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PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Dancers performed before speakers took the stage at the Steven Taylor Day rally at Marina Park on Sunday.

Big Turnout on Steven Taylor Day

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

A few hundred people came to Marina Park on Sunday in honor of Steven Taylor Day in San Leandro and listened to poetry and music and heard heartbreaking stories from people whose loved ones have been

gunned down.

Taylor's family and supporters, and families of about a dozen others killed by police, said they're fed up and it's time to change how police work is done in this country.

"We live in the deadliest police culture in the modern world," said Lee Merritt,

a civil rights attorney from Texas who represents families whose loved ones were killed by police. "No other nation on Earth kills and incarcerates more people."

Steven Taylor was shot and killed by San Leandro police last April 18 at the Hesperian

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Report: Officer Culpable in Shooting Death

City commissioned report finds officer didn't follow procedure in shooting death of Steven Taylor

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

The City of San Leandro released its commissioned independent report last Thursday revealing new details in the officer-involved shooting of Steven Taylor last April 18.

Taylor died resulting from a gunshot to the chest during a confrontation with San Leandro police inside a Walmart on Hesperian Boulevard.

The 27-page report concluded the two responding officers—former officer Jason Fletcher and current officer Stefan Overton—did not follow several San Leandro Police protocols, including use of deadly force, misuse of a Taser, failure to use crisis intervention techniques, and ignoring de-escalation tactics.

On April 18, 2020, the officers responded to a 911 call involving a man, later identified as 33-year-old Steven Taylor, who was allegedly shoplifting and had brandished a baseball bat.

The report conducted by OIR Group includes new details of the case including Fletcher's quick approach to the situation: in less than 40 seconds of first encountering Taylor with a baseball bat, Fletcher drew his firearm in his right hand and his Taser in his left hand. He then activated his Taser three times, and fired one

fatal shot with his weapon, the report said.

Fletcher did not wait for backup from Overton and did not activate his body camera until

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Police Nab Four Kids For Armed Robbery

San Leandro police have arrested four juveniles in connection with a series of recent armed robberies.

Just after noon on April 9, a man had just withdrawn money from the ATM at Chase Bank at 1320 Fairmont Drive when three juveniles approached him, pointed a gun at him and demanded money. The man claimed to be an off-duty police officer, even though he was not, and the juveniles fled in a small, white SUV without taking any money.

About 6 hours later, another victim had arrived home in the

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Longtime TV Reporter Tells Her Story

KTVU reporter Betty Ann Bruno was once a munchkin in 'The Wizard of Oz'

By Rita Williams
Special to the Times

For decades, she told other people's stories on KTVU Channel 2's "10 o'clock News." Now, she's telling her own...and it's a story chock full of insightful experiences of a long and extraordinary life well lived.

"She" is Betty Ann Bruno, an Emmy award-winning reporter who just published her memoir, *The Munchkin Diary, My Personal Yellow Brick Road*. If you only know Betty Ann from her hard-hitting TV investigations, you'll be delightfully surprised from beginning to end.

"It's true. I'm a Munchkin. Or I was for three weeks when I was seven years old," Betty Ann begins.

Yes, she played a Munchkin in what was one of Hollywood's most beloved film classics, "The Wizard of Oz" starring Judy Garland!

But her film debut actually came two years earlier...at five years old, her one and only (and reluctant) nude scene directed by the legendary John Ford in the movie "Hurricane." Betty Ann's vivid recounting

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PHOTO BY CRAIG SCHEINER

Betty Ann Bruno just released her book.

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Bruno: Her journey led her to embrace her racial identity

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transports you right there, feeling as she did then, a good little girl taught modesty and obedience, bouncing between feelings of embarrassment and exploitation.

Her family back then lived across the street from the old 20th Century Fox studios. But 1930s Hollywood was not a life of glamour for regular folks. For a young Betty Ann Cain, it was a life full of characters...her Hawaiian-born Auntie Berdie, who capitalized on the popularity of all things Polynesian to cater fantasy luaus for the rich and famous, and Uncle Ace and his popular, "slightly racy nightclub with a down home atmosphere."

Needless to say, the family's move to a farm 100 miles away was life-changing for the 8 year old Betty Ann. An outhouse and

no running water didn't matter, she says. She had a horse and a pet pig named Tiny!

At the age of 12 she got a paying job as a church organist and loved all things Catholic

"We grew up at a time when it was not cool to be ethnic."

but was sexually exploited by a cousin who introduced her to the Church. The way little girls and families dealt with – or didn't deal with – such abuse then... resonates with many women from that era today.

The same can be said about racism and racial identity. Betty

Ann was graduating from Stanford University. Her college sweetheart had proposed. Then she met his parents. They told him he couldn't marry her. Betty Ann's brown skin wasn't white like theirs.

About the same time, she applied for a passport. She knew her dad was white, born in Texas and while in the military stationed in Hawaii, married her mom, who claimed to be 100 percent Hawaiian.

But Betty Ann's birth certificate listed her mother's race as half Hawaiian and half Chinese. Betty Ann was stunned. She remembers while growing up that her mother would denigrate Chinese, telling her never to trust a Chinese man. And now, she's learning her mother's dad was Chinese.

Betty Ann writes: "We grew up in California at a time when it was not cool to be ethnic."

Betty Ann started to struggle with who she was. After years "of shame and self-loathing," she eventually embraced her racial identity. That took years and you'll have to read how she did it. Suffice to say that she kept being drawn to hula and studied off and on for years.

In 2009, after moving to Sonoma, Betty Ann offered what was supposed to be a one-time hula workshop for seniors. The 15 women and 3 men loved it so much they, and others, wanted more. Today, she still teaches traditional and modern hula to what she calls an extended family of dancers...nourished and enriched by hula but also by Betty Ann. The group is called Hula Mai, Hawaiian for 'come and dance.'

"The hula was the way I found out who I am." She's so valued and cherished – the town of Sonoma named Betty Ann Ka'



ihilani Bruno its "Treasure Artist for 2020-21."

After Stanford, Betty Ann experienced sexual discrimination. She went to Washington, D.C. to work for the CIA. She was recruited for the Junior Officer Training program. Once there,

"The hula was the way I found out who I was."

however, she worked as a secretary, waiting for an opening that never came.

There's so much more. Marriage. Three children. Divorce. Marriage again to KTVU cameraman Craig Scheiner (still happily married). President of the Oakland League of Women Voters. Political and civil activism. A run as the first multi-racial woman against an old boy network for an Oakland City Council seat. Getting her on-air job at KTVU. Working for legendary and revered TV news director Fred Zehnder (now publisher of this newspaper). Thrilling and sometimes dangerous experiences as a reporter digging for the truth.

Tragically, one of Betty Ann's biggest news stories was not an "assignment." She lived it.

It was gut-wrenching to watch her live on TV that day, October 20, 1991, when a raging

wildfire killed 25 people and destroyed almost 3,000 homes, including hers. She was standing on a roof telling friend and KTVU colleague Faith Fancher about barely escaping with her life minutes earlier, losing her home of three decades, still seeing the smoke and flames as a lifetime of possessions burned.

Over the next months and years, she told her story (to rebuild or not, the emotional toll, battling insurance companies, trying to change state insurance laws) and that of the thousands of others whose lives were changed by the horrific East Bay Firestorm. That's one reason for the book, a way to tell her sons that the fire took their mother's mementos, but it didn't take her memories. And we're all the richer for it.

