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City Council Backs Homeless Support Projects

Council wants to build permanent homeless navigation center

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

San Leandro is poised to address its serious and growing homeless problem with a proposed new navigation center and supportive housing that could cost the city upwards of \$1 million per year.

The City Council last Tuesday said it would move forward following a presentation that included utilizing a temporary center somewhere within city limits with an eye to building a permanent structure. A navigation center is a facility that helps the homeless "navigate" their way back into more permanent housing.

"My say here is that we have to move quickly and incorporate this into current budget cycle," Councilmember Corrina Lopez said. "We gotta get the money there and it has to be done in this cycle. We can't wait any longer."

The short-term plan asks the city to budget as much as \$800,000 per year to augment existing services included those provided by homeless advocacy groups such as Building Futures with Women and Children, April Showers, and East Bay Innovations.

The services could include 24-hour staffing, six months of housing for homeless adults (pet friendly), one meal a day, communal kitchenette, storage

for personal belongings, hygiene services (toilets, showers, and laundry), health and wellness services, employment and benefit assistance, substance abuse

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Police Chief Moves Up Retirement

Police Chief Jeff Tudor announced last week that he has moved up his retirement date to take effect on Tuesday, Feb. 16.

Tudor, 49, had already declared his retirement in January, at that time scheduling to retire in June.

Last week's announcement was made on social media where Tudor said that he was proud to serve the city for 31 years, including the past four years as police chief.

San Leandro police Captain Luis Torres was appointed by City Manager Fran Robustelli last month to become interim police chief. Torres has worked at the department since 1998 in a variety of assignments.

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PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

California National Guard soldier Joshua Vallamor directs drivers who have come to the Oakland Coliseum for a COVID vaccination on Tuesday, the day the site opened.

Coliseum Vaccine Site Opens

Appointments can be made for health care workers and people 65 and older; arrive by BART or bus, too

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

Vaccinations for COVID got underway on Tuesday at the Oakland Coliseum as an army of workers ushered people through the gates.

National Guard troops checked in people and guided them through a path in the parking lot that led to the tents where the

shots are administered. Shots are given to people right in their cars, and then they can drive out the exit.

"We're trying to make it as good of an experience as we can," said Tina Curry, spokeswoman for the state's Office of Emergency Services.

It's not necessary to drive to the Coliseum. The site is set up to handle people who

arrive on BART or AC Transit, too.

One reason the Coliseum vaccination site was established was to provide the vaccine to people who don't have as much access to health care, to make it more equitable, said Oakland City Councilwoman Rebecca Kaplan at a press conference on Tuesday.

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Council Proclaims Steven Taylor Day

The San Leandro City Council voted on Tuesday to proclaim April 18 as a day recognizing Steven Taylor and the sanctity of every human life.

The proclamation is part of the city's ongoing efforts to pursue racial justice and social equity in San Leandro, the City of San Leandro announced yesterday in a press release.

Steven Taylor, a 33-year-old San Leandro High School graduate, was fatally shot at the Walmart on Hesperian Boulevard last April 18 by San Leandro police officer Jason Fletcher, who has since resigned.

Since then, the city and police department have been working to update policies and implement practices and trainings to address

"Proclaiming a day for Steven Taylor will promote healing as we focus on dismantling systemic racism."
— Mayor Pauline Cutter

excessive uses of force in policing, according to city officials.

"Proclaiming a day for Steven Taylor will promote the ongoing process of healing and understanding as we focus on the ongoing work of dismantling systemic racism," said Mayor Cutter. "We are committed to the belief that every member of this

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CITY COUNCIL

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.



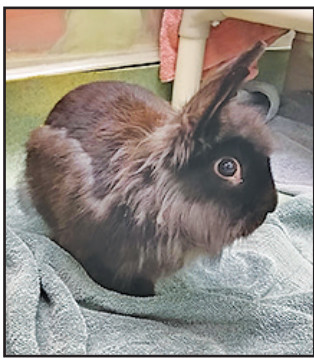
PETS OF THE WEEK



Archie

Archie is a sweet Dutch rabbit who is microchipped, neutered, and ready to go home. He allows handling and enjoys snacking on fresh basil, rosemary, and timothy hay.

Radagast is a long-haired male bunny who is curious and energetic. He is still getting used to being brushed, which



Radagast

his long fur requires to avoid mats. He would like a patient, gentle family that will groom him daily.

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



PHOTOS COURTESY OF SHIRLEY BRAZIS

The Fong and Yuen families celebrated the Year of the Ox in San Leandro.

San Leandro Family Welcomes in The New Year – the Year of the Ox

Despite the cancellation of many public festivities due to COVID rules, the spirit of the Lunar New Year 2021 – Year of the Ox – is alive and well.

Danielle Yuen, along with family members, recently performed a traditional lion dance as a surprise for her father and grandparents outside their San Leandro home.

This is a festive dance from Southern China, Guangdong province, and features a large Cantonese lion head.

During the 1980s, Danielle would join her father and his lion dance troop (White Crane of San Francisco) where she played the cymbals alongside her father who beat the drums on the back of a pickup truck.

The group participated in the annual Chinese New Year Parade in San Francisco.

Since then, they have occasionally performed for local schools in the Bay Area.

"This year is special, since we have not been able to spend any time with the family because of COVID restrictions," said Ms. Yuen. "My grandparents are in their 90s so it was an extra special surprise performance for them. My father was especially grateful as it was a nostalgic memory for him."

The lion head and drum belonged to Yuen's dad. Her brother-in-law and his wife restored the tradi-



tional lion head and silk tail to its former glory.

"The lion's head brings fun-filled vibes to each Chinese New Year," Yuen said. "It's a chance to keep the tradition alive."

– Contributed by San Leandro neighbor Shirley Orille Brazis

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Learn how Feng Shui principles can support healthy living practices for working and schooling from home. Manu Butterworth, founding director

of Golden Gate Feng Shui School in Oakland, will make the presentation.

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Homeless: COVID pandemic adds complications to the problem

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services, and intensive case management.

Special considerations for helping local homeless manage the COVID-19 pandemic include providing sanitation stations, public restrooms, and supplying people with masks and sanitizer. The short-term solution also taps into California's Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) allotment of \$372,619 for staging the homeless in Operation Comfort hotels.

So far, existing programs have assisted nearly 60 people, a small fraction of the total number of people struggling with housing in San Leandro. Welcome Home San Leandro, a non-profit partnership between Building Futures and Alameda County's Housing and Community Development department adds to the need by providing rent and support services for 25 San Leandro residents who have experienced homelessness for at least a year.

