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SL to Get \$18 Million In Relief Funds

East Bay cities, including San Leandro, will receive hundreds of millions of dollars in COVID-19 relief funds through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

The \$1.9 trillion act passed by Congress and signed into law by President Biden would allocate \$27 billion to the State of California. Alameda County will receive over \$324 million. The City of San Leandro will get over \$18 million.

The money is intended to help bring relief from the economic factors caused by the pandemic, including helping with public health, housing, small businesses and investing in water and sewer infrastructure.

“Everyone in the East Bay community has struggled in this pandemic, in particular Black and Brown communities that have been hardest hit in this crisis,” Congresswoman Barbara Lee said in a written statement. “This money also will support an equitable recovery from this crisis with aid to communities and populations that have been disproportionately harmed.”

Republican lawmakers didn’t vote for the plan and said it just encourages cities and states that fail to live within their means, calling

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Where’s the Shutoff Valve?

Firefighter Rich Amato took a shower on Farralon Avenue on Wednesday, May 5, as he found the valve to shut off the water gushing from a fire hydrant broken off by a truck. The water was shut off and the fireplug was reinstalled a short time later. San Leandro resident Frank Powers was out for a walk with his wife Hyunie when he took this picture.

Town Hall Spotlights Quite A Year in SL

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

In any given year, one or two events might define a city’s progress. But Monday’s Town Hall Meeting revealed dozens of moments where San Leandro has risen to its challenges and yet still has a long way to go.

The 90-minute open forum covered presentations from City Council Districts 1, 2, and 5. Topics ranged widely between those found in the national headlines such as the COVID-19 pandemic and police oversight to local issues such as fixing potholes and street cleanup.

In her opening address, Mayor Pauline Cutter praised the city’s response to COVID-19, honoring those

who have died, and satisfied that San Leandro’s coordination with the county and health agencies kept infections

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80-Year-Old Asian Man Attacked

An 80-year-old Asian man was attacked on Saturday afternoon as he was out for a walk in the 14200 block of Acapulco Road in San Leandro.

Two suspects pushed the man to the ground and demanded his wallet at about 4 p.m. The man screamed for help and the suspects pulled off the man’s Fitbit wristband and fled in a blue Subaru sedan, according to San Leandro police.

A video camera from a nearby house recorded the incident.

Later that day, the same suspects robbed a 19-year-old Hispanic woman of her purse in the 500 block of Bancroft Avenue at about 5:45 p.m.,

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Correction

The story last week, “Council Requires Zero-Emission Vehicles by 2030,” about a City Council resolution vote supporting Zero Emissions Vehicle sales for new vehicles in San Leandro incorrectly identified the resolution as a mandate by 2030. The article should have stated that the resolution merely supported the “aspirational goal of 100 percent zero-emission vehicle sales” by 2030 and not as a requirement.

More Air Alerts in Store, Says Expert

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

Remember last September when the sky turned orange following the wildfires of 2020?

Despite fewer people commuting to work this year, more “Spare the Air” alerts are likely, according to the Bay Area Air Quality Management

District (BAAQMD).

This year’s drought conditions, coupled with a return to normal commuting patterns, have air experts concerned. Juan Romero, an Assistant Staff Specialist with BAAQMD, spoke recently to the Castro Valley Rotary Club and said we could see even more alerts with excessive

conditions.

Last year, the 9-county agency issued 46 Spare-the-Air alerts including a single 30-day-in-a-row stretch. If fire season is bad again this year, BAAQMD expects nearly as many alerts will be issued, Romero said.

BAAQMD was established in 1955 and covers

5,340 square miles across the nine Bay Area counties. The agency maintains more than 30 stations including mobile air sensors in the Bay Area that measure for carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, and a dozen other harmful pollutants.

Currently, the Bay Area Air Quality Index is in the Green

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PETS OF THE WEEK



Nena



Dottie

The Pet of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter are both dogs, Nena and Dottie.

Nena is a sweet, smart, 7-year-old girl who knows "sit," "shake," and "down." She enjoys playing fetch and going on walks, and would love a home with older children and adults.

Dottie is 7 years old and

ready to hit the beach. Dottie is a belly rub queen who loves people, going for walks, and smelling the flowers. She has a lot of pep in her step and would like a home with older children and adults.

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

Virtual Walk and Celebration for Hearing

The Hearing Loss Association of America East Bay Chapter will host a Bay Area Walk4Hearing Virtual Walk & Celebration on Saturday, June

12. Walk4Hearing is the only nationwide event bringing attention to hearing loss and promoting the importance of hearing health. Funds raised support HLAA's national awareness and education programs. Bay Area teams are forming now. Join or donate at <https://www.hearingloss.org/event/bay-area/>



PHOTO COURTESY OF SLPD

The 80-year-old man yelled for help as the suspects tore off his Fitbit wrist band.

Attack: Suspects rob a woman on Bancroft Avenue later that day

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police said.

The suspects in both incidents were described as Black males, between 16 and 19 years old, 5-foot-7 and thin build, according to police. The getaway car was described as a blue Subaru sedan with black and silver rims.

"In March, the San Leandro Police Department conducted a victim demographic study, where violent crime statistics were compared from 2019 to 2020. SLPD discovered an increase of 283 percent in crimes

against Asian community members," said Lt. Ali Khan of the San Leandro police.

"Although at this present moment, there is no indication the elderly victim was targeted due to his race, San Leandro detectives are pursuing all avenues of investigative leads," Khan said.

If you believe you may have witnessed the crime or have information to share, you may do so anonymously at 510 577 2740 or text your tip to TipSLPolice at 888777.

Speakers, Exhibits On Deck for AAPI Rally on Sunday

A rally to celebrate Asians and Pacific Islanders will highlight the history, heritage, and mobilize families to combat anti-Asian racism will be on Sunday, May 16, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave.

The outdoor celebration will include cultural performances, speakers, and exhibits to celebrate the wealth of diversity and experiences of the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities. Musicians and performers representing Chinese, Lao, Filipino, Indian, Japanese heritages and more will take the stage.

The "Celebrate AAPI & StoptheHate Rally" will include talks by local leaders

and activists. Other activities include art displays, a children's story walk, educational exhibits, and resource tables.

The family-friendly event is sponsored by the City of San Leandro and hosted by the Community Impact LAB (CIL), a non-profit organization that works to empower women and families to do good, learn, and build strong communities. Masks and adherence to social-distancing guidelines and other CDC covid-19 safety protocols are required.

"In light of the rise in anti-Asian/American racism and violence, our organization wanted to take meaningful action to uplift the AAPI community," said CIL's Executive Director, Xouhoa Bowen.

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Community Calendar

Sun Gallery:

Exhibit on Climate Change

The Sun Gallery, 1015 E St. in Hayward, has opened its first indoor exhibit since the pandemic began more than a year ago. The 8th Annual Exhibit, "Climate Change: A Compassionate Connection," is running through June 5. Hours are Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dragonflies and airborne creatures are a recurring theme in the show as are water, landscapes and disappearing habitat.

