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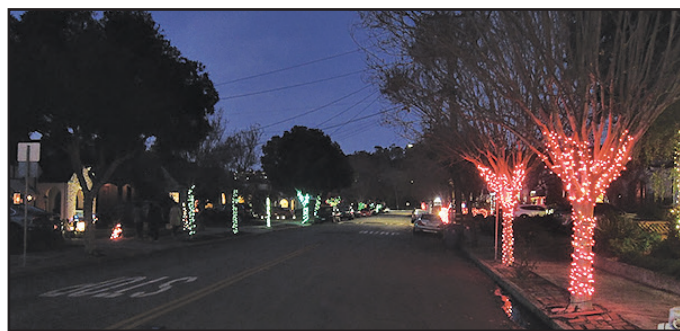
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SL Streets Lit Up For the Season

Many houses in San Leandro are decorated with Christmas displays, including the house at the corner of Merle Court and Dutton Avenue. At right, the trees are lit in green and red on Superior Avenue.



City Council Recognizes Businesses, Citizens in Annual Awards Ceremony

Mayor Pauline and the City Council recognized residents and businesses that give to the community last week with the annual District Leadership Awards and Mayor's Awards for Excellence.

This year Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter presented the Mayor's Awards for Excellence to As Kneaded Bakery, in the small business category, along with restaurant Joe's Pho (medium business), and syrup manufacturer Torani (large business).

Mayor Cutter expressed amazement and gratitude for the generosity of so many local businesses, despite challenges

due to the pandemic.

Internationally renowned syrup manufacturer Torani recently opened its new headquarters and 330,000 square foot manufacturing facility at 2000 Marina Blvd. in San Leandro. Torani is already participating in local career fairs, community outreach, and in the 2019 Cherry Festival.

Part of the company's legacy is its commitment to youth and education, and Torani has plans to partner with local organizations, in addition to starting its own apprenticeship program by the end of 2021.

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The syrup maker Torani won the Mayor's Award in the large business category.

Vaccine on The Way; When Can You Get It?

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

The first shipments of a vaccine to prevent COVID-19 arrived in Alameda County this week. But how soon you can get a free shot will depend on where you work and other risk factors.

Last week, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for the prevention of COVID-19 in people 16 years and older. Alameda County received 13,650 doses – just enough doses to cover a portion of hospital workers, first responders, and people living in and working at long-term care facilities.

More crates of the frozen drugs are expected to ship in a few weeks. The vaccine is injected as a series of two doses (0.3 mL each) three weeks apart. None of the COVID-19 vaccines have been tested on pregnant women, according to the CDC as they typically do not include pregnant women in trial testing. "Vaccines are the light at the end of the tunnel, but we must continue to keep each other safe during the roll-out," said Dr. Nicholas Moss, Alameda County Health Officer. "We are amid the worst surge of this pandemic."

Who Gets the Vaccine First?

Under the federal guidelines, Alameda County is using

a phased approach. First to roll their sleeves up will be acute care hospital workers and 911 first responders at highest risk for exposure to COVID-19.

Phase 2 will include what see VACCINE, page 12

Two Shot, One Dead In Hail of Gunfire

Two people were shot and one was killed on the 600 block of East 14th Street on Monday evening in a gun battle where 30 shots were fired.

Oakland resident Laquan Amari Matthews, 23, was taken to the hospital where he died of "multiple gunshot wounds to his torso," according to San Leandro police.

The death marks the sixth homicide of the year in San Leandro, a city that usually sees just one or two murders a year.

Another person, a San Leandro woman, was taken to the hospital with a gunshot wound, see SHOT, page 3

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PETS OF THE WEEK



Papy



Patrick

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter are two cats, Papy and Patrick.

Papy is a 5-year-old female who is social and vocal. Unfortunately her owner passed away, but she is eager and ready for a new family to make a new start with. Her best friend is Patrick, who she would like to get adopted with if possible.

Patrick is a 10-year-old neutered male whose best friend is Papy. He is a sweet, social boy who loves attention. He is not

shy about asking for attention and loves to be petted. He would like to get adopted with Papy if possible.

For more information on Papy and Patrick, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at 510-293-7200.

The Hayward Animal Shelter is happy to report that they had a super successful Holiday Hope adoption and completely emptied the dog adoption gallery. Every dog got adopted, and most of the cats, too.



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Arrive in a Fifty-Five

If you want people to notice your business, park a 1955 Ford Thunderbird in front, as they did down at Bob's Auto Care on Washington Avenue.

Join the SL Library's Holiday Teen Trivia Contest

Join the San Leandro Library for a fun winter holiday trivia contest today (Thursday) at 4 p.m.

Open to teens in 6th through 12th grades. We'll meet on Zoom

to test our knowledge of winter and holiday celebrations.

The winner of the trivia contest gets to select a prize. Email kmandalay@sanleandro.org to sign up.

SL Demo Club To Meet Tonight

The San Leandro Democrat Club will have a virtual meeting and holiday party tonight (Thursday, Dec. 17) from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Contact Melissa West at mwest.udc@hotmail.com to join the meeting.

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Boys & Girls Club Members Go to Chocolate School

Ghirardelli Chocolate Company and the Boys & Girls Clubs of San Leandro have been partners for over 16 years, working on a wide variety of projects.

Kids in the club got a chance to go to Chocolate School this past year, along with a career exploration class.

The original plan was to host students at the corporate headquarters, teach them about the chocolate making process, and share information in food manufacturing. But COVID changed that.

The club had already gone to virtual programming. And Ghirardelli wanted to share their passion for cooking and food science in an interactive way for middle and high schoolers, and show how a passion for food can turn into a career.

Activities included: "A Study of Plant Pigments" that introduced food chemistry; "Making Your Own Snack Mix," understanding the factors that are considered when developing a new product; and "Sensory Science, How to Taste Chocolate" – certainly one of the favorites.

In the Make Your Own Snack mix activity, the students had to work together and think like

food scientists developing new products, said Sarah Houle of Ghirardelli.

"We very often hear from people who wish they had known Food Science was a career option when they were in school," Houle said. "Sessions like these are a great way to introduce students to a career path in the world of STEM that is very approachable, because it is working with foods they can touch, smell and taste."

While students were soaking up food science and dipping into chocolate tasting, they were also learning about careers and life choices in the SMART Girls and Youth Empowerment Sessions.

The team from Ghirardelli shared their stories about what motivates them, challenges they had to overcome and advice they would give now to their 14-year-old self if they could.

All of the students gave the Ghirardelli volunteers a huge shout-out to thank them for a week that was joyful and educational.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of San Leandro looks forward to many more educational trips and is grateful for this collaboration with Ghirardelli.



