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## City Council Caps Food Delivery Fees

GrubHub says 'overstep' will hurt businesses, delivery workers

By Michael Singer  
San Leandro Times

The San Leandro City Council voted unanimously on Monday night to put a temporary 15-percent limit on the total fees that third-party food delivery companies can charge restaurants in San Leandro during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Companies like DoorDash, GrubHub, Postmates, and UberEats charge a combination of service fees, in addition to tips a customer might give.

The problem, according to Economic Development Manager Katie Bowman, is that these fees are putting the squeeze on local restaurants which are limited to customer pickups and delivery services to survive.

"These delivery service fees range between 20% and 50% for each sale, which makes profit margins tight for restaurant owners," Bowman said, noting that in response, some of the restaurants have raised prices for their food. "And because these restaurants can't serve inside or outside their business, they have little choice but to work with these online delivery services."

Bowman said she has been in contact with many restaurant owners about the issue and that none that she spoke with would cancel their online delivery service relationships. The high fees levied on restaurants have made

it difficult for some local companies to even participate in online food delivery services, she added.

City staff reported that other major cities have already implemented similar measures.

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## Property Transfer Tax Going On Ballot

By Michael Singer  
San Leandro Times

San Leandro voters will decide in November on a proposed tax increase on San Leandro property sales after the City Council voted unanimously Monday to put it on the ballot.

The proposal would increase the transfer tax by \$5 per \$1,000 in value. It is expected to bring the city an additional \$4 million annually. The measure needs a simple majority, over 50 percent, to pass.

The current transfer tax rate in San Leandro is \$6 per \$1,000. If voters approve the measure

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PHOTO BY ZACHARY BORJA

People brought paint buckets and rollers down to Parrott Street on Saturday to paint a Black Lives Matter mural.

## Black Lives Matter Mural Painted on Parrott

By Jim Knowles  
San Leandro Times

A group of volunteers painted a Black Lives Matter mural on Parrott Street in downtown San Leandro on Saturday with a sense of urgency.

The organizers said that they wanted to get it done on Saturday, exactly three months after the April 18 police shooting

death of Steven Taylor at the Walmart on Hesperian Boulevard.

Around 70 to 80 people helped paint the mural during the course of the day, said Kaitlin Howell, one of the organizers.

Most people who saw the mural being painted supported the idea. A few gave donations, which were passed along to the Taylor family, Howell said.

A couple of people with objections to the mural called out as they passed, but Howell said that the group was willing to discuss the mural with anyone.

"We were prepared to have a conversation about it," Howell said. "Not shouting and 'I'm right and you're wrong,' but educating and finding a common ground."

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## Cutter, Chan Take the Covid Test

By Jim Knowles  
San Leandro Times

Covid-19 is on the rise in Alameda County and testing is an important step in stopping it.

So to set an example, two local political figures stepped up and got the test for Covid-19 last Friday at the Marina Community Center.

Mayor Pauline Cutter and Alameda County Supervisor Wilma Chan came out of the building after their tests and talked with reporters.

It's not that bad, Cutter answered when asked about the test. "It does go up your nostril but it's not that uncomfortable,"

Cutter said.

The fact that there's testing here in San Leandro is a leap forward in fighting the coronavirus, Cutter said.

"I think we just have to bear with it," Cutter said. "I wish there was more direction at the national level. But working together we can get rid of this together."

Cutter and Chan both criticized the national response to the coronavirus, Chan adding that President Trump isn't taking the virus seriously. So this is shaping up to be a campaign

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PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Mayor Pauline Cutter speaks after taking a Covid-19 test as Supervisor Wilma Chan looks on and a radio reporter uses a social-distancing microphone holder.

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## MEETING SCHEDULES

### 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



Marky



Ron

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter are two dogs, Marky and Ron.

**Marky** is a 2-year-old male husky mix. Marky knows sit and shake, walks well on leash, but is a little timid and shy. Marky would do well in a home with previous husky experience.

**Ron** is a 10-year-old male chihuahua who is friendly and social. He enjoys the company of people and dogs and playing with toys. He would do well in a home with children of all ages.

If interested in adopting Marky or Ron, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at 510-293-7200.



PHOTO BY LARRY ROSA

JoAnn Silver and her granddaughter, Lindsay Silver, were greeted by a drive-through ceremony at Silver's retirement party.

## Longtime Senior Meals Worker, JoAnn Silver, Retires

JoAnn Silver retired from Spectrum Community Services last week after 22 years of service in the city of San Leandro.

Silver was a part of the Senior Meal Team, helping to distribute meals to seniors at the San Leandro Senior Center. She has been recognized numerous times by the mayor and City Council for her work.

Silver was given a drive-through retirement party attended by clients, Spectrum staff and

City of Leandro employees as she was accompanied by her granddaughter.

## Join the Hamilton Trivia Contest

Join the San Leandro Public Library's Zoom Meet-Up with a Hamilton Trivia Contest on Thursday, July 30, at 6 p.m. Open to teens going into 7th to 12th grades. Think you know

Hamilton? Put your knowledge to the test to win a fabulous gift card prize.

Email [kmandalay@sanleandro.org](mailto:kmandalay@sanleandro.org) to sign up and get the meet-up information.

## SL Democratic Club to Meet Online

A virtual meeting of the San Leandro Democratic Club will be held on Thursday, July 23 at 6:30

pm. To participate, email club president Melissa West at [mwest.ude@hotmail.com](mailto:mwest.ude@hotmail.com).

## Church to Host Prayer Vigil on Racial Injustice

The San Leandro Church of Christ, 601 MacArthur Blvd., in San Leandro will host a hybrid prayer vigil/demonstration on Wednesday night Aug. 12, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in front of the church.

Prayers will be offered for the dismantling of systemic racial injustice in America and for the families of those who have died recently due to racism and/or police brutality.

Masks will be required, and

social distancing observed. People of all faiths are welcome.

If you would like, bring a sheltered candle and a sign with the name of one of those who have recently died. There will also be a "wall of names" where you will have the opportunity to write the names of people you want memorialized who died due to racism or police brutality.

Contact Woody and Judy Square at [woodysquare@sbcglobal.net](mailto:woodysquare@sbcglobal.net) with any questions.

