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PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Backyards of houses in San Lorenzo look out at the beautiful green fairways of the Skywest Golf Course, so residents wonder what will happen in the future.

Skywest Golf Course to Close

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

The Skywest Golf Course in Hayward will be closing in September, leaving the San Lorenzo neighborhood adjoining the course to wonder what will become of the land.

Houses on streets like Via Sereta back up right against the golf course. The view looks out over the trees and fairways, home to geese and other wildlife.

But some wonder if the scenery will stay that way once the golf course closes.

"We would miss it," said Ron Brewer of San Lorenzo who lives near the golf course. "People walk and bike on the path around the golf course. I'm sure people would miss it just because of the greenbelt effect."

Brewer's first reaction when he heard the golf course is closing was: "Condos, right?"

But that's still up in the air.

No decision has been made as to the future of the golf course land, according to Chuck Finnie, spokesman for the City of Hayward, adding that the land will be the subject of future discussion.

The public golf course is on Hayward Executive Airport property, which is owned by the City of Hayward.

The Hayward Area Recreation District (HARD) had been operating the Skywest

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Police Want Surveillance Cameras

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

Cars entering and leaving San Leandro, as well as visiting Marina Park, would be recorded by police surveillance cameras under a proposal made to a City Council committee on March 4.

The Police Department wants to install 10 new "public safety cameras" at key intersections and upgrade another 12 existing traffic cameras for the same use.

The cost of the new cameras and upgrades would be about \$124,000 initially and about \$10,000 in added maintenance costs annually in the future.

Only 20 percent of suspects arrested for robberies and/or burglaries in San Leandro in the last five years live in the city, police told the City Council's Facilities and Transportation Committee.

The report noted that it is harder to find and apprehend a suspect once they have left city limits, and that at least some people arrested admitted to relying on this in planning their activities.

The new cameras would be placed along major roads leading into and out of San Leandro, as well as near Marina Park, all areas where a high number of crimes are reported.

"Law enforcement faces challenges, nobody's likely to give me any more officers very soon, and the cameras are a force multiplier," police chief Jeff Tudor said later.

The Facilities and Transportation Committee sent the proposal on to the full City Council for

their consideration, on a 2-0 vote by members Deborah Cox and Corina Lopez, with Mayor Cutter absent on short-term medical leave. The date for the full

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Eden Hospital Prepares for Coronavirus

By Linda Sandsmark
San Leandro Times

This cold and flu season the Eden Medical Center staff is also preparing for COVID-19, known as the novel coronavirus.

Preparations include close coordination with state and local health departments, as well as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

As of Tuesday, there were 93 confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the Bay Area, 153 cases in California, and 2 confirmed deaths in the state.

"As always, the health and safety of our patients, care providers and the communities we serve remains our top priority," Dr. William Isenberg, Sutter Health's chief safety officer, said in a statement.

"Another important component of our preparedness mea-

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Dry Winter Could Bring Summer Wildfires

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

Despite the sprinkling of rain San Leandro received last week, a drier than expected January and February means we could be bracing for water and fire alerts this summer and early fall.

U.S. Drought Monitor data released last Thursday reveals that moderate drought conditions are now expected in Alameda County. That's an increased severity condition from just a week ago when forecasters reported lighter drought conditions for several cities in the East Bay.

February was such a dry

month—third driest on record—that San Leandro received less than 3 inches this year. Compare that to 2017 when the Bay Area recorded 45 inches in two months.

California's current index for precipitation is 49 percent of the average for this time of year and its snowpack level is 44 percent of average, according to the California Department of Water Resources.

"People are wondering if we are ever going to see rain again and I want to point out every winter California experiences a three-to-six-week dry spell," said

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— meteorologist
Michelle Mead

Michelle Mead, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Sacramento.

East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) reports its reservoirs are at 77 percent of capacity but won't consider any changes to its 2020 water plan until it looks at precipitation levels in April.

"We always ask our customers to use water wisely," says EBMUD Senior Public Information Representative, Andrea Pook. "If precipitation levels fall below a certain threshold, we may ask for voluntary conservation but

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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

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PETS OF THE WEEK



Freya



Timothee

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are Freya the dog and Timothee the dog.

Freya is 10 months old and working on building self-confidence. She needs a patient family of experienced dog guardians. She attended a training class and was an eager and quick learner. Okay with teens.

Timothee is a 10-year-old chihuahua, who is sweet, albeit a bit shy at first. He loves toys, human attention and warms up to you quickly. He's good with other dogs and okay in a home with older kids. He has tons of love to give you.

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

“ You want a friend in Washington? Get a dog.
— Harry S. Truman



Cinderella Coming to the DMT

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Socialist Workers Candidates to Speak

Meet the Socialist Workers Party candidates for president and vice president of the United States – Alyson Kennedy and Malcolm Jarrett – on Saturday, March 14, at the San Leandro Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St. Dinner is at 6 p.m., and the program starts at 7 p.m. Donation: \$10. For more information, call 510-686-1351 or email swpoak@sbcglobal.net.

Concert at Bancroft Middle School

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Astrophysicist to Speak in CV

World renown Berkeley astrophysicist Dan Werthimer of project SETI will talk about how scientists around the world are trying to discover intelligent alien life in the universe on Tuesday, March 17, at 7 p.m. at the Castro Valley Library, 3600 Norbridge Ave. in Castro Valley.

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Memory Care Advice Given to Caregivers by Panel at CEI

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

Take care of yourself while you are taking care of a loved one, caregivers were told at a Feb. 18 discussion about Alzheimer's and other kinds of dementia held at the Center for Elders Independence.

"Be patient with them and with yourself," said family caregiver Crystal Rivers. "It takes an emotional toll on you as the caretaker. You can't take care of your loved one unless you take care of yourself."

CEI Development Director Lenore McDonald pointed out that the organization has free classes for those caring for seniors, whether or not those people are CEI participants. CEI also welcomes new participants with memory issues.

To get information on the DayBreak classes for caregivers, call 510-834-8314 or e-mail Jennifer@daybreakcenters.org. CEI is located at 1850 Fairway Drive, across the street from Kaiser Hospital, in San Leandro.

"Use the resources that are available," advised clinical psychologist Dr. Alicia English. "And don't forget the Alzheimer's Association."

CEI's new Chief Medical Officer Dr. James Mittelberger said that your loved one hasn't really

left if they have Alzheimer's.

