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Morning Routine Moves Outdoors

Now that McDonald's is only open for take-out during the pandemic, a group of friends has their coffee in the morning in the parking lot, including Jose Lopez, Julio Gonzalez, Mononu Lopez, Adolfo Leon and Carlos Lopez.

San Leandro Sports Hall of Fame Names Class of 2020

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

This year's San Leandro Sports Foundation's Hall of Fame ceremony won't be live and in-person as in past years, but it's still on.

The ceremony will have to be virtual this year. But the new inductees' plaques will be installed at Burrell Field just as in past years.

Earlier this month, the San Leandro Sports Foundation (www.slsfi.org) released the names of the 2020 inductees. It's a pretty fast crowd. It includes a few sprinters who hold San Leandro High School records.

"There will be no ceremony this year, the coronavirus strikes again," said SLSF founder Martin Capron. "It's not a good idea to travel, as you know."

But each of the eight induct-

ees will get a nice plaque that Capron is sending, plus their name on the wall in September with the other Hall of Fame members at Burrell Field.

The letter each inductee receives informs the athlete that their name will be enshrined forever on the Hall of Fame wall at Burrell Field. The athletes are chosen not just for their accomplishments on the field, but for their sportsmanship and character.

The San Leandro Sports Foundation Class of 2020 are:

Christian Carter – San Leandro High School, Class of 2013. Track and field athlete, sprinter. School record holder in the 100 (11.67) and the 200 (23.77), 3rd place in the 100 and 200 at CIF State Finals 2013, member of the school record 4 x 100 (41.83) and 4 x 400 (3:18.31) relay teams.

Gabriella Cantrell – San



Nijae Jones holds the San Leandro High School record in the 400 and 800 meters.

Leandro High School, Class of 2013. Track and field athlete, sprinter. School record holder in the 100 (11.67) and the 200 (23.77), 3rd place in the 100 and 200 at CIF State Finals 2013, member of the school record 4 x 100 (46.57) relay team. Member of the North Coast Section (Meet of Champions) Girls Champion-



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ship Track and Field Team.

Nijae Jones – San Leandro High School, Class of 2013. Track and field athlete, mid-distance runner. School record hold- see HALL, page 4

Totals from Looting Still Unknown

Police still haven't tallied all the stores hit on night of May 31

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

San Leandro businesses are still picking up the pieces following the looting and civil unrest on May 31.

San Leandro police and City Hall say they do not have an exact count of how many businesses were hit that night, but they estimate that San Leandro businesses experienced millions in physical and economic losses from stolen goods and lost sales due to store closures.

"This is unique because of the sheer magnitude of the looting and the number of businesses that were hit that night," San Leandro Police Lieutenant Ted Henderson said. "There are still some businesses that are going through their inventory to figure out their losses, so we have not received those reports yet."

And while no official tally of how many people were participating in the looting, Lieutenant Henderson says only one arrest was made as a result.

"San Leandro police officers, with assistance from the Union City and Fremont Police Departments, responded to a report of looting at the Bayfair Center," Lt. Henderson said. "Upon arrival, a suspect fired eight gunshots directly at the officers. A Union City police officer suffered a minor injury in his left hand from a ricocheted round. There were no

other injuries."

While the gunman got away, surveillance footage identified him as 33-year-old Luracious Paul Wilkerson of Sacramento, see LOOTING, page 3

Arrest Made in Stabbing Death

San Leandro police made an arrest in the case of a stabbing death on Billings Boulevard.

On Aug. 15, police found 24-year-old Roman Pagan of San Leandro inside a White Camaro on the 700 block of Billings suffering from at least one stab wound. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

On Aug. 19, police arrested 22-year-old David Herrera of Hayward as the suspect in the homicide. Herrera is being held at the Santa Rita Jail.

Anyone with information on the case is urged to call the San Leandro Police Department at 510-577-2740.

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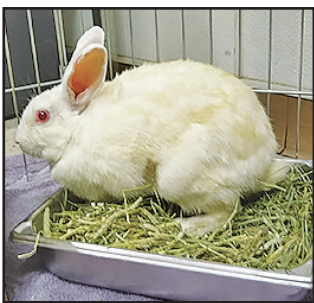
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PETS OF THE WEEK



Franklin



Roger

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter are Franklin the cat and Roger the rabbit.

Franklin is a 4-year-old male tuxedo cat. When he first came in he was scared, but he grew strong and learned to get along. Now he's got a whole new life to live, with all his love to give and he wants a home.

Roger is a 2-year-old male

rabbit who is a little shy, but comes out of his shell a little more each day. Roger came in with bald spots and crusty ears. With a little bit of TLC he's regained his health and has grown all his fur back. Now he's looking for a loving forever home.

For more information on Franklin or Roger, call the Hayward Animal Shelter Volunteer Office at 510-881-7927.

Oakland Aviation Museum Opens Up Outdoor Exhibits

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 is located at the Oakland Airport's North Field, 8252 Earhart Road in Oakland, just off Doolittle Drive.

Visitors can view famous aircraft, including the Douglas A-3 Skywarrior, A-7 Corsair, a Harrier jump jet, or a MiG-15.



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Santos Park

The former Grover Cleveland Park, on O'Donnell Avenue just east of I-880, was renamed Tony Santos Park in honor of the late mayor. The City Council voted last October to rename the park at the request of the Santos family. Friends

and former city leaders said getting the park opened was Mayor Santos's single proudest accomplishment. Santos passed away April 15 of this year, after serving one term as mayor and several terms as a city councilman.

Sign Up for H.A.R.D. Fall Classes

The Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (H.A.R.D.) announced the Fall Recreation Programs Guide is now available with a wide variety of virtual recreation classes and programs.

In response to the initial Covid-19 pandemic last spring, H.A.R.D. closed and cancelled most recreation programs and facilities. Re-opening and returning programs have been based on Alameda County shelter-in-place orders. Open space and parks

continue to remain open to the public.

Visit www.HaywardRec.org to see the fall programs.

"This has been a very challenging time for our community, and we know how important it is to keep providing opportunities for recreation," said H.A.R.D. board President Paul Hodges. "There are some terrific programs for the fall and, given our continued limitations due to Covid, we are laser focused on keeping our families healthy. HARD values

play and creativity, and that's what recreation and parks bring to our residents."

This Day in History, August 27...

In 1789, the French National Assembly issues the "Declaration of Rights of Man and Citizen."

In 1883, the Krakota volcano, west of Java in Indonesia, erupts and kills around 40,000 people.

In 1956, Socialite Gloria Vanderbilt weds "12 Angry Men" director Sidney Lumet.