The long-term vision is a permanent homeless navigation center building costing the city as much as \$1 million per year. The city staff reports the process may take 2 to 3 years for the permanent shelter which would include acquisition, entitlements, financing, permitting, and construction. Both strategies include case conferencing, street outreach, seasonal warming shelters, building future shelters, responding to community concerns, and institutional strategies.

"This is not a problem that San Leandro can solve alone, but there are places here that we can chip away at a problem that is a local problem," said Moira Fry with April Showers Interfaith



Councilwoman Corina Lopez says the project must be done.

Homeless Network. "If we get a start with a navigation center, we have the opportunity to give everyone who is homeless to be assessed, state their problem, state their need and have it be

"It has to be done in this cycle. We can't wait any longer."

— City Council member Corina Lopez

addressed."

Homelessness is a very old issue and has grown exponentially since the 1970s as society has reduced mental health and social services, according to San Leandro Recreation and Services director Jeanette Dong.

By population, San Leandro's homeless numbered 74 in housing and approximately

344 people without some type of rental or temporary shelter in 2019, according to the 2019 EveryOne Counts Homeless Point-in-Time Count and Survey. Ranked against other Alameda County cities, San Leandro is 5th on the list after Oakland, Berkeley, Fremont, and Hayward. The survey found a 42 percent jump in the number of homeless to 8,022 in the county, up from 5,629. The 2020 count has not yet been reported by EveryOne Counts.

In general, 34 percent of Alameda County's homeless population live in tents followed by 23 percent living in a car or van, 22 percent living in an RV and 20 percent living on the street outside. Only 1 percent were counted to be living in abandoned buildings.

The primary causes of homelessness were a lost job (13 percent), mental health issues (12 percent), and substance abuse (10 percent). Smaller percentages were made up of evictions, rent increases and the formerly incarcerated.

Fry also noted that people aren't always aware whether someone is homeless or not.

"We have people standing in the medians of traffic holding signs that read 'homeless, hungry, please help,' or you might find someone come up to you in a shopping area letting you know they are hungry," Fry said. "They may or may not be homeless, but what the public sees is there is a homeless person. In all my years of working with the homeless, I can tell you that people who are

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Community Calendar

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Boys & Girls Club Drive-Through Crab Feed

The San Leandro Boys & Girls Club's annual crab feed will be on Saturday, Feb. 20, from 4 to 6 p.m. Due to the pandemic, the crab feed will be a drive-through pick-up in the club's parking lot at 2200 San Leandro Blvd. Each order comes with 4 pounds of crab and pasta, salad and bread. Tickets are \$55 and ticket sales end on Feb. 15. For tickets and the raffle, visit the club's website: www.bgcsl.org. The crab feed is sponsored by Fremont Bank and F.H. Dailey Chevrolet.

San Leandro Democratic Club

The San Leandro Democratic Club will hold a virtual meeting on Thursday, Feb. 25, at 6:30 p.m. To join the meeting, email club President Melissa West at mwest.udc@hotmail.com for the link.

Black History Month Read-In

Join the San Leandro Public Library for its first annual virtual Black History Month Read-In, for teens and adults, to uplift and celebrate Black writers and thinkers.

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For more information, visit the library's website, www.sanleandrolibrary.org.

Community Clean-up on Bancroft

Join City Councilman Bryan Azevedo for a Community Clean-Up along Bancroft Avenue on Saturday, Feb. 27, from 9 to 11 a.m. Meet at Harry's Hofbrau, 14900 East 14th St. Gloves, water, snacks, vests and garbage bags provided. Prizes will be awarded for the top two garbage getters.

Newsom Recall Petition Drive

The public is welcome to attend a Gavin Newsom Recall Petition Signature Drive on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 27 and 28, from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Free Speech Corner, 20629 Redwood Road, the corner of Castro Valley Boulevard and Redwood Road in Castro Valley. Only three weekends left to sign. The website is recallgavin2020.com.

Hayward Arts Council Exhibition

Thirty-two members of the Hayward Arts Council are featuring a variety of media including acrylics, watercolors, oils, textiles, mixed assemblage, poetry, photography, mixed media, digital print, paper cut art, and ink. To view this exhibition, visit haywardartscouncil.org.

City of San Leandro 'Warmline'

The City of San Leandro launched a new service that enables members of the public to contact professionals via telephone who are trained to provide emotional support, coronavirus testing site information, and many other social services or referrals. In partnership with the City, La Clinica de la Raza will provide services for Spanish-language residents, and Asian Health Services will provide services to Chinese-language speaking residents in both Cantonese and Mandarin. For Spanish: call 510-535-8480, Monday to Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (except public holidays).

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By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

Also included in the kits were several different letters to



Fiona Xu and Precious Nwadike are 7th grade Peer Advocates who volunteered to help pass out student support kits at Bancroft Middle School.

Peer Advising is a two-year elective class students at Bancroft can take in which they learn to calm down conflicts between students before they become physical or otherwise dangerous. While students can't meet in-person at the moment, the class and the program have continued online, according to Slaton.

About 60 out of Bancroft's

***“ We tried to bring them some so-
cial support,
emotional
safety, care,
plus a little
candy.”***

— Teacher Deanna Slaton

But when conflicts do arise, two peer advocates pair with the students involved. They try to guide the students toward a solution without giving them advice. The idea is not to normally

“Overlap” is curated by San Leandro artist Andrea Guskin in partnership with Oakland-based non-profit AR-Together. The exhibit features the work of Nimisha Doongarnwal, Roya Ebtehaj, Somaieh Amini and Abba Guskin.

For more details or to register for the opening event, visit <https://www.facebook.com/ProjectARTogether/>.

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Sale sign is added. 2. Burton missing from woman's jacket. 3. Ceiling light is added. 4. Bowtie is missing. 5. Man's tie is white. 6. Row of rings is missing.



HOUSE HUNTERS! These two birds want to find two houses that are exactly alike. Can you spot them?

ANSWER: Houses 1 and 9.

ONE, TWO, BUCKLE MY SHOE! In our AlphaMath puzzle, you must replace the letters with the digits 0, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, so that you have a correct addition problem. The same letters get the same digits. Try to get the highest possible total.

$$P=0, R=4, O=6, E=3, G=9, A=8 (5270 + 4603 = 9873).$$

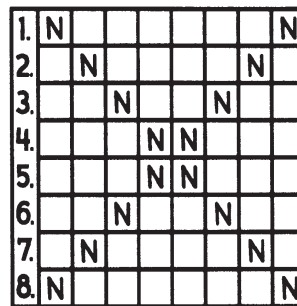
THE “D” PYRAMID! As you move down the word pyramid show here, each word contains the same letters as the word above it, plus a new letter. We give you all the D’s. Here are some hints from the top down.

