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Construction is underway on East 14th Street near 162nd Avenue as traffic is cut down to one lane.

Two Major Road Projects Underway

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

Alameda County is working on road construction projects on a couple of major thoroughfares – East 14th Street in Ashland and Hesperian Boulevard in San Lorenzo. Construction to revitalize East 14th

Street is in progress from 162nd Avenue to the vicinity of I-238.

Crews are working on the \$17 million project Monday through Friday, between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. During construction, one lane will remain open to motorists in each direction and an enclosed walking path will

be in place for pedestrians, said Alameda County spokesperson Halimah Anderson.

This 18 month long project is scheduled to be completed in Fall 2021. When completed, residents and businesses will enjoy safety features that make it better for

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Owner of Famed Raider Hangout Dies

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

Raider fans stopped by their favorite hangout on Sunday to pay their respects to Ricky Ricardo, the longtime owner of Ricky's Sports Theater and Grill in San Leandro.

Ricardo died on Saturday at the age of 75, following a stroke and the complications of Alzheimer's disease.

The Raider fan hangout on Hesperian Boulevard remained a stronghold through the decades, no matter what city the football team called home. It only closed this year due to the pandemic.

Home to Ricky Ricardo was

his bar and grill, one of the first to have satellite dishes in the days before the internet. He always welcomed customers and made you feel at home.

Ricky was always there, said his wife Tina Ricardo.

"He did it seven days a week," Tina Ricardo told the *San Leandro Times*. "His family was Portuguese. You just worked. That's what you did."

Ricky's was almost always open, even on Christmas and Thanksgiving, Tina said.

"This was his love," she said. see RICARDO, page 12



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Fans placed mementos in front of Ricky's this week after hearing of the death of owner Ricky Ricardo.

State, County Reinstate Covid Restrictions

Rise in number of cases forces rollback to the Purple Tier

Due to very rapid and widespread increases in Covid-19 cases, the California Department of Public Health has modified its Blueprint for a Safer Economy to allow for a faster response to the pandemic.

"California is pulling an emergency brake," Gov. Gavin Newsom said on Monday as he announced that Alameda and 40 other counties — comprising more than 94 percent of the state's population — would be moving to the Purple Tier, the most restrictive level in the state's reopening framework.

The changes will allow for a timelier response and keep the health care systems from becoming overwhelmed, according to officials.

Like other Bay Area counties, the Alameda County's case rate continues to increase daily and hospitalizations are also on the rise.

What this means for local businesses and residents:

- Effective on Nov. 18, all activities and sectors must conform to the state's requirements for counties in the Purple Tier. Indoor operations for places like museums, houses of worship, gyms and restaurants are not allowed.

- Alameda County will provide additional guidance to local restaurants in the coming days on how to continue operating outdoors safely as the weather

changes. Current guidance is available at [covid-19.acgov.org/recovery](https://www.cdph.ca/covid-19/acgovorg/recovery).

- Any activity that was only permitted in the Red or Orange see COVID, page 10

Colburn Named Teacher Of the Year

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

Teaching during Covid-19 sure requires some adjustments, and perhaps few know that better than Bancroft Middle School Special Education teacher Starla Colburn.

Recently named as one of Alameda County's Teachers of the Year, Colburn misses seeing her students in person, and said they can have a hard time coping with the noticeably imperfect technology used to make distance learning possible during the pandemic.

But, she said, the increased sense of community one often finds in Special Education, com-

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Council meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in City Council Chambers, City Hall, 835 E. 14th St., San Leandro. For more information, call the City Clerk at 577-3367.

SAN LEANDRO SCHOOL BOARD

Board meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 835 E. 14th St., San Leandro. For more information, call Michelle Mayfield at 667-3522.



PETS OF THE WEEK



Dexter

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter are Dexter and Cleopatra.

Dexter is an 8-year-old male. If you want a cat like fine art (look but don't touch), then Dexter is for you! He'll show affection by rubbing against your leg, but he doesn't like pets. To show you love him, toss him a few of his



Cleopatra

favorite treats.

Cleopatra is 10-year-old female. She hid under her bed at first, but now she's becoming quite the sweet cuddle bug. She enjoys playing with toys, eating treats, and getting pets.

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



Borin Celebrates Birthday at Assumption

Oscar Borin, who has lived in San Leandro for 47 years, recently celebrated his 100th birthday. He was honored at his parish, Assumption Church, with a celebratory outdoor Mass and socially-distanced reception attended by neighbors, friends, and members of the San Leandro Breakfast Club and the Colombo Club. Borin has been an active member of both clubs for many years and served as a volunteer gardener and usher at Assumption Church well into his 90s.

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This will be a two-day event on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 20 and 21, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Drive by anytime to drop off those toys.

The American Legion Riders will collect locally, so you don't have to drive to Alameda. For local San Leandro drop-off on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., call 510-333-7212.

Also, you can bring the kids as there will be scheduled tours of the Reserve Center in Alameda.

Please call for a reservation at 510-673-0010. Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, tours are limited and masks must be worn at all times.

This year, due to the pandemic, a lot of places are closed that usually have a barrel to accept toy donations. So it's a challenge collecting the toys. The volunteers are doing their best under the circumstances to collect toys for kids in need.

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Turkeys Keeping a Low Profile

Wild turkeys live in East Bay parks and in neighborhoods

By Ned McKay
Special to the Times

The turkeys that are often seen in East Bay Regional Parks, other open space, and even residential neighborhoods, seem to have been less active lately, perhaps because they sense that Thanksgiving is approaching.

However, they are still out there, and their story is an interesting one.

