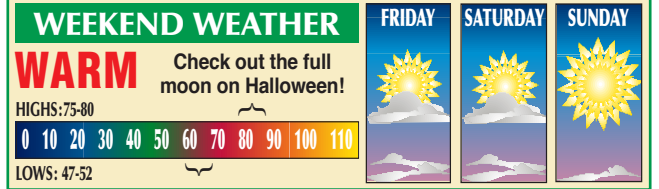


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HIGH WINDS on Sunday night knocked down trees and broke limbs all across town. Public Works Department crews were out early in the morning to clean up the streets and sidewalks, and businesses hired workers to help clear the debris. Above, limbs broke off the sycamores on East 14th Street. Below, a tree crew removes a big limb that landed on a roof, and Angel Martinez clears the leaves that fell on Pelton Center.



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES



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Police Sergeant Charged with Embezzlement

Mayor: disappointing but pleased police took immediate action

The district attorney charged a sergeant at the San Leandro Police Department with embezzlement and misappropriation of funds, the Alameda County District Attorney's office announced this week.

The DA charged Sergeant Robert Sanchez, a 19-year veteran of the San Leandro police. Sanchez carried out payroll functions within the department when discrepancies with funds and overtime requests in his timesheets were discovered, police said in a press release this week.

After an internal investigation and audit conducted by the police department, it was determined Sanchez was manipulating the systems for personal gain. The department immediately contacted the Alameda County District Attorney's Office, and Sergeant Sanchez was placed on administrative leave, according to the San Leandro Police Department.

Police Chief Jeff Tudor and Mayor Pauline Cutter released statements online this week.

"As public servants we have an obligation to hold ourselves to a higher standard," stated Chief Jeff Tudor. "Unfortunately and disappointing incidents like this will never be tolerated in this department and we will continue to review our internal processes to ensure something like this does not happen again."

Although I am highly troubled by these allegations, I am pleased that our oversight systems caught this alleged wrongdoing and that

see *EMBEZZLEMENT*, page 5

Police Shoot Man Who Raised Firearm

Two San Leandro police officers opened fire and shot a man in a car who raised a firearm in their direction on Sunday night, police said.

Two police officers were in an unmarked car on 137th Avenue, just east of Bancroft Avenue, searching for a suspect who evaded police earlier in the evening. The officers parked on 137th when a vehicle pulled up behind them and stopped.

The officers began to get out of their vehicle to contact the driver in the car that pulled up behind them when the driver of the vehicle raised a firearm above the dashboard in the direction of the officers, according to police.

"Both officers immediately saw the driver raise the firearm

see *SHOOT*, page 3

DA Calls for Pledge Against Human Trafficking

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

Alameda County is a hotbed of human trafficking, according to Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley, who would like everyone to join in a pledge to help stamp it out of our neighborhoods.

In a presentation this month to the Castro Valley Rotary Club, O'Malley outlined the current problem of human trafficking, the progress being made to fight

its spread, and suggestions for how government and businesses can work together to eliminate it.

"No community is immune," O'Malley said. "This happens in Danville as well as in Oakland. On any Saturday morning, you can see them lined up near businesses around the 580 and 238 Interstate zone. Until our communities say, 'no more,' we will have human trafficking in our communities. It is our hope that the community will continue to

learn more about human trafficking and how to become involved in the effort to combat it."

O'Malley formed the H.E.A.T. (Human Exploitation and Trafficking) division in 2005 prior to the passage of Penal Code Section 236.1, or California's Human Trafficking statute. The program coordinates with 50 different law enforcement and social services agencies in the Bay Area and is the model for the U.S. Department of Justice's

anti-human trafficking efforts.

In the last 15 years, H.E.A.T. Watch has helped more than 6,000 minors find safer alternatives, O'Malley said. Alameda County has prosecuted more than 740 cases involving sex trafficking in the same time period and currently has 57 active cases.

"My first case was back in 1997 where the victim was a 12-year-old girl whose mom and sisters were under the spell of a

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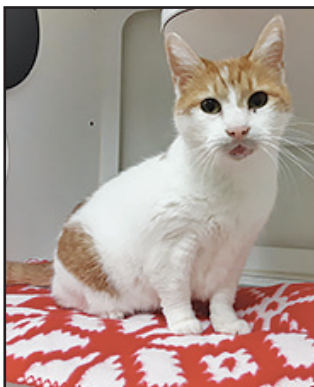
PETS OF THE WEEK



Dexter

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter are two cats.

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



Cleopatra

Cleopatra is a 10-year-old female. Cleopatra hid under her bed at first, now she enjoys attention from the staff, but she's still shy around new people. Cleo needs love and patience to shine. With the right family she would blossom.

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

Marina Faire Neighbors Applaud Letter Carrier

Letter carrier Charles Harris has been delivering the mail for about 20 years in the Marina Faire neighborhood.

So residents Debi Parker and Kenneth Souza wanted to acknowledge his work as one of the unsung heroes.

Along with medical workers, post office employees and other essential workers keep the country going, so the Marina Faire residents think that's important to recognize.

"Here in the Marina Faire community we wanted to especially show our gratitude to our carrier Charles, who not only brings our mail, but also a smile for everyone he greets," said Parker and Souza. "What a better world he creates for all of us just by being himself."



PHOTO BY KENNETH SOUZA

On this Day in History: Oct. 22...

In 1938, Chester Carlson invents the photocopier. He tries to sell the machine to IBM, RCA,

Kodak and others, but they see no use for a gadget that makes nothing but copies.

Church to Host Drive-By Trunk or Treat

The San Leandro Church of Christ, 601 MacArthur Blvd. in San Leandro, will host a free

drive-through, no contact trunk-or-treat event Halloween night on Saturday, Oct. 31, from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Here's how it works: Arrive at the parking lot off of Lewis Avenue behind the church. Enter the parking lot and drive slowly through the route marked off with orange cones while you're greeted by costumed church members and decorated cars. Stop near the

exit and pop your trunk to receive a treat bag for each child in your car. After remotely closing your trunk (or someone can close it for you), drive out through the exit onto Lewis Avenue.

No walk-ups and no one will be allowed to exit their vehicle.

Email Woody and Judy Square at woodysquare@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Join the Library's Virtual Book Club

Join the San Leandro Public Library on Thursday, Nov. 5, from 6 to 7 p.m. for a new monthly virtual adult book club focused on #Ownvoices books, a hashtag that started in 2015 to promote diverse authors and books. Adults

18 and over can join this Zoom meeting by going to the library website (www.sanleandrolibrary.org) and registering at the Latest Library News Item. Bring your own book and/or get good reading inspiration for the fall.