## Zoom Bible School

The San Leandro Church of Christ is offering a free, week-long Vacation Bible School by zoom meeting. Go online with the Squares from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday on the week of July 27 to 31.

The material will be targeted to elementary school aged kids, but all ages are welcome. The program includes kids' videos,

games, crafts, and other activities focusing on various Bible stories and biblical principles.

Parents will receive an email list of some basic supplies that they will need to gather for the activities.

Contact Woody and Judy Square at [woodysquare@sbcglobal.net](mailto:woodysquare@sbcglobal.net) to register your kids.

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Firefighters were called to a blaze at the building where many firefighters had trained.

## Fire Department Training Center Goes Up in Flames

The Alameda County Fire Department put out a fire early last Thursday on familiar territory, their own training center in San Leandro.

Firefighters arrived at the

blaze at 2:20 a.m. July 16 to find a building fully engulfed in flames, according to the Alameda County Fire Department.

Thousands of firefighters have trained in the building

over the years in a structure that was used for classrooms and offices.

There were no injuries. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

## Caps: 'Would not withstand legal challenge'

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posed limits on fees that delivery services can charge customers. San Francisco, Berkeley, Santa Cruz and Marin have capped fees to around 15 percent. Statewide, Los Angeles, Santa Monica and West Hollywood have approved limits on these types of fees.

Several of the council members felt capping these fees would do little to hurt the millions that companies like GrubHub and Postmates make from their service.

"I do understand that many of these companies must pay their drivers as employees and not as

consultants, so they have some expenses they have to pay out, but I am not too worried about Uber (which owns UberEats). They are doing well. Fifteen percent is not going to put them out of business," said Council Pete Ballew.

At least one of the online food delivery companies sees it differently.

"Any arbitrary cap – regardless of the duration – will lower order volume to locally-owned restaurants, increase costs for small business owners, and raise costs for customers," said a GrubHub spokesperson. "Delivery workers would have fewer work

opportunities and lower earnings. We also believe that any cap on fees represents an overstep by local officials and would not withstand a legal challenge."

The City Council said that the limit would be temporary and would be lifted immediately after Alameda County removed dining restrictions for indoor seating.

## SLHS Track Coach Makes Team Video; Distance Runner Plans Career in Teaching



PHOTOS COURTESY OF DENISE WILLIAMS-WEST

San Leandro High School middle-distance runner Michael Declaro, at left in both photos, worked as a teacher's aide for Ms. West's (at right) second grade class at Jefferson Elementary School this past school year and now wants to become a teacher.

The 2020 San Leandro High School Track and Field team had a devastating blow to their season when the Covid-19 pandemic caused the closure of schools and school sports on March 13.

It was a disappointment to the 75 members of the SLHS track team who were looking forward to the annual San Leandro Invitational the following week.

Coach Denise Williams-West decided to make a video tribute to the team, especially for the 15 seniors who missed out on their final track and field season. With the help of the rest of the track and field coaches, SLHS staff and principals, Dr. Reginald Richardson and Dr. Ronald Richardson, the video was produced, which is on YouTube under "SLHS Track & Field Team."

Micheal Declaro, who graduated from San Leandro High this year, will attend San Jose State University in the fall.

He wants to become a teacher after completing a year as an Elementary Aide at Thomas Jefferson Elementary School in the second grade class taught by Denise Williams-West, who is also his track



coach at SLHS

Declaro ran the 400 and 800 meters as well as the mile on the SLHS under coach West. His plans include both joining the U.S. Navy and coming back to Jefferson Elementary as a teacher.

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# Mural: 'These aren't just words on the street'

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Howell described the volunteers as a grassroots group of San Leandrans, including Art for Change San Leandro, Unity in the Community, and the San Leandro High School Black Student Union.

By painting the mural on Saturday, the mural went a little ahead of schedule, since the City Council wasn't set to vote on the mural until this Monday. Howell said the council voted to put it on the July 20 agenda at the July 6 meeting and the council was generally in favor of the mural. The City Council approved the mural on Monday night, two days after it was painted.

The organizers had spoken with the City Manager's office and given their plans to City Hall, Howell said.

"We've been transparent with them all along," she said.

But the officials didn't seem to mind the mural going up before the City Council voted on it. A policeman even came by as the mural was being painted and asked the muralists to call if they needed anything, Howell said.

"Technically, yeah, you're



PHOTO BY ZACHARY BORJA

The mural painters celebrated their work at the end of the day on Saturday.

supposed to get public art approved through the city," Howell said. "But this was done in a protest spirit. They still haven't released the officer's names (in the Steven Taylor shooting). We want to put pressure on them to do the right thing.

They would just have liked us to do it on a different date but we had the support of the City Council."

City Council members Corina Lopez, Ed Hernandez, Victor Aguilar and Mayor Pauline Cutter came by on Saturday as

the mural was being painted, Howell said. And Steven Taylor's grandmother Addie Kitchen came by, too.

Howell said that the mural isn't supposed to be just words on a street and forgotten.

"Our overall message is that this serves as a reminder for each of us that these are conversations we need to have and a call to action. These aren't just words on our street but what our community stands for every day."



## Last Chance to See Comet

This photo of the newly discovered Comet Neowise was taken last week near Lake Chabot by Veterinarian Dr. René C. Gandolfi. To catch a glimpse of the comet before it zips away into the depths of space, look below the Big Dipper in the northwest sky just after sunset. Using binoculars or a small telescope is recommended for the best views. It will not be seen again from Earth for another 6,800 years.

## Fire Chief Rocha To Retire

Chief David Rocha of the Alameda County Fire Department will retire effective Saturday, Aug. 15, after a 33-year firefighting career.

Rocha had informed the

Alameda County Board of Supervisors of his plans to retire last fall, saying he would stay on until a successor was named. He will be replaced

by Las Vegas Fire Chief William McDonald, effective Aug. 17.

Rocha started his firefighting career in 1987 in San Leandro. He served in several capacities — fire inspector, engineer, captain, battalion chief, and deputy fire chief before being appointed fire chief in 2014. He previously worked for a private ambulance company.

Rocha played a key role in the fire department's consolidation efforts including the implementation of the Alameda County Regional Emergency Communications Center, which dispatches fire apparatus, ambulances and fire and rescue mutual-aid resources for 16 California counties.