Shot: 30 shots fired on busiest street in town; motive is still unknown

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which police described as a non-life-threatening injury.

Police arrived at the scene at about 4:50 p.m. and found that some kind of a confrontation occurred between the victim and the suspect, and then approximately 30 shots were fired from multiple firearms, according to police.

The police department is in the early stages of the investigation and the motive for the homicide is still unclear, said Lt. Ted Henderson of the San Leandro police.

Henderson said that anyone with information that may help solve the case is urged to call the San Leandro Police Department at 510-577-2740.

Generosity Thwarts Cold-Hearted Thieves

*By Tom Green
Special to the Times*

Tennyson High School in Hayward was broken into multiple times last month with thieves making off with hundreds of jackets, sweatshirts and other items that had been collected for Middle and High School students who had been placed in homes in the surrounding communities after being detained by ICE.

The students have very few resources and the plan had been to distribute the items in early December to provide some warmth during the cold winter months.

Fortunately, a local organiza-

tion, Crossstreets Neighborhood Alliance, learned of the situation and, thanks to the generous donations of many individuals and Redwood Chapel in Castro Valley, brand new sweatshirts and knit hats will be available to all of the students.

Crossstreets also provided these students with back-to-school supplies in the fall.

While Crossstreets is no longer able to serve the community through the Food Pantry at 3Crosses, it is still actively engaged in making a difference in the lives of people in Castro Valley, San Leandro, Hayward and Oakland.

There are always ongoing needs in the community for both students and families. To

find out how to get involved or other areas of need, please visit crossstreets.org.

Person Struck and Killed By Train Last Thursday

An Amtrak passenger train struck and killed a person near Washington Avenue and Chapman Road last Thursday (Nov. 10) afternoon.

The Amtrak Capitol Corridor No. 537 train from Sacramento to San Jose struck a person at about 2:20 p.m., according to Amtrak. The Alameda County Fire

Department responded to the scene and found a person near a small homeless encampment who was struck and pronounced dead at the scene. The person's identity hasn't yet been released by the coroner's office.

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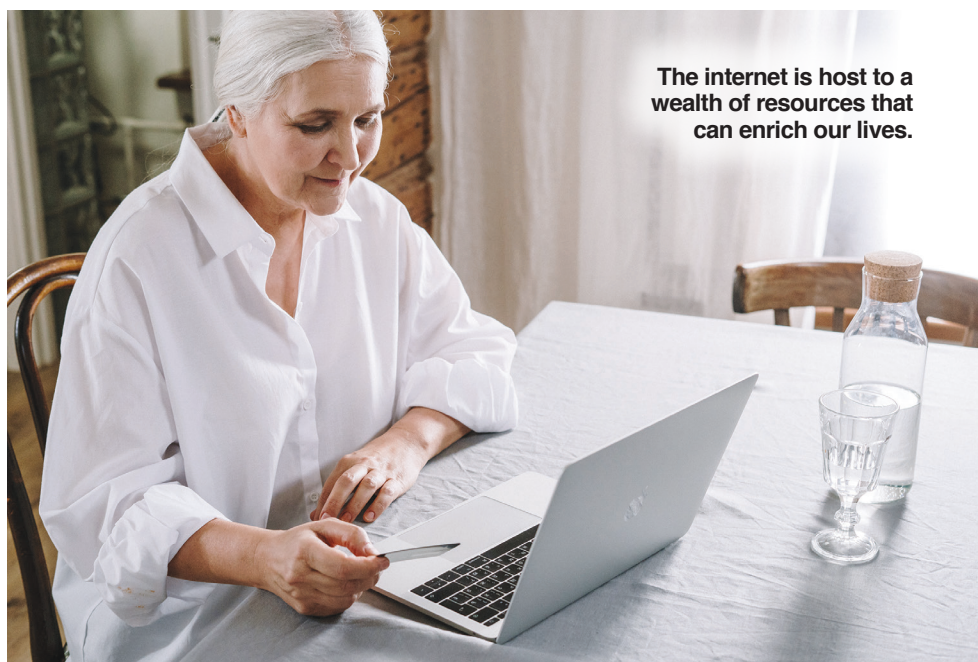
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Using Internet to Enrich Life

By Matilda Charles
SENIOR NEWS LINE

With most of us spending most of our days at home, it's time for us to take advantage of the Internet. Here are some resources that can enrich our lives.

Inquire at the local senior center about any exercise classes online. Some classes will be live on Zoom and others will be videos that the instructors record and post on the center's website.

If they're not hosting any classes, search online for "seniors exercise at home" and look for some that are produced by other senior centers.

Virtual art classes can open

up new areas of interest and reveal talents you didn't know you had. Better yet, if you're a beginner or are exploring a new art medium, look for videos that you can review over and over. Look online for free art classes online for seniors.

Exercise and art aren't the only free classes you'll find online. Yoga and tai chi, sewing, baking and cake decorating, creative writing, a new language — if it can be done online, there's a class for it somewhere.

And don't forget Class Central (www.classcentral.com). Check the website for a list of MOOCs (massive open online courses). There are 15,000 different free and low-cost classes

in its searchable database from colleges and universities around the world.

Imagine taking a philosophy course from the University of Edinburgh or Introduction to Classical Music via Yale University. (I put art history into its search box and got back 165 results.)

Read the details for any class you're considering. It will tell you if the class is self-paced, whether it's free to audit, the class level and how much time per week you can expect to spend on the work, as well as reviews from other students.

If you're unsure of your internet skills, search for "Internet basics for seniors" on Google.

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Major Changes Coming Soon to California's Property Tax Rules

I understand that the recently passed Prop. 19 on the California Ballot will make major changes in the property tax structure. Is that true?

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

Yes, indeed. California voters just narrowly approved Prop. 19, overhauling our property tax rules originally stemming from the passage of Proposition 13 in 1978.

Most notable are the new restrictions to the parent-child exclusion established by "Prop. 58" in 1986. Here are some of the features of the new law, with the corresponding "winners" and "losers":

The Winners:

Seniors over age 55, persons who are severely disabled, and victims of wildfires or natural disasters, are the "winners," as the new law allows them to transfer their home's low property tax rate to the purchase of a replacement home anywhere in the state, albeit with only modest adjustment in property tax if the replacement home's taxable value is more than the original residence.

Under existing law, seniors could only opt to do so if they purchased a replacement home within their own county (or within nine designated other counties opting into the pro-

gram), and then only once in a lifetime.

