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**WEEKEND WEATHER**

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PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Nurse Annie Ha grins as she's the first to get the COVID-19 vaccine at Kaiser San Leandro last Thursday as front line medical workers started getting the vaccination.

## New Vaccine a 'Holiday Gift' Says Doctor, but Keep Doing What You're Doing

By Jim Knowles  
San Leandro Times

Kaiser San Leandro nurses and doctors got a vaccination for Covid last Thursday as the first round of the vaccine became available.

Health care workers are among the first to get the shot as only a limited supply is currently available.

"I'm glad to be the first person to get vaccinated at Kaiser San Leandro," said

nurse Annie Ha. "I have a 1 year old at home and that's another reason to get vaccinated."

Ha said she works in the emergency room, on the front lines, so the vaccine is important.

"I believe this is going to alter the trajectory of this disease," said Dr. Kiran Zachariah after receiving a vaccination. "I want everybody to go out and get vaccinated. You can get it without a doubt about its

effectiveness or safety."

We still have to practice the other safety measures, along with the vaccine, Zachariah reminded people.

Hospitals are handling a lot of patients now, so the vaccine comes at a good time, the doctor said.

"The vaccine is timely – physicians, staff, everybody is getting stretched," Zachariah said. "This vaccine is a holiday gift for us. So keep doing what you're doing."

## Local Businesses Trying to Make It During Shutdown

People losing faith in officials who don't follow their own rules

By Mike McGuire  
San Leandro Times

Alameda County's latest Covid shutdown orders on Dec. 6 have hit some already struggling San Leandro businesses even harder.

Restaurants have been forced to close outdoor dining, and nail salons, hair salons, barbershops, and gyms have been ordered to close entirely.

Business owners faced shutdowns, coming only a month after they had been allowed to reopen following the closures that started last spring.

Customers had been enjoying the outdoor dining before the latest shutdown order at the Sons of Liberty Ale House, in downtown's San Leandro Plaza.

Owner Tom Lawrie and his wife Teresa say business is way down with this latest shutdown even from what he saw during the earlier shutdown. He isn't satisfied with the information he's getting from officials.

"You ask them for the numbers showing outdoor dining is unsafe, and they don't have any numbers. They don't know the numbers," Lawrie said. "I've been amazed by the lack of response to business owners by government agencies during this pandemic."

Lawrie said he supported Gov. Newsom's efforts to control the virus earlier in the pandemic,

but lost faith after the governor's attendance at a large meal at the famed French Laundry restaurant in Yountville (Sonoma County).

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## More Sites Added to Bay Fair Transit Plan

By Michael Singer  
San Leandro Times

Plans for development around Bay Fair BART just got a little larger following approval of a new zoning ordinance by the San Leandro City Council.

The City Council voted, 6-1, at its Dec. 7 meeting in favor of adding additional business-residential zones to the current General Plan through 2035.

The Bay Fair Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) plan is San Leandro's vision to create a walkable, transit-oriented community hub centered around Bay Fair BART and Bayfair Mall. The goal is to combine public gath-

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## Year in Review, 2020 Packed with News

By Jim Knowles  
San Leandro Times

Year in Review, Part 1,  
January through June 2020

### January

- BART raises fares, increasing a one-way San Leandro to San Francisco ticket to \$4.90.

- Former Congressman Pete Stark, who was elected to 20 terms in the House of Representatives, dies at the age of 88. Former San Leandro City Councilman Howard Kerr dies at the age of 96.

- San Leandro student speakers and musicians perform in a celebration of Martin Luther King's life at the Senior Center. Also at the Senior Center, the ukulele class draws many students.

- A man robs the Comerica Bank in downtown San Leandro and is later arrested.

- A member of a group opposing a proposed apartment building on Bancroft Avenue calls the newspaper to say, "We're not NIMBYs. We just don't want it in our neighborhood."

### February

- City Councilman Victor Aguilar had to move the fence on the side of his house back away from the sidewalk to comply with city zoning laws.

- MedShare sends 1.5 million face masks from its San Leandro warehouse to China to help stop the spread of the coronavirus. By March there would be a shortage of face masks in the United States when the coronavirus started spreading.

- Tenants at an apartment complex near Hesperian Bou-

levard are offered \$4,000 to move out by the property's new owner. Tenants find out that the apartments would be renovated and then rented at double the rate. City Councilman Ed Hernandez meets with tenants to inform them of their tenant's rights and what the city can do to help.

- An 18-year-old stabbed to death his mother's boyfriend in San Leandro's first murder of the year. By December, San Leandro would have 6 homicides.

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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.

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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.



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## PETS OF THE WEEK



**Rex**

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter two kittens, Rex and Sunny.

Rex is an 11-month-old male kitten who grew up on the streets of Hayward. He has discovered he prefers indoor living and en-



**Sunny**

joys lounging on his bed while making googly eyes at his favorite people.

Sunny is a 1-year-old female kitty who loves food and is very social. She likes to lean in for head scratches.

For more information on Rex or Sunny, call the Hayward Animal Shelter 510-293-7200.

“Artists like cats; soldiers like dogs.”

— Actor James Mason

## Lee Vaccinated: Says ‘I Trust It’

Everyone should get a shot once more vaccine is available

Congresswoman Barbara Lee got a COVID vaccine shot on Saturday and urged everyone to do so once more vaccine is available.

“Building public trust in this vaccine will be crucial if we want to turn the corner and crush this virus,” Lee said on Twitter. “Today, I followed the recommendation of the Attending Physician of Congress and received the COVID-19 vaccine to ensure continuity of government.”

“I urge everyone, especially people of color who have suffered the most from this pandemic, to recognize that the risk of contracting COVID-19 far outweighs the understandable skepticism of this vaccine. I trust it, and I hope you will too.”

Front line health care workers started to get the vaccine last week. The production of the vaccine is limited and health officials estimate it might take until June until there is enough to vaccinate everybody.



## AC Transit on Sunday Schedule this Friday

All AC Transit local and transbay lines will operate on Sunday schedules on Friday, Dec. 25, and on Friday, Jan. 1.

On New Year's Eve, AC Transit will let passengers ride for free from 8 p.m. on New Year's Eve to 5 a.m. on New Year's Day.

Scheduling information is available online at [actransit.org](http://actransit.org) or by calling 510-891-4777.

The AC Transit Customer Service Center will be open from 8 a.m. to noon on Dec. 24 and Dec. 31. AC Transit wishes everyone a happy holiday season.

## Two San Leandro Students Make Honor Roll at Oregon State

Two students from San Leandro made the Scholastic Honor Roll for Fall term 2020 at Oregon State University.

Lauren E. Chantigian, a junior, majoring in sociology; and Yelang Liu, who is working on a post baccalaureate in computer science, both made the Honor Roll, the university announced this week.