Rocha was named the California Fire Chiefs Association's Ronny J. Coleman Fire Chief of the Year in 2019.



David Rocha

### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF

Susan Marie Dailey  
Case Number:  
RP20061372

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **Susan Marie Dailey.**

A Petition for Probate has been filed by **Stonecrest Acquisitions, LLC: Denise Hill, Manager** in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda. The Petition for Probate requests that **Stonecrest Acquisitions, LLC: Denise Hill, Manager** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The Petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

**A HEARING on the petition will be held on August 11, 2020, 9:31 a.m., Dept. 202, at 2120 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA 94704.**

**IF YOU OBJECT** to the granting of the petition you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

**IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent**, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

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## LIFESTYLE



## Step Up to the Plate!

Baseball's finally back and this year it means more time in front of the TV with plenty of easy-to-eat food at the ready.

Unlike typical armchair munchies, these sandwiches aren't loaded with the extra fat and salt found in party mixes, chips and fried foods.

## ALL HANDS SANDWICHES

A little imagination can turn a platter of sandwiches into a tasty assortment of unexpected combinations of meats and cheeses, lettuces and vegetables pictured above.

- 1 sesame roll
- 2 slices seeded rye bread
- 2 pieces baguette, cut on an angle and sliced in half
- Wholegrain roll
- 4 slices 8-grain bread
- 1/4 pound each of salami, pepperoni, roast beef, low-fat bologna, all thinly sliced
- 1/4 pound each pepperjack, American, Cheddar and Swiss cheese, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup shredded lettuce
- 1/4 cup deli coleslaw
- Russian dressing
- 1/2 red onion, thinly sliced
- 1/2 tomato, thinly sliced
- 1/2 pound each sliced roast turkey and baked ham

Assortment of fresh lettuces, greens and basil  
Red and yellow peppers

Building the sandwiches:

Layer sesame roll bottom with lettuce, add three slices pepper-jack cheese, folded turkey slices, pepper slices; cover with top half of sesame roll.

Cover baguette half with shredded lettuce, shingle with salami, add three slices American cheese, then shingle with pepperoni. Top with remaining baguette half.

Spread rye bread slice with coleslaw, add folded slices roast beef; drizzle with Russian dressing, top with two slices red onion. Cover with remaining rye bread slice.

Cover wholegrain roll half with three slices American cheese. Fold and add bologna, cover with shredded lettuce and top with remaining roll half.

Place several basil leaves on

bottom half of second baguette. Fold turkey and place on sandwich. Top turkey with three cheddar slices. Add several more basil leaves and cover with remaining baguette half.

Layer green leaf lettuce on slice of 8-grain bread. Add three slices Swiss cheese. Fold ham and layer on sandwich. Top with tomato slices and remaining slice of whole grain bread.

Garnish tops of sandwiches with olives, cherry tomatoes and pickles skewered with toothpicks. Serves 6, or...maybe 3.

## LOW FAT TURKEY REUBENS

- 1/4 cup fat-free thousand island dressing
- 8 slices dark rye bread
- 8 ounces thinly sliced cooked turkey

1/2 cup sauerkraut, drained  
4 slices low-fat Swiss cheese  
Vegetable oil spray

Spread salad dressing on one side of each slice of bread. Top 4 slices of bread with turkey, sauerkraut and cheese. Top with remaining bread slices, dressing side down, of course.

Spray a large skillet with vegetable oil. Cook 2 sandwiches over medium heat 4 to 6 minutes or until bread toasts and cheese melts, turning once. Repeat with remaining sandwiches. Serves 4.

## ROASTED VEGGIE SANDWICH

- 1/4 cup red wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh basil leaves
- 1 each, small eggplant, small squash, small zucchini, all sliced into thin rounds
- 1 medium red bell pepper, cut into strips
- 1 small red onion, thinly sliced
- Salt, pepper and cayenne, to taste

Low-fat mayonnaise

8 slices multi-grain bread

Preheat the oven to 450°F. In

a large mixing bowl, combine the vinegar and oil. Add the basil and the vegetables and toss to coat. Spread the vegetables on a baking sheet or shallow roasting pan. Sprinkle with salt, pepper and cayenne to taste.

Bake, stirring occasionally, until the vegetables are tender and lightly browned, about 30 minutes. Remove from the oven and let cool.

Spread the mayonnaise on four slices of bread and arrange the vegetables on the other four slices. Close, cut diagonally and serve. Makes 4 sandwiches.

## HUMMUS CHICKEN SALAD SANDWICH

- 1 cup cooked chicken breast, cubed
- 1 tablespoon diced scallions
- 2 tablespoons diced celery
- 2 tablespoons diced red pepper
- 1 tablespoon water
- 1/2 cup favorite hummus
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 4 slices multi-grain bread

Combine cubed chicken with other ingredients and stir well. Serve on multi-grain bread as a sandwich, in a wrap, or as an ap-

petizer with veggies, chips or pita. Yields 2 servings.

## GRILLED ONION &amp; CHEDDAR

- 1 large onion
- 3 tablespoons soft butter,
- 4 (4x4) slices Cheddar cheese
- 4 slices wholegrain bread

Cut onion into 1/4-inch thick slices. Melt 1 tablespoon butter in 10-inch nonstick skillet over medium heat.

Separate onion slices into rings and add to skillet. Sauté until softened and browned, turning as needed and pressing down into pan with spatula for 10 to 15 minutes.

Place cheese between unbuttered bread slices to make 2 sandwiches. Spread outside lightly with softened butter. Grill sandwiches in separate skillet over medium-low heat until browned on underside, 4 to 5 minutes. Remove top slices of bread and add sautéed onions. Replace bread, turn sandwiches and press down with spatula. Grill until cheese is melted and second sides are browned, 4 to 5 minutes. Makes 2 servings.

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## REAL ESTATE REALITY

By Carl Medford, CRS  
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GUEST COMMENTARY



## Some Real Estate Practices May Go the Way of the Dinosaurs

Man kind has long pondered the extinction of the dinosaurs and postulated countless theories over the years.

A scenario gaining credence after the discovery of the 110-mile diameter Chicxulub Meteor Crater is that a massive meteor impacted with such force it obliterated the earth's existing ecosystem. While still a theory, it postulates that the life that survived was radically different than preceding lifeforms.