Clean Water Program Webinar on Wise-Water Gardening

The Clean Water Program Alameda County is offering a free webinar on water-wise gardening on Thursday, May 13, from 4 to 5 p.m. The class will cover most efficient irrigation techniques, how to determine the watering needs of different soil types, using compost and mulch to conserve water, plus your questions will be answered. This webinar is part of a monthly series about organic gardening and non-toxic pest control, sponsored by the Clean Water Program Alameda County in collaboration with Our Water Our World. Register for the webinar, or find more information, by going to the link www.cleanwaterprogram.org.

History Readers Book Club

Join the San Leandro History Museum for the launch of a fun and casual monthly book club focused on historical fiction. The kickoff meeting is Thursday, May 13 from 6 to 7 p.m., via Zoom. The History Readers

Book Club will meet monthly on every 2nd Thursday from 6 to 7 p.m. and is open to all adults interested in discussing books.

Readers of all genres and interests are welcome to join and discuss their current reads or just to chat and get some recommendations from other readers. This book club has no commitments or requirements. You can come just once or attend regularly. Register at sanleandro.org or call 510-577-3971.

'80s Music Trivia

Join the San Leandro Library for a totally awesome flashback to 1980s music trivia on Thursday, May 20, at 7 p.m. It's an online event for adults ready to celebrate the best decade of music. Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/SLPLTriviaAdults> or email kmandalay@sanleandro.org for more information.

Eden Garden Club Plant Sale

Come to the Eden Garden Club's plant sale on Saturday May 22, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 3090 Massachusetts St. in Castro Valley. The large plant sale offers annuals and perennials, vegetables, herbs, natives, succulents, shrubs and more. An assortment of pots, trays, plant stands, garden supplies, garden art and landscaping materials will be available. Proceeds benefit Eden Garden Club's School Garden Grants awarded to CVUSD and HUSD. To donate plants or garden supplies, call Pat Payne at 510-427-5261.

Items for the calendar can be emailed to jimk@ebpublishing.com or call 510-614-1557.

COVID-19 Vaccinations Shift to Neighborhood Sites

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

Now that more than 73 percent of residents in Alameda County have received at least one COVID-19 shot, vaccinations are scaling back to smaller and more localized sites, the Alameda County Health Department said last week.

After administering nearly 250,000 doses, the Oakland Coliseum mega vaccination site will be closing on May 23, Public Health said. Appointments for the first dose at the site have dropped from 4,000 per day to 400 per day.

The focus now shifts to scheduling COVID-19 vaccines at healthcare offices, pharmacies, and even mobile vaccination trailers set up in areas like Ashland, Cherryland, and East Oakland where infection rates are as much as twice the

surrounding areas.

"This marks an important milestone for our community, allowing us to move away from mass vaccination," said Colleen Chawla, Alameda County Health Care Services Agency Director. "We can now shift our resources into additional focused efforts."

Half of San Leandrans Have Received Full Dose

Currently, 56 percent of Castro Valley residents 16-years-old and older have been fully vaccinated while 51 percent of residents in San Leandro have received their full dose. By contrast, only 41 percent of Cherryland residents and 39 percent of Ashland residents have completed their vaccinations, according to Alameda County Public Health Department data.

While daily and bimonthly infection rates have stabilized

since March, Public Health officials say they are eager to get more eligible residents vaccinated against the coronavirus. In their report to Alameda County Supervisors last week, the health department said they were stepping up their campaigns to convince people to get their COVID-19 shots. Although nearly two-thirds of eligible residents in all of Alameda County have gotten their first shot, only 51.8 percent are fully vaccinated.

State health officials said they would be working in partnership with Carbon Health, Native American Health Center, Lifelong Medical, Bay Area Community Health, and La Familia to help administer the second doses. Alameda County Fairgrounds, Fremont High School, and Hayward Adult School are continuing their large-scale vaccinations.

COVID Stats

Vaccine Distributed:

State - 32,669,323
Alameda County - 1,568,152
Castro Valley - 40,633
San Leandro - 53,489

Confirmed Cases:

State - 3,655,922
Alameda County - 87,633
Castro Valley - 2,562
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Deaths:

State - 61,241
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Air: Reducing single-occupancy commuting helps, says air expert

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(particulate matter below 50 parts per million), which is good. But anything in Orange (101 or more on the index) can trigger unhealthy conditions for sensitive groups which generate a Spare-the-Air alert.

1) What is the state of the air quality in the East Bay currently? Is it better or worse since the COVID-19 pandemic started last year?

Romero: Air quality changes throughout the year

“The record number of alerts last summer was related to the outbreak of wildfires.”

— Juan Romero

depending on meteorology and other factors. While air quality improved during the lockdown phase when traffic dropped by more than 50 percent, it's now going back to normal.



TIMES FILE PHOTO

The amount of air pollution, like everything else, is coming back to pre-pandemic levels in the Bay Area.

The other major factor in the last year was the impact of wildfires during the late summer. We had sustained high levels of particulates which generally aren't seen at that time of year. That changed the numbers we look at on an annual basis to compare air quality from year to year.

2) With people staying home because of COVID, the air should be great, right? So, will we still be subjected to Spare-the-Air alerts all summer?

Romero: Although driving dropped to record low numbers at the outset of the

lockdown, our air quality is now at risk as traffic steadily increases in the Bay Area. It is now close to pre-pandemic levels.

The record number of Spare-the-Air alerts last summer was related to the outbreak of dozens of wildfires across Northern California. That's very early for wildfire season which tends to be later in the fall, so we will have to wait and see what this year brings.

3) Is there a connection between the drought this year and potential Spare-the-Air alerts? Why does that make a

difference?

Romero: Scientists broadly agree that climate change is elevating California's wildfire risks, as rising temperatures dry out vegetation and shift precipitation patterns. Changes in our weather patterns impact air quality resulting in more frequent wildfires, and increased smog levels which increase the rates of respiratory and heart-related illnesses.

4) Why should I care about air quality? The San Francisco Bay acts as an air conditioner. I mean, we're not Los Angeles!

Romero: Temperatures do impact air quality, but human

activity and the burning of fossil fuels have the greatest impact. Fuel combustion from motor vehicles (cars and heavy-duty vehicles), power generation (power plants), and industrial facilities (factories, and oil refineries).

5) In addition to Spare the Air, what else does BAAQMD do? And what businesses do you work with to keep the skies blue?

Romero: The primary function of the air district is as the regulatory agency which enforces federal, state, and local air quality rules in the nine-county Bay Area to reduce air pollution and improve public health.

6) If I am a business owner, what should I do to protect Bay Area air quality? Isn't the problem with all the cars on the highway and people cooking outdoors?

Romero: Regulated industrial facilities must comply with all air district permit conditions. But everyone's activities have an impact on air quality. One thing employers can do as we go back to more normal routines is to reduce employee single-occupancy commuting and encourage them to take transit, use car-pools, biking, or walking to work when possible. Reducing vehicle trips is key to reducing air pollution in the region.

Library Looking to Interview Immigrants

The California Humanities has awarded the San Leandro Public Library a grant from its Library Innovation Lab Program.

The San Leandro Library will use the grant to focus on the community goal of "Exploring New Ways of Engaging Immigrant Communities Through Public Humanities Programming" this year.

