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ALAMEDA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT PHOTO

The fire on Sunday night broke out in the storage yard of the Georgia-Pacific plant on Alvarado Street, which manufactures corrugated cardboard.

Fire Breaks Out on Alvarado

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

About 50 firefighters battled a 2-alarm blaze that erupted on Sunday night at the Georgia-Pacific paper plant on Alvarado Street.

The blaze started just after 11 p.m. and burned into the early morning hours

of Monday. The intensity of the fire in the Georgia-Pacific plants outdoor storage area at 2800 Alvarado St. caused firefighters to take a defensive approach, the fire department said.

About 1,000 units of corrugated cardboard burned, causing an estimated \$200,000 or more in damage, according to Alameda

County Fire Department spokesman Brian Centoni. The cause of the fire is unknown.

The fire was contained to the outdoor storage area and didn't extend into the warehouse, Centoni said.

The fire department later worked on cleanup with Clean Harbors Environmental

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City to Embark On Roadway Improvement

City engineer lays out plans to fix streets in need of repair

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

San Leandro roads may finally get the fix they need after the City Council got its first look at the improvement projects slated for next year and beyond.

A presentation by San Leandro City Senior Engineer Nick Thom at the council meeting this week confirmed that 40 percent of the streets in town are falling apart. A two-year assessment found 171 sections of road in town are considered failed in dire need of repair.

The total of streets marked failed makes up about 12 percent of San Leandro's map. An additional 271 segments of the road are considered poor and, on their way, to failing. That makes up 28 percent of San Leandro.

"I get calls every week from residents asking if I know the condition of their street and when we are going to repair it," Thom said. "We do street surveys every two years, but when we are going to repair them is the question. We have a lot more need than we have funding."

Based on the city's public survey this year, roads and pavement ranked first with 27 percent of those responding. Bike and pedestrian facilities ranked second with 20 percent and libraries counting for 11 percent of the improvements requested. Community centers, streetlights,

and traffic signals followed in the single percentage points.

The question is how to pay for it. Thom says roads in San Leandro need \$185 million back-

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Lee Tells Voters Thank You

Congresswoman Barbara Lee thanked voters for electing her to another term and said she will continue to fight for everyone.

"I am deeply grateful that the

voters of the 13th Congressional District have put their confidence in me once again to carry on the fight for justice and equality in Congress,"

Lee said. "It has been an honor to serve our community, and I will continue to represent my constituents on all of the

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Congresswoman
Barbara Lee

Plans Underway for New SLHS Gym

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

San Leandro Unified School District last week debuted its plans to build a new gymnasium at San Leandro High School to be completed in 2024.

The gym is being paid for by a portion of Measure N bonds that San Leandro voters approved in March. Of the \$198 million allocated by voters to repair and construct classrooms and school facilities, the district is budgeting \$40 million for the new gym.

In its inaugural outreach to the public, Assistant Superintendent of business and operations,

Dr. Kevin Collins outlined the benefits of building a larger, state-of-the-art gymnasium on campus.

"We have to hold two rallies or similar events to accommodate our 2,700 students as well as teachers and staff," Collins said. "It gets really crowded and doesn't allow for more than one sports event. The existing gym is in the center of campus, which can be confusing for visiting teams. We would rather make it easier to access while securing the rest of the campus."

The proposed construction would be located on the existing tennis courts next to the parking

"We have to hold two rallies to accommodate our 2,700 students (in the current gym).

— Assistant Superintendent
Kevin Collins

lot. The initial plan is to design a gym that could accommodate the basketball courts with better locker rooms, upgraded training facilities, and technical improvements such as a scoreboard suspended in the middle of the ceiling.

District Director of Facilities and Operations Aaron Kerrigan said the group toured the new gym at Rancho Cotati High School in Rohnert Park to get inspiration. That \$52 million, 75,000 square foot gym in Sonoma County opened in April 2019 with an attached theatre, multi-

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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.



PETS OF THE WEEK



Stella

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter are Stella and Lara.

Stella is a sweet and smart



Lara

4-year-old female who is spayed and ready to go home (or be fostered). She walks great on leash, knows sit, stay, and come. She is very treat motivated. She does well with other dogs but is not a fan of cats or squirrels. She would like an experienced dog home with older children.

Lara is a sweet but super shy tortie cat with an adorable little bobtail. It takes Lara time to get to know and be comfortable with new people, but once she warms up she shows her sweet side and will cuddle up on your lap and loves pets and attention. She needs a family that will have patience and go slow with her.

To adopt Stella or Lara, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at 510-293-7200.

Cleanup at Stenzel Park

City Councilman-elect Bryan Azevedo invites everyone to a community cleanup at Stenzel Park, 15300 Wicks Blvd., on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Gloves, water, snacks, vests and garbage bags will be supplied.



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Immaculate Impala

Michael Mays of Brentwood keeps his '64 Chevrolet Impala Super Sport polished at the San Leandro Marina on a recent Sunday afternoon. Mays belongs to the Impala Car Club of Oakland, which has members throughout the East Bay. Impala car clubs are nationwide, as well as in Mexico and Europe.

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Correction

In last week's story on the election results (Azevedo, Simon Win Council Seats, Nov. 5, 2020), the story mistakenly said that Benny Lee won the seat on the Oro Loma Sanitary District board left open by Simon. Lee

did win a seat on the Oro Loma board but it was not the one left by Simon, whose term runs until 2022. Simon plans to continue serving on the Oro Loma board as well as the seat he won on the San Leandro City Council.

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Covid Relief Funds for Arts Organizations

County to distribute funds from federal CARES Act

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

One of the sectors hardest-hit by Covid-19 has been the arts. But a coalition of Alameda County agencies this week announced it has set aside up to \$900,000 to assist nonprofit arts and cultural organizations affected by the coronavirus pandemic.

The Alameda County Arts Commission and the county Board of Supervisors said they are accepting applications online until Friday, Nov. 20, at 5 p.m.

The awards will be given to 501(c)(3) nonprofit groups that provide arts programs and services for places like galleries and visual arts venues, performing arts centers or presenters, orchestras and musical presenters, the-

atres, dance companies, literary arts centers, heritage sites, cinema, and media arts organizations, arts education organizations, and art events and festivals.

Applicants must prove that they have been affected by Covid-19 in at least one of the following ways:

1. Revenues of the nonprofit are down 25 percent or more compared to the six months prior to March 1, 2020.

2. The organization has had to lay off at least one of its employees (full-time or part-time) or had to significantly reduce work conducted by consultants (full-time or part-time).