In 1966, American sportscaster Al Michaels, 21, weds Linda Stamatou.

In 1979, 1st Earl Mountbatten, cousin of Queen Elizabeth II, is killed when an Irish Republican Army bomb blows up his sailboat.

In 1950, the first transmission of a television program from Europe is shown on the BBC.

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Looting: How many stores were looted and what was the total loss?

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who was arrested on July 1.

San Leandro Economic Development Manager Katie Bowman estimates 50 percent of those reporting damages from the looting are small businesses. Businesses that are currently required to be closed due to the shelter-in-place, such as hair and nail salons, were also impacted. "While larger retailers and pharmacies were hit the hardest,

"This is unique because of the sheer magnitude of the looting and the number of businesses that were hit that night."

— Lieutenant Ted Henderson
of the San Leandro
Police Department

smaller businesses such as medical offices, insurance agencies, and auto shops were also damaged," Bowman said.

Looting across the country was initiated after a 46-year-old African-American man, George Floyd, was choked to death by police and re-ignited the country's historical problem of violence against black people.

San Leandro police report the main parts of the city that saw the most looting were located at the Bayfair Center on East 14th Street, the Home Depot and Walmart at the West Gate shopping area on Davis Street, clothing and jewelry stores at the Marina Square shopping area on Marina Boulevard, and the Walmart on Hesperian Boulevard. In addition to retailers, the Dodge, Honda, and Ford car and truck dealerships on Marina Boulevard were targeted.

San Leandro Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM owner Carlos Hidalgo Sr. says he lost 84 vehicles that night as looters crashed through the showroom door, snatched car keys off the wall, and drove off into the night with some popular models estimated at \$80 thousand apiece.

"We got all the vehicles back except for three or four," Hidalgo told the San Leandro Times. "We had tracking units on all of the vehicles so the police were extremely helpful in getting those cars back."

Hidalgo says the returned vehicles are now in various states of repair at local body shops before they are returned. The dealership is working with its corporate sponsor to rebuild its inventory, Hidalgo said. His showroom remains partially boarded up because the windows are on backorder.

Following the civil unrest, Bowman said San Leandro City staff began to actively reach out to impacted businesses including sending out emails to more than 4,000 businesses in San Leandro with information about protective measures for their business, as well as immediate next steps and resources.

"Within the week, we provided direct outreach through phone calls and emails to damaged businesses," Bowman said. "This includes me reaching out to Mr. Hidalgo, as well as Police and other agencies working extensively with him to recover stolen vehicles."

The outreach included a guide for what to do immediately following looting (i.e. - call your landlord, police, and insurance agent), insurance information and resources, and information about assistance provided through the Alameda County Small Business Development Center.

City staff then worked with the U.S. Small Business Administration to get disaster relief funds, Bowman said. Businesses are now eligible for low-interest



PHOTOS BY JIM KNOWLES

Businesses all around town have left the plywood up after the night of looting three months ago because they're afraid of it happening again.

"We got all the vehicles back except for three or four."

— Chrysler Dodge owner
Carlos Hidalgo

loans from the SBA to cover uninsured losses due to civil unrest.

For example, Bowman said Akram Wireless, which has a small cell phone and accessory business within the Bayfair Mall saw all of their merchandise was stolen and display cases greatly damaged.

"They are a small family business that was already suffering and not operating due to the inside of the mall being closed," Bowman said. "We spoke with them multiple times and worked

to connect them with resources. From this, they have talked with an advisor with the Alameda County Small Business Development Center, and have applied for the SBA Disaster Loan."

The SBA loans include up to \$2,000,000 in property damages to repair or replace real estate,

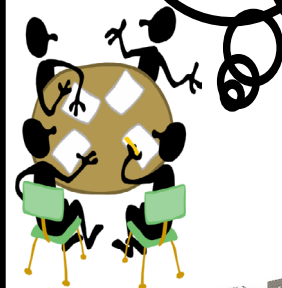
machinery and equipment, inventory. Impacted businesses may also file for economic injury up to \$2,000,000 for working capital to help pay obligations until normal operations resume.

Businesses interested in applying for these loans can visit: www.acsbdc.org

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Hall: Track athletes make the list

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er in the 400 (56.53) and the 800 (2:09.91), 2nd place in the 800 at CIF State Finals 2013, member of the school record 4 x 100 (46.57) and 4 x 400 (3:54.01) relay teams. Member of the North Coast Section (Meet of Champions) Girls Championship Track and Field Team.

Kortnie Smyers Jones – San Leandro High School, Class of 2013. Track and field athlete, hurdler. School record holder in the 100 meter high hurdles (13.94), 4th at CIF State Finals 2013, member of the school record 4 x 100 (46.57) relay team. Member of the North Coast Section (Meet of Champions) Girls Championship Track and Field Team.

Andre McBride – San Leandro High School, Class of 2012. Track and field athlete, sprinter. School record holder in the 100 meters (10.52) and the 200 (21.21), 2nd Place in the 100 at the CIF State Finals in 2012 and member of the school record 4 x 100 meter (41.83) relay team.

Davon Wilson – San Leandro High School, Class of 2009. Track and field athlete, hurdler. School record holder in the 110 meter high hurdles, two-time Big West Conference Champion in the 110 meter high hurdles while at Long Beach State, set school record holder in the 60 meter

high hurdles.

Jim Banks – San Leandro High School, Class of 1993. Track and field athlete, jumper. School record holder in the long jump (23'10") and the triple jump

(46'9 1/2").

Sir William McKenzie – San Leandro High School, Class of 2005. Track and field athlete, thrower. School record holder in the shot put (59'7 1/2").

Covid-19 Testing Available at Marina Community Center

Free Covid-19 testing is now available to everyone, even those without symptoms, at the San Leandro Marina Community Center, and all community testing sites operated by Alameda County Health Services.

No insurance is required and no one is asked about their immigration status.

The hours of operation at the San Leandro Marina

Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd., are Tuesdays through Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Testing remains by appointment only and can be made by visiting the website <https://lhi.care/covidtesting> or calling toll free 1-888-634-1123. Both the website and phone line provide information in English and Spanish.

Vacancy on Eden Health Board

The death of Eden Health District Director Charles Gilcrest earlier this month has created a vacancy on the district's board.

The term of the appointment will expire on Dec. 4, 2020.

For more information, or to be considered for appointment, contact District Clerk Barbara Adranly at badranly@ethd.org.

Applications can be found at ethd.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Board-Vacancy-Application-2020.pdf and should be submitted to badranly@ethd.org no later than 5 p.m. next Wednesday, Aug. 26.

