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A walk along the water brings some relief from the depressing pandemic and economic outlook, but one San Leandran wonders why the parking lot is closed.

PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Parks Offer Relief...at a Distance

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

Frank Powers of San Leandro wanted to go to the Marina Park last week where there's plenty of wide open space. People walk or jog at the park, and they're keeping a social distance. So Powers thought it's a good place to go. But if the park is open, he can't understand why the parking lot is closed. "By coming into the parking lot where

are you six feet of anybody?" Powers asks. The way Powers sees it, people are fully capable of keeping at least 6 feet apart in a parking lot. Closing the parking lot just makes it more difficult for people to go to the park. Yellow caution tape is placed across the entrance to the parking lot and a sign cites the order from the Alameda County Health Officer. The park is open for things see RELIEF, page 4



Face Masks Now Mandatory in Alameda County

When you're within 6 feet of others face coverings required

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

If you are going out in public, make sure to wear a face mask or risk getting a ticket starting yesterday. Alameda County Health officials issued new orders late last week to help control the spread of the novel coronavirus. Enforcement began Wednesday morning at 8 a.m. and will remain in place until further notice. The order makes it mandatory for nearly everyone to wear face coverings when around people outside of their own homes. "Consistent and broad use of a face covering may help to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Alameda County because people may have COVID-19 but not show symptoms or their symptoms are so mild they don't think they have become infected," County Health Officer Dr. Erica Pan said in a statement. The directive comes at a time when Alameda County registered 1,191 cases of infection and identified 42 deaths associated with COVID-19. Officials said they were motivated to issue these protections after seeing a significant and increasing number of suspected cases of community transmissions, especially in senior care facilities. San Leandro, along with Castro Valley and other unincorporated areas of Alameda County, make up more than 200 of the reported infections. Only Oakland and Hayward have more. Alameda County, which has see MASKS, page 12

Man Shot And Killed By Police At Walmart

Police shot and killed a man wielding a metal baseball bat inside the Walmart store on Hesperian Boulevard on Saturday afternoon in the midst of a crowd of shoppers. Bystanders took videos of the incident which has since gone viral on social media, sparking controversy. The attention has drawn statements on the shooting from both San Leandro's police chief and mayor. Police arrived at the store just after 3 p.m. where a man with a baseball bat was standing near the shopping cart bay in the store. Police commanded him to put down the bat but the man see SHOT, page 4

Hayward Supplies Face Masks to Businesses

The City of Hayward has acquired 10,000 medical procedural masks for distribution to Hayward essential businesses to help keep their employees and customers safe during the COVID-19 health emergency. The masks are not the surgical or N95 grade that are still in short supply, and should be preserved for health-care workers and first responders. Face covering can help by blocking respiratory droplets that people expel when they breathe or sneeze. Health authorities are making them a requirement because people can be infected with coronavirus and contagious without knowing it. The Alameda County Public Health Officer issued an order making the face-covering a requirement for everyone 13 years of age and older. Under the order, the face coverings can be simple and homemade, made of cloth, fabric or other soft or permeable material without holes that covers the nose and mouth. To request masks, representatives for local essential businesses may call the Hayward COVID-19 hotline at 510-583-4949. Distribution will be prioritized for essential businesses where the need is considered greatest—starting with grocery stores. Other essential work-sites and services to be prioritized include: Restaurants and commissary kitchens; Businesses that ship or deliver groceries, food, goods or services directly to residents; Food manufacturing and distribution companies; Hardware stores; and Businesses that provide food, shelter, social services and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged and otherwise needy individuals. Mask orders taken by the see SUPPLIES, page 10

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PETS OF THE WEEK



Wolfgang



Vader

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are Wolfgang the dog and Vader the dog.

Wolfgang is a 2-year-old German shepherd mix who is a bit shy. He's also a couch potato and likes being with people. He needs a patient family to give him some TLC to blossom. Okay with teens.

Vader is a 1-year-old husky

mix who is very playful and loves to explore the great outdoors with you. He's an active, fun dog and would do best in a home with teens and adults. Neutered.

For more information on Vader or Wolfgang, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at 510-293-7200.

The shelter in place restrictions have affected the Hayward Animal Shelter, too.

To adopt a pet from the shelter, go to www.haywardanimals.org.

County Library Offers Material Online

The Alameda County Library reminds readers of its online resources while families are sheltering at home to slow down the spread of the coronavirus.

The library is launching a Stay Safe, Kind & Connected campaign to highlight the vast array of digital content and online resources families can access 24/7 with a library card from the comfort of their homes.

The library provides access to more than 100 online resources through its eLibrary. To expand services, it is providing live online chat service, personalized

reading recommendations for digital collections, blogs by staff, and quick start guide tutorials on how to use online resources.

Anyone with an Alameda County Library card can access the library's online resources.

"We want to support everyone doing their part to stay safe while also connecting our communities with free educational content they can access online, especially at a time when families are looking for ways to keep children engaged in learning at home," said Cindy Chadwick, County Librarian.



"Pipe City" was painted by Paul Schmitt, father of Schatz Robideaux of San Leandro.

Men Made a Home at Pipe City

Painting documents life in the 1930s

By **Jim Knowles**
San Leandro Times

The economic outlook brings to mind another time in history, the Great Depression in the 1930s.

Construction supplies at the foot of 5th Street by the Oakland Estuary became a home for a few hundred men. The pipes belonged to the American Concrete and Steel Pipe Company, which allowed the men to stay over the winter on company property.

The site became known as Pipe City, according to the Oakland Museum of California. It was also called Misseryville and to qualify a man had to be jobless, homeless, hungry and scruffy –

but absolutely not helpless.

This oil painting of Pipe City is the work of Paul Schmitt, whose daughter Schatz Robideaux of San Leandro is a longtime member of the San Leandro Art Association.

Robideaux has several of her father's drawings of Pipe City, others are in the Oakland Museum.

Schmitt started out as a sign painter and did a lot of billboards for Foster & Kaiser, Robideaux said.

"He went to art school at the College of Arts & Crafts in Oakland," Robideaux said. "He did a lot of mural paintings, mostly for churches and bars, and he taught painting at Alameda Adult School for many years."