Library staff is exploring and learning from the perspectives and experiences

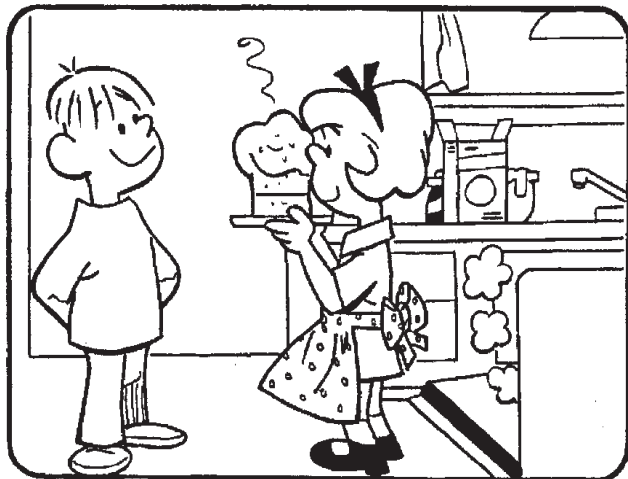
of immigrants living in San Leandro.

If you are an immigrant and would like to participate in a focus group or an informal interview to inform the process, email Patty Mallari (pmallari@sanleandro.org) or call the Library's Reference Service at 510-577-3971.

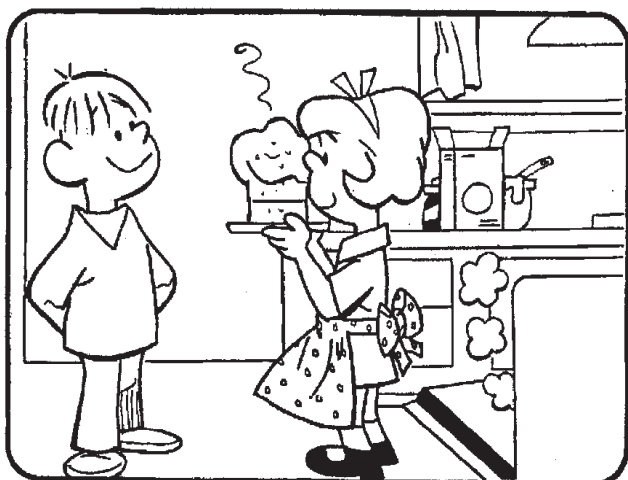
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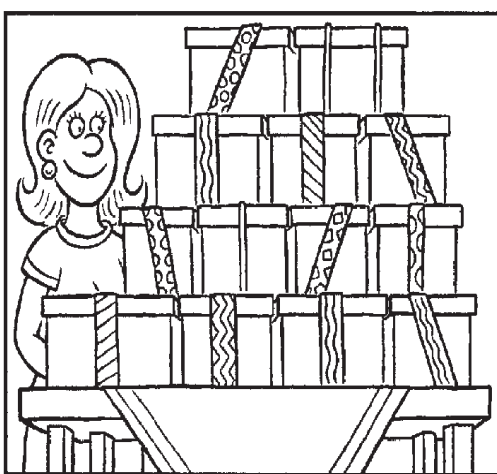
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Spoon handle is added. 2. Curtain is wider. 3. Box design is different. 4. Faucet is missing. 5. Bow is different. 6. V-neck is added.



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SPOT THE BOXES! The mother pictured here has received a table full of presents. Can you spot which two boxes are exactly alike?

Bottom row, third from left and second row from top on the left.

RHYMING RIDDLE! What am I? Try to figure out the answer to this classic stumper: The beginning of eternity, The end of time and space, The beginning of every end, The end of every place.

The letter "E."

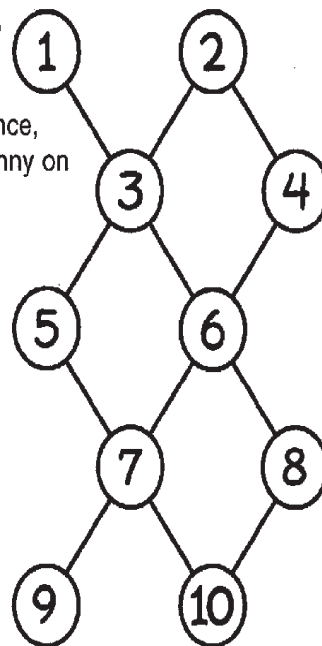
A BLOCK PARTY FOR MOM! The stack of blocks pictured here spells out eight words. Seven of the words have letters missing. These letters are either "M" or "O." Below are hints to help you complete the spelling of these words.

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2. A Spanish friend.
3. A jazz band.
4. Short notes.
5. Tall grass.
6. Separators.
7. Not rare.
8. Rainy season.

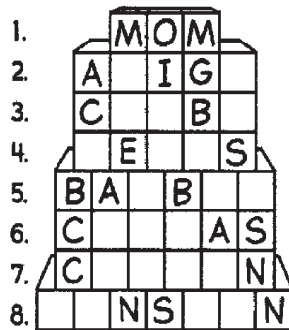
1. Mom. 2. Amigo. 3. Combo. 4. Memos. 5. Bamboo. 6. Commas. 7. Common. 8. Monsoon.



A SWITCH IN TIME! Place two pennies on circles 1 and 2 and two dimes on circles 9 and 10. Your job is to make them change places in no more than 18 moves. The coins can be moved, one at a time, along the lines that connect the circles. As an example, you could move the penny on circle 1 to circle 3, 6 or 8 during one move. At no time can a penny and a dime be on the same line at the same time. For instance, after a move you could not have a penny on circle 1 and a dime on circle 8.



Move 2-3, 9-4, 10-7, 3-8, 4-2, 7-5, 8-6, 5-10, 6-9, 2-5, 1-6, 6-4, 5-3, 10-8, 4-7, 3-2, 8-1, 7-10.



Illustrated by David Coulson



LIFESTYLE

The Classic Cold Drink for a Hot Summer Day

Once upon a time, lemonade was made with real lemons, not powdered crystals. It was dipped on front porches from cool stone crocks, beaded with condensation, and the icy drink fairly twanged with sharp citrus flavor.

We may not be able to bring back the crock, but we can put the lemons back into America's favorite hot weather drink.

CLASSIC LEMONADE

Juice of 6 lemons (1 cup)
3/4 cup sugar, or to taste
4 cups cold water
1 lemon, cut into cartwheel slices
Ice cubes

In a large pitcher, combine lemon juice and sugar; stir to dissolve sugar. Add remaining ingredients and blend well. Makes about 6 cups.

Note: To make lemons release more juice, place them – one at

a time – in a microwave oven and microwave on high power for about 15 seconds.

RASPBERRY LEMONADE

2 quarts water
1-1/2 cups sugar
1/2 pint raspberries
Juice of 10 lemons
1 lemon, thinly sliced

In a heavy nonreactive saucepan, combine the water, sugar and raspberries. Place over medium heat and bring to a boil, stirring until the sugar is dissolved.

Reduce the heat and simmer for 10 minutes. Remove from heat and allow to cool to room temperature.