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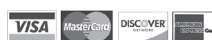
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# Shutdown: Businesses thank community for support during lockdown

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closed, but Governor Newsom's winery (Plumpjack, in Napa) is still open," Lawrie said.

Lawrie thanked the San Leandro community for their support in the past, which he said was what kept his own business going.

"It's important that everybody in San Leandro and surrounding communities come back and support our local businesses as soon as they reopen," Lawrie said. "That'll be when their support is really needed."

## Highly Rated Restaurant Hit Hard

At the Top Hatters at 855 MacArthur Blvd., owner and executive chef Danvy Vu is anxious as losses mount. Her restaurant opened in April 2019, giving them less than a year to become established before the coronavirus hit.

Top Hatters had begun getting rave reviews across the Bay Area.

When indoor dining was banned in Alameda County, but outdoor dining was still allowed, Top Hatters held off from using its patio, which Vu called "a perfect outdoor dining spot." Vu said that several restaurant staff had elderly family members living with them, and they didn't want to take a chance of bringing home the virus.

Top Hatters now offers curb-

side pickup of takeout orders. Vu said they couldn't break even paying the fees charged by delivery services, although they are now looking into some sort of delivery system they would run themselves.

Vu thanked the community for their past support, and said they're relying on it more than ever.

## Salons Shut Down

Nail salons, though, can't even offer takeout to bring in some sales.

Kim Nguyen, owner of Perfect Nails in the Greenhouse Marketplace on Lewelling Boulevard, was worried about her business, but is resigned.

"The virus hit the whole world. It hurts my business," she said.

Nguyen added that they'd been closed for indoor service for months, so they opened outdoors. Then they were allowed back indoors, only to be closed down a month later, when it was darker and colder outdoors.

Nguyen said her business had been thriving before the pandemic. They had started out in a small space in the shopping center, then moved into a much larger one a few years ago.

Now she's struggling just paying the rent, she said.

"But there's nothing we can do," Nguyen said.

"The salons are going above and beyond," said customer Kim Loisel. "They don't have a lot of money. They don't have a chain or corporation behind them. And there are probably at least 10 employees in Perfect Nails alone that are now out of work."

## Spa Struggles to Survive

Nguyen's rent worries were echoed by owner Vivian Yamagata of Vivian's Elegant Nails Spa & Hair at 2298 East 14th St.

Yamagata has been open for nearly 10 years but she fears a raised rent or her landlord not renewing her lease at all. She managed to keep current on her rent well into the pandemic, but is now facing difficulties along with late fees.

"We don't know when we can reopen. We were closed for months, and now I have to close again," Yamagata said.

"What can we do?" she said. "We have no other option."

Kevin Ung, owner of Kevin's Cutz at 1027 Williams St., said his men's barber shop was just coming back after the first shutdown when he had to close again.

"The government isn't doing anything to help the small businesses," he said. "We don't know what to do. There's no money coming in to pay rent."

Ung is worried about small businesses, not just his, shutting down and the owners and employees just staying home.

"It's not reasonable," he said. "Some businesses are open without social distancing or other precautions. At our shop, it's one customer out, one customer in, and clean everything in between."

## Gym Feeling the Strain

Anytime Fitness owner Matt Chan said the new shutdown is "hardly ideal."

"We freeze bills to our members, but our own bills are still



PHOTOS BY MIKE MCGUIRE

Top Hatters on MacArthur Boulevard is one of the restaurants trying to make do on take-out orders only.

due," he said.

The small gym, at 1373 Washington Ave. near the downtown Safeway in San Leandro Plaza, is still paying off the loan they used to open five years ago.



Sign outside Paradiso restaurant's new patio.

Chan would rather avoid going any further into debt, but has been applying for grants set aside by the city and county to keep small businesses open during the pandemic. The city program ran out of money before they got to his application, but he's still waiting to hear about his application with the county.

"We try to get by day by day,

month by month," he said.

Chan thought it was safest not to reopen with precautions when he could have done so before the total shutdown order.

"You have no way of keeping a member who's asymptomatic from unknowingly bringing the virus into the gym," he said. "We were a profitable, healthy business before the pandemic hit."

Chan doesn't really have the option of offering outdoor services in the downtown plaza's busy parking lot.

"I wish political leaders and health officials could make a subcategory for smaller gyms, because we can more easily limit access by members if need be and stay on top of which machine has just been used and thus needs to be cleaned right away," Chan said.

## Restaurant Remains Upbeat

Erik Reese, owner of Paradiso's, saw the restaurant at 685 Bancroft Ave. take a big hit when outdoor dining closed down, but is upbeat about the future.

"We've been here for 25 great years, and we're looking forward to another 25," he said.

Reese had just bought the restaurant in September, and built a big patio in the parking lot, when the latest shutdown order came. He'd put in 70 seats, redwood walls, and an Astroturf floor.

"It looks great, but I can't use it," he said.

When restaurants were still allowed indoor dining at 25 percent capacity, Reese had 80 seats inside and 60 outside, with a booming takeout business. Now he's down to that takeout business, dropping his overall sales by another 25 to 30 percent.

Reese assures customers that Paradiso founder Michael Wiesner remains a partner, and they have the same menu and the same staff as before. He looks forward to keeping the patio area when Covid restrictions ease.

When indoor dining returns, customers will benefit from an indoor air filtration system similar to those hospital operating rooms use to kill any airborne contaminants, Reese said.

"It was expensive, but it was the right thing to do," he said.

But, he said, the rules are changing almost every day.



The new patio at Paradiso restaurant on Bancroft Avenue.

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# AUTOMOTIVE

## Gas Saver Gets a Midcycle Refresh

By Steve Schaefer  
San Leandro Times

**K**ia has been good about offering “Neopolitan” choices for a few of its models. In ice cream, Neopolitan means chocolate, vanilla, and strawberry. With a Kia Niro, it means Hybrid, Plug-in Hybrid, and pure EV. If the flavors are laid out that way, it would be the “vanilla” selection—the PHEV—that visited my driveway recently.

I have sampled the other flavors of Niro. The hybrid, like all other hybrids, is a way to drive further on less gas, thanks to an electric motor that automatically regenerates power from regenerative braking and stores it in a small battery. There’s no effort required on the driver’s part. With the all-electric model, the Niro challenges other EVs with a high level of equipment and a terrific 239-mile range in a crowd-pleasing SUV shape.

As a PHEV, the Niro offers significantly more electric range than the hybrid, but is still lugging around a gas tank, engine, radiator, etc., which you’ll need for when you want to drive more than 26 miles without a charge. However, you can drive anywhere you want to, anytime.

As they say in the software business, it depends on your “use case.” If you travel long distances a lot, a hybrid is a no-brainer. The plug-in hybrid

is great if you occasionally want to drive hundreds of miles unimpeded by a charging stop, but you get nearly full-electric motoring for your short trips around town. The EV is the most environmentally friendly, and you can go over 200 miles before needing an electron fill-up, but charging still takes time.