3. The organization was forced to shut down services, events and/or activities due to

the state or local government Shelter in Place and Covid-19 requirements.

Grants will be between \$5,000 to \$25,000 and can be used for things like rent for facilities, payroll, operating expenses, protective gear, or reimbursement for technology equipment required to move arts programs online.

The announcement noted additional support of as much as \$5,000 may be provided to qualifying organizations located in the county's unincorporated area, such as Castro Valley, San Lorenzo, Ashland, and Cherryland.

This grant program comes courtesy of the federally-funded CARES Act, which is intended to provide support for expenses and income loss from a business

because of Covid-19.

And since this is a grant, artists receiving the funding will not need to pay back a single cent, says Auditor-Controller Director Melissa Wilk.

"The arts in Alameda County and nationally have been particularly hard hit as arts and cultural venues were among the first to close and are among the last designated for re-opening," Wilk said in a statement. "The county recognizes that the arts and cultural organizations are an essential part of our community and an instrumental aspect of our economic recovery."

The online application can be found at the Arts Commission website: acgov.org/arts (click on "Programs").

Bayfair Farmers Market To Move for the Holidays

The Saturday morning Bayfair Farmers' Market will move around the corner next to Macy's to accommodate space for holiday festivities, effective Saturday, Nov. 14.

The move will remain in effect through Saturday, Dec. 26. The farmers' market will return to its current location on Saturday, Jan. 2.

The market operates every Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., year-round at Bayfair Center 15555 East 14th St. in San Leandro.

All of your favorite farmers will be there rain or shine. The winter market offers fresh ingredients direct from the farm for your holiday feast

including: organic apples, Asian pears, Fuyu persimmons, tender coastal lettuces, organic winter greens, sweet potatoes, and so much more.

Due to unusually warm weather this fall, you can also expect to see berries, tomatoes, and many other crops to enjoy with friends and family as you celebrate the holidays.

The Bayfair Center Farmers' Market is a location approved by the Alameda County Agricultural Commissioner, where farmers offer for sale only fruits and vegetables they grow themselves. For more information, call the market hotline at (800) 806-FARM or visit CAfarmersmkts.com.

Gym: San Leandro High School in need of a new gymnasium

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media classrooms, and associated amenities.

"They have quite a building at Rancho Cotati," Kerrigan said. "We asked them a lot of questions about what they liked about their construction and what they wished they had included. They said they wished they had a better design for their locker rooms. So, we will take that into consideration."

Meeting attendees on the call asked for some of the same amenities including space for a visiting team to huddle before a game or during halftime. Other suggestions included strategic observation areas for physical education instruction and security.

Even after the new gym is built, school officials said the

gymnasium at the Fred T. Korematsu Campus would continue to operate since it is host to several community athletic programs. The fate of the existing San Leandro High School Gym was not defined at the presentation.

Dr. Collins called for more public comment on the designs, which will be followed by an approval phase by the California

Division of the State Architect, which provides construction oversight for schools. Contractor bids and awards would then be authorized, followed by groundbreaking and construction.

"Unfortunately, our current juniors and seniors would not be able to see the new gym complete, but their younger siblings will be able to take full advantage

of the gym," Collins said.

Design ideas can be con-

tributed to the committee here:

<https://tinyurl.com/SLHSGym>.

On this Day in History: Nov. 12

1946: The Exchange National Bank of Chicago institutes the first drive-through banking service in the United States.

1999: President Bill Clin-

ton signs the financial services reform bill allowing banks, investment firms and insurance companies to sell each other's products.

Lee: For government of the people

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important issues before us.

"Every single day I promise to fight harder than ever to bring about real, lasting change for everyone. I promise to fight for a progressive agenda until our government is truly one of the people, by the people, and for the people."

Lee said that she expects to continue to battle Republicans in Congress in the upcoming term.

"I'm confident that as long as we stick together we will be able to win the fights the GOP brings our way," Lee said.

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San Leandro Youth Commissioners Must Apply by Friday

Mayor Pauline Cutter and the San Leandro City Council invite local youth to submit applications for the 2020-21 Youth Advisory Commission (YAC).

Commissioners advise the City Council on youth-related topics as well as provide recommendations on projects and events. They also learn about government job roles, services and local government programs.

The YAC meets twice a month throughout the school year, on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 6 p.m. via Zoom until it is safe to meet in the Sister Cities room in City Hall, 835 East 14th St. in San Leandro.

The commission consists of 21 members who represent the

diverse youth community in San Leandro. Commissioners must live in San Leandro or attend a school that serves San Leandro residents, be in grades 9, 10, 11, or 12, and commit between 6 to 8 hours per month for meetings and project involvement.

Each commissioner is appointed to serve a one-year term and may be renewed for three terms thereafter as long as they remain in high school.

Interested students should apply by completing an online application, which can be found in the "Latest News" section of the City of San Leandro homepage: www.sanleandro.org.

Applications are due by Friday, Nov. 13, at 5 p.m.

President-Elect Addresses Nation

President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris addressed the nation for the first time Saturday night in Wilmington, Delaware. Their election touched off celebrations around the country. More than 80 percent of voters in Alameda County marked their ballots for Biden and Harris. Hundreds of California politicians are now lobbying Gov. Gavin Newsom to become Harris' replacement in the U.S. Senate, but the governor says it's too early to even set a date for that decision.



Chef Monica Started Out at Baywood As an After-School Job Almost 20 Years Ago

By Linda Sandsmark
San Leandro Times

Castro Valley's Baywood Court retirement community has a special bond with its Executive Chef, who considers the residents her "proxy grandparents."

Monica Perkins, who started waitressing there part-time after school in 2001, not only worked her way up through the kitchen

ranks. During her employment she also earned a Bachelor's degree in Cellular and Molecular Biology from Cal State East Bay.

She now applies her knowledge of nutrition to the menus at Baywood.

"I fell in love with the science behind the food," says Perkins. "I could have worked in a laboratory, but I fell in love with cooking, too."

The focus on food and personal safety is more important than ever in these COVID-19 times.

"We have contactless meal pickup now, because the dining rooms are obviously closed at this time," says Perkins. "But



PHOTO COURTESY OF BAYWOOD COURT

Chef Monica Perkins at Baywood Court in Castro Valley.

we don't severely limit the independent living residents socially. If they like, they can take their

meals outside to the patios for outdoor dining."

Baywood Court serves 700 meals on a typical day. The menus Perkins has developed over the years address dietary needs and taste preferences of seniors.

