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Finally, Some Rain

Leaves decorate a sidewalk as rain started falling this week. It's been a dry season so far but the weather pattern appears to be finally changing. San Leandro got just under an inch of rain on Tuesday and Wednesday and more rain is expected as we head into February.

Wilson School Name Change In the Works

Teachers, students, parents say school named after segregationist

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

A group of Woodrow Wilson Elementary School teachers, staff and parents has asked the San Leandro school board to rename the school at 1300 Williams St., but no new name has yet been proposed.

“Woodrow Wilson’s racism has not gone unnoticed by our school community: our staff has received strong feedback from our students’ families and visi- see WILSON, page 4

Now, the school board is asking for public comments on whether to change the name of the school. Comments can be sent via the district’s web site, www.slusd.us, using the form in the “Contact Us” section at the top right of the home page.

While those comments are being gathered, a district-wide committee that includes historians will be considering the matter.

In a letter to the board last year, 33 Wilson teachers, staff members and parents urged the change. Almost all the teachers at the school signed the letter, according to Principal Virginia Quock. While not one of the people who signed the letter, she presented the group’s case before the school board in October.

The group’s letter read, “Wilson, our 28th president, was responsible for resegregating the federal government; screening D.W. Griffith’s *The Birth of a Nation* at the White House, a film which led to a rebirth of the Ku Klux Klan, and he was strongly against Black suffrage.

Torres Picked As Acting Police Chief

Interim City Manager Fran Robustelli appointed current police Captain Luis Torres to serve as acting police chief of San Leandro, effective March 26.

The appointment of Torres follows the retirement announcement of current Police Chief Jeff Tudor, who has served the San Leandro Police Department for the past 31 years, and chief for 4 years.

Torres began his career with the police department in 1998, and worked a variety of assignments including patrol, crime scene technician, school resource officer, sexual assault and juve- see CHIEF, page 12

Governor Lifts Stay-at-Home Order

Opinion split on whether rescinding stay-at-home order is the best decision, as ICU beds are still nearly filled in much of California

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

Governor Gavin Newsom on Monday abruptly removed a statewide order that required people to stay at home during the last two months.

Newsom removed the restriction saying that, while “not out of the woods yet,” the number of ICU hospital beds available for Covid patients had improved.

The news comes as the state and Alameda County wrestle with the continued spread of the coronavirus, the slower than expected rollout of vaccine, and the economic hardship for small businesses.

The stay-at-home order was

designed to prevent overcrowding in hospitals following an anticipated surge of infections during the holidays. While the daily number of new cases reported is still more than double the summer peak, the percentage of patients expected to receive ICU treatments isn’t as overwhelming as health officials had feared.

The Bay Area’s intensive care unit capacity projections have risen to 25 percent, well above the 15 percent minimum.

Dropping the statewide stay-at-home order means Alameda County will return to the Purple Tier of California’s economic reopening plan.

The county’s daily rate of

“The daily number of new cases reported is still more than double the summer peak.”

new cases is about 38 per 100,000 residents, with a testing positivity rate of 8.6 percent. If the positivity rate drops below 7 percent, more restrictions will be lifted, county health officials said.

Lifting the restrictions means such outdoor activities as campgrounds, cardrooms, racetracks, movie theaters, gyms, museums, places of worship, restaurants and wineries may resume operation immediately with modifications.

Indoor activities permitted include hair and nail salons, barber shops, hotels (but not their indoor fitness facilities), massage parlors and skin care services.

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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



Biscuit



Bailey

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter are Biscuit and Bailey, both guinea pigs. Biscuit is a male guinea pig who enjoys snacking on fresh parsley and green bell peppers.

Bailey is a male guinea pig who likes spending a lot of time lounging in his guinea pig castle and snacking on green bell peppers. For more information on Biscuit or Bailey, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at 510-293-7200.



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People lined up every day last week to buy lottery tickets from Tony Singh, owner of Express Liquors in Washington Plaza.

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SLZ Adult School Winter Virtual Health Resource Fair

San Lorenzo Adult School will host its Winter Virtual Health Resource Fair on Tuesday, Feb. 9, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Presentations on COVID-centered topics in the areas of fitness, trauma, meditation and the perspective of a school nurse. Register at http://bit.ly/hrf_invite. For more information, email pjetson@slzusd.org.

Big Mega Millions Payday Brings in the Ticket Buyers

The line to lottery tickets never let up last week as the Mega Millions jackpot approached a billion dollars.

At Express Liquors in the Downtown Plaza, owner Tony Singh couldn't take a break. He said the line was constant all day as ticket buyers hoped to hit the big one.

The Mega Millions jackpot has been building for months as nobody matched all six numbers. But when the numbers were picked on Saturday night, a lottery player in Michigan won the big prize of \$1.05 billion.

Although, after taxes the payoff will be less. If the winner takes the lump sum option of

\$740 million, the federal government will take \$287 million, and the state of Michigan will take around \$33 million. So that leaves the winner with around \$420 million.

If someone won the big jackpot, the store owner would get \$1 million. "If that happened, I would retire!" Singh said.

This Day in History, Jan. 28

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BART PHOTO

An undetermined number of retired BART cars – some of them in service for half a century – will be hauled away by the public in 2022. But get your application in now!

Used BART Cars Up for Grabs, Get Yours Today

BART is retiring all legacy fleet cars, some of which have been carrying passengers for almost 50 years, as it replaces them with its 775 new “Fleet of the Future” cars.

While the majority of the retired cars will be recycled and used for parts, museums and non-profits, the public is being invited to submit ideas for giving a few of the old cars a new life.

In the first phase of the project, BART is now accepting applications for proposals to

determine who might be qualified to obtain one.

A link to the application system is now live at www.bart.gov/legacycars. The deadline for pre-qualification applications is 5 p.m. on Friday, March 12.

There are, of course, a number of criteria for anyone considering obtaining a car. A big one is that it must not cost BART any money once the car has been prepared for delivery. Successful applicants must pay the costs of getting the car from

BART’s property to their own site, estimated at upwards of \$10,000 for crane and flatbed truck rentals.

A committee will review applications and make selections based on proposals meeting all the required criteria, including the community benefits of the project and a plan for the car’s final disposition after the project use is done.

The notifications of successful pre-qualifications are scheduled to be sent this June.

Lifts: Vaccinations going slowly

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capacity to 50 percent and other retailers may increase capacity to 25 percent.

Schools are not impacted as they are already following California’s revised guidance on returning to class. Middle and high schools are not eligible for in-person instruction until the county reaches at least the red tier.