1. Roman numeral 500 (in place).
2. State abbr.
3. To free from.
4. Dry climate.
5. N. African currency.
6. Confer holy orders on.
7. Type of motor.
8. One who is suave.

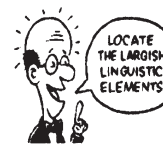
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FIND THE BIG WORDS!



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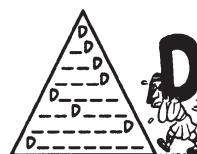
pictured on the left. For each definition, the letters in the two anagram words must be unscrambled and used to form the word asked for.

DEFINITIONS:

1. A brief, informal letter.
2. Grinding your teeth.
3. To formally accuse.
4. What the horse did.
5. Little old ladies.
6. A string of words.
7. What a baker does.
8. Fierce medieval fighter.

ANAGRAMS:

anti + toon
sing + hang
cede + noun
hind + wine
rein + snag
cent + seen
king + dean
sane + morn



Answers: 1. Notation, 2. Gnashing, 3. Denouance, 4. Whinied, 5. Grannies, 6. Sentence, 7. Kneading, 8. Norseman.

LIFESTYLE



CHEF'S SPECIALS REVEALED

Not all of our memorable recipes came from the likes of Martha Stewart or Emeril Lagasse. In fact, many regional favorites were born in the work-a-day kitchens of large chain restaurants and small mom-and-pop diners.

Most often these eateries made their recipes available to the public. In other cases, inventive chefs produced copycat versions.

Some of the establishments have disappeared from the landscape, but their classic innovations live on in countless cookbooks.

SPAGO MEATLOAF

1 small onion, minced
1 teaspoon minced shallots
1/2 pound mushrooms, chopped
1/4 eggplant, diced
1/4 cup half and half
1 pound ground lamb
1 pound ground veal
1 pound ground pork
1 egg, lightly beaten
1 clove garlic, minced
Chopped thyme
Dash ground cumin
Salt, pepper
8 slices bacon

Sauté onion, shallots, mushrooms and eggplant in large skillet until translucent. Add half and half and cook until liquid is absorbed. Cool.

In large mixer or food processor, mix together lamb, veal, pork, onion mixture, egg and garlic. Season to taste with thyme, cumin, salt and pepper.

Line 9x5-inch loaf pan with 1/2 of bacon. Fill pan with meat mixture. Cover meat mixture with remaining bacon. Bake at 350°F for 1 hour or until meatloaf is done and juice runs clear when pierced with fork. Serves 8.

DENNY'S-STYLE FRENCH TOAST

4 eggs
2/3 cup whole milk
1/3 cup flour
1/3 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon vanilla

When the skillet is hot, add 1 tablespoon butter. (If butter smokes, the pan is too hot – turn down the heat.)

Dip each slice of bread into the batter for 30 seconds on each side. Let some of the batter drip off, then put in skillet. Cook each slice 1-1/2 to 2 minutes per side until each side is golden brown.

Add more butter, if necessary, to cook all of the slices. To serve, put on plate, dust with powdered sugar. Serve with butter, hot syrup and fresh berries if you like. Yields 6 servings.

OLIVE GARDEN MINISTRONE SOUP

3 tablespoons olive oil
1 cup minced white onion
1/2 cup chopped zucchini
1/2 cup frozen cut Italian cut green beans
1/2 stalk celery, minced
4 teaspoons minced garlic
4 cups vegetable broth (not chicken broth)
2 (15-ounce) cans red kidney beans, drained
2 (15-ounce) cans small white beans or great northern beans, drained
1 (14-ounce) can diced tomatoes
1/2 cup shredded carrot
2 tablespoons minced parsley
1-1/2 teaspoons dried oregano
1-1/2 teaspoons salt
1/2 teaspoon black pepper

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1/2 teaspoon dried basil
1/4 teaspoon dried thyme
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Heat olive oil over medium heat in a large soup pot.

Sauté onion, celery, garlic, green beans, and zucchini for 5 minutes or until onions begin to turn translucent.

Add vegetable broth, tomatoes, beans, carrot, hot water, and spices and bring soup to a boil, then reduce heat and allow to simmer for 20 minutes.

Add spinach leaves and pasta and cook for an additional 20 minutes or until desired consistency. Makes eight 1-1/2 cup servings.

BLACK ANGUS GARLIC BREAD

1 loaf French bread
1/2 cup butter, softened
1 cup shredded Asiago cheese
1 cup shredded Jack cheese
1 cup mayonnaise
1 bunch green onions, chopped
2 cloves garlic, puréed

Split French bread loaf into halves horizontally. Mix butter, cheeses, mayonnaise, green onions

and garlic in bowl, blending well. Spread the cut side of bread halves with spread. Bake at 350°F for 7 minutes, then place under broiler about 3 minutes longer. Cut into slices and serve.

SPENGER'S CRABLEGS IN SHERRY WINE SAUCE

3 pounds crab legs
6 tablespoons butter
1/4 cup chopped green onions
1/2 cup sliced mushrooms
1/4 cup Sherry
1/4 cup clam juice

Roll the crab legs in flour. In a large pan, heat the butter. Add crab legs. Sauté 2 minutes on one side and turn. Add onions and mushrooms; cook 2 minutes. Add Sherry and clam juice. Cook 3 minutes while shaking pan. Serve on hot cooked rice. Serves 6.

TONY ROMA'S ONION RING LOAF

4 to 6 mild white onions
1 cup milk
3 eggs, beaten
Salt
2 cups pancake mix, about
Oil for deep-frying

Parsley

Slice onions crosswise and separate into rings. Soak rings in mixture of milk, eggs and salt to taste in bowl for 30 minutes. Dip each onion ring in pancake mix and fry in oil heated to 375°F until golden brown.

Pack fried onion solidly, without pressing, into 8x4-inch loaf pan and bake at 400°F for 10 to 15 minutes. Turn onto serving plate. Garnish with parsley. Serves 4.

IHOP BUTTERMILK PANCAKES

1-1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1 egg
1-1/4 cups buttermilk
1/4 cup granulated sugar
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 cup cooking oil
1 pinch salt

Preheat a griddle or skillet over medium heat.

Mix all of the ingredients till combined. Melt a little bit of butter in the pan. Pour the batter by spoonfuls into the hot pan, forming 5-inch circles. When the edges appear to harden, flip the pancakes. They should be golden brown.