The beauty is, all three version look and drive about the same. The EV is missing the 1.6-liter, 139-horsepower engine, and its 64-kWh battery is much larger and heavier than the one in the PHEV. The PHEV, like my Horizon Blue tester, has a much smaller 8.9 kWh lithium-ion polymer battery for its more modest range, so it’s in the middle somewhere.

You can spec the PHEV at the LXS, EX, or EX Premium level. My tester was the EX Premium, so it came with some extras that even the regular EX didn’t get. These include a 10.25-inch dash screen instead of the standard 8-inch, a power tilt/slide sunroof, a Harman Kardon 8-speaker upgraded audio system, heated artificial leather seats (new this year), LED interior cabin and cargo lighting, deluxe scuff plates, and more.

The driving experience for the Niro is pleasant, as it cruises silently around town on electricity. The engine comes in when you run out of juice, but during my COVID-19-reduced driving regimen, I rarely heard it. What

I did hear, though, was a strange artificial swishing sound below around 20 miles per hour. This is provided to alert oblivious pedestrians, who can’t hear the electric motor in parking lots.

The design of the Niro owes something to the hand and the vision of former Audi stylist Peter Schreyer. He has been at Hyundai/Kia for a while now, so the satisfying balance and distinctive look is now part of all Kia products. For 2020, the instrument panel gets an update, but without a ’19 next to it I can’t say what’s different.

Inside, the controls are typical Kia—easy to use and understand. The oversize screen in my tester featured large displays and setting up Apple CarPlay was a snap. The leather-wrapped wheel feels nice, the seats are comfortable, and it’s all carefully planned to make driving nearly effortless.

The exterior receives midcycle grille and fascia upgrades up front and some upgrades to the tail, too, but nothing too different. This is a nice-looking, if not eye-popping vehicle, so there was no reason to mess with that.

Environmentally speaking, the car gets fuel economy numbers of 48 City, 44 Highway, 46 Combined mpg as a hybrid. As a plug-in, it’s rated 105 MPGe (miles per gallon equivalent) if you charge it up. A full charge from zero on Level 2 240-volt current takes about two hours



The car gets fuel economy numbers of 48 City, 44 Highway, 46 Combined mpg as a hybrid.

and 15 minutes.

The EPA green scores are 7 for Smog and a perfect 10 for Fuel Economy/Greenhouse Gas. The Niro PHEV emits just 90 grams of CO2 per mile, which isn’t very much considering some gasoline vehicles I’ve tested spew out well over 300. The more you use the battery the lower that actual number will be, of course.

Prices, including shipping, start at \$30,610 for the LXS and range up through the EX at \$34,350 and EX Premium at \$37,510. My tester came to \$37,790 with additional cargo mats and net.

Unlike some Hyundais and Kias, which are built in the U.S., this one is assembled in Hwasung, Korea. These days that doesn’t really mean much,



The controls are typical Kia - easy to use and understand. The oversize screen in my tester featured large displays.

but now you know.

As a reasonably roomy, high-utility crossover, any Kia Niro is a perfect choice for many people. You pick the battery size

for what suits you.

Steve Schaefer lives in Castro Valley. He has been reviewing new cars in the Times for 29 years.

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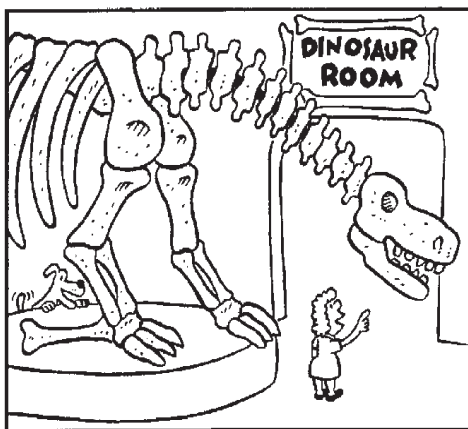
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Santa's boots are black. 2. Building is shorter. 3. Brick pattern is different. 4. Car wheel is black. 5. Boy's coat has pocket. 6. Santa's beard is longer.



**A BONEYARD BAFFLER!** Sally loves to count the number of bones in the dinosaur room. See if you can dig up the same number as she did.

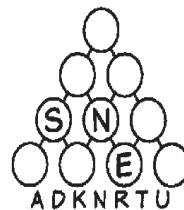
Answer: Not counting the teeth, Sally found 38 bones.

### A SEATTLE SPRITZER!

What word, in an Oxford English Dictionary, do people in Seattle always pronounce incorrectly?

Answer: That word would be ... “incorrectly.”

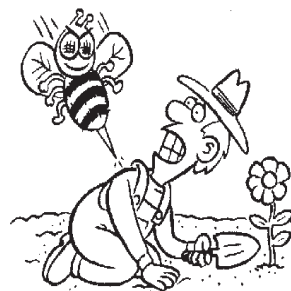
**CHAIN REACTION!** Take the seven letters printed below our diagram and place them in the circles so that eight four-letter words can be read, top to bottom, along the connecting lines. All the words will begin with the letter in the top circle.



Answers: Top to bottom, left to right: dust, dusk, dunk, dune, dank, Dare, dare, darn.

## Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



Illustrated by David Coulson

### YELLOW JACKET JOUSTING!

Can you identify the “stinging” words asked for in the following questions? (all of the words end in “sting.”)

1. What sting has excessive pride?
2. What sting cures hunger?
3. What sting writes for someone else?
4. What sting is found in bakeries?
5. What sting is found in theaters?
6. What sting is found in schools?
7. What sting makes you laugh?
8. What sting leaves you hungry?
9. What sting do farmers love?
10. What sting changes bread?
11. What sting cleans your room?
12. What sting ruins old boats?

Answers: 1. Boasting. 2. Feasting. 3. Ghosting. 4. Frosting. 5. Casting. 6. Testing. 7. Jest. 8. Dusting. 9. Harvesting. 10. Toasting. 11. Rusting. 12. Rusting.

# 2020: A turbulent year wasn't all bad, San Leandro got woke

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## March

• The Englander Pub, a meeting place for many local clubs, announces it will close at the end of the month.

• San Leandrans attend a meeting at the Senior Center to discuss ways to fight climate change.

• Measure N, a \$198 million school bond to modernize buildings, narrowly passes in the primary election.

• The police department requests that the City Council let them install 10 surveillance cameras at certain intersections, which the police call "public safety cameras."

• Eden Hospital and other hospitals begin to prepare for the coronavirus. As of March 10, there are 153 cases in California and two confirmed deaths.

• San Leandro goes into shutdown mode under the county order to "shelter in place" to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. Events are canceled, and schools and libraries are closed.