The Eden Health District website is: www.ethd.org.

Savio Rodriguez and Poco Locos Make Music for the Soul

By Bella Comelo
Special to the Times

It is said that music is the medicine of the soul. This is what Savio Rodriguez does for the community's soul in the Bay Area to keep them entertained during this difficult time of the Covid-19 pandemic and lockdown.

He has a live show called Musical Nights With Savio on Facebook. He sings in English, Konkani, (An Indian language), Spanish, Hindi, Portuguese and Nepali. Though he has a day job he has a band named Poco Locos along with band members Randolpho Dias and Roshelle Dias. He has played for festivals, weddings and birthday parties in San



Savio Rodriguez performs a live show on Facebook called Musical Nights with Savio.

Leandro, Hayward and Fremont areas. Anyone who would like to listen to his lilting voice can email him to be put on the listener's list by sending an email to SavioR@pocolocosmusic.band

Annual Flu Shot Even More Important in Age of Covid-19

By Dr. Mark Finch
Special to the Times

COVID-19, the pandemic coronavirus currently devastating our national health, like flu is a virus that predominately attacks the respiratory tract destroying cells of the lung and in some cases injuring other organs of the body.

Emerging evidence in the scientific literature also points to potential long-term injury to health of some cases of COVID-19 that could last months to years.

The fatality rate for coronavirus is much higher than flu; however, flu affects millions of people every year, causing several hundreds of thousands of hospitalizations, and, in a bad year, up to 60,000 deaths.

We also know that patients

can get both infections in sequence or simultaneously.

Although studies have not definitively quantified the added mortality risk of both infections, many medical experts fear that getting both infections in a single season will increase risk of hospitalization and death.

The good news is that in contrast to COVID-19, there are safe readily available vaccines for flu, which are effective at reducing infections, hospitalizations, and deaths.

Currently the CDC recommends that everyone over the age of 6 months be vaccinated against flu every year starting in August and continuing through the Fall.

Persons with chronic illnesses and those over the age of 65 receive the greatest benefit from a flu vaccine.

If one fails to get vaccinated in the fall, getting vaccinated during the winter months is still recommended as flu season can last until late April and early May.

There are several versions of the flu vaccine and all are recommended by the CDC; however, two types are specifically recommended for people over age of 65.

One has a higher doses of the flu antigens, the other has an extra agent known as an adjuvant, added to the vaccine. Both are designed to boost the amount of protective antibodies generated by the vaccine in older individuals.

Side effects from the flu vaccine such as sore arm and a low-grade fever for a few days may occur but are minimal especially compared to how ill one will be if infected with flu virus. Allergy to eggs is not considered a reason to forgo flu vaccine.

Consult with your primary care practitioner or local pharmacist to determine which vaccine is for you and your family. Don't procrastinate, vaccinate.

Mark Finch MD FACP, is a member of the California Immunization Coalition.

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BLACKBERRY PIE

3/4 cup white sugar
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon salt
4 cups fresh blackberries, rinsed and drained
1 tablespoon lemon juice
2 tablespoons butter
Pastry for 9-inch double-crust pie

Combine sugar, 3 tablespoons flour, cinnamon, and 1/8 teaspoon salt. Mix with the berries. Place berry filling in an unbaked pie crust. Sprinkle with lemon juice and dot with butter or margarine. Fit and seal upper crust. Bake on lower shelf in a 425°F oven for 30 to 40 minutes.

BLUEBERRY BUTTERMILK PANCAKES

2 eggs, separated
1-1/2 cups sifted flour
1-1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda

3 tablespoons sugar
3/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup buttermilk
3 tablespoons butter, melted
1 cup fresh blueberries, rinsed and let dry

In a small bowl, beat egg whites until stiff; set aside.

In a separate bowl, sift together flour, baking powder, sugar and salt. Beat egg yolks in a medium mixing bowl; add milk, buttermilk, and melted butter. Stir egg mixture into dry ingredients; mix until batter is smooth and stir in blueberries. Fold in beaten egg whites until blended. If batter seems too thick, add a little more milk.

Bake on hot greased griddle. Makes about 10 to 12 4-inch pancakes.

RASPBERRY-OATMEAL MUFFINS

1 cup buttermilk
3/4 cup oatmeal
3/4 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 cup whole wheat flour
1/3 cup brown sugar, packed
1 teaspoon cinnamon

1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
3 tablespoons vegetable oil
2 tablespoons unsweetened applesauce
2 tablespoons molasses
1 egg
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1-1/2 cups fresh raspberries

Soak oats in buttermilk for 15 minutes. Grease/line muffin tins. Preheat oven to 375°F.

Add oil, apple sauce, molasses, egg, and vanilla to the bowl with the oats and buttermilk and combine.

In a separate bowl, combine flours, oats, brown sugar, cinnamon, baking powder, and baking soda. Combine wet and dry ingredients until dry ingredients are moistened. Stir in raspberries.

Spoon batter into muffin cups and bake for 20 minutes or until muffins test ready. Let cool in muffin tins for about ten minutes before removing and letting cool on cooling racks.

STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE

2 cups flour

1/4 cup sugar
4 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
Dash nutmeg
1/2 cup butter or margarine
1/2 cup milk
2 eggs, separated
Additional sugar
2 pint baskets of fresh strawberries, stemmed and sliced
1 cup whipping cream, whipped and sweetened

Sift flour, sugar, baking powder, salt and nutmeg into a large bowl. Cut in butter to resemble coarse meal.

In a bowl, blend meal and egg yolks with a fork. Stir into flour mixture to make a soft dough. Divide dough into 6 portions, form into balls. Pat balls out on greased baking sheet into 3-inch circles, moistening fingers with egg whites. Brush biscuits with egg whites and sprinkle with sugar.

Bake in preheated 425°F oven 10 to 12 minutes until golden. Remove to rack and cool. Sweeten strawberries to taste. Halve biscuits horizontally. On plates, fill and garnish with strawberries and whipped cream. Serves 6.



18th Annual Independent Watchdog Committee Report to the Public FY2018-19

Measure B and Measure BB Sales Tax Activities

In November 2000, Alameda County voters approved Measure B, which extended the County's 1986 half-cent transportation sales tax to 2022 and set forth a 20-year Expenditure Plan to enhance the County's transportation system. 2000 Measure B also established a Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC) to review all Measure B expenditures for compliance with the Expenditure Plan.

