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The East Bay's first baby of 2020, Christopher Santiago Tercero, with mom Ursula and dad Roberto at San Leandro Kaiser Hospital on New Year's Day.

First Baby of Year Born at 12:05

The East Bay's first baby of the new year – and new decade – was born at San Leandro Kaiser Hospital at 12:05 a.m. on New Year's Day.

Christopher Santiago Tercero, third child of Robert and Ursula Tercero of Castro Valley, weighed in at 8 pounds, 5

ounces and was 21 inches long, according to Kaiser spokesman Jonathan Bair.

Christopher might have been the first baby born in 2020 in the entire Bay Area, but Valley Medical Center in San Jose claims a baby girl arrived there at 12:04 a.m.

Christopher joins his sisters Bianca and Aliana to make a sibling trio. Fittingly, the family name Tercero means "third" in Spanish.

Roberto and Ursula are both originally from Nicaragua but met in the United States.

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City Council Approves New Police Contract

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

The San Leandro Council approved a new labor agreement with the San Leandro Police Officers Association (SLPOA) at its Jan. 6 meeting that would raise pay for officers and sergeants about 9 percent over 3 years.

The vote was 7-0 on the agreement, which was considered along with several other items in the "consent calendar" part of the meeting devoted to routine actions. The contract runs from Jan. 1 of this year until Dec. 31, 2022.

One of the Council members approving the agreement was Pete Ballew, who is a retired San Leandro police officer.

After the initial 1 percent rise in the new contract, a police officer would start out at \$96,924 a year, while a new officer hired after Oct. 1, 2022 would start at \$104,916 annually. Police officers' pay goes up with experience, so that an officer at the top of the scale would make \$123,708 after the initial rise this month, and \$133,896 by 2022.

A sergeant new in the position would make \$116,316 after the initial raise this month, and a sergeant who began the position after Oct. 1, 2022 would start at \$125,892. After the initial pay raise this month, a sergeant who has served long enough to be at the top of the pay scale would make \$148,440 a year, rising to \$166,668 by Oct. 1, 2022.

The city's pension contributions for police officers through the Public Employee Retirement

System (CalPERS) did not change in the new agreement. Police officers are generally able to retire at 90 percent of their base salary.

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Former Councilman Kerr Dies

Former City Councilman Howard Kerr passed away on Jan. 2 at the age of 96.

Kerr was born and raised in Northern California, near Chico, where he worked on dairy farms, raised hogs and chickens, and worked plow horses. He later went to UC Davis and UCLA.

Kerr met Eleanor Grace Gilboy, an attractive young nurse, at a dance and they were married in 1950. The same year, the couple bought their first house in the Washington Manor neighborhood of San Leandro where they lived the rest of their lives. Eleanor passed away in 2008.

Howard and Eleanor raised three children, sons Jay and Rich, and daughter Mary.

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Howard Kerr

88 Year Old Lucy Tarin Not Ready to Retire

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

Kasper's at the Greenhouse Marketplace will close on Jan. 19 and that means something to the regular customers who go for the great steamed hot dogs.

But Lucy Tarin isn't ready to retire. She's only 88.

"Most likely I'll fill in at the other stores when somebody's sick, or if nothing else I'll donate my time to St. Felicitas," Tarin said.

Tarin has lived in Washington Manor since she and her late hus-

band Joseph moved there in 1950. They raised four kids who all went to school at Dayton, Washington Manor and Marina High.

Tarin has always been in the food business. She worked at the Del Monte cannery in Oakland from 1955 to 1970, and then went to work at Regal Packing Company on Davis Street.

After she retired in 1996, she started working with her daughter who was manager of the Kasper's

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PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Lucy Tarin says she loves working at Kasper's.

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Project Literacy at The SL Library Looking for Tutors

San Leandro Public Library's adult and family literacy program, Project Literacy, is seeking volunteer literacy tutors. Find out how you can help others learn to read by attending Project Literacy's Tutor Orientation on Wednesday, Jan. 22, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave.