"Not all memory is really gone in Alzheimer's," he said.

"They're still there, just not able to organize their thoughts very well," he said.

Big personality changes don't really come with Alzheimer's, said Dr. Mittelberger, but people may lose the context in

"They're still there. They just aren't able to organize their thoughts very well."

— Dr. James Mittelberger

which things are experienced.

Some of the changes Alzheimer's brings can even be positive, he said.

"Some people with Alzheimer's become remarkable artists," Mittelberger said. "Maybe it's the falling away of inhibitions that had held them back previously."

Alicia English said that people with dementia take about seven seconds to process what was just said to them, while people who do not have such disorders take a fraction of a second.

"So slow things down," she said.

"Speak slowly, use a friendly tone, and have open body language. If they get frustrated with something, distract them by changing the subject to something more positive."

In particular, said Dr. English, when they've forgotten a loss, like their having lost a spouse, don't remind them over and over again if it is not absolutely necessary.

She also suggested not overwhelming loved ones with too many people or things at once.

When they get frustrated, she suggested distracting them in a good way, by having them tell you a story, share something they do remember, or singing a favorite song.

Alicia English said that there are several different kinds of dementia, though Alzheimer's receives the most public attention. Each of them progresses differently, with a different order of losing abilities.

Besides Alzheimers, English said, other kinds of dementia include frontotemporal dementia,



PHOTO BY MIKE MCGUIRE

Radiant Scroggins speaks at a panel discussion on caregiving for loved ones with memory loss held at the Center For Elders' Independence. Fellow panelists are, from left, Dr. Alicia English, Dr. James Mittelberger and Crystal Rivers.

vascular dementia and dementia with Lewy bodies.

When dealing with loved ones with dementia, English said, it's best to "roll with the resistance" when they don't want to do something. Talk about something else first to see if their mood changes.

"Avoid saying 'should' or 'need to' when someone has dementia," she said.

Radiant Scroggins, a psychiatric social worker at CEI's downtown Oakland center director, suggested watching for early signs of memory loss so support can be sought as early as possible.

"There's a difference between normal forgetfulness and extreme forgetfulness," she said.

Being withdrawn can be an early sign, according to Scroggins. A person may withdraw rather than let anyone know they

don't know where they're going. Mood disorders can arise out of such frustration, she added.

Crystal Rivers said keeping a journal can help deal with the strain of caregiving.

But anticipating what's likely to come can be a big help, she said.

"Familiarize yourself with the stages our loved one is going through, because you're going to go through them too, maybe a little more."

ECHO Housing Offering Help

Nonprofit ECHO Housing stands ready to help people who are struggling to find and keep housing.

ECHO mediates between landlords and tenants on issues such as habitability and repairs, rent increases, and landlord entry into the premises, said Angie Watson-Hajjem, fair housing coordinator at their Hayward office.

ECHO investigates and tries to resolve complaints of discrimination, with race, children and disabilities the most common grounds, she added.

Rental and deposit assistance are available to many people such as veterans, seniors, parents of minor children and people with disabilities, who qualify under various programs. An ECHO counselor will help you see if you qualify, and then help you apply if you do.

For more information, contact ECHO Housing at 855-275-3246 or visit their website at www.echofairhousing.org.

D.A. to Fight Price Gouging

District Attorney Nancy O'Malley has warned all Alameda County merchants that her office will be vigilant in investigating and prosecuting cases of price gouging while Alameda County is under a State of Emergency due to coronavirus. She also encouraged Alameda County residents to report any price gouging when shopping for consumer goods or medical supplies.

State law prohibits raising the price of many goods and services

by more than 10 percent after an emergency has been declared. Both Governor Gavin Newsom and the Alameda County Public Health Department have done so.

Violators are subject to criminal prosecution that can result in one-year imprisonment in county jail and/or a fine of up to \$10,000.

They are also subject to injunctive relief and mandatory restitution.

The Alameda County District Attorney's Office will investigate and can prosecute individuals or

businesses who have engaged in illegal price gouging. Anyone who has been the victim of price gouging, or who has information regarding potential price gouging, is encouraged to immediately file a complaint with the District Attorney's Office by going to their website at www.alcoda.org/cewpd/ or by calling 510-383-8600. More information on price gouging is on the attorney general's website at <https://oag.ca.gov/consumers/pricegouging-duringdisasters>.



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Supervisor Richard Valle Visited St. Rose Hospital & Brought Donation

Alameda County Supervisor Richard Valle visited St. Rose Hospital on Feb. 12 with a \$220,000 donation to the St. Rose Hospital Foundation.

The funds will be directed to renovations in

the Cath Lab. St. Rose Hospital is a designated Cardiac Receiving Center in Alameda County, and these diagnostic services are critical to getting patients excellent care and on the road to recovery.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

❖ Douglas Morrisson Theatre *Cinderella*

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❖ Castro Valley Center for the Arts

The Castro Valley Orchestra will perform a concert on Sunday,

March 29, at 2 p.m. at The Castro Valley Center for the Arts, 19501 Redwood Road in Castro Valley. The orchestra will present harp soloist Jessica Schaeffer in Saint Saens' "Morceau de Concert," and Franz Schubert's "Tragic" Symphony #4, and "A Song of Hope for the Refugees," by composer and orchestra violist, Thomas Baker, and perhaps a surprise or two. Tickets are available at the Castro Valley Adult School offices, 4430 Alma Ave. Phone: 510-886-1000. Tickets are only \$10 (\$5 for students with ID) or on the day of the concert for \$14 and \$8. There will be a silent auction at the concert.

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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Disappointed about something that didn't go your way? Cheer up. Look at the reasons it happened, and you could find a valuable lesson about what to do (or not do!) the next time.



TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): It's a good time to do some reassessing of plans and goals -- even how you considered redoing your bathroom. The point is to be open to change if change can improve things.



GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Take some time to learn who is the right person (or persons) to approach and discuss your ideas with for your new project. Also, reserve time to prepare for an upcoming family event.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Dealing with a demanding situation, as you recently did, could drain much of your own emotional reserves. Take time to relax and indulge yourself in some well-earned pampering.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): The regal Lion might feel that she or he is above emotional displays. But showing your feelings can be both liberating for you and reassuring for someone who has been waiting for you to do so.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): An emotionally needy person might make more demands than you can cope with. Best to ask for some breathing space NOW, before resentment sets in and makes communication difficult.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): An unexpected spate of mixed signals could cause serious schedule setbacks. Best to focus on straightening everything out as soon as possible and get everyone back on track.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): Be aware that someone in the workplace could try to use a disagreement with a colleague against you. If so, be prepared to offer your side of the story with the facts to back you up.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): An unexpected challenge to a previous decision can be unsettling. But your reservoir of self-confidence -- plus your loyal supporters -- should help carry the day for you. Good luck.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): While the idea of making some sort of major move in the near future continues to interest you, don't overlook a new possibility that could be emerging closer to home.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Be careful not to base an upcoming decision on gossip or anything you might hear if it can't meet provable standards. That's true regardless of whom the source might be.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): You might still need to do some solid reassessing early in the week before you can close that sensitive situation. A new job-related opportunity could present itself later in the week.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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❖ Unity in the Community San Leandro

Unity in the Community San Leandro is having monthly meetings every second Saturday of the month from 9 to 11 a.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., on the second floor. The next meeting is March 14. The group works for whole and equitable communities, and an environment of inclusion to bridge divides and create a safer San Leandro for all. Share your perspective, vision and ideas.

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❖ Hearing Loss Association Meeting

The Hearing Loss Association Meeting will be on Saturday, March 14, at the Oakland Kaiser Hospital, Fabiola Bldg., 3801 Howe St., lower level, room G26. Refreshments are at 9:30 a.m. with the program beginning at 10 a.m. Topic for discussion "When the police officer asks you to pull over." David Reimers, retired police officer and a member, is the speaker who will welcome questions dealing with hearing loss and law enforcement. Parking is free on Saturdays at the garage on Howe St. The meeting is free to all. For more information, call 510-221-6080 or email info@hearinglosseeb.org.

❖ Easter Pageant Child Performers Needed

Elementary-school age kids are needed for an Easter pageant at San Leandro Church of Christ, 601 MacArthur Blvd. in San Leandro. Practices are each Sunday starting March 15. Kids will practice a skit of the original Easter Sunday upstairs during the sermon time at 11 a.m., followed by all ages practicing a musical number on stage after worship service. To sign up, email Woody and Judy at: woodysquare@sbcglobal.net.

❖ San Leandro Garden Club

The San Leandro Garden Club will meet on Tuesday, March 17, at the Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave. in San Leandro. The business meeting starts at 10 a.m., followed at 11 a.m. with a talk by John Nackley from the Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt. The San Leandro Garden Club, meets montly, and is in its 55th year of promoting gardening and providing community support. All are welcome. For more information, call Carla Francis 510-582-5288.

❖ St. Felicitas Young at Heart Luncheon

St. Felicitas Church's Young at Heart Senior Luncheon is Wednesday, March 18, at noon at Monsignor McGinty Hall located behind the church at 1662 Manor Blvd., in San Leandro. The luncheon will feature crispy chicken tenders and macaroni and cheese lunch with dessert, beverage and door prizes. Doors open at 11:15 a.m. Tickets can be purchased at the church office, by calling 510-351-5244, located to the right of the church. Last day to buy tickets is Friday, March 13, at noon. No ticket sales at the door. The cost is \$6. All seniors our welcomed.

❖ Castro Valley Women's Club Meeting

"Nevertheless, She Persisted" will be the topic at the next meeting of the Castro Valley Women's Club on Wednesday, March 18, from 1 to 3 pm. at 18330 Redwood Road in Castro Valley. The public is invited. The club will be honoring

the 100th Anniversary of Women gaining the vote in 1920. There will be a slide presentation, a Book Review of Hidden Figures and a panel discussion by members who will share their personal struggles from the '60s onward, accessing equal pay and treatment. For more information, visit www.castrovalleywomens-club.weebly.com.

❖ SACYSL Soccer Signups

The Southern Alameda County Youth Soccer League (SACYSL) is having signups in the near future. To sign up or for more information, visit the SACYSL website at www.sacysl.com.

❖ I.D.E.S. St. John Pancake Breakfast

I.D.E.S. St. John, 1670 Orchard Ave. in San Leandro, will have a pancake breakfast to help support the 2020 queens on Saturday, March 21, at 9 a.m. Cost is \$10 and includes pancakes and 4 bingo cards. Extra bingo cards may be purchased for \$.25 each. For more information or tickets, call Darlene Cornell at 510-589-6536, Willie Calvo at 510-635-6326 or Frances Leite at 510-886-1568.

❖ Documentary on Paid Leave

Join the United Methodist Women of First United Methodist Church, 1600 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro, for a screening and discussion of "Zero Weeks: Putting Families First" on Sunday March 22 at 2 p.m. The 55-minute documentary tells the stories of families who lack paid leave and are struggling to take care of their loved ones while meeting financial obligations. A discussion about paid leave in the U.S. and what can be about it will follow the documentary.

❖ Concert at Bancroft Middle School

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❖ Alta Mira Club Luncheon

A fundraiser luncheon for the Alta Mira Club will be held at Carlton Senior Living, 1000 East 14th St. in San Leandro, on Thursday, March 26, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person. The menu includes spaghetti (with either vegetarian or meat tomato sauce), salad, bread, coffee, tea, wine and dessert. To reserve your seat, call Susan Patrick at 510-931-8111.

❖ San Leandro Toastmasters

The San Leandro Toastmasters meet on Thursday nights from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. The group fosters improved communication and public speaking. All levels of speakers from novice to seasoned are welcome.

❖ Emergency Preparedness Training

The office of Congressman Eric Swalwell will host an emergency preparedness training on Saturday, March 28, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the San Lorenzo Library, 395 Paseo Grande in San Lorenzo. The trainings will feature presentations from experts on how to prepare for emergencies or disasters. Swalwell's office is hosting, but Swalwell will not be present. The training is free and open to all residents of California's 15th Congressional District.

Skywest: Golf course has been losing money

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Golf Course since 1975. But the golf course has been losing money – \$800,000 to \$1.2 million per year – in the past three years, so it's not feasible to keep it open, said HARD spokeswoman Jackie Diaz.

The 126-acre site of the golf course is on the north side of the Hayward Executive Airport. According to airport design practices, golf courses are compatible land uses around an airport, having few buildings and residents.

The grounds and trees of the golf course provide a noise buffer between the airport and the homeowners of San Lorenzo, said a study conducted by HARD.