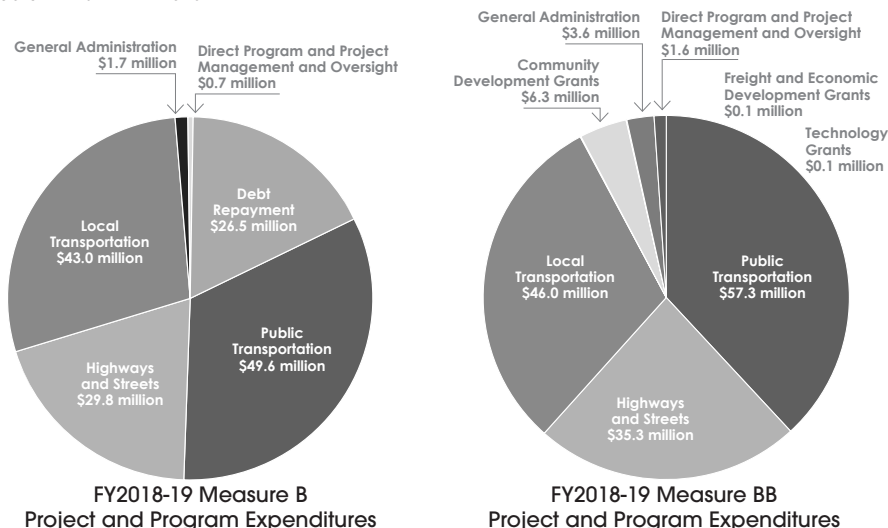
The IWC concludes that 2000 Measure B and 2014 Measure BB tax dollars were spent in accordance with the intent of the two measures during FY2018-19, **except as noted on the last page of the full report.** However, opportunities for improvement remain.

In November 2014, Alameda County voters approved Measure BB, which increased the County's half-cent transportation sales tax to one full cent, extended the tax through 2045 and set forth a 30-year Expenditure Plan for essential transportation improvements in every city throughout the County.

The 2014 Measure BB established an Independent Watchdog Committee (IWC) that reports its findings annually to the public to ensure appropriate use of sales tax funds and provides oversight by reviewing Measure B expenditures and Measure BB expenditures and performance measures. The IWC replaced and assumed responsibility for CWC activities in July 2015. The IWC does not opine on other funds the Alameda CTC manages and/or programs. This 18th annual report reviews expenditures and IWC activities during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 (FY2018-19). The full report is available at www.AlamedaCTC.org/IWC2020Report.

Summary of Revenues and Expenditures

The Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) is responsible for administering the Measure B and Measure BB transportation sales tax measures. In FY2018-19, Measure B revenues for Alameda CTC totaled \$167.2 million, and audited expenditures totaled \$151.3 million. Measure BB revenues totaled \$166.8 million, and audited expenditures totaled \$150.3 million in FY2018-19.



Measure B and Measure BB Funded Programs

Alameda CTC allocates approximately 60 percent of Measure B and 65 percent of Measure BB funds on a monthly basis to programs by formula and through competitive grants to Alameda County, cities and transit agencies for allowable transportation needs.

In FY2018-19, Alameda CTC expended \$90.9 million in Measure B funds and \$94.5 million in Measure BB funds on programs, including local streets and roads, mass transit, special transportation for seniors and people with disabilities, bicycle and pedestrian safety and other investments, and freight and economic, community, and technology development.

Measure B and Measure BB Funded Projects

Alameda CTC allocates approximately 40 percent of Measure B and 35 percent of Measure BB funds to capital projects. In FY2018-19, Alameda CTC expended \$31.6 million of 2000 Measure B funds and \$51.3 million of 2014 Measure BB funds on capital projects for transportation infrastructure improvements, such as BART rail extensions, highway and transit improvements, local street and road enhancements, intermodal projects and other local projects.

Independent Watchdog Committee Activities

IWC members performed the following activities from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

- Ongoing Programs and Capital Projects Monitoring:** The IWC monitors specific programs, capital projects and issues of concern.
- Independent Audit of Alameda CTC:** The IWC reviews the independent auditor's plan for the audit before it begins and reviews the draft audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report regarding Measure B and Measure BB revenues and expenditures.
- Audit and Compliance Report Review:** The IWC members review audited financial statements and compliance reports, including performance measures, received from Measure B and Measure BB direct local distribution (DLD) recipients to ensure expenditures comply with the requirements in the applicable Expenditure Plan.
- Issues Identification Process:** IWC members may request and receive information if they have concerns regarding Measure B and Measure BB expenditures. In FY2018-19, the topics of Measure BB implementing guidelines and Measure B and Measure BB annual revenues and expenditures were addressed using this process.
- Annual Report to the Public:** Each year, the IWC establishes a subcommittee to develop the annual report to the public regarding Measure B and Measure BB expenditures and to discuss distribution and outreach for the annual report.

How to Get Involved

Independent Watchdog Committee meetings are open to the public. If you are interested in vacancies on Alameda CTC's advisory committees, contact Alameda CTC. Visit www.AlamedaCTC.org or contact the IWC at IndependentWatchdog@AlamedaCTC.org to learn more.

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GUEST COMMENTARY



Schools Reopen with Distance Learning In the Midst of a Housing Crisis

With COVID-19 still a viable threat, Bay Area schools are opening in distance-learning mode only. Parents are scrambling to accommodate the new realities and hoping that things will go smoother than the end of the last school season.

It is safe to say no one was prepared for the sudden changes foisted upon students and parents by the closing of schools, and considerable effort has been made by school officials on all levels to ensure that the student experience will be better as schools reopen.

While school districts are making efforts to improve their offerings, many parents are struggling to accommodate their children and still be effective in their own jobs. This is most difficult for families in smaller homes where it is much harder to provide private space conducive to learning.

Some families, confronted by the difficulties, have actually been out looking for larger homes.

There could not be a worse time to do so: we are currently facing a critical shortage of homes as the available inventory of properties for sale is at a record low. Propelled by low interest rates and fear of getting priced out of the market, buyers are out in droves looking for

homes that will meet their needs at a price they can afford.

Pickings are low. As of this writing, there are only 37 single family homes available in Castro Valley, a drop of 45.61% over same time last year. At 36 homes, San Leandro is showing a 29.27% reduction while San Lorenzo has only 13 available single-family properties, a reduction of 30.77%. Hayward has 71 homes currently, but also shows the largest drop in inventory from last year, coming in at a whopping reduction of 65.5%.

This is not just a local phenomenon: home sales are soaring across the country as buyers, desperate to get their piece of the America pie while interest rates remain low, are breaking record-after-record.

According to the National Association of Realtors, sales across the country jumped 24.7% from the previous month of June. Correspondingly, the national supply of homes dropped 21.1% year-over-year as inventory of available homes nationwide shrunk to 1.5 million properties at the end of July.* These astonishing numbers come on the heels of a 20.7% increase one month earlier in June.