Additional required tutor trainings: Tutor Training Part 1 on Saturday, Jan. 25, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Tutor Training Part 2 on Saturday, Feb. 1, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., also at the Main Library.

All prospective tutors must attend all three sessions.

Lunch is provided on both Saturday training sessions. For more information or to register, please call 577-3944. Visit Project Literacy on the web at sanleandrolibrary.org under the 'Services' tab.

Library to Host Drawing Workshop on Saturday

The San Leandro Public Library invites the community to come draw with artist and social media influencer Komun Horangi this Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave.

The artist will give a tutorial on how to ink traditional pieces and fix up line art.

The program is for ages 16 and older. Admission is free and no registration is required. Limited seating. Light refreshments will be served.

Find the artist on Instagram and Twitter @KomunHorangi.

For more information, see the attached flyer or call the Information Desk at 510-577-3971.



Annual Holiday Basket Program Helps a Thousand Local Families

More than 100 staff and volunteers handed out food baskets and toys to nearly 1,000 families in need at the Davis Street Family Resource Center on Monday, Dec. 23.

They began setting up for the 49th Annual Davis Street Holiday Basket Program at 6:30 a.m. to prepare for the families and seniors enrolled in the program throughout San Leandro, San

Lorenzo, Ashland, Cherryland, and Castro Valley area.

Families received a basket containing a complete holiday meal, including a turkey, fresh produce and all the fixings. Children enrolled in the program received new toys or gift cards thanks to the community.

Alameda County Fire Department, Local 55 Firefighters Union of Alameda County,

California Highway Patrol, San Leandro Police Department, and other community volunteers distributed food and toys to families in need.

With the many donations and support from the community, Davis Street was able to provide food and toys to nearly 1,000 families and 3,164 individuals including 173 seniors and 1,723 children.

H.A.R.D. Senior Softball Season Gearing Up for Its 30th Year

The Hayward Area Recreation District's senior softball program is gearing up for the 2020 season and its 30th year.

The initial meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, at the San Felipe Center, 2058 D St. in Hayward. Applications to play are now available online at hardseniorsoftball.com. The league is open to men and women.

The league will consist of the following three age divisions-50s, 60s and 70s. The 60s division will play on Tuesday morning, the 70s division will play on Wednesday mornings, and the 50s division will play on

Thursday mornings.

New players need to attend one of the practice sessions, which will be held at the Castro Valley Community Center on Lake Chabot Road at 10 a.m. on the dates of February 4, 11, and 18. There will be a draft after the

last practice session.

The leagues will begin league play on March 17 at the Alden E. Oliver Fields on Hesperian Boulevard in Hayward and continue through September, finishing after the playoffs and championship games.

Register on Saturday for San Leandro Girls Softball

San Leandro Girls Softball League will have a walk-in registration on Saturday, Jan. 11, from noon to 2 p.m. at Mountain Mike's Pizza, 2150 Marina Blvd.

in San Leandro.

The league is open to girls age 6 to 14 of all playing abilities. For more info contact Leo Sheridan at leosheridan@gmail.com.

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SIRs Meets Monthly at Metropolitan Golf Links

SIRs, an organization of retired men, meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the Wedgewood Center at the Metropolitan Golf Links, 10051 Doolittle Drive in Oakland. Happy hour starts at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at noon.

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POLICE & FIRE

June Fire's Cause Is Still Unknown

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

The Alameda County Fire Department is still investigating the cause of the fire that destroyed or damaged several businesses on East 14th Street at Georgia Way in June 2019.

No causes have been ruled in or out, according to Fire Department spokesman Brian Centoni.

Centoni said there is not a target date for completion of the investigation and issuance of the report.

Earlier, Fire Chief David Rocha had said length of investigations can vary greatly and are hard to pin down. He denied one businessman's assertion that the cause might never be known because demolition crews arrived before fire inspectors did, perhaps disrupting evidence.

Rocha said that the site investigation did occur and was done properly.

The fire, on the night of June 21, 2019, destroyed the Fabric City clothing store and Knops Upholstery next door, badly damaged Sweet Fingers restaurant, and caused lesser damage to several adjacent stores. At the other end of the block, Bluebird Pizza's building was undamaged, but all their food spoiled when the power for their refrigerator and

freezer were shut off for hours to fight the fire.