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Editorial: San Leandro faces big decisions; elect Hernandez...

By EAST BAY TIMES EDITORIAL
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Hernandez...(is) prepared to confront San Leandro Issues

San Leandro faces financial, policing and housing challenges...best equipped for the task (is) incumbent Ed Hernandez in District 2...has a keen understanding of the city's budget and financial challenges, wants the city to reexamine how it polices while keeping residents safe, and sees Bayfair as a golden opportunity for mixed-used, transit-oriented development.

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Assumption Kindergarten Classes Reopen

Assumption School reopened its classrooms for in-person learning on Monday, Oct. 19.

The school welcomed back its Transitional Kindergarten (TK) and Kindergarten classes in a hybrid format that will allow students to receive in-person learning for half of the day. Parents who wish to keep their kids in distance learning continue to do so.

The school reopened as Alameda County has entered the Orange Tier category of the State's Blueprint for a Safer Economy. This category allows elementary schools to reopen, as long as a Covid-19 health and safety plan is submitted to the Alameda County Office of Education and the Alameda County Public Health Department.

Assumption School's 45-page reopening plan covers procedures on physical distancing, routine testing of staff, daily cleaning and disinfecting of learning spaces, and increased ventilation, among other topics.

Principal Lana Rocheford worked in collaboration with the Diocese of Oakland, Assumption School Board, Alameda County's Public Health Department and Office of Education and the Oakland Diocese Department of Education to develop a short-term and a long-term plan for education.

"Whether before the pandemic or now, and whether we are



PHOTO COURTESY OF ASSUMPTION SCHOOL

Kindergarten teacher Ms. Megan Scherer facilitates the safe drop off of kindergarteners as they arrive at Assumption School.

distance learning or in person, it has always been about how we can create a place where students will feel safe, nurtured, respected and treasured," said Principal Rocheford.

Erica Marr, mother to kindergartner Israel Murray, is excited for her son to regain the benefits of in-person learning.

"It has been a balancing act trying to manage work and both of my sons' distance learning, all while trying to keep my family safe and healthy during this pandemic," Marr said. "We are thankful that Israel can return back to the classroom and experience kindergarten in person this school year. The school has

worked hard to get to this point."

Assumption School will take a measured approach by phasing the return of classes by grade level over the course of the next few months. After TK and Kindergarten acclimate to their new environments, the school will gradually bring back first through fifth grades.

Shoot: Police said driver pulled up behind, raised firearm

continued from front page in their direction and used their service weapons striking the 43-year-old white man multiple times in his upper torso," police said in a press release.

Police gave first aid to the man until paramedics arrived. The man was taken to a local hospital where he was listed in critical condition.

Police were in the area looking for a suspect who failed to stop earlier in the evening in the area of 148th and Wake avenues. Police pursued the vehicle to 137th Avenue and School Street where the driver stopped and ran into the backyard of a residence, according to police. A firearm

was discovered when police searched the sedan the suspect was driving.

Police said the officers were placed on administrative leave, which is standard protocol. The police department and the district attorney's office will conduct an investigation of the shooting, which is done in all officer-involved shootings that result in injury or death. No officers were injured.

Police said more information will be provided as it becomes available.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is urged to contact the San Leandro Police Department at (510) 577-2740.

Aviation Museum to Host Halloween-theme Storytime

The Oakland Aviation Museum, 8252 Earhart Road in Oakland, will present a fun program: Storytime and Sidewalk Chalk Drawing - Halloween theme with docent Eulanna Allen on Saturday Oct. 31 at 11 a.m.

Costumes optional. Alameda County Health directive requires mask and social distancing at all times.

Admission: adults \$15, seniors \$12, military and teens \$10, kids 5 to 12 year old \$8, kids 4 and under no charge.

Parks' Dog Rules Back To Normal

Dog rules have returned to normal in the East Bay Regional Parks, with dogs being allowed off-leash in designated areas once again.

Since March, the Park District requested that all dogs be kept on-leash to prevent crowding and unsafe interaction between unrelated park visitors. Unleashed dogs tend to group together, making it difficult to maintain social distancing.

"The return of normal dog rules is a reminder that dog owners need to be responsible and share the parks with others," said General Manager Robert Doyle. "Dog owners need to bag and bin their dog's poop, leash their dogs in designated areas, including parking lots, trailheads, and paved trails, and keep their dogs on-leash around cattle and horses."

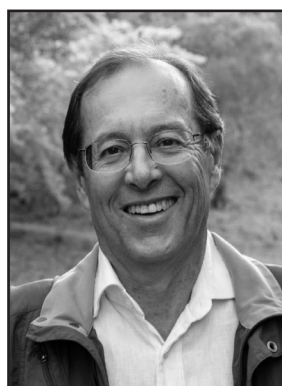
When off-leash, dogs must be kept in view and under voice control, and must return to owners when called. Dogs are not under control when they threaten, harass or chase other dogs or wildlife, display threatening behaviors, or touch or jump on park users who have not invited or engaged in interaction with the dog.

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Fire Danger Persists in East Bay Hills

Despite cooler temperatures settling over Northern California, the risk of wildfires in the East Bay remains high, according to the National Weather Service.

A Red Flag Warning, indicating extreme fire danger, was posted Sunday morning through 11 a.m. yesterday for some of this fire season's strongest wind gusts along East Bay hilltops and ridgelines.

Record-dry vegetation, low moisture and low humidity continue to create tinderbox-like conditions.

Cal Fire said it would relocate equipment and firefighters to high-risk areas, and PG&E remains poised to switch off power to prevent their equipment from igniting a blaze.

This year's fire season has already been one of the most devastating on record with five of the 20 most destructive wildfires in California history. More than 8,600 fires have scorched well over 6,400 square miles, destroyed some 9,200 buildings, and have caused 31 deaths.

The East Bay Regional Park District had five major fires in its parks touched off by lightning strikes on August 15, part of the SCU Lighting Complex Fire, which burned for 44 days and blackened 396,624 acres.

The district cautioned park visitors to be vigilant and alert in parks, and to follow common-sense, everyday fire-safe rules including a ban on smoking and vaping, and being aware of Red Flag Warnings, fire danger levels, and park fire safety rules:



ALAMEDA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT PHOTO

More than 8,600 wildfires, some the most destructive in California history, have burned over 6,400 square miles so far this year, taking 31 lives.

- If you see a fire in a park, call 911 immediately. Report the fire's location, size, and direction of burn, if possible. If in a park, leave immediately for your safety.

- Practice situational awareness. Be alert for any potential fire hazards and report them.