Strain the raspberry syrup mixture into a pitcher, add the lemon juice and lemon slices and chill. Serve the lemonade over ice in tall glasses. Yields about 2 quarts.

FRESH STRAWBERRY LEMONADE

Juice of 9 lemons (about 1-1/2 cups)
5-6 cups water
1/2 pound (more or less) fresh, hulled strawberries puréed in blender
Sugar to taste

Combine lemon juice, water and 3/4 of the strawberry purée. Add sugar until you have reached the desired tartness. Add strawberry purée until the lemon/strawberry balance is about equal. Serve over ice. Yields about 6 servings.

GINGERED LEMONADE

Lemonade:
6 cups cold water
1-1/4 cups fresh lemon juice

(about 12 lemons)
1/4 cup grenadine

Ginger Syrup:

1 cup sugar
1/2 cup water
2 tablespoons peeled and minced fresh ginger

Whisk lemonade ingredients together in a pitcher.

To make the syrup, stir together all the ingredients in a small saucepan and bring to boil over high heat. Reduce heat and simmer for 10 minutes. Strain. Cool, and add to lemonade. Serve over ice, garnished with fresh mint sprigs.

MINTED LEMONADE

8 large lemons, divided use
20 fresh mint leaves, divided use
1 cup granulated sugar
3 cups boiling water
4 cups cold water



Slice 7 lemons thinly. Seed sliced lemons and place in large mixing bowl. Add 12 mint leaves; sprinkle with sugar.

Pour in boiling water and let sit for 45 minutes at room temperature, occasionally pressing lemons and mint with a wooden spoon.

Strain liquid through a fine-mesh strainer into a glass 3-quart pitcher. Juice the remaining lemon; add to the strained liquid. Add cold water and stir well. Add ice cubes and stir rapidly. Serve over ice cubes, garnishing each glass with a mint leaf. Serves 9 or 10.



Port of Oakland

Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Oakland International Airport Terminal Development Project

Project Description: The Oakland International Airport (OAK) Terminal Development Project (Proposed Project) is located primarily in the South Field. The Proposed Project addresses facility safety, efficiency, and modernization needs, by developing the Terminal Area including the construction of a new terminal; modernization of existing Terminals 1 and 2, including consolidation of passenger processing functions (ticketing, baggage check-in, security) and construction of expanded Customs and Border Protection (CBP) facilities for international arrivals; and reconfiguration of existing cargo and support facilities. Development also includes improvements to the Terminal Area roadway, parking areas, and support facilities. The development of the new terminal and modernization of Terminals 1 and 2 would result in an increase of 17 gates at OAK.

Environmental Review: The Port of Oakland (Port), as the Lead Agency, will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to evaluate and disclose the potential environmental impacts associated with the Proposed Project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Port has issued a Notice of Preparation (NOP) which contains a completed Initial Study (IS) checklist. The NOP is available for review at www.oaklandairport.com/terminaldevelopment.

The Port invites comments on the scope and content of the information to be included in the Draft EIR. Comments must be received by Monday, June 7, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time (PDT). Written comments may be submitted via email at liang@portoakland.com or by mail to:

Port of Oakland
Environmental Programs and Planning Division
Colleen Liang
530 Water Street
Oakland, CA 94607

In addition, there will be an additional opportunity to comment on the Proposed Project when the Draft EIR is circulated for public comment.

Scoping Meetings: The Port is holding four virtual scoping meetings to receive comments and to share information on the Proposed Project and the environmental review process. The virtual scoping meetings will be held at the dates and times identified below. More information on the Proposed Project and how to participate in the virtual public scoping meetings is available at www.oaklandairport.com/terminaldevelopment. If translation services or other accommodations are needed, please contact Colleen Liang, Port Environmental Supervisor, at 510.627.1198 or liang@portoakland.com no later than 5:00 p.m. PDT on May 18, 2021.

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By Carl Medford, CRS
Special to the Times

GUEST COMMENTARY



Alameda County Eases Showing Restrictions

With recent news that COVID-19 restrictions are beginning to loosen, some have interpreted the easing incorrectly.

An Alameda County listing that was monitored recently not only revealed a high number of visits due to the extreme inventory shortage, it showed many groups going through with children of all ages, groups well over the stated limit of two, some without masks and frequent use of the bathrooms while visiting.

It also revealed groups without pre-arranged showing appointments trying to squeeze in between others who had permission to be in the home.

Bottom line: it seems that there are a number of home-visiting groups out there that either do not know the current rules or believe the restrictions do not apply to them.

On a positive note, the County of Alameda has just removed county-specific guidelines for showing real estate and is allowing the broader Cal/OSHA statewide protocols.

These rules allow more than two to visit at one time, attended by their agent. They must still, however, set an appointment, wear face masks and, while touring, follow standard social distancing practices. Additionally, they are still restricted from touching surfaces and using restrooms during their visits.

Even with the easing of restrictions, traditional open houses are still not allowed. Ironically, many sellers appreciate the fact that they will not have groups of people meandering through their homes, especially unattended children roaming the home at will.

The current system of regulated appointments resonates with many sellers who love the fact that only tightly

restricted small groups will be allowed in their property at any time and no one can go through without an agent in attendance.

Listing agents also love the new procedures, since buyer names must be included on State-required PEAD (Property Entry Advisory and Declaration) forms, full agent contact information is provided and, for many agents, a buyer pre-approval is required so only those actually qualified to purchase the home are allowed to enter. Strict appointment guidelines are also required.

With concern COVID-19 restrictions would hamper the market and reduce prices, the opposite has been true. With the current 'perfect storm' of events significantly limiting numbers of homes on the market, well-qualified hopefuls are queuing up to try snagging a home of their own. Fueled by record low interest rates and the huge pool of buyers, multiple offers are happening in record numbers and most likely will for some time to come.

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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Mortgage Rates Decrease

For the third week in a row, long term mortgage rates have remained below three percent, according to Freddie Mac's weekly nationwide survey.

Benchmark 30-year fixed-rate mortgages averaged 2.96 percent for the week ending May 6, down from the previous week when they averaged 2.98 percent. A year ago at this time, the 30-year rate averaged

3.26 percent.

Fifteen-year fixed-rate mortgages averaged 2.30 percent, down from 2.31 percent.

Five-year hybrid adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 2.70 percent, up from 2.64 percent.

"Mortgage rates have remained under three percent for three consecutive weeks," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's

Chief Economist. "Consumer income and spending are picking up, which is leading to an acceleration in economic growth. The combination of low and stable rates, coupled with an improving economy, is good for homebuyers. It's also good for homeowners who may have missed prior opportunities to refinance and increase their monthly cash flow."

Mold Is Hazardous to Home and Health

By Samantha Mazzotta
Special to the Times

If you've been noticing a mildew odor in your bathroom, that smell is most likely from mold growth. If you can't visually locate a patch of mildew or mold, such as in lower corners of the wall or the shower, contact a plumber. It's very likely

that a water leak somewhere behind the wall is causing the problem.

Even a small amount of mold in a home can trigger allergies or breathing problems in many people. It's also a warning signal that water is damaging important parts of your home — not just the drywall but the wood framing, sheathing, foundation and more.