Popular menu items include pizza, steak Diane, shrimp and beef kabobs, handmade crab cakes, and Cuban sandwiches made on a Panini press.

Dietary restrictions of residents are incorporated. The menu is rotated on a 5-week cycle and has been developed with a staff dietician. Perkins also earned her Certified Dietary Manager credential in 2018. She's been Executive Chef since 2016.

Baywood uses smaller local vendors for most meat, seafood and baked goods in order to control quality. Perkins adds that her goal is to have a balance of American favorites and modern, healthy options as well.

"We make the majority of our entrees in-house from scratch. We're not a Kosher kitchen, and our residents are aware of that, but we do special recipes for occasions such as Rosh Hashanah and Passover. One of the favorites is a honey cake that we've been serving for 10 years."

Over her 19 years at Baywood, Perkins has come to view the residents there as family.

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/s/ Minakshi Norman
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/s/ Behzad Radjabi
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LIFESTYLE

Time to Put the Soup Kettle On!

As Bay Area temperatures plummet these nights, there's no better way to fight off the cold than with a steaming bowl of tasty soup. Make a big pot and enjoy the leftovers later.

VEGETABLE BEEF SOUP

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 pound beef stew meat, cut into about 1 inch cubes
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 3/4 cup carrots, diced
- 3/4 cup celery, diced
- 3 to 4 russet or Yukon gold potatoes, cubed and peeled (if desired)
- 1 (28-ounce) can diced tomatoes, with juice
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 4 cups beef stock
- 1 cup water
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 tablespoon Italian seasoning
- Salt and pepper
- Fresh parsley

Parmesan cheese
Crushed red pepper flakes

Heat oil in a large pot. Add the steak in batches making sure not to over crowd the pan. Cook until browned on both sides, about 2-3 minutes.

Remove meat from the pan and set aside. Add to the pan the onion, garlic, carrots, celery and potatoes. Sauté for 3-4 minutes stirring occasionally.

Add the remaining ingredients as well as the steak. Bring to a boil and simmer for 25-30 minute.

Season with salt and pepper to taste and serve with fresh parsley, cheese and crushed red pepper flakes if desired. Yields 6 servings.

TOMATO BISQUE

- 2 (14-1/2 oz.) cans diced tomatoes, undrained
- 2 teaspoons beef bouillon granules
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/4 teaspoon dried basil
- 1/4 teaspoon white pepper



- 1/2 cup butter, cubed
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 4 cups milk

In a saucepan, combine the first eight ingredients; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, for 30 minutes.

Discard bay leaf; press mixture through sieve and set aside.

In a large saucepan, melt butter; stir in flour until smooth. Gradually stir in milk. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring constantly; cook and stir for 2 minutes. Reduce heat. Gradually stir in tomato mixture until smooth;

heat through. Yields 8 servings (2 quarts).

CREAM OF MUSHROOM SOUP

- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 3 cups sliced fresh mushrooms
- 6 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 14 1/2-oz. cans chicken or vegetable broth
- 1 cup half-and-half cream
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper

- 1 dash dried thyme
- 1/4 cup cream sherry

In a large saucepan, sauté onion in butter until tender. Add mushrooms and sauté until tender. Combine and mix flour and broth until smooth; stir into the mushroom mixture. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. (If you're cooking for people who can't have "chunks" of mushrooms in their soup, put the thickened mixture into a blender to puree and pour back into the saucepan.) Stir in the cream, salt, and pepper. Simmer uncovered for 15 minutes, stirring often. Serves 6.

NAVY BEAN SOUP

- 3 cups (1-1/2 pounds) dried navy beans
- 1 (14-1/2 oz.) can diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 meaty ham hock or 1 cup diced cooked ham
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 2-1/2 cups water
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Minced fresh parsley

Rinse and sort beans, then place them in a Dutch oven or soup kettle; add water to cover by 2 in. Bring to a boil; boil for 2 minutes. Remove from the heat; cover and let stand for 1 to 4 hours or until beans are softened.

Drain and rinse beans, discarding liquid. Place in a large Dutch

oven or soup kettle. Add the tomatoes with juice, onion, ham hock, broth, water, salt and pepper. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer until beans are tender, about 1-1/2 hours.

Add more water if necessary. Remove ham hock and let stand until cool enough to handle. Remove meat from bone; discard bone. Cut meat into bite-size pieces; set aside. (For a thicker soup, cool slightly, then puree beans in a food processor or blender and returned to pan.) Return ham to soup and heat through. Garnish with parsley. Yield: 10 servings (2-1/2 quarts).

HAM & POTATO CHOWDER

- 1 can cream of celery soup
- 1 cup fat-free milk
- 1 teaspoon dried onion flakes
- 1 teaspoon dried parsley flakes
- 1-1/2 cups diced ham
- 1-1/2 cups diced cooked potatoes
- 1 cup frozen whole-kernel corn, thawed
- 1 cup frozen broccoli, thawed

In a large saucepan, combine celery soup, milk, onion flakes and parsley flakes. Add ham, potatoes and corn. Mix well to combine. Stir in broccoli. Bring mixture to a boil, stirring often. Lower heat, cover and simmer for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Serves 2.



FLOOD ZONE

IS YOUR HOME IN THE FLOOD ZONE?



The City of San Leandro continues to participate in the FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) Flood Insurance Rating System and achieved a Class 8 designation that enables residents in FEMA-designated flood zones or Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) to receive discounts of up to 10 percent on flood insurance.

Properties in the flood zone that have federally backed loans are required to have flood insurance. If you are unsure whether your home is in the flood zone, we will gladly provide you with flood zone information. Please send your name, email address, phone number and the site address you are inquiring about by:

- Email to: jsmithjr@sanleandro.org -or-
- Phone: City's Flood Zone Information Hotline at 510-577-3413

Flood zone maps can be viewed at <https://msc.fema.gov/portal> or at the City's Division of Building & Safety Services located on the 1st Floor, City Hall at 835 E. 14th Street.

Ways to Reduce Flood Risks

There are approximately 3,000 homes that are in San Leandro's flood zone, the following are steps all residents can take to reduce flood risks.

- Residents are encouraged to assist in maintaining the flood control channels in their areas by removing or reporting obstructions (such as shopping carts, leaves, debris, trash, etc.). To report obstructions or illegal dumping, or for questions regarding flood control channels, please contact Alameda County Public Works Agency's Maintenance and Operations Department at (510) 670-5500.
- Keeping storm drains free of obstructions reduces flooding in the event of heavy rains. To report obstructions or illegal dumping, or for questions regarding the City's drainage system maintenance, please contact Public Works – Water Pollution Control Plant at (510) 577-3434.
- Do not drive or walk around road barriers where roads or pathways may be flooded or washed out.
- Stay away from downed power lines and electrical wires.
- In the event of home flooding, turn off electricity.
- Do not use appliances or motors that get wet unless they are taken apart, cleaned and dried.
- Elevate or relocate electrical panels, furnaces, water heaters, washers and dryers.