- During a fire emergency, cooperate with all instructions and evacuation orders from firefighters, police, and park staff.

To reduce fire fuels and risks in parks, as well as prepare and stay ready for wildfires, the Park

District maintains a professional fire department with 16 full-time firefighters and more than 34 on-call firefighters who have other district jobs but are fully trained and available when needed.

Eight fire stations throughout the park district are staffed as circumstances demand, and an eight-member fuel reduction crew works year-round to enhance fire safety by clearing brush, trimming trees, and carrying out controlled burning.

Cattle, goats, and sheep help to reduce fire fuels by grazing

over approximately 65 percent of the parkland throughout the year.

Two helicopters serve as observation platforms to determine fire location, spread direction, and best access for ground crews. The helicopters are also equipped with Bambi buckets to drop water on fires when needed.

As part of a larger network, the District maintains Remote Automated Weather Stations in four parks that provide data on temperature, wind speed and direction, and moisture to help determine the fire danger level.

Police Arrest 18 Year Old for Shooting on MacArthur Blvd.

Arrest follows Sept. 31 shooting at man in a car with semiautomatic

San Leandro police arrested an 18-year-old for involvement in a Sept. 31 shooting on the 200 block of MacArthur Boulevard.

Police said they arrested Colby Demarea Berry on Oct. 13 for his involvement in the shooting.

Berry, who is a member of a gang, went to a barber shop for a haircut where he recognized a member of a rival gang, according to police. When Berry was finished, he waited outside for the rival who later came out with another person and got into a vehicle.

Berry then produced a semi-automatic handgun with a high-capacity drum magazine and fired four rounds into the vehicle, police said. Berry fled the scene. No one was struck or injured by the gunfire.

Detectives gathered evidence that identified Berry as the shooter. At the time of his arrest on Oct. 13, Berry had a semi-automatic handgun with a high capacity drum magazine in his possession.

"This arrest was made possible thanks to the dedicated, diligent, and focused work by detectives. We also would like to send a thank you to the Fremont Police Department who assisted us by apprehending Berry," said

Lt. Ted Henderson.

The case against Berry was presented to the Alameda County District Attorney's Office on Oct. 15. Berry was formally charged with shooting into an occupied motor vehicle and other firearm violations.

Police ask anyone with additional information to contact the San Leandro Police Department at 510-577-2740.

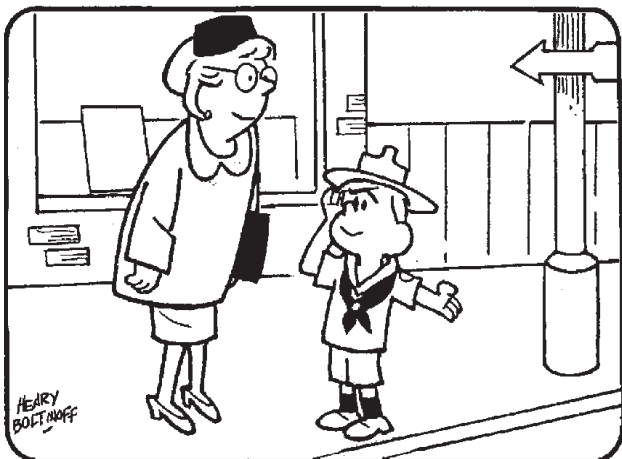
Drive-Through Ofrenda for Dia de Los Muertos

East Bay Arts High School will host a drive-through Ofrenda for Dia de Los Muertos on Monday, Nov. 2, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the east parking lot of San Lorenzo High School.

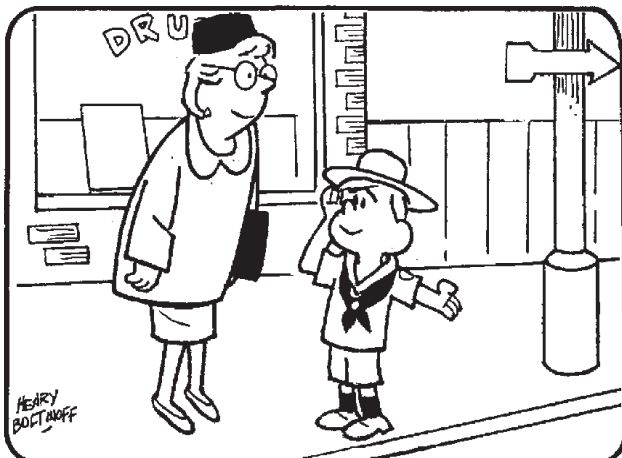
The memory of student families will be honored as well as student Dia de Los Muertos artwork. Drive-through participants are asked to wear masks and remain their vehicle. For more information, call the school at 510-317-4411.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Window sign is missing. 2. Boy's hat is different. 3. Arrow points in opposite direction. 4. Woman's hair is different. 5. Bricks are added to building. 6. Woman's shoes are flats.

PUZZLE CARD

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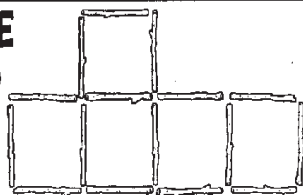
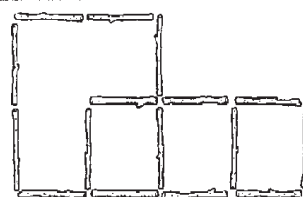


fig. 2



LAY OUT 16 STICKS, as shown in figure 1, and challenge your friends to move two of them to new positions so that four squares will be formed. Figure 2 gives our solution.

A MATH QUICKIE! You have one minute to arrange the numbers 1 through 9 so that they add up to 99,999.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Answer: 1234 + 98765 = 99,999

'EAR' TODAY, 'CORN' TOMORROW! In this puzzle all of the words get progressively longer, and they all contain an EAR. Use the following definitions:

1. Ear (given).
2. Rip Van Winkle had one.
3. Starts off as grit.
4. Related to a straight line.
5. Secondhand knowledge.
6. All gas cars have them.
7. A well-known flavoring.

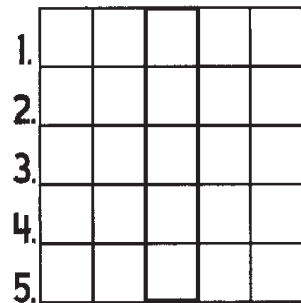
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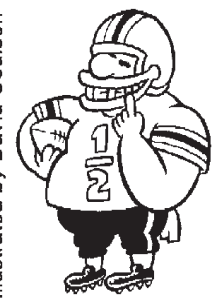
Answers: 1. Ear (given). 2. Beard. 3. Beard. 4. Linear. 5. Hearsay. 6. Gearbox. 7. Spearmint.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



Illustrated by David Coulson



A FOOTBALL VOCABULARY DRILL!