A leaky supply or drainpipe can mean water is dripping behind the walls. A plumber can inspect these pipes without causing damage to the rest of the bathroom. The plumber will then recommend the best action to take to stop the

moisture damage and remove the mold. If mold is affecting carpet or wallpaper in the area, you'll need to replace those items as well.

If dampness is a constant problem in the bathroom, make sure the room is getting adequate airflow, even if the original problem is repaired. An exhaust fan is fairly inexpensive and quickly removes humidity from the bathroom — for example, after a hot shower. In most states, a fan is required by building codes, and the plumber likely will recommend you install one if there isn't one already.

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Mulch Around Plants; Need More Compost Bin Material

By Buzz Bertolero
Special to the Forum

Q How much mulch do I need to apply around my plants? I can't seem to get a definite answer.

ATEBMUD and the Contra Costa Water District recommend a two-three inch layer of mulch for trees and shrubs. The purpose of mulch is to insulate the ground and conserve moisture.

With a mature landscape, I'd spread the mulch unevenly, with a thicker layer in those areas that get the hot afternoon sun and a thin layer in those areas with morning sun and under the canopy of trees and shrubs.

Mulch is uniformly spread over new plantings.

There are many kinds of mulch available. A two-cubic-foot bag of mulch covers 12 square feet at two inches thick, while a cubic yard covers 100 square feet at three inches.

Mulch is not inexpensive, but it can reduce your water

bill. You can reduce the cost of mulch by using the plant debris that you already have. This is the stuff gardeners blow away and deposit in their green trash bins.

Redwoods, pines, and cedars provide an excellent cover. I use oak leaves from several California live oaks. But, don't overlook the household paper debris from shredded utility bills, monthly statements, etc. The shredded household paper debris can be used as a base and then covered with something visually more pleasing.

Water is no longer an inexpensive commodity, so water conservation is a must. Water conservation is achieved by watering less frequently. That's why mulching is an ideal answer as it maintains soil moisture by reducing evaporation and weeds.

Understanding how to adjust your water timer or controller is critical. You should adjust your watering schedule weekly based on the temperature to eliminate

some waterings. This compensates for those weeks when it is hot. The volume of water always remains the same with each application.

EBMUD and the Contra Costa Water District have joined with local nurseries, landscape suppliers, and home improvement centers to offer discounts on organic mulch. The Mulch Coupon Program aims to help you continue to garden while being water-wise. (See the links to those coupons below)

With water restrictions and rate increases in the news, a mulching strategy makes sense in protecting your valuable landscape.

www.ebmud.com/water-conservation-and-rebates/watersmart-gardener/magic-mulch/

www.ccwater.com/460/Landscape-Mulch-Coupons
Visit Google "Mulch Coupons" for other offers.

Q I'm trying to find enough material to fill my compost bin. I'm getting enough green material from my lawn clippings, but I need a source of brown materials. Is it true, you can add sawdust, and is there anything else I can use?

A Sawdust can be added to a compost

pile. Raw sawdust is high in carbohydrates and low in nitrogen. By itself, it is very slow to decompose due to the lack of nitrogen compounds. You can speed the process by adding Sulfate of Ammonia at the same time.

Other alternatives are straw or shredded newspaper. You mixed two parts: handfuls, shovels, truck-

loads, to one part of the green debris.

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



WEEKEND GARDENER

Corn

Plant corn in blocks of at least four rows in each direction to assure good pollination (by wind). Make successive plantings through the end of June, because later plantings usually suffer from smut problems when the corn matures.

Cosmos are Carefree

For colorful blooms all summer, plant daisy-like cosmos which come in a wide variety of colors and grow about 4 feet high with fernlike foliage. Plant cosmos once and—like nasturtiums—you'll have them year after year, because they reseed freely.

Lawns

If water runs off your lawn after just a few minutes, it's time to aerate, which relieves soil compaction. Aeration allows air to pass more freely into the soil, reduces thatch and allows more water and nutrients to enter the soil. Just spiking the soil with a pitchfork probably isn't enough. You may need to remove quarter-inch plugs that are 3 to 4 inches deep and about 4 inches apart, a process called coring. Water heavily a couple of days before coring so that the process is easier.

RECENT HOME SALES

Castro Valley

4358 James Avenue 94546: \$900,000 3 BD - 1,368 SF - 1938
35687 Palomares Road 94552: \$924,000 1,144 SF -
4175 Seven Hills Road 94546: \$932,000 3 BD - 1,709 SF - 1942
4771 Mira Loma Street 94546: \$1,068,000 3 BD - 1,387 SF - 1958
8020 Norris Canyon Rd 94552: \$1,295,000 2 BD - 816 SF -
TOTAL SALES: 5
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$900,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$932,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$1,295,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$1,023,800

San Leandro

16006 East 14th Street 94578: \$320,000 1 BD - 659 SF - 1987
1400 Carpentier Street 94577: \$439,500 2 BD - 950 SF - 1983
1491 Green Court 94578: \$552,000 2 BD - 904 SF - 1948
2394 Belvedere Ave 94577: \$557,000 3 BD - 1,296 SF - 1972
15208 Farnsworth St 94579: \$715,000 3 BD - 1,114 SF - 1950
912 Victoria Avenue 94577: \$755,000 2 BD - 1,159 SF - 1947
14632 Wyman Avenue 94578: \$765,000 2 BD - 957 SF - 1945
550 Lewis Avenue 94577: \$830,000 2 BD - 1,004 SF - 1925
16339 Helo Drive 94578: \$850,000 3 BD - 1,376 SF - 1947
1643 Purdue Street 94579: \$880,000 3 BD - 1,496 SF - 1953
14946 Fjord Street 94578: \$925,000 4 BD - 1,914 SF - 1978
543 East Merle Court 94577: \$940,000 3 BD - 1,332 SF - 1925
2658 Lakeview Drive 94577: \$1,025,000 3 BD - 1,887 SF - 1965
TOTAL SALES: 13
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$320,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$765,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$1,025,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$734,884

San Lorenzo

15695 Vassar Avenue 94580: \$550,000 3 BD - 1,398 SF - 1950
17519 Wickman Place 94580: \$575,500 3 BD - 1,453 SF - 1971
1682 Via Tovita 94580: \$650,000 3 BD - 1,031 SF - 1951
17470 Via Rincon 94580: \$720,000 3 BD - 1,144 SF - 1944
15829 Via Marlin 94580: \$765,000 3 BD - 1,373 SF - 1951
85 Paseo Grande 94580: \$800,000 3 BD - 1,077 SF - 1951
1504 Via Rancho 94580: \$850,000 3 BD - 1,604 SF - 1954
TOTAL SALES: 7
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$550,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$720,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$850,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$701,500

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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): A once-harmonious relationship appears to be hitting some sour notes. Spend some time together to see why things have gone off-key. What you learn might surprise you.



TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): You feel a need to make some changes. Good -- you can do it on a small scale (some new clothes, for example), or go big and redecorate your home and/or office.



GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Control your tendency toward early boredom. A situation in your life might be taking a long time to develop, but patience pays off. Stay with it.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): You might feel that you're on an emotional roller coaster this week. Don't fret; just ride it out and let things settle down. A Pisces shows understanding.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): Do something different for once -- compromise. A stubborn stand on an important issue proves counterproductive. You need to be open to new ideas.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): A friend offers advice that you perceive as an act of betrayal. But before you turn against the messenger, pay attention to the message.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): A year of riding an emotional pogo stick finally settles down. Use this calmer period to restore frayed relationships and to pursue new opportunities.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): Your words can sting, so be careful how you respond to a friend's actions. A calm approach could produce some surprising facts.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Be careful about whose secrets you're being asked to keep. They could impose an unfair burden on a straight arrow like you.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): While you prefer taking the tried-and-true course in life, be adventurous this week and accept a challenge that can open new vistas.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Your strong sense of justice helps you deal with a job- or school-related situation. Stay with your principles. A Sagittarius emerges as a supporter.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): You need to build a stronger on-the-job support system to convince doubting colleagues that your innovative proposals are workable.

Thorn bugs

This insect can usually be found throughout South and Central America, Mexico, and southern Florida, but is sometimes found in more northern locations where its host plants have done well. It causes damage by piercing the plant tissue and sucking the sap. The females lay a single clutch of eggs in the tender bark of twigs, and the eggs hatch about 20 days later. The female actively tends her brood, and can pass a chemical to her nymphs to make them distasteful to potential predators. - Brenda Weaver

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OPINION

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Stand Up Against Anti-Asian Violence

Editor:

The appalling rise in anti-Asian violence has now very publicly hit San Leandro, making national headlines that cut at our core values and embarrass our city that we call home.

An 80-year-old Asian man was violently attacked by multiple cowardly teenagers between ages 16 and 19 on Acapulco Road in San Leandro on May 8, 2021. The local authorities need to "right this wrong" and hunt down these culprits to fully prosecute them to seek justice for the victim and our community.

The City needs to make clear that racism, bigotry, and senseless violence is not tolerated and will result in harsh consequences for perpetrators. Attacking anyone due to their race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, or age is a hate crime and can never be ignored or justified. San Leandro is our home and we must all stand up to such reprehensible and shameful acts. We must look out for our fellow neighbor and be their ally, confronting any form of hateful bigotry that we witness. Standing idly by will only open your own respective "community" to such visceral verbal and physical assaults and enable wrongdoers to further their immoral actions.

If we do not take a collective stand now, we will regret our inaction and one day be ashamed of who we see in the mirror, as an individual and society. The vile values that make people do horrible things is shocking but will always crumble and perish in the face of courage, love, and unity. What do you stand for?

—Jason Wong
San Leandro

City Council Out of Touch With Ordinary Citizens

Editor:

I live in City Councilmember Deborah Cox's district and am angry about her inappropriate resolution. The fact that our tax-and-spend City Council voted unanimously, 7-0, to require all new cars and passenger trucks sold in the city to be zero-emission vehicles by 2030 shows the disconnect between the City Council and ordinary citizens.

Cox's resolution ignores the fact that San Leandro's roads in her district are badly in need of repair, there are not enough charging stations in her district and her deadline is not feasible because of the global shortage of microchips. In addition, car dealers will move out of San Leandro if this resolution is implemented, resulting in a further loss of taxes for

the city.

Deborah Cox and her City Council members need to be recalled, replaced by citizen-friendly representatives.

—George Z. Banks
San Leandro

Bio-Ethanol Works, Too

Editor:

It's amazing that politicians, not just the San Leandro City Council ("Council requires ZEVs by 2030, May 6), think that requiring ZEVs and banning the sale of new gasoline engines are the same thing. They're not.

The official definition of ZEV (Title 13 CCR 1962.2) requires electric or hydrogen power preventing the use of bio-ethanol engines with the ethanol coming from non-food waste (everything that goes into the green cans).

Consumers deserve to have options in this matter, so I'd like to see the City Council reverse their decision and vote to ban the sale of just new gasoline powered vehicles in San Leandro after 2030. Leave existing vehicles alone to live out their natural lives on gasoline. A car dealer could then sell new cars powered by electricity, hydrogen, or bio-ethanol. Dealers and consumers could still sell their used gasoline powered cars until they wear out.

Some new car purchasers would stay with electric or hydrogen, but most would go with bio-ethanol since it emits less overall CO₂ (net) emissions, uses the same infrastructure as gasoline, and costs no more. See www.e100ethanolgroup.com/ CO₂-emissions. This is precisely what we did to get rid of tetra-ethyl lead in gasoline. We banned it without specifying what took its place.

Fifteen to 20 years later, we were free of it as the leaded gasoline vehicles wore out. The major car companies all know how to make engines optimized for bio-ethanol, but they won't do it until we tell them they can't sell new vehicles powered by gasoline (or diesel). Who knows, perhaps the San Leandro City Council could start a national trend.

—Don Siefkes
San Leandro

Welcome to Fantasyland In the Magic Kingdom

Editor:

The City Council has voted 7-0 requiring that all new city cars and passenger trucks purchased be zero-emissions vehicles (ZEV) starting in 2030 which is five years earlier than Governor Newsom's executive

order. Why did the governor hold off this mandate until 2035 vs. our City Council who wants to jump ahead by five years? He must know something that our council is blind to – but they don't care as they want to be front and center and the most revolutionary city in California no matter the cost.

This was a feel good, monkey-see monkey-do vote because once again "it ain't their money." Our city is operating in the red and there is no light at the end of the tunnel. There is no consideration for the cost of these vehicles vs. conventional cars and trucks. Competitive bidding is out the window as restrictions and limitations have been placed on future bids for our business.

It's time for our City Council to realize that San Leandro is not Fantasyland in the Magic Kingdom. They need to treat our city like a business and allow competitive bidding to be open to all makes in 2030 and beyond.

Without a correction to this unrealistic restriction I envision all our city vehicles to be provided by Tesla no matter the cost. Keep in mind that we will look good (but bankrupt) in the eyes of the City Council as they high five each other for their preposterous decision.

—Brent Heath
San Leandro

Proposes Ideas for City Council

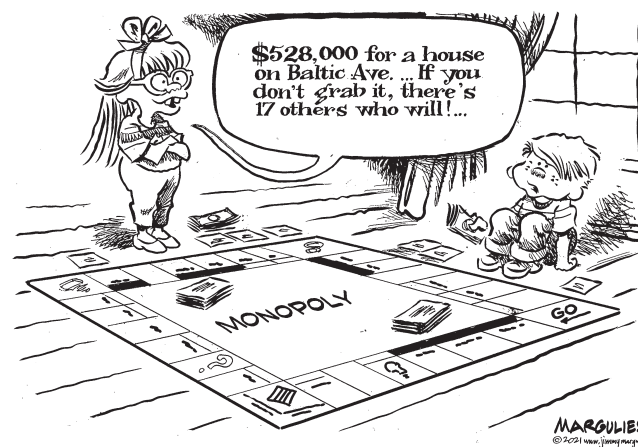
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At the Town Hall on May 10th I had hoped to suggest two ideas to the mayor and councilors but my Zoom connection failed when my name came up. In a nutshell they were to have the city look into a project called Keep Craft Alive, promoted by the highly respected magazine Fine Homebuilding. A local branch of the organization could result in creating many much needed carpenters in our state which is in need of an estimated 3 million additional housing units.