Turkeys are native to eastern and central North America. A variety existed in what is now California about 10,000 years ago, but the species died out. The turkeys we see in the wild today are descendants of birds that were reintroduced to the state many years ago for hunting purposes, with the acquiescence of state fish and game.

I've seen and heard them at Briones Regional Park, Diablo Foothills, and my own front lawn in Pleasant Hill.

There is still a turkey-hunting season in California, but no hunting of any kind is allowed in the East Bay Regional Parks. For turkey-hunting regulations, visit wildlife.ca.gov.

Wild turkeys live in oak woodlands. They are ground nesters, but can fly up into trees to escape predators. Their diet consists of seeds, bugs, berries, acorns in the fall and clover in the spring. They are food themselves for mountain lions, bobcats, coyotes and raptors including golden eagles.

Adult turkeys weigh 15 to 20 pounds. They have powerful chest muscles, enabling rapid flight, and can run as fast as 18 miles per hour. Because of their eye positioning, they have a visual range of 270 degrees. Their hearing is acute, too.

This is not turkeys' mating



Adult turkeys can run as fast as 18 miles per hour. Their visual range is 270 degrees.

season. Wild tom turkeys assemble a harem of 14 to 20 hens between mid and late February. Breeding is in March, eggs are laid in April, and the poults (baby birds) hatch in May.

The females nest amid rocks and brush. The freshly hatched

poults can't fly for their first two weeks of life, so predators get most of them during that period.

If you do see turkeys in the parks, please do not approach them or try to feed them. Just enjoy watching them from a distance.



Mike and Frank will be back looking for interesting items.

American Pickers Coming Back to Calif.

The TV show *American Pickers* on the History Channel is coming back to California in December, looking for leads throughout the state.

American Pickers is a documentary series that explores the world of antique pickers. The show likes interesting characters with interesting items.

During the pandemic, the *American Pickers* adjust their schedule for the safety of people on the show and the staff. If necessary they will reschedule to a date when it's safe for filming.

Mike Wolfe and Frank Fritz hunt for America's most valuable antiques. They are always excited

to find sizeable, unique collections and learn the interesting stories behind them.

The pair hopes to give historically significant objects a new lease on life, while learning a thing or two about America's past along the way.

If you or someone you know has a large, private collection or accumulation of antiques that the *Pickers* can spend the better part of the day looking through, send your name, phone number, location and description of the collection with photos to: americanpickers@cinetflix.com or call 855-OLD-RUST, or on facebook: @GotAPick.

Underway: Improvements on Hesperian

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walking, biking, and riding public transit, as well as an improved driving experience, Anderson said.

Hesperian Boulevard Improvement Project

The county public works agency began work in October on the Hesperian Boulevard Corridor Improvement Project between the I-880 over-crossing through San Lorenzo to A Street in Hayward.

The \$24 million project is scheduled to be completed in Fall 2022.

Work will take place Monday through Friday, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Construction is being alternated between the westbound and eastbound directions. During construction, motorist may experience detours and minor traffic delays, said Anderson.

The project will beautify and revitalize the Hesperian Corridor with an inviting streetscape, Anderson said. Major improvements along Hesperian Boulevard are designed to benefit motorists, residents, businesses, pedestrians, and bicyclists.

Both the Hesperian and East

14th Street projects are part of the Alameda County Public Works Agency's (ACPWA) Capital Improvement Program. For more information, visit the website at

www.acpwa.org, call the construction hotline at (510) 670-5591 or email info@acpwa.org.

Funding for these projects comes from several sources, in-

cluding the Alameda County Public Works Agency, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, Measure B/BB, the Vehicle Registration Fee and other sources.

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Tips for Turning Seasonal Work into a Full-time Job

Ready for a new gig? With the holidays around the corner, many businesses are offering seasonal work. It's not just for people looking to make a few extra dollars. It's a little known fact that some employers often end up offering some seasonal workers a permanent role after the holidays are over.

So whether you're thinking of moving on from your current job, or you're out of work due to the pandemic, seasonal work

can be a great way to get your foot in the door.

If you're interested in the idea of leveraging seasonal work into a meaningful career at a company with great benefits, here are some tips and insights to keep in mind as you start filling out those applications.

Look beyond retail: Seasonal work offers opportunities that go well beyond operating a cash register. Many sectors

are looking to add thousands to their payroll during the holidays, including transportation, manufacturing and package delivery. For example, did you know that UPS is currently filling over 100,000 jobs for the 2020 holiday season? In the past three years, about 35% of their seasonal employees ended up with permanent roles. So keep your eyes open, because you may discover possibilities you may not have considered.

Make your intentions known: If you're interested in making your seasonal job into something permanent, speak up. Tell your boss you'd love to stay on after the holidays. If they don't know you're interested, you may get overlooked when the perfect opportunity opens up. No need to constantly drop hints, but it's important to raise your hand so they know to consider you.

Give your best effort: Once you're hired on, keep in mind your boss will be looking at the strongest candidates when it comes to offering permanent work. Do your best to show everyone that you're a great

employee and colleague. That means showing up on time, being willing to go above and beyond, and bringing a positive, can-do attitude to work every day.

Make sure the job is right for you: Sometimes, when we're job hunting, we lose sight of the fact that this is a time to test-drive a new role. That's what makes seasonal work such a unique opportunity. If the company is evaluating you, it's just as important that you evaluate the company. Ask veterans what it's like to work there. Now's a good time to find out what they like about the work, along with any benefits

the company offers, and how the company promotes a good quality of life.

Looking for a job that pays great and has benefits such as health insurance, vacation time and pension benefits isn't easy. But for many workers, seasonal work can provide a path to bigger and better things.

Just ask the 123,000 permanent UPS employees who started out in seasonal positions - about a third of their current workforce, including top managers and executives. Maybe you'll be one of them! Check out the opportunities at UPSJobs.com and apply today.