I was Betty Ann's news colleague, admirer and friend at KTVU. She's still a dear friend. Reading this book is like chatting with her over a glass of wine. Her youthful exuberance, her lack of blame or bitterness, her wisdom and embrace of all aspects of her life comes through each page. Her life, all 89 amazing years of it, told through this book, will enrich your own lives. Don't miss it.

Betty Ann Bruno can be reached at TheMunchkin@themunchkindiary.org

Rita Williams is an award-winning TV reporter who was the San Francisco Bureau Chief for KTVU Channel 2 News for many years.

PETS OF THE WEEK



Reita



Muffin

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter are both rabbits, Reita and Muffin.

Reita is a dainty female rabbit who likes to keep her room just so and has a specific place for all her things. She enjoys timothy hay and a once weekly treat of a single banana slice.

Muffin is a shy female bunny who enjoys the simple things in life, like a cool cup of water and a bowl of freshly cut herbs like dill and basil.

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

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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Impatience is still somewhat of a problem. But a sign of progress should soothe the anxious Aries heart. Meanwhile, invest some of that waiting time in preparing for the change ahead.



TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Bovines tend to excel at solving problems, not creating them. But you risk doing just that if you're slow to respond to a timely situation. If necessary, seek advice from someone you trust.



GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): The Gemini Twin might need to do more than a routine check of both a job-linked and home-based situation. Dig deeper for more data on both fronts to avoid unwanted surprises later.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Moon Children facing an important workplace decision are encouraged to use their perceptiveness to see through any attempt to win them over with a supercharge of fawning and flattery.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): Good news catapults Leos and Leonas into reconsidering a deferred decision. But time has moved on, and it's a good idea to recheck your plans and make adjustments where necessary.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): The week favors relationships, both personal and professional. Take the time to look for and immediately repair any vulnerable areas caused by unresolved misunderstandings.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): A friend's problems bring out your protective instincts. Be careful to keep a balance between meeting the obligations of friendship without being overwhelmed by them.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): The temptation to take an extreme position on an issue is strong, but moderation is favored both in personal and professional dealings. Move toward finding areas of agreement.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Getting another boss or teacher? Try to see the person behind the image. It will help you adjust more easily to the changes that new authority figures inevitably bring.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Much as you might dislike the idea, keep an open mind about using the assistance of a third party to help resolve problems that threaten to unravel an important agreement.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Career choices that seem too confusing to deal with at this point probably are. More information would help unconfuse them. On the personal side, a friend might need your advice.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): A challenge that seems easy enough at first could take an unexpected turn that might test your resolve. Decide if you feel you should stay with it, or if it's better to move in another direction.

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Community Calendar

Book to Action: A Conversation with Author of *Kiss the Ground*

The California Center for the Book invites all to engage in a virtual conversation with Josh Tickell, environmental thought leader and award-winning director and author of the *Kiss the Ground*, on Earth Day, Thursday, April 22, at 6 p.m. Discover ways Californians can come together and make both individual and collective change for a more sustainable future. Register at sanleandrolibrary.org for this event.

SL Democratic Club Earth Day Forum

Celebrate Earth Day with the San Leandro Democratic Club with a virtual forum on Thursday, April 22, at 6:30 p.m. The forum will feature local speakers from SanLeandro2050, Dig Deep Farms, and Medshare. The public is welcome. Connect at: <http://tiny.cc/yyevtz> to join the forum.

Meet Candidate for District Attorney Jimmie Wilson

San Leandro residents are invited to come meet candidate for Alameda County District Attorney, Jimmie Wilson, on Friday April 23, from 5 to 7 p.m. Wilson has been a Deputy District Attorney for more than 16 years. He will be available to meet San Leandrans at the home of one of his supporters at 1320 Sandelin Court, San Leandro (Bay-o-Vista).

As a member of the Executive Board of the NAACP Hayward South Alameda County, Wilson understands that real change happens when elected officials listen to their citizens and hear their concerns. For more information email: jimmiewilsonda@gmail.com or visit www.jimmiewilsonforda.com

Art for Climate Change

The Sun Gallery, 1015 E St. in Hayward, is having a climate change art exhibit from April 23 to June 5. Gallery hours are Friday and Saturday

from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be a reception on Saturday, May 1, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Marina Park Clean-Up

City Council members Bryan Azevedo and Pete Ballew will host a community clean-up at Marina Park, 14001 Monarch Bay Drive, on Saturday, April 24, from 9 to 11 a.m. Gloves, water, snacks, vests, and garbage bags will be supplied. Prizes awarded for the top two garbage getters. Teamsters Local 70 will host a barbecue after the cleanup.

San Leandro Teachers' Association Forum

The San Leandro Teachers' Association Human Rights and Social Justice Committee will host an online forum on the SLTA's Youtube channel on Thursday, April 29, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Students, teachers and other speakers will discuss how to best support students as they transition into in-person learning in the upcoming summer and fall semesters. Find the forum on the SLTA-San Leandro Teachers' Association Youtube channel.

Free Online Watercolor Workshop

The Hayward Arts Council invites you to a free watercolor clothed-figure workshop by Castro Valley artist Claudine Krause over Zoom on Saturday, April 24 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Krause received a BFA and MFA in Fine Arts from the San Francisco Academy of Art. She paints in a variety of mediums and has a passion for portraits of people and pets. For 11 years, she has taught art classes to all age groups, from beginners to advanced students.

Registration for this free workshop is required at www.haywardartscouncil.org/. A confirmation zoom link to join the workshop will be emailed the day before. Sponsored by the Hayward Arts Council.

Items for the calendar can be emailed to jimk@ebpublishing.com or call 510-614-1557.

Report: Gun in one hand, taser in other

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after the first Taser was applied, violating San Leandro Police policies, the report said. Additionally, Overton activated his Taser a single time after Taylor had already been shot and had since dropped the bat.

"Had a different approach been taken, the use of deadly force might have been avoided altogether," OIR Group lead investigators Michael Gennaco and Stephen Connolly said in the report.

Despite these repeated assertions that Taylor was acting irrationally, and a belief that he wanted the officer to shoot him, Fletcher said he had no information regarding any potential mental illness. A representative with the family of Steven Taylor reiterated that Taylor was absolutely suffering a mental health crisis at the time of the shooting.

"This incident further underscores the irrationality of using police to respond to individuals experiencing a mental health crisis," said Catalina Brennan-Gatica, a spokesperson for Steven Taylor's family. "The CRISES Act (Calif. Assembly Bill 2054)

would fund local emergency response programs not run by the police, like MH (Mental Health) First, that would provide communities with experienced individuals who can help those in the midst of a crisis."

The report was released a

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few days before the one-year anniversary of the incident and this past Sunday's Steven Taylor and Sanctity of Life Day event at Marina Park.

The report was based on audio recordings of 911 calls and radio traffic, and audio/video recordings from the body cameras of the two involved officers, and video and from a bystander who recorded the event on her cell phone. Additionally, investigators with the contracted OIR Group

interviewed 10 eyewitnesses who had been in the Walmart when the shooting occurred and said they had seen relevant aspects of the incident. While Fletcher was interviewed in April 2020 following the shooting, the former officer's lawyer said he declined to be interviewed in February citing the pending criminal case. Overton was interviewed several times.