With forecasters loudly declaring we are headed for a coronavirus-related recession, it appears the housing markets

have not yet received the memo.

*<https://www.nar.realtor/newsroom/existing-home-sales-continue-record-pace-soar-24-7-in-july>

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HOME of the WEEK



Big Bamboo Problems, No Easy Solutions

By Buzz Bertolero
Special to the Times

My neighbor planted bamboo in his yard right next to our fence. We chopped out some of the roots, but the sidewalk is bulking and raising up. I understand a metal barrier can be placed in the ground to prevent this from happening again, but wonder how deep it should be. Is there a type of root killer we can use? Is it legal for people to grow bamboo, and is the neighbor liable for the damage to my sidewalk?

Bamboo runners are a massive problem with no clear-cut answers. When planting a tree, shrub, or vine on or near a fence, little or no consideration is given to whether or not it will intrude into

another yard.

Desirable or not, plants do not respect property lines. It's not illegal to grow bamboo in California. Bamboo spreads aggressively from above and below ground rhizomes. The longer you do nothing, the more severe the problem becomes.

A metal barrier, the deeper, the better, is a solution. The minimum depth would be 18 inches and should be stainless steel, so it doesn't rust.

Unfortunately, this is only a band-aid, as the bamboo will return in the future as it has deep roots. Another band-aid is cutting the roots out and resetting the sidewalk. There is an excellent chance this problem will reoccur sooner than later.

Treating the area with a non-selective herbicide, such as Ortho Ground Clear or similar



BUZZ BERTOLERO
THE DIRT GARDENER

product to kill the roots may be an option, as long as there are no desirable plants nearby.

Before applying any herbicide, get a clear understanding of the pros and cons. Again, spot treating is a band-aid because you don't know where all the underground roots are located. Treating the bare ground, especially next to the fence, is marginally successful.

Your neighbor has to be proactive in solving this problem as you can't solve it by yourself.

This is a separate problem in itself, especially if it's a renter. To assess the liability issues for the damage, I'd get a copy of the book, Neighbor Law from Nolo press to help sort out those answers: (Neighbor Law - Legal Books- Fences, Trees, Boundaries & Noise)

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Take Gardening to the Next Level

For both novice gardeners and those with years of experience, there are always ways to improve the gardening experience and the results with innovative techniques, approaches and products. From choosing eco-friendly plant food to updating the containers used for planting, here are a few tips and products gardeners can use to up their gardening game this year, no matter what or where they want to grow.

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Raise your garden.

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for root growth, depending on the plants (more is better). Redwood and cedar are the best types of wood for building a raised bed, according to gardening experts.

Grow indoors.

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Feeding Roses

By Buzz Bertolero
Special to the Times

I pruned my rose bushes in February and March, fertilized, and watered them as suggested and had few blooms. Since the initial blossoms, there has been nothing. The bushes look very lush and green, but no buds form. What did I do wrong, and is there anything I can do now to correct it?

Roses bloom at the end of the vegetative shoots or canes. With each flush of new growth, you get a new set of flowers. The lack of flowers is usually

associated with plants that are neglected. However, that does not seem to be the case here, with them being lush and green. So, I'd start to feed them with rose food. The extra nutrients should trigger a flush of growth and flowers. I'd expect them to be in bloom around Halloween.

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Mortgage Rates Inch Up

Though remaining near all-time lows, long term mortgage rates increased slightly last week, according to Freddie Mac's nationwide survey.

The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 2.99 percent, up from 2.96 percent the week before. A year ago at this time, it averaged 3.55 percent.

Fifteen-year fixed-rate mortgages averaged 2.54 percent, up from 2.46 percent.

Five-year hybrid adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 2.91 percent, up from

2.90 percent. A year ago at this time, the 5-year ARM averaged 3.32 percent.

"Purchase housing demand continues to accelerate, ultimately providing support to an economy that otherwise has stagnated," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's Chief Economist. "The surge in sales led to a rapid increase in the demand for remodeling and home furnishings as consumers look to renovate while adjusting to home life during COVID."

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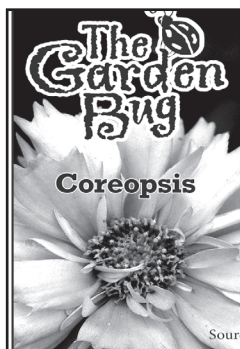
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4596 Ewing Road	94546: \$1,315,000 4 BD - 2,229 SF - 1966
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Salons Allowed to Reopen Friday, but with Restrictions

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

Ready to shed your shelter-in-place hairstyle? What about a professional mani-pedi?

Alameda County Public Health Department issued new guidance last Friday allowing personal salon services like barbershops, waxing services, skin-care, and non-medical massages to now openly operate, but only if they can do so outdoors with appropriate social distancing and personal protection guidelines.

The health order comes more than 160 days since state and local health authorities prohibited personal services in reaction to the coronavirus outbreak.

The restrictions will not lift until this Friday, Aug. 28, due to wildfire smoke which is con-

tributing to unhealthy air quality across Alameda County.

"These orders exclude services that may require clients to remove their face covering, as well as eyebrow threading and waxing and eyelash treatments," the Health Department said in its statement. The order does not include tattoos, piercings, nor electrolysis.

Public Health also authorized the reopening of outdoor swimming pools and local wineries can offer outdoor tastings by appointment without needing to provide food. But this change does not apply to bars, breweries, pubs, or brewpubs.

Such indoor activities as sitting in a restaurant, going to a movie, or working out in a gym continue to be off-limits.

"We recognize the vital importance of classroom learning, but we must take a slow and measured approach."

— Dr. Nicholas Moss

Schools Remain Virtual

While hairdressers can get customers in the chair, teachers will remain separated from students for the time being.

Dr. Nicholas Moss, Alameda County's Interim Health Officer, noted schools must not open for classroom instruction while the county has high numbers of Covid-19 cases and remains on the State's County Monitoring List. Dr. Moss added that Alameda County is not accepting elementary school waivers currently.

"We recognize the vital importance of classroom learning

**California
Confirmed Cases:
663,669**

**Alameda County
Confirmed Cases:
17,275
Deaths: 240**

**San Leandro
Confirmed Cases: 924**

for children and youth, but we must take a slow and measured approach," said Moss. "All schools should prepare for when students, teachers, and staff return."

When schools do reopen, he said strong safety measures will be necessary to help prevent the spread of Covid-19.

Guidelines will be issued in coming weeks on after-school programs.

