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Thanks to the Essential Workers

Courtesy clerk Dana Puryear collects shopping carts in the parking lot at the Safeway in Washington Plaza in downtown San Leandro as shoppers rushed to the store to load up for Thanksgiving.

Students Get Easy Access to Libraries

Online access to more material through school-library partnership

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

The San Leandro schools are teaming up with the city and county library systems to greatly expand students' access to e-books, other online resources, homework help and tutoring to help them get through the pandemic.

San Leandro Unified School District students and their families, will now be able to use school accounts to access materials not only at school libraries, but the San Leandro Public Library and the Alameda County Library system, even if they don't have a library card, according to San Leandro school district spokeswoman Keziah Moss.

Students who log in to the San Leandro school's online learning system can look for a link to the Sora program to use materials appropriate to each age level

for assignments, supplemental works, or for personal reading. Their teachers coordinate with school librarians and librarians at the city and county to ensure that all needed materials are there in sufficient copies for everyone.

A free tutoring program is also now available that previously charged parents and students for the service, Moss added.

"It has been a joy to see another powerful collaboration with our local library partners come to fruition," Moss said. "These demanding times have inspired us to increase access for our families in every way we can."

Moss said that school libraries have also started lending physical materials for students to take home by driving up to the school.

"At least we're getting stu-



TIMES FILE PHOTO

San Leandro schools are joining the library to expand students' access to e-books and other material.

dents to the school again, if only to the front door. We're trying to keep some sense of normality," she said.

Every San Leandro school has a library, and school librar-

ians are all on duty during the pandemic, working closely with teachers to support their curriculum, Moss said.

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City Council Hires Design Firm for Marina

Spit of land around harbor to be developed into a park

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

The City Council unanimously approved \$1.18 million for two companies to design and manage the construction of a public park as part of the development at the San Leandro Marina.

The proposed 9-acre park and an extension of the Bay Trail walking and bike path will be constructed at the end of Mulford Point past the former site of the former Blue Dolphin, the spit of land that shelters the marina.

San Leandro is in the process of developing approximately 75 acres in the marina area. The work could begin next year.

The vote at the Nov. 16 meeting earmarks a maximum of \$597,190 for BKF Engineers, Inc. out of Redwood City to develop and design concepts for the Shoreline Park at the Marina Project. Griffin Structures, Inc. out of Irvine will receive as much as \$586,248 to manage and supervise the building of the designs. The contracts also stipulated any unforeseen cost overruns on the project installation will be capped at up to 5% (\$29,312) and agreed changes restricted to as much as 15% (\$87,937) of the contract.

Despite the hefty price tag, the City has attracted some top-notch talent to the Shoreline Park project. BKF Engineers is best known for its work on the new Chase Center in San Francisco,

the new Brooklyn Basin park at the Port of Oakland, Santana Row in San Jose, and various Apple retail stores.

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More Illegal Guns Turning Up, Police Say

San Leandro police say they've recently seen an increase in illegal gun possession.

During the month of October, police recovered 13 illegal guns, according to the San Leandro police.

In a recent gun recovery, San Leandro police made a traffic stop of a car near East 14th Street and Bellevue Drive. While speaking to the 25-year-old driver, an officer saw a large amount of marijuana in plain view and a toddler seated in the vehicle.

Police had probable cause to search the car and recovered a loaded firearm on the floorboard

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CITY COUNCIL

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

SAN LEANDRO SCHOOL BOARD

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



News Briefs

Virtual Children's Christmas Performance

San Leandro Church of Christ is inviting children to participate in a virtual Christmas performance this year.

Kids will be filmed by someone in their household performing pre-selected actions to a Christmas song. The video clips of all the different kids will be put together into a seamless production and shown during the zoom worship service on Sunday morning, Dec. 20, starting at 10:15 a.m. There may be some voiceover readings included.

Email Woody and Judy Square at woodysquare@sbcglobal.net by Dec. 1 if you would like your child to participate.

Join the Library's Virtual Book Club Next Thursday

Adults 18 and over are invited to join the San Leandro Library's #ownvoices (virtual) book club on Thursday, Dec. 3, from 6 to 7 p.m.

The club highlights diverse authors and works, specifically where the author and character share a marginalized identity. This is the spot for you to share your #ownvoices book or just stop by to get inspiration for your next great read.

Go to www.sanleandrolibrary.org for registration details or call 510-577-3971.



U.S. NAVY PHOTO

Czarina Malabed repairs aviation equipment aboard the USS Reagan.

Mt. Eden Graduate Aboard Aircraft Carrier in the Pacific

Hayward, California native and Mt. Eden High School graduate Czarina Malabed is serving onboard the Navy's aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan during exercise Keen Sword in October

and November.

The field training exercise in the Pacific is designed to enhance joint U.S.-Japan combat readiness. An estimated 9,000 personnel from the U.S. Navy, Air Force, Army, and Marine Corps are participating in the exercise, including ships from the Ronald Reagan Carrier Strike Group and more than 100 aircraft.

Malabed is an aviation support equipment technician 3rd, responsible for maintaining and repairing aviation equipment on board Ronald Reagan.

"I love my job and I'm thankful for the opportunity to serve alongside some of the best people I know," said Malabed.

The exercise helps strengthen the U.S.-Japan Alliance, the foundation of peace and security in the Indo-Pacific region for more than 60 years.

"Our flexible presence is a key element in helping assure our regional allies and partners that the United States remains committed to ensuring freedom of the seas," said Capt. Fred Goldhammer, commanding officer, Ronald Reagan.

Since Ronald Reagan's Yokosuka departure in June 2020, the ship continues to operate in the Indo-Pacific alongside allies to demonstrate the United States' commitment to defense agreements.

Born on this Day, Nov. 26 ...

1604: German composer Johannes Bach. 1938: Impressionist Richard Little. 1876: Air conditioning engineer Willis Carrier. 1939: Singer Tina Turner. 1946: Oakland Raiders Hall of Fame member Art Shell. 1922: Cartoonist Charles Schulz. 1990: Singer Rita Ora.