The other idea is to shift maybe one police officer position to helping local residents with credit card relief. There are numerous agencies out there who do this sort of work but having a project run through the police station could be a positive move for the police as well as a big help to some local residents, residents who are usually poor suffering from the agony of credit debt compounded by high interest rates.

These high interest rates are called usury, a crime in most societies dating back thousands of years before the birth of Christ! They are arguably a white collar crime committed by some of the country's biggest financial institutions, something which is not permitted in most other countries. It would also be positive PR for the police department if they could help people reduce their debt, where often they are stealing from Peter to pay Paul.

—Craig Williams
San Leandro



INQUIRING REPORTER

How do you get exercise?

— Asked around town

I walk around the neighborhood. When I was working as a musician, before the pandemic, I got exercise by moving around the timpani, the kettledrum.

Norman Peck
San Leandro



Walking, I walk everywhere. I believe in helping the environment and getting exercise as well. And I might go back to yoga when the studios open again.

Mayra Newton
San Leandro



I attend the gym during lunchtime and do a little cardio, treadmill and stairs, get the body moving.

Erika Guerrero
San Lorenzo,
teaches in San Leandro



By walking every day. I just walk around the neighborhood.

Kerry Seibert
San Leandro



I walk Lake Merritt. San Leandro isn't much of a walking city, but walking around Lake Merritt is beautiful

Mike Paoletti
San Leandro



Town Hall: Mayor Cutter says police reforms are in the works

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low and reopening schedules on track. The mayor also acknowledged the hard work by the city and justice advocacy groups to enact meaningful police reforms, which are in

the early stages.

Mayor Cutter also highlighted the work of law enforcement to curb a potential looting situation at Bayfair mall on April 21. Information gathered from social media

and shared with law enforcement suggested there might be mass looting like the one on the night of May 31, 2020, Mayor Cutter said. Police reported on April 21, they found a group of about 100 people in 30 to 40 vehicles circling the mall property, but no incidents of shoplifting or theft were reported as a result.

Councilmember Deborah Cox, who represents District 1, outlined several initiatives and improvements to the downtown area including the reopening of the main branch library and expansion of the Ghirardelli plant to include ice cream sales. Cox also reaffirmed her commitment to a recently passed resolution to have new car sales in the city be 100 percent zero-emissions vehicles by 2030. She reiterated that the five-year head start on California's 2035 initiative is "an aspirational goal" and not an ordinance or mandate

for auto dealer sales.

Councilmember Bryan Azevedo, who represents District 2, reported on the progress of the Bay Fair Transit Plan, which will include a mixture of housing and business development. Various commissions are expected to address the concerns of neighbors by the end of July. The City Council is expected to next address the Transit Plan in September.

Azevedo also highlighted his district's street cleanup efforts including homeless encampments near Halcyon Park and 143rd Avenue, which included helping residents relocate and find city services. Azevedo also noted the success of Joe's Pho, one of several San Leandro restaurants that distributed free meals during the most difficult days of the COVID-19 quarantine. After providing 6,200 free meals to neighbors, Azevedo said the

owner of Joe's Pho will open a second location downtown.

Councilmember Corina Lopez updated the community on Farrelly Pool. The \$8.5 million construction project is expected to be completed in July. The new pool will include a shallow end and six, 75-foot swimming lanes. The facility will also exceed high-level energy efficiency standards.

Lopez also highlighted two housing projects: a mixed-use project at the former site of a CVS drugstore on East 14th Street and Callan Avenue which would hold up to 197 units with a ground-floor specialty grocery store that Lopez said was likely a Sprouts chain; and a new residential development on East 14 Street and Durant Avenue that would host 221 units of exclusively affordable housing thanks to funding by California State Senate Bill 35.

While the public comments were held to two minutes apiece, many people were not shy about their opinions on how San Leandro's elected officials should spend their time.

The most emotional speech came from Addie Kitchen, the grandmother of Steven Taylor, who was fatally shot by a former San Leandro Police officer at a Walmart store last April. Ms. Kitchen said she was appalled that the City would continue its annual celebration of Police Week this week (May 9-15), so close to the City-sanctioned "Steven Taylor and Sanctity of Life Day" on April 18.

The next Town Hall discussion, for the west side of town, will be on July 12, starting at 7 p.m. Councilmembers representing Districts 3 (Victor Aguilar, Jr.), 4 (Fred Simon), and 6 (Pete Ballew) will be presenting and answering questions.

Lopez Named to Board of National League of Cities

Councilmember Corina Lopez was elected to the National League of Cities (NLC) board of directors by NLC's membership at the 2020 Virtual City Summit.

NLC advocates for city priorities in Washington by building federal-local partnerships. Upon the appointment to the board of directors, Councilmember Lopez was also named to the NLC's Legislative Action Committee.

As a board member, Lopez will meet with her NLC colleagues in the spring, summer, and fall to guide the organization's strategic direction. Lopez is the first San Leandro Councilmember to serve on the National League of Cities Board of Directors.

More than 1,000 mayors, councilmembers, and other delegates from nearly every state and the District of Co-

lumbia convened virtually for this year's City Summit. Local leaders are on the frontline of the nation's most pressing challenges and are working to pioneer innovative solutions to move the nation's cities, towns, and villages forward.

"It is an honor to represent the interests of San Leandro on the national level," stated Councilmember Lopez. "I'm determined to continue my advocacy on behalf of the community during one of the most challenging times that we have ever faced and champion our cause in all levels of government as we rebuild in a better way."

In addition to this national appointment, Councilmember Lopez is an appointed member of the California League of Cities Board of Directors, which advocates for the interests of cities at the California State Capitol.

PG&E Pays Over \$400 Million in Taxes

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), which serves more than 16 million Californians, is paying property taxes and franchise fees of over \$406 million this spring to the 50 counties, 246 local cities and one district where it owns and operates gas and electric infrastructure.

The tax payments include \$32 million to Alameda County.

The payment covers the period from January 1 to June 30, 2021. Total payments for the tax year of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 are more than \$537 million.

"Property tax and franchise fee payments are one of the many important ways PG&E helps drive our hometowns and supports essential public services like education and public safety," said Chris Foster, executive vice president and chief financial officer for PG&E.

In 2020, PG&E invested about \$7 billion to upgrade its gas and electrical infrastructure for safety, reliability and wildfire mitigation across Northern and Central California, and the increase in property tax payments reflect those continuing investments.

LOCAL DEATHS

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Tony Somerville

Thomas Anthony Somerville passed away on April 7, 2021 at his home in San Leandro. He was 81 years old.

Tony was born in Vancouver, BC where he spent his early years and raised a family. After his first marriage he moved to the East Bay to go into business with his brother Mike and spent the remainder of his life as a resident of San Leandro.

He will be fondly remembered for his outgoing nature, tireless sense of humor, and the care and thought he bestowed upon his friends and loved ones.