Vaccinations

The COVID-19 vaccine roll-out has been slow in Alameda County. As of last Saturday, the Public Health Department had administered some 21,033 doses with an additional 4,000 being dispensed this week, most going

to health care workers, first responders, and those in long-term facilities. That’s a far cry from the 102,750 doses of vaccine Alameda County received late last year.

“We are only in the early stages of our vaccination campaign and the virus has shown us it is capable of returning again and again,” said Dr. Nicholas Moss, Alameda County Health Officer.

Kaiser Permanente and Sutter Health say they are receiving a high volume of calls and emails asking about scheduling their vaccinations.

California health officials have launched a new website that allows people to be notified when

it would be their turn to receive the vaccine.

The site: myturn.ca.gov asks a set of initial questions about age and job occupation. Those who are not immediately approved can sign up for an email or text message to let them know when it’s time to roll up their sleeves.

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Community Calendar

Black History Month Read-In

Join the San Leandro Public Library for its first annual virtual Black History Month Read-In, for teens and adults, to uplift and celebrate Black writers and thinkers.

Earn badges by reading books from our #ownvoices Black Writers Booklist, writing reviews of #ownvoices books by Black authors, and watching movies about Black history. Each badge gets you a raffle ticket for the Grand Prize. Earn three or more badges and you’ll be eligible to pick up a completion prize from the library.

The challenge will run from Feb. 1 to Feb. 28.

For more information, visit the library’s website, www.sanleandrolibrary.org.

#ownvoices Virtual Book Club

Join the San Leandro Library for a friendly and casual adult book club focused on #ownvoices books on Thursday, Feb. 4, from 6 to 7 p.m. The club is for adults 18 and over. #ownvoices is a hashtag that started in 2015 to promote diverse authors and books. Come with your own book or find some reading inspiration. Learn more and register for this virtual book club by visiting the library’s website, www.sanleandrolibrary.org.

Lunar New Year: Year of the Metal Ox 2021—Success in Challenging Times

Join the San Leandro Library for a virtual presentation by certified BaZi Astrology Reader Janet Louie on Saturday, Feb. 13, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Learn about the significance of the Lunar New Year animals, tap into the energies of the Metal Ox, and set yourself up for success this year. Learn more and register for this virtual event at the library’s website, www.sanleandrolibrary.org.

Project Literacy to Offer Online Tutoring

San Leandro Public Library’s adult and family literacy program, Project Literacy, is currently seeking volunteer literacy tutors for our online tutoring program.

Find out how you can help others in your community learn to read by attending Project Literacy’s Online Tutor Orientation on Zoom on Wednesday, Feb. 3, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Both required trainings will take place on Zoom on Saturday, Feb. 6, from 10 a.m. to noon; and Saturday, Feb. 13, from 10 a.m. to noon.

For more information or to register, call 510-577-3944 or email projectliteracy@sanleandro.org.

Library Invites Teens to Frozen Trivia Contest

The San Leandro Library invites teenagers to join the Teen Frozen Trivia Contest on Friday,

Jan. 29, at 4 p.m. For the first time in forever, the library will be asking questions all about the Frozen movies. Open to teens in 6th through 12th grades. Email kmandalay@sanleandro.org to sign up.

Boys & Girls Club Drive-Through Crab Feed

The San Leandro Boys & Girls Club’s annual crab feed will be on Saturday, Feb. 20, from 4 to 6 p.m. Due to the pandemic, the crab feed will be a drive-through pick-up in the club’s parking lot at 2200 San Leandro Blvd.

Each order comes with 4 pounds of crab and pasta, salad and bread. Tickets are \$55 and ticket sales end on Feb. 15. For tickets and the raffle, visit the club’s website: www.bgcsl.org. The crab feed is sponsored by Fremont Bank and F.H. Dailey Chevrolet.

Keep Waterways Clean, Starting on Your Street

The Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service is an annual event hosted by the Alameda County Clean Water Program that helps keep our waterways free of harmful trash.

You don’t even have to go to a creek to keep it clean. Creek cleanups start at your door. Trash travels through storm drains into creeks, and rivers to become harmful pollution.

You can participate on any day throughout January, self-guided and close to home. Local streets, sidewalks, parks, and other natural areas are good choices.

Trash within our neighborhoods becomes the trash polluting the coast once the rains come. We need your help to clean your neighborhoods.

To register, please visit <https://accleanwater.eventbrite.com>.

City of San Leandro ‘Warmline’

The City of San Leandro launched a new service that enables members of the public to contact professionals via telephone who are trained to provide emotional support, coronavirus testing site information, and many other social services or referrals. In partnership with the City, La Clinica de la Raza will provide services for Spanish-language residents, and Asian Health Services will provide services to Chinese-language speaking residents in both Cantonese and Mandarin. For Spanish: call 510-535-8480, Monday to Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (except public holidays).

For Cantonese and Mandarin: call 510-735-3940, Monday 1 to 3 p.m., Tuesday 1 to 5 p.m., Thursday 9 a.m. to noon, Friday 1 to 3 p.m.

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important investment, reduce stress, be in control of your situation, and make the best profit possible. In this report you’ll discover how to avoid financial disappointment or worse, a financial disaster when selling your home. Using a common-sense approach, you will get the straight facts about what can make or break the sale of your home.

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Technology Reduces Wildfire Blackouts

An expanding network of enhanced weather technology helped reduce the size of PG&E's power shut-offs by an average of 55 percent during last year's fire season, the company reported last week.

At year's end, PG&E had a thousand weather stations and 340 high-definition cameras in operation in areas of high wildfire risk in the state.

Nearly 60 of the stations and more than a dozen fire-watch cameras were in the East Bay, providing weather data to both the company's meteorologists and to outside agencies.

The weather stations, along with devices that break-up the power grid into smaller sections and the use of temporary generators enabled PG&E to provide electricity to an estimated 800,000 customers who would have lost power during comparable weather conditions in 2019.

The stations provide temperature, wind speed and humidity data that is monitored, tracked and evaluated by PG&E's meteorologists and analysts in its Wildfire Safety Operations Center.

These resources are also available to CalFire and other



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PG&E's Wildfire Safety Operations Center is the hub from which wildfire threats are detected, evaluated and monitored across its service area. Weather station observations are available to state and local agencies as well as the public through the website www.pge.com/weather and through MesoWest.

agencies, as needed, and can be viewed publicly by anyone through the Alert Wildfire Network at www.alertwildfire.org.

"We are working every day to improve the safety of our electric

system and reduce wildfire risks," said PG&E Electric Operations spokesperson Debbie Powell. "In addition to preventing wildfires, our focus is on improving weather awareness and reducing

the impact of public safety power outages on customers and communities.