Cook the pancakes on the other side until they are also golden brown. Yields 8 to 10 pancakes.

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REAL ESTATE REALITY

By Carl Medford, CRS
Special to the Times

GUEST COMMENTARY



Buyers With Low Down Payments Missing The Boat

As the housing market continues its overheated surge due to an epic shortage of inventory, almost every home hitting the market is receiving multiple offers.

With competition so fierce, it has become a "survival of the financially fittest." Bottom line: a serious number of buyer wannabes with less than optimum down payments are getting left in the dust.

On the surface, it would not appear there is a problem. There are no shortage of loans available to those who have less than the standard 20% down; all the way down to 3% for qualified buyers.

Digging a bit deeper, however, a significant obstacle appears: appraisals.

If a buyer wants a home priced at \$500,000 but knows the competition will drive the price up to \$600,000, normally they would submit an offer at

the higher price and, to sweeten things, remove the appraisal contingency.

With prices spiking as quickly as they are, appraisers are having difficulty finding comparable sales at the higher price points with the result that a significant number of appraisals are coming in low.

In the case above, if the home is sold at \$600,000 but only appraises at \$550,000, then the borrower with no appraisal contingency needs to bring in additional funds to make up the shortfall if they want to maintain the original terms.

As an example: if the price is \$600,000, a 20% down payment would be \$120,000. If it appraises for \$550,000, the lender, instead of providing a loan for \$480,000, will only lend 80% of the new value, or \$440,000. The buyer then needs to raise the down payment to approximately \$160,000 if they wish to keep the loan terms the same.

And therein is the rub: while many buyers may have additional funds to make up the difference, a substantial group, especially those coming in with lower down payments, typically do not.

Those who have lower down payments usually do so because they do not have significant cash reserves. Since there is a high probability offers way over asking price will not appraise at the offered price, these borrowers cannot remove the appraisal contingency which, in most cases, effectively removes

them from the running if other offers do have the appraisal contingency removed.

It is a classical case of haves and have nots: those with higher down payments usually win and those with low down payments are left wondering what just happened.

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



As seen on HGTV!

This gorgeous Sheffield Village home features 3 BR, 1BA, and tons of bonus space. Here you'll find a relaxed, eclectic vibe w/its mix of vintage and modern conveniences, including Serena & Lily lighting, a beautifully updated kitchen with stainless appliances and bath w/Calacata Gold marble, along with many original vintage details. There's a 350+ sq. ft. detached cottage that is perfect for remote working/learning, your private gym or your own private art studio. The abundant sunlight that filters through the windows provides the perfect backdrop for any activity while the aroma of rosemary, jasmine and roses throughout the garden will delight your senses. The large, 8,000+ sq. ft. lot has mature lemon, fig, peach, nectarine and olive trees. Wonderfully situated in the heart of the highly coveted Sheffield Village community, this home is close to shopping and the trails of Lake Chabot. See if you can find the fabulous features from when the home was featured on HGTV! SanLeandroRealtor.com



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Horseradish Needs Own Space

By Buzz Bertolero
Special to the Times

I love Horseradish; the hotter, the better, so I would like to grow my own. When are horseradish plants or seeds available and how are they grown?

Horseradish is a rugged, hardy perennial herb, an evergreen that thrives in full sun but tolerates light shade and can take almost any type of soil except those consistently waterlogged.

It's available at garden centers during the winter, January, and February, as root divisions; however, you may also find it in the early spring in containers.

Horseradish is not available from seed. Horseradish is an aggressive grower, so you must select an out of the way location to keep it under control.

In heavy clay, roots can

become twisted and malformed, much like carrots, so you should generously amend the soil with any of the blended soil conditioners or homemade compost.

In a container, use potting soil. The planting hole should be one foot wide and as deep. Next, hold the root upright and add the backfill until all but the tip or crown is covered. Sprinkle a starter fertilizer over the top of the plant and water.

Mulch the plant(s) with a one- to two-inch layer of organic matter once the rainy season concludes. One plant is usually plenty for a family. If you need more, space the plants thirty inches apart.

Your first harvest occurs the following spring, as soon as the new growth begins to forms. You'll be harvesting the roots for their pungent flavor. This works better in our mild climate than harvesting in the late fall,

as is recommended in other climates. Besides, when harvesting in the spring, you avoid the hassle of overwintering the root cuttings.

The first-year roots are the most pungent. The most common issue gardeners face with horseradish is not how to grow it but how to keep it from growing where they don't want it. Horseradish plants spread vigorously, once they're established so, again, you should select an out of the way site.

To control the spreading, harvest all the roots, including its branches, then replant only the number of roots you desire as plants for next year. You would save the longest root(s) for replanting and use the rest for your homemade horseradish dishes.

The best method of preventing Horseradish from getting out of control is to grow it in a large container or in a bottomless container placed into

the garden soil which is the recommended method in small gardens. This keeps the horseradish in check, allows for good drainage, and makes harvesting the roots a snap. The dirt is washed and or scrubbed off the roots, and they're dried before being stored

Horseradish roots will keep in the vegetable bin of your refrigerator for three months or even longer if enclosed in a perforated plastic bag. And finally, whatever you do, *do not* till the ground containing horseradish roots or place the roots in your compost pile as you would run the risk of spreading the plant all over your garden.

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San Leandro Market Update

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HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$2,050,000

MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$760,000

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Can I Use POA for Medi-Cal Eligibility?

Q My father is in a nursing home and could really use a Medi-Cal subsidy to help with the cost, which is running about \$9,500 per month. He has dementia and cannot manage his own finances. Years ago he signed a Power Of Attorney naming me as his agent. Can I use it to make gifts of his excess assets to his family in order to help him qualify for Medi-Cal?

By Gene L. Osofsky, Esq.
Special to the Times

A Whoa! Not so fast. There are a couple of real concerns here:

(1) whether the Power Of Attorney legally authorizes gifts, and

(2) whether making gifts of excess assets will help or hurt his eligibility for Medi-Cal.

A Power Of Attorney (POA) must expressly authorize the agent to make gifts. Gifting powers cannot be implied from other clauses, no matter how comprehensive they appear.

This requirement often comes

as a surprise to clients, as many assume – especially if the POA was prepared by an attorney – that the POA authorizes virtually any action that the agent desires to take, including the making of gifts.

Quite the contrary: an agent under a POA is a fiduciary and cannot just give away the principal's assets, no matter how well intended the act, unless the power to do so is expressly authorized in the POA document.