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Woman Robbed at BART

A woman was robbed and her car taken in the parking lot of the San Leandro BART Station on Tuesday, Nov. 17.

The 58-year-old San Leandro resident was confronted by a man with a gun who took her car at about 5:35 a.m., according to

BART police. The woman was not hurt.

The car was recovered a few hours later in Oakland.

Anyone with information is asked to call the BART police at 510-464-7040 or the anonymous tip line at 510-464-7011.

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Chanticleers to Present *It's a Wonderful Life* Radio Play

The Chanticleers Theatre will present *It's a Wonderful Life*, performed radio-style and available via streaming on Saturday, Dec. 5.

Streaming access is available any time for 24 hours on Dec. 5 only. Tickets are free for Chanticleers Flex-Pass holders and \$10 for general admission.

For reservations, tickets and access to the internet link, go to chanticleers.org. Flex-Pass holders should contact the Chanticleers directly for the discount code.

This production is directed by Bill Chessman, a longtime Bay Area producer, director, actor, and author.

"This is a wonderful adaptation of the film that retains all the warmth and drama, and it has long been a sentimental favorite

of mine," Chessman said. "We have an excellent and versatile cast who bring their own loving spin to each of the characters that they portray. And, as I always say, the secret to directing is good casting!"

The show includes live sound effects. A cast of seven actors plays 44 different characters.

The talented cast plays the main characters, plus several other characters each: Roger Caetano plays George Bailey, Rhonda Taylor plays Mary Bailey, Conrad Cady plays Clarence the Angel and Uncle Billy, Barbara Perry plays Rose Bailey, Carson Campbell plays Joseph the Angel and Potter, Suzan Lorraine is the producer, performs live sound effects and plays four characters, and Bill Chessman is the director



and plays two characters

Chanticleers Theatre is a non-profit community theater that began in 1948. Today, Chanticleers

Theatre is a 99-seat playhouse, serving Castro Valley and the East Bay, located in the Castro Valley Community Park.

PETS OF THE WEEK



Cinnabun



Katie

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter are Cinnabun the bunny, and Katie the German shepherd.

Cinnabun is a male white bunny with brown spots that make him look he's been sprinkled with cinnamon. He allows all handling but also likes to nibble his bedding. Basil and Parsley are some of his favorite treats.

Katie is a 5-year-old, female, long-haired German Shepherd mix. Katie walks well on leash, and is friendly and gentle. She

loves being with people and getting belly rubs. She would like to go to a home with older children.

"A lot of shelter dogs are mutts like me."

— Barack Obama

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

Moss Named Alameda County Health Director

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors appointed Dr. Nicholas Moss as the County Health Officer at its meeting last week.

Moss has served as Interim Health Officer since July, when the Governor selected former Health Officer Dr. Erica Pan to serve at the state level. Moss has served as a leader in Alameda County's Covid-19 response since January, overseeing many aspects from data reporting to reopening policies.

"Dr. Moss brings extensive knowledge in communicable disease and nearly 10 years of experience in leadership roles," said Colleen Chawla, Alameda County Health Care Services Agency Director.

Moss is an infectious disease medicine specialist and medical epidemiologist by training. He

joined the Agency in 2013 as the Public Health HIV STD Section Director. Moss also participated in county responses to measles, Ebola and Zika epidemics.

Moss received his bachelor's degree from the University of California, Berkeley, and his Doctor of Medicine from UC Irvine. He trained in internal medicine, infectious diseases and public health at the University of Washington in Seattle.

"I am honored to serve the



Dr. Nicholas Moss

people of Alameda County and I thank the Board of Supervisors for entrusting me with the role of County Health Officer," said Moss. "My number one priority is to protect and improve health by achieving equity through partnership, fostering safe and healthy communities, and promoting fair and inclusive opportunities for all residents."

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Marina: Hernandez: minimize cost overruns and change orders

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Griffin Structures' work in the San Francisco Bay Area includes the San Bruno Recreation and Aquatic Center, Half Moon Bay Library, and Burlingame Community Center with its nearby Washington Park.

In addition to bringing the designs to life, the San Leandro City Manager's Office said the costs are also expected to include demolishing existing structures at the San Leandro Marina, including some docks, raising the levees, and other technical work to make sure the park is safe from rising sea levels.

During the Council discussion, members reiterated that costs and cost overruns must be kept to a minimum to ensure trust by the residents.

"I want to bring these cost contaminants to the forefront to make sure we focus on fiscal responsibility and minimize those cost overruns and change orders," said outgoing Councilman Ed Hernandez, who said he is eager to see the park open and enjoy it in a few years.

Some residents voiced their concerns about such an expenditure for the contracts considering San Leandro is cash strapped due to Covid-19 related loss of business revenues.

"This entire development is a \$7 million dollar boondoggle," said San Leandro resident Douglas Spalding during public comments. "Why do we keep paying money into this? Especially when we are multi-million dollars in debt. You can save more than a

million dollars tonight if you vote against these measures. Half a million dollars on this vote alone will be for making the design and the other half a million dollars is for managing making that design which is not warranted."

Plans to reimagine San Leandro's waterfront have been moving slowly this year. Back in February, Cal Coast Companies was chosen to develop the section of the waterfront now called Monarch Bay. The company says it will include 215 single-family homes, 285 affordable rental units, a 200-room hotel, office space, and a rebuilt executive golf course. The project is also expected to include two restaurants and a 3,000 square-foot building that could be used as a market or other retail center.



A drawing shows the area around the marina to be developed into a park.

Join the Holiday Lights Caravan

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

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

organizations.

The caravan will run from 5 to 7 p.m., leaving from Don Castro Park in Fairview, visiting Castro Valley, Ashland, Hayward Acres and San Lorenzo, and ending at the Meek Estate in Cherryland, with many lit cars, local leaders, trucks and, of course, Santa.

This will be a tightly-regu-

lated, safe caravan following all County Health Department orders, which means participants should sign up quickly as there will be limited space.

Individuals, families and business are all invited to join this light-up caravan.