Bluebird and several other businesses reopened quickly, but Sweet Fingers has not and its building is up for sale. Knops Upholstery moved in temporarily with Gaitan Upholstery a few doors down, which is owned by a family friend and serves a different set of customers.

The final displaced business, Fabric City, has reopened in smaller quarters a block away at 19 Dutton Ave.



PHOTO BY MIKE MCGUIRE

Fabric City reopened at 19 Dutton Ave. after its former location was destroyed in the East 14th Street fire.



PHOTO BY MIKE MCGUIRE

Sweet Fingers, a well-liked Jamaican restaurant on East 14th Street, did not reopen after the fire. Its building is up for sale.

Police Tips To Prevent License Plate Theft

The San Leandro Police Department report that license plate thefts are on the rise in the area. They suggest a number of things you can do to make it less likely you will be a victim.

They suggest parking your car as far away from the street as possible. Put the car in the garage if you can, or else park in your driveway if you have one. If neither is possible, try to park in a well-lit area, or by security motion lights.

They suggest installing an alarm in the car, and surveillance cameras near it.

There are anti-theft license plate fasteners one can install, as well as license plate security screws.

The security screws use a unique head such as a Torx bit.

Thieves are less likely to bring along a specialty screwdriver in addition to the flathead and Phillips head screwdrivers they may already have.

Lacking the proper tool, they will quickly realize they should try a different vehicle.

The police also caution that registration sticker theft is also on the rise.

You can help prevent it by carefully cutting lines into it with a razor after you have placed it on the license plate. The thief will not be able to remove the sticker in one piece and hopefully move on.

If your plates do get stolen, you need to report the stolen plates not only to the police department but also to the Department of Motor Vehicles. You can call the police department at 510-577-2740.

DMV requires a police report to replace the plates.

The police don't want your plates ending up on a vehicle used to commit a crime, and neither do you. They are happy to look for your plates on a different car or truck around town.



By Rob Rosas

IF YOU suffer from lower back pain and sciatica, you are among four out of five Americans who will suffer with this crippling spinal condition.

Shooting, stabbing and burning pains from the lower back region, often teamed with pain through the buttocks and down the legs are all classic symptoms of Sciatica or "pinched nerves".

In severe cases, it often leads to muscle wasting and or numbness with a constant tingling down to the tip of the toes. Left untreated, the intense pain can rapidly wear you down and drain the joy out of life.

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Please note, if you call during the week, they are very busy, so if they don't pick up straight away leave a message. You can even call at the weekend and leave a message to secure your spot.



Dr. Jerry Hsieh, DC says, "I've never seen a treatment as effective as Non-Surgical Re-Constructive Spinal Care for patients with sciatica or lower back pain."

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NEIGHBORS



Seniors Meet and Walk at the Mall

The City of San Leandro Senior Commission host a walk every third Saturday of the month at 9:30 a.m. for seniors to come out and have fun while strengthening their bodies and meeting with friends. People of all ages are welcome to come as well to join in the fun and meet San Leandro seniors. The group meets in the center of the mall. Senior Commissioners in the photo include Jan Woycheshin, Mary Jo Kuneven, Darlene Cozzette Daevu and Fred Simon.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

❖ Annual Juried Exhibition at PhotoCentral Gallery
PhotoCentral Gallery presents the 42nd Area Artists' Annual Juried Exhibition photo exhibit from Jan. 25 to March 7. The popular annual exhibition, juried by Diane Zuliani, will present \$150 Merit Awards and non-monetary