Building in the Flood Zone

Though all development within the city requires a permit, there are very specific requirements when building in the flood zone. Always check and fulfill permitting requirements with the Division of Building & Safety Services at (510) 577-3405 and/or the Engineering Division at (510) 577-3428 before you build on, alter, fill, or re-grade on any portion of your property and/or within any easement or right-of-way. To report any suspected permitting violations, please contact Division of Building & Safety at (510) 577-3405.



REAL ESTATE GALLERY



REAL ESTATE REALITY

By Carl Medford, CRS
Special to the Times

GUEST COMMENTARY



Scammers on the Rise

We called a contractor's business number to coordinate payment for a project. The person that answered identified themselves and informed us that the only way they were currently receiving payments was through Western Union. Seems there was a problem with their account and they could not process checks.

"Not to worry," they assured us. "We will give you a \$500 discount for the inconvenience."

We called the contractor directly on his cell phone and informed him that his main office phone number had been hijacked.

It seems that the coronavirus is not the only thing spreading like wildfire; there is no end to the number of current scams. It is well-known that in the midst of any crisis, scammers rise to the occasion to sow mayhem and reap ill-gotten proceeds. COVID-19 has been no excep-

tion.

With everything online, scammers can hack into most anything that is not properly protected.

One particular scam has devastated homebuyers: hackers have been able to access email accounts and, by pretending to be title company representatives, managed to divert the buyer's down payment by providing false wiring instructions. Once the money has been wired to the scammer it is gone for good.

The buyers are out, in some cases, hundreds of thousands of dollars and, unable to retrieve their lost funds, are unable to complete their purchase. There is no happy ending in this scenario for the buyers or the sellers.

As a result of the increase in scammer activity, The California Association of Realtors has added a new disclosure to every transaction to help buyers and sellers understand the risks.

It includes the following: "The ability to communicate and conduct business electronically is a convenience and reality in nearly all parts of our lives. At the same time, it has provided hackers and scammers new opportunities for their criminal activity. Many businesses have been victimized and the real estate business is no exception."

Our recommendations:

Never blindly follow email instructions. Always call the title company to verify the wiring information. You should

also receive a written copy of their wiring instructions during your final signing – make sure the numbers match.

Ensure that all your online accounts have difficult passwords. Using personal information or dates is not a good idea – passwords should use random letters, numbers and other characters.

Above all, be extremely vigilant – a scam has the potential to ruin your life.

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

207 Lexington • San Leandro • \$738,000

Charming! From the Little Free Library near the front walkway to the beautiful backyard, 207 Lexington has a long list of features. Among the approximately 1285 sq. ft. of living space are 3 bedrooms, one full bath, dining area and a wonderful retro kitchen with a fantastic

1930's O'Keefe and Merritt stove, lots of counter space and abundant storage. Additional amenities include hardwood floors, fireplace, laundry room and beautiful natural light. The spacious studio overlooks the patio and the yard beyond and could be used for so many things. Home office, guest room, home gym, the possibilities are endless. The convenient North San Leandro location of this home is close to Downtown shopping, Siempre Verde Park and several public transportation options. **Asking \$738,000.** For more information, contact **Michelle R. Miller, Associate Broker, Compass at 510-701-3442. DRE# 01012751**



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COMPASS

Winterizing Your Plant Collection

By Buzz Bertolero
Special to the Times

I have a beautiful, variegated coleus plant in a pot on the patio. How would I go about winterizing it from the upcoming cold temperatures? I've had no luck moving it indoors for the winter months. Would it survive outside under a shade cloth patio roof? How about leaving it out during the day and then bring it inside at night? Also, should I dig up my tuberous begonias and store them for the winter? They're currently in pots.

A It's not too early to start thinking about winterizing plants. Daylight Saving Time has ended and the days will continue to get shorter and the nights much cooler.

For cold-sensitive plants such as bougainvilleas, citrus, hibiscus, and others, an application of Wilt Stop or Cloud Cover should be applied in the next several weeks.

Coleus is usually excluded from the list as many gardeners think of them as seasonal color, but they also can be sprayed. It is odd that you have had problems moving them indoors

for the winter, as suggested in many books.

I don't think the shade cloth covering will provide sufficient enough protection from the cold. So, maybe the answer is to leave it outside unless the nighttime temperatures drop below 40°F and then bring it inside.

I'd also move it close to the house to benefit from escaping heat. This should reduce the inside time frame and increase the success in over-wintering. There is no problem moving it in and out every day until spring, but it is a lot of work.

Tuberous begonias in pots are easy to deal with. First off, they are not an evergreen plant, so they do die back and go dormant so that you can over-winter them in the existing pots. With this in mind, there isn't much to be concerned about with the winter temperatures.

I'd stop watering them and let the foliage turn brown. Next, I'd place the pots in the garage or under the house's eaves until next spring when I'd start to water and feed them again.

I'd be more concerned about those tuberous begonias growing in the ground. They could rot from the wet winter condi-



BUZZ BERTOLERO
THE
DIRT
GARDENER

tions. I'd dig them up and store them in an open box or paper bags for next year.

Q My year-old dwarf fescue lawn is steadily declining. It receives one to two hours of sun per day. I've been watering and fertilizing it regularly. What else do I need to do to improve its looks?

A Fescue, dwarf or tall, doesn't grow successfully in shady conditions. One to two hours of direct sun is

not enough light for it to thrive. You'll need to overseed this area with creeping red fescue, as it's better suited for low light situations. Creeping red fescue is available by seed at your favorite garden center. It's too late to sow seed now for germination, so you'll have to wait for spring to do so.

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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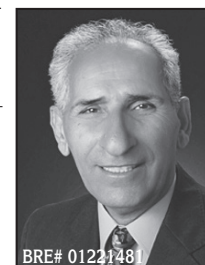
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5 Top Tips for Refinishing Hardwood Floors

Since spending more time at home, you've probably started eyeing projects that need attention. If so, you're not alone - Houzz home renovation website reported a 58% increase in leads for home improvement professionals this past summer.

One project that can make an impact on the look and value of your home is refinishing your hardwood floors. It may seem like a big project to tackle, but refinishing can not only improve the look and value of your home but will extend the lifespan of your floors.