In a statement, Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter said the City was determined to find answers and remain transparent with its investigation.

"I want to make it clear to the residents of San Leandro, that we will learn from this tragic event and make any needed changes to our training, outreach, and culture to ensure something like this never happens again," Cutter said.

Last September, the Alameda County District Attorney's Office charged former Officer Jason Fletcher with voluntary manslaughter. The criminal case is pending. The San Leandro Police Department is expected to make a determination concerning disciplinary actions regarding Officer Overton by June 18.

Virtual Native Gardens Tour Starts Sunday

Registration is now open for the free, virtual 17th Annual "Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tours" on the Sundays of April 25 and May 2, 16, and 23, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The award-winning tours will feature 25 beautiful native plant gardens, Q&A sessions with experts, and garden design and plant selection information. Check out the schedule of events at www.bringingbackthenatives.net/ and register for one of the tours now.

Green Home Tour

Join garden tour host Kathy Kramer and electrification advocate Amy Kiser at a free companion event, the 1st Annual Virtual Green Home Tours on June 6 and 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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So move over wine and make way for a little of the brewer's art in the kitchen.

BEER-BATTERED ONION RINGS

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
 - 2 eggs, separated
 - 1 cup beer
 - 4 tablespoons melted butter
 - Salt to taste
 - 3 large onions, sliced into rings
 - 2 quarts oil for frying
- Sift flour into a large bowl. In

another large bowl, whisk egg yolks. Mix in beer, butter and salt. Set aside 1 cup of flour for dipping the onion rings.

Slowly stir the egg yolk mixture into the remaining flour and mix well. Allow the mixture to stand 30 to 60 minutes.

Heat deep fryer to 375°F.

In a small bowl, stiffly beat the egg whites. Gently combine the egg whites with the batter. Coat each onion ring with flour and dip into batter.

Deep fry the battered rings, several at a time, until golden brown. Drain on paper towels and serve. Makes 5 servings.

BEER & CHEDDAR SOUP

- 2 tablespoons chopped onion
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 2 chicken bouillon cubes
- 6 cups milk
- 1-1/4 cups shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
- Pinch dry mustard
- Salt, pepper and paprika
- 1-1/2 cups beer
- Chopped green bell pepper
- Crumbled crisp bacon

Cook onion in butter in top of double boiler directly over burner until golden brown. Stir in flour and bouillon cubes. Blend in milk.

Place over bottom of double boiler with 1 inch hot water and cook until slightly thickened. Add cheese and mustard and cook until cheese melts, stirring occasionally. Season to taste with salt, pepper and paprika.

Add 1/4 cup beer to each serving and accompany with green pepper and bacon. Makes 6 servings.

TEXAS BEER CHILI

- 2 tablespoons lean ground beef
- 2 (8-oz) cans tomato sauce
- 1 (16-ounce) can pinto beans
- 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 1 teaspoon oregano
- 1 teaspoon salt, to taste
- 1 teaspoon cayenne or to taste
- 1 (16-ounce) can tomatoes
- 1 (12-ounce) can beer
- 1 small onion, chopped

Cook ground beef in frying pan and drain liquid. Mix beef in large pot with tomato sauce, pinto beans and chopped up can of peeled tomatoes. Add chili powder, oregano and your favorite beer (or water, if preferred). Salt lightly to taste and add 1 small onion.

Simmer for 10 minutes and then carefully add cayenne pepper. One teaspoon will be quite hot so you may want to try just a little. Stir it in slowly and

cook another 5 minutes.

This chili tastes even better the next day and you can also try different kinds of beans.

WELSH RAREBIT

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1 tablespoon mustard powder, or to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne, or to taste
- 3/4 cup strong dark beer, like Guinness
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce, or to taste
- 1 pound Cheddar cheese, 4 to 8 pieces lightly toasted bread

Put butter in a saucepan over medium heat and, as it melts, stir in flour. Continue to cook, stirring occasionally, until golden brown and very fragrant, 3 to 5 minutes. Stir in mustard and cayenne, then whisk in beer and Worcestershire sauce.

When mixture is uniform, turn heat to low and stir in cheese, again stirring until smooth.

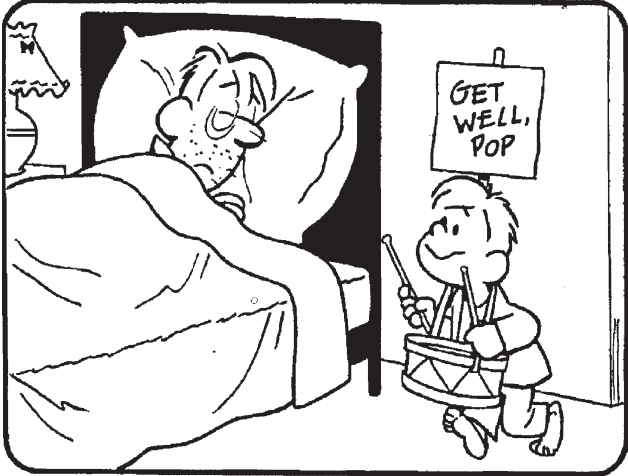
Remove from heat and pour into a broad container to set (you can refrigerate for up to a day at this point).

Spread mixture thickly on toast and put under broiler until bubbly and edges of toast are crisp.

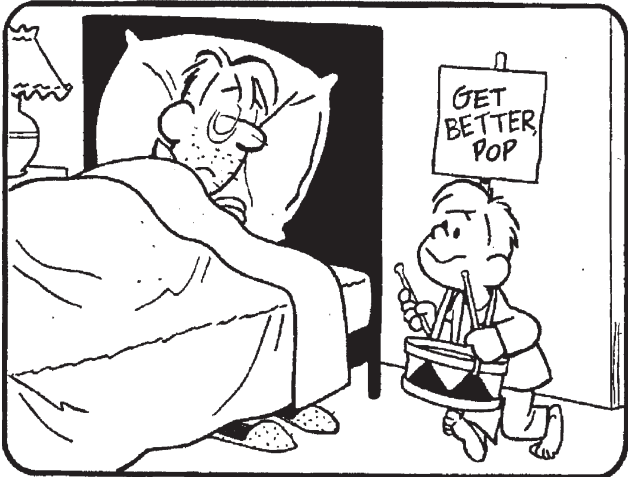
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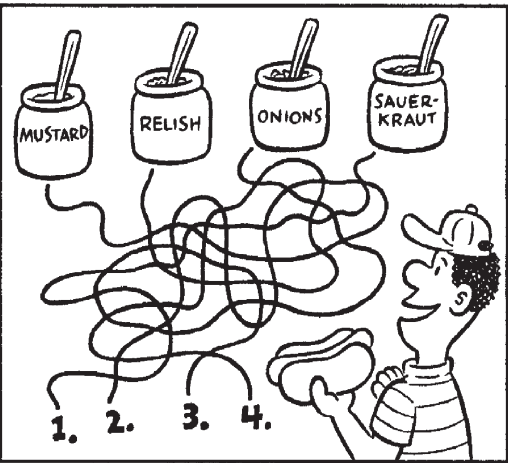
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Pillow is smaller. 2. Sign is different. 3. Drums are shorter. 4. Bow is missing. 5. Slippers are added. 6. Drum is different.