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Slight Increase to Social Security Benefits

By Gene L. Osofsky, Esq.

Special to the Times

The Social Security Administration has announced a 1.3 percent rise in benefits in 2021, an increase even smaller than last year's.

Cost-of-living increases are tied to the consumer price index, and a modest upturn in inflation rates and gas prices means So-

cial Security recipients will get only a slight boost in 2021. The 1.3 percent increase is similar to last year's 1.6 percent increase, but much smaller than the 2.8 percent rise in 2019.

The average monthly benefit of \$1,523 in 2020 will go up by \$20 a month to \$1,543 a month for an individual beneficiary, or \$240 yearly.

The cost-of-living change also affects the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax, which will grow from \$137,700 to \$142,800.

For 2021, the monthly federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payment standard for those beneficiaries living independently will be \$954.72 for an individual and \$1,598.14 for a couple, which amounts include the California supplement.

In some years, a small increase in the Social Security benefit has meant that the additional income is entirely consumed by higher Medicare Part B premiums. But this year, that shouldn't be the case.

The standard monthly premium for Medicare Part B enrollees is forecast to rise \$8.70 a month to \$153.30. However, due to the coronavirus pandemic, under the terms of the federal short-term spending bill recently signed, the increase for 2021 will be limited to 25 percent of what it would otherwise have been.

Most beneficiaries will be able to find out their specific cost-of-living adjustment in December of this year by logging online into my Social Security. While you can still receive your increase notice by mail, you have the option to choose whether to receive your notice online instead of on paper.

For more on the 2021 Social Security benefit levels, visit www.ssa.gov/news/cola/

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Some Ideas to Fight Boredom

By Matilda Charles

SENIOR NEWS LINE

ARE WE BORED YET? Of course we are. We're staying indoors, especially now that cold weather has arrived, not shopping, not visiting friends, not doing much of anything.

Somehow we have to get through this winter, though, and now might be the time to explore things that are new and different to us. Here are some ideas:

Change the channel. If you watch the same television news every night, switch to a different one (or better yet, skip a night or two). If you watch the same shows all the time, consider watching something different, even if you think it won't appeal to you.



Grab your camera: You may have an eye for photography.

have a real eye for photography.

Or read a new author, learn to watercolor, take a free online course, watch zoo cams.

The idea is to try new things, even given our "stay at home" limitations.

As of this writing, most states are seeing big increases in coronavirus levels, even states that were stable with relatively low rates even a few weeks ago. We seniors are, unfortunately, in the high-risk group because of our age, even if we don't have health concerns.

And as of this writing, the U.S. has more active cases of the coronavirus than any other country in the world, including India. It has four times the population but half the deaths that we do. It's everywhere, and we can't let down our guard.

Stay home, stay safe and look for new things to occupy yourself.

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Teacher: Teacher, students learn to adapt during the pandemic

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pared to other classes, makes up for those frustrations.

"I get to know the families and students over the course of three years," as opposed to other teachers in middle and high schools who only have a student for one year or even a semester, Colburn said.

"And I get to see them all day, not just for one period," she said. "They all get to know each other and each other's families."

Still, the technology can be a challenge for anybody, including parents.

"I can't just reach out and fix it like I would if we were in person," Colburn said.

Even with the current need for distance learning, she still loves teaching and her students often have to tell her that a class is officially over.

"I find myself getting lost in time, keeping going when class is over," Colburn said.

Colburn has taught in San Leandro for 32 years, in 5th grade and other elementary levels before switching to middle school social studies and math. She ended up switching from conventional classes to Special Education when she learned she would need to go back to school and earn a different credential to



Bancroft special education teacher Starla Colburn was named Teacher of the Year.

teach middle school.

Instead of getting a regular middle school credential, she decided to get one in Special Education instead.

"Doing Special Ed is where my journey was supposed to end up," she said she realized.

Colburn relished getting the Teacher of the Year award after having spent her own school days starting with kindergarten in San Leandro and then having taught here for her entire career.

"I was honored and shocked the day I got that call," she said.

The award is normally given in the spring by the county office of education, and normally to

one teacher countywide, but the pandemic scrambled things this year. The office ended up naming one teacher from each district that participated, and giving out the awards shortly after school started in the fall.

Colburn is a big fan of her Special Ed students and their families, and has strived to make their experience go more smoothly during the pandemic.

"In the spring we got masked and gloved and went to the home of every student who had graduated, and brought them Bundt cakes to mark the occasion," she said.

They also delivered learning packets to the homes of students who were continuing on in the fall.

Colburn said the students were holding up well, but she was a bit concerned that some might face difficulties as the first quarter ended.

"I want to see everyone acknowledged for what they've achieved despite adversity," she said.

"I do want the community to know that we are raising kids to be good human beings and good members of the community," Colburn added.

Contrary to some popular belief, Colburn said, Special Education students don't all spend

their school days separated from other students.

Depending on each student's Individual Educational Plan (IEP), they could be taking regular classes but with some extra resources provided or taking Special Education classes

geared more specifically to their needs.

"When we're at the school, the Special Ed students run a school store, which entails ordering, stocking, and handling money, among other things," Colburn said. "The other students

know and appreciate them."

At the high school, Special Ed students are paired with other students in what teachers call "reverse inclusion," Colburn said.

"There's something we can all learn from each other," she said.



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

DEFEATING THE PURPOSE – The downtown plaza took steps to keep away the pigeons, such as wire to keep them out of the rafters, but it looks like somebody occasionally empties a bag of bird seed in a planter box to bring the pigeons back.