Here are a few tips to get the job done right:

1. Choose carefully

Do your research. Since floors comprise one of the largest surfaces in your home, you want them to look great and wear well for years to come.

Consider the room's overall aesthetic such as color palette and light. A darker space could benefit from lighter colored floors, while darker floors can add rich contrast. In addition to color, pay attention to the variety of floor finish sheens, which can range from extra glossy to super matte.

Don't forget to account for other room changes you're planning such as wall color, window treatments or furnishings.

2. Use a professional

While you may be handy around the house, this is one area where you don't want to make costly mistakes. Hiring a qualified professional flooring craftsman will save time and could also save you money. DIY floor refinishing mistakes are difficult to repair and may mean replacing the flooring surface all together. Consult an expert such as a Bona Certified Craftsman to ensure your floors are refinished with the best products and tools to safeguard the health of your home.

3. Think environmentally friendly

When it comes to a hardwood floor finish, the best choice for keeping your home free of toxins is a water-based or waterborne finish.

The three most common hardwood floor finish choices are - acid cured (also called Swedish finish), oil-based polyurethane or waterborne. Acid cured is high in volatile organic compounds (VOCs), and is even outlawed in some regions. Because of its toxic nature, homeowners, pets, food, houseplants and even fish tanks must be removed from the home during the refinishing process to keep them safe. Even after the homeowner's return, this floor finish will continue to release toxins into the home.

Oil-based polyurethane floor finish also emits a high level of VOCs creating an intense smell. Additionally, it can have an extended drying time (making your flooring project take



longer) and over time, the color can turn yellow compromising the original floor color you selected.

By contrast, waterborne finishes are durable, sustainable and safe enough for homeowners, pets, plants and food to remain in the home during the entire refinishing process. A waterborne finish may take a few hours more to dry than acid cure finish, but it will be ready to walk on hours before an oil-based polyurethane finish. The environmental and health benefits are also well worth it. A high-durability waterborne finish like Bona Traffic HD has low VOCs and is Greenguard Gold certified, ensuring that your finish looks beautiful and will keep your home healthy.

"Hardwood floor refin-

ishing has come a long way from 10 or 15 years ago," said Kenny Boggs, Jr. of of CHP Inc., a Chesapeake, VA-based hardwood floor installation and renovation company. "With low VOC waterborne finishes, environmentally friendly sealers, and dust containment systems, the refinishing process will only leave a beautiful floor behind."

Finally, ask your flooring craftsman to use a dust containment system to further protect your home from potentially harmful dust, while also making clean-up a breeze.

4. Let the floors unify your space

Designers often select the same flooring throughout several rooms, especially on one level of a home, to connect the spaces visually. If you have

other rooms on the same level that aren't hardwood, see if there is hardwood under those other surfaces that could be refinished to create a unified look, or consider if installing hardwood floors would be worth the investment.

5. Keep them clean

Once the floors are refinished, cleaning and protecting your hardwood floors is essential. Ask your flooring craftsman to recommend products that will keep your newly refinished floors in great condition. The right floor care after refinishing will help keep your home look-

ing beautiful for years.

Follow these tips to keep your hardwood floors looking their best. Consult a Bona Certified Craftsman at bona.com/bcc for expert advice on achieving beautiful floors that will last a lifetime.

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3559 Jerald Court	94546: \$1,036,000 4 BD - 2,210 SF - 1954
2839 Chloe Court	94546: \$1,040,000 4 BD - 2,736 SF - 1991
6300 Mt Olympus Dr	94552: \$1,060,000 4 BD - 2,088 SF - 1987
18327 Joseph Drive	94546: \$1,075,000 3 BD - 1,730 SF - 1956
TOTAL SALES:	7

LOWEST AMOUNT:	\$830,000	MEDIAN AMOUNT:	\$1,036,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT:	\$1,075,000	AVERAGE AMOUNT:	\$984,428

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14655 Doolittle Drive	94577: \$453,000 3 BD - 1,060 SF - 1979
15212 Hardin Street	94579: \$728,000 3 BD - 1,114 SF - 1951
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1990 Bancroft Avenue	94577: \$875,000 2 BD - 2,000 SF - 1946
857 Alvarado Street	94577: \$3,000,000 4 BD - 1,353 SF - 1918
TOTAL SALES:	5

LOWEST AMOUNT:	\$453,000	MEDIAN AMOUNT:	\$840,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT:	\$3,000,000	AVERAGE AMOUNT:	\$1,179,200

Mortgage Rates Decrease Again

Long-term mortgage rates hit another record low last week, according to Freddie Mac's nationwide survey.

The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 2.78 percent, the lowest rate in the company's records which date back to 1971. A year ago at this time, the 30-year rate averaged 3.69 percent.

Fifteen-year fixed-rate mortgages averaged 2.32 percent, unchanged from the previous week.

Five-year hybrid adjustable-rate

mortgages (ARMs) averaged 2.89 percent, up slightly from 2.88 percent a week earlier.

"Mortgage rates hit another record low, the twelfth time this year, due to economic and political ambiguity," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's Chief Economist. "Despite the uncertainty that we've all experienced this year, the housing market, buoyed by low rates, continues to be a bright spot. Freddie Mac and Freddie Mac's blog FreddieMac.com/blog.

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Town Boarded Up for Election Results

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

Shops and businesses around town boarded up their windows last week in anticipation of the election results.

The downtown Safeway was barricaded like East Berlin in 1961. Other stores across town also put up plywood to protect their windows and keep out looters.

On the night of May 31, stores all across San Leandro were looted – from Bayfair Mall to downtown to the Walmart on Davis Street. Many storekeepers feared more destruction might follow the election returns.

Shop owners said that on May 31 the police were not able to protect their stores, and they were afraid of the same thing happening again.

Several shopkeepers told the San Leandro Times that they request that their names be withheld, fearing it might bring more destruction to their business.

Some shopkeepers had video of their stores being looted on



PHOTOS BY JIM KNOWLES

The Safeway in Washington Plaza barricaded its front windows last week, though it was still open for business. The boards have been taken down this week.

May 31 where people casually walked out with armloads of merchandise, and it continued for an hour and a half.

"I haven't been ordering merchandise," said one shopkeeper last week whose shelves were half empty. "We just don't know what's going to happen."

But San Leandro police did report that they thwarted possible looting at Bayfair Center on Nov. 3.

Police said they received information of a group planning to loot the mall, and Bayfair closed early that night. Bayfair was one of the places looted on the night of May 31.