He is survived by his brother Daniel, six children: Teri, Tom, Susan, Toni Lynne, Stephen, and Ron, and a great many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Predeceased by both parents, brothers Mike and Ron, and special friend Sandy.

Daniel C. Ginn

Daniel C. Ginn entered peacefully into rest at his Danville home on April 29, 2021. He was 64 years old. Born in Oakland, California, Dan was the fourth born, joining his older siblings, Lee, Larry and Diana. The family was expanded one year later by younger sister, Karen. He grew up in the Washington Manor neighborhood of San Leandro and graduated from Marina High School. Danny, as he was known to most in his younger years, loved building Hot Rods, working with his Dad and racing his cars. He got into the building trades at a young age, following his Dad and Uncle, Sloe and Dry Ginn, who were pioneers in building automation systems. He founded Acucon with partners in the 1980s where he starting building customer relationships. Many customers looked up to Dan for his knowledge & connections. He made a lot of friends in the business and was very successful. In 2001 he opened Innotec Systems with Steve Ignoffo. The success of Innotec brought opportunity to grow and to merge with RSD. Dan always created a workplace in which he looked after his employees as if they were his own family. Dan loved to get together with friends and family. Saturday night dinners often ended up being a party, the more the merrier. His love of friends led him to be the organizer of group motorcycle trips, fun-filled waterskiing weekends, camping trips and weekends with a houseful in Murphys. He loved Debbie, his wife of 41 years, and his children Danielle and Drew. He absolutely adored his granddaughters, Alexa, Emmy and Hayden, and was never happier than he was being "Papa Dan". He also loved his faithful goldendoodle, Sammy. Dan will be remembered for his expertise in his field, his thoughtfulness, kindness, his stories and jokes and, of course, his great sense of humor. He lived for his family and enjoyed every moment of being a family man. Dan was preceded in death by his loving parents, Sloe and Donna Ginn. Unfortunately, due to covid-19 restrictions we are unable to gather, please watch www.caringbridge.org/visit/danginn for information about an upcoming Celebration of Life. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Dan's name at www.pancan.org



Scott Ballesteros

May 16, 1966 ~ April 28, 2021

Scott passed suddenly due to complications following liver cancer.

Scott was born in Oakland, California, where he attended St. Jarlath School and went on to work as a very talented craftsman and contractor. He loved watching A's Baseball, and 49ers football. He spent much of his free time at the Castro Valley bowl and with his loved ones. He had a vast knowledge of sports and music and would strike up conversations with anybody if willing. His passions were collecting baseball cards and his favorite music.

Scott is predeceased by his grandparents, Bill and Marie Gilley, his uncle, Jimmy Gilley, and his son, Eric Ballesteros.

He is lovingly remembered by his mother, Louise Gilley, his father, Joe Ballesteros (Wife: Rita), his children, Gabe Ballesteros (Wife: Anissa) and Olivia Ballesteros, his grandchildren, Jimmy and Gianna Ballesteros.

A gathering will be held on May 15th at the Moose Club in Castro Valley at 1 p.m. All those who loved and remember him are welcome.



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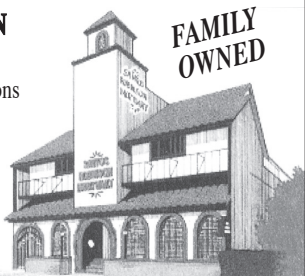
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SL Chamber of Commerce to Host Meeting on Business Needs

The San Leandro Chamber of Commerce is asking all businesses what they need. The chamber is hosting a virtual meeting on Wednesday, May 19, at 12:30 p.m. Registration is required. What does your business need to get back on its feet? Are you back up and running? How can we help you? We have resources to share. Tell us which ones you need, says the Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber is hosting a virtual meeting on Wednesday, May 19, at 12:30 p.m. Registration is required.

Register to Attend at: bit.ly/bizroundtable21

All are welcome. No fee to attend.

2nd Infantry Division Planning Reunion

The Second (Indian-head) Division Association is searching for anyone who served in the Army's 2nd Infantry Division at any time. annual reunion in Kansas City, Missouri from Sept. 29 to Oct. 3, visit the association's website at www.2ida.org or contact Bob Haynes at 2idahq@comcast.net or (224) 225-1202.

Funds: Massive spending

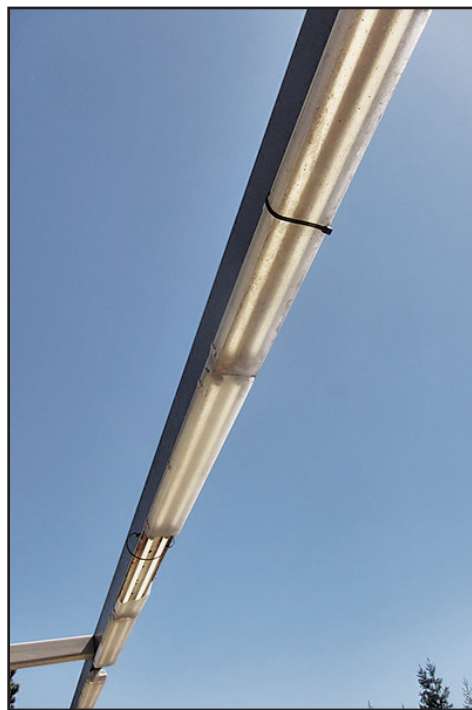
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it a "blue state bailout." But Republican strongholds will also receive a lot of the money from the act. After California, topping the list at \$27 billion, Texas will receive close to \$16 billion.

The massive federal spending will have other,

less pleasant, effects. Some economists are now predicting double-digit inflation.

President Biden pressed for the massive recovery act by telling Congress that a slimmer bill wouldn't be enough to jumpstart the economy and provide enough relief.

BART Keeps the Lights on...All the Time



PHOTOS BY JIM KNOWLES



By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

For an agency that's always crying it's short on funds, BART doesn't worry too much about its electricity bill.

The lights on the outdoor platforms at the San Leandro BART station have been burning all day under the sun. It's been like that for at least a few weeks.

Likewise at the Fruitvale Station, and the Hayward Station. And those are just the stations the *San Leandro Times* has looked at.

Some of the lights in the parking lot of the San Leandro station are on throughout the day, too. A reporter has noticed some parking lot lights on during daylight since last year.

At the Coliseum station this week, the lights weren't on during the day on the platform, but they were on in the parking lot.

On Monday, BART spokesman Jim Allison, who hadn't yet heard about the lights, said he would check it out. The newspaper hasn't yet heard back.

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Dear Neighbor,

Over the years, we've developed many great relationships with not just our homebuyers, but also our surrounding neighbors. It is our goal to keep all of you informed of our construction activities.

Construction has begun at the old Manor Bowl site, 903 Manor Boulevard, for a 39-unit townhome development.

In an effort to minimize construction-related disturbances, the City has added a temporary truck route to the existing route system.

The map here shows the route in red on Farnsworth Street. It is important to note that **only trucks for our project will be allowed to use this route.**

This route will be in use during the construction of this project, which is anticipated to continue through 2022.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. Feel free to share this information with any neighbors that are interested in the timeline of the project.

Sincerely,

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