The utility plans to install 1,300 weather stations by the end of 2021, to create a density of roughly one weather station for every 20 miles of electric lines in high fire-threat areas.

By the end of 2022, PG&E plans to have nearly 600 cameras installed. When complete, PG&E expects to have the ability to see in real-time roughly 90 percent of the high fire-risk areas it serves.

For more information about PG&E's wildfire mitigations and efforts, visit pge.com/wildfire_safety.

Wilson: Some parents just want the schools to open

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tors alike who comment on the problematic nature of our name."

The signers noted that Wilson's name has been removed from a building at Monmouth University in New Jersey, and from the school of public affairs at Princeton University, where Wilson had been president before becoming U.S. President.

"A school's name is its identity: it symbolizes who we are and who we represent. By turning a blind eye to Wilson's racist legacy, we are complicit in supporting what he symbolizes," the group wrote.

Some of San Leandro's schools are over 100 years old, and all bear their original names. All of the district's elementary schools are named after presidents. Wilson opened in 1947 and is the district's largest elementary school with 750 students in grades Transitional Kindergarten to 5th grade.

Renaming schools requires community meetings, consideration by a district-wide committee, and a vote by the board to first remove the current name.

A number of staff and a community meetings have already been held at Wilson, and a survey of Wilson parents, teachers and staff showed 60 percent in favor of renaming, 30 percent opposed, and 10 percent being undecided or having further questions, according to Quock.

If the Wilson name is removed, it would take a similar process to choose a new name, and another vote by the board.

Quock said that while Wilson definitely made contributions, he ran well afool of current views toward racial equality and now draws much criticism.

The idea to rename the school grew out of a student project on how people and buildings get their names, and what values those names reflect, Quock said. Some of the students' work, in all grades, can be viewed on the school's website, she added.

Quock said comments in the two surveys taken and at the community meetings mostly favored the renaming.

One person wrote, "It's an honor as an employee and former Wilson student to see this change happen ... (I would be) more proud to say that I was a student at a school that made a change for its students and families."

One person opposed to the change, however, suggested keeping the name but teaching the history around it.

San Leandro school district spokeswoman Keziah Moss said the Board deliberately set up its process to be deliberate with lots of community and staff input, and considering only one school at a time. Moss said no other San Leandro schools are currently requesting new names.

But the group's letter to the school board did ask that names of schools other than Wilson also be reviewed. The board has yet to act on that part of their request, beyond setting up the district-wide committee that will review Wilson School's name.

Zoom Program on African-American Genealogy

The Hayward Area Historical Society presents an exploration of the joys and challenges of researching African-American family histories, a free Zoom program presented on Saturday,

Feb. 6, at 11 a.m.

Speakers Alvis Ward, Jr. and Felicia Addison, both of the African-American Genealogical Society of Northern California (AAGSNC) will share their exper-

tise in researching African-American genealogy, in honor of the 2021 Black History Month theme, "The Black Family: Representation, Identity and Diversity."

To register, visit <http://bit.ly/AfAmGenealogy2021>. Suggested donation is \$10. Presented by the Hayward Area Historical Society.

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LIFESTYLE



The Dungeness crab gets its name from the town of Dungeness, Washington, where the first commercial harvesting of the crab was done.

Finally, Time to Get Crackin'

Steamed and cracked, served with a green salad and plenty of sourdough bread, Dungeness crab is a party waiting to happen.

Supplies this season are lower than normal and prices are higher. But we've been waiting a long time and now's the time to finally enjoy this tasty crustacean.

To cook, plunge the crab, head first, into boiling salted water to cover. Boil 15 to 20 minutes, or until shell turns red. Drain, plunge into cold water, drain again and cool.

To clean, break off claws and legs close to body, crack the claws with a nutcracker and remove the meat. Break off the pointed apron or tail. Take the crab in both hands

and pull the upper and lower shells apart, beginning at the tail.

Wash away loose matter under running water and remove membranous covering round side. Remove meat between sections, picking out any cartilage. Six crabs yield about 1 cup of meat.

CRAB CAKES

- 1 pound crab meat, picked free of shells
- 1/3 cup crushed Ritz Crackers
- 3 green onions (green and white parts), finely chopped
- 1/2 cup finely chopped bell pepper
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise

- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1/2 lemon, juiced
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Dash cayenne pepper
- Flour, for dusting
- 1/2 cup peanut oil
- Favorite dipping sauce for serving

Be sure crab meat is picked free of shells.

In a large bowl, mix together all ingredients, except for the flour and peanut oil. Shape into patties and dust with flour.

Heat oil in a large skillet

over medium heat. When oil is hot, carefully place crab cakes, in batches, in pan and fry until browned, about 4 to 5 minutes. Carefully flip crab cakes and fry on other side until golden brown, about 4 minutes. Serve warm with preferred sauce. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

CRAB DIABLO

- 1-1/4 pound fresh Dungeness crabmeat
- 2 cups heavy cream
- 1 large shallot, minced
- 4 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 1 ounce brandy or cognac
- 1 tablespoon parsley, chopped
- 1 pinch cayenne pepper
- 2 tablespoons pimento, chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon butter
- 1 tablespoon fresh bread crumbs

In a heavy saucepot, gently saute minced shallot over moderate heat in butter for about 1 minute. Add heavy cream and reduce over moderate heat until only about 1-1/3 cups remain.

In a mixing bowl, whisk together mustard with small amounts of the cream mixture. Add brandy, parsley, pimento and cayenne pepper.

Preheat oven to 375°F. Combine sauce with fresh crab meat and divide into four baking dishes. Sprinkle with bread crumbs and bake in the oven about 12 minutes or until hot and bubbling. Garnish with lemon and parsley.

Serve with crusty French bread and a cool, crisp sparkling wine. Yields 4 servings.

CRAB CIOPPINO

- 4 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 large onion, chopped

- 1/2 teaspoon hot red pepper flakes
- 1 green bell pepper, chopped
- 1 tablespoon red-wine vinegar
- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano, crumbled
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon cracked black pepper
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 (32-ounce) can whole tomatoes including juice, puréed coarse
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- 2 pounds live crabs
- 12 small hard-shelled clams, scrubbed well
- 1/2 pound medium shrimp, shelled, leaving tails and first joint intact
- 1/2 pound sea scallops
- 1 pound white fish fillet, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1/4 cup minced fresh parsley leaves

In a heavy 5-quart kettle, cook garlic in oil over moderate heat, stirring, until pale golden. Add onion and cook, stirring, until softened. Add pepper flakes and bell pepper and cook, stirring, until softened.