2020 Cherry Festival Canceled

The annual San Leandro Cherry Festival has been cancelled for this year to protect the public health.

The popular summer street festival that has been held in June on West Estudillo Avenue was called off for this year due to the Covid-19 emergency

public health order, the City of San Leandro announced on its website.

Public events that attract large crowds have been cancelled all over the state.

The City of San Leandro hopes to see the Cherry Festival resume next year.



NEW! Free Family Caregiver Classes now Offered by Video Conference

Since Hope Hospice has had to temporarily suspend our Family Caregiver Education Series and Living With Dementia group classes in light of the region's COVID-19 response, we transitioned the courses to video conference via Zoom technology. Classes remain complimentary to the public in our Tri-Valley and adjacent East Bay service area. Additionally, families who care for a loved one living with dementia and have questions about specific challenges they are facing can request a free private consultation via Zoom.

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Longtime Caterer Now Delivering Family Dinners

By Linda Sandsmark
San Leandro Times

With businesses and families scrambling to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic, everyone in the food industry has had to adjust to the new “shelter-in-place” reality.

Miraglia Catering of San Leandro took the past few weeks to re-imagine its possibilities, and is now ready to deliver “Door Drop Meals” in Castro Valley, San Leandro and San Lorenzo.

“We’re not a restaurant, but we can deliver family-style dinners perfect for four to six people,” says owner Cheryl Miraglia, who lives in Castro Valley. “People are having such a hard time going to the grocery store. We hope to help the community, help people stuck at home, and help our employees.”

Miraglia Catering has been in business for 72 years, and had 24 full-time employees before the virus hit. Most of them had worked there for 10 to 30 years. Now there’s only enough work for a third of them.

“This pandemic has been off the charts for small businesses,” says Miraglia. “There was the recession of 2008, and 9/11, but this time we’ve effectively lost all our business for March, April, May and June.”

With weddings, conventions and corporate events canceled or postponed, Miraglia and her crew have researched home delivery, including new methods of packaging, labeling, portioning and choosing a good online ordering program.

Results have been encouraging, with favorable customer

reviews. The delivery area may be expanded in the future.

Currently Miraglia’s Door Drop Meals has approximately 25 menu items and combinations to choose from, includ-

“*This pandemic has been off the charts for small businesses.*”

— Cheryl Miraglia

ing gluten-free and vegetarian dishes. Chicken, beef, pasta, salmon, salads, soup and side dishes are available on the Door

Drop menu.

Orders must be placed by noon for next-business-day delivery. Deliveries are made Monday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. (Monday orders must be placed by noon on the prior Friday.)

Food is prepared under strict sanitation guidelines, says Miraglia. Her staff delivers right to the doorstep, without person-to-person contact. They ring the doorbell and text to make sure recipients know the order has arrived. Orders over \$100 are delivered free; otherwise there is an \$8 delivery fee. Minimum order is \$50.

See Miraglia’s Door Drop Meals website, www.caterin-gandmore.com/home-meal-delivery, or phone 510-483-5210.

In the meantime, Miraglia Catering is preparing food for “essential services” personnel who are working long hours. The Door Drop home meal delivery items serve from four to six.

“Our office staff is still helping people plan weddings and other events,” says Miraglia, “because eventually this craziness will end and people will want and need to celebrate.”



PHOTO COURTESY OF MIRAGLIA CATERING

Catering company owner Cheryl Miraglia bags a dinner for door-drop home delivery.



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Mark Canlas of Hayward treats a patient aboard the hospital ship USNS Mercy docked in Los Angeles.

Hayward Man Aboard USNS Mercy

Mark Canlas from Hayward, California is a hospitalman aboard the hospital ship USNS Mercy, now deployed to Los Angeles in support of the nation’s COVID-19 response efforts.

Mercy will serve as a referral hospital for non-COVID-19 patients, allowing shore-based hospitals to focus their efforts on COVID-19 cases.

The Department of Defense is supporting the Federal Emer-

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SMALL BUSINESS CONTINUITY GRANT PROGRAM

San Leandro Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter and the City Council announce the opening of the **Small Business Continuity Grant Program** that provides up to \$5,000 to small businesses to help them continue operations during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

This program provides relief to small businesses that demonstrate negative impacts as a result of the COVID-19 shutdown with a one-time capital infusion of up to \$5,000.

• **Eligible Businesses:** All businesses with at least one employee (in addition to the owner) and no more than 25 employees. Businesses must be able to demonstrate at least a 50% reduction in revenues due to COVID-19. Businesses must have physical location within incorporated San Leandro, have an active business license and also be in good standing with the City.

• **Ineligible Businesses:** Non-profit organizations and home-occupied businesses.

• **Grant Award Amount:** Up to \$5,000.00. The award is a grant and does not require repayment. Funds should be prioritized to cover payroll, rent, or working capital for the business to cover operational expenses. Businesses receiving funding should comply with Alameda County Public Health, State and Federal guidelines for operating their businesses (social distancing, clean down procedures, limiting in-store occupancy, etc.).

The application, as well as program information in English, Spanish, and Chinese are available on the City’s COVID-19 webpage: <https://www.sanleandro.org/c19/>



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Applications are due no later
than 5:00PM on Monday,
April 27, 2020.

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Relief: Weighing access to park with protecting public health

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like walking and bicycling, but the park's "amenities" are closed — the playground and exercise equipment are off limits, and so are the picnic tables.

The county health officer's order allows for limiting access to parks to reduce overcrowding, including restricting vehicle access and parking. So San Leandro has the right to close the parking lot

under the order.

The city is complying with the county health officer, and other public agencies, in limiting access to prevent overcrowding, said Eric Engelbart, deputy city manager.

Engelbart said the aim is to only close parking lots during periods of high usage, and the broader goal is to keep the parks open and accessible to the public

during the pandemic. It's a balance between access to parks and modest restrictions to protect the public's health, Engelbart said.

"The City will continue to monitor the situation and may make further adjustments based on how things go," Engelbart said.

As a user of the Park, Powers said he sees one benefit to the parking lot being closed.

"One good upside is you walk farther," Powers said.

A voice could be heard in the background in the telephone call from Powers.