In the grid above, there is room to enter five five-letter words pertaining to football. The following definitions should help you:

1. Part of football shoe.
2. Type of player.
3. What ends must do.
4. What the fans must do.
5. What the linesman measures.

There is a dark frame around the center column of letters. If you correctly solve the puzzle, the letters in this frame, top to bottom, will spell out what a "tackle" must be.

Answers: 1. Cleat. 2. Guard. 3. Catch. 4. Cheer. 5. Yards. The center column word denotes a big "eater."

Wear a Mask; It's the Law

As Alameda County COVID-19 shelter-in-place restrictions are relaxed to allow more activities, compliance with face-covering and other infection-control measures are as important as ever. In fact, it is the law.

Masks and other cloth face coverings provide a barrier to prevent respiratory droplets from traveling into the air or onto other people when we cough, sneeze, talk or raise our voices.

In compliance with California's public health orders, the Alameda County order and guidelines call for everyone over two years of age to wear a face covering when:

- At an outdoor or indoor

dining establishment except when eating or drinking at a dining table;

- Outside their home and within 30 feet of anyone else other than members of their Social Bubble;

- In the workplace except when in a private space or area not regularly used by others; and

- Preparing food or other items for sale or distribution to people outside their household.

Face coverings may be removed when eating alone or with members of one's social bubble or alone or with members of one's household in an outdoor area such as a park or patio, while maintaining six feet of distance from others.

Embezzlement: DA to conduct investigation

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our leadership team took immediate action to investigate it and report it."

"I was disappointed to hear of these allegations," stated Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter. "However, I was pleased to see immediate action was taken by the San Leandro Police Department as soon as the discrepancies were discovered through an internal audit. The City has since hired a forensic accountant to conduct a thorough review of the internal processes to make certain this does not happen again. There is

no room for dishonesty among our own employees and while the news is disappointing, I am grateful for the honest and diligent officers and staff that reported this activity. Their actions are representative of the integrity and professionalism we all expect from our public servants."

The Alameda County District Attorney's Office will be conducting the criminal investigation. A third-party Internal Affairs investigation will also be conducted to better understand this incident and determine the appropriate follow-up actions.



PHOTO COURTESY JIM SMITH

The flag box in Castro Valley is not a ballot box.

Ballots Mistakenly Dropped in Wrong Box

People are a little confused about the election this year, but that's understandable.

Ballots can simply be mailed. Or they can be dropped into a ballot drop box, such as the one in front of San Leandro City Hall.

The American flag drop box in Castro Valley, on the other hand, isn't a ballot box. But three ballots wound up in the box along with flags that are left for proper disposal.

Don't worry if that's one of your ballots, though. Your vote will be counted.

American Legion Post 649 runs the flag drop box. The post disposes of old flags in a dignified manner, because it would be less than respectful to dump them into the garbage.

The three ballots left in the flag box were taken to the Castro Valley Post Office and mailed to the Registrar of Voters office, said Jim Smith with the American Legion in Castro Valley.

Flag boxes are labeled, but because they're painted red, white and blue they could be mistaken for a mail box or ballot box.

Trafficking: DA asks for public's support

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trafficker," O'Malley said. "The day we rescued her, she had been raped and sold eight times in one night."

O'Malley said human trafficking is a \$150 billion global enterprise that is funded primarily by the purchasers, although more gangs are getting involved. Most of the exploited are girls under the age of 22, she said, adding that Alameda County's average is 14 years old.

There is a small percentage of young men who are also involved. The majority (83 percent) of sex-trafficking victims in the United States are from the United States. And while trafficking can take many forms, it typically fall into two categories: sex and labor.

In one case, a woman was trafficking labor in the construction industry in unsafe conditions. When authorities uncovered the scheme, they also found rows of sewing machines where workers were forced into labor.

"Many of those exploited are reportedly brought to Los Angeles and Las Vegas," O'Malley said. "Our office has been trolling them on the internet. Back on October 2, we found 1,165 ads posted with 750 profiles of girls on the internet. There has been a 16.6 percent increase in online ads since last year. The traffickers are also using the threat of violence as well as the use of crystal methamphetamine drugs to keep their victims captive."

Alameda County is considered a hotspot, O'Malley said,



District Attorney Nancy O'Malley wants to stamp out human trafficking in Alameda County.

because the weather is conducive to being outside all year round. She also noted that H.E.A.T. Watch and the District Attorney's Office recently secured a \$2 million grant to fight trafficking in the county. O'Malley is hoping that an overwhelming number of people adding their name to support anti-trafficking will be the catalyst for more state and federal funding.

"It takes a village to rescue those who are trafficked and hold those who exploit them accountable," O'Malley said. "You are that village. By taking the pledge, our village grows stronger and those in need of protection grow safer."

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Special to the Times

GUEST COMMENTARY



COVID-19 Is Reshaping the Way We Will Live Going Forward

As the pandemic deepens and indicators suggest it may be at least a year before things return to normal, we are beginning to hear the same theme repeated over and over by both current homeowners and those looking to purchase a home of their own:

"This house is too small!"

With most of life being confined to the home front, it is becoming obvious to many that

having ample space has become the most important priority.

When you think that a family of four, in addition to normal space requirements, also needs working space for both adults and school space for the kids, things are getting very cramped. With many gyms still closed, having a space in the home to exercise has become critical for many.

Additionally, now that the colder weather is just around the corner, activities that were held outside will now be moving inside for the winter. What may have seemed like an adequately sized house prior to COVID-19 is now feeling tight and congested for many families.

All this extra time spent at home is also helping homeowners focus their thoughts on how to improve their digs. Contractors are being run off their feet to keep up with the onslaught of homeowners looking to upgrade their homes and improve the quality of their lives.

Popular projects include improving the quality and speed of Internet connections, removing walls to open up spaces, adding home office space, renovating kitchens and bathrooms, increasing the size of the master bedroom, building a home gym, adding features such as The Mirror (a smart mirror that can stream workout classes) and more.

Multi-unit developments such as apartments, condos and townhouses are also being impacted as Home Owner Associations are looking to provide covid-friendly features to commonly shared spaces. These include touchless entry systems, high quality air filters and common areas where social distancing is more practical.

Exterior spaces are also undergoing reconfigurations as it is becoming increasingly necessary for those being cooped up inside for long periods of time to have a quality outside space to go to where they can also adequately distance themselves from others who may be out at the same time.