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Tips and Online Resources to Help You Track Down Long-Lost Friends Online

By Jim Miller

Special to the Times

Thanks to the Internet, tracking down long-lost friends from many years ago is relatively easy to do and, in most cases, it won't cost you a cent. Here are some tips and online tools to help you get started.

Remembering the Details

Before you begin your search, a good first step is to jot down any information you can remember or find out about the people you're trying to locate. Things like their full name (maiden and married), age or birth date, last known address or phone number, old e-mail address, names of family members, etc. Knowing details can help you turn up clues while you search.

Social Media, Search Engines

After you compile your information, a good place to start your search is at social media sites like Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and Instagram. And search engines like Google and Yahoo.

When using search engines, type in the name of the person you're searching for in quotation marks, for example, "John Smith." You can narrow your search by adding other criteria like their nickname or middle

name, the city or state they may live in, or even their occupation.

People Search Sites

If your initial search comes up empty, you can also use people searches like AnyWho.com, Intelius.com or WhitePages.com. These sites provide a list of potential matches from across the U.S.

Because many people share the same name, these sites will also supply details to help identify the right person, perhaps including their age, prior hometowns, names of relatives, colleges attended or employer.

While these sites are free to use at a basic level, they charge a small fee for providing certain details like the persons contact information. WhitePages, however, sometimes provides home phone numbers for free.

Niche Finding Sites

Here are a few other niche people-finding websites to help you with your search.

To look for old high school classmates, try Classmates.com. This site has contact info only for people who have registered with it. But even if your friend hasn't registered, it could provide contact info for another classmate who remains in touch with your friend.

Another option is to check out your high school alumni

website.

Not every school has its own site, but some do, and you can look for it by going to any search engine and typing in the name of the school with the city and state it's located in. You can also search at AlumniClass.com, a huge hosting site for thousands of high schools across the U.S.

If you're looking for old college friends, look for an alumni directory on the school's website. You might be able to access your friend's contact info by completing an online registration. Or, try calling or emailing your alumni relations department and ask them to pass on your contact info to your friend.

If you're looking for someone you served with in the military, Military.com offers a free "Buddy Finder" service that has a database of more than 20 million records – visit Military.com/buddy-finder. You can also search for free at GIssearch.com, TogetherWeServed.com and VetFriends.com.

If you can't find any current information about the person you're searching for, it could be that he or she is dead. To find out if that's the case, use obituary databases such as Tributes.com and Legacy.com,

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

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GUEST COMMENTARY



COVID-19 Introduces Offshore Notarization Issues

We frequently deal with sellers located in other countries. Since most documents can be signed electronically, the only issue is signing the final closing documents. Since they need to be recorded, they must be notarized by a notary acceptable to the State of California.

In the past, regardless of where sellers were located, the process was the same. While some states allow offshore notaries to process documents, California has stricter regulations and requires all documents notarized offshore to be by notaries officially recognized by the United States Government.

In practice, this has meant that all documents can only be signed at US Embassies around the world.

In most cases, it simply meant a trip to the closest US Embassy. Since the US has over 300 embassies around the world, one was usually not far away. While travel to a US Embassy might be inconvenient, it was usually better than returning to the US to sign documents.

If it was not possible to access a US Embassy, the sellers would board a plane, fly to the closest US city, meet a notary at

the airport, sign the documents and then board a plane and fly home.

This was, of course, pre COVID-19. Currently, due to the pandemic, most US Embassies around the world are closed, forcing those in other countries who need notarized documents to find other solutions.

Consequently, the State of California allows offshore notaries to process documents so long as they are accompanied by an apostille. The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines an apostille as: "a document used in international law that is issued by a government in accordance with the Hague Convention and that certifies that another document has been signed by a notary public."

Obtaining an apostille introduces significant delays. As an example, a seller who recently located to Ireland had documents notarized by an Irish notary who then mailed the documents to the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade where the apostille would be applied.

Shelter-in-place rules forbid a more timely in-person delivery. After more than a week, the documents were returned and

then overnighted to the US. In reality, the process took more than 3 weeks.

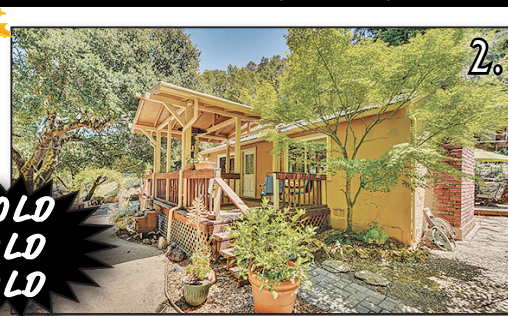
Our recommendation is simple: if offshore notarization will be necessary, obtain a Power of Attorney for each signer so someone can sign in their stead here in the US. If done ahead of time, there will be no significant delays.

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Extend the Fresh Tomato Season

By Buzz Bertolero
Special to the Times

I'm ready to compost what's left of my tomato plants, but they're some nice size, green tomatoes. Is there a way I can ripen the green tomatoes? I just hate to throw them away.

It never fails; some of the best tomatoes are left on the vines at the end of the season. And yes, green tomatoes can be successfully ripened off the vines in a simple ripening chamber.

This is a pretty simple

technique using any cardboard box or plastic container with a lid. The lid is critical as it traps the ethylene gas given off by the ripening tomatoes. This naturally occurring gas is used to accelerate the ripening of the immature/green fruits. The bottom of the container is lined with a thick pad of newspaper or wool blanket.

The tomatoes are evenly spaced on the newspaper, but don't let them touch each other as rotting can occur. You monitor the tomatoes every five to seven days, removing the ripe ones. There can be multiple layers in a single box, separated by a layer of newspapers. But, I wouldn't have any more than two layers in any container, as it's challenging to check on the ripening tomatoes on the bottom layer.