After April 1, 2021, this new right may be exercised up to three times during lifetime by seniors and the disabled, and unlimited times by victims of natural disasters, all so long as the re-purchase occurs within two years of the sale of their original residence.

The Losers:

Children, who had hoped to inherit their parents' home and up to \$1-million of other property, along with their parents' low property tax rate, are the losers.

Since the passage of Prop. 58 in 1986, children have been able to retain their parent's low tax rate when property passed from parents to children via sale, gift or inheritance. That blanket rule has now been substantially modified:

Under newly enacted Prop. 19, a child will not be able to assume his parents' low property tax rate for their home, unless the child actually moves into the parents' home and claims it as his own principal residence within a year of the transfer.

This will pose problems for children who already have their own homes. Further, even if the child moves in, the carry-over tax rate will still be increased if the value of the home upon

transfer to the child is greater than \$1-million more than the parents' taxable value. Still further, there will be no carry over tax benefit at all for the transfer of non-residential property.

This move-in requirement, and the prospect of some property tax increase even then, will make it more difficult for children to inherit and keep their parent's home and other real property. Many will be forced to sell.

Window of Opportunity:

The effective date of the new rules regarding the Parent-Child Exclusion is Feb. 16, 2021. This delayed effective date creates a short window of opportunity for those parents who wish to pass their homes and other property, along with their low property tax rate, to their children under existing law.

But before any parent does so, he or she should first consider the "downside" of doing so, including the following:

(1) Capital Gains Taxes: A present transfer surrenders the adjustment to the property's cost basis at the parents' death, which would otherwise eliminate all taxable appreciation from the time of the parents' original acquisition to the time of the parents' death. This loss would substantially increase the capital gains tax payable when the child later sells the property;

(2) Long Term Care Needs: The possible effect of such a

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East Bay Parks GM Doyle to Retire

By Ned MacKay
Special to the Times

Robert E. Doyle announced that he will retire at the end of December, after a distinguished career of 47 years at the East Bay Regional Park District, including the past 10 as its general manager.

Doyle got an early start in the parks and natural resources field. While still in high school, he served as president of Save America's Natural Environment (SANE), a youth group in Contra Costa County that worked to acquire and preserve Las Trampas Ridge and Black Diamond Mines



and to expand Mount Diablo State Park.

At the East Bay Regional Park District, Doyle rose through the ranks. He began his park district career in 1973 as a park ranger at Tilden Regional Park near Berkeley.

He became chief of land acquisition and trail planning in 1986, then spent 20 years as an assistant general manager, leading land acquisition, trail planning and interagency and advanced planning.

He was appointed the park
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EBMUD Won't Shut Off Water to Customers Struggling to Pay Bills

The East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) took action last week to ensure water service to meet basic needs is maintained for those behind on their bills, ending water service shutoffs for long-delinquent accounts.

The action came as thousands of residential customers struggled to pay their water bills, many for the first time.

The resolution, which allows the district to use flow restrictors to provide enough water for basic consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes, was approved unanimously by the utility's board on Dec. 8. It will take effect after California's State of Emergency declaration is lifted. "The pandemic has highlighted the importance of maintaining access to water for all EBMUD customers for hygiene and to prevent the spread of this disease," said board President Marguerite Young. "This progressive policy is an important step forward in supporting the state's goal of providing access to clean, reliable water for all."

EBMUD's action, among the first of its kind in the nation, comes in response to the historic public health and financial crises.

In March, the district suspended water shutoffs in response to the pandemic and restored water service to customers who were shutoff due to non-payment, days before a statewide order placed a moratorium on water shutoffs.

“Access to water is important to hygiene and disease prevention.”

In a statement to the press, EBMUD said it will only install flow restrictors on single-family residential accounts with water bills more than 90 days overdue after all other options, including multiple outreach attempts and payment plan offers, have been exhausted. After a flow restrictor is installed, it will remain in place for accounts that continue to be delinquent.

Customers seeking assistance with payment options can find more information at www.ebmud.com/CAP or contact EBMUD at 1-866-403-2683.

Awards: Doing good deeds, despite pandemic

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Another fast-growing business is Joe's Pho. Since opening at 15070 Hesperian Blvd., Joe's Pho has become a local favorite, and the restaurant's success has resulted in an expansion of the dining room and an upcoming second location in downtown San Leandro.

During the pandemic, Joe's Pho has provided free meals to seniors, first responders, and health care workers. Joe's Pho employs a staff of 10 in its current location, with more jobs to come at the second location.

This year's small business

award recipient, As Kneaded Bakery, where owner Iliana Berkowitz has built the popular Broadmoor neighborhood bakery at 585 Victoria Court from the ground up.

Despite the business slowdown during the pandemic, As Kneaded Bakery has regularly donated baked goods to local food pantries. Berkowitz employs a staff of 19 bakers, retail staff, administrative staff, and drivers.

The Mayor also awarded this year's "City Where Kindness Matters" Award to San Leandro resident Brandon Price, who devotes around 30 hours weekly

to volunteering at April Showers and the San Leandro Community Food Pantry.

City Council Members' Awards

City Council members also awarded the District Leadership Awards to San Leandrans and organizations who distinguish themselves by providing laudable leadership in their communities. This year's recipients were:

• Council District 1 (Deborah Cox): Patty Breslin of San Leandro 2050.

• District 2 (Ed Hernandez): Pedro Naranjo, Chair of the Human Services Commission.

• District 3 (Victor Aguilar): Erina & Michael Kim-Eubanks of Bethel Community Church.

• District 4 (Benny Lee): Robert "Bob" Glaze, Oro Lomo board member, former San Leandro City Council member.

• District 5 (Corina Lopez): Betsy Venters of San Leandro Color.

• District 6 (Vice Mayor Pete Ballew): Charlie Deterline of Meals on Wheels.

Congratulations to all. This year it's important to recognize the good in San Leandro, even when times are challenging, said Cutter.

Home -- or Anywhere but Home -- for the Holidays?

During the holidays, you may be seeking comfort, whether that's the comfort of home -- or anywhere but home.

With travel precautions making possibilities somewhat limited this year, you may not be able to take the exact trip you've been dreaming about. However, whether or not you leave home this holiday season, you can find the comfort you're seeking in

the following ways:

• Revisit fond memories.

If you can't travel this holiday season, you can still take a trip down memory lane and safely relive your favorite trips and activities. Unearth your most prized travel mementos, such as pictures, ticket stubs and playbills, and make a scrapbook.

• Home is where the food is.

Looking to conjure the aromas

and flavors of your childhood?