It has been suggested that COVID-19 will have the same impact on real estate.

As the pandemic erupted and shelter-in-place mandates were instituted, Realtors and homeowners alike despaired as it became obvious open houses would not be allowed for the foreseeable future.

At the beginning, access

was forbidden to occupied homes and showings of vacant properties were relegated to "appointment only." Extensive coronavirus disclaimers were required to be signed by all parties prior to visits.

Only 2 adults from the same household were allowed entry with their agent, and children were forbidden access.

While it was hoped restrictions would continue easing, the current resurgence of COVID-19 cases is retightening constraints. Bottom line, buyers still face difficulty viewing prospective listings, and open houses as we knew them may not return.

You might think this would slow the sale of homes. In fact, the opposite is true.

We are currently facing a nationwide inventory crisis as many of the factors prompt-

ing home sales are on hold. Job transfers have slowed to a trickle, many retirees are sheltering-in-place instead of relocating and other potential sellers, concerned about allowing access to their homes, are hunkering down and waiting for things to calm down.

Inversely, there is a large pool of buyers who want to purchase homes and, coupled with the lowest interest rates in over 50 years, are out en masse writing multiple offers on almost everything in sight.

Real estate is changing dramatically and agents must adapt. As an example, those who focused on deploying countless open house signs are having to learn other means of marketing homes.

More change is coming.

As the economic effects of the current layoffs take hold, the resulting economic upheaval will change things again. Some will be unable to repay their loan forbearance payments and many jobs will disappear completely.

While not yet readily visible, it is widely believed a financial tsunami is coming which will change everything yet again. Those Realtors who cannot adapt will not make it through the next wave of change.

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

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## Critters Eating Lemons

By Buzz Bertolero  
Special to the Times

This past year some bug or animal has been feeding on my lemons. It is an extraordinary sight to see the lemons still attached to the tree with some or no white pith, exposed to the air. And there is lots of debris on the ground under the canopy. Have you ever heard of such a thing happening?

Yes, this is an increasingly common occurrence with lemons, along with other types of edibles.

Later this summer, tomatoes

will be victimized. It's highly unlikely for a bug or insect to be the cause of the problem. Their mouthparts are not large enough to do this type of damage. It's more likely that the culprit is a nocturnal rodent or larger animal.

Raccoons, possums, or maybe squirrels come to mind; however, my number one suspect is roof-rats, which are a different species from a sewer rat.

They can nest in structures such as an attic or crawl spaces but are more likely to nest outdoors in dense, thick, shrubby ground covers.

Ivy, Cotoneasters, Junipers, and Ceanothus are excellent hiding places for roof rats as they protect them from predators such as feral cats.



BUZZ BERTOLERO  
THE DIRT GARDENER

They're very mobile so that they may be nesting elsewhere. The lemons are not a stable part of the diet, but instead, they're used as a water source. I live next to a creek, so I'm not bothered by these kinds of animals as I live next to a water supply.

Unfortunately, there isn't one ideal solution. Netting the lemon tree or bush isn't viable because of its size and year-round maturity of its fruit. Poison Baits are not advisable unless there is some bait station to protect the domestic animal, aka dogs, and cats from it.

You might trim the foliage back so the access from some type of structure is reduced along with trimming up the lower branches. Adopting a hungry cat to roam at night is not a bad idea; otherwise, you'll need to contact a commercial exterminator for a second opinion.

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# From Victory Gardens to Garage Greatness: 5 Big Jobs to Tackle for Summer

Summer is here, and that means it's time to tackle the big outdoor tasks.

The importance of getting work done is especially true in this season of social isolation, when Americans are enjoying their homes' outdoor spaces more than ever. Outdoor work may require some extra sweat and elbow grease, but these big jobs are a welcome break right now, keeping people busy and outside - and helping them truly appreciate their well-tended green spaces.

For many, outdoor work is a satisfying endeavor, allowing homeowners to take pride in their home and yard, along with the work they put into it, which shows in what people are searching for, posting and sharing online. For example, Pinterest Insights saw an increase of 89% in backyard ren-

ovation ideas on their website, along with a whopping jump of 658% in DIY small patio ideas on a budget, and an impressive 528% increase in budget garden inspiration ideas.

Ready to get started on your summer to-do list? Consider adding these big but worthwhile tasks to your roster.

Start a "victory garden"

Given all the questions brought about by COVID-19, many Americans are reigniting the WWII practice of growing their own fruits, vegetables and herbs to give themselves more control over their food supplies. Many produce varieties are easy to grow, and cultivating them at home can ward off unnecessary shopping excursions. "Americans are turning to gardens for food access, food security, food safety and food affordability," confirms gardening exec Jim

Feinson on GardenResearch.com.

Beef up your landscaping

Look over your landscaping layout and determine which parts need trimming, filling in, fertilizing or replacing. If you're in doubt, many garden centers can draw up plans demonstrating changes or additions that might look more eye-catching. Before getting started, invest in easy-to-use equipment that will make the heavy-duty labor less grueling. Northern Tool + Equipment's Strongway Steel Jumbo Garden Wagon can handle tough jobs like hauling rocks, pavers or bags of cement; in fact, it can capably pull up to 1,400 pounds of supplies.

Revamp your deck

Does it just need a good power washing, or is it screaming for a repainting or re-staining too? Either way, your work will go faster with Northern Tool's Powerhorse Gas Cold Water Pressure Washer, which has the 2.5 GPM and 3100 PSI you need to effortlessly blast through mud, dirt and debris on your deck, siding, fence, patio or driveway.

Get your garage in gear

Reclaim your space by getting rid of junk you don't need, power washing your floors and establishing dedicated space for the tools and equipment you

regularly use. New cabinets, bins, racks, shelves or pegboard panels can go a long way toward keeping everything handy and easy to find. You may even want to create a mancave vibe by installing a TV, mini fridge and casual seating.

Tackle your gutters

It can be a hefty job, but built-up debris must be cleaned out at least twice annually to avoid wet basements, interior leaks, mold growth, rodent infestations and/or displacement of the gutters themselves. Use a sturdy ladder to safely access the edges of your roof, then use a trowel or gutter scoop to remove refuse. Flush out the system using a power washer or a garden hose with a spray attachment. Check for cracks, rust or paint damage and missing attachments, ensure all sections are sloped enough to drain stormwater and replace any sections that can't be repaired.