Police stationed officers at the mall that evening and said they broke up several groups that were gathering around the mall.



Many stores around town have been boarded up since the night of widespread looting on May 31. But even stores that had taken their boards down, boarded up again when it got close to election day.

Big 5 Sporting Goods Looted

Around 20 people broke into the Big 5 Sporting Goods store on Hesperian Boulevard in San Lorenzo last Wednesday night (Nov. 4) and stole weapons and ammunition.

The store was boarded up but the group broke through the boards and the steel security gates to get inside the store at around 9:40 p.m. They seemed to be aiming at the firearms section, according to the Alameda County Sheriff's Department.

A pellet gun was left in the parking lot along with dozens of shotgun shells, KPIX Channel 5 reported.

Only pellet guns, not firearms, were stolen, according to Sgt. Ray Kelly of the sheriff's department.

At a press conference the next day, Oakland Police Chief Susan Manheimer said the looting at Big 5 was one in a series of break-ins by a roving caravan of robbers and looters.

Manheimer said it's a growing trend that transcends any one group that operates on nights when police are covering protests and their ranks are stretched thin. The looters seem know when police are busy handling an event in another part of the East Bay.

Aviation Museum to Present Tour of Flying Boat

The Oakland Aviation Museum, 8252 Earhart Road in Oakland, invites you to join in a fun program "Not So Silent Solent Flying Boat" outdoor walk-around tour by Docent Eulanna Allan this Saturday at 1 p.m.

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

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

Virtual Forum Will Discuss Bancroft School Improvements

The San Leandro Unified School District will hold a virtual forum on work to be done at Bancroft Middle School through Measure M bond funds. Bancroft is getting a new safety drop-off, a redesigned entryway, an athletic field refresh, and replacement of

aging portable buildings. The public is invited to share needs and considerations for Bancroft before the design process commences.

Join the virtual forum here: <https://slusd-us.zoom.us/j/87526860165>

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Eunice Putnam Hoenninger

Eunice Putnam Hoenninger was born April 29, 1920, in Bellingham, Washington. She was raised on her family's farm until she moved into town to attend business school. In 1942 she joined the U.S Navy WAVES and was stationed at Treasure Island. In 1946 she married John C. Hoenninger Jr. at the chapel on Treasure Island. They settled in San Leandro, California, where they raised their 4 children. In the 64 years Eunice lived there she was active with Epiphany Lutheran, the Sons of Norway, and also sold Avon for 50 years. She was also active at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Red Bluff. She passed peacefully at home in Red Bluff on November 4th, 2020. She is preceded in death by her husband and her daughter Martha Moomey. She is survived by one sister, Carolyn, and by her children John, Tom, and Angela, as well as her grandsons Ben and Matt, their wives, and 4 great-grandchildren. A memorial will be planned at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to your favorite charity.



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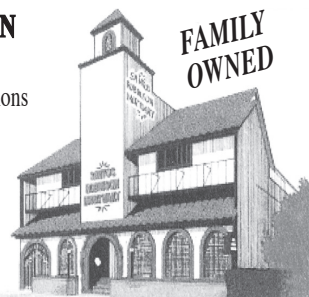
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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Your ruling planet, Mars, allows you to assume a sense of command that can help you turn a chaotic workplace situation into one that's orderly, productive and, yes, even friendly.



TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Getting a relationship that's been stuck in a rut up and running again depends on how far you want to run with it. Be honest with yourself as you consider which decision to make.



GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Be wary of rumors that seem to be coming from everywhere this week. Waiting for the facts before you act means never having to say you're sorry you followed the wrong lead.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): A difficult personal matter might prompt you to turn to a trusted friend to help you sort through a maze of emotional conflicts. The weekend should bring some welcome news.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): Some of the new people coming into the Lion's life could play pivotal roles in future personal and professional matters. Meanwhile, an old friend might have an important message.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): A delay in getting things moving on schedule can be a blessing in disguise. Use this extra time to do more research so you can buttress any of the weaker points with solid facts.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): You might need to get involved in a personal matter before it becomes a serious problem. Also, be wary of someone offering to mediate, unless you can be sure of his or her motives.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): Taking sides in a workplace or domestic dispute could prolong the problem. Stay out and stay cool. Then you can be friends with both parties when things settle down.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): A friendship has the potential to become something more, and with this week's aspects favoring romance, you might feel that this possibility is worth exploring.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): The new job you want might require you to relocate. If so, keep an open mind and weigh all the positives and negatives before making your decision.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): A new relationship seems to be everything you could have hoped for. Congratulations. Meanwhile, it's not too early to get some feedback on that new project you're working on.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): You might have decided to get out of the fast-moving current and just float around hither and yon for a while. But you might find that the new opportunity is too tempting to turn down.

Roadway: Other projects include harbor and park at the marina

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log for maintenance and at least \$10.5 million per year to prevent things from getting worse. The current plan will take \$23 million per year to reach the average pavement condition goals in 10 years. The city currently has a pavement condition index of 76. Forty percent of roads in San Leandro do not meet that level.

The road conundrum is one of more than 150 projects the council is considering for its Fiscal Year 2022 and Fiscal Year 2023 City Budget. The initial review included deep dives into several pending and near-completed improvements. The projects are put into different categories including annual maintenance, bicycle and pedestrian, buildings, parks and open space, roadways for vehicles, shoreline, traffic safety, underground utilities, water and sewers.

Outside of the general fund, much of the Capital Improvement list is getting financial support from sources such as \$500,000 a year in Measure B and BB for bike and pedestrian projects, \$4.3 million

annually from the same Measures plus gas taxes and state registration fees, \$300,000 a year from developer fees, \$350,000 a year from park development fees, \$250,000 a year from underground utility fees, and \$1 million a year from Capital Improvement funding for the Water Processing Control Plant Enterprise Fund.

Thom noted two improvement projects in the pre-design phase including the \$2 million harbor deconstruction and shoreline park project at the San Leandro

“The road conundrum is one of more than 150 projects for fiscal year 2022-2023.”

Marina, and a traffic signal improvement at the intersection of Wicks and Manor totaling \$360,000.

There are 19 current improvement projects in the design phase with funding totaling more than \$48.2 million. Thom noted that the pool project at the Family Aquatics Center and the Mulford/Marina Library are currently \$11.2 million short of their funding.

Under construction are eight different projects including the Boys and Girls Club Pool resurfacing, modifications to

the police building and South Offices, and the Farrelly Pool replacement. Of these projects, Thom said the levee maintenance at Heron Bay cost twice as much because the contractor was asked to remove additional soil and debris.