Connect with family members and ask them for recipes. Craving the cuisine of a dream destination? Plan a themed cooking night. If you need a little assistance in expanding your culinary repertoire, consider a virtual cooking class or meal kit. Or, simply venture out for a meal.

• Cultivate culture. Like never before, the world is at our

fingertips, from virtual experiences offering never-before-seen access to museums and cultural meccas to classes in literally everything. Let your fingers do the walking and immerse yourself in the culture, language, sights and sounds of your favorite destinations.

• Plan your next trip. Yes, really. Recent data from trivago shows that consumers are

already planning for next year's holiday season, particularly during the week of Christmas.

Planning now can make this holiday season seem a little brighter. And if you are not comfortable booking travel too far from home just yet, explore possibilities just a train ride or short drive from your home.

Travel sites like trivago offer the ability to discover getaways that

are still relatively close to home. To get inspired for your next trip, visit trivago.com.

While you're thinking of that dream trip, you don't have to stay put. There is a whole world out there -- whether it's down the block, a short road trip away or accessed online -- that can be visited safely with proper planning and precautions.

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Law: Work-a-rounds

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transfer on the parent's eligibility for a Medi-Cal subsidy to help finance long term care.

Work-A-Rounds?

Some attorneys, including this author, are considering work-a-rounds for those parents who -- prior to the law's effective date on Feb. 16, 2021 -- wish to take action under existing law to both pass their low property tax rate to their children AND who desire their children to receive favorable tax treatment when they later opt to sell.

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GUEST COMMENTARY



It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like ...

Written in 1951 by Meredith Willson, "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas" has been a holiday favorite for years. You know Christmas is around the corner when you can hear Bing Crosby crooning the lyrics from almost every location you visit.

We are not certain what it is looking like this Holiday Season ... certainly not like anything any of us have seen before. With a shelter-in-place back in force, those who were planning large family events are being asked to stay home.

There will be no live holiday concerts, no carolers going door-to-door, no one sitting on Santa's knee ... the list goes on and on. It has been a most bizarre year indeed.

Things are strange on the real estate front as well. Everyone assumed that COVID-19 would cripple the housing market and force prices down. In reality, the exact opposite has happened as a lack of inventory and super-low interest rates have fueled a red-hot housing market in most corners of the region.

Normally December is the slowest month of the year, as changes in weather and holiday preparations tend to cool the market.

Not so this year. Many neigh-

borhoods, especially those with entry-level single-family homes, are seeing continuing jumps in prices as buyers are trying to get a home into contract for the holidays.

Fueled by remarkably low interest rates, multiple offers are everywhere, propelling values unseasonably high. If this continues into 2021, it could mean a windfall for local sellers hoping to relocate.

While the housing market is sizzling, the continued mandatory lockdowns are putting a definite chill into the holidays. Two groups have been hit the hardest.

The first group are seniors – many of who have had to cancel holiday plans to be with their families.

The second group are the homeless. Their numbers are increasing as the region continues to deepen its way into the housing crisis. The encampments seem to be growing in size and appearing everywhere.

Like many, we have pledged support to local non-profit organizations that provide support

to the homeless communities.

To assist those who wish to be part of the solution, the SF Chronicle has published its yearly directory of services at <https://projects.sfchronicle.com/sf-homeless/how-to-help/>.

We would encourage you to consider others this year and to provide whatever support you can to make this, the strangest holiday season of all time ... the one we remember the fondest.

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Mortgage Rates Remain at Record Lows

The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 2.71 percent for the week ending Dec. 10, unchanged from the previous week, according to Freddie Mac's weekly nationwide survey. A year ago at this time, the 30-year rate averaged 3.73 percent.

Fifteen-year fixed-rate mortgages averaged 2.26 percent, also unchanged from a week earlier. A year ago at this time, the 15-year rate averaged 3.19 percent.

Five-year hybrid adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 2.79 percent, down from 2.86 percent.

By Buzz Bertolero
Special to the Times

Q This spring, we removed two invasive, 13-year-old willow trees. I had expected that the roots would eventually die back, but was I surprised when tree shoots sprouted up over 20 feet from the original tree, in planters and the middle of the lawn!

I'm slowly digging out the roots in the planter areas, but the lawn presents a dilemma. Is there something I can use to treat the sources, so they die and dissolve in the lawn? I've been spot treating the non-lawn areas with RoundUp.

A Like the Energizer bunny, tree roots from many invasive plants keep going, going and going. Eliminating the tree does not end the problem; instead, the roots are stimulated to form new plants.

The rogue shoots appear well beyond the canopy of the main tree. Elms, poplars, liquidambar, some fruit trees, and roses are notorious for suckering.

Unfortunately, I'm not aware

of any product that will decompose the existing tree roots. Tree stump removal products take care of the core roots but are ineffective on the ones far away. So, you are faced with a war of attrition with two battlegrounds, one in the landscape areas and the second is the lawn.

In the non-turf areas, you'll need to spot treat the shoots as they appear. You're not going to see many new shoots during the winter months. Any non-selective herbicide such as RoundUp will work except in the lawn.

The battle will last for several more growing seasons. In turf, I'd spot treat with any of the broadleaf herbicides for dandelion control. There are any number of ready-to-use or aerosol products. Still, it could be more economical to buy the herbicide in the concentrated form and apply it in a dedicated tank sprayer.

Also, keep in mind that you should spray a couple of days before the grass is mowed to give you the maximum surface area for the herbicide to be effective.

The suckering should slow down significantly now but increases starting in mid-February with the longer days.

Q I want to transplant my blooming Christmas cactus into another pot, but I'm scared to touch it. Can I move a blooming plant to another pot without shocking it?

A It's okay to transplant a Christmas cactus and most other plants while they are in bloom. This is when an evergreen plant is technically dormant, as it's not actively growing. There is no reason why you have to wait until it finishes flowering. I'd transplant it carefully as not to

damage the flowers.

Christmas cactus is also known as the Zygocactus or crab cactus because of their segmented leaves. Along with cyclamen, they are a great red and white alternative to poinsettia during the holiday season. Zygocactus and cyclamen are not sensitive to warm rooms, as is a poinsettia so the foliage doesn't discolor quickly and has a long blooming period.

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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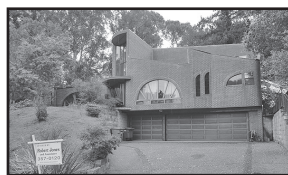
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LIFESTYLE



Sugar & Spice

For the next couple of weeks, the kitchen is going to be a favorite gathering spot for the family, drawn there by the unmistakable scent of cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, cloves, mace... all of the spices that we associate with the holidays.