## April

• Hospitals start setting up tents and hundreds show up to be tested for the coronavirus at a test

center in Hayward. Some areas of East Bay parks are also closed.

• EBMUD reminds customers that tap water is safe during the pandemic. Churches go to online services. Volunteers with the Eden Area Interfaith Council start a mask-making project and deliver hundreds of face masks for healthcare workers.

• A lifelong San Leandro resident Steven Taylor, 33, is shot and killed by police at the Walmart on Hesperian Boulevard as he wields a metal baseball bat that he wouldn't drop.

• The Alameda County Food Bank says requests are higher than ever. Governor Newsom presents a plan for re-opening but says mass gatherings are not in the cards.

• MedShare announces it is now sending supplies domestically instead of overseas, as the pandemic reveals the shortage of medical equipment in this country.

## May

• Golf courses are allowed to re-open as long as they use social distancing and other restrictions.

• A cannabis lab on Timothy Drive blows up. The lab was operating without a permit but is

the type of operation that the City Council had allowed to make pot products.

• Redwood Christian High School graduates make the CBS Evening News as the grads receive their diplomas in a virtual ceremony where all the graduates appeared together digitally.

• Dozens of stores across San Leandro are broken into and looted on the night of May 31. Not only big box stores but many little mom-and-pop shops are emptied. Many stores would board up their windows for the rest of the year.

## June

• A crowd gathers to hold a vigil in the downtown plaza in memory of Steven Taylor who was shot and killed in April by San Leandro police.

• Hundreds of young people held a march in remembrance of George Floyd and Steven Taylor, walking from San Leandro High down East 14th Street for a rally in front of the police station.

• A fire guts the long abandoned Lorenzo Theater in San Lorenzo.

• The first Covid testing station opens in San Leandro at the Marina Community Center.

• Former members of the



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Young people held rallies in San Leandro for Black Lives Matter. Below, essential workers kept the stores open during the lockdown.

San Leandro and Castro Valley summer swim teams rescue a boy who dived off a cliff at Beale Falls in Nevada County and was unconscious in the water.

• A group of young people protesting the police shooting death of Steven Taylor march to Mayor Pauline Cutter's house and hold a rally as speakers address the crowd from Cutter's front porch. Cutter wasn't home at the times. Cutter later said she was glad they had their say but didn't know about people coming right up on her porch.

• The rates of Covid-19 vary in the East Bay. Higher rates appear in Hayward and East Oakland. The rates are a little lower in Alameda, which has been in a social bubble since about 1880.



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Businesses boarded up after widespread looting across San Leandro on May 31.

## New Beverage Container Bill Would Refund Recycling Fee

In an effort to fix the state's deteriorating beverage container recycling system, Sen. Bob Wieckowski introduced new legislation last week that would shift responsibility for the program from consumers to distributors.

Wieckowski, whose 10th District includes Castro Valley, is chair of the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee on Resources, Environmental Protection, Energy and Trans-

portation.

The new streamlined stewardship program would be modeled after Oregon's system, which promotes Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR).

"We cannot continue to ignore that our beverage recycling system is crumbling before our eyes, nor can we ignore the growing frustration of consumers who are unable to redeem value for their recycling efforts," Wie-

kowski said.

"We need to put customer convenience first. Instead of consumers subsidizing the system, my bill will put money back into the hands of consumers, who are currently shouldering the load of our antiquated program."

Under the new bill, distributors of beverages would form an organization that would submit a plan and budget for the redemption of containers. *see BILL, page 10*



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One morning, Mary Grodin woke up to find a herd of goats in her backyard.

### On this Day in History - Dec. 24

In 1814, the United States and Great Britain signed the Treaty of Ghent in Belgium, ending the War of 1812.

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## REAL ESTATE REALITY

By Carl Medford, CRS  
Special to the Times

GUEST COMMENTARY



## Closing Out 2020

As we enter the last week of 2020, I think it is safe to say most of us will be glad to get this one in the record books and move on.

There are no words to describe what we have been through this year, and we all hope that 2021 will be dramatically different.

This year does not seem to want to end quietly. As I was writing this post, my phone sounded with a County wide COVID-19 alert for everyone to shelter-in-place and stay at home due to the surge in confirmed cases.

In the meantime, and in sharp contrast, our phones have been ringing off the hook with buyers and agents trying to get in to view our listings.

Pandemic guidelines have limited showings to 2 buyers and their agent, with no children allowed. To effectively administer these guidelines, many agents have conscripted various showing services or calendar

platforms to schedule buyer tours in 15 to 30 minutes slots.

It is a strange situation: sellers need to sell their homes and move on, yet buyers are being told to stay at home. Listing agents are adding offer deadlines to facilitate offers resulting in a steady flow of buyer tours in spite of the posted restrictions. In some cases, all available slots for viewing homes are gone within a day of the home hitting the market.

The paradox is this: at a time when families are being discouraged from gathering for Christmas or other holiday events, the real estate market is as hot as it has ever been.

We have not seen any of the normal slowing we would anticipate during the holiday season OR as a result of the pandemic as buyers are out in hordes.

This is the strangest Christmas I have ever seen.

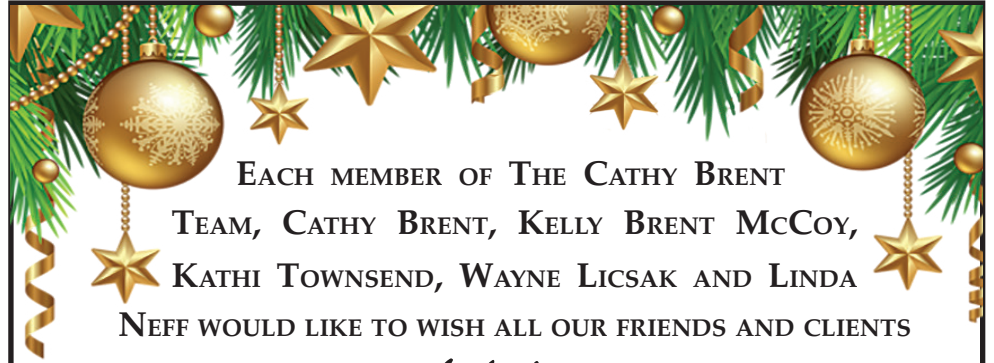
As 2020 comes to a close, I am reminded of the lyrics of Silent Night, which during the 1914 Christmas Truce of World War I, were sung simultaneously by both English and German troops. "Silent night, Holy night

... sleep in heavenly peace."

With the racial tensions and riots of 2020, the pandemic, the chaos in the stock market, the increasing numbers of COVID-related deaths and a general state of fear and unrest ... peace would be welcome indeed.

The Realtors of the Central County wish you all the best this Holiday Season and our prayers are for much better times in 2021.