Moss said the thinking so far is that the county will allow groups of no more than 14 children to come together for extra-curricular activities.

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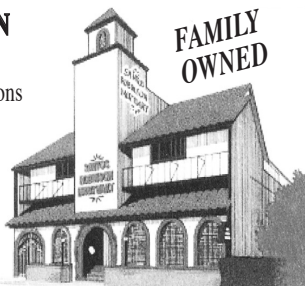
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ley Post Office on Santa Maria Avenue Saturday, part of a National Day of Action sponsored by MoveOn.

Protesters say they have seen a slowdown in mail delivery because of directives given by President Trump and Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, and are seeking to have Congress and the White House fully fund the Postal Service in the next stim-

ulus bill.

According to the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), the USPS cannot fund

its current level of services and financial obligations from its revenues, and it has lost \$69 billion over the past 11 years.

San Leandro Democratic Club To Meet Virtually Tonight

A virtual meeting of the San Leandro Democratic Club will be held on Thursday, Aug. 27, at 6:30

p.m. Email club president Melissa West at mwest.udc@hotmail.com if you would like to participate.

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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): This could be the time to try soothing whatever bad feelings might be lingering 'twixt and among colleagues, friends or family members. But be sure you do so without favoring any side.



TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): An idea is only an idea until you put that clever Bovine mind to work to develop it from concept to substance. This could lead to something rewarding, both emotionally and monetarily.



GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): The early part of the week could have some disconcerting moments, but approaching them with a calm, unruffled attitude goes a long way toward helping to get things nicely settled down.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Getting used to change continues to mark much of the week. But accepting what you have to do makes adapting that much easier. A welcome visitor could turn up sooner than expected.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): Learning how to live with a decision is a challenge, but one you Leos and Leonas could really enjoy. You'll also be pleased to see your social life take that upsurge you've been hoping for.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): Use your perceptive Virgo instinct to help you see the positive aspects of what, at first, appears to be a disappointment. You could find that it proves to be quite the contrary.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): Your ability to maintain a balance between sense and sentiment once again helps you sort through apparently conflicting choices and ultimately arrive at the right decision.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): Before you seek the advice of colleagues about a potential career move, you might be better off getting counsel from someone who won't be affected by the choices you make.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): It can be a challenging week for some relationships if the normal give-and-take flow changes with one side doing most of the giving and the other the taking.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): A new opportunity could bring with it much anticipation along with some anxiety. Take time to sort out your options as well as your emotional considerations.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Are you sure you have all the facts you need to let that matter move to another level? Don't be rushed into a decision unless and until you feel it's the right thing to do.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Pace yourself as you prepare to take on that more demanding project. Be careful not to let your energy reserves drain away. Take time to relax with people close to you.

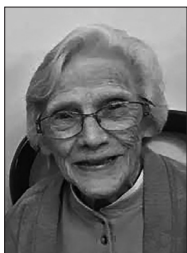
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Mary A. Posey

August 20, 1936 ~ August 17, 2020

Mary Posey of San Leandro, CA passed away at home surrounded by loved ones on August 17th. Mary was born in Alexandria, VA, but made her home in California for most of her life. Mary retired from American President Lines in the 1990s. She served as president of St. Vincent de Paul San Leandro Chapter and was an active member of St. Leander Church. She is survived by her brother, James Dodgens, her daughter and son-in-law, Angela and Dan Preston, her grandson, Christopher Stumpf, and granddaughter, Kaitlyn Preston. May the Lord greet her with open arms, saying, "Well done, my faithful servant." In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation to St. Leander St. Vincent de Paul.



Douglas Monroe Pratt

Douglas Monroe Pratt, age 77 of San Leandro, CA died unexpectedly on July 11 2020.

Born on April 28, 1943 in Vancouver, WA. He is survived by his sister Edith Thompson, his wife Deborah Pratt, and daughter Nicole Pratt (Raymond Bouhuys). He was preceded in death by his sister Bernice Beggs and his mother and father.

Doug was drafted into the Army and served from 1965-1967. During this time he was stationed in Germany. He later became a carpenter and received his 50 year pin by Local 714. He fell in love with Deborah Aird in December 1973 and married in May 1974. They had a daughter the next year.

He will be missed by his nieces, nephews, and many cousins. A gathering in his memory will be held at a later date.

Smoky Air from Wildfires Lingers Over the East Bay

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

Smoke from wildfires inside and outside of the Bay Area caused elevated levels of bad air throughout the East Bay, pushing air quality to near very unhealthy levels for sensitive groups earlier this week.

"If you have a lung condition such as asthma, emphysema or heart disease, that makes you more susceptible to wildfire smoke, the type of mask you wear becomes more important," says Doctor Ronn Berrol, the medical director for Alta Bates Summit Medical Center's emergency department in Oakland.

To filter out particulates, Dr. Berrol suggests wearing an N95 mask. However, N95 masks can be more difficult to breathe through and lead to more overheating when it's hot out.

"So my advice is to stay indoors, keep doors and windows closed and use air conditioning and an air purifier if you have them," he said. "I also recom-

mend changing your home's air filter and running the air conditioner in your car on recirculate so you're not pulling outside air in."

Three large fires in the Bay Area including the eastern part of Alameda County are contributing

"In the midst of a pandemic, it is more important than ever to limit time outdoors."

— Jack Broadbent

to the heavy amounts of smoke that lingers throughout the day.

Smoke can irritate the eyes and airways, causing coughing, a dry scratchy throat, and irritated sinuses. Even short-term exposure to smoke in the air can trigger wheezing in those who suffer

from asthma or emphysema.

"Air quality in the Bay Area is being heavily impacted by smoke from wildfires that continue to burn throughout the region," said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Bay Area Air Quality Control District. "In the midst of a pandemic, it is more important than ever for residents to limit time outdoors to protect their health."

By Monday, the SCU Lightning Complex fire had already burned more than 375,000 acres in areas stretching from the Livermore wine region south through Henry Coe State Park outside of Gilroy, with only 10 percent containment, according to Cal Fire. Smoke from that fire and those burning north of Vacaville and in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties added to the local unhealthy air quality.

If you go outside, continue to follow Covid-19 precautions of wearing a face covering, washing your hands frequently, and maintaining a 6-foot distance from others whenever possible.

