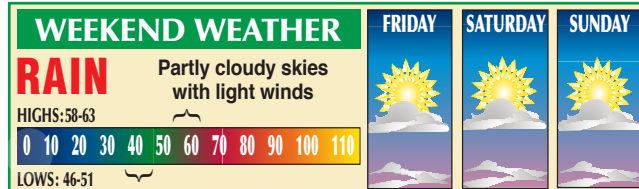


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Alameda County firefighters extinguished an early Monday morning blaze on Navy Street.

Garage Goes Up in Flames

Fire fighters put out a garage fire at a house on Navy Street in San Leandro at around 5:40 a.m. on Monday. The detached

garage was engulfed in flames as fire fighters arrived and cleared the house of occupants. The blaze was put down in under half

an hour, according to the Alameda County Fire Department. The cause of the fire has yet to be determined. There were no injuries.

Vaccine Coming Soon For Seniors

Next round of vaccine for nursing homes, at-risk seniors

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

Alameda County senior citizens most at risk for contracting COVID-19 are expected to start getting vaccinated starting next week, according to health officials.

More than 850 skilled nursing facilities (SNF) in California have already begun preparing residents and staff for either the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna coronavirus vaccine as part of Project Warp Speed: the federal program to produce and distribute COVID-19 medicines.

While first responders and those closest to the COVID-19 fight were injected starting last week, the government identified residents in all long-term care settings, including skilled nursing facilities, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, residential care homes, and adult family homes as the next phase of vaccine recipients.

The news comes as Alameda County recorded 1,645 cases total of COVID at skilled nursing homes and 187 deaths related to the virus since March 2020.

In Castro Valley, East Bay Acute Center representative David Oates said residents and staff expect to begin receiving vaccines on Jan. 5 and will have enough to cover all residents and staff.

"We're looking forward to

further protecting our residents and staff from COVID-19," Oates said. "East Bay Acute has taken extreme measures since the start of the pandemic to ensure the

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East Bay Outages Reduced, Says PG&E

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

Pacific Gas and Electric Co. service is growing both safer and more reliable, company officials said at a Dec. 18 online Electrical Reliability public meeting that focused on Alameda County and nearby.

In PG&E's Mission Division, which includes San Leandro and San Lorenzo, there was a 32 percent improvement over the last ten years in time lost to sustained outages, according to Steven Calvert, Senior Manager of Electric Distribution Planning, said.

He said there was also a 24

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Year in Review: Strikes, Protests, Lockdowns

Year in Review, Part 2,
July through December 2020

July

- Restaurants begin reopening for outdoor seating after restrictions were eased. But county health officials warned that an uptick in Covid cases might require them to bring back restrictions.

- The family of Steven Taylor, the San Leandro man who was shot and killed by police in April, holds a press conference in front of the police station to say the police and the news media are trying to sweep the shooting

under the rug.

- City Councilman Victor Aguilar endorses Bryan Azevedo in his bid for City Council, saying Azevedo is a hometown hero who helps the community and speaks up against injustice.

- Twenty-four new citizens were sworn in on the deck of the USS Hornet in Alameda, a few of the more than 700,000 who would become United States citizens in the year.

- The Alameda County Civil Grand Jury paints a grim picture on the financial future of county's

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Nurses staged a 5-day strike at San Leandro Hospital in October.

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Annual Holiday Basket Program Serves a Thousand Families

A thousand low-income families were served last week in the 49th Annual Holiday Basket Program at the Davis Street Family Resource Center.

Each family received a pre-packaged complete holiday meal, including a turkey, fresh produce and all the fixings, and a \$50 gift card for each child. The program included 1,525 children and 200 senior households.

The three day distribution

encompassed COVID-19 measures in place for the safety of the families, staff, and volunteers.

This year, Davis Street's families have experienced significant hardships due to COVID-19 and Davis Street is exceptionally grateful to an anonymous "angel" donor who provided \$100 to each family in addition to their holiday basket.

Davis Street said the unexpected gift made a world of



PHOTO BY MIKE MCGUIRE

Volunteers prepare holiday baskets for families at the Davis Street Family Resource Center's annual Holiday Basket event. At left, Davis Street CEO Rose Padilla Johnson hands a gift to a family.

difference to families and helped alleviate the stress this holiday season has brought to many due to the pandemic.

For many families, this special gift has allowed them to worry less about making ends meet this month and provided hope during a time where many

are struggling.

"This year's Holiday Basket Program wouldn't have been possible were it not for the support of the Alameda County Fire Department, Alameda County Firefighters Association - Local 55, California Highway Patrol (Hayward and Castro

Valley Offices), San Leandro Police Department, and countless dedicated community volunteers. Davis Street is beyond grateful to provide support and a sense of security for those who are in need of hope," said Rose Padilla Johnson, chief executive officer.

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The Bank of America in downtown San Leandro was closed again this week.

Downtown Bank of America And US Bank Closed this Week

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

Both the Bank of America and the US Bank branches in downtown San Leandro were closed this week.

The US Bank had been closed since the previous Thursday, the day before Christmas. Signs on

the door said the branch was closed because of Covid-related-staffing shortages.

In October, the Bank of America branch was closed for a week. A bank spokesperson said the temporary closure was due to staffing issues caused by the pandemic. The line at the downtown

BofA on East 14th Street is often so long it wraps around the corner of Joaquin Avenue. The ATMs were still operating this week.

Customers walking up to the bank tried the door and then noticed the sign explaining the closure. Some walked away shaking their heads.

Signs taped to the doors at both banks direct customers to other branches in San Leandro.

PETS OF THE WEEK



Dasher



Domingo

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter are both kittens, Dasher and Domingo.

Dasher is a 4-month-old male kitten who lives up to his name. He has slowly been getting used to people, but still dashes away when he meets new people or you try to pet him.

Dasher is curious about people though, and will scooch forward when the focus is on his roommate, Domingo. If you let him go at his own pace, Dasher will tell you he likes head rubs

and treats.

He would do best in an experienced cat home with people who are willing to go slow with him.

Domingo is a 4 month old male kitten who likes soft beds and treats. He is still getting used to people and does not like being held or picked up. Once he warms up, he does enjoy head pets.

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

Vaccine: Contact tracing program

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safety of everyone."