The boxes are stored in the garage or outside under covered areas and out of the direct sunlight. It's unfortunate; gardeners overlook this simple technique to extend the fresh tomato season.

We regularly put seedlings by a large window to get some indirect sunlight before



they are ready to go outside. It works great. However, during the winter, the window that brings the best sun is the bathroom window. It's very sunny, but it's not clear glass but privacy glass. Would the seedlings be okay there, or should I not waste my time?

I can't think of a problem using privacy

glass with the seedlings. The direct sunlight would be indirect and bright, as you said. So, I expect you'd be just fine.

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.

Mortgage Rates Rise

Long-term mortgage interest rate rose last week, according to Freddie Mac's weekly survey.

The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 2.84 percent, for the week ending November 12, up from the previous week when it averaged 2.78 percent. A year ago at this time, the 30-year loan averaged 3.75 percent.

Fifteen-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 2.34 percent, up from 2.32 percent.

Five-year hybrid adjust-

able-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 3.11 percent, up from the week before when it averaged 2.89 percent.

"Mortgage rates jumped last week as a result of positive news about a COVID-19 vaccine," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's Chief Economist. "Despite this rise, mortgage rates remain about a percentage point below a year ago and the low rate environment is supportive of both purchase and refinance demand."

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Just One Week to Go Before Turkey (and We) Get Stuffed

If you're cooking a frozen turkey this year and you haven't bought it yet, you should do that first thing. It takes about a week to thaw a turkey in the refrigerator (never thaw in room temperature). When buying, a good rule of thumb is to figure on 1 to 1-1/2 pounds of uncooked turkey per guest.

You don't need any special equipment other than a roasting pan and a good thermometer. And cooking a turkey is simplicity itself. But it never hurts to have a little refresher course.

If you are going to stuff the turkey, you will need about a cup of prepared stuffing for each pound of bird. Do not stuff the turkey ahead of time. The stuffing goes in just before you put the bird in the oven. Leave some room for the stuffing to expand as it cooks and absorbs juices.

Preparing the Turkey

After thawing, remove neck and giblets, and wash the turkey inside and out with cold water. Drain well and pat dry. Brush the skin with olive oil. Mix about 2-1/2 teaspoons of salt with about 1-1/2 teaspoons of black pepper and sprinkle it evenly in turkey cavities and all over the skin. Heat oven to 450°F. If you are going to stuff your turkey, do it now. Skewer cavity openings to secure stuffing. Tie legs together and twist wing tips under the back to hold neck skin in place. If untucked, re-

turn legs to tucked position or tie together. Place turkey, breast side up, on rack in open pan about 2 inches deep.

Place turkey in oven and reduce heat to 325°-350°. Roast according to chart and meat thermometer. Roasting times can vary, depending on a number of things. Use a meat thermometer (don't depend on a pop-out indicator) inserted at the thickest part of the thigh, but not touching the bone. It should register 180°F. The stuffing should register 165°F. After the first hour of roasting, baste the turkey every 30 minutes or so with drippings (add a little chicken stock, water or wine to the drippings if they evaporate too quickly). When skin is golden brown, shield breast loosely with light foil to prevent overbrowning.

When the turkey is done, allow it to rest for at least 20-30 minutes before carving.

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1-1/2 pound loaf day-old bread
3 cups chopped onion
2-1/2 cups chopped celery
1/2 cup butter or margarine
1 teaspoon salt
1-1/2 teaspoons poultry seasoning
1/4 cup chopped parsley

Tear bread into 1/2-inch pieces, or use 3 quarts plain dry stuffing; set aside.

Sauté onion and celery in

butter just until tender. Add to bread along with salt, seasoning, and parsley. Toss lightly until well mixed. Place in two buttered, covered casserole dishes or stuff loosely into neck and body cavities of turkey.

TURKEY GRAVY

Turkey drippings
Giblet broth
Cooked giblets, chopped
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
Salt and pepper to taste

Cover giblets and neck with 3 cups water in a small saucepan. Bring to boil, cover, reduce heat and simmer for an hour or until giblets are tender. Drain, reserving broth and discarding neck. Chop giblets.

Pour turkey drippings from roasting pan into 4-cup measure. Remove 1/4 cup fat from the drippings and place in a pan. Skim off and discard remaining fat from drippings. Add giblet broth to drippings to make 4 cups. Blend flour into the pan with the fat until smooth, then add drippings and broth mixture. Cook and stir over medium heat



until gravy comes to a boil and thickens. Stir in salt and pepper to taste and add giblets.

Carving the Turkey

To carve, place the turkey breast up on a carving board and spoon out stuffing.

Use a chef's knife to remove

thighs, drumsticks and wings. Slice drumstick holding the knife parallel to the bone. Slice in alternating cuts from each side of the bone. Slice the thigh as it lays flat on the board.

Switch to a sharp carving knife and make a horizontal base cut across the bottom of the breast.

The sharper the blade, the more attractive the slices. (Don't use a serrated blade, as it tends to tear up the meat.) Starting parallel to breast bone, slice diagonally down to the horizontal base cut. Continue slicing the breast by beginning at a higher point each time.

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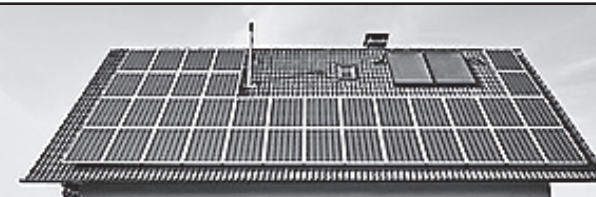
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City Offers Free Thanksgiving Dinner Pick-up for Seniors

The City of San Leandro invites senior residents 60 years and older to enjoy a free classic Thanksgiving meal, frozen and ready to heat.