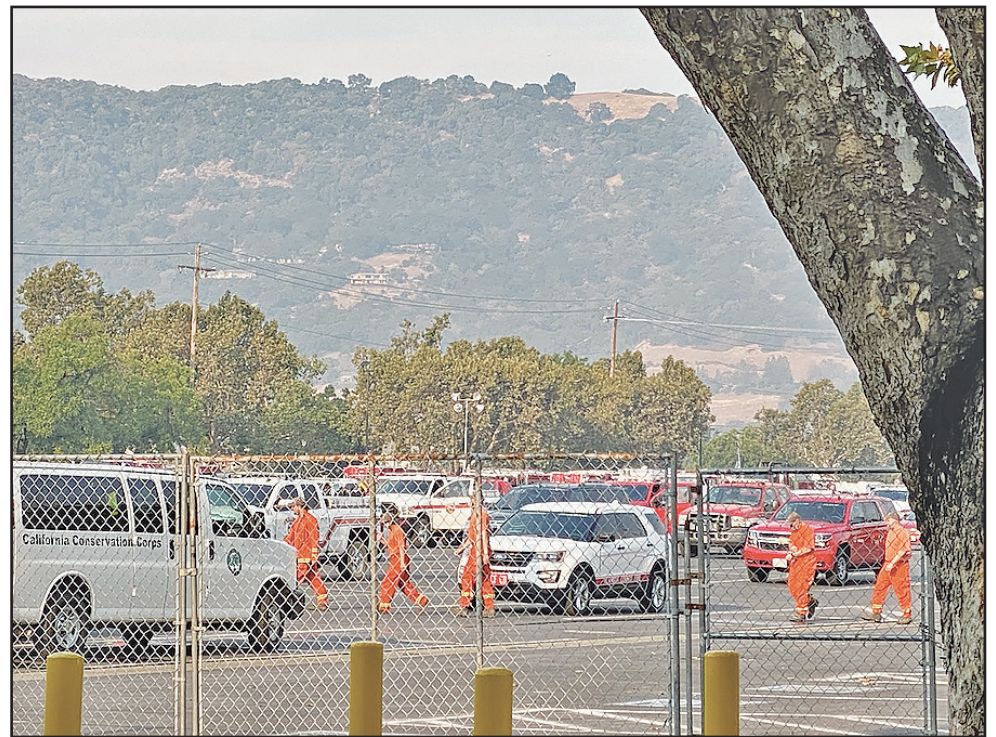


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The Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton became the Incident Command Center for area wildfires as firefighters from across the state work to organize, staff, and mitigate the SCU Lightning Fire Complex.

OPINION

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Letters must include the writer's name, address and phone number, and must be under 300 words. We reserve the right to edit as necessary. E-mail letters to: letters@ebpublishing.com or fax to: 510-483-4209, or send by mail to: The Editor, San Leandro Times, 2060 Washington Ave., San Leandro, CA 94577.

The Destruction of Big Basin

Editor:

Three years ago, my family camped at Big Basin. One quick observation was the extreme amount of dead brush, logs and fallen trees observed on the ground at the base of many "old growth" redwoods. We inquired to park management and their response is to promote future growth from what will turn into mulch. I said God help the forest if a fire erupts due to what is tons of "dry kindling" throughout the forest.

Recently we camped for a week at Big Basin and observed even more fallen trees, logs and branches at the base of old growth trees. We checked out 72 hours before the current fire disaster. Four days after we left, Big Basin is now gone - not even the bathrooms and lodge is left. Thought you'd want to know.

—George Harding
San Leandro

Demonizing Property Owners

Editor:

I am a Bay Area native who moved to San Leandro a year ago after 15 years in Oakland. I have never been happier in a community than I am in San Leandro, and I'm looking forward to voting in my second election here this November.

I am debating whether to support Brian Azevedo or Ed Hernandez in the District 2 election. I read your coverage of them in the August 20th edition.

While I appreciate Mr. Azevedo's commitment to community activism and support for working people, I fear that he has adopted a simplistic response to the housing crisis in the Bay Area.

Azevedo was quoted in your June 11 issue in an article that covered the June 7 Black Lives Matter protest: "I won't be accepting money from developers, investors or landlord associations."

Azevedo's comment implies that rental housing organizations and, by association, rental housing providers, are unconcerned with the housing crisis. I own and maintain one property, my only investment. The expenses of the property have required me to work three jobs to maintain it well, and I have yet to make any profit, but I remain committed to provide my tenants with a safe, comfortable, and lovely home.

There are many like me for whom a rental property is their only retirement investment and who care about their tenants' well-being. I share the frustration about the housing crisis, but demonizing the associations that advocate for effective solutions to the crisis and who provide rental housing providers with information about how to legally, safely, and fairly manage their properties solves nothing.

These attitudes also serve to demonize Mom-and-Pop housing providers and alienate fellow citizens and potential housing crisis allies and displays a shallow understanding of the issue.

—Rebecca Seeman
San Leandro

Readers Remembered

Editor:

Great piece by Karen (Robinson) Tiedemann regarding the Halcyon Dad's Club (Our Readers Remember,

Aug. 20, 2002).

Fun to see some of my father's good friends in those photos and also to remember their exploits in the annual Talent Show. In the Cinderella skit, my Dad took on the role of a wicked stepmother—a photo of which endures in one of my mom's albums—and considering the wig, nightgown and other "accessories" he wore that evening, wicked might be the kindest thing you can say. But everyone loved that show.

Sorry, but out of respect for my dad, I can't let you see that pic.

—Eric Nelson
Castro Valley

Where Were the Dem's Policies?

Editor:

2020 is a referendum on Democrats. This statement may seem counterintuitive. We've been under a Trump presidency for the past four years and he is the entity up for re-election.

The Democratic National Convention began this Monday and political enthusiasts have tuned in to see this year's platform and policies.

Unlike previous years, this convention focuses more on the opposition than it does on Democrat policy. In fact, viewers of the convention may have some questions about the direction of the Democrat party.

We heard from Kasich (R-OH) who told us that Biden is as moderate as they come.

We also heard from Sanders who insisted that progressives are not left behind on this ticket. Cortez (D-NY) later expressed discontent over Kasich's statement about this ticket being more moderate than progressive. So which are we getting?

While Joe's smile-and-nod, classical politics are indisputably moderate, can the same be said of the rest of the ticket? The primary Democrat argument is this: Trump is a poor president and Joe, whatever his faults, would be a

decent one.

A recent Rasmussen poll suggests that 59% of likely voters believe Biden will not complete his first term as president. In that case, Harris would take over.

Granted, there are many people who do view this election as Trump or not-Trump, and couldn't care less about Democrat policies. It seems foolish to me that the convention is catering to this group, who certainly votes Biden regardless.

The real decision point of 2020 will be from independents and moderates, as it always is. How do they view the chameleon like nature of the Democrat ticket? Being anti-Trump is not a platform by itself, and is not a shoo-in like Democrat strategists seem to think.