A companion concern is that you, as agent, cannot include

yourself as a gift recipient unless the POA expressly authorizes you to "self deal." The phrase "self deal" means acting in your own self-interest. In the absence of the right to "self deal," the making of gifts to yourself would be viewed as acting in your own self-interest and breaching the higher duty you owe to your father, the maker of the POA. Further, those unauthorized gifts to yourself could be viewed as theft and/or as elder financial abuse.

Of course the POA must also be "durable," meaning that it survives your father's incapacity and remains valid even though he is no longer competent.

The Medi-Cal issue: As you apparently know, in order to qualify for a Medi-Cal nursing home subsidy, an applicant's countable resources must be under certain limits.

For a single individual, the resource ceiling is \$2,000, and for a married couple it is \$130,380 (for 2021). Against

that backdrop, many clients believe that the way to help a loved one qualify for Medi-Cal is to simply help them transfer away excess assets to other family members.

However, unless handled in a very special way, gifting away a loved one's excess assets could backfire: the transfers could potentially disqualify them from a Medi-Cal subsidy, perhaps for a lengthy period going forward.

In summary: your father's POA must first be evaluated to determine if it includes broad gifting powers and self-dealing powers, and next whether it is a "durable" power. Note: Many POA's impose limitations on gifting, sometimes by reference to a tax code section, a limitation which is not usually obvious except to an attorney or tax professional.

If gifting otherwise appears appropriate under the POA to accelerate your father's eligibility for a Medi-Cal subsidy, then you should seek professional guidance from an attorney skilled in

Medi-Cal Planning to develop an appropriate divestment plan that is compliant with the Medi-Cal rules.

If those rules are not strictly observed, the making of gifts could result in a long period of ineligibility from the very Medi-Cal subsidy that you seek.

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Another Covid Scam

By Matilda Charles
SENIOR NEWS LINE

You know it's getting bad when local police chiefs go on the nightly news to warn against scams.

That's what is happening in my area, and possibly in yours. Scammers are going all out to steal your information, money and identity, and they're using the Covid vaccine as their tool.

A few weeks ago, the scammers' tactic was to claim we were eligible for a special Covid Medicare card. The card doesn't exist. So many of us might have said that in response to the frequent phone calls that the scammers changed tactics.

Now they claim to have an appointment for you to get the Covid vaccine.

Here's how it works: A scammer will claim to be calling from your doctor's office, without actually naming the doctor. All they need from



Your best bet is to hang up if you think it might be a scam.

you, they say, is your Medicare card number and possibly your bank account or Social Security number "for identification."

Your best bet is to just hang up. But if you ask for the name of the doctor, they won't know it. It's the same with hospitals and clinics.

If you're not sure whether the call is fake, hang up and call your doctor, the hospital or clinic, and ask if they've tried to contact you.

Scammers also are using different tactics: telling you they can fit you into a quick appointment, saying they're from Medicare or your insurance provider, sending you an email that indicates you can get a fast appointment reservation by calling their special phone number, or offering you the vaccine at a "reduced cost" (the vaccines are free). Some of them actually offer to mail the vaccine to you.

Don't fall for any of these scams. If you need help signing up online for an appointment, call your doctor's office or the senior center. Don't give scammers any information, not even your name.

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City Council Passes Hazardous Pay Ordinance for Grocery Store Workers

Additional \$5 per hour must be paid to front-line workers

The San Leandro City Council voted on Tuesday night to enact a new urgency ordinance to require a pay increase to local grocery store workers.

The ordinance, called the Retail Food Worker Hazard Pay Ordinance, requires grocery stores to compensate full-time and part-time employees with a temporary wage increase of \$5 per hour. The City Council adopted the urgency ordinance in recognition that frontline grocery workers are at greater risk of exposure to the COVID-19 virus because of their public-facing job responsibilities.

The urgency ordinance applies to employees of any retail food establishments that employ 300 or more employees nationwide, regardless of where those employees are employed. It is structured to remain in effect for

“This will mitigate grocery workers’ overexposure to COVID-19.”

— City Councilman Victor Aguilar

120 days or so long as Alameda County is outside the Yellow tier under the current statewide health order framework, or until such time as most employees are vaccinated.

“For nearly one year, grocery store workers have endured a challenging work environment brought upon them by the pandemic,” said City Councilman Victor Aguilar in a statement

from City Hall. “They have performed at a high level while providing food and essential supplies to our residents. This action will mitigate grocery workers’ overexposure to the COVID-19 virus because they will not have to work two to three jobs during this time. The City Council took this action in recognition of their critical work.”

Preliminary records indicate that approximately 19 San Leandro businesses would be subject to the requirements, and approximately 2,105 workers would be eligible for the enhanced pay, according to city officials. The cities of Oakland, Montebello, and Long Beach passed similar ordinances earlier this year.

Federal Funds Available For COVID Funerals

East Bay Congresswoman Barbara Lee has announced \$2 billion in special FEMA funds are available for families to afford proper funerals for their loved ones who passed away as a result of the Coronavirus.

The program replicates

the funding used for funeral assistance after Hurricane Katrina. It will allow families to be reimbursed up to \$7,000 for funeral expenses. The funds will be retroactive through the beginning of the pandemic, Jan. 20, 2020, to Dec. 31, 2020.

San Leandran Makes Dean’s List at Northeastern

Northeastern University in Boston, Mass. recently announced those students who distinguish themselves academically during the course of the school year, making the dean’s list for the fall 2020 semester. The dean’s list includes San Leandro resident Wanjiku Githere, majoring in behavioral neuroscience.

To achieve the dean’s list distinction, students must carry a full program of at least four courses, have a quality point average of 3.5 or greater out of a possible 4.0 and carry no single grade lower than a C- during the course of their college career. Each student receives a letter of commendation and congratulation from their college dean.

Homeless: Local groups help homeless

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homeless are low-key and try not to attract attention. Those who are asking for help might not be homeless but those who are homeless do need help.”

Most public commenters during the meeting said they were grateful for the groups responsible for serving the homeless population. Some public questions

asked about potential locations to build long-term structures. Other commenters asked the council to reallocate funds from the San Leandro police budget for these homeless services.

The presentation identified several funding sources including City Affordable Housing Trust Funds, Former Redevelopment Housing Set-Aside/Successor Agency Funds, Federal HOME/Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds, Alameda County Measure A-1, San Leandro’s Housing Bond Funding, State Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA), and any new funding awarded to San Leandro in 2020.