Add vinegar and boil until evaporated. Add wine, oregano, salt and pepper to taste, and bay leaf and simmer 5 minutes. Stir in tomato purée and tomato paste and bring to a boil.

Add crabs and clams and simmer, covered, 15 to 20 minutes, checking often and transferring clams as they open with tongs to a bowl (discard unopened ones).

Transfer crabs with tongs to a cutting board and remove top shells, adding any crab liquid to soup. Halve or quarter crabs (depending on size) and reserve, with any additional liquid, in a bowl.

Add shrimp, scallops, and fish to soup and simmer, covered, 5

Drive-Thru Crab Feed

The Boys & Girls Clubs of San Leandro will host a "Grab Your Crab!" Drive-Thru Crab Feed on Saturday, February 20, sponsored by FH Dailey, Fremont Bank, Ghirardelli Chocolate and Kiwanis International.

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minutes, or until seafood is just cooked through. Stir in gently crabs, their liquid, and clams and sprinkle with parsley. Serves 6.

CRAB SAUTE

- 1-1/4 pound butter
- 1/2 clove garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon finely minced green onion
- 1 pound fresh lump crabmeat
- 1 tablespoon chopped chives
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped parsley
- Juice of 1/2 lemon
- 12 toast points

Melt butter in a large skillet and add garlic and green onions. Cook, stirring about 3 minutes, but do not brown. Add crab meat and toss gently and thoroughly until heated through. Sprinkle with chives, parsley and lemon juice or lime juice.

Spoon mixture onto hot toast points, puff pastry shells, or serve over rice. Serves 6.

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By Carl Medford, CRS
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GUEST COMMENTARY



Emerging Kitchen Trends for 2021

Just when you were getting comfortable with quartz counters becoming more popular than yesterday's granite ... marble has staged a reentry as the go-to for upscale kitchens.

It is just one in a series of taste preferences keeping kitchen designers steadily employed. Six of the top 2021 kitchen trends are as follows:

Marble Counters

Marble has been gracing homes since the Romans. It has historically been favored in bathrooms rather than kitchens because it stains easily.

According to a recent Homes & Gardens post, heavily veined marble is back and being used to make a statement. We have seen the emergence of islands with stone counters on the top and ends – now we are seeing backs covered as well.

The good news is that some of the latest quartz products

look very similar to marble, but are more impervious to stains and come at a substantially lower price point.

Wood Cabinets

Tired of white cabinets? Wood is coming back, but not the oak, maple or cherry of yesteryear. New emerging woods include lighter products such as ash.

Bold Paint Schemes

Black has returned, along with bright colors that make a room “pop.” While some designers are opting to keep color on the walls so they can be easily changed, the more adventuresome are adding in colored furniture and varying shades for the cabinets.

Flowing Surfaces

Think flat panel doors and no pulls on the cabinets to produce smooth, uninterrupted lines. Long a staple in upscale European kitchens, expect to see more sleek kitchens in the future.

Pantries and Larders

With the goal of keeping as much off the counters as possible, pantries have become “must-have” items in contemporary kitchens. Larger kitchens can house a full pantry room, whereas smaller kitchens may confine it to a large cabinet on one end of the kitchen.

Do not have either? A stand-alone “larder” cabinet may be the solution. A quick Google search for “Larder cabinet” will reveal lots of options.

Appliances in Drawers

We have seen the emergence

of drawer dishwashers, refrigerators, freezers, warming drawers and microwaves – expect a new line of appliances to appear that will seamlessly hide out of sight until needed.

It is always new and evolving – and you can count on one thing: as soon as we get accustomed to the new trends, they will be replaced with the newer still.

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.



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Nectarine Tree Worth Saving?

By Buzz Bertolero
Special to the Times

There is a sorely neglected nectarine tree at our new home that we would like to salvage. The limbs are very long and bare except for clusters of small branches at the end.

It's my understanding that nectarines can be severely pruned. I've already removed many of the water sprouts, but I'm unsure on how much to cut these long branches back?

With neglected fruit trees, it's always a judgment call if it's salvageable or not. The overall health of the tree is critical to your final decision.

I'd replace all trees with any of such characteristics as dead, wounded, twisted, or gnarly main branches;

sections of the trunk that are peeling, or numerous sap globules present along the trunk and main branches that indicate trees under stress and in decline.

A second consideration is the location. A mature nectarine should not be watered often. A good soaking twice a month is sufficient unless there is a prolonged heat spell.

From your description, your tree sounds like it's in good condition, so it's worth the effort. You'll sacrifice fruit production with neglected fruit trees as you get the tree back in shape. A severe pruning removes a significant, if not all, of the fruiting spurs, so don't be surprised by a small or no crop this year.

Your focus this year is to reestablish the scaffolding and other supporting branches. Thus, I'd prune the long,

existing branches back as far as necessary to keep the tree balanced.

Peaches and nectarines produce fruit only on the second year wood. Each year you'd remove 50 percent of the new growth and eliminate all the deadwood, along with the rubbing and crossing branches. Water sprouts are removed to open up the center of the tree for additional light.

All fruit trees should be fed after pruning to encourage new growth and again in May/June with a fruit tree fertilizer. You should follow the recommendation on the packaging for the application rate.

It may take several growing seasons to return a neglected tree back to being productive again. This is why starting over with a new tree has merit.

Should I be concerned about a rhododendron bush that is approximately six feet by three feet growing near or on a sewer line? Could the roots possibly damage the old terracotta sewer pipes?

Yes, you should be concerned with plant roots and a terracotta sewer line. But how concerned is the big question. Replacing a waste line is expensive. Having had a sewer problem, I speak from first-hand experience.

The cost can be well over \$10,000. Today, many sewer repair companies use cameras to detect damage. I'd look for one that offers a free evaluation and use that to determine the next step. This is a great time to transplant Rhododendrons if that is needed.

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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HEALTH & FITNESS

Negative Scans: False Positives Plague Lung Cancer Screening

Q: I'm a 74-year-old female who smoked a pack a day for 40-plus years, having quit smoking about 18 years ago. As a precaution, I asked my primary doctor to order a screening CT scan, knowing that I'm a candidate for lung cancer. The results showed a 3-mm nodule in one lung, and I was advised not to worry and that my doctor would order another CT scan in six months. I can't help but wonder if this is cancer and if an oncologist, after six months, will ask me why I waited so long to see him.

By Keith Roach, M.D.
Special to the Times



Almost 25% of scans will be abnormal, and 96% of abnormal results will be false positives, causing a great deal of anxiety.