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## Mortgage Rates Fall to 2.67%

For the 15th time this year, long-term mortgage interest rates dropped to new record lows last week, according to Freddie Mac's weekly nationwide survey.

Thirty-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 2.67 percent for the week ending Dec. 17, down from the previous week when it

averaged 2.71 percent. A year ago at this time, the 30-year rate averaged 3.73 percent.

Fifteen-year fixed-rate mortgages averaged 2.21 percent, down from 2.26 percent.

Five-year hybrid adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 2.79 percent, unchanged from a week earlier.

"The housing market continues to surge higher and support an otherwise stagnant economy that has lost momentum in the last couple of months," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's Chief Economist. "Mortgage rates are at record lows and pushing many prospective homebuyers off the sidelines and into the market. Homebuyer sentiment is sanguine and purchase demand shows no real signs of waning at all heading into next year."

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## Christmas Cactus

By Buzz Bertolero  
Special to the Forum

*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?*

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.

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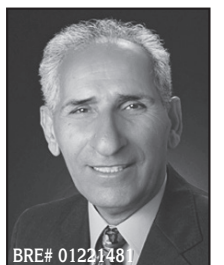
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# LIFESTYLE



## A Christmas Feast

For a spectacular holiday centerpiece, nothing quite compares to a beautiful beef roast cooked to perfection.

Cooking a roast may seem a bit intimidating at first, but it really is one of the more simple main dishes to prepare. There's little more to it than putting it in the oven and pulling it out when it's done.

To know when it's done, you'll need a meat thermometer (an instant-read type is easiest to use). Let a cooked roast rest before cutting and serving.

### CLASSIC PRIME RIB ROAST

- 1 (6-8 pound) trimmed beef rib roast, chine bone removed
- 6 large cloves garlic, crushed
- 1-1/2 teaspoons dried thyme
- 1 teaspoon cracked black pepper

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Combine garlic, thyme and black pepper. Press evenly into

surface of beef roast.

Place roast, fat side up, on rack in shallow roasting pan. Do not add water or cover roast.

Roast approximately 2-1/4 to 2-1/2 hours. Using an instant read thermometer, remove roast when internal temperature reaches 135°F for medium rare or 150°F for medium.

Tent loosely with foil and let stand 15 minutes prior to carving. Makes 8 to 12 servings.

### HORSERADISH SAUCE

- 1-1/2 cups sour cream
- 1/2 cup prepared white horseradish, drained
- 2 tablespoons chopped chives
- 2 tablespoons chopped shallots
- 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice

Blend all ingredients in medium bowl. Season with salt and pepper. Chill at least 30 minutes and up to 8 hours. Yields 2-1/2 cups.

### CREAMY MASHED POTATOES WITH CHIVES

- 6 Idaho or russet potatoes, peeled and quartered
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh chives
- 4 ounces mascarpone cheese
- 1 teaspoon salt, plus more for cooking potatoes
- 1 cup milk, warmed

Place potatoes in a large pot and cover with cold water to 2 inches above potatoes. Season water generously with salt and bring potatoes to a boil to cook for 40 minutes, until very tender.

Drain potatoes and return to pot. Mash potatoes with warm milk until smooth. Fold in mascarpone and chives. Season with 1 teaspoon salt. Serves 6 to 8.

### YORKSHIRE PUDDING

- 1-1/2 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

- 1 cup milk
- 1 tablespoon butter, melted
- 2 eggs
- 4 to 8 tablespoons reserved drippings from roasting pan

Preheat oven to 475°F.

Whisk together the flour, salt, milk, butter and eggs. Using a baster, drop a teaspoon or two of drippings into each cup of a muffin tin.

Put the muffin tin in the preheated oven. When the drippings are sizzling hot, remove the tin and fill each cup 1/2 to 2/3 full with batter.

Bake for 15 minutes, then reduce oven temperature to 350°F and bake for 15 to 20 minutes longer, or until the popovers are puffed and brown. Serve hot. Yields 12 large popovers.

### MARINATED CARROTS & ONIONS

- 1 pound small carrots
- 1 large onion, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup white wine vinegar
- 1/4 cup water
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 garlic cloves mashed
- 1/2 teaspoon dill weed

- 1/2 teaspoon mustard seed
- 1/2 teaspoon crash red chile peppers
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

Steam carrots and onions for 10 minutes or until carrots are tender but not soft. Rinse with cold water and put in a plastic container that has a tight-fitting lid.

Combine vinegar, water, sugar, garlic, dill, mustard seed, peppers and salt in a saucepan. Bring to a boil and pour over carrots. Cool, stir and cover. Refrigerate. Bring to room temperature before serving. Drain before serving.

### GARLICKY BAKED WINTER SQUASH

- 2 pounds acorn or other winter squash, seeded and peeled
- 3 garlic cloves, chopped
- 1 to 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon red wine vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- Pinch of dried thyme leaves, or 1 teaspoon fresh
- Salt and pepper

Preheat oven to 400°F.

Cut squash into chunks, then

score to let flavorings seep in. Sprinkle squash with remaining ingredients, seasoning lightly with the salt and pepper.

Bake until tender, about 30 minutes. Serve hot or warm. Serves 4.

### HOLIDAY GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE

- 1 (10-1/2 ounce) can Campbell's Condensed Cream of Mushroom Soup
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 teaspoon soy sauce
- 1 dash black pepper
- 4 cups cooked cut green beans
- 1-1/3 cups French's French Fried Onions

Stir the soup, milk, soy sauce, black pepper, beans and 2/3 cup onions in a 1-1/2-quart casserole.

Bake at 350°F for 25 minutes or until the bean mixture is hot and bubbling. Stir the bean mixture. Sprinkle with the remaining onions.

Bake for 5 minutes or until the onions are golden brown. Yields 6 servings.

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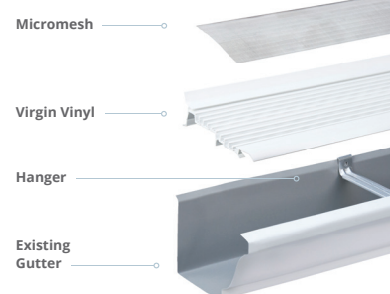
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# HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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# Plan: City Council hopes to make Bay Fair area more walkable, livable

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ering spaces and a mix of retail, neighborhood services, housing, and office space.

The project spans the entirety of the Bayfair Mall footprint and the accompanying Bay Fair BART station, and surrounding area. The previous estimate of

**“We’re building toward a new transit-oriented community of over 2,000 homes.”**

— City Councilman Ed Hernandez

development included 2,540 housing units and 300,000 square feet of office space, as well as the removal of an estimated 161,000 square feet of retail space.