The council primarily expressed concerns with cost overruns. The City's Budget Task Force will review the Capital Improvement priorities this month and the comments from the Task Force and Council are scheduled for review in February.

OPINION

LETTERS to the EDITOR

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Opportunities to Play a Role

Editor:

Thank you for your article, "State Guidelines to Encourage Housing," on November 5th. You forgot to mention the survey, though, which everyone can find at this website: sldevelopmentstandards.com. Deadline is this Friday, November 13th.

The survey, which takes 10-20 minutes, fairly mimics the October 21 workshop you describe. It's fun, though it's not nearly as much fun as meeting and gathering with neighbors, including people who live clear across the city, and batting around ideas together.

We can all look forward to more workshops throughout the 12-18 month period of this project.

In the meantime, I encourage residents to explore the website for more information and sign up to receive emails with more opportunities to play a role.

—Sarah Bailey, San Leandro

Danger of Media Consolidation

Editor:

Debbie Perriera letter "Biden Accusations" (Letters, Nov. 5) heralds the peril we face from corrupt major media outlets. What a clarion call she makes to a populous of under educated and ill informed citizens about the clear and present danger of media consolidation in the hands of the wealthy. She clearly represents one of the biggest problems we face in America today.

—Benjamin Frager, San Leandro

Biden Accusation Comeback

Editor:

Re: Debbie Perriera's note ("Biden Accusations," Letters, Nov. 5) about Hunter

Biden's laptop – thanks for the laugh!

The reason this is so hysterical is that no one at Hunter Biden's level in a company would ever take a damaged laptop to some random computer repair guy in Wilmington, Delaware. The best part is that the repairman is legally blind. It does not get any better!

As a technology communications professional I can tell you, if Hunter Biden had issues with computers, he has staff for that. I read the Post story and laughed out loud at it then.

Sure, the FBI confiscated the computers. But it's not because they are Hunter Biden's computers. They're not. They are plants designed to be a distraction.

The reason this was never in the news is because there is no news there.

And yes, if I have a computer issue, I have stuff for that.

—Susan Hoffmann, San Leandro

The Unheralded Postal Service

Editor:

The US Postal System has honored its Pony Express legacy of getting the mail delivered at any cost, and nobody bothered to thank them.

The USPS is often maligned and critics abound about its service, lateness, and use in a hi-tech world. But the millions of ballots delivered to us and then returned to the voting precincts were solely the enormous effort and success of the USPS.

Politicians thanked volunteers, poll workers, canvassers, etc. but not one nod to the postal workers. So bravo! Hurrah! Danke! Gracias! Viva! and God bless to all of the little boxy white trucks and the carriers. Great task. Great job!

—Esther M. Picazo, San Leandro

View Movie and Talk on Plastic

The Friends of San Leandro Creek are hosting a link to view the movie, *The Story of Plastic*, followed by a virtual discussion of the movie on Sunday at 4 p.m.

Go to the Friends of San Leandro Creek website at www.fslc.org to view the movie and sign up for the discussion on Eventbrite.

The movie can be viewed any time between Friday and Sunday.

The *Story of Plastic* takes a sweeping look at the man-made crisis of plastic pollution and the worldwide effect it has on the health of our planet and the people who inhabit it.

To that end, The Friends of San Leandro Creek hope "The Story of Stuff's" new film, *The Story of Plastic*, serves as a tool to foster connection, spark dialogue, and create action.

Fire: Cleanup

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Services, Centoni added.

On Monday morning, Georgia-Pacific thanked the fire department in a Tweet and confirmed that there were no injuries.

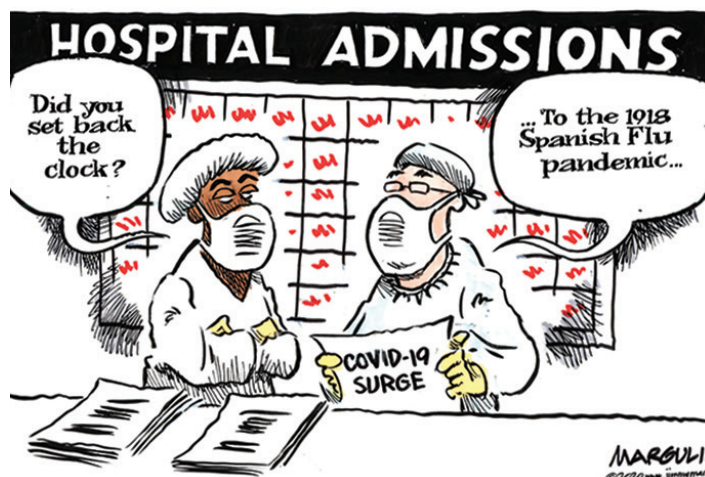
"The fire is out now. Thankfully there were no injuries," said the Georgia-Pacific statement. "The facility expects to start back up this morning as scheduled."

Chef: Friends

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"I was 16 when I started here, and they've seen me grow up," says Perkins. I've heard about their lives and have maintained friendships with them over the years. I've known many ever since they arrived here, including one who is 104 years old now. They know I put everything into my work here for them."

Baywood Court is located at 21966 Dolores St., Castro Valley.



INQUIRING REPORTER

What did you think of the election?

— Asked downtown

America is in grave danger. Fraud was reported. The media knows what happened.

Bill Bechtel
San Leandro



The democratic process worked. I'm really glad democracy held up. It looked like it could have gone another way. People get complacent and this is a good wake-up call.

Muriel Maguire
San Leandro



I was getting sick to my stomach watching the news, and then I just looked today and it's positive for Biden. But I'm afraid of what lengths his opponent will go to mess up the democratic process. I look forward to a new day.

Hilda Robinson
Oakland



I thought it was wonderful. I was crying on Tuesday. I held my breath and stayed tuned. On Saturday morning I found out and my sister and I jumped for joy. I told my husband and son. They were delighted. Even the dogs were happy.

Karen Flynn
San Leandro



I have mixed feelings. I expected Trump might win because he has a lot of supporters. With Biden and Harris, people would vote for anyone to get Trump out. People in rural areas felt disrespected before Trump. He seems to try to put America first. I'm from a small country, Cambodia, and I like that he doesn't collude with China. But in other ways he's a jerk.

Sovannaroth Yoeum
Oakland



Work Coming Along on San Leandro Boys & Girls Club

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

The San Leandro Boys & Girls Club building opened its doors for a view of the ongoing construction last Thursday.