A: Medical professionals have been attempting to screen for lung cancer for decades. Chest X-rays proved insensitive: By the time cancer could be seen on X-ray, it was usually too late to do anything about it. CT scans are much more sensitive (maybe too sensitive as you'll see below), and studies have shown that some lives will be saved with a screening program. However, the number of people who would benefit is relatively small; 256 moderate-to-heavy smokers would need yearly screening for three years in order to prevent one lung cancer death. There are two other significant concerns about lung cancer screening. The first is the issue you have now: an abnormal re-

sult and what to do about it. It's extremely common. Almost 25% of scans will be abnormal, and 96% of the abnormal results will be false positives. But it will require multiple scans and sometimes an invasive procedure to prove it. This means a great deal of anxiety among people who get the type of result you did. The small size of your nodule means your risk that this nodule is cancer is much lower than 1%. A follow-up scan is the usual recommendation, and if the nodule is the same size or smaller, the chance of it being cancer is very close to zero. You should have had a careful explanation of the likelihood of

false positive results before getting the scan. You should also have been warned of the possible need for a biopsy and the possible financial costs associated with follow-up testing. The second concern is that current smokers who consider screening should receive intensive advice and help in quitting smoking. A negative CT scan is not a "clean bill of health" for a smoker and quitting remains the single most important thing most smokers can do for their overall health. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu.
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Diabetes: Put Your Best Foot Forward

By Dr. Barry I. Rosenblum
Special to the Times

Diabetes can cause nerve damage and poor circulation that puts people at risk for a wide range of problems. For people with diabetes, small foot problems like minor cuts, corns, calluses and ingrown toenails can turn into serious complications if not addressed quickly. To help you prevent diabetes complications, the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons is offering these dos and don'ts of diabetes foot care. **DO:**

- Inspect your feet daily - including the bottoms - for cuts, blisters, redness, swelling or nail problems. You may need a mirror or the assistance of a loved one in order to examine your feet from every angle.
- Regularly moisturize your feet to avoid itching or cracking.
- See a foot and ankle surgeon for regular foot exams to prevent complications. Ongoing preventive care can reduce the risk of toe or foot amputation by

45-85 percent.

- Keep the blood flowing to your feet. Wiggle your toes and move your ankles for five minutes, two or three times a day.
- Shake out your shoes and feel for objects inside your shoes before wearing them. You may not feel a small foreign object when your shoe is on your foot, particularly if you suffer from diabetic peripheral neuropathy also known as nerve damage.

see DIABETES on page 5

- Maintain healthy blood sugar levels. High blood sugar levels can lead to diabetic peripheral neuropathy and Charcot foot, a condition in which the bones of the foot are weakened enough to fracture.

DON'T:

- Don't use heating pads, hot water bottles or electric blankets. You can easily burn your feet without noticing.
- Don't put your feet in hot water before testing it with your hand first.
- Don't try to remove corns or calluses at home. Visit your foot and ankle surgeon for ap-

propriate treatment.

- Don't wear tight, elastic or thick, bulky socks.
- Don't let your feet get wet in snow or rain. Wear warm socks and waterproof shoes in the winter.
- Don't walk barefoot, even at home! You can easily get a scratch or cut.

Taking proper care of feet is extremely important for those suffering from diabetes. Following these dos and don'ts and scheduling regular preventive care visits with a foot and ankle surgeon can help keep feet healthy and avoid serious complications. For more foot care information or to find a foot and ankle surgeon in your area, visit FootHealthFacts.org.
Dr. Barry I. Rosenblum, DPM, is a foot and ankle surgeon and Fellow member of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons. For more foot care information or to find a foot and ankle surgeon in your area, visit FootHealthFacts.org.
—StatePoint

Mortgage Rates Move Slightly

Longterm fixed mortgage rates stayed near record lows last week, according to Freddie Mac's weekly nationwide survey. Thirty-year fixed-rate mortgages averaged 2.77 percent for the week ending Jan. 21, down from the previous week when they averaged 2.79 percent. A year ago at this time, the 30-year rate averaged 3.60 percent. Fifteen-year fixed-rate mortgages averaged 2.21 percent, down from 2.23 percent. Five-year hybrid adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs)

averaged 2.80 percent, down from 3.12 percent. "Mortgage rates have hovered near historic lows for almost a year, fueling purchase and refinance activity amid a global health crisis," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's Chief Economist. "We're now seeing

rates fluctuate a bit as political and economic factors drive Treasury yields higher. However, we forecast rates to remain relatively low this year as the Federal Reserve keeps interest rates anchored near zero for a longer period of time, if needed until the economy rebounds."

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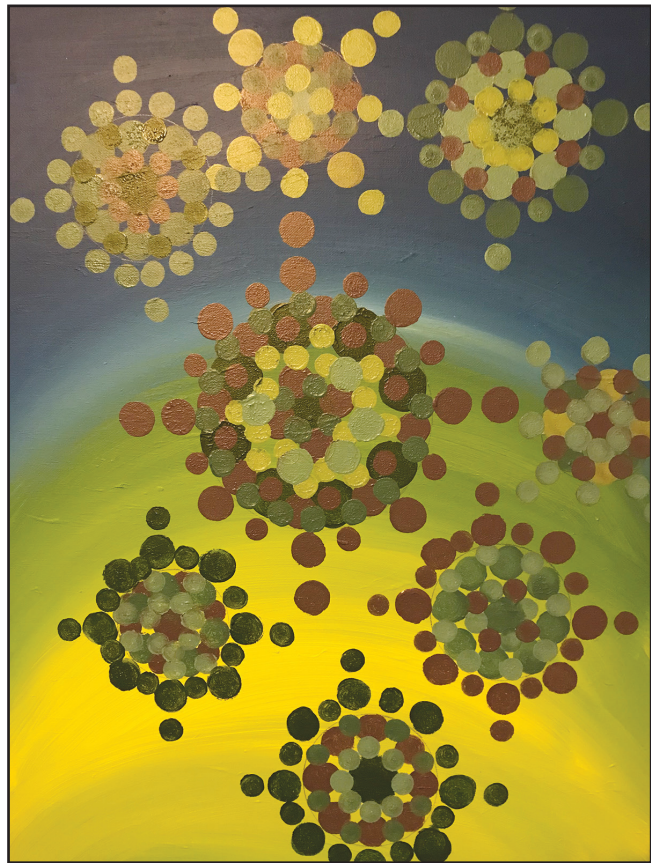
By Winda I. Shimizu
Special to the Times

Thirty-two members of the Hayward Arts Council members are featuring a variety of media including acrylics, watercolors, oils, textiles, mixed assemblage, poetry, photography, mixed media, digital print, paper cut art, and ink.

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Winda I. Shimizu is Hayward Arts Council Executive Director.



