Realistically, San Leandro and Castro Valley say with the later time frames being discussed by



public health, they are not expecting any upper grades to return before January 2021.

In related news, the county

health department eased restrictions for indoor activities with a reduced capacity – up to 25 percent. Hotels, museums, li-

braries, gyms and fitness centers, and personal care services such as nail salons are added to the permitted list.

Donations: Thousands go to VV tax campaign

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of signs and other printed and promotional material.

Candidates who only raise a small amount for their campaigns don't have to file financial forms.

Large Checks Written on Measure VV

A lot of money is going toward both opposing and supporting Measure VV, the real estate transfer tax increase.

A group promoting the real estate transfer tax in San Leandro has received sizable donations

from a cannabis business, the police union, and a union representing public sector workers.

A group called San Leandrans for a Great City, which promotes the Measure VV real estate transfer tax, received \$2,500 from cannabis company DSWC Inc., and \$500 from attorney Steven Mattas of the Meyers Nave law firm.

In late September, San Leandrans for a Great City received \$10,000 from IFPTE Local 21, and \$9,500 from the local police union, the San Leandro Police Officers' Association.

The IFPTE is an association of public sector professional and technical workers in the Bay Area.

But the opposition to Measure VV has received \$55,000 from the National Association of Realtors, based in Chicago. Of that amount, \$10,000 was for mailers, \$25,000 for online advertising, \$1,400 for voter file (voter data base), and \$18,000 for polling.

East Bay Times Calls Measure VV Deceitful

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

The San Leandro real estate transfer tax, Measure VV, was called a deceitful campaign in an editorial by the *East Bay Times* last week.

The editorial pointed out that, along with Piedmont, San Leandro already is among the 11 highest transfer tax rates in the state, out of 482 cities, and the measure would make it even higher.

The deceit in Measure VV is that it's proposed as routine tax increase and doesn't mention that it's much higher than the rest of the state, the editorial said.

"The city deceit in this measure is despicable," the commentary said. "For starters, the ballot wording only tells voters that they plan to increase the rate by '\$5 per \$1,000 in valuation,' or 0.50% of the sales price. It makes no mention of the current transfer tax rate, including the

small county share, of 0.71%."

If Measure VV passes, the rate would be 1.21%, so on the sale of the average house price of \$730,000, the tax would be \$8,833.

Supports Say VV Needed

The argument for Measure VV said that the City of San Leandro has already tightened its belt and has 15 percent less staff than it had in 2008.

At the same time, Covid-19 has delivered a blow to San Leandro's economy, resulting in a \$7 million loss of revenue this year, and an expected loss of \$14 million next year.

Measure VV is needed to maintain critical services, supporters say. The measure is needed to maintain services such as repairing pot holes, supporting senior services and small businesses through Covid-19 economic recovery, preserving 911 response times, and maintaining parks and library services.

Assembly: Quirk raises \$515,000

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the ongoing campaign to win a contract for janitors at Equinox's luxury gyms in San Francisco.

Quirk has been serving in the Assembly since 2012. His 2014 bill made it easier to get domestic violence restraining orders in California. His 2017 bill took away local authority on the placing of 5G towers, and his 2018 bill sponsorship allowed PG&E to defray the cost of settlements related to the 2017 Northern California wildfires.

Quirk has served as Chair of California's Environmental Safe-

ty Committee and sits on its Toxic Materials Committee. He serves on the Appropriations, Public Safety, Revenue and Taxation, as well as the Utilities and Energy Committees.

In the March Primary, Quirk raised \$515,457 over Villalobos' \$4,479. Quirk is endorsed by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), California League of Conservation Voters, California Democratic Party, California Teachers Association, the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, the International As-

sociation of Firefighters, and Service Employees International Union (SEIU).

Villalobos has support from the Proposition 13 reform organization, Evolve California; the California Progressive Alliance; and the local chapter of Bernie Sanders' Our Revolution organization. He is personally endorsed by Alameda County Board of Supervisor District 1 candidate, Vinnie Bacon, Oakland ACCE director Carroll Fife, and SEIU Local 87 Secretary Treasurer Olga Miranda.

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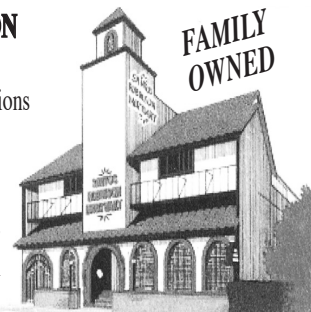
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Supports Azevedo, Simon for Council Editor:

As seniors in San Leandro, living in our town for 44 years, we are extremely disappointed in the City Council's recent approval of the Maple Lane development at the former Manor Bowl site.