At Bancroft Healthcare Center in San Leandro, staff are still waiting for word on when they will receive their vaccination allocation. An office manager at the facility said the 35 residents and 40 staff are eager to roll up their sleeves.

"We had a staff meeting this morning to discuss our protocols and procedures," she said. "We'll be getting the Pfizer dose soon, so we have to prepare now."

Kaiser Permanente spokesperson Karl Sonkin said the hospital had not yet received word when their post-acute center residents and staff would be getting their shipment of COVID-19 vaccine doses but has already begun treating its frontline nurses and doctors.

Most of the vaccines for senior care facilities will be administered through Walgreens Boots Alliance and CVS Health as part of the Operation Warp-Speed contract. Specialists from each pharmacy retailer are expected to schedule time with the facilities since they have been trained on the handling of the drugs, which in some cases require storage temperatures below freezing.

CVS said they'll have the capacity to vaccinate more than 698,000 patients in California through the program. Walgreens declined to state how many patients it plans to inoculate.

In the meantime, Alameda County Public Health officials

are asking people to participate in contact tracing programs either by participating in phone notifications and downloading a smartphone app.

The county's contact tracing program relies on information gathered during public testing. Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 is asked to provide a confidential list of close contacts.

Those people are contacted by phone or email by County Health volunteers who in turn advise that someone who has been within 6 feet of a person

who is positive for COVID-19 for at least 15 minutes.

They can check for symptoms, offer to test for the virus, and discuss next steps like isolation and quarantine.

California's CA Notify is downloaded and/or activated by your smartphone with Bluetooth wireless capabilities. You only receive alerts if you were in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19. The information is kept confidential and the app does not track or trace information.

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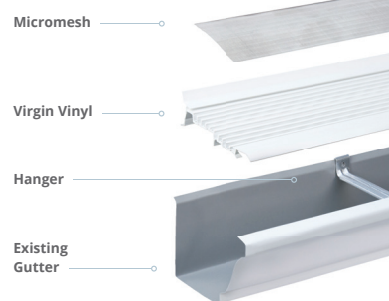
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AUTOMOTIVE

Small Plug-in Crossover with Power and Range

By Steve Schaefer
San Leandro Times

The compact crossover market is at the heart of the auto business in the U.S.A. Toyota's RAV4, a segment leader for years, has given their hybrid version a plug and a bigger battery. Now, it can serve as a pure-electric vehicle locally and use gas only on long trips.

Plug-in hybrids are a transitional step to fleet electrification, blending an engine and motor plus a small chargeable battery. The RAV4 Prime enables 42 miles of EV range, which should serve most people's daily needs. When they have to drive farther, the 2.5-liter four-cylinder gasoline engine kicks in.

I tested a Supersonic Red and Black 2021 RAV4 Prime XSE for a week. For my cautious visits to the grocery store and outdoor band rehearsal, the little SUV smoothly and silently negotiated the residential streets. But when I wanted to visit my grandkids (they're in my bubble), the 170-mile round trip put the engine to work.

Hearing the four-cylinder come to life makes you appreciate the car's silence as an EV. On my family trip, I got all the way from Castro Valley to Novato (about 45 miles) before the engine sprang to life, as advertised.

Working through a continuously variable automatic transmission, the engine noisily pushes the revs higher on hills.

The Prime's engine and motor combine for 302 total horsepower—more than the regular RAV4; Toyota brags of a 5.8-second zero-to-60 acceleration time. Not bad for a 4,300-pound, tall, four-door family car.

The RAV4 Prime earns 94 MPGe when you charge up the battery and 38 MPG if you don't (like a regular hybrid). The green scores are a 7 for Smog and a perfect 10 for Fuel Economy and Greenhouse Gas.

The RAV4 easily accommodates a family of five, and the high roofline makes it feel airy. An hour and a half of seat time showed the car's freeway finesse, and the well-padded, deeply bolstered chairs were comfy. The fat steering wheel is leather-wrapped, and all of the interior panels are padded, for a more upscale feel.

In a masculine black and silver, the RAV4's angular interior conveys some of the truck feeling buyers seem to want in their tall car in daily driving. The rubber-coated control knobs on the center climate screen are easy to find and the modern, tall center screen provides at-a-glance information.

You can drive the RAV4 as

an EV or as a hybrid. In Hybrid mode, you can save your battery power, for example, while on the freeway, and use it later in town. Select Eco, Sport, or Normal mode with a button on the center console. Eco saves gas, Sport is more fun, and Normal is in between. As a plug-in hybrid, the car is designed for frugality and environmental sensitivity, but with 302 horsepower, Sport might be just the thing on a curving rural two-lane road.

The XSE features standard Electronic On-Demand All-Wheel Drive. It uses a second small electric motor on the rear axle to add traction and give extra hill-climbing performance off-road. Predictive Efficient Drive is a high-tech feature that works with the navigation system to evaluate where you're going and regulate the charging and discharging of the hybrid battery for maximum electric range.

Charging the 18.1 kWh battery is easy. Because this is plug-in hybrid, you'll never have to visit a charging station if you don't want to. At home, using standard 120V household current, you can expect to fill an empty battery in 4.5 hours. If you happen to have 240V level 2 charging handy, it'll cut that to 2.5 hours.

The Prime comes as an SE or an XSE. My top-level XSE



The Prime's engine and motor combine for 302 total horsepower—more than the regular RAV4.

was loaded with standard equipment, and also featured Premium Audio, the Weather Package, and the Premium Package. The premium audio system (\$1,620) flaunts 11 JBL speakers, including a subwoofer and amplifier, which entertains during inter-city jaunts. The Weather Package (\$375) adds a heated leather-covered steering wheel and rain-sensing intermittent wipers. The Premium Package (\$3,765) brings a 10-inch head-up display, panoramic glass roof, Softex (animal-free leather) seating, a power liftgate, and lots more (see Toyota's website for the long list). Toyota dings you \$425 for the "special color" paint.

All this moves the car into Lexus pricing territory--\$49,577—while still retaining a Toyota-level feel. Base prices are \$38,100 for the XE



The RAV 4 easily accommodates a family of five, and the high roofline makes it feel airy.