Summer is here, and that to-do list won't take care of itself. Plan now to take on the tasks that will help you and your family make the best possible use of your outdoor spaces in the warm weather.

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# Bay Area Home Sales Surge in June

After falling to the lowest level since the Great Recession, California's housing market rebounded in June with the largest month-to-month sales increase in nearly 40 years, while the median home price set another record high.

Reversing a two-month consecutive drop below 300,000 units caused by the coronavirus pandemic, June's sales total climbed more than 42 percent from May, according to a report last week from the California Association of Realtors (CAR).

The month-to-month increase was the largest since CAR began reporting monthly sales in January 1979.

"Home sales bounced back solidly in June after hitting a record bottom in May, as lockdown restrictions loosened and pent up demand driven by record-low interest rates roared back," said CAR President Jeanne Rad-sick. "While the momentum is expected to be sustained as we kick off the third quarter, the resurgence in coronavirus cases remains a concern and may hinder the market recovery in the second half of the year."

A strong surge in home sales in June provided support to

home prices, as the statewide median price set a new record high after dipping briefly below \$600,000 in May. California's median home price reached \$626,170 in June, improving 6.5 percent from May and 2.5 percent from June 2019.

The monthly price increase was higher than the historical average price change from May to June and, in fact, was the highest ever recorded for a May-to-June change.

Homes priced below \$500,000, which made up 48 percent of total sales in the California market in May 2020, only comprised 44 percent of all sales in June. Sales of million-dollar properties, on the other hand, increased in market share to 18.1 percent in the most recent month compared with 15.6 percent in May 2020.

Reflecting the uncertainty in market conditions, a monthly Google poll conducted by CAR earlier this month found that 44 percent of consumers said it is a good time to sell, up from 40 percent a month ago, but down from 49 percent a year ago. Meanwhile, low interest rates continue to fuel the optimism for homebuying.

## Mortgage Rates Fall Below 3%

Thirty-year fixed-rate mortgage dipped below 3 percent last week for the first time in 50 years, according to Freddie Mac's nationwide survey.

The benchmark home loan rate fell to 2.98 percent, down from 3.03 percent a week earlier and the lowest rate in the survey's history dating back to 1971.

It was the most recent drop in a series of record lows over the past few weeks, leading to increased homebuyer demand and a surge in mortgage applications — most for refinancings

which allow homeowners to cut their monthly housing payments.

The average for 15-year fixed-rate mortgage last week was 2.48 percent, down from 2.51 percent.

Five-year adjustable-rate mortgage (ARM) averaged 3.06 percent.

A year ago at this time, the 30-year mortgage averaged 3.81 percent.

Learn more at [FreddieMac.com](http://FreddieMac.com), Twitter @FreddieMac and Freddie Mac's blog [FreddieMac.com/blog](http://FreddieMac.com/blog).

## Hydrangea Issues

By Buzz Bertolero  
Special to the Times

For the past two years, my hydrangeas haven't bloomed. Is there something special I need to do for this plant in order for it to flower? Also, why do the leaves turn brown, get brittle, and curl?



Hydrangeas fail to bloom primarily because they are pruned too severely either in the winter or early spring. The old flower stalks and spent flowers are pruned as close to the ground as possible. The old flowers can be removed anytime after the flower fades. The rest of the plant is lightly pruned for shape.

Here you would remove maybe a foot or two of the growth. The next flowering cycle comes off these stems. Hydrangea leaves get brittle, brown and curl from water stress and sunburn. Those plants exposed to morning sun can burn on those

very hot days.

Mulching the plants helps with some additional watering when the temperatures soar into the high 90's and above. The good news is that the plants do recover. I'd pick off the worst of the leaves and let the new growth cover over the rest.

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18667 Crest Avenue 94546: \$670,000 4 BD - 1,562 SF - 1950  
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17060 Sabina Court 94546: \$1,015,500 4 BD - 2,102 SF - 1960  
25757 Cloverfield Ct 94552: \$1,090,000 4 BD - 2,092 SF - 1999  
3270 Hertlein Place 94546: \$1,120,000 4 BD - 2,363 SF - 1998  
18608 Alcorn Place 94546: \$1,275,000 3 BD - 2,880 SF - 2009  
5725 Medallion Court 94552: \$1,275,000 2,308 SF - 1981  
TOTAL SALES: 8

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HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$1,275,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$1,010,062

### San Leandro

1519 Oriole Avenue 94578: \$411,000 3 BD - 852 SF - 1945  
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660 Fargo Avenue 94579: \$530,000 3 BD - 1,180 SF - 1965  
2070 Reynolds Street 94577: \$640,000 3 BD - 1,111 SF - 1989  
15353 Mendocino St 94579: \$750,000 3 BD - 1,419 SF - 1960  
TOTAL SALES: 5

LOWEST AMOUNT: \$411,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$530,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$750,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$564,200



# Nomination Period Open for San Leandro City Council Candidates Through August 7

By Jim Knowles  
San Leandro Times

Now's the time if you want to run for the San Leandro City Council.

Three City Council seats are open in the Nov. 3 election. The nomination period to run for the City Council opened last week and runs until 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 7.

Contact the City Clerk for nomination papers. A candidate needs to be a registered voter and a resident of the city in the district

in which you're running. A candidate needs to get the signatures of between 20 and 30 registered voters in their district.

City Council districts 2, 4, and 6 are open in this year's election.

The District 2 City Council member is Ed Hernandez — so far, the only candidate with an opponent. Bryan Azevedo is running against Hernandez.

District 4 City Councilman Benny Lee, in his second term, has reached the two-term limit.

Fred Simon has taken out papers to run for the District 4 seat on the council, according to City Clerk Leticia Miguel.

In District 6, City Councilman Pete Ballew has taken out papers to run again. So far, no one else has taken out papers to run in District 6.

Both Lee and Ballew ran unopposed in 2016.

Ballew, a retired San Leandro policeman, took the seat that was formerly held by Jim Prola who left under the term limit rule.