HOT DOG! Jimmy likes to "decorate" his hot dogs in the following order: mustard first, then relish, onions and sauerkraut. What routes should Jimmy take?

GREEN STUFF! When Farmer Brown closed up his roadside stand for the day, he found that he took in \$700 in dollar bills, half-dollars and quarters. He also noted that he had an equal number of each. Can you figure out how many of each denomination he had?

NO MEAT BALL! Pictured below are two puzzle grids, A and B. Each contains four words that you must figure out. Hints are given beside each word and one letter has already been filled in. Also, the words in Grid B contain the same letters as the corresponding words in Grid A.

- 1. Type of race.
- 2. A joke.
- 3. Type of rug.
- 4. Broken-leg feature.

GRID A

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GRID B

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- 1. Citrus fruit.
- 2. Fast planes.
- 3. Type of cut.
- 4. Famous musical.



by Charles Barry Townsend

DINER LINGO!

Back in the golden age of diners, the staff had a colorful way of describing the items on the menu. Below is a list of diner expressions along with the items as they appeared on the menu. Can you match them up?

- 1. "Gimme a shimmy!"
- 2. "Limey with china!"
- 3. "Bossy in a bowl!"
- 4. "Clean the kitchen, red lead!"
- 5. "A Garibaldi!"
- 6. "Hook it through the garden!"
- 7. "Shoe in the pan!"

- MENU ITEMS**
- A. Hash with ketchup.
- B. Tuna-salad plate.
- C. An order of Jell-O.
- D. Fried fillet of sole.
- E. English muffin with tea.
- F. Beef stew.
- G. Italian hero sandwich.

Above, our waitress is calling out an order. What is she actually requesting?

poached eggs on toast.



Police Chief Recruitment Survey



The City of San Leandro is embarking on the recruitment of a new Police Chief. As part of the preparation efforts, the City is seeking feedback the recruiters can use to help create the candidate profile, identify community members' perspectives on priorities, and gain additional information that may be of interest to potential candidates.

There are five questions in total and the brief survey can take as little as 3-5 minutes to complete.

La Ciudad de San Leandro se está embarcando en el reclutamiento de un nuevo Jefe de Policía. Como parte de los esfuerzos de preparación, la Ciudad está solicitando feedback que los reclutadores puedan usar para ayudar a crear el perfil del candidato, identificar las perspectivas de los miembros de la comunidad sobre sus prioridades y obtener información adicional que pueda ser de interés para los candidatos potenciales.

Hay cuatro preguntas en total y la corta encuesta puede tardar entre 3 y 5 minutos en completarse.

圣莱昂多市警察局长招聘调查

圣莱安德罗市正着手招聘新的警察局长。作为准备工作的一部分，市政府正在寻求征募者可以用来帮助创建候选人资料，确定社区成员对优先事项的观点以及获得潜在候选人可能感兴趣的其他信息的反馈。

总共有四个问题，这个简短的调查可能只需3-5分钟即可完成。

Survey Questions

1. How would you describe the leadership style and professional attributes that are most critical to look for in considering potential candidates?

2. What strengths, experience, and/or accomplishments do you hope the new Police Chief will bring to the position?

3. What are the most important issues you would like the new Police Chief to address during their first year on the job?

4. Is there anything you would like potential candidates to know about the City that they won't necessarily learn by doing online research or visiting San Leandro?

1. ¿Cómo describiría usted el estilo de liderazgo y los atributos profesionales que son más importantes a la hora de considerar candidatos potenciales?

2. ¿Qué fortalezas, experiencia y/o logros desearía que el nuevo Jefe de Policía traiga al puesto?

3. ¿Cuáles son los problemas más importantes que le gustaría que el nuevo Jefe de Policía abordara durante su primer año en el cargo?

4. ¿Hay algo que le gustaría que los candidatos potenciales supieran sobre la ciudad que no necesariamente aprenderán al hacer una investigación en internet o al visitar San Leandro?

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3. 您希望新警察局长在工作的第一年来解决哪些最重要的问题？

4. 您是否想让潜在候选人知道一些关于城市的知识，他们不一定会通过在线研究或访问圣莱安德罗来学习？

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REAL ESTATE GALLERY



REAL ESTATE REALITY

By Carl Medford, CRS
Special to the Times

GUEST COMMENTARY



Housing Shortage Continues to Plague the Market

Heading into the primary residential selling season, all indicators suggest 2021 will be a year to remember.

With a large pool of well-qualified buyers, continued low interest rates and a strong economy, it would seem we have everything we need for a successful spring market. Problem is, we are missing one key ingredient: Houses to buy.

A drive through almost any neighborhood reveals a startling fact: the number of yards brandishing "For Sale" signs is almost zero. Back during the foreclosure crisis, real estate signs dotted neighborhoods like weeds after a summer rain. Currently you can drive for blocks before spotting a solitary sign.

It is true that the coronavirus has changed the market in some ways. Some potential sellers, forced to stay at home for the past year, have concluded that it might be better to fix up their existing home than try to sell and find a replacement in the current ultra-competitive arena.

Many are afraid that if they sell their current property, they will not be able to find a replacement. Older sellers, who historically might have relocated to smaller homes, are choosing to sit tight in their existing homes as long as possible.

Building enough new homes continues to be an issue as a combination of skyrocketing building material costs, shortage of skilled labor and tightening building regulations has dramatically slowed new home construction. Conversely, the residential remodeling sector is running flat out trying to keep up with the ever-increasing demand for renovations by those homeowners who have decided to sit tight and fix up their current digs.

On the flip side of the equation, the pool of available buyers continues to grow as a new generation of homebuyers are flooding to the market.

With interest rates incredibly low, their buying

power is the best it has been in years. Coupled with a continuing strong economy, long-term prospects have never been better.

In contrast to the boomer generation, younger generations, many with young children, have been forced by COVID-19 to reexamine their current living conditions. Small homes that might have worked pre-pandemic have revealed themselves to be too small, forcing relocation to larger properties where family members can spread out.

In the meantime, it is a frustrating time for potential buyers as limited inventory is causing multiple offers and pushing prices higher. The bad news? It does not appear it will be slowing down anytime soon.

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Mortgage Rates Drop Again

Long-term mortgage rates fell for the second straight, according to Freddie Mac's nationwide survey issued last Thursday.

Thirty-year fixed-rate mortgages averaged 3.04 percent, down from the previous week when they averaged 3.13 percent. A year ago at this time, the 30-year rate averaged 3.31 percent.

Fifteen-year fixed-rate mortgages averaged 2.35 percent, down from 2.42 percent.

Five-year hybrid adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 2.80 percent, down from 2.92 percent.

"Mortgage rates took another dip last week as the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage decreased by almost ten basis points, week over week,"

said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's Chief Economist. "The economy is improving on the demand side and on the supply side, a variety of goods and materials remain scarce. As a result of this imbalance, pricing pressures are building and causing inflation to rise. Despite the pause in mortgage rates recently, we expect them to increase modestly for the remainder of this year."

Online Homeowners Expo Next Wednesday

The 2021 Alameda County Homeowners Expo is coming up on Wednesday, April 28, from noon to 1:30 p.m. via Zoom, a can't-miss event for homeowners and first-time homebuyers.