San Leandro’s Housing Division issued a request for a proposal on Feb. 1 for any qualified developer to build high-density affordable housing. The developer would be given priority on the city’s remaining share of County A-1 funds (approximately \$5 million) and funds from California’s Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) program (\$400,000 annually).

LOCAL DEATHS

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John Vincent Atoigue

John Vincent Atoigue, loving son and brother, devoted husband and father of two young children, passed away on February 4th, 2021, at the age of 40.

Born on July 26th, 1980 in San Leandro, California to Isabel and Gregory Atoigue, Sr., he graduated from San Leandro High School in 1999 and attended Chabot College. John joined American Audio Visual in 2003. He earned employee of the year in 2006 and in his 10 years of service, worked his way to the rank of Director. His dedication and willingness to work hard earned him many professional awards, but his greatest achievement was personal: winning the affection of Rebecca Cisneros, whom he married in 2010. She was the love of his life, and together they traveled, sang karaoke, made San Francisco their home, and brought two beautiful boys into the world.

An avid runner who loved to explore the outdoors, John taught his boys to appreciate all of life’s little wonders, and was a dedicated father who enjoyed spending every minute with his family. Known for his kind heart, generous spirit and welcoming nature, he loved nothing more than to share a meal or talk about the world, and always supported those who meant the most to him. His endless patience, compassion, and a smile that lit up a room made him the most endearing person, and the kind of man whose light will shine long after he is gone.

John Vincent is preceded in death by his grandfathers, Vicente Castro and John Atoigue; his grandmother, Darlene Castro; and his older brother, Gregory Atoigue Jr. He is survived by his parents, Isabel and Greg Atoigue Sr.; grandmother, Mary Atoigue; siblings, Christopher, Angelica, and Jaclyne Atoigue; and his loving wife, Rebecca Cisneros; and their two sons, Benjamin and James, as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

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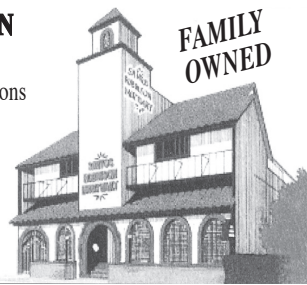
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Francoise Bullard

September 22, 1928 ~ January 23, 2021

Francoise “Frenchie” Bullard 92, passed away peacefully at her home in San Leandro, surrounded by her family.

Francoise was born to Henri and Marguerite Faure in Fontainebleau, France. Raised during WWII, she became a toe tagger and met her U.S. soldier and fell madly in love. They married in her hometown in 1949 and moved back to California and the Bay Area, where they raised their family.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 50 years, Theodore “Teddy” Bullard.

Francoise was a gifted seamstress and skating costume designer. She was a talented tole painter as well. She enjoyed making beautiful cakes for special occasions. An excellent cook, she loved to entertain, and did so often.

In 1983 she and Teddy retired to beautiful Jackson, CA. After his passing in 1998, Francoise returned to the bay area, San Leandro. She became a proud member of the Red-Hat Club; and enjoyed taking many bus trips back to Jackson Casino, her happy place.

She is survived by her daughters; Dawn Agosta of Vallejo, Cathy Lennon (Michael) of Antioch, and her youngest and roommate Linda Mendonza of San Leandro.

Francoise will be dearly remembered for her role as “Nanou” to her seven Grandchildren; ten Great-grandchildren; and eight Great-great-grandchildren. But not only to her family but to Everyone who ever knew her called her Nanou.



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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Time is on your side in the early part of the week. But anything left undone by midweek will need to be put into rush mode. The weekend offers choices for you and someone special.



TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Finally getting credit for a contribution is nice for all you idea-generating Ferdinands and Fernandas. But don't sit on your laurels under the cork tree. Use it as a first step to a bigger opportunity.



GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Despite the progress made, a hint of doubt might set in. That's OK. You need to stop and consider not only what you're doing but also how you are doing. Make adjustments where needed.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): The dreamer is dominant in the Moon Child's aspect, but a dollop of hardheaded practicality is coming up fast and jockeying for space. The challenge is to make room for both modes.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): It's a good week for Leos and Leonas to start assessing what they've done and what they plan to do. Moving to a new environment -- home or job-related -- is a possibility for some Cats.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): The week calls for Virgos to make tough decisions, but in a way that leaves the door open for changes. Ask for advice from someone who has been in the position you're in now.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): Disappointments are never easy to take, but you have the ability to learn from them and go on to success. Meanwhile, continue to build up your contacts. You'll need them soon.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): Things might still be going much too slowly to suit you. But you need the time to make sure they're going in the right direction. It's easier to make a course correction now rather than later.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Showing some temperament at the way things are going is one way of getting your point across. Just don't overdo it, or you risk turning away more-moderate supporters.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Things could change more quickly this week than you like. But don't fret; you'll most likely find that you're up to the challenges. The weekend offers much-needed relaxation.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Big challenge coming up? Uncross those fingers and believe that you're going to do well. And keep in mind that so many people have faith in your ability to succeed.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Testing the waters is a good way of learning about an opportunity before plunging right in. Ask more questions and be alert to any attempts to avoid giving complete answers.

Taylor: Council honors Taylor

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community, including people of color, are valued and essential to promoting human rights and social justice for all."

The city's press release this week said, "The City of San Leandro continues to recognize the sanctity of every human life and supports policies that promote de-escalation tactics and regular police training to save the lives of all persons, especially those disproportionately impacted by law enforcement. Steven Taylor and Sanctity of Life Day will serve as a reminder of the city's commitment to this mission."



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE TAYLOR FAMILY

Steven Taylor was a lifelong San Leandro resident.

Double Masks Add Protection

Double-masking or wearing tightly-fitted masks can reduce exposure to coronavirus by about 95%, according to a new study published last week by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

Fitting a cloth mask over a medical or N95 mask (double masking), or knotting the ear

loops of a medical procedure mask and then tucking in and flattening the extra material close to the face, substantially reduces the wearer's exposure from infected persons.

The most important thing is making sure both masks have a proper fit. Try to use a mask

with a nose wire, as they do a much better job of forming a seal around your nose and mouth.

To test, try blowing out a big breath while you feel around the edges of the mask. If any warm air is escaping, adjust the mask until there's a sealed fit all around the sides.

BART and AC Transit Offer Free Coliseum Vaccine Rides

BART, for a limited time, will offer a free train ride home for those who have been vaccinated at the Coliseum.

On Tuesday, BART added extra staff at the Coliseum station during its regular hours to provide anyone who has received a vaccine a free \$7 BART ticket on-site after showing their vaccination card with a matching date. Seven dollars is enough fare to get home to any station (except SFO) in the system.