The study also noted that there had been an industry-wide decline in rounds of golf played at both public and private golf courses that began with the recession in 2008. An oversupply of golf courses and an aging population of golfers is a factor, too, as younger people are doing other sports and activities.

Also, golf is a leisurely and time-consuming game and the Bay Area's long commutes reduce time to play a round, said the HARD report.

The amount Skywest is losing each year amounts to about a \$20



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Neighbors like the view of the Skywest Golf Course and it's a nice place to take a walk or ride a bike along the path that goes around the course.

per golfer subsidy by HARD, the study found.

The San Lorenzo Village Homes Association was notified about the golf course closing a few months ago, said SLZHA board president Emanuel Robinson.

The homes association is now waiting to hear what the

plans will be for the property, Robinson said.

"The biggest thing for us is the landscaping, the beautiful vistas from the backyards," Robinson said.

Whatever is built on the property, Robinson said San Lorenzo wants to keep some of that open space as a buffer between any de-

velopment and the neighborhood.

Robinson grew up in San Lorenzo and said he's always appreciated the golf course.

"It's such an institution, part of the natural fabric of the area," Robinson said. "To lose that open space, that would be detrimental to the overall quality of life. That would be a loss."



The League of Women Voters Eden Area board members are Aiwa Zelinsky, Jewell Spalding, Sue Kleebauer, Richard Maurer, Marian Handa, Lynda Foster, Carolyn Darcey, Jo Loss, Penny Peck, Rita Duncan, and Janice Friesen.

19th Amendment Display at the SLZ Library

The League of Women Voters Eden Area is featured in the display through the month of March on the 19th Amendment and the history of the League of Women Voters at the San Lorenzo Library, 395 Paseo Grande.

The 19th Amendment was ratified 100 years ago, in 1920, the same year that the League of Women Voters began, since the league was formed for suf-

fragists who fought for the 19th Amendment.

After it passed, these women believed it was important to assist women voters by registering them to vote and offering educational forums on candidates and issues. The display can be seen whenever the library is open.

For more information, email Penny Peck at ppeck@slzusd.org or call 510-278-7812.

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GUEST COMMENTARY



Coronavirus' Impact on the Local Housing Market Mixed

With confirmed deaths in California, a quarantined cruise ship circling off San Francisco and Governor Newsome enacting a State of Emergency, the seriousness of the Coronavirus outbreak is beginning to be felt at home.

Literally. To help prevent the virus from spreading, some companies are asking employees to work from home. Numerous business-related trips have been cancelled as corporations are doing their part to limit exposure. Retailers, flooded with fearful customers, are seeing shelves emptied of toilet paper, paper towels, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, all-purpose cleaners, masks and ... ramen.

Concerns over the impact of the virus on overseas manufacturing capabilities coupled

with overall global uncertainty have injected insecurity into the stock market. The resulting chaos has investor emotions running amuck, causing markets to seesaw wildly. When asked what he planned to do to calm the markets, the director of the Office of Management and Budget, Mick Mulvaney stated, "What I might do today ... is tell people to turn their televisions off for 24 hours."

The housing market, which has seen an unusually strong resurgence since the beginning of the year, has not yet seen any significant negative impact. In fact, a March 3rd, 2020 Bankrate.com article by Sarah Foster states, "The Federal Reserve cut interest rates by half a percentage point following an unscheduled meeting Tuesday, an emergency move designed

to bolster the U.S. economy against the rapidly spreading coronavirus that's roiled financial markets." The result has been the lowest mortgage interest rates since 1971, the year Freddie Mac began tracking the numbers.

Realtors manning open houses this past weekend heard many homebuyer wannabees commenting on the low rates. Coupled with the current lack of inventory, multiple offers have reappeared across the region, forcing prices upward. The one negative for some buyers has been the negative impact of the stock market devaluations of their stock options, temporarily lowering their buying potential.

If anything, home sellers are the ones exhibiting the most fear. Concerned with who might be entering their homes, some are limiting access while others have removed properties from the market altogether. Our recommendation is to make hand sanitizer available to all who are entering the home and wipe down surfaces such as doorknobs and light switches once the open house is over.

It is a scary time for sure, but if precautions are taken, we will weather this storm as we have others in the past.

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.

WEEKEND GARDENER

Cuttings

Start some new plants by rooting 3-to-4-inch long stem cuttings of dianthus, dusty miller, spurge, blue marguerite, fuchsias, geraniums, lavenders, chrysanthemums, sedums and succulents. Pinch or cut off the lowest pair of leaves, then plant the cutting in a 2-inch pot mixture of moist peat and coarse sand. Put a clear plastic cup over the cutting to form a mini greenhouse until it roots. Keep the plant moist, but not soggy wet.

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LIFESTYLE



A Dinner Fit For a Saint

Unless you're a vegetarian, it's very likely that you'll be eating corned beef and cabbage next Tuesday. It's a St. Patrick's Day staple – at least in the U.S. – and it will be on most restaurants' menus that day.

Though cabbage has long been an Irish food, corned beef only began to be associated with St. Patrick's Day at the beginning of the 20th Century when Irish immigrants living on New York City's Lower East Side began substituting corned beef for their traditional dish of Irish bacon to save money.

Because corned beef is made from the beef brisket, a less-tender cut, it's best when cooked for a few hours (remember "low and slow" when cooking any less tender cuts of beef).

That's about all you need to know when it comes to preparing this simple St. Patrick's Day meal.

If you're lucky enough to have some leftovers, corned beef hash and poached eggs make a splendid Sunday morning breakfast.

Or get some sauerkraut and Swiss cheese and fix Reuben sandwiches for lunch.

TRADITIONAL CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE

- 3 pounds corned beef brisket with spice packet
- 10 small red potatoes
- 5 carrots, peeled and cut into 3-inch pieces
- 1 large head cabbage, cut into small wedges

Rinse corned beef, then place it in large pot or Dutch oven and cover with water. Add the spice packet that came with the corned beef.

Cover pot and bring to a boil, then reduce to a simmer. Simmer approximately 50 minutes per pound or until tender.

Add whole potatoes and carrots, and cook until the vegetables are almost tender. Then, add cabbage and cook for 15 more minutes. Remove meat and let rest 15 minutes.