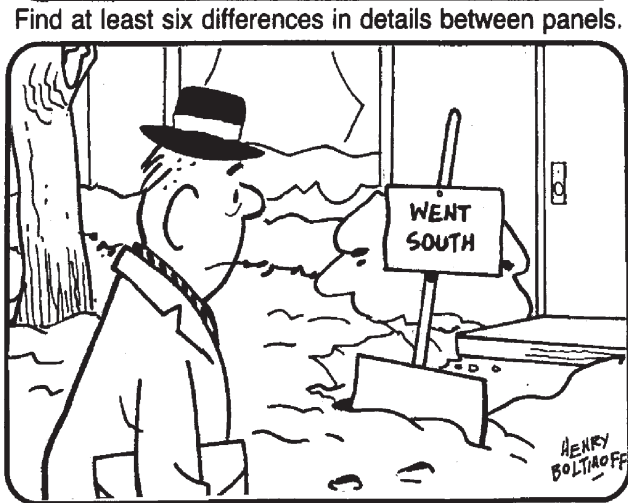
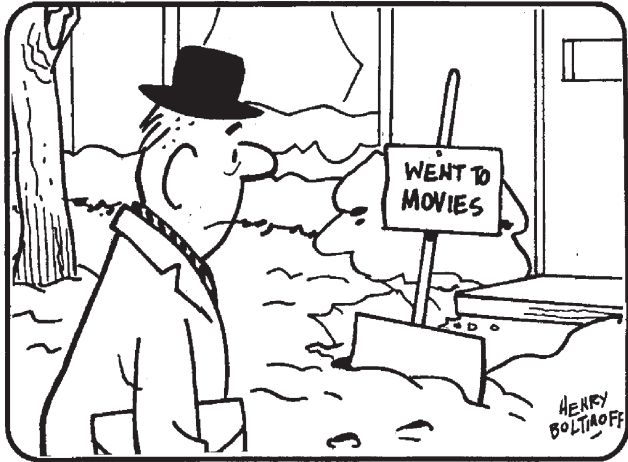
and \$41,425 for the XSE, plus \$1,120 for the "Delivery Processing and Handling Fee."

The RAV4 sits in choice territory in the auto market, and with the new Prime, can be an extremely clean and efficient option if you stay local. While it isn't as environmentally heroic as a pure electric model, depending on where and how much you drive, it can act a lot like one.

Steve Schaefer lives in Castro Valley. He has been reviewing new cars in the Times for 29 years.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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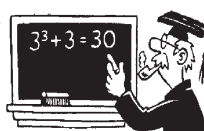


1. What is the best thing to put into pies?
2. When is coffee like the earth?
3. What does H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O stand for?
4. Where do rivers sleep?
5. What plant stands for the number four?

Answers: 1. Your teeth. 2. When it is ground. 3. The formula for water, H to O. 4. In river beds. 5. Ivy (IV).

Illustrated by David Coulson

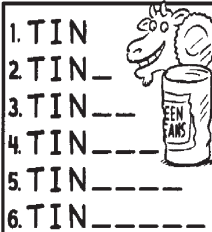
A TOUGH ASSIGNMENT? Professor Flunkum challenges you to write the number 30 using the same three digits. He knows five ways to do this. See if you can find the other four.



Answers: 3.3 - 3; 5 x 5 + 5; 6 x 6 - 6; XXX.

THERE WILL BE a great tintinnabulation if you get these right! In this puzzle, the words get progressively longer, and they all start with TIN. Definitions:

1. A container (given).
2. Part of fork.
3. A trace of color.
4. To fiddle with.
5. A protective wrapping.
6. Old-time photos.



Answers: 1. Tin. 2. Tine. 3. Tinge. 4. Tinker. 5. Tintin. 6. Tintypes.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

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HOOP, HOOP, HOORAY!

Hidden in the diagram above are 24 words associated with the game of basketball. They can be read up or down, forward or backward, or even diagonally. The items to look for are:

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| ASSIST | NET |
| BACKBOARD | PASS |
| BANK | PIVOT |
| BLOCK | REBOUND |
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| DRIBBLE | SCORE |
| DUNK | SHOOT |
| FAKE | SLAM DUNK |
| FOUL | SNEAKER |
| GUARD | STEAL |
| HOOP | SWISH |

Review: Smoky sky turns orange but SL Dahlia show must go on

continued from front page hospitals.

• A San Leandro man is charged in the fatal hit and run of a bicyclist on Hesperian Boulevard.

• Mayor Pauline Cutter and Supervisor Wilma Chan take the COVID-19 test at the Marina Community Center testing site and encourage others to do the same.

August

• Washington Manor residents oppose a proposed 3-story townhouse development on the site of the former Manor Bowl.

• San Leandro police shoot and kill a man after a chase into Oakland where the man got out of the car with an assault rifle. Speakers hold a rally in front of

against San Leandro police officer Jason Fletcher for the shooting death of Steven Taylor earlier in the year.

• The City Council okays the 3-story townhouse development on Manor Boulevard with minor modifications.

• San Leandro and the rest of the Bay Area is cast in an eerie, orange glow caused by smoke from the wildfires in Northern California.

• The San Leandro Dahlia Society's annual flower show goes virtual this year, due to the pandemic.

• The San Lorenzo school board candidates running for the three open seats are all guaranteed to win because they all run unopposed.

October

• The downtown branch of the Bank of America is closed for a week. The bank says it's due to staffing shortages caused by the pandemic.

• Nurses at San Leandro Hospital stage a 5-day strike, claiming unsafe staffing levels during the pandemic among other issues.

• Campaign financial statements show that developers and pot businesses are the biggest contributors to City Council candidates.

• The voluntary service organization Inner Wheel of San Leandro celebrates its 35th anniversary with a take-out meal. The Kiwanis Club of San Leandro installs new club officers at a social-distanced meeting.

• A San Leandro police sergeant is charged with embezzlement. Police shoot a man in a car on 137th Avenue after they say he raised a firearm at them.

• The City Council approves an \$8 million sewage treatment plant upgrade that will save money in the long run by enabling the plant to produce its own electricity.

• The City Council invites speakers from the NAACP to a special meeting and the speakers give examples of racism in San Leandro and say slogans like "San Leandro Stands Against Hate" ring hollow.

November

• Bryan Azevedo and Fred Simon win seats on the City Council. The property transfer tax, Measure VV, passes.

• A fire breaks out at the Georgia-Pacific paper plant on Alvarado Street, in an outdoor area where cardboard is stored.

• Plans are underway for a new San Leandro High gymnasium, to be completed in 2024. Work is coming along on remodeling the San Leandro Boys & Girls Club.