The amended proposal extends to other zones along Hesperian Boulevard including the area around Ricky’s Sports Bar and Harry’s Hofbrau to the north and the Summer Hill Terrace Apartments and the Hesperian Trailer

park to the south. The council approval also ensured that bike lanes and green spaces would become permanently included in this redevelopment project.

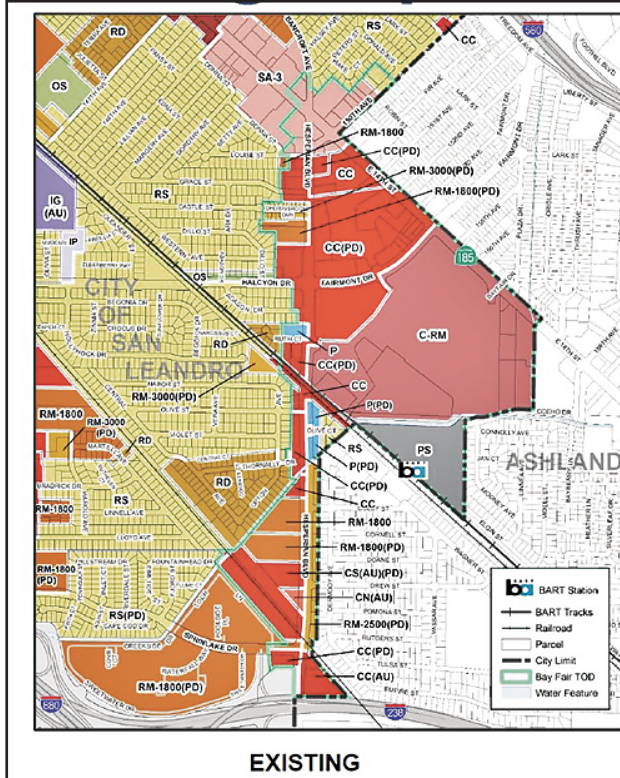
Councilmember Ed Hernandez reflected that ideally, all current and future San Leandro residents can walk or bike safely, while encouraging clean and green developments that create jobs, and helps the climate action plan towards a smaller carbon footprint in San Leandro.

“We’re building towards a new transit-oriented community of over 2,000 homes and more to revitalize, reinvest and rebuild towards the vision of a more inclusive and equitable place for all San Leandro residents,” Hernandez told the Times.

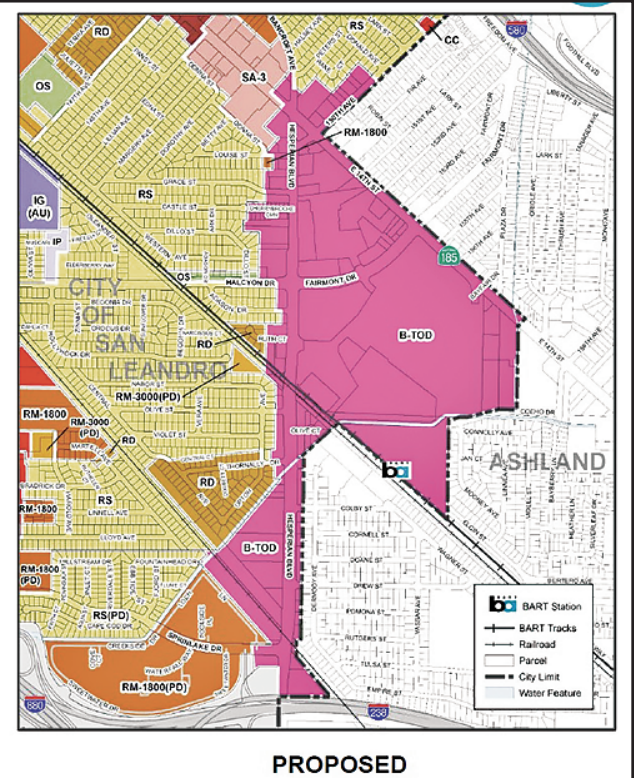
The proposal also requires a certain amount of public space in the plans for new construction.

Representatives from large businesses such as Target and Century Theatre expressed concerns related to the new zoning and potential expansion in the future mostly because it might impede access to their businesses. But San Leandro Planning Services department specialist Avalon Schultz said that there is, “no intention to phase out the existing anchors.”

But whatever vision the



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Council has for the development at Bay Fair and the Hesperian corridor, the complication still exists that 100 percent of the zoning area is privately owned, one council member pointed out.

“It is a long-term goal to develop this area, but we have no control over it. None of the zones that we are talking about are owned by the city,” said City Councilwoman Deborah Cox. “We’re not sure if anyone will want to do the kinds of things we would like to see put in place. We of course will work with the businesses and any future developers, but we have to accept that this is not under our control as much as we would like to say we can control development in the city.”

In his opposition of the additions to the Bay Fair plan, City Councilman Victor Aguilar voiced concerns about displacing any current housing at the trailer park site.

Cox countered there was already a 498-unit project for low-income housing slated for the area closer to BART.

The Bay Fair TOD plan with its environmental reports was approved in 2018. The new additions do not require additional environmental tests as they were part of the initial approval, Schultz said. The next steps will include reviewing individual parts of the development and how they are applied to the entire 2035 vision, followed by construction.

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— City Councilwoman Deborah Cox

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### Frances Yagoda Sale

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It was with deep sadness that the family of Frances Yagoda Sale announces her passing on Sunday, December 13, 2020, after a long illness. Frances was born in 1931 in Oakland, California, becoming a graduate at Fremont High School and becoming a wife in 1948.

Frances’s father and mother, Elia Milatich and Kata Vukman, were immigrants from the Dalmatian Coast, formerly Yugoslavia. While married at 17, her marriage ended at 61 with the passing of her beloved husband, (William) Billy Sale.

Frances will be greatly missed by her sons Billy, Bobby, and David. Frances was the true family homemaker with guidance from her mother, Kata Vukman. The stews were Ma’s best dish, with Grandma’s help with the ham hocks.

Also missing Frances were her nephews, Mike and Dave Vukman with John Zlatich along with their children, Mike, Matthew, Amy, and Vido. Also, Ma’s niece, Ann Zlatich (Sing). And again, also touched with Ma’s departure is Francie’s only grandchild, Billy’s daughter, Sara Frances Sale and Frances’s best friend, Jane Costello.

Services for Frances will be held at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery and Funeral Center in Hayward, California, Monday, January 4, 2020. Visitation will start at 11 a.m. and a service outside will begin at 1 p.m.



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the country.

Any fuel-burning appliance, including heaters, fireplaces, furnaces, appliances and cooking sources using coal, wood, or petroleum products, are all potential sources of CO.

CO poisoning can cause symptoms such as nausea, headaches, dizziness, chest pain and vomiting that mimic those of

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## Bill: Wine bottles, too

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tion and recycling of beverage containers to be approved by CalRecycle.