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"Cosmos," an acrylic by Castro Valley artist Wenonah Washington is currently on view at haywardartscouncil.org until March 10.

City Council Taps \$400,000 For Small Business Relief

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

Some 80 businesses in San Leandro financially devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic have another chance to keep the lights on thanks to \$400,000 in additional funds approved by the City Council this month.

In a unanimous decision at the Jan. 19 meeting, the council voted, 7-0, to provide the cash for businesses that qualified for assistance but did not receive help under the Alameda County CARES Grant Program.

More than 1,900 grants have been issued to small businesses in Alameda County. In all, 276 of the approximately 700 San Leandro businesses who applied to the county program were on par to receive assistance.

Local leaders said they are grateful for another chance to help San Leandro businesses like restaurants, nail salons, barber-shops and other small businesses who previously applied but had yet to receive financial assistance.

"Our businesses have gone through so much in the last year," said San Leandro Chamber of Commerce president and CEO Emily Griego during the meeting. "We've modified our businesses, we had a second shelter in place. And while some are doing well,

some are not. Any aid the city can provide is appreciated."

Small, local, and emerging businesses that employ as many as 25 people in San Leandro are given priority for the grants. The money can be used for a specific

"Our businesses have gone through so much in the last year."

— Chamber of Commerce President Emily Griego

range of business expenses such as paying the rent or a lease, covering the utilities, keeping employees on the payroll, or augmenting operating expenses made after March 17, 2020, such as protective gear or buying outdoor equipment to accommodate county health rules.

The \$400,000 in new funds will be awarded in \$5,000 increments. The grants are for businesses that are already on the CARES list and not for new applicants. The additional funds are a one-time expenditure that will come from the City of San

Leandro's budget reserves that the council set aside last year for struggling businesses, according to city spokesperson Paul Sanftner.

"These funds are in addition to the \$150,000 allocation the City contributed towards the Alameda County CARES Grant Program in December, which was matched by the County to provide \$300,000 in earmarked funds to San Leandro businesses," Sanftner said.

CARES Grant applicants who did not receive funding do not need to reapply to be eligible, Sanftner said. The awards will be picked by a lottery system. Awardees will be notified via mail in the coming weeks.

In November, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors redirected up to \$8 million in CARES Act funds to assist small businesses in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

To date, San Leandro has helped manage and distribute more than \$1 million in funds for local businesses including some of the \$5 million in federal funding available for businesses across the county, Sanftner said. Through the San Leandro Small Business Continuity Grant, the City distributed \$300,000 in blocks of \$5,000 grants this past May.

BART Seeking Manager For New Homeless Plan

BART has created a new position to help address homelessness within the system and connect unsheltered people to resources.

The job – Senior Manager of Social Services Partnerships – was posted at bart.gov/jobs on

Friday.

The manager's duties will focus on designing and overseeing programs and being the advisor to BART's top officials on issues related to homelessness and the health and social welfare of the system's riders.

The senior manager will also work closely with the BART Police Department to ensure all programs are in alignment with its policies.

The position is one of several new initiatives being implemented to bolster BART's policing efforts and to find new solutions that don't rely on armed police.

Qualifications for the position include a degree in such fields as public policy, social welfare and health care administration, plus five years of full-time experience implementing programs.

Rainstorms, Wind Cause East Bay Parks District to Make Closures

Due to high winds, the ridge-line parks below are closed until 8 a.m. on Friday, due to safety concerns and cleanup needs.

The closed parks include Lake Chabot Regional Park. High winds can cause falling trees and branches, which can cause injury and create safety hazards.

Parks closed until Friday:
• Anthony Chabot (Redwood Canyon Golf Course may remain open)
• Claremont Canyon Region-

- al Preserve
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LOCAL DEATHS

Theresa Antoinette (Schmitt) Schexnayder

Born in Oakland on June 19, 1931 and entered into rest on January 8, 2021.

Theresa attended St. Elizabeth's Grammar and High School in Oakland. She was a homemaker, mother, wife, office worker and a resident of San Leandro for 63 years. Daughter of the late Paul and Rose Schmitt.

Survived by sister Margaret (Schatz) Robideaux of San Leandro, CA; sisters-in-law Lois Loupe of Nederland, TX and Barbara Wiggins of Alexandria, LA; children Robert Schexnayder, Denise (Glen) Seki, Barbara Schexnayder, Mary (Gary) Clough, Claire (Norman) Brownstein, and John (Maria) Schexnayder; grandchildren Stephen, Tori, Josh, Kyle, Victoria, Matthew, Katie, Ben, Max and Alex; great-grandchildren Lucas and Evelyn and over 50 nephews and nieces.

Preceded in death by husband Kenneth Schexnayder, siblings Mary Matto, Paul Schmitt, Henry Schmitt, Herman Schmitt, Joseph Schmitt, Maurice Schmitt, Raymond Schmitt, Rita Stenger, Francis Schmitt, Patricia Schmitt, Josef Schmitt and great-grandchild Amelia Clough.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to her favorite charity St. Anthony's Foundation, 150 Golden Gate Avenue, S.F., 94102.

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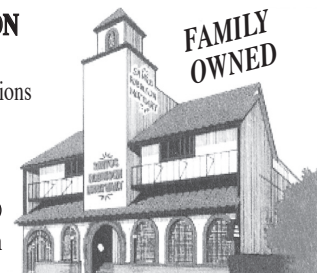
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The Deforestation of San Leandro

Editor:
San Leandro is currently in a crisis because all of our trees are being sawed down. Without input from the public, private businesses, homeowners and even the city itself are cutting down our trees in business parks, neighborhoods and on city property. These beautiful trees have been here for 100 or more years and add to the local beauty and cool down the local climate.

San Leandro virtue signals all day about climate change, but its actions directly contradict this. The city must stop the deforestation of San Leandro immediately.

During the pandemic, city employees have stayed home and collected paychecks without providing services to the public. City Hall must redirect these employees to maintain the health and beauty of our trees so that they are not unnecessarily cut down. If we don't protect our trees, San Leandro will look like a barren wasteland uglier than our neighboring cities.

—Ricardo Trigueros
San Leandro

Making a Difference

Editor:
I would like to thank you for running the short article "Help Keep Waterways Clean Starting at Home" on Jan. 21.

As a lifelong resident of Alameda County, I have seen the degradation of our nearby waterways and San Francisco Bay due to litter and debris generated not by corporations but by our communities and citizens.

The failure to educate our children about the interconnectivity of their actions on fish and wildlife at home and in the schools can be partly to blame. But there is hope!