Place vegetables in a bowl and cover. Add as much broth (cooking liquid reserved in the Dutch oven or large pot) as you want. Slice meat across the grain. Yields 5 servings.

Cook's Tip: If seasoning packet is not included with corned beef brisket, substitute 1-1/4 teaspoons pickling spice, or just add 15 peppercorns, 8 whole cloves and a bay leaf.

IRISH SODA BREAD

- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 4 tablespoons white sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup margarine, softened
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 1/4 cup buttermilk

Preheat oven to 375°F. Lightly grease a large baking sheet.

In a large bowl, mix together flour, sugar, baking soda, baking powder, salt and margarine. Stir in 1 cup of buttermilk and egg.

Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface and knead slightly. Form dough into a round and place on prepared baking sheet.

In a small bowl, combine melted butter with 1/4 cup buttermilk; brush loaf with this mixture. Use a sharp knife to cut an "X" into the top of the loaf.

Bake in preheated oven for 45 to 50 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center of the loaf comes out clean, about 30 to 50 minutes.

You may continue to brush the loaf with the butter mixture while it bakes. Yields about 16 servings.

CLASSIC IRISH SALAD

- Lettuce
- Hard boiled eggs, quartered
- Tomatoes, quartered
- 16-ounce can sliced beets
- Watercress
- Slices of cucumber
- Dressing:*
- 2 hard boiled eggs
- 1/4 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1/2 level teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon soft brown sugar
- 1/2 tablespoon cider vinegar
- 4 tablespoons cream

Arrange lettuce leaves like a rose in deep bowl, biggest leaves on the outside, small leaves in the center. Scatter all or some of the listed ingredients between the leaves.

Sieve egg yolks and add sugar, salt and mustard. Blend in vinegar and cream. Chop egg whites and add some to sauce. Scatter the rest over the salad. Do not dress salad beforehand. Serve dressing separately. Serves 8-10.

CORN O'BRIEN

- 2 slices bacon, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1/4 cup minced white onion
- 2 tablespoons green bell pepper, chopped
- 2 cups whole kernel corn, drained
- 1 tablespoon chopped pimiento peppers
- Salt and pepper to taste

Place the bacon in a large, deep skillet, and cook over medium heat, stirring until evenly browned, about 10 minutes. Drain the bacon

on a paper towel-lined plate, leaving the grease in the skillet.

Stir the onion and bell pepper into the skillet, and cook until the onion has softened and turned translucent, about 5 minutes. Add the corn, pimientos, and reserved bacon. Cook and stir until heated through, 3 to 5 minutes. Season with salt and pepper before serving. Yields 6 servings.

DUBLIN CARAMEL APPLE CAKE

Caramel:

- 1/2 cup firmly-packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 1 (8-ounce) carton heavy whipping cream, divided
- 1/3 cup chopped pecans
- Cake:*
- 1 package apple-cinnamon quick bread mix
- 1 cup chopped, peeled apple
- 3/4 cup water
- 3 tablespoons Irish whiskey or 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 egg

Topping:

- Remaining whipping cream
- 2 tablespoons powdered sugar
- 2 tablespoons Irish whiskey
- Cinnamon, if desired

Heat oven to 350°F. In small sauce pan over low heat, combine brown sugar, butter and 2 table-

spoons whipping cream.

Cook and stir just until butter is melted.

Remove from heat; stir in pecans. Pour mixture into bottom of ungreased 9-inch round cake pan or 9-inch square pan. Set aside.

In large bowl, combine all cake ingredients. Stir 50-75 strokes by hand until mix is moistened.

Carefully spoon batter over caramel mixture, making sure caramel is completely covered. Bake at 350°F for 40-50 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 1 minute; invert onto serving plate. Cool.

Just before serving, in small bowl, beat remaining whipping cream until soft peaks form. Add powdered sugar and whiskey (or vanilla extract). Beat until stiff peaks form.

Spread whipped cream mixture on top of cake. Sprinkle lightly with cinnamon. Store in refrigerator. Serves 10.

IRISH COFFEE

For each serving, warm a mug with hot water for a few minutes, pour out water and add 1 shot of Irish whiskey and a teaspoon of sugar. Fill mug to just below rim with strong, hot coffee.

Float a heaping tablespoon of whipped cream on top. Don't stir—the coffee is sipped through the cream.

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746 Woodgate Court	94579: \$546,500 2 BD - 1,169 SF - 1975
1123 Martin Boulevard	94577: \$610,000 2 BD - 1,042 SF - 1942
915 Crespi Drive	94578: \$630,000 3 BD - 1,356 SF - 1954
1750 Castro Street	94577: \$650,000 3 BD - 1,026 SF - 1953
1158 Duzmal Avenue	94579: \$675,000 1,664 SF - 1980
2423 Fiji Way	94577: \$685,000 3 BD - 1,129 SF - 1961
16255 Calypso Court	94578: \$750,000 4 BD - 1,626 SF - 1994
120 Accolade Drive	94577: \$755,000 3 BD - 1,599 SF - 2003
16575 Toledo Street	94578: \$765,000 4 BD - 1,926 SF - 1949
833 Monterey Court	94578: \$862,000 2,324 SF - 1954
16265 San Remo Drive	94578: \$880,000 4 BD - 2,042 SF - 1964
2109 Hillside Circle	94577: \$950,000 3 BD - 2,040 SF - 1974

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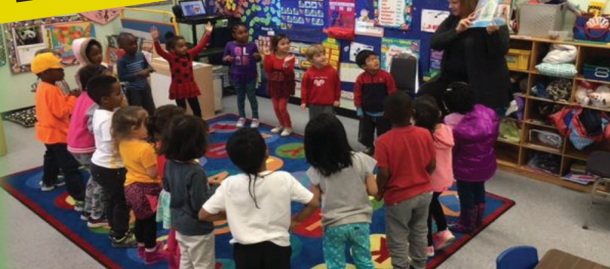
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Firehouse Refurbish Measure D Still Short as a Few Votes Remain

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

Proposition D, to build and refurbish older firehouses in unincorporated Alameda County, is still missing the two-thirds of the votes it needs to pass.

On Election Day, it appeared to have fallen well short, with 61 percent of the vote, but ballots counted later brought it closer to the 2/3 mark.

As of Wednesday morning, unincorporated area voters had cast 19,085 votes in favor (65.9 percent) and 9,876 votes opposed (34.1 percent), still below the

2/3 figure.