ENGLISH PLUM PUDDING

1/4 cup butter
1/3 cup brown sugar
1 cup milk
12 dates, pitted and chopped
1/2 cup raisins
1/4 cup dried currants
1/4 cup candied mixed fruit peel, chopped
Zest of 1 orange
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 cup self-rising flour
2 teaspoons cinnamon
Pinch salt

Grease a pudding mold.

In a large saucepan combine butter, sugar, milk, dates, raisins, currants, mixed fruit peel and zest of the orange; bring to a boil. Remove from heat and stir in baking soda. Sift in the flour, cinnamon and salt; mix gently until blended. Pour into prepared pudding mold.

Cover with a double layer of greased wax paper and steam for 2 hours. Yields 6 servings.

Serve with whipped cream.

CHOCOLATE GINGER CAKE

1/2 cup butter, softened
1/2 cup unsweetened Dutch process cocoa powder
1/2 cup unsulfured molasses
3/4 cup packed light-brown sugar
2 large eggs
1/4 cup whole milk
2 teaspoons finely grated peeled fresh ginger

1 cup all-purpose flour
3/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon ginger
1 teaspoon cinnamon
Hard Sauce

Preheat oven to 325°F. Butter a 9-inch Bundt pan. Dust with cocoa powder, and tap out excess; set aside. Put butter, molasses, brown sugar, and 1/4 cup water in a medium saucepan over medium-low heat. Cook, stirring constantly, until butter has melted. Transfer mixture to a large bowl. Let cool 5 minutes.

Add eggs, milk, and grated ginger to the molasses mixture; whisk to combine. Sift together flour, cocoa powder, baking soda, salt, ground ginger, and cinnamon into a medium bowl. Gently fold the flour mixture into the molasses mixture until just combined. (There should be lumps remaining.) Pour batter into prepared pan. Bake cake until a cake tester inserted into center comes out clean, about 30 minutes. Let cake cool completely in pan on a wire rack.

Invert cake, and unmold onto a cake stand or a large serving platter. Using a spoon, drizzle the warm Hard Sauce over the cake in a back-and-forth motion. Serve immediately. Serves 10.

HARD SAUCE

2 tablespoons butter, softened slightly
1 cup powdered sugar
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
2 tablespoons brandy or rum
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
Allspice to taste

With a hand-held mixer, beat softened butter until creamy. Add powdered sugar and mix while scraping sides of the bowl, so the sugar and butter come together

evenly. Add the vanilla extract, brandy, rum, and spices.

Mix, scraping the sides again, to combine. Spoon the sauce into a bowl. Serve immediately.

CLASSIC APPLE PIE

Pastry for double-crust pie
1/3 to 1/2 cup sugar
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1/8 teaspoon salt
8 cups thinly-sliced peeled tart apples (8 medium)
2 tablespoons butter

Heat oven to 425°F.

With floured rolling pin, roll one pastry round into round 2 inches

larger than upside-down 9-inch glass pie plate. Fold pastry into fourths; place in pie plate. Unfold and ease into plate, pressing firmly against bottom and side.

In large bowl, mix sugar, 1/4 cup flour, the cinnamon, nutmeg and 1/8 teaspoon salt. Stir in apples until well mixed. Spoon into pastry-lined pie plate. Cut butter into small pieces; sprinkle over filling. Trim overhanging edge of pastry 1/2 inch from rim of plate.

Roll other round of pastry into 10-inch round. Fold into fourths and cut slits so steam can escape. Unfold top pastry over filling; trim overhanging edge 1 inch from rim of plate. Fold and roll top edge under lower edge, pressing on rim to

seal; flute as desired. Cover edge with 2- to 3-inch strip of foil to prevent excessive browning.

Bake 40 to 50 minutes or until crust is brown and juice begins to bubble through slits in crust, removing foil for last 15 minutes of baking. Serve warm.

HOT MULLED CIDER

16 cups pure apple juice
4 (2-inch) cinnamon sticks
1/4 teaspoon grated nutmeg
Peels and juice of 2 oranges
8 whole cloves
2 tablespoons brown sugar

Combine all the ingredients in a saucepan and simmer over low heat for 5 to 10 minutes.

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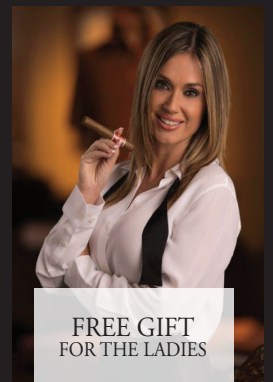
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Households will be paying about \$13.44 more for their electricity and natural gas service each month beginning in March.

The California Public Utilities Commission approved an 8 percent rate hike for PG&E residential customers at its meeting last Thursday.

Electric bills will jump about \$10.40 a month; gas bills by about \$3.05. The increases will continue through 2022.

If it hadn't been for stiff opposition from consumer groups, PG&E might have gotten a requested 12.4 percent increase, which would have seen monthly bills rise by \$20.55.

PG&E says the revenue is needed to fund improvements to its outdated electrical distribution system which has been blamed for igniting several of the devastating wildfires in California over the past four years.

The fires resulted in more than 120 deaths and caused an estimated \$10 billion in damage.

The soaring costs led to PG&E filing for bankruptcy last year.

Under the agreement, none of the additional revenue can be used for executive compensation or for paying bankruptcy settlements.

PG&E supplies power to some 16 million people in Northern California.

1st United Credit Union Donates to Food Bank

1st United Credit Union recently announced its members, staff, and community donated over \$12,000, and 1st United matched the contributions, for a combined total of \$25,000 that will go to the Alameda County Community Food Bank this year.

In an effort to keep everyone safe, 1st United moved their food drive online rather than collecting food in their branches. The added benefit to this is that every dollar collected equates to \$7 of healthy food due to the food bank's bulk purchasing power. This can help a greater number of Alameda County residents than physical food donations.

1st United has a branch in San Leandro at 600 Bancroft Ave.

1st United wishes to thank all who contributed. As a not-for-profit financial institution, 1st United wants to continue to be a good neighbor by uniting with its membership and community to make an even greater difference.

1st United Credit Union's website is: 1stunitedcu.org/community.

1st United Credit Union was founded in 1932. Membership is available to anyone who lives, works, or attends school in Alameda, Contra Costa, San Joaquin, Solano, Stanislaus, or Kings Counties in California.

Revenge Porn Law Introduced by DA

Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley has announced the introduction of new legislation that will give victims of so-called "revenge porn" more

time to seek criminal charges for these incidents.