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Guns: More illegal guns turn up

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underneath the marijuana. The driver, a resident of Oakland, was also in possession of a controlled substance that required a doctor's



SAN LEANDRO POLICE DEPARTMENT PHOTO

A police photograph of one of the illegal guns they recovered in a traffic stop.

prescription, police said.

Police sent the case to the Alameda County District Attorney's office which charged the

driver with illegal possession of a firearm and narcotics. The arrest was the fourth this month where a gun was recovered, police said.

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LIFESTYLE

Leftovers – Why We Really Love Thanksgiving

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Be sure to refrigerate leftovers as soon as dinner is over, never allowing food to be at room temperature for more than two hours. Carve meat from the bone before refrigerating. It will chill more quickly that way.

Stuffing and gravy should be used within one or two days.

bacon over medium heat until crisp, 3 to 5 minutes. Transfer to a paper towel-lined plate to drain. Let cool, then cut into 1/2-inch pieces, and set aside.

In a large bowl, whisk together vinegar, mustard, salt, and pepper. While continuing to whisk, drizzle in olive oil until thickened. Add lettuce, and toss to coat. Place on a large serving platter. Arrange remaining ingredients on lettuce as desired, and season with salt and pepper. Serve immediately. Yields 4 servings.

CURRIED TURKEY CASSEROLE

1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons butter
1 small yellow onion, diced
2 garlic cloves, minced
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
3 cups whole milk, room temperature
2 teaspoons curry powder
Salt and pepper
6-1/2 cups broccoli florets
4 cups cooked turkey, cut into 3/4-inch pieces
3 cups day-old bread, diced medium

Preheat oven to 400°F. In a medium pot, melt 1/4 cup butter over medium heat. Add onion and garlic; cook until slightly softened but not browned, about 7 minutes. Whisk in flour and

continue to whisk 1 minute. Slowly add milk, whisking constantly until mixture is smooth. Cook, stirring frequently, until sauce comes to a simmer. Stir in curry powder and season to taste with salt and pepper. Add broccoli and cook just until beginning to soften, 5 minutes. Stir in cooked turkey. Transfer mixture to an 8-inch square baking dish.

In a small bowl, toss bread with remaining 2 tablespoons butter, melted, until coated.

Top turkey mixture with bread and bake until sauce is bubbling and bread is golden brown, about 15 minutes. Serves 6.

TURKEY REUBEN SANDWICH

For each sandwich:

2 teaspoons soft butter
2 slices rye bread
2 tablespoons Russian Dressing
1 ounce sliced Swiss cheese
4 thin slices cooked turkey
3 tablespoons tangy cole slaw or sauerkraut
2 dill-pickle sandwich slices

Heat a skillet over medium heat. Spread butter on 1 side of each slice of bread. Flip bread over, and spread Russian dressing on the other side of each slice. Place half of the cheese



on top of dressing on 1 slice. Top with turkey, cabbage slaw, and pickles. Top with remaining cheese, then the second slice of bread, buttered side up. Place on grill pan, and cook, pressing down occasionally with a spatula, until golden brown and cheese has melted, 3 to 4 minutes per side. (Cover with a heatproof lid to encourage cheese to melt; use caution when removing.) Cut sandwich in half, and serve immediately.

TURKEY A LA KING

1/4 cup butter
1/2 cup chopped green peppers
4 ounces sliced mushrooms
1/4 cup flour
1-1/2 cups milk
1 (10-3/4 ounce) can condensed cream of mushroom soup
1 (2-ounce) jar pimiento strips
2-1/2 cups cooked cubed turkey
Dash onion powder

Dash pepper

Melt butter; add green pepper and mushrooms. Cover and simmer 5 minutes. Remove vegetables with slotted spoon. Add flour to butter, cooking and stirring until smooth. Add half-and-half and cream of mushroom soup, stirring until smooth and thickened. Add turkey, pimiento, mushrooms, green pepper, and seasonings. Taste and adjust seasonings. Serve over hot cooked rice, biscuits, or noodles. Serves 6.

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GUEST COMMENTARY



We Choose To Be Thankful

When history books record 2020, it should be called, "The Year That Wasn't." The year we couldn't hug or shake hands. Visit immune compromised loved ones. Eat in restaurants. Travel to most places in the world. Go to school. Attend weddings or funerals. Enjoy the theater. Cheer on our favorite sports teams. And so on.

Sitting in our home office recently, my wife wondered aloud what had happened to the year. "How is it possible," she asked, "That the year is almost over and almost everything we had planned this year hasn't happened."

And won't. A trip to Italy. Having grandkids fly in. Hosting holiday events and open houses. And more. Yet somehow, the year has seemed to evaporate — everyone we know is in shock it has passed so quickly.

And in the midst of this, the real estate market is as hot as it has ever been. Access is limited, but it does not seem to matter. Homes are getting snapped up and buyers keep coming back for more.

As Realtors who strive to deliver the highest possible level of client care, this year has been an interesting journey. While we have historically provided most of our service in person, we have had to learn how to continue exemplary service, but from a distance.

We have missed the relational interactions that occur during open houses, meetings in homes and offices and the simple blessings that flow from seeing each other's faces in person. But, like other service organizations, Realtors have also learned and adapted. And the level of service and care provided will continue to grow as we learn and evolve in these crazy times.

In the midst of everything, we are thankful. Thankful for life, family and friends. Thankful that even in adversity we are still blessed beyond the wildest dreams of many in other parts of the world. We are grateful for the opportunities ahead.

The human spirit is strong. We have not only weathered countless catastrophes, we have always emerged stronger

and more resilient at the end. Someone reminded me that the Roaring 20's came on the heels of the Spanish Flu that killed so many. One of the most amazing periods of growth happened in the aftermath of WW2.

Although this season has been difficult, I cannot wait to see what heights we will hit once this is behind us.

We choose to be Thankful.

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Relocating and Dividing Dahlias

By Buzz Bertolero
Special to the Times

Q A new room addition is scheduled for next March. How would I go about relocating and dividing my dahlias that are in the way?

A Dahlias are commonly dug up, divided, and replanted. They can be moved now through March without any concerns. It's an annual event for some gardeners, but for most, it's done periodically.