BART's free ride home is only available from the Coliseum site. The free ticket is non-refundable and is only available on the same day of the person's

appointment.

AC Transit will offer free-fare shuttles to the Oakland Coliseum for riders who are eligible to receive their Covid vaccination. To access the shuttle, all riders must present their email proof of appointment to the bus operator.

The first shuttle will operate every 15-minutes directly from Coliseum BART to the vaccination site. Riders of Bus Lines 45, 46L, 73, 90, and 98 may also connect to the vaccine shuttle at Coliseum BART.

The shuttle will operate 7-days a week from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Riders should watch for

the bus sign: Vaccine Shuttle/ BART-Coliseum.

The second shuttle will operate every 20-minutes starting at the Eastmont Transit Center, with a stop at Coliseum BART, before proceeding to the vaccine site. Riders of Bus Lines Tempo 1T, 40, 45, 57, 73, 90, 98, and NL may also connect to the vaccine shuttle at Eastmont. Rider should watch for the sign: Vaccine Shuttle/Eastmont-BART-Coliseum.

Those individuals who have mobility challenges will have assistance getting between the Coliseum BART Station and the parking lot vaccination site.

Light Up a Candle for the Arc

The Arc of the East Bay, a nonprofit organization offering life skills education along with job training and placement services to some 350 adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, is

hosting a candle fundraiser.

The Arc's clients include individuals with such disabilities as autism, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, and fetal alcohol syndrome.

From now until March 31 help

support the clients and families by purchasing amazing candles and diffusers by contacting Judy Viera at judyviera@arcamedia.org. For more information, visit abc.afsports.biz/order/F8T7XK.

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LETTERS to the EDITOR

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A Warning on Loans

Editor:

I am a senior citizen and have lived in San Leandro for over thirty years. Ten years ago I retired and needed repairs to my duplex.

I had three friends with homes in Oakland who applied for Fix-It loans through the City of Oakland – interest free. I approached the City of San Leandro and was told that no such loan existed but I was eligible for a Senior Citizen Loan.

I asked many questions about this loan. I could have gone to my credit union, as the mortgage on the duplex was fully paid. My main question was when and how I could pay off this loan.

Eight years ago I received some unexpected money and wanted to use it to pay off this loan for repairs from the City of San Leandro. I called and asked about paying it off and was asked for a utility bill as proof that I lived in the duplex.

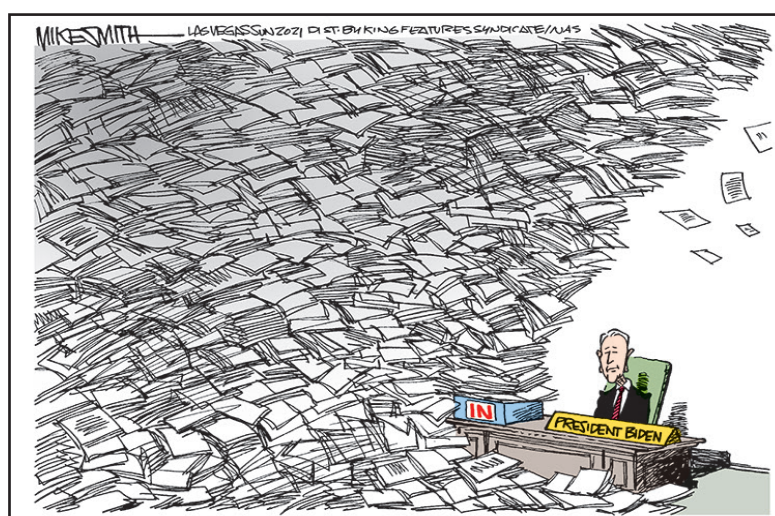
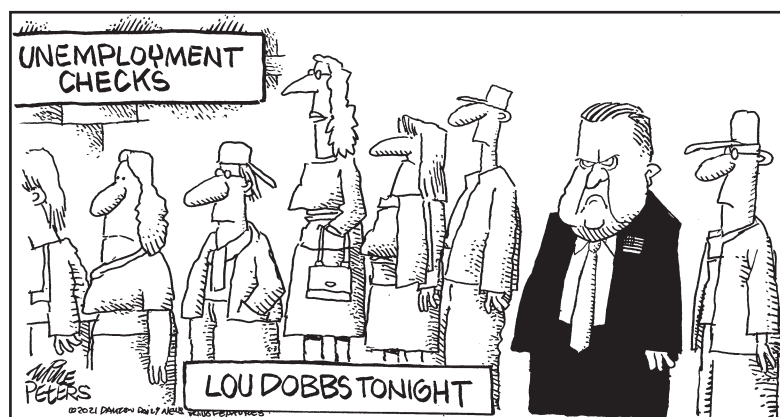
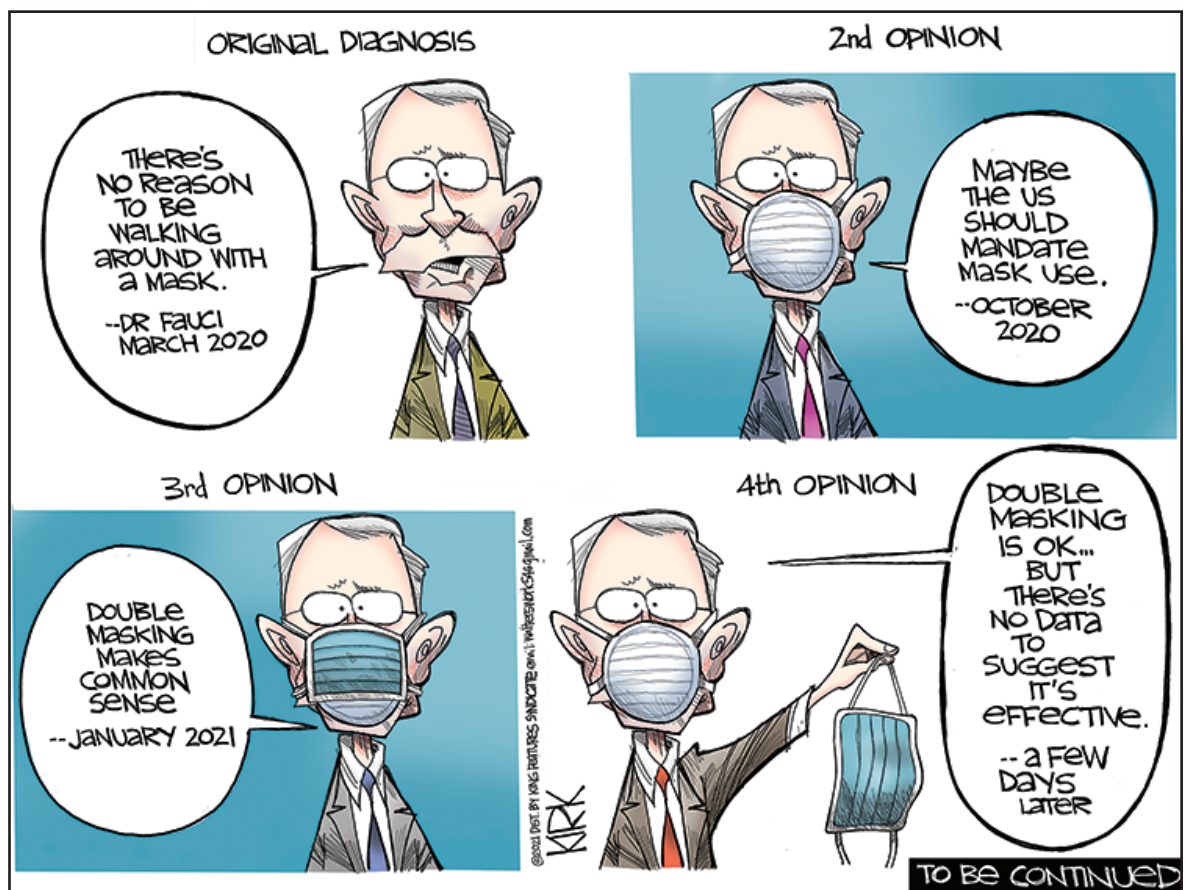
After repeated calls I was finally told that I must pay the entire balance and not a payment on the balance. Otherwise, I