There were, however, 57,000 votes left uncounted in Alameda County as of the close of business on Tuesday (the latest figures available). Elections officials do not break them down by where they were cast.

Those uncounted votes include 16,000 votes by mail, 26,000 provisional ballots (where a voter's registration needs to be checked by hand) and conditional voter registration provisional, people who registered or switched parties on the day of election.

Another local race that is still undecided is the race to succeed County Supervisor Scott Hagerty in District 1, where four candidates got between 22 to 27 percent of the vote each. The top two vote-getters will advance to the general election in November.

As of Wednesday, Vinnie Bacon led with 17,058 votes (27.5 percent) and David Gregory Haubert was second with 16,119 (26 percent). Close behind was Melissa Hernandez with 15,417 votes (24.8 percent), followed by Bob Wieckowski with 13,352

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PHOTO BY LINDA PEROTTI

The Castro Valley Women's Club created a display of works that celebrate the women's movement, past and present, at the Castro Valley Library, 3600 Norbridge Ave. in Castro Valley. At right are CV Women's Club members Lois Ingellis, Elisabeth Hartman, and Cheryl Lowe.

Dry: Wildfires may arrive sooner

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it's still too early."

In the meantime, EBMUD is asking customers to turn their irrigation systems off and check them for leaks. If plants look dry, the preferred method is to spot water them in the morning

or after dusk.

Even if March does produce a good amount of rainfall, experts are already coming to grips that the 2020 wildfire season may arrive sooner than expected.

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire) management is watching precipitation levels and monitoring specific zones in the state and preparing in advance.

"We are using this time to make sure our aircraft are maintained and ready to go in case we're needed," Scott McLean, Cal Fire's deputy chief of communications told the San Leandro Times. "In addition to calling on our 2,000 seasonal firefighters, we are able to call for mutual aid from other states and areas to fight fires."

Cal Fire has already responded to 467 calls in its jurisdiction this year compared to 118 responses during the same period last year, McLean says. While

some are false alarms, at least 95% of the fires Cal Fire responds to are less than 10 acres in size.

PG&E is also sending postcards to more than 200,000 customers encouraging them to update their cell phone number, email addresses, and other key information so the company can contact them in advance should it become necessary to temporarily turn off power for safety this fire season.

"We are asking our customers to be sure we have their latest contact information so we can do our best to reach them in advance of a potential Public Safety Power Shutoff event," says PG&E's Chief Customer Officer Laurie Giammona.

CV Women's Club Honors Anniversary of 19th Amendment

"Nevertheless, She Persisted" will be the topic at the next meeting of the Castro Valley Women's Club on Wednesday, March 18, from 1 to 3 p.m. at 18330 Redwood Road in Castro Valley. The public is invited.

The club will be honoring the 100th Anniversary of Women gaining the vote in 1920. There will be a slide presentation, a Book Review of Hidden Figures and a panel discussion by members who will share their personal struggles from the '60s onward, accessing equal pay and treatment.

Members of the Kenneth

Aitkens Senior Center Book Club plan to attend for a lively discussion.

The club gives special acknowledgments to Pat Ryan who was instrumental in gathering the

materials making sure the club did not miss the opportunity to honor this national celebration.

For more information, visit www.castrovalleywomensclub.weebly.com.

San Leandro Garden Club

The San Leandro Garden Club will meet on Tuesday, March 17, at the Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave. in San Leandro.

The business meeting starts at 10 a.m., followed at 11 a.m. with a talk by John Nackley from the

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The world was blessed with a new beautiful angel today as Rita Dolores Brown passed away peacefully in her sleep. She was born on June 14, 1933 and lived a long, wonderful life.

Rita was married to the late Jimmy William Brown for 68 years, and is survived by her brother, Ronald (Judy) Carrera, 3 children, Christine (Randy) Hollenshead, Jimmy (Sonia) Brown, and Diana (David) Prince, and a host of grand and great-grandchildren.

Rita's most enjoyable pastime was collecting salt and pepper shakers, mugs, monkeys, and, her absolute favorite, Elvis Presley memorabilia. She loved sending birthday, anniversary, Christmas, Easter, and Valentine cards to all of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She never missed a one, but they will all miss her. She was an incredibly well-organized and neat homemaker, and held several employment positions, of which the most important, from her perspective, was assuring the safety of children as a crossing guard.

Along with her family, Rita loved her pets. She often fed stray cats, and was dedicated to her dogs, Charlie and Sassy. She tremendously enjoyed taking them for walks and sharing special treats.

A memorial service to celebrate Rita's life will be held at 11 a.m. on March 27, 2020 at Hope Lutheran Church, 1801 Manor Blvd., San Leandro, with Pastor Worth officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials directed to the charity of your choice would be deeply appreciated.

Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on March 30, 2020 at the San Joaquin Nation Cemetery 32053 West McCabe Road, Gustine, CA 95322.



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John "Jack" O. Jones, Jr.

John Owen Jones, Jr. was born on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26, 1915 and went to be with the Lord on Mar. 4, 2020 at 104 years old. He was a resident of San Leandro, CA for over 50 years and lived in Bakersfield since 2014. He was a World War 2 veteran and then worked 32 years at Pacific Gas and Electric Co.

He is survived by the love of his life, Hilda, married to her for 77 years. He was a loving father to Dolores Robison, Robert Jones, and to two predeceased daughters, Darlene Roderick and Linda Jones. He has six grandchildren, Timothy Robison, Tamara Phair, Derrick Roderick, Danielle Stanek, Beth Broadbooks, and Brian Jones. He also has 9 great-grandchildren.

Jack loved all sports but especially baseball. From sandlot baseball as young boy to playing Semi-pro baseball as a young man and then coached many young boys during his active years. Later he was an avid fan and follower of the Oakland "A's".

Known for his cheerful personality and love of music, Jack could be heard humming or singing his favorite songs whether at home or in public. He loved writing and had a number of articles published in his local San Leandro newspaper.

A celebration of Jack's life will be held at Holy Sepulchre Chapel and Cemetery in Hayward, CA. 510-537-6600 on Monday, Mar. 16 2020 beginning at 11:00 a.m.