Typically, you wait until the foliage turns yellow before starting. However, they may not go dormant in our mild climate.

If the foliage is still green, cut the plants off two to four inches above the ground and then strip the foliage back to the trunk or stub. Next, you

sever the lateral roots with a round nose shovel or spading fork by encircling the clumps 18 inches from the stub and down 12 inches.

Once the circle is completed, gently pry back on the shovel or fork to loosen the soil. The dahlia clumps are then gently removed from the hole by lifting upward. You can use the stub as a handle. Be gentle, as many of the clumps have small tubers that can break or crack easily.

The long skinny part of the tuber is referred to as the neck. Dahlias with broken or cracked necks will not survive so remove them from the clumps and discard them. You now have several options available to you.

Option one is to store the clump as is until next year.

Option two, wash all the soil off the clump(s) with a stream

of water, exposing all the tubers. The darkest color tuber is last year's plant, also referred to as the "mother tuber." Once the clumps have air dried, you can either store or divide them.

Option three, store the parts. The new tubers are separated from the clump with a sharp knife, a pair of scissors, or hand shears. They must be sharp as the wounds are less likely to become infected from a nice clean cut.

Dahlias sprout from the eyes, so a tuber won't sprout unless it has at least one eye. The eyes are typically found at the top of a tuber and at the end of the neck on the ridge where the tuber joins the clump.

When a tuber is removed from the clump, the ridge containing the eyes must be attached to the tuber. In some cases, this will require taking a piece of the mother clump as

well. Also, trim off any excess roots.

Individual tubers or clumps are stored in paper bags or in open boxes in a cool location, usually a garage. You'll find an excellent step-by-step, pictorial, "How To" for dividing and planting dahlias at www.dahlias.net/dahwebpg/TuberStor/TuberStor1.htm. It identifies the mother tubers and where the eyes are located. Some of the information doesn't apply to the Bay Area, but the step-by-step pictures are great.

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.



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Cooking Fires Increase Over the Holidays: Keep Your Kitchen Safe

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries - and the second leading cause of home fire deaths. Cooking fires increase during the holiday season. The type of cooking appliances used makes a difference; people using electric ranges showed a higher risk of cooking fires (and associated losses) than those using gas ranges.

The good news? Technology mixed with safe cooking behavior can make a big difference. Here are some tips for protecting people and property from stove fires.

6 ways to guard against kitchen fires

1. Install the right technology. Anyone cooking on an electric coil stove top can make it significantly safer by replacing the coils with SmartBurner. Unlike traditional electric stove coils that can get dangerously hot very quickly, SmartBurners are designed with temperature limiting control technology that helps keep them from reaching the high temperatures that can cause most cooking oils to auto-ignite. By controlling the temperature, the burner lets you cook your food as usual, but with peace of mind.

2. Check the area for fire dangers. Before turning on your stovetop, move anything

that can catch fire away from the heat source. This includes mail, towels, napkins, paper plates, pizza boxes or even cleaning supplies. Wipe up spilled grease so it won't catch fire.

3. Dress for success. Loose sleeves and clothing can catch fire. Instead, wear clothes with short sleeves, or roll them up. In the NFPA study, clothes catching fire was a key factor in 14% of deaths caused by home cooking fires.

4. Be ready to act fast. When you cook, keep a cookie sheet or large pan lid nearby. If there is a pan fire, you can quickly cover the pan and put out the flames. Then turn off the heat and leave the pan covered until it cools. Never try to move a burning pan, as that can spread the flames.

5. Create a kid-free zone. Aim to keep children at least three feet away from any area where you're cooking. And never hold a child while you're

cooking or moving around hot liquids or foods. Be especially careful during the holidays. The NFPA reports that the peak days for home cooking fires last year were Thanksgiving and Christmas - times when family tends to gather around the kitchen.

6. Don't leave. This one sounds obvious, but unattended cooking was cited as the leading cause of cooking fires and injuries in the NFPA study. Stay in the kitchen and keep an eye on what you fry, broil and grill. If you need to leave the kitchen, turn the stove top OFF. When you are roasting, simmering or baking food, stay at home and check it often. Set a timer to remind you to check the food while it is cooking.

By following these tips for fire safety in the kitchen, you can help save people and property from the leading cause of home fires - cooking. For more information, visit PioneeringTech.com.

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4078 Greenacre Road	94546: \$718,000 3 BD - 1,124 SF - 1953
2312 Vegas Avenue	94546: \$721,500 3 BD - 1,032 SF - 1953
5240 Proctor Road	94546: \$820,000 2 BD - 1,301 SF - 1948
2263 Regent Way	94546: \$850,000 4 BD - 2,013 SF - 1970
3929 Nichandros St	94546: \$881,000 3 BD - 1,300 SF - 1956
3219 Barrett Court	94546: \$900,000 4 BD - 1,664 SF - 1960
18650 Center Street	94546: \$920,000 3 BD - 1,508 SF - 1955
4808 Shauna Court	94546: \$1,018,000 4 BD - 2,230 SF - 1969
5351 Proctor Road	94546: \$1,030,000 3 BD - 1,692 SF - 1966
21332 Outlook Court	94546: \$1,050,000 3 BD - 1,875 SF - 1958
22525 Charlene Way	94546: \$1,088,000 2 BD - 2,170 SF - 1941
3718 September Court	94546: \$1,110,000 4 BD - 1,504 SF - 1958
17401 Dellhaven Court	94552: \$1,270,000 4 BD - 2,361 SF - 1988
25218 Century Oaks Cir	94552: \$1,325,000 4 BD - 2,672 SF - 1996
5714 Greenridge Road	94552: \$1,580,000 4 BD - 1,834 SF - 1960

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HIGHEST AMOUNT:	\$1,580,000	AVERAGE AMOUNT:	\$1,018,766

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1581 Rake Court	94578: \$715,000 2 BD - 981 SF - 1947
999 Alice Avenue	94577: \$725,000 2 BD - 1,249 SF - 1938
16255 Calypso Court	94578: \$780,000 4 BD - 1,626 SF - 1994
1926 Whelan Avenue	94577: \$830,000 2 BD - 1,218 SF - 1944
15692 Anchorage Dri	94579: \$945,000 4 BD - 2,013 SF - 1998

TOTAL SALES:	8		
LOWEST AMOUNT:	\$455,000	MEDIAN AMOUNT:	\$720,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT:	\$945,000	AVERAGE AMOUNT:	\$712,500

WEEKEND GARDENER

Feed Flowers and Vegetables

Feed a high-nitrogen fertilizer to cool-season annuals and vegetables planted last month, to ground covers, and to shrubs and trees that will bloom in January and February. If azalea and gardenia foliage is light or yellowish, water plants with a solution of chelated iron.