We do thank council members Lopez and Aquilar for their lone voices to support our community. We are not against housing, however, we are against a development that does not address the neighbor's concerns.

For example, 3-story new homes towering over our existing single story homes. The developer has the option to stagger the homes from 2 stories up to 3 stories to blend into the community (as other projects have in San Leandro). However, this council and the developer's interests do not support the community.

In addition, we are very concerned that the developer and city are claiming several of the new homes are American Disability Act (ADA) accessible. These are 3 story units with only an ADA bathroom and bedroom on the bottom floor next to the garage. DR Horton states in their project materials "housing opportunities for multigenerational households or those that want to age-in-place" are planned.

How can anyone age in place, if they're stuck next to the garage and cannot get to the family room or even the kitchen to cook and eat with their loved ones? Essentially in a dungeon. We find this claim as "aging in place" to be false. We challenge our City Council to do what is right to support our seniors and those with disabilities when constructing projects here in San Leandro.

Perhaps, the kitchen and family room can be placed on the ground floor as well. This would make the project truly ADA accessible plus meeting the neighbors' concerns of blending into the community with some 2 story units. With the election drawing near, please vote for Bryan Azevedo and Fred Simon for City Council who have both shown support to our concerns and our community.

— **Tom & Cathy Giffether, San Leandro**

Supports Azevedo, Simon for Council Editor:

The recent city council votes in favor of developers and against the concerns of neighborhoods highlights a persistent problem in local governance. The solution can be implemented by citizens voting after thoughtful consideration of where and with whom the candidates stand on issues.

Recent city meetings recorded that some of the voting council members had ex parte communications with one party or the other. These ex parte discussions usually involve contacts with the developers that are not within the scope of a city meeting.

As it stands right now, elected officials only have to disclose that these conversations took place, not the content of the discussion. There are no notes or meeting minutes issued for public inspection. The council members are entitled to this communication under their first amendment rights. To be more transparent and to

continuously improve we should demand more from them.

In addition to disclosing ex parte communications at the start of a meeting agenda topic, we should demand that the elected officials that will be voting as our representatives also disclose that they have not accepted any gifts, payments, services or any other compensation that would benefit them personally from any of the parties to the proposal. Anything negotiated in these contacts must be for the public good.

This would set apart those elected officials that have not accepted compensation from others that may have accepted compensation. We don't need to ask if or what elected officials have received, that's their personal business. Elected official that say nothing about this, well, that would be up to voters to decide if they have accepted compensation or not.

For many reasons obvious to us all both locally and across the country, the election on November 3rd will impact us all. Vote for change. Vote for Simon and Azevedo.

— **Ken Akerly, San Leandro**

Supports Hernandez for Council Editor:

After listening and talking to the candidates since back in 2016 till now, Ed Hernandez continues to be the best choice for our San Leandro City Council.

Ed Hernandez is the only candidate who has the compassion, vision, experience, leadership skills, and education, to address our city's issues of social justice, homelessness, food insecurity, Covid response and recovery, financial stability, infrastructure, and economic improvements. Ed Hernandez cares for our residents and local businesses.

Ed Hernandez has worked to help provide over \$1 million dollars to the community for food, housing and crisis support in San Leandro. He has also worked to improve our roads, fix potholes, maintain services and ensure financial stability since elected in 2016.

Please join me in agreeing to Re-Elect Hernandez to our San Leandro City Council!

— **Kenneth Pon, San Leandro**

Supports Azevedo for Council Editor:

Open Letter to Ed Hernandez: You ask what my agenda is, then close the Next-door thread. You know what my agenda is. I want to make sure the dirty money that you take has repercussions for all SL politicians. It's not OK to take this money and vote against the interests of the residents of SL in favor of these donors.

You've taken \$20,000+ from developers, including \$6,500 from the Marina developer and \$3,500 from Tom Silva.

How do you vote on these developments? It's not illegal to be corrupt on the council. It's just up to citizens to vote you out. This kind of influence peddling will not be tolerated.

You took \$2,500 from the Rental Housing Owners Association (RHOA) the week after you worked so hard to reduce the tenant relocation assistance payments. You pushed to disqualify

1,200 units from assistance and lower the assistance amounts. Then you took the money.

Tom Silva and the RHOA asked the council to not clarify the zoning code. Homeowners around 1388 Bancroft could not tell how the parcel was zoned. You voted to keep it unclear. Then two days later you took \$2,500 from the RHOA.