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bottles would also be included in the new program.

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# Alarms: Check alarms regularly; they detect odorless gas

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many other illnesses, making it difficult to diagnose.

In severe poisoning cases, victims can experience disorientation, unconsciousness, long-term neurological disabilities, cardiorespiratory failure or death.

While alarm lifespans may vary by model and manufacturer, back in 2013, a properly maintained CO alarm had a lifespan of approximately 5 to

7 years. So CO alarms installed when California expanded these requirements are likely now due for replacement.

As an extra safety measure, most alarms feature end-of-life warning to alert residents to the need for replacement. That end-of-life signal differs significantly from the horn heard in an emergency or during regular testing of the alarm. It also differs from the low-battery chirp, and usually

consists of 3-5 short sounds.

Check the back of the alarm, as well as the alarm's user manual, for specific information on these different signals.

If you can't think of the last time you installed a smoke or carbon monoxide alarm, chances are, it's time to replace your old ones. Installing new alarms, testing them regularly and having and practicing an escape plan are important measures you can

take to help protect your family and home.

The last few years have seen significant advancements in technology, extending the lifespans of some to CO alarms to 10 years.

These tips keep you safer from the dangers of carbon monoxide:

- The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recommends installing alarms on every level of the home and near

each sleeping area for maximum protection.

- Test alarms regularly. All First Alert alarms are equipped with a test/silence button for easy testing.

- Never use generators indoors.

- Refrain from using charcoal grills, camp stoves and other similar devices indoors.

- Never leave a vehicle running inside an attached garage,

even if the door is open.

- Have fuel-burning appliances inspected regularly.

- If an alarm sounds, leave the home immediately and move to fresh air. Then call 911 and do not go back into the home until the home is inspected and cleared.

For more information on fire and carbon monoxide safety, visit [www.firstalert.com/carbon-monoxide](http://www.firstalert.com/carbon-monoxide).

## OPINION

### LETTERS to the EDITOR

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#### An Idea from Japan

Editor:

The city council and police department should consider adopting an idea from Japan regarding policing.

I would bet that a majority of council members and police officers drive Japanese made vehicles. If people invest their hard earned dollars in Japanese cars, then the Japanese use of a futon-like product to subdue a rowdy or mentally disturbed unarmed suspect might reduce the tragic endings we have seen lately both locally and across the country.

Granted Japan has much stricter gun control laws. The futon might be used in a situation when a resistant suspect clearly does not have a gun. This may have saved the life of Steven Taylor.

San Leandro could be an innovation leader in this area and a model for the whole country. I believe Mayor Cutter and Police Chief Tudor are fair and open-minded people and would be willing to try a new idea that works in other places.

—Craig Williams  
San Leandro

#### Thank You Robert Doyle

Editor:

Ned McKay's article on Robert Doyle ("East Bay Parks GM Doyle to Retire," Page 5, The Times, Dec. 17) is the first time I've heard this hero's name, and it's likely the last time I'll see it in print, as the article is about Mr. Doyle's retirement from the East Bay Regional Parks.

Let me qualify this by saying that the East Bay Regional Parks have, for me and thousands of others, made living in the Bay Area possible, keeping us sane for a lot of years.

To read that he'd been responsible for acquisitions of Las Trampas and Black Diamond Mines, truly made him a hero of mine.

I just want to thank you, Mr. Doyle, for a career of doing what seems almost unimaginable: to save forests, creeks and ridges from developers, and shepherd them into healthy urban escapes, where we can connect with the wild things that are an integral part of our nature.

Such an ability to manage diverse

interests in the face of great pressure is worth celebrating. I hope that you've passed your expertise down to eager students who will take up the mantle.

I wish you many more happy miles on the trails. Hit me up if you'd ever like a hiking partner! Your fan,

—Tyler Yarbrough  
San Leandro

#### A Compassionate Christmas

Editor:

The long-anticipated Christmas holiday is nearly upon us. It conjures visions of happy families gathered by a warm fireplace, opening presents, sharing their love, and... feasting on ham and turkey. It's the happiest time of the year, but not for the animals.

The 222 million turkeys killed in the U.S. this year were raised in crowded sheds filled with toxic fumes. At the tender age of 16 weeks, workers cut their throats and dumped them into boiling water to remove their feathers.

Mother pigs are crammed for life in tight metal crates. Their babies are torn away, mutilated without anesthesia, stuck into crowded pens for six months, then slaughtered for Christmas ham.

Consumers pay a heavy price too. Animal flesh is laced with saturated fats, cholesterol, hormones, pathogens, and antibiotics that elevate risk of chronic killer diseases.

This holiday season, let's refuse to subsidize such wanton cruelty. Let's choose from the large variety of plant-based meats, cheeses, ice creams, and milks that abound in every supermarket, along with nutritious fresh fruits and greens.

This year, let's have a truly compassionate Christmas holiday, just as the Prince of Peace would counsel.

—Kurt Champller  
San Leandro

#### Overwhelmed by Kindness

Editor:

Last week, my daughter arrived at home to find a stray cat on our porch. She picked up the sickly kitty and began making phone calls to see if someone could care for it.

She called everywhere, and hours

later was no closer to getting any help. Every single place she called – vets, shelters, the S.P.C.A. – weren't able to provide assistance other than refer her to somewhere else. She eventually reached San Leandro Animal Control, who said they "might call back."

Amazingly, mere moments later, an angelic officer arrived, assuring my daughter that the cat wasn't on death's door. Encouraged, my daughter took in the cat for the night, and brought the kitty to the emergency room the next morning. She was overwhelmed to learn that the cost for the cat's care would be almost \$800, and despite being laid off months ago due to COVID, she spent the last of her savings.

She told her story on Nextdoor and started a GoFundMe page to recover the costs. San Leandro residents responded, and she raised the money in 24 hours.

More impressive were the many posts of thanks and encouragement from people she's never met. Those who wrote and donated were touched by her efforts and, in turn, my daughter (and her Scrooge of a father!) was moved by so many generous neighbors who were inspired by the same sense of giving that prompted her to take in the cat to begin with.

The cat, though still underweight, is doing markedly better. I'm immensely proud of my daughter, but I'm truly overwhelmed by the kindness displayed by so many people in our community. In these divided, difficult times, seeing the kindness of strangers has renewed my faith in the Christmas spirit. May we all enjoy a peaceful, healthy holiday season.

—Ken Maas  
San Leandro

#### Enjoy the Holiday Light Show

Editor:

Hello, my name is Gordon Reed and I would like to submit my house for families and friends to enjoy during the holidays in this difficult year. My house is located at 15475 Maureen St.

We turn the lights on at 5:00, and every 15 minutes we play a light show that goes to music. We would love for people to enjoy either from their car with the windows down to hear the music or outside of their car as long as they are maintaining distance from other families.