Lawn Help

A pre-winter application of fertilizer now will help out almost any lawn; ask your local garden center expert for more information.

New Roses?

If you plan to add new rose bushes in the next few months, now is the time to remove the old bushes.

Thanksgiving Weekend Decor

Brighten up your home with potted chrysanthemums in orange yellow and brown shades. You'll find a nice last-minute selection at nursery centers and most supermarkets.

Mortgage Rates Drop, Hit Record Low for 13th Time

Long-term mortgage rates dropped again last week, hitting new lows for the thirteenth time this year, according to Freddie Mac's weekly nationwide survey.

The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 2.72 percent for the week ending Nov. 19, down from the previous week when it averaged 2.84 percent, and the lowest rate in the survey's history. At this same time last year, the 30-year rate averaged 3.66 percent.

Fifteen-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 2.28 percent, down from 2.34 percent.

Five-year hybrid adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 2.85 percent, down from 3.11 percent. A year ago at this time, the five-year ARM averaged 3.39 percent.

"Weaker consumer spending data, which accounts for the majority of economic growth, drove mortgage rates to a new record low," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's Chief Economist. "While economic growth remains unstable, strong housing demand continues to have a domino effect on many other segments of the economy."

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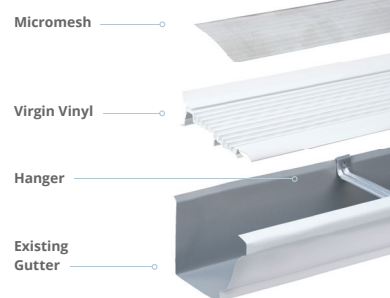
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Libraries: Students can use their school sign-in to access e-books

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Cindy Chadwick said links to services for students of all grades are available right on the library's homepage, www.aclibrary.org.

There is homework help and tutoring available through Brainfuse HelpNow, along with e-books, e-magazines and even comics and movies.

The librarians at the county libraries are in touch with school librarians to suggest materials of likely interest to students in a given grade, and the Beanstack service works similarly for fam-

ilies with younger readers.

Digital databases that would normally charge are also now available for free, Chadwick said.

No library card is needed, she said, although one can apply for one online while the buildings are closed for the pandemic.

Chadwick pointed out that San Leandro residents have always been welcome to use the county library system, despite the city having its own library. All county residents are eligible, without exception.

Previously, though, kids

needed to be able to get to libraries physically, with San Lorenzo having the nearest county library to San Leandro, she said. This is an even bigger barrier if one is too young to drive, Chadwick added.

Students can now use their school sign-in to access the San Leandro Public Library's e-books and downloadable audiobooks, said Kelly Keefer, who heads youth services at the library. Those resources, offered to library patrons through the Overdrive program, can now

be accessed through the school district's Sora program.

In some cases, she said, services that used to charge students became free when the pandemic broke out. The California State Library has added free digital services for youths statewide at least through this school year. Such resources as Britannica School and Escolar, Teachingbooks and CultureGrams are now available statewide.

Students, along with other San Leandro library patrons, can

also use their school sign-in to get digital books from TumbleBooks and ABDO, learning ac-

tivities from ABCmouse, and get online homework help through tutor.com, Keefer said.

PG&E Going to Paperless Billing

Customers can still choose to opt out and get a paper bill

This past summer PG&E rolled out a pilot program to change the billing preference for approximately 500,000 customers throughout the service area to paperless.

Customers with an online account who made an electronic payment and have not opted out of paperless billing in the past were part of this initial automatic transition, said PG&E spokeswoman Tamar Sarkissian.

Going paperless does not affect the PG&E account and there is no fee. Customers can always

change their billing preference at any time and choose to receive a paper bill, at no cost by visiting pge.com.

Customers who were part of the pilot program can also refer to PG&E's email communications providing easy instructions to opt out.

PG&E said that 2.5 million customers have already gone paperless and that number is growing. Paperless billing cuts clutter by avoiding the hassle of paper bills while helping protect the environment, the company said.

LOCAL DEATHS

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Ronald Robinson

Ron Robinson — tremendous husband, loving father, doting grandfather, fantastic brother, and a fiercely loyal and competitive friend.

Ron was born in Calgary, Alberta, Canada on November 9, 1927 and passed away on November 11, 2020, two days after his 93rd birthday. He succumbed to pulmonary hypertension.



Ron was preceded by his dear wife Jean in 1996.

He emigrated to California in 1947 to continue his education at the University of California Berkeley.

After he obtained his doctors degree, Ron had an optometric partnership in San Francisco until 1999.

He played ice hockey for the Cal Bears from 1948-1950. Ron was a golfing member for many years at Skywest and Tony Lema golf courses, and with SIR branch 6. He was a resident of San Leandro since 1956.

Ron is survived by son David (and wife Lori), daughter Karen (and husband Monte), grandchildren Eric, Kara and Ryan, great grandson Bryson, and sister Hazel Milligan in British Columbia.

Private services were held.

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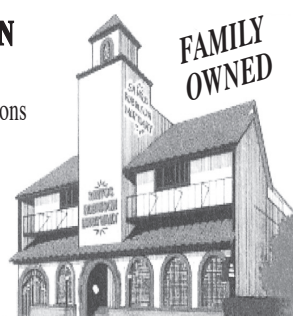
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LOCAL DEATHS

James Floyd Jacobs

August 5th, 1962 ~ November 15th, 2020

James Floyd Jacobs, age 58 of Las Vegas, NV passed away on Sunday, November 15th, 2020. James was born August 5th, 1962 in Castro Valley, CA. James was a loving husband, father, brother and uncle who had a joy for laughter, and always put a smile on everyone's face.