Ballew grew up in San Leandro and was endorsed by the San Leandro Police Officers Association, the Alameda County Firefighters' Union, and former state senator and San Leandro mayor Ellen Corbett. Ballew supported the police department acquiring an armored vehicle.

When Azevedo ran against Hernandez in 2016, he had the endorsement of the police union, the San Leandro Police Officers' Association. But this year Azevedo announced he would not

accept campaign donations for the police union. Hernandez also said he would not accept police union money.

In 2018, City Council candidates had a little competition when a group of challengers ran, calling itself the "fresh, clean slate."

One of those candidates, Victor Aguilar, beat incumbent Lee Thomas in the City Council District 3 race.

In District 1, incumbent Deborah Cox faced two challengers

but won handily with 66 percent of the vote.

Incumbent Corina Lopez in District 5 won with 71 percent of the vote against a slate candidate.

In the 2018 mayor's race, incumbent Pauline Cutter faced two opponents, Jeromey Shafer and Dan Dillman, and won with 54 percent of the vote.

The city clerk has the forms for candidates, including the financial forms if a candidate plans to raise or spend more than \$2,000.

## Test: 'We're going to be working with the state to speed things up'

continued from front page  
issue this year.

There's been a backlog at the labs and it's taking a week or longer to get the results of the tests. Chan and Cutter acknowledged that's a problem.

"We're going to be working with the state to speed things up, and the state will be working with the federal government," Chan said.

Because there's a backlog at the lab, that doesn't mean we don't want people to get tested, Chan said. She also reminded people to wear a mask in public and practice social distancing.

"Alameda County was put on the state's watch list on Monday," Chan said. "We're very concerned. If people want the privilege of going out they have to wear a mask. We're going to be very vigilant."

That same day at Governor Newsom's press conference, he said he's sure that the people of this state can overcome the



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Former Mayor Stephen Cassidy and Mayor Pauline Cutter display the City of San Leandro's new poster showing the benefits of masks and social distancing after Cutter and Wilma Chan took their Covid-19 test.

problems of the logjam in the testing pipeline.

Around 50 to 60 percent of the people who test positive for Covid-19 have no symptoms, which is part of the reason this virus is so contagious. That's why it's

good to get tested even if you think you're fine, say health officials.

As of last week, 50,000 people have been tested in Alameda County, including 3,100 at the

Marina Community Center.

To make an appointment on the website <https://lhi.care/covidtesting>. It requires that you answer a long list of personal questions, but an Alameda County health official said that it's important information for the health department.

"The data really helps us understand the details," said Colleen Chawla, director of health care services for Alameda County. "It's really important in understanding the nature of our pandemic here."

Testing at the Marina Community Center is done Tuesday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. No insurance is required and no one is asked about their

immigration status.

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

Another testing site is CityHealth Urgent Care ([www.cityhealthuc.com](http://www.cityhealthuc.com)), 13690 East 14th St. in San Leandro, which says it provides free Covid-19 nasal swab tests seven days a week without an appointment for anyone with proof of insurance. It has an agreement with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to cover the cost and will test up to 500 people a day with results in 15 minutes.

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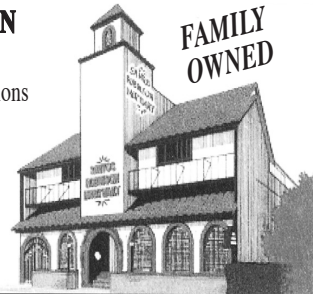
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Maudie (Sammie) Elizabeth Swinford passed away Sunday, July 12, 2020, at her home in San Leandro, California. Sammie is survived by three children (Steven Swinford, Debbie Peterson, and Kelley Lemmo), one sister (Ruby Templeton), eight grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Dale Swinford, who passed in 2014. Sammie, or Grandma as she was called by most, was born on March 20, 1930, in Warsaw, Missouri to Orville and Eva Quigley. She later moved to California where she met and married Dale. Together they opened Chelsies Pawn Shop in San Leandro. In her later years, Grandma was the poster child for the phrase "young at heart." She never let her age get in the way of having a good time. Grandma adored camping, going to the beach, playing the slot machines and of course wearing high-heeled shoes—but more than anything, Grandma loved spending time with her family. Our hearts ache over the loss of this beautiful woman, but we are happy she is reunited with her sweetheart that she missed so dearly. Per her wishes, an intimate service will be held by invite only at a later date.



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### Lawrence "Larry" Vittoria

Lawrence "Larry" Vittoria, 87, of San Leandro, California, died Sunday, May 24. Born in Canonsburg, PA, Larry was a Korean War Veteran where he served in the US Air Force. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Francesca "Fran" Vittoria née Abate. A long-time resident of San Leandro, Larry moved to California in 1959, where he was an employee of the US Post Office for 31 years and a member of St. Leander's parish. Survivors in his immediate family include their children Vincent, Linda, Nancy, Cathy and Samuel. Also surviving are brother Robert and sister-in-law Vivian Vittoria. Larry enjoyed family gatherings, picnics, gardening, and his grandchildren Joe, Victoria, and Natalia, and great-grandson Julian. He was laid to rest on Tuesday, June 2 at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward.





# Castro Valley Throws Surprise Birthday Party for Krystie Gomes

By Linda Sandsmark  
San Leandro Times

Over 100 vehicles paraded past a Castro Valley girl's home to help celebrate her 12th birthday on July 14.

Young Krystie Gomes has been sidelined for the past six months by her battle against osteosarcoma bone cancer, in addition to quarantines for Covid-19.

"She had no idea this was going to happen," says Krystie's mom Kathy Feder. "I want to say thank you to the community for coming out to help Krystie celebrate her 12th birthday. They really rallied around her, as they have ever since her diagnosis on January 24th."

Krystie's dad Kenny Gomes helped her to the driveway of their Crow Canyon Road home, where she was able to wave to her friends and relatives — using social distancing and masks. The parade of well wishers included several fire trucks, a UPS delivery van, jeeps, passenger cars and a party truck that brought music and a mobile bubble machine.

Krystie is a Castro Valley native and the youngest of four children. She attended Canyon Middle School as a sixth grader and was a fierce competitor in club soccer and club volleyball. Both of her parents are San Leandro High grads and her grandparents live in San Leandro.