"That's my wife," Powers said. "She said that's (walking farther) good for us old people."

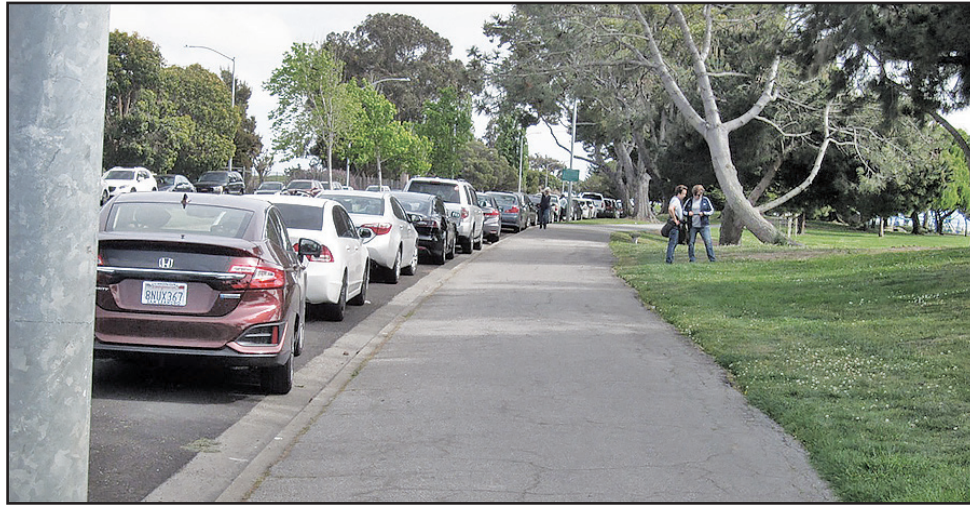


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People going to Marina Park are parking along Monarch Bay Drive since the parking lot is closed.

Swalwell to Host Live Facebook Q&A Forum

Congressman Eric Swalwell will hold a Facebook Live Q&A on Thursday, April 23, at 1:30 p.m. with special guest Dr. Edward Lee, executive vice president of information technology of the Permanente Federation.

The public and press can join at: Facebook.com/CongressmanEricSwalwell. You're welcome to submit questions in advance on the event Facebook page.

"Our Facebook Live Q&A series has brought guests from across the Bay Area to answer your most pressing questions related to the coronavirus pandemic," Swalwell said. "Just like you, I want to have the best information available. Having a chance to ask frontline public health experts your questions makes us all safer and better-prepared for what comes next. I hope you'll join me and Dr. Lee this week."

Shot: Conflicting accounts of shooting; family of Taylor hires civil rights attorney

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didn't comply, according to San Leandro police.

The man has since been identified as 33-year-old Steven Taylor of San Leandro.

Police said Taylor walked toward them with the bat and then an officer fired his taser which was not effective. Taylor continued to walk toward police and then a policeman fired his service weapon, striking the man once in the upper torso, according to San Leandro police.

A few seconds later, another policeman discharged his taser at the man, police said. Police called for paramedics and provided first aid until an ambulance arrived.

"Despite life-saving measures, the man died from his injuries at the scene. Our thoughts are with the man's family during this time," San Leandro police said in a press release.

The shooting will be investigated and the officers involved were placed on administrative leave, standard protocol in any officer-involved shooting.

The Alameda County District Attorney's Office will conduct its own investigation, as they do with all police involved shootings that result in injury or death.

Taylor's family has since hired an attorney who reportedly said Taylor was going through a mental health crisis on Saturday and he was shot when he was no longer a threat.

The shooting is drawing national attention in light of Taylor being black and the two policemen white. Some are saying that the incident wouldn't have resulted in a death had it been

a white businessman having a mental health crisis.

But San Leandro police defend the shooting since a baseball bat can be used as a deadly weapon.

San Leandro Police Say Coroner Reports One Shot

On Tuesday, San Leandro police issued another statement that said the coroner's bureau performed an autopsy on Taylor and the preliminary cause of death is a single gunshot wound to his chest, and that there were no other gunshot wounds.

Anyone with information on this incident is asked to call the San Leandro Police Department at 510-577-2740.

Several shoppers at the scene recorded the incident on their cell phones and posted it on social media. Many comments on social media were critical of the police, though at least one witness said the police had no choice.

There appeared to be some confusion as to whether popping sounds in the videos were a gunshots or a taser. Some social media viewers thought that the man was shot a second time as he walked away in the back, and then after he fell face down on the floor, but the police department's account is that the later shots were a taser.

The controversy on social media even led to Police Chief Jeff Tudor making a statement

on the department's Twitter account, saying that only one shot was fired.

"I would like to dispel some rumors that are circulating on social media," Tudor said. "Our office discharged his service weapon one time, striking the subject in the front of his upper body. It is still early on in this investigation and we will provide you more information in the near future."

Cutter Issues Statement

San Leandro Mayor Pauline Cutter issued a statement this week.

"Like so many of you, my heart aches for the loss of life in our community this weekend. The outcome of this incident was tragic," Cutter said. "I offer heartfelt condolences to the friends, family and loved ones of Mr. Steven Taylor."

Cutter said that the City of San Leandro is committed to investigating the incident "thoroughly and transparently" and will share information with the public as soon as possible.

Cutter added that there is a lot of conflicting accounts of the incident and all the facts need to be determined.

Taylor Family's Lawyer: Officer's Behavior Criminal

Taylor's family has hired civil rights attorney S. Lee Merritt, who issued a statement that it appears police used force without justification. After Taylor was shot by a gun and was limping away leaving a trail of blood, he was apparently shot again by a taser. He fell to the floor and was shot another time, Merritt said.

"At some point in the exchange, the officer's behavior became criminal," Merritt said.

Another point of view was expressed by a witness who posted on social media, "the officer started walking backwards with his weapon drawn and the suspect continued to walk forward with the bat...when he went to swing, that's when the officer shot him."

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LIFESTYLE

Spending More Time in the Kitchen

While sheltering-at-home can have its set of stresses, these evenings are allowing many of us more time in the kitchen to cook what your grandmother called "comfort foods." Nothing fancy, just good, hearty dishes that satisfy the appetite and the soul.