He had a passion for life, and his family. We will all miss him dearly, but we know God has taken him home and has taken away his pain. And, he leaves behind his loving wife Vicky. And, his loving daughter Shelbi Leah Jacobs. He leaves behind his loving brother Alan Jacobs, and his loving sister Kim Nelson.

He also leaves behind his loving family members Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore, and Darcy and Scott Woodburn. As well as his loving nieces and nephews. Rest In Peace sweetheart until we meet again. We all love you, cherish you, and you'll be in our hearts forever.



Carolyn H. Milner-Dalcino

Sunrise: August 19, 1931 ~ Sunset: March 16, 2020

Carolyn H. Milner-Dalcino, age of 88, of San Leandro, CA passed at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, March 16, 2020 at Driftwood Recovery in Hayward, CA. She was born August 19, 1931 in Moorhead, Minnesota to Ray M. Milner and Mina L. Vail.

Preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Eugene R. Dalcino.

Carolyn was a compassionate spirit whose passion was caring for over 100 others children in the community. She did all this while caring for her son and daughter.

Carolyn graduated from Hayward High School in 1949 with Bill Walsh - X 49er coach. After high school she was involved with culinary work with her mother Mina Lorraine, Milner Mini. Carolyn had the opportunity to be one of the first waitresses at Bancheros Restaurant in Hayward, CA.

She worked at Del Monte as a manager. She had a passion for caring for over 100 children within the community. She was an active member of the Halcyon Baptist Church in San Leandro, CA

Survived by her son John and her daughter Jane and grandchildren Anthony Jr., Mark, Michael, Amber, Wesley Jr., Amanda, and great-grandson Mitchell.

We celebrate her life on August 19, 1931; any considerations please donate to Sacred Heart.



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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Don't feel sheepish about looking to spend more time with that special person during the upcoming holidays. Do it because it's the right thing to do.



TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Never mind letting misunderstandings repair themselves. Consider speaking up while the healing process can be shorter and sweeter and leave fewer scars.



GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Romance is easily awakened in the Geminian heart, especially around the happy holiday season. So go ahead and make those plans with that special someone.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Moon Children can glow with their own inner light as the holiday season magic takes hold. It's a very special time for Cancers and Libras together. Enjoy.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): It's a good time for you fabulous Felines to take pleasure in your special gift for, well, taking pleasure! Look for this holiday season to give you every reason to purr.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): This is a good time to let others who are in your life get a little closer to you. You'll both find out what you've been missing for far too long.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): Open up your eyes and see some welcome surprises you've missed or overlooked for too long. What you find can lead to other favorable changes.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): What you expect to be potentially troublesome might simply be especially challenging and well worth your efforts to check out. Good luck!



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): A friendship might not seem as trustworthy as you'd like. OK. Ask your questions, get your answers and settle the matter once and for all.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): A family situation moves into a new area because of (or, maybe, thanks to) some decisions you might have felt you could not avoid making.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): You could be cutting it very close if you hope to make those holiday plan changes in time to avoid problems. Get a friend or family member to help.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Friends show how important you are to them. Keep these precious relationships thriving. They affect much that will happen to the fabulous Fish in the new year.

Hayward Covid Test Center Now Requires Health Insurance or I.D.

The City of Hayward Covid-19 Testing Center is now requiring people to provide health insurance or other identifying information to allow the center to seek third-party reimbursement for its testing costs.

The change has been made so Hayward can continue to afford providing Covid-19 testing for everyone 12 years of age and older, regardless of place of res-

idence or immigration status and without charging a fee.

The City of Hayward Covid-19 Testing Center, now located at 1401 Golf Course Road in Hayward, has provided more than 43,000 tests since it opened on March 23.

The center operates 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday except holidays. It will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday,

Nov. 26; and Friday, Nov. 27.

Insurance and other identifying information collected by the center—a driver's license or California ID card number or Social Security number—will be used only for seeking test cost reimbursement from private health plans or public health insurance systems, such as Medicare and Medi-Cal.

As a Sanctuary City, the

City of Hayward does not gather, maintain or share any information with other governmental agencies or participate in the enforcement of U.S. immigration laws.

While the City of Hayward Testing Center does not require a physician referral or private health insurance coverage to be tested, it does recommend conferring with your health insurance plan before a test appointment.



OPINION

LETTERS to the EDITOR

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

Free Tenant Legal Advice

Editor:

At a Unity in the Community meeting over a year ago, the issue of high rents and affordable housing came up. I mentioned that I had worked for a Boston tenants' organization in the '80s and that we had a successful program where we offered people who became members of our organization, free tenant legal advice.

Jeff Kay the city manager was at the meeting and in a rather smug tone mentioned that San Leandro already had that service. In the next month or so I ran into several tenants who, when I mentioned this city service, said it was news to them.

I decided to take a poll of tenants and went door to door talking to 100 tenants and asking them if they had ever heard of the service. Out of a hundred, only four claimed they had heard of the service and of the four who had only one could name the organization, which is Echo Hous-

ing in Hayward, echohousing.org. I had a printing company make up magnetized business cards with Echo Housing's information on it which I gave to each of the tenants.

The city can do a better job than one in one hundred especially given the precarious times tenants face with the pandemic and its economic effects. We are a "kind city" but many of our city's council should demand that one out of a hundred is not kind enough.

Many of our tenants are gig workers in a precarious work situation. Given the situation the city's tenants face, I suggest that they hire someone to go door to door in apartment complexes and hand out magnetized business cards with Echo Housing contact information. Local social and racial justice groups should lobby the city about this service.

A good analysis of the housing and eviction problem is available on YouTube with the Pulitzer Prize winning

author and Harvard professor Mathew Desmond.

—Craig Williams
San Leandro

PG&E Paperless Billing

Editor:

Warning to all PG&E customers. PG&E is now signing up many customers for paperless billing without their consent.