• The county and state reinstate COVID restrictions because of a rise in the number of cases.

• Special education teacher at Bancroft Middle School Starla Colburn is named one of Alameda County's teachers of the year.

• Owner of Ricky's sports bar, Ricky Ricardo, dies at the age of 75 after a stroke.

• Assumption Church celebrates the 100th birthday of Oscar Borin with an outdoor Mass and a socially-distanced reception.

• More illegal guns are turning up on people stopped, say police after they pull over one 25 year old with a large amount of marijuana in plain view, a gun under the seat, and a toddler in the vehicle.

• The Chanticleers live stream a radio play of the Christmase time favorite *It's a Wonderful Life*.

December

• The City Council picks a new interim city manager, Fran Robustelli, to replace Jeff Kay who leaves to take the city manager job in Healdsburg.

• Two people are shot and one killed in a hail of gunfire in the 600 block of East 14th Street



PHOTOS BY JIM KNOWLES

The sky turned Trumpian orange over the Bay Area in September as smoke from wildfires covered much of Northern California.

after 30 shots are fired.

• Police officer Jason Fletcher pleads not guilty to the voluntary manslaughter charge in the shooting death of Steven Taylor in April.

• The Kiwanis Club of San Leandro applies a fresh coat of paint to the picnic tables at two city parks.

• Governor Newsom announces the current lockdown

could extend into February, although fewer people comply with the lockdown as they did in March. And over the Christmas weekend, more than a million people take airline flights, despite warnings not to travel.

• A nurse is the first at Kaiser San Leandro to get the new Covid vaccine, followed by other front line doctors and nurses, who say the vaccine is safe and effective.



Wilma Chan and Pauline Cutter got tested for COVID in July. Below, Washington Manor residents opposed to a proposed townhouse met at a park.



City Hall to protest another police shooting, saying San Leandro police are too prone to use guns. The police union, the San Leandro Police Officers' Association, puts out a press release saying there is an alarming increase in crime in recent months.

• The San Leandro Sports Foundation names its annual Hall of Fame inductees, including Nijae Jones who holds the San Leandro High School record in the girls 400 and 800 meters, and Christian Carter who holds the SLHS record in the boys 400.

• A 24-year-old man is found stabbed to death in a car on Billings Boulevard. The following week, police arrest a 22-year-old Hayward man for the homicide.

September

• AC Transit's rapid bus line, Tempo, begins operating after years of planning between the San Leandro BART Station and downtown Oakland.

• Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley files voluntary manslaughter charges

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GUEST COMMENTARY



Top 6 Issues Affecting Real Estate in 2020

No one could have imagined 2020. As it concludes, considering the coronavirus-related deaths, some have suggested the traditional image of an old man departing as the hourglass drops its final grains of sand be replaced by the grim reaper. Macabre, perhaps, but fitting nonetheless.

As we wrap up, here are the top real estate stories:

A Shortage of Inventory

As 2020 opened, large numbers of buyers headed to the market. Inventory was at record lows and as buyers began competing over the few available properties, the market overheated. Multiple offers spiked, prices soared and many believed, based on its record start, that 2020 would be a banner year.

COVID-19

As the lockdown began, we assumed sales would cease and prices would tank. A brief flurry of contract cancellations ensued: some buyers lost deposits as the stock market crashed, others

reacted in fear and some believed anticipated devaluations would create opportunity.

Real estate was quickly deemed essential, showing guidelines were created and the market roared back to life. Fueled by a 32%* decrease in inventory from 2019 coupled with low interest rates, the market seared its way through December, deepening California's housing affordability crisis.

The Stock Market Effect

The rapid plunge in stock prices at the onset of COVID-19 was assumed to be the precursor to a housing crash. Short-term, the plunge kept wary buyers at bay. Distress was momentary and homes with cancelled contracts were quickly pending again. While there was a short-term dip in housing prices, it was temporary as the stock market rallied and headed back up.

Low Interest Rates

Super-low rates triggered a refinancing surge that not only overwhelmed lenders and appraisers, it caused significant delays in resale escrows as well. Buyers quickly put covid-related concerns aside as bargain-basement interest rates added impetus to the already sizzling market.

Migrating Workers

Shelter-in-place mandates forced workers home, and while service sector employees (eg. restaurants, travel, hospitality) suffered, the remainder of the work force remained gainfully employed as ZOOM stock prices soared. In the emergent work-from-home reality, companies told employees they could work from anywhere, prompting

a migration from expensive urban centers to the suburbs and beyond.

The Elections

Instead of the anticipated watershed, the immediate effect on real estate was virtually nonexistent, and long-term metrics are uncertain.

Heading into 2021, we are facing a new normal. Let's hope it includes peace and health.

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Apricot Tree Larger than Expected

By Buzz Bertolero
Special to the Times

Q I have an apricot tree that is four years old. I'm surprised by how big it's grown since it's a dwarf tree. How much should I cut it back, and should it be done now?

A I'm assuming your tree is a semi-dwarf apricot. Semi-dwarf fruit trees are not as dwarf as people expect, growing to 18 feet with a 10-foot spread.

They're still classified as a dwarf compared to the larger growing standard apricot and other types of deciduous fruit trees. So when purchasing a dwarf tree, you should ask the question, "How dwarf is dwarf?"

Deciduous fruit trees are pruned annually when they're dormant in January and February. However, there is no problem with pruning in the fall, and that's actually recommended with apricots. They are susceptible to an airborne disease that enters through new pruning wounds, so they're pruned when there is a 10-day period of dry weather.

We remove about 25% of the growth each year. All apricot varieties maintain the same general growth habit, so the same pruning rules apply to all varieties.

Prune out enough branches to evenly shape the canopy, selecting old wood whenever possible. This spacing allows the sunlight to penetrate all parts of the fruit-producing branches evenly. Most of the fruit is borne

on second-year-old wood.

You can differentiate growth by color. The new growth is a light color while the older shoots are dark. The long whip branches that grew during the summer are the fruit-producing wood for the coming year, so do not cut them too freely.

The outside branches of apricots tend to lower each year with the weight of the fruit and foliage. They may be cut off the tree and replaced with new branches from the inside growth. Apricot wood is brittle, so care should be taken not to let the branches spread laterally to a great distance.