During the pandemic I have seen families out in the neighborhoods in droves walking, pushing strollers, which is great for our community and for the health of the individuals. As a part of your daily sojourn through our lovely town why not take a garbage bag and a pair of gloves as pick up debris. Everything you find on your street will eventually make it to our waterways and the bay.

It is a great opportunity for parents to teach their children about the consequences of actions and the benefits of doing their part to heal our world. You can even go to OceanConsevanancy.com and log your family/individual efforts and win badges and see how your contribution makes a difference.

A friend and I picked up over 200 pounds of garbage along our shoreline yesterday that had once been on city streets. I know that there have been several efforts of individuals and groups happening in our city to do the same thing. It makes me proud to be a part of this community. Get involved. Together we make a difference.

—Susan Simpson
San Leandro

Why Name Candidates' Color?

Editor:
Calling out the color of the women

candidates in the headline ("Black Women Campaign for Sheriff, DA," Page 1, The Times, Jan. 21) for your article is unnecessary and adds nothing to the article that cannot be seen.

What does naming the color of the candidates add to the headline? The real news is that two candidates running for different offices share the same vision and will have a unified slate.

Perhaps a better headline would have been, "Candidates for Sheriff and DA Share the Same Vision."

It may be helpful for you to explore some of the deep rooted societal issues around skin color. "Caste" by Isabel Wilkerson is a good resource.

—Norma Williams
San Leandro

A Caution for Democrats

Editor:
Now that the Democrats have control of both houses of Congress, citizens have high expectations that Dems must do what is necessary to solve the many crises we have been left with, after too many years of Republican control.

To avoid the mistake from Obama's presidency, the filibuster must be ended. If the 60% super-majority filibuster remains, Trump's Republicans will assure gridlock. Democrats must not make the mistake of playing defense – worrying about what happens if Republicans regain the Senate in 2022 without the filibuster in place. Now they have a majority; now is the time to play offense.

Majority rule is 50% plus one. Sixty percent is flat-out undemocratic. Alexander Hamilton wrote in Federalist 22, that a supermajority is poison. Rather than encourage cooperation, the filibuster "substitutes the pleasure, caprice or artifices of a minority for the regular deliberations and decisions of a respectable majority."

Contact your Senators and especially, Senator Joe Manchin, now!

—Bruce Joffe
Piedmont

Still Battling the Civil War

Editor:
The Civil War officially ended in 1865. Confederates, you lost. It is time to accept that you lost and move on. But we are still battling the Civil War. Not with guns (yet), but with laws.

I have watched the mantel of the white-male Republicans espousing the things that were decided in 1865. But not really. We go on and on with the Civil War tearing our country down. Republican Confederates – you lost!

Get over it.

—Sylvia Johnson
Oakland

Calls for Rodeo Laws Changes

Editor:
The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) claims there are some 10,000 rodeos held annually in the U.S., few of which require on-site veterinarians to care for injured animals. The PRCA has done so only since 1996, after five animals suffered and died at the 1995 California Rodeo/Salinas.

Three bills needing an author:
(1) Amend state rodeo law, Penal Code 596.7, to require an on-site veterinarian or Registered Veterinary Technician (RVT) at all rodeos. The "on call" option is not working and animals are suffering needlessly;

(2) Ban the Mexican charreada's brutal "steer tailing" event (outlawed in Alameda & Contra Costa Counties in 1993);

(3) Ban the rodeo's non-sanctioned "wild cow milking contest," children's "mutton busting" event, and all animal "scrambles" which are cruel and dangerous for all concerned.

All legislators may be written c/o The State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814. Email pattern for all: senator.lastname@senate.ca.gov and assemblymember.lastname@assembly.ca.gov.

Let them hear from you!

—Eric Mills, coordinator
Action for Animals, Oakland

Why Trump Lost

Editor:
Here we go again. Tom Kunich writes a letter ("Phony Propaganda," Letters, Jan. 7) filled with lies about the election.

Trump lost because most people do not like him, are not fooled by his constant lies and can see he clearly cares about only himself. The election was not fraudulent. The Attorney General (a Republican) said so, the state recounts said so and state officials (mainly Republicans) in the disputed states said so.

The only fake news is Trump's claims the election was fraudulent.

Trump said he may move to Russia if he lost. I hope people like Kunich join him. Then they might wake up and see what a fraudulent election really is.

—Dan Silva
San Leandro

No Regard for Law & Order

Editor:
In response to Mr. West's latest treatise ("Not the U.S.? Yes it Is," Letters, Jan. 14) in celebration of the delusional, I ask the following question: Were you asleep during history class?

Let's assume, for a moment, that all of your theories are correct. Let's pretend that the election was stolen, and that the storming of the Capitol was and is acceptable behavior, performed by "brave people."

Let's say, Mr. West, that you were one of the people there, waving your Trump 2020 flag proudly. You burst into the Capitol building, looking for trouble, and then you see it: Another Trump supporter, only he's not brandishing a Trump banner. No, he's proudly waving a Confederate flag.

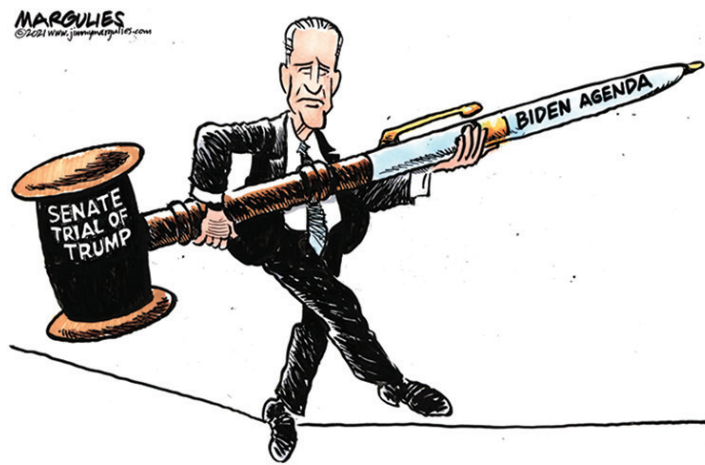
At that moment, don't you ask yourself "Hey, is that what I'm about?"

Trump fans claim to be saving America, but you can argue for the preservation of your country while carrying a flag that represents a group of people who wished to secede from the Union. You can't be pro-America while standing under a banner that, by its very existence, is pro-slavery.

Flying a Confederate flag is akin to flying a Nazi flag in Germany (or anywhere else). Trump supporters aligning themselves with fans of the Confederacy demonstrates just how far you've placed yourselves on the wrong side of history.

Fans of Trump: Please don't call for unity, and law and order when you clearly have no regard for either.

—Ken Maas
San Leandro



INQUIRING REPORTER

Which politician would you like to meet?