Senate Bill 23 changes the statute of limitations for the intentional distribution of intimate

or nude images from one year from the time of distribution to one year from the time that the victim discovers that the image has been distributed.

According to O'Malley, victims often aren't aware that an photo has been distributed online until the existing statute of limitations has lapsed.

"Image-based sexual abuse is an invasive and increasingly common crime, which involves nonconsensual posting of private or intimate photos or videos," O'Malley said in a statement. "These images are posted to

social media sites to shame, embarrass, harass, and intimidate the victim."

The bill was authored by Sen. Susan Rubio, co-sponsored by the California District Attorneys Assoc.

Stop Catalytic Converter Thefts

The San Leandro Police Department is reporting a recent rise in catalytic converter thefts in the city.

The police department advises residents to follow these tips to prevent the catalytic converter from being stolen from your car.

Park in well-lit areas or inside

a garage. Park close to building entrances or near a busy road. Add video surveillance to the area where you park your car. Adjust the security system of your car to activate from vibrations, such as those produced by a saw. Install a catalytic converter security device.

Doyle: District owns 173,000 acres

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district's general manager by the district board in 2010.

"This has been a great adventure for me – for a kid who had a passion for parks to be able to

preserve for public enjoyment so many beautiful East Bay open spaces," Doyle said.

Doyle is also gratified that the district has been able to continue its operations despite the challenges of the pandemic, the terrible wildfire season, and climate change impacts.

Because of the pandemic, the district has lost more than \$7 million income, while at the same time public use of the parklands has surged district-wide. So it has been a challenge for the staff to safely manage all park and trail use, Doyle said.

"Nevertheless, we've been able to provide a valuable public service at a time when it is badly needed," he said.

In the time since he became chief of land acquisition, Doyle's efforts have doubled the park district's size, including 20 new

parks. The district now comprises 73 regional parklands totaling 125,000 acres in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, hosting 25 million visits per year.

Among many awards and recognitions for his service, Doyle received the prestigious Cornelius Amory Pugsley Award in 2018, conferred by the American Academy for Park & Recreation Administration.

Doyle's post-retirement plans include continuing involvement in parks and recreation issues, but also hiking, traveling, kayaking, and generally "enjoying the fruits of my labor."

The park district's elected board of directors is conducting a nationwide search to select a new general manager.

Ned MacKay is a writer for the East Bay Regional Park District.

LOCAL DEATHS

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Velia Vargas

Our beloved mother, Velia Vargas was born in San Antonio, Texas December 30, 1926 and left this world on December 1, 2020. She is now free and reunited with her husband, Frank, the love of her life.

Our parents were married in 1944 in San Antonio, Texas and later relocated to Pleasanton, California thereafter settling in San Leandro.

Our mother was an energetic and strong woman. She worked at Kellogg's in San Leandro for many years. Our parents loved to travel to their summer cabin in South Lake Tahoe and visit family in San Antonio. After retirement, mom stayed active with the Kellogg's retiree association, the baker's union, church bingo, line dancing, gambling bus trips, and wine tasting excursions.

Every morning, she walked many miles with her friends at the San Leandro Marina. When, she could no longer handle that type of terrain, she walked on her home treadmill until the age of 90. She loved her garden and tended to her roses until the age of 92. No weed had a chance in her yard!

She was devoted to her family and friends. She happily attended any event that included her children and grandchildren. Our mom will always be remembered for her grand gatherings of family and friends where her specialty enchiladas were served. Vargas Family gatherings were always filled with much laughter, love, and joy.

She is survived by her three children: Kathleen White, Frank Vargas, Jr. and Stephanie Vargas; their spouses: William White, Sherry Vargas and Michael Boswell; five grandchildren: William, Michael, Angela, Sarah and Skyler; and five great-grandchildren: Kaitlyn, Abigail, Nathaniel, Meredith and Lorelei.

A celebration of life will be held post-pandemic. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Lewy Body Dementia Association (www.lbda.org).

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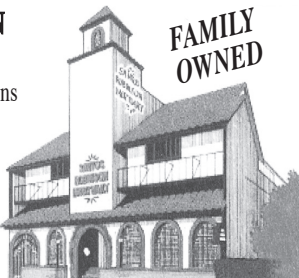
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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Although taking advice isn't always easy for the headstrong Sheep, you might want to consider what someone you respect says about an upcoming decision.



TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): A new offer is tempting, but don't be bullied into a quick decision. Rely on your keen Bovine business sense to alert you to anything that might be questionable.



GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Your Gemini Twin nature rallies to help you deal with this week's hectic schedules, both in your personal and professional lives. One caution: Watch your diet.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Avoid rushing to make up for time lost on a stalled workplace operation. Best to set up a schedule and pace yourself. Welcome the help of colleagues.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): Despite those glittering holiday distractions you love so well, be sure to keep your feline senses set on high to alert you to anything that might require fast action.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): Making an effort to restore fraying relationships proves to be more successful than you dared hope. The holidays also bring new friends into your life.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): Private and professional matters compete for your attention. Be honest in your assessment of which should get more of it, and for how long.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): A seemingly endless list of must-do tasks is best handled by tackling them one by one, and taking energy-restoring timeouts between each job.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): A vexing relationship seems destined to deteriorate no matter what each side tries to do. A third party's advice just might prove helpful.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Reach out to ease any tensions caused by home or workplace pressures before they threaten the relationship-building progress you've made.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): You often go out of your way to show kindness to others. So, don't be surprised if other people want to do something nice for you this week.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): People in your life respect your Piscean wisdom, so don't hesitate to speak up about a matter that you feel isn't being handled quite the way it should be.

OPINION

LETTERS to the EDITOR

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The Handwriting on the Wall

Editor:

City Manager Jeff Kay noted in the San Leandro Times ("Kay Says He's Leaving City on Good Trajectory," Page 10, Dec. 10) that "the City is on a good path apart from the present emergency" and the city has achieved longer-term budget stability. What a lot of B.S.

Last year he said that the City was operating in the red for the first time and that was before Covid hit. He noted that the City will continue to operate in the red and the debt will get even greater in future years.

Let's face it. Jeff Kay saw the handwriting on the wall and knew it was time to get out of Dodge. As the business manager for San Leandro, his combined salary is \$390,000 (\$251,000 base, \$20,000 other and \$107,000 in benefits). He will be taking on the same job in Healdsburg for a combined salary of \$270,000 which is \$5,000 less than the previous business manager of Healdsburg.

Why would anyone take a \$120,000 cut in pay unless the financial future of San Leandro looked extremely bleak?

He also noted that "we've held staffing steady and maintained services in bad times."