Favor erect growth whenever possible. A sturdy framework is desired even at the expense of fruit production. Several pruning books are available that you can use as a reference, or you might attend a pruning demonstration this month at your favorite garden center.

Q How might one care for an artichoke plant over the winter? One of my friends said to chop them down to the ground to get more artichokes next summer.

Any advice on how best to transplant them, as I will need to move some soon?

A During most winters, you leave them alone except if you're going to divide them. Artichoke clumps are divided every three to four years to keep the production high. They usually cut to the ground first.

I'd split the clump by digging it up and then segmenting it into smaller sections using a shovel or ax. The sections are transplanted in the new location. If you cannot accommodate all the plants, save the biggest and give the others away.

I would work lots of organic matter like homemade compost or blended soil conditioner into the new planting areas, add some starter fertilizer, and then water to finish the relocation.

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



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A Fondue Farewell to 2020

In place of the usual parties this year, enjoy a quieter New Year's Eve celebration at home this evening with family.

The perfect dish for just such an evening is one that enjoyed popularity a half century ago—fondue!

It's delicious, easy to make, and the communal nature of serving and eating lends itself to quiet conversation, lots of laughter, and contented silences while everybody digs in.

Once popular wedding and Christmas gifts, fondue pots lurk unused in the very back of many kitchen cupboards today. But even if you don't have the official fondue setup, it can be prepared and served in any kind of heavy kettle.

Fondue originated in Switzerland as a way of using up hardened cheese. The traditional recipe calls for a mixture of Swiss and Gruyere cheese and wine, melted in a communal pot. Kirsch, a clear brandy distilled from cherry juice and pits, is added to the melted mixture, which become a dip for pieces of crusty bread or vegetables. Cheese

fondue should also contain a bit of flour or starch to keep the cheese from separating.

Although cheese fondue is the most popular style of this retro dish, there are many forms of fondue, including chocolate in which pieces of fruit or cake are dipped in warm chocolate sauce.

If you're serving more than 4 people, have two fondue pots going to make eating easier. It's best when there are no more than four people per fondue pot.

Keep fondue warm over as low heat as possible to avoid scorching.

CLASSIC CHEESE FONDUE

- 2 garlic cloves, cut in half
- 1 cup dry white wine
- 1/2 pound Gruyere cheese, shredded, plus extra
- 1/2 pound Swiss cheese, shredded
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 2 tablespoons Kirsch

- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- Pepper

Rub the garlic inside the fondue pot then discard.

Pour the white wine and lemon juice into the pot and turn on the burner. Let the wine and lemon juice warm up without boiling.

Reduce heat and add the shredded cheese. With a wooden spoon, mix well and stir regularly.

Dilute the cornstarch in the Kirsch, and add remaining ingredients, including pepper to taste, to the pot. If the mixture is too hard, add wine. If the mixture is too soft, add cheese.

Dip bite-size pieces of bread or vegetables, let them cool slightly, then enjoy and repeat.

Italian or French bread makes excellent dippers when cut into small pieces. You can also try mild green or red peppers, zucchini slices, steamed broccoli or cauliflower or whatever else you're in the mood for.

GARLICKY CHEESE FONDUE

- 8 ounces Monterey jack cheese, coarsely grated
- 8 ounces Muenster, grated
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 cup dry white wine
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 1 tablespoon kirsch
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg

In a bowl or large plastic bag, combine the cheeses and toss with the cornstarch to coat. Set aside until ready to use.

In a fondue pot or large heavy saucepan, bring the wine and garlic to a simmer over medium-low heat. Add the cheese a bit at a time, stirring well to prevent from clumping, and cook until melted. Add the kirsch, salt, pepper, and nutmeg, stir well, and cook stirring until the mixture is smooth, 3 to 5 minutes.

Adjust the seasoning, to taste. Set the pot over a candle or canned heat and serve hot.

BACON-CHEDDAR FONDUE

- 5 slices bacon
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 (10-1/2 ounce) can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 cup milk
- 1-1/2 pounds sharp Cheddar cheese
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 3 dashes Tabasco sauce
- Parsley

Fry bacon until crisp and brown in 3-quart heavy saucepan. Drain and crumble; set aside.

Add onion and garlic to 1/4 cup drippings; sauté until tender. Do not brown.

Add soup; slowly stir in milk, over medium heat; blend until smooth. Add cheese, a little at a time, stirring until melted. Add bacon, reserving some for garnish. Add Worcestershire sauce, mustard, cornstarch and Tabasco sauce.

Pour into fondue pot and keep

warm. Garnish with bacon and parsley. If mixture becomes too thick, stir in a little hot milk. Yields 5 cups.

BEER-CHEDDAR RAREBIT FONDUE

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 cup beer or ale
- 1 pound aged cheddar cheese, shredded
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Squares of toasted bread or bite-size items

Melt the butter in the cheese fondue pot. Add beer and warm it up without bringing it to a boil.

Reduce heat. Mix the shredded cheese with flour, and gradually add the cheese/flour mixture.

Mix with wooden spoon and let it melt. Keep adding more cheese until all of it is melted. Add remaining ingredients.

If the mixture is too hard, add beer. If the mixture is too soft, add cheese. Dip toast into the melted cheese and enjoy.

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Head of Alameda Health System Resigns, AHS Board Replaced

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

The Alameda Health System (AHS) CEO Delvecchio Finley resigned on Nov. 24, and the Alameda County Board of Supervisors replaced most of the board of AHS board of directors on Dec. 1.

The changes followed a 5-day nurses strike at AHS hospitals, including San Leandro Hospital.

Finley will continue on the job until mid- or late January, and a search for his replacement has not yet gotten under way. The AHS board accepted Finley's resignation but praised his work for the past six years as head of the system.

Finley has accepted a job as president and CEO of Atrium Health Navicent in Georgia, beginning on Feb. 1.

The California Nurses Association, which represents nurses at San Leandro Hospital and other AHS facilities, has called for an overhaul of the health system's structure.

The AHS operates five hospitals: Alameda, San Leandro, Highland, Fairmont and the John George psychiatric facility.

The county civil grand jury, in a report last summer, said AHS has a forecasted debt of \$123 million for 2020. The report said the budget contributes to the tension between staff and management at AHS.

Noha Aboelata, then board president but not reappointed to the new board, said "Without hesitation, I thank Delvecchio for leading AHS during the most tumultuous period in health care. From shifting from a hospital-focused delivery system to population health management, he has positioned AHS well to address the future health care needs of the community."