could only pay the interest. This went on for years, and I became increasingly frustrated because I was paying interest each year, when it could have been paid off.

I have had three operations in the last eight years. My estate is a mess. My understanding is that the loan company now wants to add additional service fees to my loan. I have paid unbelievable interest over the last ten years. According to the current Community Development Director, I now owe \$5,031.13 in additional fees.

I have had help from my credit union agent, my fire insurance agent, my tax preparer and two attorneys (trying to create a Living Trust). All have told me to get rid of this lender. I have pleaded with the City of San Leandro for eight years for a payoff total and have never received an answer, despite repeated promises to call me back. Make sure that your senior citizen relatives are not taken for such a financial ride.

—Rosemary Gallegos
San Leandro



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Coliseum: The goal is to vaccinate 6,000 people per day

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The shots will be given seven days a week, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The vaccine supply should not be a problem at the Coliseum site as it has at other locations in California, Curry said. The vaccine at the Coliseum is coming from the federal government, separate from the supply distributed to the state.

Both Vaccines Available at Coliseum Site

The vaccines given this week at the Coliseum are both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, which require two shots. When people make an appointment they can schedule two dates for both shots.

The Coliseum site expects to also get the Johnson & Johnson vaccine when it becomes available, and that vaccine only requires one shot, Kaplan said.

A combination of federal, state and local agencies set up the site in the past week – the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES), the Department of Defense and several other agencies.

The goal is to vaccinate 6,000 people per day. The first day was expected to be about half that number, but the number should pick up as they get everything running smoothly, Kaplan said.

As of this week, those eligible for the COVID vaccination are

people 65 and older, essential workers in food and agriculture, emergency services, education and childcare.

Make Appointment At MyTurn

To determine if you're eligible to get a shot, go to MyTurn at the California Department of Public Health website: MyTurn.ca.gov. The site asks a few questions to determine if you're eligible for a vaccination right now.

For those without computer access, call the CA COVID-19 Hotline at 1-833-422-4255 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The winter surge seems to have receded and the daily infection rates are down from a month ago, say health officials. But the coronavirus is far from gone, so we need to continue taking precautions and getting vaccinated.

CVS drug stores also started administering COVID vaccinations last week. Those over 65 and eligible can make an appointment at CVS.com or by calling 800-746-7287.

Last week, several CVS stores in the Bay Area were making appointments. The list didn't include stores in San Leandro or Castro Valley, but CVS says the stores offering the vaccine will shift.

The COVID vaccines can't



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

People arriving for their appointment to have a COVID vaccine are directed to the tent where the shots are administered in the parking lot of the Oakland Coliseum. The vaccine site opened Tuesday and expects to give 6,000 vaccinations a day between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

make you sick with COVID-19, according to the CDC. The vaccines don't contain the live virus that causes COVID-19.

All of the vaccines in development teach our immune systems how to recognize and fight the virus that causes COVID-19.

Retirement: Chief Tudor expresses gratitude

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"Captain Torres' two decades of community-building and law enforcement experience in our city were key factors in my

choice to appoint him to this acting position," said Robustelli at the time.

Tudor thanked the members of the police department for their dedication to the job in his statement last Friday.

"I want to express my sincere gratitude to the women and men of the San Leandro Police Department for their perseverance, professionalism, and

“Even in the most trying times these professionals upheld their duty.”

— Jeff Tudor

daily commitment," Tudor said. "Even in the most trying times, these hardworking professionals showed up and upheld their duty to protect this community."

Tudor also thanked Mayor Pauline Cutter and said he took comfort knowing that the department and community are in good hands.

Police department employees of 30 years receive a pension of 90 percent of their highest salary. Tudor's salary was \$268,000, according to the Transparent California website.

Transparent California lists Torres' previous salary as captain as \$217,000, followed by Captain Jamie Knox at \$203,000 and Lt. Isaac Benabou at \$183,000.

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/s/ Roxanne K. Rufino
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/s/ Celeste N. Olivarez
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/s/ WOOFWALKS LLC
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The name of the business(es): DOTJE located at 246 Arroyo Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94577, in Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1) Suzanne Emans, 246 Arroyo Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94577 and (2) Pascalle Jansen Abdelrahim, 660 King Street 354, San Francisco, CA 94107. This business is conducted by a general partnership. This business commenced N/A.

/s/ Suzanne Emans, Pascalle Jansen Abdelrahim
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/s/ Oliver Javier
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The name of the business(es): M & M One Stop Shop located at 14393 Washington Avenue Suite F, San Leandro, CA 94578, in Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1) Maged Al Khateeb, 606 Cozumel Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93307 and (2) Muad Al Maliki, 480 1st Street, Richmond, CA 94801. This business is conducted by a general partnership. This business commenced 10-01-2020.

/s/ Maged Al Khateeb, Muad Al Maliki
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/s/ Harold B. Brooks
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