Hear experts share valuable resources and information about refinancing, securing funds for home upgrades, preparing to make homeownership a

reality and so much more.

Learn about lowering property taxes, how to keep the family home without being reassessed, resources for the first-time homebuyer, loans available for home updating

For details and to register, visit atd.tinyurl.com/homeowners-expo. Simultaneous translation available in Spanish, Cantonese and ASL.

RECENT HOME SALES

Castro Valley

4016 Berdina Road	94546: \$789,000 2 BD - 1,022 SF - 1940
20948 Ashfield Avenue	94546: \$820,000 3 BD - 1,314 SF - 1956
2250 Regent Way	94546: \$830,000 3 BD - 1,537 SF - 1954
21893 Betlen Way	94546: \$831,000 3 BD - 1,272 SF - 1954
21437 Justco Lane	94552: \$950,000 3 BD - 1,541 SF - 1990
4627 Mira Loma Street	94546: \$1,022,000 3 BD - 1,524 SF - 1956
18357 Carmel Drive	94546: \$1,050,000 4 BD - 1,973 SF - 1952
5815 Cold Water Drive	94552: \$1,185,000 4 BD - 2,356 SF - 1972
25760 Silver Canyon Ct	94552: \$1,255,000 4 BD - 2,092 SF - 1998
19798 Salem Road	94546: \$1,300,000 5 BD - 2,759 SF - 1949
18894 West Cavendish Dr	94552: \$1,375,000 4 BD - 2,929 SF - 1988
4590 James Avenue	94546: \$1,410,000 3 BD - 2,409 SF - 1947
25701 Crestfield Drive	94552: \$1,425,000 4 BD - 2,605 SF - 2000
5973 Bellingham Drive	94552: \$1,500,000 5 BD - 2,830 SF - 1986
5067 Seaview Avenue	94546: \$1,688,000 5 BD - 3,406 SF - 1950
TOTAL SALES:	15
LOWEST AMOUNT:	\$789,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT:	\$1,688,000
MEDIAN AMOUNT:	\$1,185,000
AVERAGE AMOUNT:	\$1,162,000

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733 Douglas Drive	94577: \$317,000 3 BD - 1,706 SF - 1942
14421 Juniper Street	94579: \$450,000 3 BD - 1,076 SF - 1952
15386 Hesperian Blvd	94578: \$517,500 3 BD - 1,376 SF - 1979
2313 Spinnaker Court	94579: \$525,000 3 BD - 2,225 SF - 2000
3757 Avansino Street	94578: \$560,000 3 BD - 1,356 SF - 1978
15208 Vera Avenue	94578: \$675,000 2 BD - 874 SF - 1947
2178 Bradhoff Avenue	94577: \$700,000 2 BD - 1,484 SF - 1947
478 Olive Street	94578: \$703,000 2 BD - 856 SF - 1947
1209 View Drive	94577: \$720,000 4 BD - 3,212 SF - 1956
1192 Billings Blvd	94577: \$720,000 2 BD - 1,189 SF - 1942
1252 Pierce Avenue	94577: \$733,000 3 BD - 1,128 SF - 1942
1064 Billings Blvd	94577: \$745,000 2 BD - 895 SF - 1942
14105 Corvallis Street	94579: \$783,000 3 BD - 1,081 SF - 1951
15300 Laverne Drive	94579: \$820,000 3 BD - 1,107 SF - 1957
15372 Ruggles Street	94579: \$890,000 3 BD - 1,761 SF - 1955
TOTAL SALES:	15
LOWEST AMOUNT:	\$317,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT:	\$890,000
MEDIAN AMOUNT:	\$703,000
AVERAGE AMOUNT:	\$657,233



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SENIORS

How the \$1.9 Trillion American Rescue Act Will Help Seniors

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

Q I know that Congress and President Biden recently approved a new law that adds significant money into improving vaccinations and other COVID-19 outreach, but I wonder what other provisions are in the new law that might help seniors.

A Good question. The American Rescue Plan Act, H.R. 1319, was narrowly passed on party lines

in Congress and then signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021. It directs a massive \$1.9-trillion dollars into the economy to fund these stimulus payments and to provide other much needed help.

It is a massive document that runs into hundreds of pages, and provides benefits covering families, employers, health care, education, and housing.

Here are some selected provisions that may be of interest

to seniors:

Stimulus Payments: The ARPA provides \$1,400 direct payments to individuals with up to \$75,000 in annual income, and couples with incomes up to \$150,000, with phase outs for higher earners.

These payments will not affect eligibility for Medicaid or Supplemental Security Income as long as any amount



that pushes recipients above the program's asset limits is spent within 12 months. Many of these payments have already been direct-deposited into tax-payer accounts.

Medi-Cal (Medicaid) Home Care: The Act provides more than \$12 billion in funding to expand Medicaid Home and Community-Based Waivers for one year. This funding will allow states to provide additional homebased longterm care services, which will help seniors from being forced into

nursing homes. The additional money will also allow states to set up programs to increase care-givers' pay.

Nursing homes: The Act supports the deployment of strike teams to help nursing homes that have COVID-19 outbreaks. It also provides funds to improve infection control in those facilities.

Pensions: Many multi-employer pension plans are on the verge of collapse due to under-funding. The law creates a system to allow plans that are insolvent to apply for grants in order to keep paying full benefits.

Medical Deductions: The law permanently lowers the threshold for deducting medical expenses. Taxpayers can now deduct unreimbursed medical expenses that exceed 7.5 percent of their income. The threshold was otherwise set to increase to 10 percent under the 2017 tax law.

Older Americans Act: The ARPA provides funding to programs authorized under the Older Americans Act, including vaccine outreach, caregiver support, and the longterm care ombudsman program. It also directs funding for the Elder Justice Act and to improve transportation for older Americans and people with disabilities.

Housing Assistance: It increases funding for housing assistance, with targeted assistance to low-income communities. Notably, it provides homeowner assistance to prevent foreclosures.

Utility Assistance: The law provides energy assistance through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), and water subsidies through a related program.

SNAP: It provides a 15% increase in SNAP food assistance benefits through September 30, 2021.

Child Tax Credit: The law expands the child tax credit so that qualifying families will receive a tax credit of up to \$3,000 per child aged 6B17, and \$3,600 for children under 6. This will benefit Agrand-parent@ families who are raising their grandchildren.

COBRA Health Insurance: The ARPA provides a new 60 day enrollment period and 100% coverage of COBRA premiums for individuals who lost (or lose) employment through September 30, 2021.

HCBS: It increases Medi-Cal (Medicaid) funding for Home and Community-based Services to enable more seniors in need to receive care at home.

Unemployment: It makes the first \$10,200 of unemployment insurance received in year 2020 tax free for households with an adjusted gross income under \$150,000.

COVID-19: It provides vaccines and treatment under Medicaid and CHIP without cost-sharing.

Gene L. Osofsky is an Elder Law and Estate Planning attorney in the East Bay. Visit his website at www.LawyerForSeniors.com.

How to Help Elderly Parent with Finances

Q: What tips can you offer on helping an elderly parent with their finances? My 84-year-old father is having trouble keeping up with his bills and insurance, and I just found out that he's been making contributions to a suspicious charity.