The county loaned AHS over \$200 million in the early 2000s, which is still being repaid. Measure A in 2004 and its extension, Measure AA in 2014, gave AHS most of the proceeds from a half-cent health care sales tax that does

not expire until 2044.

San Leandro Hospital was transferred from Sutter Health to AHS in 2013 when the city offered to pay \$1 million a year for three years, a share later taken over by the county.

Nurses at San Leandro Hospital had been critical of Finley and the AHS board, demanding that the Board of Supervisors replace both and change the structure of AHS. The nurses there had been working without a contract for two years, and had complained about poor safety for both patients and nurses, before and especially during the pandemic.

The San Leandro nurses, joined by nurses at other AHS facilities such as Highland and Alameda hospitals had been lobbying the Board of Supervisor to replace the CEO and AHS board. They had staged two strikes, one for a single day in 2019 and one for five days in October.

According to Mawata Kamara, a registered nurse at San Leandro Hospital, page 11



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

People argue downtown after a teenager tried to snatch a woman's purse.

Downtown Purse Snatching Attempt Sparks Debate

An argument broke out last Thursday afternoon in downtown San Leandro after bystanders stopped a boy who tried to take a woman's purse.

Witnesses said the boy, who appeared no older than 14, tried to snatch a purse from a woman

in the Downtown Plaza, near the fountain facing Joaquin Avenue.

The woman wouldn't let go of the purse, so the young man started punching and kicking her, witnesses said.

An argument broke out between about a dozen people

when some people held the young man, waiting for the police to arrive, and others in the crowd defended him.

Police arrived and handcuffed the young man and put him in a squad car.

— By Jim Knowles

Chase Donates \$100,000 to Food Bank

JPMorgan Chase is providing \$100,000 to the Alameda County Food Bank as the COVID-19 pandemic increases demand for meals and other services, the financial firm announced last week.

In total, Chase is donating \$300,000 in new philanthropic support to food banks in Wilmington, Delaware; Washington, D.C.; and Oakland, California.

In past years, the firm has made contributions to the Pres-

idential Inaugural Committee when a President and Vice President are sworn into office.

This year, given the hardships facing communities and the demand on food banks, the firm has decided to instead make a contribution to area food banks as part of its continued commitment to the Bay Area and other communities and to help those impacted by the pandemic.

"The physical toll of the

pandemic has created an unprecedented demand for food here in the Bay Area and across the country," said James Vossoughi, Vice President for Community Development Banking and the local Volunteer Leadership Chair at JPMorgan Chase. "Hunger is tough on families especially during this time of year."

The Alameda County Food Bank will use the funds to immediately provide food support to local families in need.

This builds on commitments JPMorgan Chase made earlier this year to provide immediate healthcare, food and other humanitarian relief globally.

Recent research found that substantially more people — a total of over 50 million, including 17 million children — in the U.S. could be food insecure due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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ment and community leadership.

Scholarship information, including criteria and applications, is available on PG&E's website. To be considered for a scholarship, all applications must be submitted by Feb. 12, 2021.

"It's more than just funds for tuition. Many of our applicants are looking to ensure their families wouldn't have to make significant financial sacrifices so they could pursue college," said Mary King, PG&E chief diversity officer. "Our scholar-

ships take on even more importance this year because some of our applicants could've experienced financial challenges due to COVID-19."

Since 1989, PG&E has awarded more than \$5 million in scholarships to thousands of recipients.

The funds are raised totally through employee donations, employee fundraising events and Campaign for the Community, the company's employee giving program.

Container Bill Would Refund Recycling Fees

In an effort to fix the state's deteriorating beverage container recycling system, Sen. Bob

Wieckowski introduced new legislation last week that would shift responsibility for the program from consumers to distributors.

Wieckowski, whose 10th District includes Castro Valley, is chair of the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee on Resources, Environmental Protection, Energy and Transportation.

The new streamlined stewardship program would be modeled after Oregon's system, which promotes Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR).

"We cannot continue to ignore that our beverage recycling system is crumbling before our eyes, nor can we ignore the growing frustration of consumers who are unable to redeem value

for their recycling efforts," Wieckowski said.

"We need to put customer convenience first. Instead of consumers subsidizing the system, my bill will put money back into the hands of consumers, who are currently shouldering the load of our antiquated program."

Under the new bill, distributors of beverages would form an organization that would submit a plan and budget for the redemption and recycling of beverage containers to be approved by CalRecycle.

Wine and distilled spirits bottles would also be included in the new program. They are currently exempted despite generating 900 million bottles per year.

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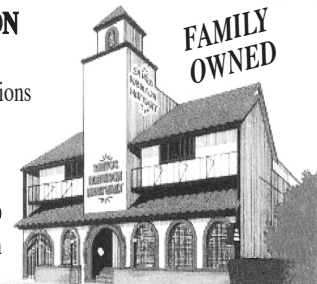
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Alameda County Reading Program Starts with Book About Comfort Food

Alameda County Reads is the first county-wide reading program designed to inspire thousands of community members to read and discuss the same book.

The program celebrates reading a great book while building community through a thoughtful exchange of ideas.

The selected book is "Eat Joy: Stories & Comfort Food from 31 Celebrated Writers," edited by Natalie Eve Garrett. Kick-off of the event will be on Monday, Jan. 11, with a video of County Librarian Cindy Chadwick interviewing Garrett.

After the kick-off, participants can sign up online for a discussion and arrange to pick up the book at the Castro Valley Library where free copies of Eat Joy are available while supplies last.

Seven other county libraries are participating, including the San Lorenzo branch library.

The celebration continues from February through April with many book discussion sessions and other special Alameda County Reads programs.

"In our rapidly changing world, we know that it is more important than ever to build both human and humane connections with one another," said Deputy County Librarian Deb Sica. "AC Reads is our first One County, One Book Celebration. Bon livre, bon appétit!"

Alameda County Reads is generously funded by the Alameda County Library Foundation and the Castro Valley, Albany, and Fremont Friends of the Library.



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Tow Away, Please

A camper truck that caught fire about a month ago has been sitting on Hutchings Drive at North Boulevard, neighbors say. It's charred, filled with junk, which is falling out the back of the vehicle, and covered with vulgar graffiti. Nearby resident Lee Vierra says he would like the city government and police department to get rid of the thing and make the neighborhood look a little nicer.