It is a brave new world and, even when COVID-19 is a speed bump in the rear-view mirror of life, the lessons learned during this time will effectively reshape the homes we live in going forward.

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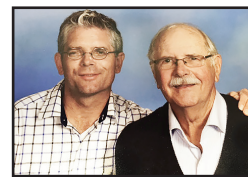
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Don't Bury Bearded Iris Tubers

By Buzz Bertolero
Special to the Times

I'm going to divide several old clumps of bearded iris. I've been told this will increase the blooms as the flowers have declined over the years. Is there anything special I need to do?

After dividing your bearded iris, there isn't anything special one needs to do to the tubers before planting. You would prepare the soil by adding organic matter like soil conditioner or home-made compost and a starter fertilizer.

Since you are planting multiple plants I'd amend the entire planting area instead of individual holes.

Bearded iris are very shallow-rooted perennials. The key to planting them is not to bury the tubers.

The proper planting technique has the tubers visible, with half or more of them exposed above the soil line. It is beneficial to divide the clumps periodically, but the clump's age or density doesn't affect blooming.

You'll find a reduction in flowers in those areas that become shadier over time with a maturing landscape. But, the primary reason mature clumps stop blooming is from a nutrient deficiency.

The primary elements necessary for plant growth are nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium (N-P-K). Nitrogen (N) keeps plants green while phosphorus (P) and potassium (K) are for flowers, fruit production, and plant hardiness.

Bearded iris stop flowering when phosphorus and potassium are exhausted. The clumps' fringes continue to bloom because the new roots are expanding into areas where the nutrients haven't been depleted. During the winter months, the

flower buds form, so fertilizing in the fall and winter is critical for the spring blooms.

Monthly applications of 0-10-10 (N-P-K) through March is suggested to remedy this issue. 0-10-10 is available in both liquid and granular form.

There is no need to be concerned about the winter rains leaching the nutrients out of the root zone unless soil erosion is an issue. Phosphorus and potassium remain fixed in place and have little movement through the soil, unlike nitrogen, which is very mobile. Right now, I'd not be inclined to divide the clumps. Instead, I'd wait to see how they bloom next spring after the winter feeding program. If the problem continues, then I'd move them next year.

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

Mortgage Rates Continue to Trend Down

Long-term mortgage rates continued to shatter records last week, according to Freddie Mac's weekly nationwide survey.

The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 2.80 percent for the week ending Oct. 22, down from the previous week when it averaged 2.81 percent, and the lowest rate in the survey's history, which dates back to 1971. A year ago at this time, the 30-year rate averaged 3.75 percent.

Fifteen-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 2.33 percent, down

from 2.35 percent.

Five-year hybrid adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 2.87 percent, down from 2.90 percent.

"Mortgage rates today are on average more than a full percentage point lower than rates over the last five years," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's Chief Economist. "This means that most low- and moderate-income borrowers who purchased during the last few years stand to benefit by exploring refinancing to lower their monthly payment."

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LIFESTYLE

HALLOWEEN: SOME LIKE IT HAUNT

The CDC has announced safety guidelines for Halloween this year, which include avoiding trick-or-treating and large gatherings. But that doesn't mean Halloween won't be fun...or scary.

TV stations and cable networks are rolling out the worst of the best horror films for families to enjoy at home this year. Here are some frighteningly easy-to-make treats to go along with the scary movie marathon.

WITCH'S CAKE

- 1 (1-pound) can solid-pack pumpkin
 - 1 (1/2-pound) jar applesauce
 - 1 cup nonfat egg substitute (or 4 eggs)
 - 1 cup nonfat milk
 - 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
 - 2-1/2 cups dark brown sugar, packed
 - 4 cups cake flour
 - 4 teaspoons baking powder
 - 1 teaspoon baking soda
 - 1 tablespoon cinnamon
 - 2 teaspoons ginger
 - 1 teaspoon cloves
- Frosting and Topping (recipe follows)

Mix pumpkin, applesauce, egg substitute, milk, vanilla and brown sugar in bowl until blended. Set aside.

Stir together flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, ginger and cloves until mixed. Form well in center of dry ingredients and pour in pumpkin mixture. Stir just until ingredients are blended. Divide between 2 buttered 9-inch square pans lined with parchment paper, spreading evenly in pans.

Bake at 375°F until center tests done with toothpick, about 30 to 40 minutes. Cool slightly in pan on wire rack.

Frosting & Topping

- 2 (14-ounce) cans nonfat sweetened condensed milk
- 2/3 cup cocoa
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon orange extract
- 1 teaspoon butter
- 4 (1-ounce) bars bittersweet chocolate
- 6 chocolate kisses
- 1 large tube orange decorating icing

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- 1 large tube white decorating icing

Simmer condensed milk and cocoa in saucepan, stirring constantly over low heat until mixture thickens. Stir in vanilla and orange extracts and butter.

Spoon small amount of frosting on top of 1 cake square. Place second square on top. Frost top and sides of cake.

Melt bittersweet chocolate in top of double-boiler. Spread in 8-inch square on wax paper or parchment paper. Cool until almost set. Cut out rounds with 4-inch biscuit cutter for base of witch hats. Melt some of remaining chocolate scraps and spread over bottom of kiss to attach center of chocolate round for witch hat. Finish hats by making ribbon around hat with orange decorating icing.

For spider web, make 4 or 5 concentric circles with white decorating icing atop frosting on cake. Pull tip of toothpick through



circles to make web. Pipe orange frosting around edge of cake.

PUMPKIN CORN

- 8 cups popcorn
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves

- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon cooked pumpkin
- 1 teaspoon brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon powdered sugar

Place popcorn in large bowl. Melt butter in small pan over low heat. Remove from heat. Stir in ground cloves, cinnamon,

pumpkin and brown sugar. Spoon onto popcorn and toss with hands to coat thoroughly. Sprinkle with 1 tablespoon of powdered sugar.

CARAMEL
APPLES

- 1 (14-ounce) package caramel candies
- 4 teaspoons hot water
- 5 or 6 medium apples

Remove wrappers, place caramels and hot water in top of double boiler. Heat over boiling water, stirring often, until caramels are melted and sauce is smooth.

Insert popsicle stick into stem end of each apple. Dip into hot caramel sauce, turning to coat surface. Place on wax paper and chill until caramel is firm.

Variation: While dipped apples are still warm, roll in flaked coconut, ground nuts or crushed cereal.