Kim Pace led a group that included Mayor Pauline Cutter through the building to give a glimpse how it's coming along, now that 70 percent of the work is done. The city contributed \$1 million to the \$10 million project.

Pace is the chief operating officer of the club who will replace current CEO Bob Glotch when he retires later this month.

The new entrance to the club will be on the San Leandro

Boulevard side, so even the club's address has changed to 2200 San Leandro Blvd., instead of the Marina Boulevard address.

The new entryway and the entire building has a modern look and seems more spacious than the old building. Beautiful wood panels will be installed on the ceiling that will give the building some warmth, Pace said.

Bicycle racks will be on both sides of the building. Outside, there will be a zen garden where people can do yoga.

The tech lab and maker space will have its own recording studio. The kitchen is being completely refurbished.

Some of the walls still exposed reveal the new wiring that enables the building to accommodate the latest in technology. The gym is stripped down and being remodeled and the swimming pool is being completely rebuilt.

An outdoor event space is planned for the front of the building. The club announced that the space will be covered by an iconic art canopy by artist Marco Cochran, who built the "Truth Is Beauty" statue at the San Leandro Tech Center.

"That's Phase 2, though," said Glotch. "We're going to have to raise some more money for that."



PHOTOS BY JIM KNOWLES

Kim Pace (right) with the San Leandro Boys & Girls Club talks to Mayor Pauline Cutter in the gym as she leads a tour of the construction at the club.



The club's swimming pool, which is also a city pool, is being completely rebuilt.

Library to Host Presentation on Native American Basket Weaving

In honor of Native American Heritage Month, the San Leandro Public Library invites the community to join a free virtual presentation by California Indian Basketweaver's Association member, Jennifer Malone from the Wukchumni Tribe on Tuesday, Nov. 17, from 6 to 7 p.m.

In "We Are Still Here: Wukchumni Basketweaving Traditions," Malone will share different examples of baskets, information on gathering materi-

als, and share different techniques and uses including how baskets are still being used today. Each basket has a story to tell.

Go to the San Leandro Public Library's website at www.sanleandro.org for registration information.

Jennifer Malone is from the Wukchumni tribe and has been weaving for 25 years, having learned from Beatrice Wilcox, her grandmother who was master weaver. Malone is active within

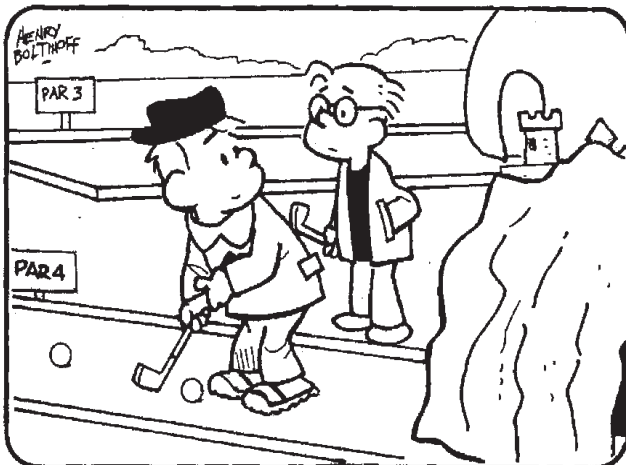
her tribal community teaching both basket weaving and working on keeping the Wukchumni language alive.

Malone works with several organizations in her local community, serving as the cultural advisor for Sequoia National Park's annual, Go Native event.

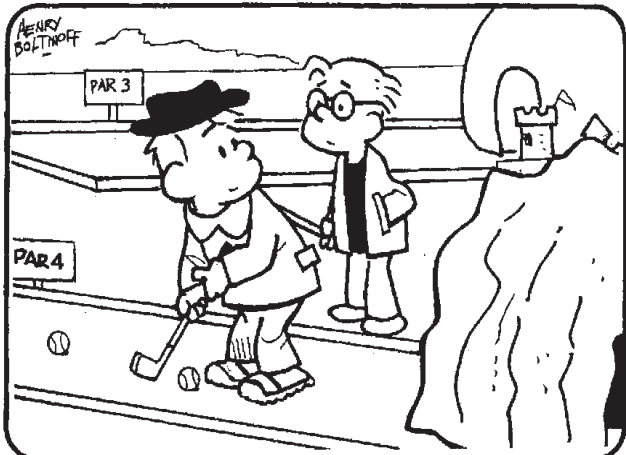
More details about the library's free virtual programs are available at www.sanleandrolibrary.org or by calling 510-577-3971.

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BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF

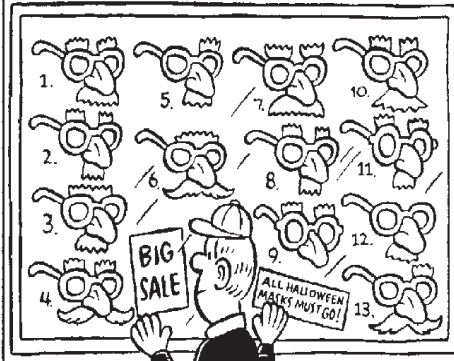


Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Boy's hat is different. 2. Castle has a flag. 3. Par 3 sign has moved. 4. Golf balls have become baseballs. 5. Golf club is longer. 6. Some distant trees are missing.

NOVELTY STORE



THE POST HALLOWEEN SALE! The local novelty store has masks left over from last week. Can you spot two that are exactly alike?

Answer: Masks 2 and 8.

A NEAT BET! Here's how you can prove that "six plus five equals nine." Lay out six ice cream sticks as shown in Fig. 1. Now add five more sticks to the layout so that they spell out the number "nine" (see Fig. 2). Another win for the math genius!



FIND THE SEVEN WORDS PUZZLE! In the Word Square at the right, we've removed six of the letters to spell out the word "TANDEM." See if you can replace these letters in the square so that you will have four 3-letter words across and three 4-letter words down.

Answers: (Across) Met, ode, age, ten. (Down) Moat, edge, teen.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



THE PYRAMID OF WORD POWER!

Starting with the word DAVENPORT at the bottom of our word pyramid, try dropping one letter at a time as you work your way up, so that the remaining letters at each level spell out a new word. To make the challenge harder, the following helpful hints are NOT in ascending order:

1. Used to propel.
2. To release from penalty.
3. A horse coloring.
4. Turned hand palm down.
5. A vowel.
6. Old name for a sofa.
7. To decorate.
8. Indicates an alternative.
9. Dressed for cooking.

Answers: (from the bottom up): Davenport, pronounced, aproned, pardon, adorn, roan, oar, or, o.