Customers can go back to paper billing, but if you do nothing, you won't get a paper bill.

—Joe Springer
San Leandro

Warning Label on Letters?

Editor:

Maybe the San Leandro Times "Letters to the Editor" page should start attaching this warning label:

"This comment/tweet is disputed and might be misleading" to Leo T. West's monthly diatribes.

—Ken Kellogg
San Leandro

INQUIRING REPORTER

What are you thankful for?

— Asked downtown

I'm thankful for my health and for my family and that I retired before the pandemic. I was an x-ray technician.

Lonnie Veitch
San Leandro



I'm thankful that I'm healthy and for my four kids and to be able to eat and just to be alive.

Andrea Hernandez
Union City



That my family is healthy and we're staying well and that I'm able to work.

Brian Acosta
San Leandro



For my family. I have six children, 13 grandchildren, and five-and-a-half great-grandchildren. One is still baking, due in April. It's sad that we'll be separated this year for Thanksgiving. We usually have 30 or so.

Elena L. Torres
San Leandro



For everything. To be able to walk and talk, for my health and finances, and for family and friends.

Jess Milton
Dublin

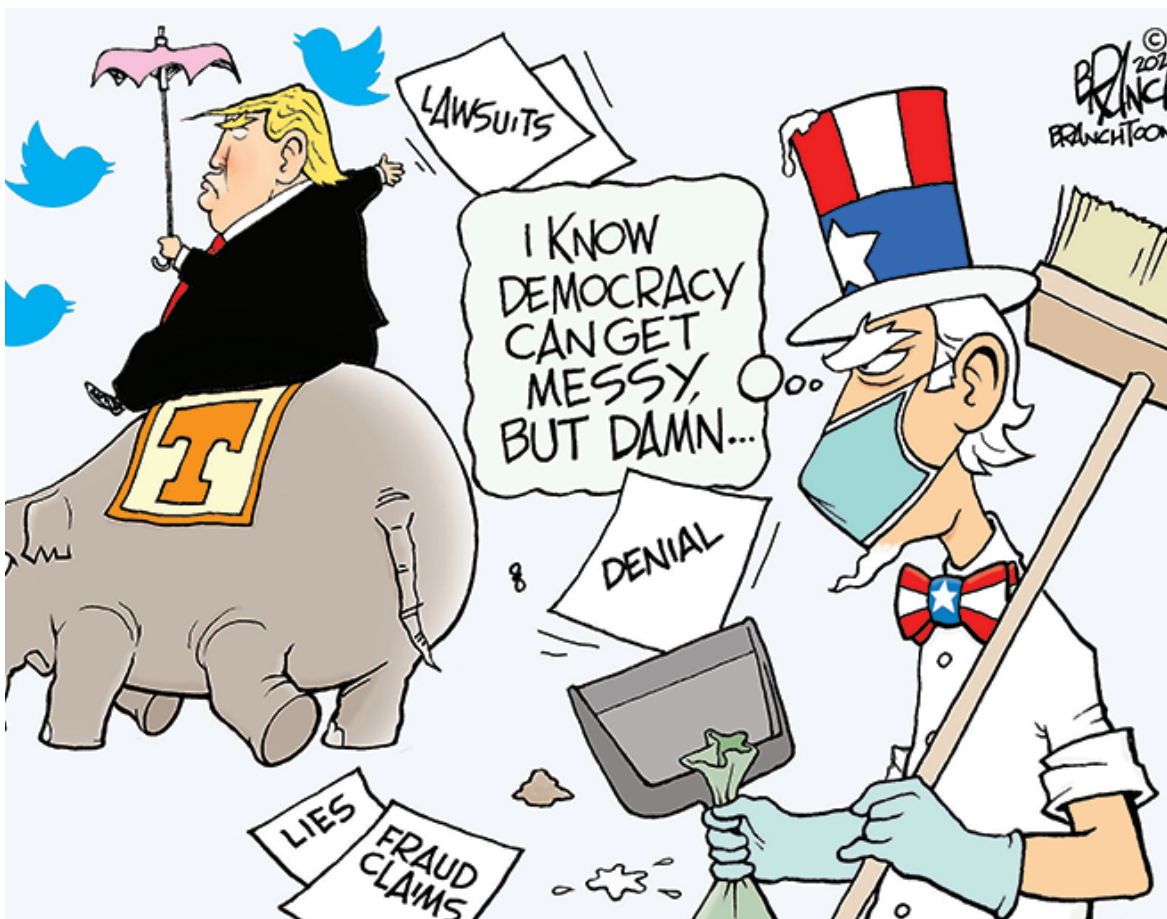
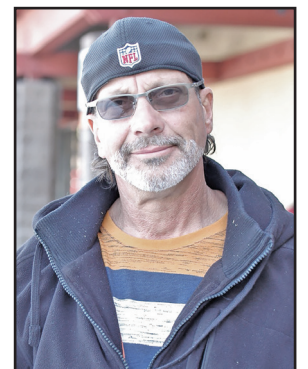




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Callan Ivy displays the medal he won in Omaha.

San Leandran Places in National Wrestling Tourney

Callan Ivy, an 18-year-old from San Leandro, took fourth place in the USA Wrestling Junior National Men's Greco tournament this week, earning him the designation of an All-American.

Ivy competed in the 87 Kilogram (189 pounds) Division at the tournament held in Omaha, Nebraska.

Callan won All-League last year as a senior and three-year team captain at San Leandro High School. He was one of the top 40 wrestlers in his weight class in California and wrestled in the state championship tournament.

Ivy is currently attending college and pursuing a career as a firefighter.

CHP Steps Up Enforcement this Weekend

As Californians plan for the Thanksgiving holiday during the ongoing pandemic, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) reminds everyone the rules of driving safety are just as crucial as ever.

To encourage safe travel, the CHP enacted a Maximum Enforcement Period (MEP) through Sunday, Nov. 29. CHP officers will be looking for unsafe driving practices as well as helping

motorists in need.

"This year has presented us with many unforeseen challenges, but safety is still our priority," CHP Commissioner Amanda Ray said. "If you choose to travel this Thanksgiving weekend, our goal is to help motorists arrive at their destination without incident."

Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, traffic may be a bit lighter, but this is not an invitation

to speed to your destination.

Additionally, in an effort to reduce COVID-19 transmission, Governor Gavin Newsom has instituted a limited stay at home order from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.

Those who must be on the road, remember to buckle up. Proper seat belt use is the single most effective way to save a life in the event of a crash. When you are traveling for the holiday, or any

time of the year, make sure everyone in the vehicle is safely secured before even starting the car, and that includes children being in the correct child safety seats.

During the 2019 Thanksgiving MEP, 42 people died on California roadways. Of the 27 who died within CHP jurisdiction, 11 were not wearing seat belts. The CHP also made 867 arrests for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

The mission of the CHP is to provide the highest level of Safety, Service, and Security.



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Farrelly Pool Work Underway

Construction on Farrelly Pool is underway and the pool at 864 Dutton Ave. will be open for the summer 2021 swim season.

PAID ADVERTISEMENT Suspense Election 2020

Suspense, nail-bitingly intense, Grips tight the atmosphere. Fills folks with tension, angst immense, Feelings found hard to bear.

At times votes sat there neck and neck, While Trump and Biden vie, Leaves you wondering how the heck It takes so long and why?!

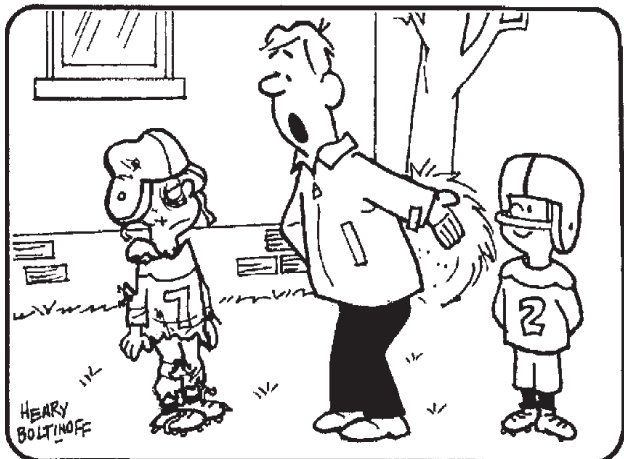
With bated breath and hope, they wait, The voters one and all, While anxiously hearts palpitate, Awaiting final call.

'Twas afternoon today we'd know, All ears, and the edge of seat, 'Tis only then we'd know that Joe Had his opponent beat!

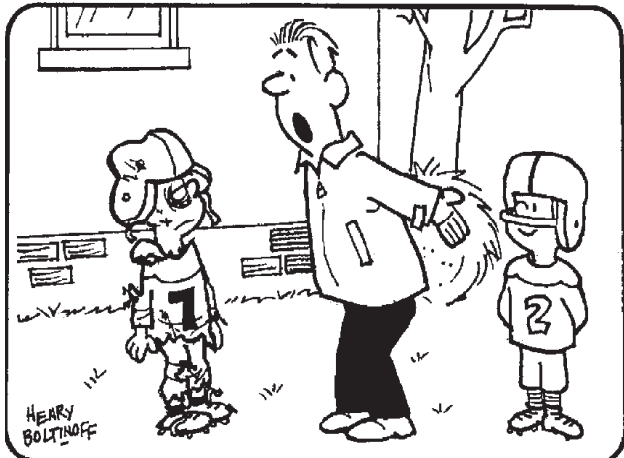
Phyllis Brown Mitchell
(written on Saturday the 7th day of November)

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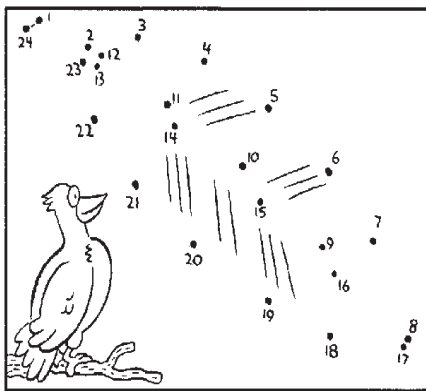
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Man's hair is different. 2. No. 7 on jersey is now black. 3. Window is shorter. 4. Man's right arm is hidden. 5. Socks are striped. 6. More bricks on house.



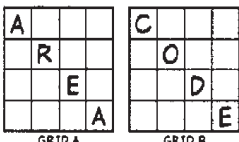
"WHAT ALWAYS REMAINS DOWN, even when it flies up in the air?" Connect the dots and find out.

Answer: A feather (look up the word "down").

AN ODD CHALLENGE! Problem: You must place 6 coins into 3 cups so that each cup contains an odd number of coins. Solution: The cup containing 1 coin is placed inside the cup with 2 coins. Each cup will now contain an odd number of coins.

KNOW YOUR AREA CODE! Pictured below are two puzzle grids for you to fill in. Hints are given for each word. The words in Grid B contain the same letters as the words in Grid A.

1. A unit of area.
2. The big dance.
3. A college student.
4. A flat-topped hill.



ANSWERS: 1. Acre-care. 2. Frolic-boisterously. 3. Secret writing. 4. Conforming in every detail.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

1.	C					D
2.		C				D
3.			C		D	
4.				C	D	
5.			D			C
6.		D				C
7.	D					C

TODAY'S TOP SEVEN CD'S... WORDS, THAT IS!

Using the definitions and anagrams below, you must find the seven eight-letter words that fit into the framework pictured on the left. For each definition, the letters in the two anagram words must be unscrambled and used to form the word asked for.

DEFINITIONS:

1. What Michelangelo did.
2. Expression of approval.
3. Kept apart from.
4. Short, amusing story.
5. Used to secure doors.
6. Enough to meet needs.
7. A household servant.

ANAGRAM:

- lice + shed
- aced + cola
- sled + cued
- coda + teen
- sold + pack
- quay + aced
- cost + dime

Answers: 1. Chiseled. 2. Accolade. 3. Secluded. 4. Anecdote. 5. Padlocks. 6. Adequacy. 7. Domestic.