SPICY HALLOWEEN
COOKIES

- 3 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves

- 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
 - 3/4 cup vegetable shortening
 - 1-1/4 cups sugar
 - 1 egg
 - 1 cup canned pumpkin
 - 1/4 cup milk
 - 1 cup chopped nuts
- Cinnamon Frosting

Sift together flour, soda and spices. Cream together shortening and sugar until fluffy. Beat in egg and pumpkin. Mix in flour mixture alternately with milk. Add nuts.

Place rounded teaspoons of dough on lightly greased baking sheet. Bake at 375°F for 12 to 15 minutes.

Cool, then ice with Cinnamon Frosting. Makes about 6-1/2 dozen.

Cinnamon
Frosting

- 1/4 cup butter
- 1-3/4 cups powdered sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 to 3 tablespoons milk

Cream butter until light, then beat in other ingredients.

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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Deciding to work out that pesky problem (even though you might have been bored, bored, bored with it) should be paying off right about now. Expect to hear some very welcome news very soon.



TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Unexpected news might cause you to rethink a previous conclusion. Don't be bullheaded and try to bluff it out. Make the needed change, and then take a bow for your objectivity.



GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Money matters should be considered as you continue to work out your holiday plans. This is a good time to scout out discounts before demand for them outstrips their availability.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): A calm period early in the week helps you complete most, if not all, of your unfinished tasks. A new project appears by midweek, and this one could carry some big career potential.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): Positive results from recent ventures continue to pump up those self-esteem levels, making you Fabulous Felines feel you can tackle any challenge anyone wants to throw at you.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): Family and friends might feel neglected because of your almost total focus on a project. Try to rework your schedule so you can have time for both your loved ones and your work.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): Don't be surprised if you suddenly hear from someone from your past who wants to contact you about the possibility of renewing a long-dormant (if not dead) relationship.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): This is a good time to check over what went right and what went wrong with recent efforts. This can provide valuable lessons for projects that will be coming up soon.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Dealing with people who feel they're always right about everything might be a problem for some. But the savvy Archer should be able to deflate their oversize egos.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): This week favors a balance between the demands of your work and your need for fun timeouts. Taking breaks helps restore and keep your energy levels high.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): There could be an occasional setback in what you're working on. But look at them as lessons on how to do better as you move along. More supporters turn up to cheer you on.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Although a more positive aspect influences this week's course, you still need to be sure that those who will work with you have no reason to work against you. Good luck.

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Alta Mira's 19th Century Stained Glass Repaired

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

San Leandro's Alta Mira Club held a Grand Opening on Sunday, Oct. 11, to thank the city for funding the restoration of an 1876 stained-glass window near the entrance to the historic Ygnacio Peralta House at 561 Lafayette Ave.

The City Council voted last Dec. 16 to give the club \$23,000 for emergency repairs on the window, which glass experts said would not survive the winter intact otherwise.

The house dates back to 1860 and was Alameda County's first brick building. The club has maintained and operated it for nearly a century, holding events throughout the year, though not during the current pandemic.

Alta Mira Club president Charlotte Smith welcomed the crowd, which included Mayor Pauline Cutter and two City Council members, Pete Ballew
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PHOTO BY MIKE MCGUIRE

An artisan took every piece of glass apart to repair the window.

County Allows More Indoor Activities

Alameda County Covid numbers stable, but surges across the country, and the arrival of flu season, are worrisome

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

While not a complete return to normalcy, it's safe to head indoors in small groups, according to County Health officials.

Under new guidelines re-

leased last week from the Alameda County Public Health Department, you can return to your place of worship, indoor restaurant, movie theater, or family entertainment center (like bowling alleys or rock climbing)

at a capacity of 25 percent of normal or 100 people, whichever is fewer.

The guidelines come as the number of people testing positive for the coronavirus and the number of people being hospitalized

because of Covid-19 has stabilized in Alameda County, public health officials said. Alameda County was lifted to the Orange Tier as part of California's color-coded four-tier Blueprint for
see ALLOWS, page 12

State Taking Steps to Ensure Safe Election

With Election Day less than a week away and in the wake of last week's disclosure of foreign interference, California's Emergency Services Director Mark Ghilarducci announced efforts underway in the state to ensure a safe election.

"As California's Homeland Security Agency we will not tolerate foreign interference in our elections or domestic criminal activity including, voter intimi-

"We will not tolerate interference or intimidation that threatens the sanctity of your vote."

— Mark Ghilarducci

mination, that threatens the sanctity of your vote or undermines public confidence in the outcome of the election," Ghilarducci said.

"We are in close contact with the FBI, who is the primary investigative agency responsible for malicious cyber activity against election infrastructure, malign foreign influence operations, and election-related crimes, like voter fraud and voter suppression."

Ghilarducci said his office was coordinating closely with the private sector, including social media companies, to make sure that their platforms are not used by foreign actors to spread



Mark Ghilarducci

misinformation, disinformation and propaganda.

"It is important to have a voter plan no matter how you cast your ballot, he said. "If you see something suspicious, please report it to local authorities. Given the Covid environment, if you are voting in person, be patient, wear a mask, practice social distancing and vote early if you can."

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LOCAL DEATHS

Croce Bevilacqua

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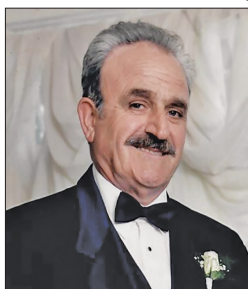
Croce was born in Torre dei Nolfi, in Abruzzo, Italy on January 25, 1939. He immigrated to San Leandro, CA in 1960 and lived out his life in his adopted city. He was set up on a blind date where he met his "One and Only" Marisa who he was married to for over 55 years.

He worked hard as a carpenter and liked to tinker and fix anything broken. He was passionate about his family and enjoying good food. His family catered to his meal wishes in the last few months. He was a character who always joked and made others laugh.

He leaves behind his wife Marisa, daughters Barbara and Christina, Son-In-Law David Conti and his five grandchildren, Dominic, Dario, David, Giovanni and Luciana. He was preceded in death by his beloved parents Cristina and Domenico and his brother Lino. He will be sorely missed.

Services will be held 10:30 a.m. Friday, October 30th outside at the St. Francis Courtyard located at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery Mission Blvd., Hayward. Any friends who would like to attend are asked to reach out to the family to be put on the guest list.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the American Heart Association in his name.



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Eugene Thomas Cooper, Jr.

(1935 ~ 2020)

Eugene Thomas Cooper, Jr. passed away on September 18, 2020. He was born on Havenscourt Blvd. in East Oakland at his parent's home in 1935. The family moved to San Leandro in 1948 where Eugene attended St. Leander's Grammar School and then graduated from St. Elizabeth's High School in Oakland. Eugene was a member of the Cooper Family which established the Homekraft Commercial Baking Company in San Leandro in the 1940's as well as Gene's Real Estate - San Leandro.