By Jim Miller
Special to the Times

A: Many adult children serve as financial helpers to their elderly or ill parents. They provide services like paying bills, handling deposits and investments, filing insurance claims, preparing taxes and more. Here are some tips and resources that can help you help your dad.

• **Start with a Conversation** Taking on the task of helping an elderly parent with their finances can be a sensitive and difficult topic. The first step in helping your dad is to have a respectful talk with him expressing your concerns, as you stated in your question, and offering to help him.

If you have siblings, it can be a good idea to get them involved too. This can help you head off any possible hard feelings and will let your dad know everyone is concerned.

• **Get Organized**

If your dad is willing to let you help manage, monitor or

take over his financial affairs your first order of business is to get organized by making a list of his financial accounts and other important information.

Your list should include his:

Contact list: Names and numbers of key contacts like insurance agents, financial advisor, tax preparer, family attorney, etc.

Monthly bills: Phone, cable, water and trash, gas, electric, credit card accounts, etc.

Financial accounts: Including bank accounts, brokerage and mutual fund accounts, safe-deposit boxes and any other financial assets he has. Also get usernames and passwords for financial accounts that are set up online.

Company benefits: Any retirement plans, pensions or health benefits from his current or former employer.

Insurance policies: Life, home, auto, long-term care, Medicare, etc.

Taxes: Copies of your dad's income tax returns over the past few years.

• **Locate Important Documents**

This is also the ideal time to find out if your dad has the following essential legal documents: A will; an advance directive that includes a living will and health-care proxy, which allows you or another

family member or friend to make medical decisions on his behalf if he becomes incapacitated; and a durable power of attorney, which gives you or a designated person similar legal authority for financial decisions, if needed.

If he doesn't have these important documents prepared, now is the time to do it. And if they are prepared, make sure they're updated, and you know where they're located.

• **Simplify Financial Tasks**

The quickest way to help your dad simplify his monthly financial chores is to set up automatic payments for his utilities and other routine bills and arrange for direct deposit of his income sources.

If your dad has savings and investments scattered in many different accounts, you should consider consolidating them. You can also set up your dad's bank system and investment accounts online, so you can pay bills and monitor his accounts anytime.

• **Set Up Protections**

To guard against scams and risky financial behaviors, consider getting your dad a True Link Visa Prepaid Card (TrueLinkFinancial.com/card).

Designed for older adults with cognitive issues this card would provide your dad access to his money but with restrictions that you set on how funds can be spent.

Or check out EverSafe.com, a web-based service that will automatically monitor your dad's accounts, track suspicious activity and alert you when a problem is detected.

• **Seek Help**

If you need help or live far away, consider hiring a daily money manager (see AADMM.com) who can come in once or twice a month to pay bills, make deposits, decipher health insurance statements and balance his checkbook. Fees range between \$60 and \$150 per hour.

Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

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City Councilman Aguilar Running for State Assembly

San Leandro City Councilman Victor Aguilar announced this week he's running for the state assembly in District 18 in the upcoming special election.

Aguilar was elected to the San Leandro City Council in 2018, and became the first openly gay person to serve in that role. He previously served on the Human Services Commission in San Leandro, and as a school board member of the San Leandro Unified School District.

The current assembly member for District 18, Rob Bonta, is expected to be confirmed as state attorney general, which will leave a vacancy for the assembly seat. A date hasn't been set yet for a special election.

"I see our campaign as an opportunity to fight for progres-

sive values," Aguilar said in a press release. "Californians need someone who is willing to champion

high-impact programs that will benefit everyone and prioritize the delivery of direct services toward the people who need it most. Universal healthcare, affordable housing, climate resilience and criminal justice reform are the issues I will champion once elected to represent District 18 in Sacramento."

Aguilar will run against several other candidates who are running for the seat, including another San Leandro resident, school board member, James



Victor Aguilar

Aguilar (no relation), a San Francisco state student and youngest trustee to be elected to the San Leandro school board.

Other candidates are Janani Ramachandran, an attorney who works on tenants' rights, and domestic violence issues; Malia Vella, an attorney and Alameda City Council member; and Mia Bonta, Alameda school board member, CEO of a nonprofit that helps students get into college, and is married to Rob Bonta.

Victor Aguilar said his record of pushing for tenants' rights, supporting police oversight, and leadership in the East Bay LGBTQIA+ community, makes him uniquely qualified to take on these challenges in Sacramento.

Man Shot at Shell Gas Station By Employee, Police Say

Police responded to W. Juana Avenue and Carpentier Street last Friday at 5:20 p.m. to find a gunshot victim, who said he had been shot at the Shell gas station at 2175 Marina Blvd., at the corner of Doolittle Drive.

The victim was taken to the

hospital where he was listed in critical condition.

Police determined that the suspect was a Shell station clerk, 31-year-old Sergio Williams, who said he was upset the victim had parked in the lot of the gas station for a long time.

San Leandro detectives worked with Fremont police to find the suspect and take him into custody within hours, said Lt. Ali Khan of the San Leandro police.

"We hope the victim makes a speedy recovery," Khan said.

Police: Man Stabbed to Death On Dutton Avenue by Roommate

A man was stabbed to death in the 300 block of Dutton Avenue on Sunday night.

Police were called at about 11

p.m. and found a man suffering from stab wounds, according to San Leandro police.

Police arrested a 33-year-

old roommate of the victim for homicide.

More details will be provided later, said San Leandro police.

Robbery: Armed robbery suspects are 11 and 12 years old

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300 block of Pershing Drive when he was approached by two juveniles, who tried to carjack him using a gun.

The man body-slammed one of the suspects, which disarmed the suspect of the weapon. Both suspects then fled in a small,

white SUV.

Surveillance video from both cases revealed it was the same getaway car, a white Kia Niro.

On April 13, Oakland police arrested three juveniles inside the Kia who were involved in an armed robbery. The juveniles were arrested and released to their

guardians.

On April 16, San Leandro police responded to a carjacking in the 200 block of Begier Avenue. Police caught the suspects in Oakland and arrested four juveniles – an 11-year-old, a 12-year-old, and two 14-year

San Leandro Police Make Arrests In Catalytic Converter Thefts

San Leandro police arrested four people last week for thefts of catalytic converters.

In one case, police responded to a catalytic converter theft in the 1500 block of Washington Avenue on April 13. Police got a description of a suspect vehicle and later found the vehicle in Oakland where they saw the suspects attempting to sell numerous catalytic converters, according to San Leandro police. Police arrested two men from Oakland,

ages 31 and 32.

On April 14, police responded to another catalytic converter theft in the 400 block of Superior Avenue. Police found three people in the process of cutting a catalytic converter from a car, according to San Leandro police. Two of the suspects fled in a vehicle, and officers pursued them into Oakland. One of the suspects remained at the scene and was taken into custody.

After a suspect's car collided

with a parked car in Oakland, police took another suspect into custody. The suspect's car contained a generator and power-driven cutting tool used to remove the catalytic converters. Catalytic converters were also recovered from the suspect's vehicle.

The San Leandro Police Department advises to try to park in well-lit areas, close to building entrances or near busy roadways, and install aftermarket catalytic converter security devices.

OPINION

LETTERS to the EDITOR

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

Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter Statement on Derek Chauvin Murder Trial Verdict

Editor:

Following the guilty verdicts on the three charges in the murder trial of former Minneapolis Police Officer Derek Chauvin, my mind is focused on the family of George Floyd, his friends, and his community after a long and painful year of sorrow.