To protect senior residents and City staff from Covid-19, a contactless curbside pick-up to receive the food will be available on Monday, Nov. 23, at either the Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St., or the Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd.

Senior residents can register for their preferred pick-up location, date, and time at sanleandorec.org or by calling Customer Service at 510-577-3462.

Limit one meal per cus-



tomers. Advanced registration is required. Residents without a reservation cannot be accommodated, as supplies are limited. Residents are requested to adhere to assigned pick-up times to alleviate traffic congestion and to maintain proper safety protocols.

Covid-19 safety guidelines and procedures will be administered for proper food handling and distribution.

Mills College Voters Took Home Ballots, Thinking They Were Receipts

The Alameda County Registrar of Voters said on Friday his office has investigated a problem that had occurred on Election Day at Mills College where a touch-screen device was used at an in-person vote center location.

In response to questions raised by members of the media and advocacy groups, Registrar Tim Dupuis said he learned that some — “at most 160” — of the 300 voters who used the touchscreen at Mills left without depositing their paper ballots in the ballot box. They instead

took their printed ballots home, thinking they were receipts that they had voted.

Dupuis, in a press statement, said his office was contacting the Mills College touch-screen voters to collect those printed ballots and by the end of last week had received 22 of them. He said the number of outstanding ballots was not sufficient to determine the outcome of any race.

Dupuis said it did not appear that the same problem had occurred at any other touch-screen site in the county and blamed

the error on poll workers at the Mills College location who, he said, had been provided advanced training on the equipment.

Dupuis said his office had

successfully processed nearly 800,000 ballots, a record turnout, from Alameda County's 966,000 registered voters for this General Election.

BART App Offers Customized Notifications

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Covid: Schools already open can stay open

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Tier will need to close. More information is available at www.cdph.ca.gov.

• Any school that currently has students attending classes in person may continue to do so, but no additional schools may open for in-person instruction, and the county is not offering a waiver process for elementary schools.

As the situation develops, county officials warned they may need to restrict activities even further to slow the spread of the virus. Gov. Newsom on Monday even hinted that the state is considering a curfew, but did not elaborate.

Since Bay Area counties implemented the first Shelter-in-Place Order in March, Alameda County has moved cautiously with its reopening, continuing to

“Stay home for the holidays, wear face masks, maintain at least 6 feet distance, wash hands and get a flu shot.”

— Dr. Nicholas Moss,
Alameda County Health Officer

find ways to keep activities open.

While that approach seemed to be working, the most recent wave of new infections in the county and across the state appear to be growing even faster than what the area experienced in the summer.

Officials are urging residents to take steps now to limit opportunities for people to mix and gather, especially indoors without masks, to avoid overwhelming our health care system, limit the number of deaths, and protect frontline workers and medically vulnerable residents.

Local health officers may act to restrict activities more than the state's requirements in order to respond to local disease conditions and protect public health.

The spread of Covid-19 is driven by mixing with people

from other households, especially indoors and without masks. To prevent further spread of the virus, county health officials say avoid gathering with people you don't live with, limit activities, wear face coverings whenever you leave home, stay home when ill, and keep interactions with others outdoors.

“We need Alameda County residents and businesses to, once again, rise to the challenge and help flatten the curve,” said Dr. Nicholas Moss, Alameda County Health Officer. “Stay home for the holidays, wear face masks, maintain at least 6 feet of distance, wash your hands frequently, and get your flu shot. We all must recommit ourselves to the safety measures that helped us lower case rates in September and October.”

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Sandra Lee Doxsie Kirk

Sandra Lee Doxsie Kirk, 70, of La Quinta, California, died November 2, 2020 at home with family by her side after a brief illness of ALS. Born January 8, 1950 in Lansing, Michigan, she resided in San Leandro, California for 37 years before relocating to the desert landscape she loved in La Quinta, California. Sandra was a kind and devoted wife, mother, sister, and friend.

Mrs. Kirk is survived by her husband of 47 years, John Wylie Kirk, by sisters Susann (Doxsie) Elliott, Mary (Richards) Linsley, Helen (Richards) Baird, and brother Harry (Richards) Wurts. She was predeceased by son Aaron E Kirk, brothers George Richards and Edward (Richards) Elsie and parents Wayne and Violet Doxsie.

Her ashes will be interred at a later date in the Fairgrove, Michigan family plot. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her name to The ALS Association, 1275 K St NW #250, Washington, DC 20005 or to The Elmer L. and Elizabeth Mooney Kirk Endowment Fund, ProLiteracy Worldwide, 101 Wyoming St. Syracuse, NY 13204.



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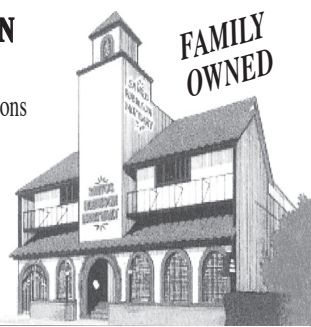
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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): This year, instead of jumping into the whole holiday prep scene, move in a little at a time. You'll appreciate the sense of control you're more likely to enjoy.



TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): The separation between the Bovine's head and heart is never as far apart as it seems. Both senses work best when they come out of logic and honesty.



GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): The best way to keep those pre-holiday pressures under control is to just say no to taking on new tasks while you're still trying to work with a heap of others.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): News means a change might be on its way, but what does it hold? Don't just ask questions; make sure you get answers you can trust.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): Old friends and new have one thing in common: Both your longtime and newly minted pals have much wisdom to impart.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): With time running out, this is a good time for you to show 'em all what those Virgo super-organizational skills can do.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): Librans and holidays are made for each other, especially if children and animals are going to be part of your joyous season.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): Time is getting too short to allow a spat to taint the holiday season. Restart your relationship and reschedule holiday fun times.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Seeking advice is laudable. You might learn far more than you thought you could. Stay with it.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Continuing to assess changes works toward your getting your new project up and ready. Trusted colleagues remain ready to help.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): That new situation needs a lot of attention, but it's worth it. This is a very good time for you to involve the arts in what you do.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): It might be a good idea to slow your hectic holiday pace so that you don't rush past what -- or who -- you're hoping to rush toward.

OPINION

LETTERS to the EDITOR

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

It's Not a Crime to Survive

Editor:

On Monday, San Leandro City Council nearly passed an ordinance targeting panhandlers under the guise of traffic safety. I want to applaud Mayor Pauline Cutter's leadership in delaying this vote, in addition to the leadership of Councilmembers Benny Lee and Victor Aguilar for pulling it from the consent calendar in September.

It takes courage to admit mistakes and explore issues from different perspectives. Passing the ordinance as written would have been a mistake. There is a growing body of case law that demonstrates that panhandling is protected First Amendment speech. Additionally, punishing panhandlers with fines and misdemeanors which they would certainly be unable to pay is unfair and doesn't reflect San Leandro's values as a "kind" city.

Do we really want to solve the Bay Area homeless crisis by fining and potentially jailing our city's most vulnerable in the middle of a pandemic?

Once rent moratoriums end, San Leandro will see an increase in unhoused people. Panhandling is a means of survival for many. The city should look toward bolstering human services programs — both those in existence, and those waiting to be created — that protect, rather than punish, people who are trying to survive.

—**Celina Reynes**
San Leandro

Does Kindness Really Matter?

Editor:

The San Leandro City Council is planning to criminalize standing or sitting on traffic medians or near curbs. Please let them know this is not a good thing.

If people in need seek money and assistance, that should not be illegal. If people seeking money do unlawful things like aggressively attack passersby, urinate in public, or expose themselves, there are already laws on the books to address those activities.

San Leandrans calling for police reform and reinvestment have this in mind. SLPD has a lot on their hands already, including too many social issues to handle appropriately. Let's get on board with the county's CATT program and look at other research-based methods of assistance to make our streets safer and more pleasant while addressing homelessness, poverty and mental illness.

Creating laws relating to standing or sitting on traffic medians or near curbs is wrong. It will not help issues the public has with desperate people acting badly. It penalizes non-violent people in need. How is it kindness to criminalize poverty? How is it kind to subject already destitute people to fines or jail time that limit their ability to lift themselves out of a bad situation?

I urge the council not to pass this measure criminalizing poverty. Not just because it is most unkind, but also because it will wind up costing the city more money in the long run to put a

band aid on an issue that deserves a real solution.

San Leandrans, even the poorest among us deserve better.

—**Nora Trentacoste**
San Leandro

A Rigged Election?

Editor:

I worked as a Precinct Inspector on election day for 20 years; in this year's election, I worked as a Judge.

I can say with certainty that the election rules that were in place before were totally ignored in this election. There were no inspectors in this election, there were "captains," the difference is that the inspector could be any voter who went through training; the captains were appointed by the political machine and were often government employees.

The "Chain of Custody" for the ballots was violated from the moment that those ballots were mailed to dead people, people who moved out or people not interested in voting at all. Multiple ballots could be seen thrown around in the apartment complexes. The ballots were handled by thousands of mail carriers, then by thousands of mail processors to end up in warehouses where they were handled by thousands of warehouse workers. Nobody knows who had access to the warehouses where the ballots were kept for weeks until delivered to the ballot counting centers. What happened to the Chain of Custody? As an inspector, I had to go with another poll worker to deliver the ballots to be processed, I was not allowed to do it alone.

Vote Influencing: In San Leandro, one polling place was located in Barbara Lee Center. Barbara Lee was a candidate in the ballot. Isn't that vote influencing? Coaching the voter used to be prohibited; in some cases a relative could help a voter in filling the ballot. In this election, two or three people were seen coaching the voter and the same "coaches" were seen bringing other people with the same purpose repeatedly. Isn't that influencing?

Comparing signatures: How do you compare signatures when in this election voters were signing with a "stylus," a little plastic stick, on the computer which look more like a scribble than a signature? Actually, the Registrar of Voters never compared signatures in California; that's a myth. As long as there's no requirement for pictured I.D. there's no safe voting.

Observers were required to "observe" from six feet away. Isn't that a joke? In 2016, His Excellency, the President of the United States declared "The system is rigged." For four years the bipartisan system of the corporations have tried to undermine his presidency; The Fake News, owned by the corporations, played a great role. The President can take the case to the Supreme Court, but even though a third of the Court has been appointed by the president, the Supreme Court is not Trump's Court, it is the Court of the U.S. empire.

Yes folks, the system is rigged.

—**Leo T. West**
San Leandro

A 'Thank You' from Ed Hernandez

Editor:

Thank you for the coverage of the San Leandro election this year. I would like to share my gratitude to the San Leandro residents for the opportunity to serve the community for the past nine years, as a Planning Commissioner and Councilmember, planning and shaping San Leandro's future. Although unsuccessful in my re-election bid, I am honored to have led San Leandro through 2020 with an immediate response to the pandemic, support to residents (housed and unhoused) and small businesses, and a response to significant social concerns while eventually battling COVID-19 in my family, now recovered.