The lights will begin to come down after New Years. Merry Christmas!

—The Gordon Reed Family  
San Leandro

## INQUIRING REPORTER

### Best Christmas memory?

— Asked downtown

Growing up as a child and opening the presents on Christmas morning. I remember when I got my first bicycle with training wheels when I was 7 or 8.

**Antoinette Harrison**  
Oakland



One Christmas I didn't get anything and my brother took me to the store and bought me a cap gun. We had a big family, nine of us, and he was the oldest.

**Nate Harrison**  
Oakland



My favorite Christmas memory was with my family at my aunt's house in Sacramento when I was 12. Everyone was there and my cousins came from Arizona.

**Robert Siska**  
San Leandro



I think it was opening presents with my parents on Christmas Eve. We would have Mass and then come home and have a snack, and then we would open the presents.

**Maya Simowibowo**  
Oakland



When I was about 5 or 6 years old in North Sacramento with my two older sisters and my mom and my dad. It was around 1952 or 1953 and I remember all the Christmas lights downtown.

**Bob Soza**  
San Leandro



# Lockdown Could Extend Into February; More Vaccine to Come

By Michael Singer  
San Leandro Times

It's beginning to look a lot like we'll all be staying home into February as hospital beds fill up and more COVID-19 vaccines arrive in Alameda County.

California Governor Gavin Newsom in his weekly address Monday noted that his office is on the verge of extending the statewide Stay-at-Home order that would have expired in early January but could be extended an additional four more weeks.

"We continue to see record-breaking days of the number of ICU beds in hospitals filling up across the state," Newsom said. "We have built surge capacity but, because of the nationwide surge, staffing is extremely limited."

Secretary of the California Health and Human Services Dr. Mark Ghaly says the state is projecting ICU capacities will continue to be strained until early next year. State health officials say Bay Area hospitals currently have 13.7 percent capacity for ICU coronavirus patients.

The week ending Dec. 12 was the single worst week of the pandemic so far in Alameda County, health officials said. More than 5,000 new COVID-19 cases

were reported in the seven-day period. The number of people hospitalized with COVID-19 and in intensive care units (ICU) are five times higher than one month ago and increasing daily.

Alameda County has 17 percent ICU capacity, but according to health officials we have fewer beds than we think because when our neighbors run out of hospital beds, patients will need to come to our hospitals.

"Over the last 10 months, we have learned a lot about how we can protect ourselves and each other from this deadly virus," said Dr. Nicholas Moss, Alameda County Health Officer. "Now is the time to use every tool to ensure the work we've done and the months away from our loved ones will have been worth it."

While the number of COVID cases continues to surge, more vaccines are rolling into the state this week. Governor Newsom reported 233,025 doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine will be coming this week to California as part of the second dose for first responders, healthcare workers who manage COVID patients, and nursing home staff and residents.

Last week, California re-

ceived 560,625 doses as part of the first rollout of the vaccine.

Additionally, Newsom noted 672,600 doses of the Moderna COVID vaccine will begin showing up in California this week. Approved by the FDA over the weekend, the first shipments are expected to be delivered to more rural counties including Del Norte, San Luis Obispo, San Joaquin, Tehama, and Tuolumne, but also to hard-hit areas such as Orange County. Unlike the Pfizer vaccine, the Moderna vaccine does not require extreme cold storage, more like a regular freezer.

As for Alameda County, public health officials are expecting more than 5,000 doses in addition to the 13,000 they've already received. The county is also anticipating more than 14,800 doses of the Moderna vaccine this month.

"The timing will depend on how many vaccines we receive and how many doses each vial contains, as well as uptake of the vaccine," said Alameda County Public Health Department spokesperson Neetu Balram.

Taking all of this into consideration, Balram says Phase 2 candidates can expect to roll up their sleeves roughly in early spring.



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The Eighth Day band played as families watched from their cars at the unique Chanukah celebration in the parking lot of Canyon Middle School.

## Chanukah Celebrated With Giant Drive-In Concert

The Jewish people have been celebrating Chanukah for more than 2,000 years, but this year's celebration was unlike any other.

More than 100 cars pulled into the parking lot of the Canyon Middle School, which was converted into an ad hoc giant drive-in theater, concert hall, and celebration space.

From the safety of their vehicles, they clapped, snapped, and sang along with uplifting Chanukah songs provided by Eighth



Day, an American Hasidic pop-rock band based in Los Alamitos. Everyone was able to see and hear, courtesy of a giant 25-foot air screen and audio that was piped in through their car radios.

Rabbi Shimon Gruzman, director of Chabad of Castro Valley, finished lighting the sixth candle on a giant menorah and the audience broke out with a cacophony of honks and hoots from their car horns.

"Though people were in their cars, there was the same friendly

and personal atmosphere of a regular in-person gathering," says Gruzman, who has lived in Castro Valley since 2013.

Eighth Day regaled the audience with evergreen favorites like "Why Wait to Celebrate?" and Chanukah specials such as "Miracle of Light."

Recognizing the accommodation provided by the Castro Valley Unified School District, the rabbi presented them with a silver-and-blue menorah as a memento from the occasion.

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/s/ William Noe Vasquez Bravo, Magdali Orozco

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/s/ The Agency Real Estate and Finance  
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/s/ Vivek Berry  
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**ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** Handle a potentially awkward situation by warming up your confidence reserves and letting it radiate freely. Also, expect an old friend to contact you.



**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** It's not too early for the practical Bovine to begin planning possible changes for 2021. A recent contact can offer some interesting insights.



**GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** A request for an unusual favor should be carefully checked out. Also check the motives behind it. Your generosity should be respected, not exploited.



**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** Party time beckons, but for some Moon Children, so do some workplace challenges. Deal with the second first, then you'll be free to enjoy the fun time.



**LEO (July 23 - August 22):** A warm response to an earlier request might be a positive indicator of what's ahead. Meanwhile, Cupid could pay a surprise visit to single Leos looking for love.



**VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22):** How you respond to a proposed change in a project could affect your situation. Be prepared to show how well you would be able to deal with it.



**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22):** The revelation of a secret could cause some changes in how to deal with a workplace matter. It very likely also validates a position you have long held.



**SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21):** An attempt to get too personal could upset the very private Scorpio. Make it clear that there's a line no one crosses without your permission.



**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** The savvy Sagittarian might be able to keep a family disagreement from spilling over by getting everyone involved to talk things out.



**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** Be careful not to push people too hard to meet your ideas of what the holiday weekend's preparations should be. Best to make it a cooperative, not a coerced, effort.



**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** An unexpected request could make you rethink a position you've had for a long time. Meanwhile, plan a family get-together for the weekend.



**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** Someone might find that it was a fluke to try to use your sympathetic nature to get you to accept a situation you're not comfortable with. Good for you.