— Asked downtown

Mitch McConnell, because I would like to ask him a few questions. I want to know why he is the way he is. What's his outlook on people? It's good to know what people are thinking.

Joycelyn Eckels
San Leandro



Barack Obama, because he's an interesting person. I would ask him, how is life now compared to eight years ago?

William Alexander
San Leandro

The president, Biden, because he's the man in charge. I would ask him to help everybody.

Luis Gomez
Patterson



Barack Obama, because he was the first Black president. I would ask, what made you get into politics? And I'd like to talk to him about sports.

Howard Berry, Jr.
Richmond



Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer. She's the defense minister of Germany. But she says she doesn't want to become chancellor, and I would like to ask her why.

John Wills
Oakland



Local Artists Featured In Exhibit at Bayfair Mall

Bayfair Center is supporting local artists through an art exhibition on display inside the center titled "Overlap: Home, Immigration, and Identity."

Four artists are featured as they contemplate culture, identity and the immigrant experience.

"Overlap" is curated by San Leandro artist Andrea Guskin in partnership with Oakland-based non-profit ARTtogether. The exhibit features the work of Nimisha Doongarwal, Roya Ebtehaj, Somaieh Amini and Andrea Guskin.



"Immigrant Identity" by Nimisha Doongarwal.

ARTtogether is a Bay Area non-profit organization with a mission to provide art programs that foster compassionate communities where refugees and immigrants can flourish.

There will also be a "Meet the Artists" virtual opening held online on Thursday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m. where visitors can walk through a one-of-a-kind virtual world created exclusively for this exhibition, stopping along the way to chat with each of the artists. This event is free of charge,

but registration is required to attend the virtual opening event. For more details or to register for the opening event, visit <https://www.facebook.com/ProjectARTtogether/>.

Covid Numbers

Confirmed Cases:	Alameda County Deaths:
San Leandro: 4,309	896
Castro Valley: 2,064	State of California Deaths:
Alameda County: 70,655	37,118
California: 3,136,158	as of Jan. 25

Sherwood to Fill In as Acting San Leandro Library Director

Bill Sherwood has been appointed to serve as the Acting Library Director, effective Feb. 4.

Sherwood, the current library services manager, was selected by Interim City Manager Fran Robustelli following the retirement of Library Director Theresa Mallon, who served the San Leandro Public Library for over three decades.

Sherwood began his career with the library as a part-time librarian in 2002 and was promoted to various roles, including the senior librarian and administrative analyst. In 2015, Sherwood was promoted to his most recent position as library services manager, the second highest position within the department. He has overseen the

Manor Library Branch, Digital Branch, Adult Services and Reference, Teen Services, and the Library's Support Division, which includes IT, Technical Services, Circulation, Facilities, and Security.

"Bill Sherwood's calm demeanor and strong work ethic have supported our library system's reputation as one of the most popular and highly utilized City services," said Interim City Manager Fran Robustelli in a statement from City Hall. "I appreciate Bill's many years of service and I have no doubt his institutional knowledge will continue to be an asset to library staff and to the library's range of services. I have great faith in Bill to continue the excellent ser-

vices that are being delivered to our residents during these challenging times."

Sherwood said he looks forward to the new job.

"I look forward to working with the outstanding library staff to continue delivering the high-quality services that the community has come to expect, while leading a culture of innovation by finding new ways to create and provide programs and services for everyone," Sherwood said.

Sherwood will be acting director until a new director is chosen. For more information, contact Paul Sanftner, Communications & Community Relations Manager, at psanftner@sanleandro.org or 510-577-3372.

Chief: Torres to take helm of P.D.

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nile crime, backgrounds investigator, personnel and training. In the rank of captain, Torres served as the commander overseeing the K-9 program, hostage negotiations team, honor guard, professional standards and training and patrol division.

"Captain Torres' two decades of community-building and law enforcement experience in our city were key factors in my choice to appoint him to this acting position," said Robustelli in a statement from City Hall. "Captain Torres' vision for the department is inspiring. He is fully aware that the Police Department must grow and adapt to the current societal environment by continuing to build community trust, work with scarce



Luis Torres will become acting police chief in March.

resources, and implement new approaches to complex situations."

Torres said in the statement that he wants to move the police

department forward and bridge the gap between the police and the community.

"I am excited and honored for the opportunity to continue moving this department forward - one where we focus on community-based and data driven policing best practices. I look forward to working with the women and men of the San Leandro Police Department in the ongoing work of bridging the gap between law enforcement and the community. I am also actively listening. It is my mission to ensure that our personnel from every corner of the agency serve those who live, work, and visit San Leandro with dignity, respect, and integrity."

Torres received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Chapman University and a master of science in law enforcement and public safety leadership from the University of San Diego. He has also received leadership training from the POST Supervisory Leadership Institute, the Police Executive Research Forum's Senior Management Institute for Police, and the California Police Chief's Executive Leadership Institute from the Drucker School at Claremont Graduate University.

Torres is expected to act as interim chief until a new police chief is chosen, Robustelli said.

HOROSCOPE by Salomé

- ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** A gracious Lamb can learn more about a problem-filled situation than one who is openly suspicious of what could be happening. A friend might offer some well-directed advice.
- TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** Getting adjusted to an unexpected change might be difficult for the Bovine, who prefers things to go according to plan. But help could come from a most welcome source.
- GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** This could be a good time to get a head start on those career-related plans. The sooner you check out the pluses and minuses, the sooner you can act on your information.
- CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** A personal situation you thought would no longer present a problem could suddenly produce some surprises. Try to sort things out with the help of trusted colleagues.
- LEO (July 23 - August 22):** An upcoming move holds both anticipation and anxiety for Leos and Leonas who have some big decisions to make. Advice is plentiful, but it's up to you to decide which way you want to go.
- VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22):** Someone from a previous project could provide valuable guidance on how to handle a current problem, especially where it might involve a legal matter.
- LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22):** A business situation presents some unexpected complications. But rather than try to handle them all at once, it would be best to deal with them one at a time.
- SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21):** You just might get what you want, despite the odds against it. In any event, be sure to thank all those people involved who believed in you and went to bat for you.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** Before you even hint at an accusation, remember that you'll have to prove what you say. So be sure you have what you need to back up your comments.
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** A romantic situation takes an unexpected turn that favors some Sea Goats, but causes others to reassess how they've been handling the relationship.
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** A surprise turn of events could unsettle the Water Bearer. But it also might help open up an entirely different way of working out an important matter.
- PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** A smoothly running operation could bump up against an obstacle. This is where your ability to assess situations and make adjustments can restore things to normal.

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