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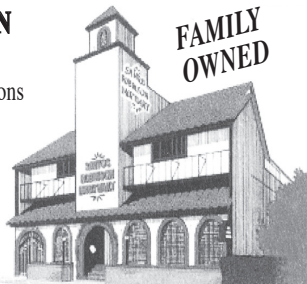
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School Bond: More High Taxes

Editor:

I would like to thank those fiscally responsible people who had the good sense to vote "No" on the latest school bond bucket list, Measure N. Unfortunately, we are outnumbered by the "Free lunch at the end of the rainbow" crowd, and those who think they will reap in benefits more than they are assessed in taxes.

This mindset of higher and higher taxes has given California the highest state income tax in the nation, the highest gas taxes, the highest vehicle registration fees, and some of the highest sales taxes. These, plus, inflated property values and property taxes, are all contributing factors to homelessness, the flight of 1,800 businesses to other states in 2018 alone, and that California ranks 50th as a place to conduct business.

Due to the outflow of residents, California is due to lose one congressional seat after the 2020 census. Are the roads any better with the higher gas tax? Unless one derives one's income from the public treasury, is the quality of your life any better with these higher taxes?

California is ranked 46th in education. Renovating old buildings will somehow transform the status quo into academic excellence and the administrators and teachers will experience an epiphany and collectively demand that they be held accountable for their lackluster and substandard performance. Yeah, that's going to happen when my hunchback brother miraculously straightens up.

There is a built-in bonus in this bond assessment. Those property owners who are already maxed out on state and local taxes on their federal tax returns will not be able to use this additional bond assessment to reduce their taxable income. Not only will they be out the money, they will be required to pay their federal marginal rate on the very same money.

Double taxation. Such a deal.

—**Sebastian Bufardeci, Jr.**
San Leandro

Marina's Seismic Risk

Editor:

The comments noted below were presented to the City Council and Community Development Department several years ago. The text is taken from a memorandum dated December 11, 1991, from the Department of Conservation Division of Mines and Geology (DMG) concerning the San Leandro Marina:

"Although the Draft EIR refers to several geotechnical studies performed for nearby sites, DMG is concerned that without site-specific studies the extent and severity of seismic ground failure hazards, such as liquefaction and settlement cannot be determined...the Marina is highly susceptible to these types of hazards."

Have subsequent studies been done to negate this DMG opinion? Will future development be more beneficial to the city and developer rather than the community at large?

Are we on the threshold of witnessing the development of a giant white elephant?

—**John Manuel**
San Leandro

Just the Flu?

Editor:

Persecution of Science - Funny. Mr. West ("Fake News 'Catastrophism'," *Letters*, March 5) used a religion-based, persecution-of-science story in his argument against climate-change science.

Galileo turned out to be right and Mr. West has to put Trump/Republicans etc. in the place of the Egyptian/Catholic Priests in his analogy. He correctly points out that when a scientist's findings turn out to be bad for the people who currently hold power, their answer is always "attack the scientists."

We see it everyday with this administration's attacks on the CDC and the EPA. "But, but, but that's not what I said" says Mr. West in a future letter to the editor.

Coronavirus/gun deaths — as I write this on March 6th there are 12 confirmed deaths from coronavirus in the USA including one in California. Trump says it is just a flu but was then shocked to learn that the flu killed 30,000 people in the USA this past year.

Hmm...who to believe?

Note that Mr. West is also crying about lack of attention to gun deaths all while he knows that his Republican party stripped and blocks funding for research on gun violence/deaths. Mixed up again, Mr. West. "But, but, the Demo...Sacra....I mean" writes Mr. West in a future letter to the editor.

Homeless — we know Mr. West wants subsidized housing (socialism) for himself and now the homeless. Him first however. Great. Then why does he back Trump who last year asked to cut HUD funding by \$9.6 billion in 2020? I asked Mr. West this same question last summer but he didn't come to the table. Like the facts on climate change he ignored this fact.

Tell me Trump didn't ask for these cuts Mr. West. "But, but, rigged...fake...me first" writes Mr. West in a future letter to the editor.

That's three mix ups in one letter, Mr. West.

Mr. Kwok ("Coronavirus: A Prayer," *Letters*, March 5), I appreciate your letter and its intent. Truly I thank you for writing something positive! Might I suggest that you vote in 2020 for a government that embraces science and also fully funds healthcare for all. It does us no good if a vaccine is only available to the rich and insured.

—**John Clouston**
San Leandro

Lack of Critical Thinking

Editor:

Thank you for giving voice to Leo T. West (*see above*).

Perhaps expressing his ignorant opinions in your pages keeps him from doing more serious damage or mischief. His letter suggests that he probably slept through all his high school science classes, and attempts at teaching him some critical thinking skills failed completely.

—**Jim Mehner**
San Leandro

Shame on the Times

Editor:

Oh Leo! (*see above*) Pull your string and out comes the same old "fair and balanced" diatribe about "fake news" and how all of society's ills are the responsibility of elected representatives from one particular party.

Catastrophism? Did you bother to look up the definition of this word? Obviously not! It's a scientific term and as such I'm sure it's not part of your lexicon.

Yes Leo, the planet has always been in a constant state of change and will continue to do so. But that fact doesn't absolve humanity of being a factor in those changes. Maybe we are or maybe not.

The scientific community on whole agrees that our activities have consequences. So we can make an effort to ameliorate our impact or we can opt to close our eyes, plug our ears, chant "humminah, humminah, ..." and toss our fortunes to the winds (of an ever agitated mother nature).

It would be prudent to make the effort to safeguard our future on this planet. The benefit of doing so will far outweigh the cost.

To continue to deny that we might be driving this buggy into the abyss is the option that is "just ridiculous."

Lastly, to the publisher of the San Leandro Times, shame on you for providing Leo with a carte blanche platform to spew his simplistic opinions.

Review past issues of the Times and observe how often Leo is afforded ink for his opinions (and even an article wholly devoted to him) is embarrassing.

Read one of his opinion pieces and you'll have the gist of the rest. His frequent ranting on the opinion page paints the whole of the city with an unflattering brush and makes us look like a bigoted backwater community. You are doing the city and its residents a dishonor.

—**John Quillen**
San Leandro

Fake News

Editor:

Does anyone remember ever hearing the term "Fake News" before we had a "Fake President"?

Please ignore Fox News in this question because it's never claimed to be an actual news source anyways.

—**Ken Kellogg**
San Leandro

Coronavirus a Hoax?