The district attorney's office presented their case, and the jury came to prompt and reasonable conclusions. Though we saw justice articulated in the courtroom today, true justice would have been Derek Chauvin showing humanity toward Mr. Floyd on May 25, 2020. True justice would have afforded Mr. Floyd the right to live peacefully in his community for years to come.

I continue to support the San Leandro Police Department, knowing that I also support police reform to ensure they are in true service to

the community. Let this moment in time be the turning point we can mark as the day we moved forward, making real change.

Tonight, let us reflect on the years of injustices our neighbors of color have endured and commit to doing all we can to ensure a just and equitable community

—Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter
San Leandro

Is the Large Print for Seniors?

Editor:

As I was reading the April 8th, 2021 San Leandro Times, I thought wow, I can easily read this article, on page 5, "How To Search For Senior Discounts," then I realized it was large print. I glanced at page 4, it was small print as was the remaining pages and articles. I thought strange, does this mean the rest of the paper's contents is not for seniors? I started laughing, I had never noticed this before.

Today I glanced through the

April 15th edition of the paper, I did not notice any large print articles, so I guess nothing for seniors to read this week.

—Kathy Starzenski
San Leandro

Plant-Based Food Helps the Planet

Editor:

With Earth Day on April 22nd, we have reduced our carbon footprint by curtailing travel and our thermostat. We recycle. But we can do so much more by cutting our consumption of animal meat and milk products. Yes, that.

A recent article in The Guardian argues that animal agriculture is a major driver of climate change, as well as air and water pollution, depletion of soil and water resources, and destruction of wildlife habitats.

Oxford University's prestigious Food Climate Research Network reports that solving the global warming catastrophe requires massive shift to plant-based eating. The Netflix feature Seaspiracy documents the devastating environmental impacts of the fishing industry.

In an environmentally sustainable world, we must replace meat, fish, and dairy products with vegetables, fruits, legumes, nuts, seeds,

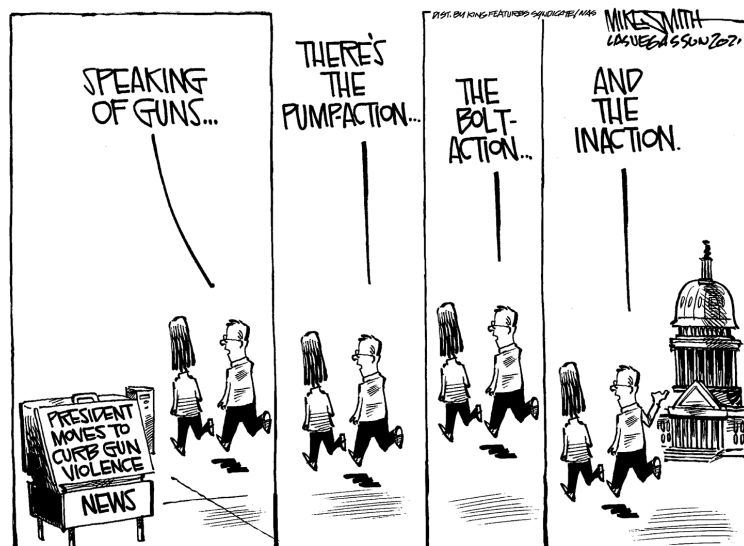
and grains, just as we replace fossil fuels with wind, solar, and other renewable energy sources.

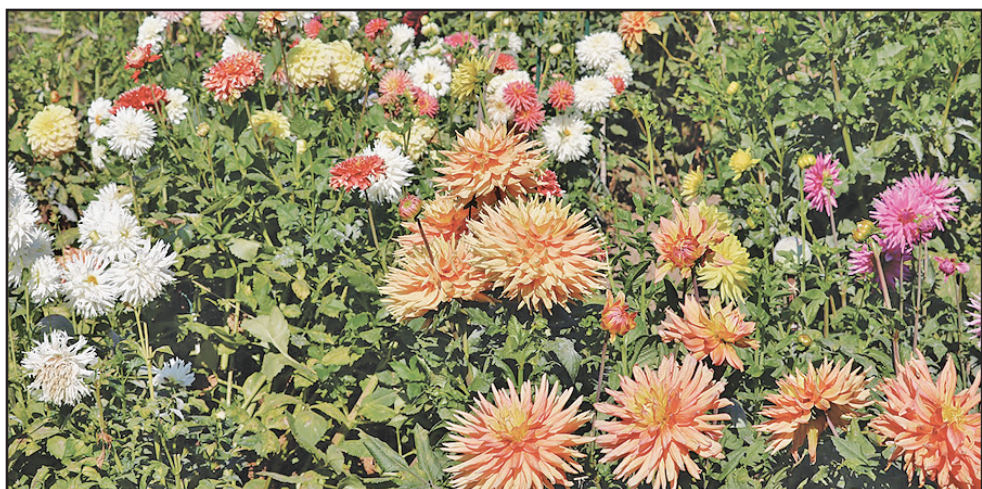
Each of us has a unique opportunity to heal our planet by transitioning to plant-based eating. We can begin with the 1-minute NY Times diet quiz. Then, let's celebrate Earth Day by checking out the rich variety of plant-based meat and dairy products at our supermarket. The internet offers ample advice and recipes.

—Dennis Roth
San Leandro



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Orders Can Be Placed Today for SL Dahlia Society's Annual Sale

The San Leandro Dahlia Society will hold its annual tuber/cutting sale on line, in keeping with CDC guidelines.

Orders can be placed starting April 22 and will close on April 28, with pickup in Oakland, near the zoo, on May 1. Order through

<https://slds-dahlia-sale.sg-creations.com/>. It may be easier to go to "SLDS club" and find the link on the home page. Purchases will go through PayPal.

When you pick up your purchase, you will remain in your car, and a society member will

place your purchase in your trunk.

The beautiful weather means it's time to plant your dahlia tubers or cuttings (small plants). Dahlias come in so many sizes, forms and colors, and they are a great stress reliever.

Alameda County Fair to Move to October this Year

The Alameda County Fairgrounds, known for hosting the annual Fair every June, will reschedule its traditional celebration to October.

The Fairgrounds are continuing to serve as a host site for Covid vaccines and county food distribution. Both operations are expected to run through the end of June.

Up to 4,000 vaccinations are administered each day, based on the availability of vaccines to the region.

The rescheduled 2021 Alameda County Fair will run from Oct. 22 through Oct. 31 and will comply with all state and local health requirements. It is anticipated that guests will be required to pre-purchase tickets online for specific dates and attendance will be limited.

The fair will utilize touchless,

cashless systems for ticketing, parking, carnival, food and beverage purchases whenever feasible within the recommendations of the state reopening guidelines. In addition to enhanced cleaning and sanitization, it is believed that guests will be required to wear face masks while on the fairgrounds and have their temperature checked prior to entering the fair.

"We are excited to welcome fair guests back in October and our team is working diligently to ensure we continue to put on a "safety first" event for the community," said CEO, Jerome Hoban. "The fair may look a little different in 2021, but we assure you it's the same good time where you can build memories that last a lifetime."

Although the fair has been

rescheduled to October, the Alameda County Fair continues to work to host live horse racing, the Junior Livestock Competition and Auction, and make contests available this summer.