Some of my accomplishments were: supporting the largest capital improvement plan in the City's history, identifying an additional \$4 million per year for COVID-19 recovery and more, providing for our vulnerable populations (that unhoused residents had immediate help), reaching out to seniors for wellness checks and helping with food access, supporting tenant protections (making sure their rights were respected by housing providers), driving development opportunities in housing and clean energy investments, ensuring good paying jobs with new and established businesses, helping drive micro-grants to small businesses to help them now, and finally, being ready for this pandemic recession with \$52 million in the bank!

For the near future, I will be re-focusing on my family and evaluating options for my continued involvement in the San Leandro community and beyond! Thank you again for the privilege and honor of serving your needs. Stay well, stay safe. Here's a brief video message: <https://youtu.be/qph7GnnB9XE>

—**Ed Hernandez**
San Leandro

Militarized Police

Editor:

Mr. Aquino advised the public to reach out to policemen ("Bridging the Gap," *Letters*, Nov. 5). I ask, how about giving same advice to the police?

I was stopped in San Leandro at Sybil and East 14th Street for not having a new tag on my license plate. He shone his flashlight in my eyes so that I could not see his face nor badge. I showed him my just received tag that I had yet to affix.

His response to this Black 70+ woman whose taxes go toward his salary as a public employee: "Don't let me see you in my town again."

Really! His town? I have lived in San Leandro for over 30 years. I did complain to the Chief who did respond, but this was not the first unpleasant encounter with the San Leandro police.

Mr. Aquino outlined the duties of the police and I would argue that those have always been included in the job description.

It's just that the police have become so militarized without any of the disciplined training that the military requires.

—**Vera Sims**
San Leandro

What if They Were Your Neighbor?

Editor:

When you read these names, ask yourself: What if they were your next door neighbor? What would you say to them if you could? How would you create justice for them? What if you were them? What kind of response would you want from our city? Steven Taylor, Vasquinho Bettencourt, Anthony Gomez, Jose Maravilla Perez Jr., Gwendolyn Killings, Deandre Calhoun, Ron Franklin, Emerald Black, James Dias, Andre Petre, Mitchell and Christian Marquez, Simon and Henry Aguirre, Alfred Flanigan, Barbara Silva, Nathaniel Willingham, Be-

linda K. and J.H., Tom Kunich, Robert Lawrence Williams, Michael Woody, Steven Mengel, Alice Bias, John Berry, Douglas Babbitt.

This list is only a small part of those affected by police violence and misconduct in our city. There are so many more whose names have been ignored, buried, or redacted. Every name is a life that should be remembered and honored.

If you have a story of abuse at the hands of the SLPD, please consider submitting it to the Instagram page, @SanLeandroPoliceViolence.

—**Stephen Michael Tow**
San Leandro

INQUIRING REPORTER

What's the best part of Thanksgiving dinner?

— Asked at the Bancroft Avenue Safeway

I like the leftovers, and the side dishes. The yams and stuffing and the string beans.

Rachel Hudson
Oakland



The people you're sharing it with. And with the turkey, I like the white meat.

Carol Newsom
San Leandro



The dressing with gravy on it. Homemade. And the dark meat of the turkey.

Sandi Weeks
Oakland



To be with family. And the best part of the food — the dessert, pumpkin pie or cheesecake.

Araceli Deanda
San Leandro



To not have to cook it. My daughter's husband is a chef. But I don't know if it will happen this year. Boy, I want this pandemic to be over.

Kay McKenzie
San Leandro





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Drop Off Only

An AC Transit bus heading down East 14th Street displays a sign to let riders know that it's only dropping off passengers, not picking up, because the bus has reached its limit of people to maintain social distancing. Essential workers who rely on the bus now have to plan on sometimes waiting for the next bus, since buses have to leave social distancing space during the pandemic.

Join the Holiday Lights Caravan

Say farewell to a challenging year and welcome the holiday season with some joy and fun on Saturday evening, Dec. 5.

The Castro Valley-Eden Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting a new event, the "Eden United Holiday Lights Caravan," in partnership with the CV Rotary and other local organizations.

The caravan will run from 5 to 7 p.m., leaving from Don

Castro Park in Fairview, visiting Castro Valley, Ashland, Hayward Acres and San Lorenzo, and ending at the Meek Estate in Cherryland, with many lit cars, local leaders, trucks and, of course, Santa.

This will be a tightly-regulated, safe caravan following all County Health Department orders, which means participants should sign up quickly as there will be limited space.

Individuals, families and business are all invited to join this light-up caravan. Email ABChan411@gmail.com to enter and receive your registration number for your car.

Business sponsorship opportunities are available for \$100 Standard or \$250 Gold sponsorship, which includes enhanced recognition.

Visit www.edenareachamber.com for more information.

Ricardo: 'The end of an era'

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"It's definitely the end of an era."

Tina recalled that after her husband had surgery for colon cancer in 2003, he was supposed to be in the hospital for a couple more days.

"He said, 'I gotta go to work,' and the doctor just looked at him and said, 'Okay.'"

Tina said the couple divided the work between them, each taking the job that suited them best.

"I did the banquet room, bar

and kitchen, and he picked up the product and did the taxes," she said.

Ricky's has been closed for months due to the pandemic. Tina said she hopes she can open it back up again. Meanwhile there are still bills to pay, she said.

And it didn't help that Ricky's got hit on the night of looting on May 31. The entire strip mall was broken into.

Tina said she had a couple of

guys she hired for security that night, and with their buddies, it was a total of 14 guys. But they were just overwhelmed on that night, just as businesses were all across town.

A memorial service for Ricky Ricardo will be postponed until the pandemic is over, Tina said.

"We wouldn't be able to keep it small for the Covid restrictions," she said. "There would be hundreds of people."



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