OPINION

LETTERS to the EDITOR

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Why a Lit-Up Library?

Editor:

The other night I was driving on Estudillo Avenue and noticed that every light was on in the public library and I was shocked. The library has been closed for months and not expected to open until next year.

Our city is operating in the red yet we are still keeping the lights on in an empty building. Why? Do our elected officials and city employees think we need to keep up with Motel 6?

Do you remember being a kid and your parents yelling at you to "turn off the lights" after you had left your room? I wonder how many other city buildings have their lights blaring when no one is in the building?

Since lights are being left on, I wonder what the thermostat is set at? I'd be willing to bet that it's a cozy 72 degrees when I have mine set at 65 to save money.

I don't think the City cares about saving money as this simple change is a no-brainer way to cut cost and should have been initiated months ago. We're asking the people who run our city to use their brains and not let the Scarecrow from the Wizard of Oz be their primary role model.

—Brent Heath
San Leandro

Says Facts Aren't 'Fake News'

Editor:

You are getting ahead of yourself Mr. West ("Says Fake News Won the Election," Letters, Dec. 17).

Facts: Announcing the winner of an election is not bragging. Expecting the loser to accept reality after losing hundreds of court cases, the Electoral College vote, the popular vote, etc. is

not bragging.

The people who work at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Delaware are not "judges" (re. Hunter Biden taxes). ... there isn't even a charge yet let alone a judge.

Mr. West's hypocrisy: Nearly 2,000 companies in California, not connected to Newsom, got PPP loans for \$3M or more. Newsom's businesses are also in a blind trust. Compare that to Trump (billionaire?), who refused traditional blind trust, and his companies got \$3.65M. Mr. West's outrage? The PPP is corporate socialism by the way. Trump/Pence hold rallies for thousands and multiple White House parties during pandemic...not a cry from Mr. West. We agree that Newsom/Breed owe California more than an apology.

Immigration: The issues of immigration are far more complex than Mr. West or I will ever be able to write about in a letter to the San Leandro Times. However, I'll leave you, gentle SLT reader, with these two thoughts.

First - A comedian I once heard said "if an undocumented immigrant can cross a desert, enter the country with no funds, no shoes, or education, not speak English etc. can then out-compete you for your job, you might have other issues to worry about."

Second - before an undocumented immigrant can get a job in the USA, a legal US resident has to create that job and be willing to hire. Legal or illegal, I refuse to vilify anyone that is willing to, first, work! and, second, do jobs I am not willing to do.

Mr. West, I truly hope you have a joyful holiday season. Maybe I don't speak for many others, but I don't hate you.

—John Clouston
San Leandro

Join the San Leandro Public Library's Virtual Book Club

Join the San Leandro Library's new monthly adult book club focused on #Ownvoices books on Thursday, Jan. 7, from 6 to 7 p.m.

#Ownvoices is a hashtag that started in 2015 to promote diverse authors and books. The program for adults 18 and

over specifically refers to books where the author and protagonist share a marginalized identity.

#Ownvoices is a useful tool to diversify your reading list, learn about new perspectives and perhaps find aspects of your own experiences in the pages

of a book.

Come for a friendly, casual chat about any #ownvoices books you've read (any genre, any format) or drop by and get some inspiration for your next read.

Start 2021 right and get your read on. Call 510-577-3971 for details.

AHS: Chan wants board to pick new CEO

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Leandro Hospital and chief nurse representative there for the CNA, the supervisors had listened sympathetically but took no action until after the second, five-day, strike in the fall.

Kamara said the changes might look sudden to the public, but a struggle had been going on behind the scenes for two years now.

"The structure of governance they've had there has not been working," she said. "What got us here was making sure families got taken care of, especially with Covid."

Kamara explained that nurses were especially worried that inadequate protection at the hospital could lead to nurses getting infected and passing it on to their families.

Kamara said that understaffing had endangered the safety of both staff and patients, and that danger increased when the hospital became a designated center for treating patients on 5150 holds, patients deemed to be a physical danger to themselves or others, usually with mental illness involved.

Kamara said that understaffing and

lack of sufficient protective equipment has made the Covid epidemic even more dangerous inside the hospital than it needed to be. Kamara felt that Finley and the AHS board had downplayed safety concerns to the county supervisors, and had missed chances to come to agreements over safety and staffing with the nurses during contract negotiations.

Supervisor Wilma Chan had been critical of the AHS board, while not criticizing Finley himself. Supervisor Richard Valle had, however, criticized Finley's leadership abilities. After the strike, the board of supervisors voted to replace the AHS board.

Chan said that the supervisors did not appoint and could not remove the health system's CEO, but the AHS board could replace him if they wished.

When the supervisors voted in October to replace most of the AHS board, members could re-apply for their position by Nov. 6. Five board members were replaced.

Chan said that the newly appointed board would look for a new CEO who would follow the values for the system

laid out in its bylaws.

Chan noted there would be some continuity with the new board, as four of the former members were re-appointed.

Chan said that the main reason for the board's replacement was they failed to prevent a strike by 2,500 health care workers during a pandemic. She added that there had been issues of transparency with the former board, with relevant information not always being passed on to the supervisors.

"The main thing is that the system remain viable," Chan said when asked if the supervisors are considering changing the structure of the health care system.

Nurse Kamara said the nurses association also considered transparency a problem with the former board and with Finley. She had visited supervisors herself to tell them of conditions within the hospital, and often found them genuinely surprised at her observations.

The nurses and their union want the supervisors to assert their responsibility for AHS, Kamara said.

Cut out the middleman – the AHS board, Kamara said, and have the Board of Supervisors run the AHS.

BART Employees Donate Jackets, Gloves to Day Laborers

By Melissa Jordan
Special to the Times

Day laborers, whose work helps power essential construction around the Bay Area, are often transit-dependent and rely on BART to get to their jobs.

BART Police Department employees lent a hand this holiday season with a drive to donate jackets and sweaters, work gloves, warm beanie hats, tools or gift cards to benefit the day laborer program at the Multicultural Institute of Berkeley and Richmond.

“We are a nonprofit organization that works with the low-income community,” said Rudy

Lara, head of the Institute’s day labor program in Contra Costa County. “We help them to find jobs. Most of these day laborers,

“We want to provide them a little Christmas cheer.”