Here's a collection of some of the traditional favorites that will bring smiles all around the table during unsettling times.

OLD-FASHIONED MEAT LOAF

- 1-1/2 pounds ground chuck
- 1/2 pound ground pork sausage (seasoned or not)
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 cup fine bread crumbs
- 1 to 2 large cloves of garlic, pressed
- 1 cup diced sweet onion
- 1/4 cup diced green bell pepper
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano, crushed
- Freshly ground pepper to taste
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 package dry onion soup mix
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 (6-ounce) can tomato paste, divided use

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Combine ground beef, pork sausage, eggs, bread crumbs, garlic, sweet onion, bell pepper, oregano, pepper, Worcestershire sauce, onion soup mix, milk, and half of the tomato paste.

Gently mix only until combined. Do not overwork the meat or it will become tough.

Form into a loaf. Cover with the remaining half can of tomato paste.

Bake for 1 hour and 15 minutes. Let meatloaf rest 15 minutes before cutting to serve. Yields 8 servings. Great with mashed potatoes and brown gravy.

BROWN BEEF GRAVY

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/4 cup ketchup
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 quart cold beef broth
- Salt and black pepper to taste

In a saucepan, melt the butter over medium-low heat. Add the flour and cook, stirring, for 5 minutes, until the mixture is golden-brown and smells like cooked pie crust. Add the garlic and cook for 30 seconds. Whisk in a cup of the cold beef broth, and then add the rest of the ingredients, except the salt and pepper.

Bring to a simmer, whisking, and then reduce the heat to low and simmer for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Taste, and season with salt and pepper. Serves 8.

SCALLOPED POTATOES

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1-1/2 cups milk
- 1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 5 medium potatoes, peeled and thinly sliced
- 1 medium onion, halved and thinly sliced

In a small nonstick skillet, melt butter. Stir in the flour, salt and pepper until smooth; gradually add milk. Bring to a boil. Cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Remove from the heat; stir in cheese until blended.

Place half of the potatoes in a 1-1/2 quart baking dish coated with cooking spray; layer with half of the onion and cheese sauce.



Repeat layers.

Cover and bake at 350°F for 50 minutes. Uncover; bake 10-15 minutes longer or until bubbly and potatoes are tender. Serves 6.

MACARONI & CHEESE

- 5 cups cooked macaroni
- 1/2 stick butter
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 3 cups milk
- 2 cups shredded mozzarella
- 2 cups sharp cheddar cheese
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper

Melt butter and pour over macaroni in a large bowl. In a separate bowl, mix eggs and milk. Pour over macaroni.

Add cheeses, salt and pepper. Pour into a casserole dish, cover with foil and bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Remove foil and bake uncovered for another 15 minutes.

CHICKEN & DUMPLINGS

- 8 cups chicken broth
- 2 stalks celery
- 1/2 bunch parsley, tied in a bundle
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 boneless chicken breast pieces
- Salt and pepper
- 1 cup flour
- 1-1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 2-1/2 tablespoons olive oil

- 1/4 cup milk
- 1 egg

Bring broth to boil in Dutch oven with celery and parsley.

Sauté onion in olive oil over medium heat until soft, about 5 minutes. Add chicken, onion and salt and pepper to taste to broth. Reduce heat to simmer.

Combine flour, baking powder and 1/2 teaspoon salt in bowl. Whisk together vegetable oil, milk and egg in separate bowl. Add liquid mixture to dry mixture and stir just until soft dough forms. Do not over-work.

Pat out dough on floured board about 1/3 inch thick. Cut into small rounds with biscuit cutter. Remove parsley and celery from broth and add dumplings. Simmer, covered, until dumplings puff up and are cooked through, about 5 minutes.

REAL CHOCOLATE PUDDING

- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 2-1/2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 tablespoon butter

In a heavy saucepan, combine sugar, cocoa, cornstarch and salt thoroughly. Gradually stir in about half the milk until smooth, then stir in remaining milk.

Cook, stirring constantly, over medium-low heat, until mixture is thickened and come to a boil, about 5 to 8 minutes. Cook, stirring, 1 minute more. Remove from

heat, stir in vanilla and butter until smooth.

Pour into individual dessert bowls or a large serving dish.

Chill pudding until ready to serve or serve warm with a scoop of vanilla ice cream. Makes 4 servings.

BEEF & POTATO CASSEROLE

- 3 cups diced roast beef
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup beef gravy or prepared brown gravy
- 2 tablespoons dry white wine
- 1/4 teaspoon dried thyme, crumbled
- 1/4 teaspoons dried rosemary, crumbled
- Dash garlic powder
- 1/2 to 1 teaspoon salt, or to taste
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- Beef broth or water, if needed
- 2 cups prepared mashed potatoes, seasoned
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 egg
- 1/2 to 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

Grind or finely chop the beef and onion. Add gravy, wine, and seasonings. Add broth, if necessary, to make a moist mixture.

Put beef mixture in a shallow 1 1/2 quart baking dish. Combine mashed potato with butter and egg; mix well then spread over the meat mixture.

Sprinkle with the cheese. Bake at 350°F for 30 minutes, or until browned and bubbly.

Yields 6 servings.

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GUEST COMMENTARY



COVID-19 Slowing New Home Construction

While COVID-19 is certainly making an impact on the local real estate market, many believe we will see the market rebound once the crisis has passed.

Even before the shelter-in-place began, local inventory shortages were pushing prices higher. Most of those who were in the market pre-crisis looking to buy still need to purchase, and while we may see a short-term drop in pricing, it is not expected to be severe.

While many buyers are still firmly engaged, we have seen two groups backing out of the current market: the first

segment has lost their down payment due to the stock market crash. Once their portfolios rebound, they will return. The second batch contains those assuming recent events will cause real estate values to plummet, enabling them to buy at significant discounts. Most experts agree this group will be largely disappointed.

There is one segment of the market, however, that has taken a significant hit which will affect it for a while to come. New home builders.

An examination of new construction communities across the country by Meyers Research revealed a 50% drop in sales in March compared to

February.