Eugene graduated from St. Mary's College in Moraga after which he spent 2 years serving in the US Army in Izmir, Turkey. After his military service, Eugene began a 35 year career with the US General Accounting Office, during this time he moved to the Southern California area. He married his wife Mary Bangert at St. Andrews Church in Pasadena. They traveled extensively and remained in Pasadena for the remainder of their lives. Mary predeceased Eugene in 2010.

The couple is survived by their two daughters Nancy and Kathleen Cooper.

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The Police Department Budget

Editor:

The San Leandro Police Department (SLPD) announced its fourth officer-involved shooting in less than 18 months. Once again, officers engaged in a car chase through the streets of San Leandro. Once again, the incident became critical when officers shot the suspect.

At a Special Meeting of the City Council on Oct. 19, the only agenda item was pending litigation in a dozen cases against the city, as well as two anticipated lawsuits. The council took no actions during this meeting. Why? I'm certain they did not want to remind voters of this pricey aspect of police business prior to the ballot on Measure VV. Every incident of police misconduct costs the city money — potentially millions for each killing.

As the city's Budget Task Force begins its work, the city faces humongous structural issues within its budget, none more significant than the SLPD portion of the budget. SLPD budget has increased 60 percent in the past ten years, now consuming more than a third of the total budget. None of this excess has made San Leandro safer. (In fact, if you happen to be a victim of their brutality, it's logical to assume you would feel less safe.) Social services like the "Homeless Pact" get to be more expensive when rendered by police officers. At a starting cost of more than \$130,000 per cop, these officers will eventually pull substantial pensions as well.

Who is in charge? Chief Tudor has demonstrated a troublesome lack of leadership, and should do the right thing by resigning. The City Manager has already resigned, effective Jan. 1, 2021. The City Council seems incapable of saying, "No." By voting in favor of Measure VV, we become enablers of this situation. Let's take back our city.

—Douglas Spalding, San Leandro

Encouraged by Council's Action

Editor:

Advocates seeking justice for Steven Taylor and greater police accountability have consistently asked the mayor, council and city manager to take action.

They and all of San Leandro's residents should feel encouraged by the unanimous council vote, on Oct. 19th, to approve a contract with OIR Group who will conduct an internal affairs investigation of SLPD officers and staff who were involved in the shooting death, on April 18th, of Steven Taylor by Jason Fletcher who has been charged with voluntary manslaughter. OIR Group will also review relevant policies and training. Finally, they'll present to council, at a future work session, a review of police oversight models that other California cities have adopted.

Hundreds of cities nationally, and several cities locally — including Oakland, Berkeley, San Francisco, San Jose, Richmond and Novato — have some form of civilian police oversight, which provide for community input into police policies and procedures; more transparency on police operations that builds trust with the community; and accordingly enhances officer accountability. San Leandro is

way behind the curve.

Steven Taylor was the second of three people of color killed by SLPD officers inside of 14 months. That's an outrage! All of San Leandro should be, as we are, shocked. We deserve so much better.

Hiring OIR Group is the important first step towards getting civilian police oversight in San Leandro. We look forward to our mayor, council, and city manager taking the next step: to engage the whole San Leandro community in a conversation about what form of civilian police oversight is right for our community.

—Bob and Sarah Bailey, San Leandro

Civilian Police Oversight

Editor:

Last week, city council voted unanimously to approve hiring a consultant to perform an independent investigation into Steven Taylor's death. This consultant will also deliver a report on civilian police oversight models.

Council has done a great job responding to the community in this regard. The consultant — Michael Gennaco and the OIR Group — will bring a level of much-needed expertise and objectivity to these issues. Cities around the country have implemented civilian police oversight as a way to increase transparency and accountability in their police departments. In a city of San Leandro's size, we deserve a system that is unbiased, transparent, clear, and community-driven.

Civilian police oversight could benefit all stakeholders in San Leandro. Residents would benefit from a clear and unbiased process to resolve complaints. Police would benefit from the added transparency and accountability, which would restore broken trust among many community members. City Council would benefit from an independent body that could perform investigations and recommend policy and training. In the long term, the City would also benefit financially from civilian oversight because an oversight body could recommend policy that would prevent lawsuits against the San Leandro Police Department.

If anyone has questions about police oversight, I encourage you to take a look at the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement website: www.nacole.org.

—Celina Reynes, San Leandro

Support for Measure VV

Editor:

San Leandro has one of the best municipal library systems in the Bay Area. Our patrons come from all walks of life and everyone is welcome. We work hard to bring the joy of culture, reading, and fun events to all San Leandrans.

I would like the community to know that even though you can't see me at the Manor branch library by visiting in person, we are hard at work during the pandemic.

The pandemic has created significant challenges, but your library staff is rising to these challenges. Working within the COVID safety restrictions, we have greatly expanded our digital e-books and e-audiobooks collection. We host online meetings with the public, including a

relaxed, drop in "happy hour" for adults to have a chance to chat and meet us and share what they are doing or reading.

For children we have created video story times in English, Spanish and Mandarin, special puppet shows, and craft tutorials. We host live events on Zoom, such as a recent Halloween story time and our pets often show up to say hi. Our monthly Teen Trivia Contest on Zoom is tremendously fun and well attended. In coordination with library staff, teen volunteers created hundreds of cards for local seniors in senior living centers. We are looking forward to sharing pictures of these cards on social media.

We have also provided computers and wi-fi hotspots for patrons without Internet access. We are doing so much outreach on our social media to let people know what we are offering and how people can pick up books and other materials as well as any updates on library services.

Speaking for myself, I am deeply grateful for the support the San Leandro community has shown myself and all city staff. As a resident of San Leandro, I am concerned over the likelihood of cuts in city services next year due to the recession. We can avoid deep cuts and preserve vital services that you and I use by voting Yes on Measure VV. We will all benefit from the city services supported by Measure VV.

—Kirstin Mandalay, San Leandro

Wants Demos Voted Out of Office

Editor:

Maybe you lost your job when the restaurant you worked for closed. You've just found out it will never re-open as a powerful politician stands in front of a refrigerator that costs more than you make in a year eating ice cream you've never heard of, telling you it's for your own good.

Maybe you were told to stay home while the company you worked for shut down. You've struggled to get by on unemployment and a few "stimulus checks" but now your worries about meeting the rent are over: you just got an eviction notice.