You say you are assisting our most vulnerable residents? Is that what you were doing when you voted against rent increase limits on mobile home park residents. People were thrown out on the street. What have you fought for on council? What have you stood up for? Not tenants. Not homeowners. Your top 10 donors gave you almost half your money. More at: tinyurl.com/EdsDonations

You know my agenda, Mr. Hernandez. I've been at the council meetings begging, pleading for protections for our most vulnerable and time and again you have ignored their struggle and stood up for your donors.

— **Jeromey Shafer, San Leandro**

Supports Simon for Council Editor:

I am writing this letter in support of Fred Simon, who is running for City Council seat from District 4. Simon is an intelligent man who has a passion for what he undertakes.

As a Senior Commissioner, he has advocated for our seniors' health by participating and encouraging seniors to take part in Senior Walk at the Bay Fair Center. He is a staunch believer in making our city "Age-Friendly" by encouraging more housing, transportation, working with agencies to reduce homelessness etc. Though I will miss him on the Senior Commission, I strongly support him to be on our City Council.

Coming from a Bi-racial family he understands social justice and will be standing up for the equality of all human beings. He will work hard to move San Leandro to a better place in these challenging times.

He is well aware of the blight and trash and other environmental hazards that are plaguing our city and as a parent of a scout he has already addressed this problem in some areas. He has an excellent background and qualification for the position of the City Council Member. He is an elected member of Oro Loma Sanitary Board, President of Heron Bay Home Association and Member of the Senior Commission.

By profession, he is a civil engineer and has education from Stanford University. Fred's passion for helping people and his background makes him an excellent choice to be elected to the City Council from District 4. Please vote for Fred Simon for San Leandro City Council.

— **Bella Comelo, San Leandro**

An Embarrassment, Not a Debate Editor:

Tuesday night we were assaulted by a verbal brawl between an overly aggressive blusterer and a verbally handicapped challenger. The President's barrage failed to evidence any vision or program for our future and the former Vice President's effort failed to convincingly land any punches against Trump's four year record in office: Where is the growth of coal mining jobs? Where is the better, cheaper healthcare insurance? Where are the manufacturing jobs returning from

Canada, Mexico, and China? Where is the border wall that Mexico was going to pay for?

By this record Trump is a failure just like he was with Atlantic City casinos, the New York SoHo, Batumi, Georgia, Baku, Azerbaijan developments, Trump University, and the ACN video phone, etc. Somewhere I heard it said or written that Chris Wallace, the moderator, would be able to "handle" Trump. But there was little evidence of taming the Trump hurricane. At some point Wallace seemed to throw up his hands and let the mayhem run its course. What Wallace really needed was a kill switch for the contestants' microphones and video feed.

Clearly rattled early, Biden failed to clearly state what we know to be his goals for the country: good jobs, affordable health care for all, a fair tax system, a clean environment and a promising future for our kids.

This was no debate. This was an embarrassment, that needs no repetition. Trump supporters will be glad that their man cut an impressive figure dominating his opponent and standing strong. Democrats can only hope that the President's luck will run out by election day. This meeting of two old men trying to lead us for the next four years makes me fear for our country.

— **Jim Mehner, Oakland**

INQUIRING REPORTER

If you were the moderator of the presidential debate?

— Asked downtown

I would have been stricter and made sure each candidate had their time, instead of being interrupted.

Raquel Romero
San Leandro



I would make sure they used more decorum and not have all this ridiculous interrupting. And Trump was lying about Biden's son being dishonorably discharged. I would have a mic shutoff and allow someone to talk.

Tom Watson
San Leandro



They should have shut off the mic and let him talk. If they interrupt, shut it off. That's it.

Carlos Rivera
San Leandro



I didn't see it but I heard about it. The way our president speaks over everybody, he just seems to think he can do that. I would just have a mute button and say, wait till it's your turn.

Karleen Cathey
Oakland



Have a kill switch. Cut him off. And do a fact check, too, on the most egregious things.

Sherryl Beamon
Oakland



Jeff Kay Hired by Healdsburg

San Leandro City Manager Jeff Kay announced that he has accepted a new job as city manager of Healdsburg in Sonoma County.

Kay will leave his position in San Leandro at the end of the year and begin his new job in Healdsburg on Jan. 1. His pay will be \$251,000.

Kay has worked for the City of San Leandro for 11 years and was formerly assistant city manager and economic develop-



Jeff Kay

ment manager. The City Council appointed Kay as city manager in 2018 to fill the vacancy left by Chris Zapata.