While construction of new homes has been categorized as essential in some regions, builders must still comply with social distancing mandates. Consequently, only one group of trades should be in a property at one time, dramatically affecting the time it takes to build a home.

As someone who has built many houses and understands how critical it is for tradespersons to work closely together to accomplish tasks, I cannot imagine trying to build a home with proximity distancing in effect.

With combined housing expenditures (including new home construction, residential remodeling, manufactured home production, existing home sales, rents and utilities payments) making up approximately 15-18% of yearly GDP in the US, consistent housing sector growth is critical for overall economic health.

Currently, new home builder confidence has dropped to a low of 30, putting it deep in negative territory. This does not bode well for the overall housing industry, which has already been experiencing a dramatic shortage of homes – especially in densely populated regions like the San Francisco Bay Area. If anything, this will put pressure on existing home sales to fill the gap and help keep values from plummeting.

As the stated end to the shelter-in-place draws closer, many hoping it will be removed, allowing housing to return to some semblance of “normal.”

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

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Are Blackberries Right for your Yard?

By Buzz Bertolero
Special to the Times

I am looking to plant some blackberries and need some advice on what varieties would be best suited for this area? I am especially interested in the thornless varieties.

Today, there is a renewed interest in growing blackberries and raspberries with the availability of them at the supermarket. They're being planted by a new generation of gardeners, but they're not always suited for every yard.

Before you plant, consider the negative growing points.

Blackberries and raspberries are aggressive growing vines that need to be maintained; otherwise, they'll overtake a landscape, and removing them will be expensive and time-consuming.

They like a sunny location and must be supported with a sturdy trellis. Typically, a fence is used, but this isn't a good idea, as there is no way you can prevent the underground rhizomes from intruding into an



adjourning yard. Ultimately, this could lead to a nasty neighbor dispute.

You'll need a four-foot-wide planting area that is at least four feet from any property line. Ideally, it should be in a raised bed so you can control the rogue roots.

The berries form on the second year's growth. Each year, the fruiting canes are cut off at the ground after the harvest. They're replaced on the trellis with the new shoots that have formed at the base of each plant.

Before planting, be sure to add plenty of organic matter like homemade compost or any of the blended soil conditioners. The vines should be watered often and fertilized annually in the spring. They need to be sprayed during the winter to control berry mite, which causes the berries to ripen halfway and be very hard.

The nursery professional at your favorite garden center should be able to assist you with the varieties, but you can't go wrong with Boysenberry, Ollie, or Marion.

And finally, thorny blackberries are heavier producers than the thornless ones. Unless you have a big yard you might want to pass on this.

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 or on Facebook at Facebook.com/BuzzBertolero

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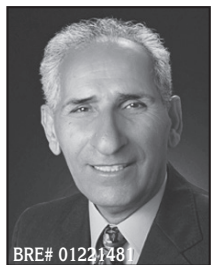
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Lake Chabot Regional Park in Castro Valley.

Check Ahead Before Visiting a Regional Park

By Ned MacKay
Special to the Forum

In an effort to prevent overcrowding with resulting public health challenges and spread of the coronavirus, East Bay Regional Park District is advising the public generally not to drive to regional parks, but instead to walk or cycle to parks close to their homes.

"The public should consider staying at home, walking in their neighborhood, or visiting parks on less crowded days or times," said Park District General Manager Robert Doyle. "No picnicking and group activities are allowed by the 'Stay-at-Home' order from the state, which has been in place for the past two weeks."

Unfortunately, as the coronavirus pandemic continues, more restrictions may become necessary.

As of this writing, trails and open space remain open to the public on a walk-in and bike-in basis. Before you head out to a regional park, it's best to visit the park district website, www.ebparks.org, for up-to-date information on the situation district-wide.

Click on "COVID-19 Park Updates & Closures" at the top of the home page. And please comply with the rules listed at the website, especially maintaining social distance, packing out trash, and keeping dogs on leash.

Toilets and drinking fountains are off-line, so go before you go and bring your own water.

Of course we're not used to these restrictions when we visit the regional parks and other open spaces. But extraordinary circumstances require extraordinary measures. With everyone's cooperation, we

will get through these difficult times and be able to return to a more familiar way of living.

And remember: nature isn't going anywhere. Our beautiful open spaces will still be there for all to enjoy after this health emergency passes.

There's some good news, too. Although all in-the-parks nature education programs in the East Bay Regional Park District have been canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic, the park district naturalists have still been busy, bringing the world of nature to your living room.

The naturalists have put together two series of videos: "Creature Features," and "Songs and Stories." In each program, a naturalist on camera or narrating gives a lively presentation about some aspect of nature. You can access the programs and other information by visiting www.ebparks.org/DigitalLearning.

Creature feature topics so far have included newts, Julius Squeezer the gopher snake, animal skull identification, birding basics, Tilden pond life, and Deltoid Balsamroot, a beautiful sunflower that is important both as food and as insect habitat.

"Songs and Stories" is a kid-friendly series led by an on-camera naturalist. The first one featured Morgan Guenther explaining the importance of habitat for all living things, then leading the habitat song.

Both series are interactive, in that viewers can ask questions in the comment section, to which the naturalist staff will respond. These online nature programs are a great supplement to the regular school curricula that students must now experience from home.

Ned MacKay is a columnist for the East Bay Regional Parks District.

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Propagate Plants

This is a good time to root cuttings of carnations, fuchsias and geraniums in moist sand, or a mixture of sand and vermiculite. If you are pruning these plants, use the tips for new plants.

Yellowing Foliage

Look for signs of chlorosis—yellowing leaves on azaleas, gardenias, rhododendrons and star jasmine. Wet soil or a pH that is too high or too low renders iron unavailable to the plants, yellowing the leaves between green veins. Now's the time to take quick action. Spray water-soluble chelated micro-nutrient fertilizer on the foliage. This works best on young leaves that are still growing. For longer-lasting results, work iron sulfate or sulfur into the top layer of soil.

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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): You still might have to deal with some lingering confusion that marked a recent workplace situation. But for the most part, you should now be well on your way to your next project.



TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): A new commitment might demand more time than you'd expected to have to give it. But rely on that special Bovine gift for patience, and stick with it. You'll be glad you did.



GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): You're earning the admiration of a lot of people who like the way you handle yourself when your views are on the line. Even one or two of your detractors are being won over.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Taking your responsibilities seriously is what you do. But ease up on the pressure gauge, and make time for much needed R & R. Start by making this weekend a "just for fun" time zone.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): Some recently uncovered information might make a change of plans inevitable. If so, deal with it as quickly as possible, and then find out what went wrong and why. What you learn might surprise you.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): Aspects favor moving carefully and deliberately when making any significant changes. Could be there are more facts you need to know, which you might overlook if you rush things.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): A problem neighbor might be looking to goad you into an action you don't want to take. Ask someone you both respect if he or she would act as an impartial arbitrator for both of you.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): A recent workplace accomplishment hasn't been overlooked by those who watch these things. Meanwhile, start making travel plans for that much-too-long-deferred trip with someone special.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Those money matters continue to move in your favor. Now would be a good time to start putting some money back into the house, both for esthetic as well as economic reasons.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): A changing workplace environment can create job pressures. But, once again, follow the example of your birth sign and take things a step at a time, like the sure-footed Goat you are.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Cheer up. You could soon have the funds you need for your worthy project. Your generous gifts of time and effort are well known, and someone might decide it's time to join with you.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Your inner scam-catcher is right on target, and you're absolutely right to reject that "too good to be true" offer. Meanwhile, something positive should be making its way to you.

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Newsom Says More Testing Coming Soon, Swabs on the Way

As of Wednesday, California has tested 465,327 people for COVID-19 infections as the state moves toward taking steps to modify staying-at-home orders.

At his daily press briefing yesterday, Gov. Gavin Newsom said more than 16,000 tests are being administered daily at some 600 sites and that testing will increase to 25,000 a day by the end of the month.

Newsom said 86 new sites are being added in lesser-served rural and urban areas to assure that

significant testing is done within black and brown populations.

Swabs are the greatest need at testing sites, and to that end the governor said President Trump has promised to ship 100,000 swabs to the state this week, 250,000 more next week, and still more the following week.

Newsom said the state is recruiting an army of 10,000 tracers within the state's workforce to track close contacts of those who have tested positive, for possible isolation or quarantine.

While the so-called "curve" of hospitalizations has flattened in California, the governor said there had been 86 deaths in the state on Wednesday, a nearly 7 percent increase over the previous day.

Newsom also announced that hospitals will begin to open for high priority elective surgeries soon.

The governor's briefings are at noon each day and are carried live by most Bay Area TV stations.

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To be eligible to participate, businesses must also have a valid business license to operate in the City of Hayward.

The order on face covering from the Alameda County Department of Public Health is in

addition to the Shelter-in-Place order, and the practice of face covering is not considered a substitute for staying home, physical distancing of at least six feet, and frequent hand-washing.

Under the order, a person engaged in walking, hiking, bicycling, and running is not required to wear a face covering but that person must take steps to maintain at least six feet of distance from others and carry a face covering in case one is

needed when encountering other people.

To read the order and for other COVID-19 information and updates from the Alameda County Public Health Department, go to www.acphd.org/2019-ncov.

For other resources and information and updates on how the City of Hayward is responding to the health emergency, go to www.hayward-ca.gov/covid-19 or call the City's COVID-19 hotline at (510) 583-4949.



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Playgrounds Closed

Grim reminders of the pandemic are everywhere. Even the playgrounds are closed. But as the medical experts say, we just have to be patient.

Post Office Presses on Despite Pandemic

The Pandemic hasn't stopped delivery of the mail.

"COVID-19 has uprooted many lives and changed daily routines, but delivering America's mail remains constant," said Post Office spokesman Augie Ruiz.

The post office adapted to keep its employees and the public healthy during the pandemic. New measures are in place, including physical distancing, to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

Letter carriers are now required to maintain a safe distance.

If a delivery requires a signature, carriers will knock on the door rather than touch the bell, and instead of asking for a signature on a mobile device, they will simply ask for a name. And then the carrier will leave the package in a safe place for retrieval.

The post office is asking customers not to approach a letter carrier to take a delivery. Instead, allow them to leave the mailbox area before retrieving the mail.

At post offices, new protections have been put in place, including making sure gloves, masks and sanitizing products are available to employees.

At offices and processing facilities measures are in place to ensure appropriate distancing, including signs, floor tape and sneeze barriers. All the cleaning at post office facilities is done according to CDC guidelines for the pandemic.

"The post office is closely monitoring the coronavirus disease, as the safety of our employees and customers is our highest priority," Ruiz said. "We are issuing new information to our workforce daily and implementing protocols on CDC guidelines."

— By Jim Knowles

Post Office Meets Your Needs While You're Home

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Consumers who live in an apartment complex or a community with cluster mailboxes will find Informed Delivery particularly helpful now as we are practicing social distancing. By seeing the images of your mail, consumers can determine the urgency to go out and retrieve it.

Once you sign up, it typically takes about three business days to start receiving those notification emails. Not every address is eligible for Informed Delivery.

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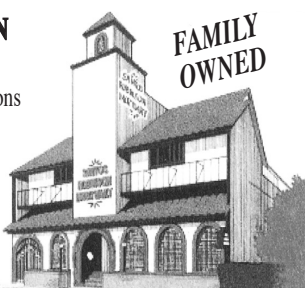
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—Fred Zehnder, Editor & Publisher

Eden Garden Club Cancels Plant Sale

The Eden Garden Club's annual plant sale, scheduled for May 16 at the Moose Lodge in Castro Valley, has been postponed until further notice due to the shelter-in-place order.

The plant sale is the club's major fundraiser for local schools in Castro Valley and Hayward to start and maintain school gardens. Please watch for notice of a new date. For more information, call 510-397-1268.



OPINION

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An Open Letter to the California Congressional Delegation

Editor:

I humbly submit this Letter to the Editor on behalf of the California motorcoach industry which has been decimated by COVID-19 with no help from the federal government.

We are California's motorcoach industry. We are family and independently owned businesses you represent, transporting 24 million residents and tourists annually across the region. From our national parks to city centers, we are visible in every community and vital to America's transportation network.