Honorable Mention awards at the PhotoCentral galleries at 1099 E St. in Hayward. Photo Central is part of the Hayward Area Park and Recreation District. Two receptions will be held on Saturday, Jan. 25, and on Saturday, March 7, from 2 to 4 p.m. The exhibit will be in both galleries. The

upstairs gallery is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The downstairs gallery is open Monday from 5 to 10 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and by appointment. For more information, call 510-881-6735 or email adobegallery@haywardrec.org.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) That lower-than-acceptable performance you're getting from others in your group might be the result of miscommunication. If so, correct it before serious problems arise later on.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) An unexpected situation could call for a change of plans. If so, you might feel that this is unfair. But it's best to make the needed adjustments now. There'll be time later for rescheduling.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The new year brings opportunities you might want to look into. Some might be more interesting than others. But take time to look at all of them before you make any decisions.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) It's a good idea to be careful about expenses until you've worked out that pesky financial problem. You might find it advisable to get some solid advice on how to proceed.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Romance looms large over the Leonine aspect. Single Lions looking for love should find Cupid very cooperative. Paired Cats can expect a renewed closeness in their relationships.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Making contact with a former colleague might not be high on your list of priorities. But it could pay off personally as well as professionally. Avoid bringing up any negatives about the past.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A personal relationship could face added stress because of a situation involving someone close to both of you. Be supportive and, above all, try to avoid playing the blame game.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might well find some lingering uncertainties about a decision. If so, take that as a warning that you might not be ready to make that move yet. More study would be in order.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Music is a dominant theme for Sagittarians right now, and it should remind you to make a greater effort to restore some much-needed harmony in that very special relationship.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Although family matters might demand much of the Sea Goat's attention this week, you'll want to try to make time to handle those all-important workplace situations as well.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A recurring unresolved issue might need to be revisited before you can move forward. Consider asking someone familiar with the situation to act as an impartial counselor.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Ignore pressure to make a decision. Keeping your options open is still the wisest course, at least until you're sure you've learned all you need to know about the matter at hand.

❖ Reception for Photography Exhibit Shoreline Interpretive Center
Come for the opening of the Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center's Spring 2020 Exhibit by artist Becky Jaffe, a photographer, naturalist, and educator on Saturday, Feb. 1, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Interpretive Center, 4901 Breakwater Ave. in Hayward. Using in-camera techniques that stretch the photographic medium to create painterly effects, she fuses an artist's sensibility with a biologist's curiosity in order to communicate reverence for the natural world. Free and open to the public. Light refreshments available. For more information, call 510-670-7270.

READ & RECYCLE!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Deadline for Calendar Items is Friday for the Following Week



❖ Meeting of the Libertarian Party
The Libertarian Party of Alameda County will hold its officer elections tonight, Thursday, Jan. 9, 7:15 p.m. at the Tribune Tavern, 401 13th St. in Oakland. Membership not required to attend, but membership to the Libertarian Party and residency in Alameda County is required for officer eligibility.

❖ Hearing Loss Association Meeting
The Hearing Loss Association Meeting will be on Saturday, Jan. 11, at the Oakland Kaiser Hospital, Fabiola Bldg., 3801 Howe St., lower level, room G26. Refreshments are at 9:30 a.m. with the program beginning at 10 a.m. Topic for discussion will be *Music Appreciation for those with Hearing Loss*. The speaker will be Dr. Peg Lisi, Audiologist and a member of the SF Symphony Chorus. Dr. Lisi has done research in music-related hearing loss and secondary effects. Audience participation is encouraged, so please come prepared to share a funny story, or a frustration you have recently experienced. Parking is free on Saturdays at the garage on Howe St. For more information, call 510-221-6080 or email info@hearinglosseb.org.

❖ Bird Photography Field Trip
Join the Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center's (4901 Breakwater Ave. in Hayward) annual bird walk to the Cosumnes River Preserve northwest of Lodi will be on Saturday, Jan. 11, from 1 to 6 p.m. The trip will partner with PhotoCentral to add a photographic component to this year's excursion. See Sandhill Cranes and the late afternoon fly-in of thousands of waterfowl. Pre-register to attend. Organized carpools available with further information provided upon registration. For ages 12 and older, Fee: \$30 per person. For more information or to register, call 510-670-7270.