Maybe you can't go to church because it was closed by the government. You were told close contact would spread the disease, but on television you see the same politician who closed your church standing mask less with the rioters.

Maybe your mother died and you weren't allowed to hold a proper funeral for her, but on television you see powerful liberals given week long funerals with packed churches and lots of people in close contact. Maybe the police were nowhere to be seen as the mob was allowed to burn down your business; instead of help or relief, your city council painted the mob's slogan on the city streets.

In California, there are few Republicans in public office and none in any position of administrative authority; all of this was done to you — done cheerfully and with no end in sight — by politicians with a "D" behind their name.

Remember all this in the voting booth. You can't fix stupid, but you can vote it out of office.

—Allan K. Lindsay-O'Neal, San Leandro

The Hellhole We're Living In

Editor:

I'm voting for the "socialist hellhole." Can't be any worse than the "right-wing hellhole" we're living in now. If massive homelessness, decrepit infrastructure, unarmed people being shot, trillions of

dollars being spent on upgrading our nuclear weapons, vast hunger, customer service phone trees, and income inequality beyond belief isn't a hellhole, I don't know what is.

—Don Siefkes, San Leandro

Supports Bammer for Council

Editor:

Last stretch: The option is clear: on the one side we have a courageous warrior who conquered the Covid 19 and has come back fearless and optimistic as usual with a clear message: "Success is going to bring us together." On the other side we have a established representative of the Deep State with a gloom and doom

message of the "dark winter" with which we in San Leandro are very familiar, since our City Council has given us a dark spring, summer and autumn and, on top of it, gave free passage to looters and vandals to complete the destruction of the shut-down businesses.

In eight months our City Council hasn't been able to devise a plan to reopen the City departments, neither are they interested in doing so. They continue to get their paychecks. Now, the City Manager, the architect of the shutdown, is bailing out — the classic case of the rats jumping off of the sinking ship. Vote for Christopher Bammer for District 4.

—Leo T. West, San Leandro

INQUIRING REPORTER

Who's your favorite comedian?

— Asked at the Bancroft Safeway

I like Cedric the Entertainer. He's funny and he's educated and he's very exhilarating.
Taalib Muhammad
Oakland



Marsha Warfield. She started out on the *Flip Wilson Show*. She talked about life and she was a big woman. She didn't use profanity. She talked about family, friends, people she met and current issues. She always kept a straight face and she was really funny.

Veronica Lee
Oakland



Carol Burnett. The time she did the *Gone With the Wind* episode was spectacular. Even Harvey Korman and the whole cast couldn't keep from laughing.

Terry Neuman
San Leandro



Dave Chappelle. He's politically on target. He's witty and smart and he's just funny.

Elena DeLeon
San Leandro



I really like Dave Chappelle. He speaks the truth about things. He's very matter-of-fact. Sometimes he even cracks himself up.

Laura Costa
San Leandro

Another Blaze Damages Abandoned Lorenzo Theater

A fire broke out at the Lorenzo Theater last Friday afternoon, the second fire in the abandoned theater in four months.

The fire started at about 3:40 p.m. and was put out in about an hour by the Alameda County Fire Department. About 40 firefighters and staff helped extinguish the blaze, according to fire department spokesman Brian Centoni. There were no injuries.

A fire in June had already heavily damaged the theater and caused the roof to cave in. The absence of a roof enabled firefighters to more easily pour

water on Friday's fire.

Since the June fire, the walls of The Lorenzo have been propped up with beams against the outer walls.

The Lorenzo Theater at 16080 Hesperian Blvd. has been closed since 1982. The theater opened in 1947 when houses were going up in San Lorenzo during the post-war boom.

Plans to revive the Lorenzo Theater have been in the works for years. Alameda County bought the property in 2006 and planned for a developer to turn it into a restaurant and theater venue.



The theater was being renovated to become a restaurant.



PHOTOS BY ALAMEDA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Alameda County firefighters put out the fire at the Lorenzo Theater in about an hour on Friday afternoon. The roof had collapsed from a fire four months ago, enabling firefighters to pour water right on the source of the fire inside the building. Alameda County bought the theater in 2006 and a developer had plans to turn it into a restaurant and theater venue. The project is tied into the apartment building planned across Hesperian Boulevard.

Allows: Halloween worries health official

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a Safer Economy.

"Case rates are rising across the country and we continue to monitor the impact of activities that were previously permitted locally. With flu season nearly here, we must be vigilant and not move so quickly as to initiate a surge in cases that could result in hospitalizations and deaths," said

Alameda County Interim Health Officer Dr. Nicholas Moss.

In addition to some indoor activities, indoor retail and malls can now allow as much as 50 percent of capacity. Indoor gyms and fitness centers can allow a quarter of their capacity to work out with the exception of indoor pools.

Wedding and funeral services have been expanded to allow as

much as 25 percent of venue capacity or 100 people, so you can now invite more than 10 people.

The county health department also revised its definition of social bubbles.

The new guideline supports groups of no more than three households and limits gatherings to no more than 20 people, up from the initial 12. Face

coverings must be worn except when eating or drinking, and the gatherings should be outdoors as much as possible.

Despite the new guidelines and optimism about case rates and testing, Dr. Moss reiterated his concerns for trick-or-treating or celebrating during this year's Halloween and Dia de Los Muertos.

Alta Mira: Restoring stained glass is an art

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and Corina Lopez. Smith talked about the history of the house and noted that maintaining a historic house was a challenge for the club.

"It costs a lot of money to keep this old house going," Smith said. She said that the club had raised additional money beyond the City Council contribution to restore the window.

Some \$3,000 of the city's contribution came from the Arts Fund, dedicated to furthering art accessible to the public around the city.

Mayor Cutter said that the city had been glad to help maintain this part of its historic heritage. She said the City is pushing

to attract more events to the house, once the pandemic is over, to help it keep the club going.

When artisans from Nzilani Glass in Oakland arrived to carefully move the window for restoration, it separated into pieces, according to company president Ariana Makau. But the window had first been photographed beforehand, so the pieces could be replaced exactly and the window restored.

Nzilani Glass has restored stained glass in San Francisco's Grace Cathedral, and in Old St. Mary's Cathedral.

Smith said afterward that the next maintenance item for the club is not the porch's other stained glass window, a near-twin of the restored one which could

use its own restoration. Rather, it is the house's electrical system, which still uses the antiquated knob-and-post system and is at risk of failure.

Jenna Kurtz of Nzilani, who did much of the restoration of

the window, said restoration of a stained glass window requires careful attention not only to matching colors, but also its transparency.

"We love preserving history as much as we can," Kurtz said.

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