Before COVID-19, we employed 9,367 hard-working individuals across California and contributed \$1.7 billion in economic revenue. Like many transportation industries, that has all changed and virtually every bus company across America has stopped operating. We support the public health restrictions put in place to help flatten the spread of COVID-19, but when people emerge from this crisis, we want our employees to have jobs and bring visitors back here. But today, our future is very uncertain.

Before Congress left Washington, DC for a one-month hiatus they passed a \$2 trillion aid package to help large and small business. That package included nearly \$100 billion for every mode of passenger transportation (airlines, Amtrak, transit) except for private buses. Our voice in Congress was ignored, leaving our industry and our employees on the side of the road.

As the federal government focuses on recovery, we urge you to remember that we bring your constituents to work; your kids on school trips; evacuate your citizens during natural disasters; and we drive tourism in our state, literally. We connect America. If we go away, those

experiences go away.

We need your support now.

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A Concession Needed

Editor:

I am a 76-year-old woman with stage 4 lung cancer living in Washington Manor. I am on blood thinners and chemo and am definitely an "at risk" person.

It is very hard for me to do my own nails. I have been going to Perfect Nails in the Greenhouse Market Place in San Leandro for many years. They are closed. I do understand that. I know it can seem like a frivolous service, but for someone like me it's a necessity. I am a widow. I live alone with my dog. No one can do my nails but me...and I cannot do it.

I'm wondering what kind of concessions can be made for someone like me. Could a nail place be open on a limited basis -- a specific number of people to be served, wearing face masks, etc. Markets are now open certain hours just for seniors and at risk people, so a precedent has been set.

—Sidney Simpson
Washington Manor

A Secessionist Alliance

Editor:

Here comes, again, California's Gov. Gavin Newsom with that goofy smile (what's he smiling about?) in his daily press conference, trying to compete with President Trump's masterly handled press conferences, announcing his "Plan for Re-Opening the State" by forming a secessionist west coast alliance while declaring that "the decision will be based on science not a political pressure."

This is the same prophet of doom who, in March, predicted that California would have 56 percent of people infected and up to two million deaths. To date, there

are less than 1,000 deaths (Big Hoax) in California and it would have been less hadn't our goofy governor disembarked a shipload of infected people at the port of Oakland and Nancy Pelosi and London Breed didn't invite people to go to San Francisco's Chinatown in March.

Our fortune teller is presiding over a Democratic administration that has the biggest homeless encampments in the country; his ideas about stopping the expansion of the Coronavirus is releasing up to 4,000 criminals from jail into the society -- that's the meaning of "Sanctuary State" for criminals.

Also, while nurses, doctors, grocery and transportation workers, police and firefighters, etc. go to work every day, city, county and state officials abandoned their posts and run; practically declaring themselves a protected class, under the guise of "working from home," while receiving their salaries at home.

The city blames the county, the county blames the state and the state declares that they "don't have jurisdiction" over the city's decision (from Rob Bonta's office when I called) and the merry-go-round. The street sweeper didn't run in April; I wonder who the street sweeper interacts with, as well as many other departments that have little or no contact with the public. Meanwhile, paper napkins, drinking cups, etc. are flying all over the place with the early winds of April; another contribution of our city officials to contain the spread of the virus.

If the Russians had sheltered in place when the Nazis invaded, the Nazis would be ruling the world today. By the way, the Russians had 25 million deaths in World War II. Don't be such crybabies, open the government, go back to work.

—Leo T. West
San Leandro

Health Care Miscalculation

Editor:

Trump and his Republican mob captains so overly anxious to reopen the economy are willing to sacrifice American lives to cement his re-election. Willingness to jeopardize humans with reigniting COVID-19. Simultaneously denying alternative voting that would allow voting rights for Americans. Trump is *always* re-election first.

Trump foolishly suspending payment to World Health Organization. Now fighting States Governors as to who has the authority to reopen the economy. Trump then concedes, "you're on your own." No wonder Secretary of State Rex Tillerson called Trump, "(explicative) moron."

All these divisive Trump counter attacks attempting to divert attention from his well publicized lack of action with COVID-19 in January and February. Trump *never* taking responsibility for his mistakes, while attacking others to deflect from his self-serving blather. Who could vote for such a misfit?

All the while Trump and cohort Mitch McConnell at Mar-a-Lago Club spa having the required high enemas needed to mitigate the back-flow of self contamination -- a disease unto itself.

Testing! Without first scaling up testing and then a gradual reopening of the economy; the high risk of losing gains could quickly evaporate and find Americans with more COVID-19 cases and deaths than before.

The biggest cost to the economy is uncertainty. This time brought about by healthcare miscalculation -- with Trump's re-election heavily weighted. Every decision Trump makes is first and foremost about him and his re-election. Make a mistake here and the Great Depression will look tame in retrospect.

—Dwight Pitcaithley
San Leandro

Recommendations Not Followed

Editor:

Preventive steps were needed back in January, like ramping up the production

of testing equipment, masks, ventilators, and hospital capacity. President I-knew-it-was-a-pandemic-long-ago did *nothing*!

Actually, he did something: he minimized and denied the problem.

The growing numbers of virus cases and deaths is alarming, and enraging, considering that much of the damage and death was preventable, *if* the Corona Criminal had followed the recommendations of our own government's health professionals. With the projection of more than 100,000 deaths from the trump virus, the president qualifies as a mass murderer. Let's hope the Karma of Justice is swift and thorough.

—Bruce Joffe
Piedmont

Sitting at Home

Editor:

"How Am I?" I'm glad you ask. I'm sitting home behind my mask, With gloves on, too, I'm rarely seen, Protected from Covid-19.

I still have friends, forever more, Who no longer come up to my door. They and I keep really clean, Protected from Covid-19.