Editor:

I was relieved to learn from Leo T. (It's a hoax folks) West (*see above*) that we have nothing to worry about. However, I think that I

will refrain from kissing strangers in public and maybe even start practicing my ability to tread water on the off chance that maybe he's right and that everything, even his letter, is indeed a hoax.

—**Dave Williams**
San Leandro

School Bond Debt

Editor:

We have acquired a new pet. It doesn't poop. It doesn't wet.

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—**George Z. Banks**
San Leandro



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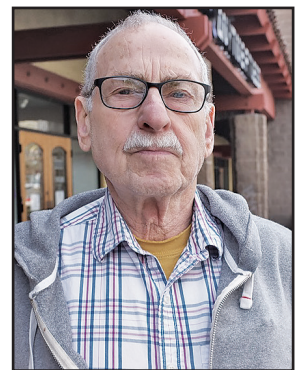
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Ed Bell
Oakland



They're both good to me, as long as it's not Trump.

Artika Chand
Hayward



Both. I know more about Bernie because he was running back when I was in high school. He seems like he would be a good president.

Ronald Mejia
San Leandro



Bernie, because he seems honest and so do the people working for him. He's a real guy. He has education and he motivates the young people. He gives them a feeling of hope.

Nohemi Roman
San Leandro



Bernie, because he expresses himself clearly about helping people and getting things straightened out. Biden has lost some of his fight.

Belafonte Anderson
Antioch



Cameras: SL police say cameras will help solve more crimes

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Council's consideration has not yet been set.

The Council had earlier considered a camera proposal in March 2018 that was criticized for locating cameras mostly along the Oakland city line. Councilwoman Corina Lopez was among those asking the police to come back with a proposal that was driven by data linking specific locations to higher rates of crime.

Lopez supported the new proposal, which she felt was data-driven and which paid attention to privacy concerns.

Some privacy advocates question the new proposal.

"Why now?" asked San Leandro privacy advocate Mike Katz-Lacabe, who works with the group Oakland Privacy. "We're at a 30-year low in crime, and we got there without this kind of surveillance. Why is the surveillance suddenly needed?"

Those areas correspond to crime "hot spots" over the past several years, said police Crime Analyst Denise Joseph, meaning areas with a high incidence of crime.

There are also 12 traffic man-

agement cameras around the city that would be upgraded under the proposal so they would be more useful at identifying individual vehicles.

These existing cameras are along San Leandro's major roads such as Davis Street, Hesperian Boulevard and East 14th Street.

Katz-Lacabe questioned what sort of data was used to justify the cameras, what data would let citizens judge the effectiveness of the cameras if they were installed, and what happens to the data once it's collected.

"Police believe that the more surveillance there is, the lower crime is," he said. "I'm not sure that's true. For starters, 99 percent of what's gathered is useless to law enforcement."

"We do have a Fourth Amendment in this country, and we have that despite the police perhaps being able to solve more crimes if they could freely search anybody's house or vehicle at any time," Katz-Lacabe said.

"But would that be worth the cost society would pay?" he asked.

Both Jeff Tudor and Denise Joseph said the police were sen-

"It was terribly dangerous to let your thoughts wander when you were in a public place or within range of a telescreen. The smallest things could give you away. A nervous tic, an unconscious look of anxiety."

— From 1984
by George Orwell

sitive to privacy concerns.

"We don't want people to feel like they're always being monitored," Joseph said.

Tudor said that the footage would be kept in a secure facility, accessed by only a few department employees who needed

to work with it, and would be looked at only if a crime happened nearby.

The police would also look only at segments close in time to the crime, cutting down on data overload and saving staff time. They would delete footage after 15 days if it is not relevant to a crime being investigated, Tudor said.

The 15-day limit would put the police data retention practices in line with City Policy 2019-01 regarding camera use, though it specifically exempts the police department.

Other cities use public safety cameras and have found them useful in solving crimes, though not at stopping them in progress, Tudor said.

"We're not able to monitor them in real time," he added.

Tudor said that the police have been using footage gathered by home and business security cameras, with owners' permission, for years, and it has been useful in solving crimes.

He pointed to a recent downtown bank robbery, where one private camera caught the suspect getting into a car and let the police get a license plate number. They were then able to track the



PHOTO BY HUSTVEDT

The City Council will decide whether to allow the police department to install surveillance cameras on public streets.

car using other cameras downtown to get a direction of flight.

Given that information, he said, San Leandro detectives were able to arrest the suspect in another city within hours of the robbery.

Tudor called on citizens and businesses who have home security systems to register them with the police so the police can request footage to help solve a crime nearby.

The new cameras are proposed for the intersections of

Durant and Bancroft avenues (alternatively, the nearby corner of Bancroft and Dutton avenues;

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There is no vaccine for Coronavirus, so preventing the spread of it and other respiratory illnesses is important. The following measures are recommended for everyone:

- Wash hands frequently with soap and water, including between fingers. If soap and water aren't available, use hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your face with your hands, especially eyes and nose.
- Stay home if you feel sick, to prevent exposing others.
- Sneez into tissues or your elbow, and wash hands after sneezing.
- Avoid contact with ill persons if possible.

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• Contact a medical provider before coming to a hospital or doctor's office.

The coronavirus has symptoms similar to the flu, including possible shortness of breath. Getting a flu shot can help rule out the flu if similar symptoms occur.

Coronaviruses are in the same virus family as the common cold, typically causing mild symptoms. A lab test can be done to determine if the illness is coronavirus.

The CDC recently listed cleaning products that can help combat the coronavirus. These include Clorox, Lysol, Sani-Prime and Purell disinfectant wipes and cleaners. More specific information is available at cdc.gov

Votes: Prop. 13 falls short

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votes (21.8 percent). Statewide, the Proposition 13 school bond issue is falling short with 46 percent of the votes in favor, and 54 percent voting "No." There are some 2.6 million

uncounted ballots statewide, as of Tuesday. However, calculations by the nonprofit journalism group Cal Matters show that the uncounted ballots would have to break 58 percent in favor to bring the measure back from apparent defeat.

Most voters in Alameda County now vote by mail, not in person, according to the Registrar of Voters website. Of the 408,034 people who voted in this election, some 85,809 (21 percent) voted in person and 322,225 (79 percent) voted by mail.

Statewide, the 2018 fall election, the latest for which a breakdown was available, saw 8.3 million votes (65 percent) cast by mail out of a total turnout of 12.7 million.

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