— Rudy Lara

they’re here alone without their families. We want to provide a little Christmas cheer and show them they are part of the community.”

BART’s Community-Oriented Policing and Problem Solving (COPPS) unit led the drive with collection bins at various worksites around the system.

Last week, a group of laborers gathered on a cold, gray morning outside the Home Depot in El Cerrito. Many were without coats, hats or gloves. All wore face masks, reflecting the coronavirus pandemic that has hit especially hard in the Latino community, which includes many day laborers.

Day laborer Marvin takes BART to work in Richmond from his home near Fruitvale Station. Fruitvale has emerged during the pandemic as one of the most heavily used BART stations, reflecting the demographics of the Latino population around Fruitvale and its many essential workers who can’t do their jobs from home.

“I’ve been using BART for the past three months since I came to the U.S.,” Marvin said. “We don’t have a car.”

Members of the public who wish to support these efforts can make a direct donation to the Multicultural Institute via its website: mionline.org where you also can find resources if you have a job for a day laborer.



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Rudy Lara heads the Multicultural Institute’s Day Labor Program in Contra Costa County.



A group of day laborers from the Multicultural Institute’s day laborer program.

Reduced: Reliability improvements

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percent drop in the number of sustained outages over those ten years.

That division covers Alameda County south of Oakland, along with parts of Contra Costa and San Joaquin counties. It covers 693 square miles with 950,000 residents, with 4,400 miles of power lines and 3,100 miles of gas lines, according to Matt Nauman, Senior Manager of Operations Communications.

The annual meetings are legally required, and are normally in-person. An exception was allowed this year for the current health emergency.

Calvert said customers systemwide lost 5 percent less time to sustained power outages in 2019 than they did in 2010, and the total number of sustained out-

ages is down. However, a chart presented by Calvert showed that outages dropped from 2010 to 2015, and have risen since then over all of Northern California.

Momentary losses of power were not included, Calvert said. Neither were Major Event Days, when outages are widespread, or when shutoffs were ordered by the California Independent System Operator, as has happened recently during windstorms and due to extreme wildfire risk.

Calvert said that reliability improvements continue to be slowed by wildfires and by severe storms, especially windstorms. The company is responding by improving system infrastructure and by programs to “harden” circuits against interruption.

Technology is being put to use, too, to cut down on outages,

Calvert said.

He cited smart line sensors to improve monitoring for outages, and Fault Location, Isolation and Service Restoration (FLISR) technology to automatically reduce outage times.

Also, he said, the company is exploring new ways to use SmartMeter information to spot potential problems early.

Meanwhile, the company continues to look into microgrids, which have the potential to limit or let customers bypass outages, Calvert said. PG&E will continue integrating clean and renewable energy on the grid by increasing solar energy, encouraging electric vehicles, and through improvements in energy efficiency and battery storage technology.

Local residents can be reassured, though, that of PG&E’s “worst performing circuits” shown at the meeting, none are in the East Bay. The nearest troubled circuits are in Los Gatos, in southern Santa Clara County, and Calistoga, in Sonoma County.

The company’s online presentation included time for customer questions, but none were received.

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The name of the business(es):
Dr.SurgeonMarketing located at 1738
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This business is conducted by an individual.
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/s/ Kairi Bynum
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The name of the business(es):
Magdali Deli & Coffee Shop located at 2160
East 14th Street, San Leandro, CA 94577, in
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Bravo and (2) Magdali Orozco, 326 Tilton Avenue,
San Mateo, CA 94401. This business is
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/s/ William Noe Vasquez Bravo, Magdali
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The Agency Legal Document Professionals
located at 1546 Scenicview Drive, San
Leandro, CA 94577, in Alameda County,
mailing address 696 San Ramon Valley Blvd
#226, Danville, CA 94526, is hereby registered
by the following owner(s): The Agency
Real Estate and Finance, 1546 Scenicview
Drive, San Leandro, CA 94577. This business
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/s/ The Agency Real Estate and Finance
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Speedy IRP Trucking located at 1948 Davis
Street, Suite B, San Leandro, CA 94577, in
Alameda County, mailing address 643 Olive
Avenue, Fremont, CA 94539, is hereby registered
by the following owner(s): Vivek Berry,
643 Olive Avenue, Fremont, CA 94539. This
business is conducted by an individual. This
business commenced N/A.

/s/ Vivek Berry
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The name of the business(es):
J&M Glass Shower Door Installations located
at 423 Bartlett Ave. Apt #3, Hayward, CA
94541, in Alameda County, is hereby registered
by the following owner(s): Marco
Antonio Rosas Sandoval, 423 Bartlett Ave.
Apt #3, Hayward, CA 94541. This business
is conducted by an individual. This business
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/s/ Marco Antonio Rosas Sandoval
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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): A hectic period begins to wind down. Take time to draw some deep breaths and relax before getting into your next project. A long-absent family member makes contact.



TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): You're eager to move forward with a new challenge that suddenly dropped in your lap. But you'd be wise to take this one step at a time to allow new developments to come through.



GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): You're almost ready to make a commitment. A lingering doubt or two, however, should be resolved before you move ahead. An associate could provide important answers.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Caution is still the watchword as you move closer toward a decision about a new situation. If you act too fast, you might miss some vital warning signs. Go slowly and stay alert.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): Your new goal looks promising, and your golden touch does much to enhance its prospects for success. In your private life, Cupid does his best to make your new relationship special.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): That impatient side of yours is looking to goad you into moving before you're ready to take that big step. Stay calm and cool. Let things fall into place before you act.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): Travel and career are strong in your aspect. Perhaps your job will take you to someplace exotic. Or you might be setting up meetings with potential clients or employers. Whatever it is, good luck.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): Partnerships -- personal or professional -- which began before the new year take on new importance. They also reveal some previously hidden risks. So be warned.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Your associates are firmly on your side, and that persistent problem that has caused you to delay some activities should soon be resolved to your satisfaction.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Favorable changes continue to dominate, and you should be responding positively as they emerge. Someone wants to become more involved in what you're doing.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): A friend wants to share a secret that could answer some questions you've wondered about for a long time. Meanwhile, travel aspects continue to be strong.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Stay on your new course despite so-called well-meaning efforts to discourage you. Rely on your deep sense of self-awareness to guide you to do what's right for you.