My question, the City is operating in the red, why not issue pink slips instead of steady as you go, Captain Bligh? Once again, the City operating with its head in the sand.

—Brent Heath, San Leandro

'An Excessive Salary'

Editor:

I'm sure the new City Manager for San Leandro, Ms. Fran Robustelli, is very well qualified for the position, but a \$236,700 salary seems excessive for a city of 90,000 residents. Barbara Lee's base salary is \$174,000 and she represents well over 700,000 people.

—Don Siefkes, San Leandro

'This Dreadful Quarantine'

Editor:

Life in Quarantine as a young person has been rough. Normally I would be excited around this time of year because Christmas is here and I would be able to see family that I wouldn't see otherwise.

At this time normally I would be stressed out with preparing myself for finals, but this year it's stress along with the feeling of fear of what may happen tomorrow.

As I sit in my room doing the missing assignments that I didn't feel like doing at the time along with college applications, I sit there worried if I can get my grades up enough to actually get into a good college. I also sit there worried hoping that my father who still has to work doesn't catch Covid-19 and become sick.

Since we have been in quarantine I have not had the chance to meet with friends and we have only been able to contact each other through social media. The inability to meet with my friends and actually interact with them or be in their presence has me feeling an existential loneliness that I can't seem to shake.

As a senior in high school, it really is a

hard time knowing that the first semester of my final year was spent sitting in front of a computer for hours on end. I was really looking forward to time spent playing football and rugby with my friends that I have made over the years who have become more like brothers.

I understand how important it is to wear a mask and to stay at home. Whenever I do get out of the house I always have my mask and see others with theirs and with the creation of the vaccine I hope that soon we may be able to end this dreadful quarantine.

—Max A Galicia, San Leandro

Challenges Facing Small Business

Editor:

I was drawn to the article "New Stay at Home Order Announced" (Page 1, The Times, Dec. 10) as I was interested to read about different local businesses that are struggling due to this second stay-at-home order.

There was one person interviewed and they didn't mention any businesses. I know there are many adversely affected.

My hair and nail salons at Greenhouse Shopping Center were shut down for over 5 months. Both are among countless salons in the county who implemented all CDC guidelines and I believe are being scapegoated by the state as they are now being shuttered again. It would have been impactful to hear more stories. They have to pay rent and hard working employees as well and keep their businesses in this challenging time.

—Kim Loisel, San Leandro

Election Typing Error

Editor:

In a letter in the Dec. 3 issue, a letter ("Election Not Over") stated that "there are serious inferences of fraud as it relates to the counting of ballots."

The writer gave only one instance of specific details of fraud in ballot counting. He stated: "The numbers: In Michigan, Biden received a block of 138,000 votes. Nearly all of the votes added to his tally. This is a statistical impossibility."

Shiawassee County made a typo and showed Biden votes as 153,710, instead of the correct number of 15,371, a difference of 138,339. After the error was discovered, it was edited out and Biden's number decreased by 138,339.

Republican strategist Matt Mackowiak showed the jump and wrote: "An update gives Biden 100% of new votes – 128kt." A few hours later, he deleted his original post and wrote: "This tweet was taken and share (sic) honestly. I have now learned the MI update referenced was a typo in one county. I have deleted the original tweet."

This clearly shows that the additional 138,339 votes was a typing error in one county and that it was corrected, and the 138,399 votes were removed from Biden's total. This clearly shows that it was not voter fraud.

—Wayne Wright, San Leandro

Says Fake News Won the Election

Editor:

The haters come out in masse, like

venomous mushrooms after the rain, to brag about their fraudulent "victory" in a month long "Election Day".

Here's what's going on while they're drunk celebrating: As soon as the voters approved a new tax the San Leandro City Council allocated some \$1,200,000 to the Centro Legal de La Raza, money that'll go mostly to pay the rent; since the Centro Legal is an organization of lawyers, the money will also cover their legal fees.

This is just one of the reasons why the Democrats have been rooting for the coronavirus, hiding behind computer screens has allowed the City Council to further their politically correct agenda: Another some \$230,000 will go to the formation of an "Equity and Race Advisory Committee," in response to those one-sided presentations by the NAACP to the City Council. Equity? The head of the California NAACP, Alice Huffman, had to resign because the consulting agency she was running allegedly took big money from corporations to support their ballot measures – more fraud.

While more restrictions are imposed on citizens, Governor Newsom, Mayor Sam Liccardo and London Breed are having their parties in restaurants. Newsom's related Plump Jack Businesses received some \$3,000,000 from the money allocated for "small businesses."

There is also that Hunter Biden story that was just "Trump's conspiracy theory." Well, Hunter Biden confirmed that he is being investigated; of course, more than a month after the election. So, John Clouston, is the judge that took the case against Hunter Biden a "conspiracy theorist"?

John Clouston assures us they're not haters, after the dozens of letters spilling hate against my writings appeared in this paper, they just want to "correct" me. This in an individual who shows his ignorance by not knowing how those who violate immigration laws, usurp U.S. workers' jobs, and, in San Leandro, get their rent paid by the taxpayers.

You Democrats have voted with Republicans Colin Powell, John Negroponte, Christine Todd-Whitman, Mitt Romney and many other Republicans because you don't know that there's a Deep State and that the Fourth Estate is part of it; that's why Joe Biden entered the primaries late, didn't bother to go out to campaign either, because these Republicans and the Fake News were doing it for him.

—Leo T. West, San Leandro

Loopholes that Need Closing

Editor:

"Everything was done in strict compliance with applicable law, under the advice of counsel and tax experts," said Alan Garten, the Trump Organization's general counsel, as quoted in the NY Times (Dec. 11).

That mantra is used to defend a man whose taxes and financial dealings are under investigation for fraud. That is the mantra for a self-proclaimed billionaire who is reported to have paid only \$750 in taxes in some years, and nothing at all in other years.

Although he may have stepped over the line of legal activity, clearly, it indicates a genius in ability to work every possible loophole for his personal advantage.

Our electoral system is similarly rife with loopholes that Trump has been

trying to exploit to reverse the resounding loss he suffered in November. Although he has failed, his efforts have exposed a previously unrecognized weakness. Nearly all elections have ended with the loser conceding to the winner. Both candidates shared a greater respect for our democracy than for their personal political victory.

Not this time. Trump has tried every legal technicality, and many extra-legal strategies, including flooding us with a tsunami of false disinformation that repeats lies that he won.

We must close the loopholes in our election system before a more competent demagogue comes along and successful-

ly perverts our democracy.