—Aaron Baldwin
San Leandro

MAGA by Pollution?

Editor:

A reminder on how to make America great again: lessen regulations so corporations can emit more air polluting chemicals and water polluting chemicals. That surely would do it, wouldn't it?

—Joseph Springer
San Leandro

Trump Accomplishments

Editor:

Nick Verhoeck ("Make America Well Again," Letters, Aug. 20) criticizes our president, but has no facts to back up his assertions. President Trump has made possible the creation of more jobs than any previous president, notably with Black, Hispanic, female, and other minorities having the best growth ever.

Our economy before the Chinese virus was on track to be the best ever, and is now coming back with his leadership. He signed the largest tax cut in memory and decreased regulations – which increases our freedom to move and build. He accomplished oil independence, which so

many presidents promised, but failed to do. He negotiated favorable trade deals with numerous countries on an America-first basis.

He got payment from foreign nations which we protect. He negotiated with Mexico to provide security at their own border with us, thereby greatly curbing illegal entry into the U.S. with associated drugs, sex traffickers, and criminals such as MS-13 which were attacking our country unabated previously, along with building the wall he promised.

He fixed the horrible treatment of our veterans, protected those of faith from unfair requirements enacted under Obama, and a myriad of things too numerous to state here. And he did not apologize to other nations about America's greatness.

A vote for Biden will reverse your bank account, opportunities, health, our international status. He has no idea what he is doing. The freedoms you know today will be gone in January. Californians already pay for illegals' health care and so much else, and the nation will pay for so much more with Biden. A vote for Trump is a vote for freedom, prosperity, and security. Vote for Donald Trump for President.

—Corey Anderson
San Leandro

A Conway House Divided

Editor:

Extra! Extra! Over the weekend Trump pitbull, Kellyanne Conway was likely brought down by her own family.

The lady, the president's third campaign manager in 2016, is married to a co-founder of the Trump critical Lincoln Project. She is leaving the White House to mend fences at home where her precocious daughter, Claudia, an "influencer," has been busy posting anti-Trump messages on TikTok. Surely that was just a bit too much for the man in charge.

—Jim Mehner
San Leandro

Redwood Christian School Year Kicks Off Virtually

Redwood welcomes back its 655 students via Zoom, starting the school year online

Redwood Christian Schools kicked off its 51st school year, welcoming 655 students via Zoom web conferencing software on Monday, Aug. 17.

Kindergarten through 12th grade students met virtually with their teachers for subject-matter lessons and even PE.

Alameda County is currently on California's Data Monitoring list for Covid-19 and state health officials require that a county be off that list for 14 consecutive days before students can attend classes (under strict gathering guidelines) on campus.

Redwood Christian's faculty, staff, and administrators began their pre-season which included various Zoom meetings from Biblical teaching to technology training to online curriculum development.

RCS Superintendent Dr. Al Hearne said the faculty was energized, focused, and ready for the new adventure that awaits them.

"They worked diligently for the past two weeks to get ready to start teaching on Zoom and then immediately transition to teaching a small cohort of students once RCS is allowed to open,"

said Hearne. "After 10 days of preparation, faculty kicked off the first day of school virtually, achieving a feat no teacher has had to accomplish before."

Families and students reacted positively to the new school procedures. Redwood Christian's middle and high school Principal Ben Warner said the best part of the day was that students and teachers were together again, despite internet glitches caused by overheated servers at Comcast.

"It was an amazing virtual family reunion for all involved," he said.



PHOTO COURTESY OF REDWOOD CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

Redwood Christian Elementary School 4th Grade Teacher Mrs. Lisa Francis conducts lessons via Zoom from an empty classroom on the first day of the new school year.

Police Arrest Man for Shooting Into a House

San Leandro police responded to a shooting at a house on Tulip Lane on Saturday, Aug. 15.

Someone had fired at least eight rounds from a gun inside the residence, according to police. No one was struck or injured by the gunfire.

An investigation led police

to believe that the boyfriend of the resident was responsible for the shooting. Detectives later made an arrest in Pittsburg of 25-year-old Kyle Jefferson who is a Pittsburg resident, according to police.

The Alameda County District Attorney's office filed charges

against Jefferson last week for shooting into an inhabited dwelling, criminal threats and possessing a gun. Jefferson is being held without bail at Santa Rita jail.

Anyone with information on the case is urged to call the San Leandro Police Department at 510-577-2740.

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Notice is hereby given pursuant to Sections 1988 and 1993.07, whichever may be applicable, of the California Civil Code, that the property listed below, believed to be abandoned by RCT & RC Enterprise Corporation, a California Corporation, Rodney Thies, Cheryl Thies, Oankaar Inc., a California Corporation, Jot Mangat, Baljit Mangat, will be sold at a public sale at 10:00 a.m. on September 3, 2020 at 135 Parrott Street, San Leandro, California.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

Back Bar: Four separate two door wine/beer coolers. Bar: One small metal bar sink;
One "Stella-Artois" dispenser tap with refrigerated keg cabinet; Small, automated glass washer; Three section metal bar sink. Kitchen: Two individual metal kitchen shelves;
Fire suppression unit attached to hood covering cooking appliances; Fryer; Small four burner cooktop with oven; Pizza oven; Three sink metal dishwashing station; Metal sink hand washing station; Wall mounted hot water unit; Wine storage room has an electronic temperature/humidity controller.

Dated this August 20, 2020 AND August 27, 2020.

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E.B. Parks Closed Due To Wildfires

Due to the extreme fire activity in the region, the East Bay Regional Park District has closed many of its parks until further notice, except some shoreline parks.

Oyster Bay Regional Shoreline Park in San Leandro remains open.

The park district is currently experiencing an unprecedented number of wildfires in parks, including Round Valley Regional Preserve, Morgan Territory Regional Preserve, Del Valle Regional Park, Sunol Wilderness Regional Preserve, Ohlone Wilderness Regional Preserve, Mission Peak Regional Preserve, and Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park.

Overall, 85,000 acres have burned in the region, with 5 percent containment.

Extreme heat, poor air quality, and extreme fire dangers are expected throughout the week, adding to park safety concerns. While some parks are remaining open, the district is advising against using regional parks at this time due to poor air quality.

Paved regional trails are not affected by the closures and will remain open.

Parks remaining open are: Crown Beach State Park, Hayward Regional Shoreline MLK Jr. Regional Shoreline, McLaughlin East Shore State Park, Oyster Bay Regional Shoreline, Point Isabel Regional Shoreline, and Quarry Lakes Regional Recreation Area.