❖ I.D.E.S. Lunch & Bingo
I.D.E.S. St. John, 1670 Orchard Ave. in San Leandro, will have a roast beef lunch and bingo on Saturday, Jan. 11, at noon. Tickets are \$10 per person. Lunch includes roast beef, dessert and 4 bingo cards. Additional cards may be purchased for 25¢ each. Prize raffle. For more information or tickets, call Darlene at 510-589-6536, Willie at 510-635-6326.

❖ Science Night at the CV Library
Science Night at the Castro Valley Library, 3600 Norbridge Ave. in Castro Valley, will present Julie Hui, PhD candidate at UC Berkeley on Tuesday, Jan. 14 at 7 p.m. The talk will be *The Best Animal Minds*, examples of animal intelligence, language studies in animals, and attempts to place human intelligence within our own environmental context. Register on EventBrite at: <http://bit.ly/animal-talk>

❖ St. Felicitas Young @ Heart Luncheon
St. Felicitas Church Young at Heart senior luncheon is Wednesday, Jan. 15, at Monsignor McGinty Hall located behind the church at 1662 Manor Blvd. in San Leandro. Doors open at 11:15 a.m. and lunch is served at noon. January's luncheon will feature meat loaf with dessert and a beverage including door prizes. Tickets can be purchased at the church office located to the right of the church. Last day to buy tickets is Friday, Jan. 10 before noon. No ticket sales at the door. The cost of the lunch is \$6. All seniors are welcomed. For more information, call 510-351-5244.

❖ Adult Collage Program at Manor Library
Design a vision board for the new year at the Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd. on Thursday, Jan. 16, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Make your goals visible and get your plans in action. Open to the first 25 attendees. Magazines, images and posterboard will be provided for you to create your collage. You're welcome to bring a picture of yourself and any images or quotes you might like to include. For more information, call 510-577-7971.

❖ Veterans Art Project
A group exhibition of artwork created by local veterans and presented by the County Arts Commission and the Hayward Arts Council, will be on view at the John O'Lague Galleria at Hayward City Hall, 777 B St., through Jan. 17.

❖ Sons of Norway Lodge Crab Feed
The Sons of Norway Lodge 6-061 in Hayward will host its annual crab feed on Saturday, Jan. 25, at the Hill & Valley Club, 1808 B St. in Hayward. No-host social starts at 6 p.m. and dinner begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by music and dancing. Tickets are \$55 for Snorre Lodge members (13 and up), \$60 for non-members, \$25 for 12 and under, and under 5 admitted free. Send payment to club secretary Aunda Arndt, 1016 Apache St., Livermore, CA 94550.

❖ Fishing Fun at Hayward Shoreline
Hike out to the bay and learn the basics of rigging, casting, and possibly catching fish on Saturday, Jan. 25, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center's, 4901 Breakwater Ave. in Hayward. No experience needed. Gear provided. For ages 16 years and over. The tide will be opportune for fishing on this day. Must have a fishing license available online by visiting ca.gov. Feel free to bring a zero waste (all reusable or compostable) lunch or snack. Fee: \$12 per angler. For more information, call 510-670-7270.

❖ Kiwanis Club of San Leandro
The San Leandro Kiwanis Club will hold its annual crab feed on Saturday, Feb. 1, at the Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd. in San Leandro. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner being served at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person, which includes all-you-can-eat crab, pasta, salad and hot garlic bread. Local band, The Kopi Katz, will provide classic rock 'n' roll oldies for post-dinner dancing. The event is assigned seating only. To purchase tickets or for more information, call Terri Neumann at 510-895-4425. Proceeds support the San Leandro Kiwanis Club.

❖ Discovery Channel's Gold Rush Tour
Volvo Construction and Equipment Services, 1944 Marina Blvd. in San Leandro, is hosting the Discovery Channel's Gold Rush, gold painted excavator tour on Saturday, Jan. 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. See the Gold Rush excavator up close and meet Dave Turin from the Gold Rush show. Enjoy great food, fun and raffles while checking out the latest Volvo construction equipment. The event is free, including the food, and the goal is to bring awareness to the San Leandro Education Foundation (SLED), which supports local public schools, and to kick off the 10th season of Gold Rush.