In August 2019, Krystie had some leg pain, which everyone attributed to a sports injury. When the pain didn't improve and she started losing weight, her physical therapist suggested an MRI.

This led to the January diagnosis that no parent wants to hear: cancer. Chemotherapy has kept Krystie hospital-and-homebound ever since.

Krystie had a round of chemo the week before her birthday, and another shortly after her birthday. She has been through a 9-hour leg salvage surgery, and there are an anticipated six more chemo treatments in her future.

"Krystie has been nothing short of amazing through all this," says Kathy.

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PHOTO BY LINDA SANDSMARK

Krystie Gomes of Castro Valley enjoyed a 12th birthday parade of over 100 cars and several Alameda County fire engines past her home where she is recovering from bone cancer.

## OPINION

### LETTERS to the EDITOR

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#### Public Not a Piggy Bank

Editor:

I sometimes have wonder if anyone in our local government has ever taken a college level class in economics or finance?

"City officials cite decreased revenue as need for a new tax"

This makes more sense to me: if your income decreases, you spend less.

The public (that's us) is not your infinite piggy bank for payrolls, pensions, current expenses and special/future projects

—Ken Kellogg  
San Leandro

#### Transfer Tax Makes Sense

Editor:

The City Council is thinking about asking us to vote in Novem-

ber for an increase in the transfer tax on home sales from \$6 per \$1,000 to \$11 per \$1,000 and I totally agree.

In looking at what other cities are charging this only makes sense since our sales tax revenue is down because of Covid-19 and the city is operating in the red. By comparison, Albany is charging \$11.50, Alameda @ \$12, Piedmont @ \$13, Berkeley @ \$15 and Oakland @ \$15.

Currently Hayward is only charging \$8.50 but I say give them time to catch up. If the funds from the transfer tax are used to support city services that we all benefit from then I say yes, but if they are used to help fund city employee salary increases or city employee pension funds then I say hell no.

—Brent Heath  
San Leandro

#### A Caustic Campaign in the Times

Editor:

It appears that our paper is still plagued by the vitriol and toxicity of Mr. Leo West. Surely now that he has dared write into the beloved San Leandro Times, again, we will be inundated with responses to him and his caustic campaign.

These responses will be righteous and due, however they will prevent and distract from actual constructive conversation. We cannot have an objective rational discussion while this charlatan is rampaging his way through the Times. Therefore, the only plausible way to uphold free speech is to permanently remove his ink from the paper. By stifling the weed known as Mr. West can we solve the issue of negativity in our paper and progress peacefully with the agenda of our opinion section.

Mr. West complains about COVID putting people out of

work. I'm certain that he has no idea what work looks like. Obviously, his idle hands have little better to do than concoct alarmism and harass City Council workers. San Leandro Times must be incompetent if they permit this to continue as they do. If they do not act soon, I fear the situation could spiral out of control.

He criticizes Joe Biden for hiding from the public. Joe Biden is wise to do so. He will still be alive four years from now because he followed proper precautions against COVID. Donald Trump, by comparison, probably already did test positive and is withholding that information from the public. As we all know, Trump is a pathological liar, which, in my opinion, is why Mr. West adores him so much.

There is a giant dark question mark over our future should we allow this agitator to spread hate and COVID with the same breath.

—Aaron Baldwin  
San Leandro

### THE FEDERAL RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS WILDFIRE



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## Outdoor Dining (and Drinking) Resumes

Bars were allowed to open again last week as long as the drinking is done in the great outdoors. Ryan's Pub in Washington Manor had a good crowd last Friday afternoon where they share the outdoor seating with their next-door neighbor, the Saigon House restaurant. Ryan's bartender Stacy Hesson, at left, enjoys a chat with customer Kenny Nickelson. Also this week, Cunha's Cocktails in Pelton Center began putting tables and chairs outside.

## Transfer Tax: Voters to decide on new tax

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in November, the real property transfer tax would increase to \$11 per \$1,000 in value. So the sale of a \$500,000 property would see a tax of \$5,500.

"My understanding is that the costs are often split between the buyer and the seller," Mayor Pauline Cutter said during the Council's discussion. "It's important for people to remember that the taxes collected on these sales are staying inside of San Leandro. Now with Covid, it is important to have this in place to help City services. It is our job to put as many offers to the community to keep in place the quality of life services that many of us take advantage of but are critical to others."

The proposed increase would be used to offset losses due to the Covid-19 pandemic, according to City Manager Jeff Kay. If approved on November 3, funds could be collected on November 4.

The ballot measure states that the funds collected would be used to repair potholes and streets; support seniors, families and local small businesses through Covid-19 economic recovery; preserving 911 emergency response times; and maintaining youth violence prevention programs.

One item left out of the ballot measure was an exemption for first-time-home buyers. Council members Corina Lopez and Benny Lee asked City Attorney Richard Pio Roda if revising

the measure was possible before submitting the ballot to Alameda County for inclusion in the General Election in November. Roda noted that any revision now would delay the inclusion of the ballot measure and that if the measure passed in November, the council could insert language that would exempt first-time home buyers but not change the nature of the tax.

David Stark, a spokesperson for the Bay East Association of Realtors, noted that the ballot measure would be detrimental to San Leandro home sales, which have not been as robust in the last few months.

"We're in the middle of a home affordability crisis on top of everything else that is happening," Stark told the San Leandro Times. "Does it even make sense to make housing more expensive?"

But former San Leandro City Councilman Jim Prola said the ordinance should pass now as is because the City would not get a second chance.

"During my tenure, we had to manage severe cutbacks," Prola said about his time on the San Leandro City Council. "This measure makes sense. We know these taxes would help keep city services running. Holding a special election later would mean less voter turnout."

The City Attorney will now provide an impartial analysis of the ballot measure. The filing deadline for the November ballot is Aug. 7.

## Birthday: Surprise party

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"She continues to stay positive through the toughest of times. She has taught me to be grateful and enjoy every day and not worry about the little things."

Osteosarcoma is the most common type of bone cancer. It is usually found at the end of long bones, often around the knee. Most people diagnosed with osteosarcoma are under the age of 25.