Live horse racing will run its traditional schedule in Pleasanton on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays each week, June 18 through July 11, including the Fourth of July.

Advance purchase is required. For more information visit: www.alamedacountyfair.com

Competitive exhibits and contests will continue virtually.

The Livestock and Small Animal Shows will be held from July 7 through July 11, with limited spectators.

The Junior Livestock Auction will be held in-person and virtually on July 11, 2021.

Clean Up Waterways For this Earth Day, Right at Your Front Door

This Earth Day help clean up the waterways starting right at your front door.

The Earth Day clean-up, hosted by the Alameda County Clean Water Program, helps keep our waterways free of harmful trash.

You can help to clean Cas-

tro Valley Creek, San Leandro Creek, San Lorenzo Creek, and other community waterways by cleaning up in your neighborhoods and local natural areas.

Creek cleanups start at your doors. Trash travels through storm drains into creeks, and riv-

ers to become harmful pollution.

Cleanups can be on Earth Day, April 22, or any day throughout the weekend and will be self-guided and close to home. Local streets, sidewalks, parks, and other natural areas are good choices.

Trash within our neighbor-

hoods becomes the trash polluting the coast once they are washed into the storm drains and waterways.

Your help is needed to clean your neighborhoods.

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Manuel Carvalho Chaves

Manuel Carvalho Chaves, 79, of Santa Maria, Açores passed away on April 12, 2021 in San Leandro. Manuel was the beloved son of João Soares Chaves and Maria Andrade Carvalho.

Manuel was a determined immigrant who came to America to make a better life for his family. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and will be deeply missed by all that knew him.

Manuel is survived by the love of his life, his wife of 54 years, Maria Eugenia Chaves, his daughters Arlene Chaves and Suzanne Chaves, and his six grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his late son Paul Manuel Chaves.

Family and friends are invited to the Rosary and Visitation on Thursday, April 22, 2021, beginning at 7 p.m. followed by a Service on Friday, April 23, 2021 at 11 a.m., both of which will be held at St. Leander Catholic Church, 550 W. Estudillo Ave., San Leandro. Immediately following the service, Committal will be held at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the family requests that all families sit together in clusters, social distance, and wear a mask at all times. For those who cannot attend, all services will be live-streamed. Please contact the family for additional information. Arrangements by Santos-Robinson Mortuary, 510-483-0123.



Yolanda Margaret Tesconi

Yolanda Margaret Tesconi passed away peacefully on April 1, 2021, in San Leandro, CA at the home of her Daughter and Son-in-Law, JoAnn and Kevin Riberdy. She was blessed with 99 1/2 happy years.

Yolanda was married for 50 years to the true love of her life Joseph, who preceded her in death. Joseph and Yolanda had four children, JoAnn Riberdy (Spouse Kevin), Steven Tesconi (Spouse Sarah), Laura Staeps Tesconi, and Roy Tesconi (Spouse Alexa). Yolanda had eight Grandchildren and 12 Great Grandchildren.

Yolanda was an avid cook and baker. She was happiest when surrounded by her family enjoying one of her meals.

In her younger years, Yolanda was actively involved in her Parish Church, St. Felicitas in San Leandro, and attended Mass regularly until due to Covid her family could no longer take her.

She was born in Akron, Ohio, one of four girls of Roy and Anna DeMarinis. She is survived by her sister Dolores Biasella, and many nieces, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Yolanda's services will be held on Saturday, April 24, 2021, at 9AM at St. Joseph Cemetery and Funeral Center in San Pablo, CA.

Memorials in Yolanda's memory may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.



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Taylor: Grieving families relate tragic tales of police shootings

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Boulevard Walmart as he wielded a metal baseball bat. Office Jason Fletcher was later charged with voluntary manslaughter for the shooting.

The ceremony on a warm, spring afternoon began with an indigenous people's dance and drum troupe, Community Danzantez, and a statement honoring the Ohlone people who first lived here. The students in the Social Justice Academy of San Leandro High organized the rally, and spoke, recited poetry and sang. A student named Jayla sang "I Can't Breathe" by H.E.R.

San Leandro City Councilman Fred Simon read the City Council's resolution proclaiming April 18 as Steven Taylor Day.

"People with mental health issues are 16 times more likely to be killed by police," Simon said.

The resolution also expresses the council's support of bills in Sacramento that would make changes in police policy.

The way policing is done now is designed to oppress people of color, said the next speaker.

"The police are doing exactly what they were designed and



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One of the sisters of Sean Monterrosa, killed by Vallejo police last June, spoke Sunday at Marina Park.

trained to do," said Wanda Johnson, mother of Oscar Grant who was shot to death by police at the Fruitvale BART Station 10 years ago. "We have to work together and tear it down and rebuild the entire structure of policing. That's when we'll see change."

The crowd cheered when

Johnson compared the fight to Muhammad Ali.

"We need to stand in the ring like Ali," Johnson said. "You get knocked down, but we need to stand up and keep fighting and stand up for what is right."

Two sisters from Vallejo whose brother was shot and

killed last June by Vallejo police spoke next.

Sean Monterrosa was on his knees with his hands above his waist. A police car pulled up and immediately shots were fired from the backseat of the vehicle through the windshield with an AR-15, killing 22-year-old Monterrosa. Vallejo police said that the officer thought the hammer in Monterrosa's pocket was a gun.

The two sisters said 14 members of the Vallejo Police Department have killed people on the job. The windshield the policeman shot through, a key piece of evidence, was "accidentally" destroyed, Monterrosa's sister reminded the audience.

"Our Black and Brown brothers are dying at the same rate," one of the sisters said.

A brother and mother of a man killed by police in Modesto said they called 911 because he was having a mental health crisis, not to have him shot.

The brother of Trevor Seever said his brother was having a mental health issue and he had punched some holes in the wall of their house. A call to 911, instead of bringing help, brought a police officer who immediately opened fire, he said.

"The police pulled up and fired four shots from 150 feet away," said Seever's mother. "He never gave him a chance to comply. This is a big systemic problem and I'm so proud of



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SLHS Social Justice Academy student Nayaasha reads her poem for the crowd at Marina Park.

everybody who's here fighting for change."

The Modesto policeman who killed Seever was later fired and charged with voluntary manslaughter.

"As a father of three I can only imagine the pain and loss," said state assemblyman Rob Bonta, who is waiting to be confirmed state attorney general. "Like so

many, Steven Taylor struggled with mental health issues and in a time of need our society failed him."

Bonta thanked the San Leandro City Council for "stepping up." Several council members were in attendance, along with Mayor Pauline Cutter and interim City Manager Fran Robustelli.

Miles Hall was a 23-year-old Black man who was shot and killed by Walnut Creek police in June 2019. He had made threats to his family and was walking around the neighborhood with a metal bar when police arrived. He charged the police and bean bag rounds didn't stop him. He was then shot by two police officers.

The City of Walnut Creek has since settled a \$4 million lawsuit and said it's working with county experts to come up with non-law enforcement solutions to mental health emergencies.

Four people who called 911 said Hall had mental health problems, according to a CNN report. The police were aware that Hall was mentally impaired, and his family did everything they could to try to prevent the police from shooting him.

"What they needed was help," said another speaker on Sunday at Marina Park. "What they got was killed."

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