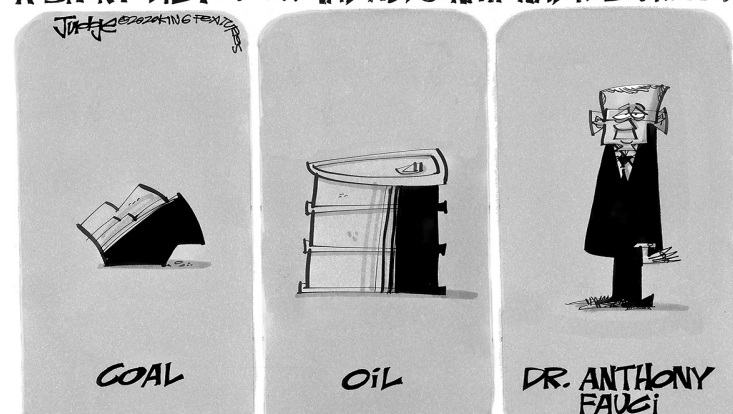
The President wants us to stop Closing places with a mop, To open business, not to clean, Protected from Covid-19.

Mr. President, please go away. Your testing kits, still on delay. You won't wear masks and hate that scene.

I hope you won't catch Covid-19.

—George Z. Banks
San Leandro

A SHORT LIST OF OUR VALUABLE NATIONAL RESOURCES:



Masks: Required when in public

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1.7 million residents, now has the third-most cases in the Bay Area, behind Santa Clara County at 1,870 and San Francisco at 1,216.

Make Your Own Face Coverings

Face coverings can be simple and homemade, made of cloth, fabric, or other soft or permeable material without holes, that covers the nose and mouth. Medical masks such as the N95 respirators should be reserved for health care professionals and first responders.

The order requires that a face covering must be worn in three main settings:

- Going to – or working in – an essential business: including stores, offices, and government buildings
- Seeking health care, such as visiting a doctor or clinic
- Taking public transportation, including BART, bus, and shared transportation.

Employees, contractors, owners, and volunteers in all these settings must wear a face covering where the public is present or likely to be, and at any time when others are nearby, according to Dr. Pan.

“A face covering may reduce the risk of transmitting the virus that causes COVID-19 when



A streetcar conductor prevents a passenger from boarding because he's not wearing a face covering during the Spanish flu pandemic in 1919.

maintaining at least 6 feet of distance isn't possible,” said Dr. Pan. Health officials are asking

business owners to refuse service to patrons who do not follow the face covering order. Failure to use a mask in public could also result in a misdemeanor fine or imprisonment by law enforcement.

Exemption for Children 12 and Under

The new order has some exemptions. Children ages 12 and younger are not required to wear a face covering, and any child 2 years old or younger should not wear a face covering.

If you are exercising on your own such as walking, hiking, bicycling, or running, you are not required to wear a mask, providing you keep one with you and maintain at least 6 feet of distance from others.

The order also does not apply to someone driving by themselves or with members of their family.

City of SL Offers Emergency Grants to Small Businesses

Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter and the City Council launched a Small Business Continuity Grant Program that provides of up to \$5,000 to small businesses to help continue operations during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

The program offers financial assistance to small businesses and independent restaurants within incorporated San Leandro to aid in maintaining their business operations and workforce. It provides relief to small businesses affected by the COVID-19 shutdown with a one-time capital infusion of up to \$5,000.

Eligible businesses are those with at least one employee (not including the owner) and no more than 25 employees. Businesses must be able to demonstrate at least a 50 percent reduction in revenue due to COVID-19, and

be in good standing with the City of San Leandro.

Priority will be given to businesses experiencing the greatest economic loss, including those in the retail, service, and restaurant sectors. Examples of relevant impacts could include those stemming from mandated closures or operational impacts associated with social distancing or other public health mandates that remain in effect.

The City of San Leandro's Economic Development Division currently administers a City Council-approved Business Improvement Incentive Program designed to attract new businesses and help others expand in San Leandro. In order to address the economic crisis resulting from COVID-19 and the Alameda County Public Health Order for sheltering in

place, the City is reprogramming \$250,000 of Business Incentive funding for the new COVID-19 Small Business Continuity Grant Program.

Information in English, Spanish, and Chinese as well as application materials for the program can be accessed from the City's COVID-19 webpage: <https://www.sanleandro.org/c19/>

The deadline for applications is 5 p.m. on Monday, April 27. Late applications will not be considered. After applications are received, city staff will review and assess them for completeness and then prioritize grantees based on demonstrated need. This review period will be determined based upon the number of responses received.

All questions and applications may be emailed to covid19grants@sanleandro.org.

75th Annual H.A.R.D. Egg Hunt Still Goes On Despite Lockdown

Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (H.A.R.D.) had to cancel the 75th annual Egg Hunt and Bonnet Parade but that didn't stop them from sharing some spring joy with an “egg drop” and creating a revised bonnet contest in time for Easter weekend.

The annual Egg Hunt and Bonnet Parade is one of H.A.R.D.'s oldest traditions and a favorite for the entire community, but it had to be cancelled due to the shelter-in-place order.

So H.A.R.D. staff decided to make sure the 15,000 candy and toy-filled eggs didn't go to waste and delivered them around the District to first responders, youth in several free school lunch programs, and to the medical staff at local hospitals including Eden Medical Center, Kaiser, and St. Rose Hospital.



The annual bonnet parade contest was held “virtually” this year. The traditional contest categories are: Prettiest Bonnet, Most Unusual Bonnet, and Most Colorful Bonnet.

For more information please visit: www.HaywardRec.org.



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Wearing face coverings is mandatory now in Alameda County when around people outside of home.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es): East Bay Cookies located at 949 Bridge Rd., San Leandro, CA 94577, in Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1) Liesl Probasco, 949 Bridge Rd., San Leandro, CA 94577 (2) Alison Knotek, 520 Diehl Ave., San Leandro, CA 94577. This business is conducted by co-partners. This business commenced 02-03-20.
/s/ Liesl Probasco, Alison Knotek
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es): Lorena House Cleaning Services located at 348 105th Ave. Apt A, Oakland, CA 94603, in Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Lorena Salazar, 348 105th Ave. Apt A, Oakland, CA 94603. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced 01-01-20.
/s/ Lorena Salazar
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Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es): Adult Jam located at 15345 Churchill St., San Leandro, CA 94579, in Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Elizabeth Eisler, 15345 Churchill St., San Leandro, CA 94579. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced 4-1-13.
/s/ Elizabeth Eisler
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