As part of Osteosarcoma Awareness month, the family requests that donations be made to UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Foundation in Oakland,



PHOTO BY CATALINA GARCIA-QUICK

**Krystie Gomes**

in the name of Krystie Gomes. Unfortunately, insurance will not cover all of the cost of Krystie's treatment. Anyone wishing to support the family is welcome to donate at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/campaign-for-krystie>

## County Health Reports 495 Covid Cases in San Leandro

The number of Covid-19 cases in Alameda County reached 9,643 as of Wednesday, according to the Alameda County Health Department. That's 1,322 more cases in a span of eight days.

The county totals on Wednesday reported 171 deaths in Alameda County from Covid-19, a 1.7 percent fatality rate, and 20 more deaths than the previous week.

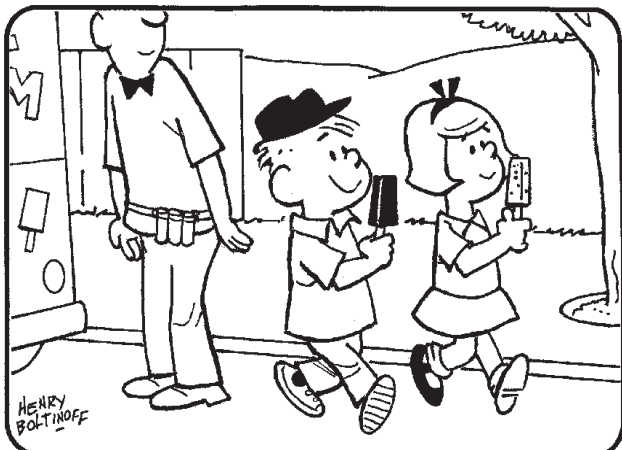
The county reports 495 Covid-19 cases in San Leandro, as of Tuesday, a jump of 76 cases from eight days earlier.

The county health department's Covid-19 Dashboard doesn't give the number of deaths in each city. But if the rate were the same as the county rate, 1.7 percent, there would be about eight deaths in this city due to Covid-19.

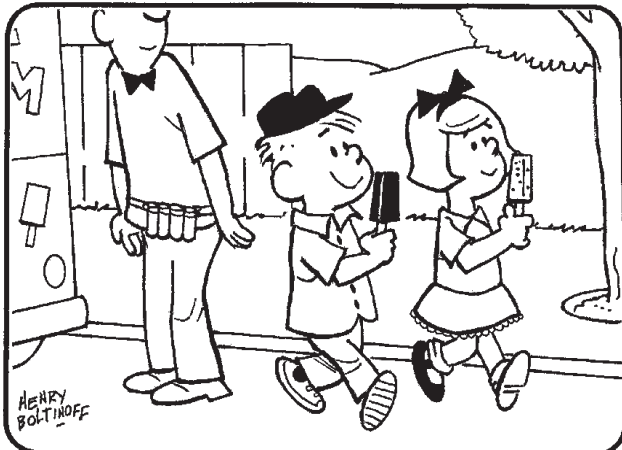
The highest numbers for Covid-19 in Alameda County are Oakland with 3,763 cases, and Hayward with 1,430 cases. Castro Valley had 273 cases, Fremont 497, Alameda 153, Pleasanton 198, and Union City 297.

### HOCUS-FOCUS

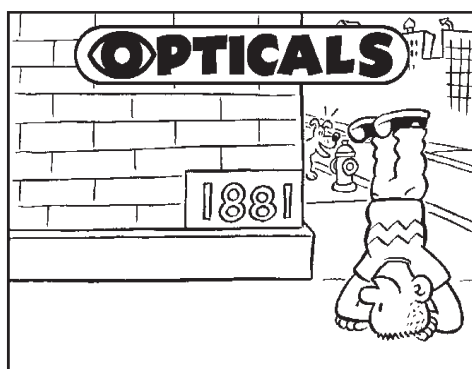
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Tree is fuller. 2. Change belt is different. 3. Fence is longer. 4. Girl's bow is different. 5. Boy's shirt has buttons. 6. Girl's skirt is decorated.



IF YOU TURNED the cornerstone on the above building upside down, the date would read the same. What's the nearest previous year that would read the same upside down?

Answer: 1691.

BEHIND THE EIGHT BALL? That's where you'll end up if you fail to solve this poser. Your problem is to arrange eight 8's so that they will add up to 1,000. It's time to rack 'n' roll!

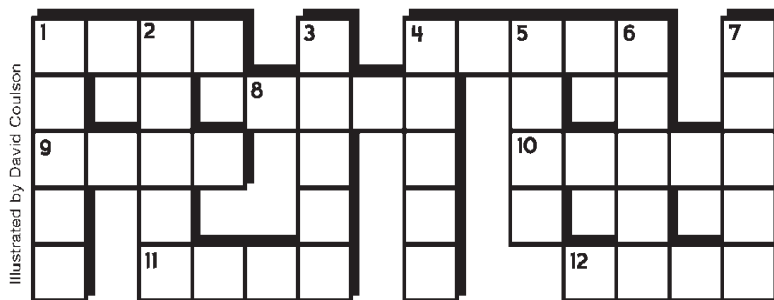
Answer:  $8 + 8 + 88 + 88 + 8 + 8 + 8 + 8 = 1,000$ .

THE "L" PYRAMID! As you move down the word pyramid shown, each word contains the same letters as the word above it, plus a new letter. We give you all the L's. Here are some hints from the top down: 1. Roman numeral 50 (given). 2. Musical tone 3. A friend. 4. An earnest request. 5. A fold in cloth. 6. Coated with metal. 7. With great skill.

Answers: The words are L, la, pal, plea, pleat, plated, adeptly.

## Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



LET'S DO A LITTLE GARDENING! Below are words pertaining to backyard gardening that you will need to complete the puzzle grid provided. Use the trial-and-error method. Start planting your words!

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|----------------|----------------|
| 4-letter words | 5-letter words |
| CART           | BASIL          |
| IRIS           | CROPS          |
| KALE           | PATIO          |
| RIPE           | POLES          |
| ROPE           | RAKES          |
| SOIL           | STEMS          |
|                | STRAW          |
|                | WATER          |

Answers: (Across) 1. Rope. 4. Straw. 8. (Down) 1. Rakes. 2. Poles. 3. Basil. 4. Iris. 5. Kale. 6. Patio. 7. Soil. 12. Hrs.