Healdsburg is a town of 11,000 in the wine country known for its rustic inns, fine dining and luxury hotels. The Healdsburg Chamber of Commerce touts its trendy shops and boutiques, and proclaims on its website, "Anyone who says money can't buy happiness doesn't know where to shop."

Information on Ballot Measures by Eden Area League of Women Voters

The San Leandro Public Library will host a virtual voter information session by the Eden Area chapter of the League of Women Voters on Monday, Oct. 12 from 6 to 7 p.m. The presentation will cover the pros and cons of the measures on the Nov. 3 ballot.

Registration is required for this free program. Go to the

website: www.sanleandrolibrary.org to register where you can also find a voter toolbox with curated, non-partisan voting resources. Call 510-577-3971 or email LibraryInfo@sanleandro.org for more information.

League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization encouraging informed and

active participation in government. It influences public policy through education and advocacy.

The Eden Area League represents the communities of Hayward, Castro Valley, San Leandro, and San Lorenzo. Many Eden area communities are unincorporated areas, including Ashland, Cherryland, Fairview, and Hillcrest Knolls.



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Sherrie Barnes, Kristi Barnes and Alice Sarafian, president of Inner Wheel.

Inner Wheel of San Leandro Celebrates 35th Anniversary

Inner Wheel Club of San Leandro recently celebrated its 35th Anniversary with take-out dinners from Moussaka's Mediterranean Kitchen.

Members and guests shared their delicious meals in their own bubble groups. Wonderful camaraderie was shared by all.

International Inner Wheel history began in the early 1920s.

As it spread to other countries it has become one of the largest women's voluntary service organizations throughout the world. The National Inner Wheel Foundation helps to provide upper myoelectric limbs to children.

Inner Wheel clubs promote friendship, community service, and foster international understanding. Inner Wheel Club of San

Leandro meets monthly and has philanthropic fundraising activities throughout the year. It is proud to announce its grant renewal to prepare Rape Care Kits for Bay Area Women Against Rape.

Contact the club at iwclubof-sanleandro@gmail.com if you are interested in learning more about Inner Wheel Club of San Leandro or wish to donate.

News Briefs: Food Delivery Fees Capped

Fees Capped on Food Delivery Services
The Alameda County Board of Supervisors has temporarily capped at 15 percent the fees

charged to restaurants by delivery businesses for food deliveries in unincorporated areas of the county. The emergency ordinance, which affects such companies

as Door Dash, GrubHub and Uber Eats, is intended to ease the stranglehold shelter-in-place restrictions have had on local restaurants and is similar to ordinances passed in Hayward and San Leandro.

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- ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** Your moodier side might emerge this week. But the dark period should pass in time for the party-loving Lamb to go on a happy gambol with some very special people this weekend.
- TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** Yet again, you show your skill at being able to indulge in your love of the arts this week while still taking care of practical matters, including some still-unfinished business matters.
- GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** A potential change might appear to be what you've been looking for. In any event, consider both the negative as well as the positive possibilities before making any sort of decision.
- CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** Relationships continue to dominate your aspect this week on a mostly positive level, with just a few problem areas you can smooth over. Also, try to be flexible about travel plans.
- LEO (July 23 - August 22):** You love being on center stage, and while you absolutely purr at the sound of all that praise, be careful not to take on too many commitments at the expense of time spent with loved ones.
- VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22):** You might feel that you need to get involved in a matter concerning a friend or relative. But while the issues appear to be cut and dried, they might not be. Get more facts before you act.
- LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22):** A suggestion about a policy change could create heated reactions. Keep your mind open and resist joining in with naysayers unless they can show a real basis for their position.
- SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21):** While potential career changes warrant your interest, don't ignore current job responsibilities. A personal relationship also can benefit from more of your attention.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** Don't guess at what the facts might be if you hope to make the best decision possible. The wise course is to ask direct questions and act on the answers you get.
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** Your efforts involving that pesky problem should soon show positive signs of being resolved. This would allow you to shift some of your focus in another direction.
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** While you enjoy well-deserved praise for getting a difficult job done, there's no time to relax. A new challenge looms. Expect more support from a once-strong critic.
- PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** You might still have explaining to do about your decision, but support grows as you continue to make your case. You also might want to start making plans for the upcoming holidays.

Law Signed to Save Kids from Hot Cars

A new Assembly bill that becomes effective Jan. 1, 2021, gives immunity to Good Samaritans who break car windows to rescue children ages 6 and younger who are trapped inside. Young children are particularly at risk as their bodies heat up three to five times faster than an adult's body. Temperatures inside a car can rise 19 degrees in as little as 10 minutes.

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