First on the list is removal of the Electoral College, either by constitutional amendment or with the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact. This time, not only did just a few states get all the attention during the campaign, but they also were the target of post-election maneuvers that nearly overturned the results.

Every voter's vote should count equally, but the Electoral College gives small-state voters over 3 times the impact of large-state voters. That just ain't right. NationalPopularVote.com has a solution to this threatening problem.

—Bruce Joffe, Piedmont

INQUIRING REPORTER

What's the best season of the year?

— Asked downtown

I'm new to California. I'm from the Midwest. The spring is absolutely beautiful here. But on the other hand, there are not enough provisions for the homeless here. There is so much homelessness.

Victoria Bibens
Oakland



The best season would be the season without the Covid. I don't think it will be until 2023 though.

Luis Diaz
San Leandro



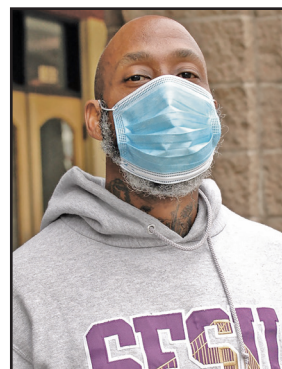
For me it's the Christmas season. People are kind to each other. I allow myself to eat a little more and I love eggnog. Safeway's Lucerne brand eggnog is great.

Beverly Hicks
San Leandro



The fall. The colors are vivid and vibrant that come about from nature. The fall feels more at home, at peace.

Montrell Hill
Sacramento



Springtime. It's the start of baseball season and the weather starts to get better and it's my birthday.

Tony Duncan
San Leandro





PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

New Coat for Picnic Tables

The Kiwanis Club of San Leandro helped out the City's Park & Recreation Department by painting the picnic tables at Halcyon Park and Toyon Park on Saturday, Dec. 5, so the tables will be ready once the pandemic ends. Above, painting a table at Toyon Park, are Chad Pennebaker, Vonnah Bagner, and the Bae Family - Austin, Rob, Jenny and Ella.

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Police Officer Pleads Not Guilty in Walmart Shooting

A San Leandro policeman pled not guilty in Alameda County Superior Court last week in the shooting death of San Leandro resident Steven Taylor at the Walmart on Hesperian Boulevard in April.

Officer Jason Fletcher is charged with voluntary manslaughter.

Fletcher was the first to arrive at the Walmart after the police were called about a man wielding a metal baseball bat. Fletcher spoke to a store security guard

and then approached Taylor and tried unsuccessfully to take the bat away from him.

Fletcher told Taylor to put the bat down as the two men faced each other, video from the police and witnesses shows. Fletcher fired a taser first and then fired a shot from his gun.

District Attorney Nancy O'Malley asserted that Fletcher didn't use reasonable efforts to de-escalate the incident in charging him with voluntary manslaughter, and that Taylor

was shot within 40 seconds of Fletcher entering the store.

Fletcher's lawyer Michael Rains has said that Fletcher was told that Taylor was threatening people with the bat and that Taylor's actions looked as though the bat was going to be used against Fletcher before he fired the shot.

Fletcher posted \$200,000 bail and is on paid administrative leave from the police department. He is scheduled to appear again in court in January.

Vaccine: The plan will bring out the vaccines in four phases

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public health officials calls "essential and critical infrastructure workers," older adults, people with underlying health conditions that cause a higher risk of severe illness, and people in jail or prison or people living closely together in large numbers or "congregate settings."

Phase 3 includes children, young adults, and people working in lower-risk settings. If you don't fit into any of these other categories, you can receive a free vaccination under Phase 4.

The vaccine's arrival could not come at a more needed time. Alameda County saw a 14 percent

increase in the number of infections over last week. More than 14 percent of beds in the county

“Vaccines are the light at the end of the tunnel but we must continue to keep each other safe.”

— Dr. Nicholas Moss

are filled with COVID-19 related cases, according to new data

published by the Department of Health and Human Services; University of Minnesota COVID-19 Hospitalization Tracking Project.

The data shows Kaiser Permanente hospitals are taking the brunt of patients in Alameda County. Kaiser campuses in San Leandro, Fremont, and Oakland average as many as 50 newly infected patients in a seven-day period. Last week, San Leandro Kaiser was found to have 32 percent of their adult inpatient beds occupied with COVID cases, the highest in the county.

While getting a vaccination is not mandatory, Public Health officials say the more people that receive the drug, the more likely

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es):
The Agency Legal Document Professionals located at 1546 Scenicview Drive, San Leandro, CA 94577, in Alameda County, mailing address 696 San Ramon Valley Blvd #226, Danville, CA 94526, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): The Agency Real Estate and Finance, 1546 Scenicview Drive, San Leandro, CA 94577. This business is conducted by a corporation. This business commenced 11/01/2020.

/s/ The Agency Real Estate and Finance
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on date indicated by file stamp above.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es):
Dr. SurgeonMarketing located at 1738 Thornton Place, San Leandro, CA 94577, in Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kairi Bynum, 1738 Thornton Place, San Leandro, CA 94577. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced N/A.

/s/ Kairi Bynum
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es):
Speedy IRP Trucking located at 1948 Davis Street, Suite B, San Leandro, CA 94577, in Alameda County, mailing address 643 Olive Avenue, Fremont, CA 94539, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Vivek Berry, 643 Olive Avenue, Fremont, CA 94539. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced N/A.

/s/ Vivek Berry
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es):
Magdali Deli & Coffee Shop located at 2160 East 14th Street, San Leandro, CA 94577, in Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1) William Noe Vasquez Bravo and (2) Magdali Orozco, 326 Tilton Avenue, San Mateo, CA 94401. This business is conducted by a married couple. This business commenced N/A.

/s/ William Noe Vasquez Bravo, Magdali Orozco
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Covid Numbers

Confirmed Cases:

San Leandro: 2,135
Castro Valley: 1,102
Alameda County: 37,147
California: 1,585,044
Deaths
Alameda County: 542
California: 21,046
as of Dec. 14

the county can recover socially and economically. The key is to make sure they alleviate any concerns by socio-economic groups against receiving the vaccine, said Kimi Watkins-Tartt, director of the Alameda County Public Health Department.

"Engagement with our community partners is essential to reaching our high-risk and disproportionately impacted communities," Watkins-Tartt said.

If you do get the vaccine, Pfizer says to be on the lookout for symptoms such as pain at the injection site, fatigue, headache, muscle pain, chills, joint pain, and fever. Reports from the first vaccination recipients in Europe suggest those who generally have severe allergic reactions or with extreme compromised immune systems should check with their doctor before getting any vaccine treatment.