LIFESTYLE

150 Years of Defining American Food Traditions



Workers label and pack cans for distribution, circa 1905.

Think back on some of your favorite family meals over the years and it's likely that Campbell Soup Company played a role during those important moments around the table. An American icon, Campbell is celebrating its 150th anniversary in 2020.

From tomato soup and grilled cheese on a cold day to green bean casserole, generations of home cooks have made Campbell food, snacks and recipes part of their daily and holiday food traditions.

Campbell Soup Company was founded four years after the Civil War ended in 1869 by a fruit merchant and an icebox manufacturer. By the turn of the century, the company flourished as a result of several innovations -- including Dr. John T. Dorrance's invention of condensed soup, which made nutritious soup more affordable to millions of Americans at just 10 cents per can.

Campbell food was served during WWI and WWII, and during the Apollo missions, offering troops and astronauts comfort and a taste of home.

Campbell's influence can be seen in American pop culture throughout the years, from Andy Warhol's iconic paintings of Campbell's Soup cans to the enduring "M'm! M'm! Good!" jingle to other cultural icons like the Campbell Kids.

• The Green Bean Casserole, invented by Campbell employee Dorcas Reilly in 1955, was served at 20 million dinners this past Thanksgiving.

During the holiday season, Green Bean Casserole recipes were viewed more than 6 million times on the Campbell's Kitchen website.

• Campbell's tomato growers harvest over 1.5 billion pounds of tomatoes per year. Eighty percent

of Campbell's tomato growers and their families have worked with the company for more than two decades.

SAVORY SLOW-COOKER POT ROAST

- 1 (10-1/2 oz) can Campbell's Condensed Cream of Mushroom Soup
- 1 envelope (about 1 ounce) dry onion recipe soup & dip mix
- 6 medium red potato (about 2 3/4 pounds), cut in half
- 3 cups baby-cut carrots or 2-inch pieces peeled carrots
- 3 pounds boneless beef chuck roast (1 roast)

Stir the mushroom soup, soup mix, potatoes and carrots in a 4 1/2-quart slow cooker. Season the beef with salt and pepper as desired. Add the beef to the cooker and turn to coat.

Cover and cook on LOW for 6 to 7 hours or until the beef is fork-tender.

Serve sprinkled with fresh chopped parsley, if desired.

Cook's Tip: To save some time, this recipe may also be cooked on HIGH for 4 to 5 hours.

TOMATO SOUP SPAGHETTI SAUCE

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 small onion, diced
- 1 green pepper, diced
- 1 small can mushroom pieces, drained
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 can diced tomatoes
- 1 can Campbell's Tomato Soup
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- Salt and pepper to taste

Brown ground beef in skillet

over medium-high heat. Add next 4 ingredients and cook until the onion and peppers begin to soften.

Add diced tomatoes, tomato soup and sugar. Let sauce heat through for a few minutes.

BAKED CORN CASSEROLE

- 1 (10-1/2 oz) can Campbell's Condensed Cream of Chicken Soup
- 1/2 cup reduced fat milk
- 2 egg
- 1 can (about 16 oz) whole kernel corn, drained
- 1 package (8 oz) corn muffin mix
- 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese
- 1 (2.8 oz) can French fried onions (about 1-1/3 cups)

Heat the oven to 350°F. Beat the soup, milk and eggs in a medium bowl with a fork or whisk. Stir in the corn, corn muffin mix, cheese, and 2/3 cup onions.

Pour the soup mixture into a 1 1/2-quart casserole.

Bake for 30 minutes or until the mixture is hot.

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

SWEDISH MEAT BALLS

- 1 pound ground turkey or ground beef
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup plain panko (bread crumbs)
- 1 small onion, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 3/4 cup beef broth
- 1 (10-1/2 oz) can Campbell's Condensed Cream of Mushroom Soup
- 2 tablespoons sour cream
- 4 cups hot cooked egg noodles (8 ounces dry)



A Slow-Cooker Pot Roast made with Campbell's Condensed Cream of Mushroom Soup

- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley

Thoroughly mix the turkey, egg, bread crumbs, onion, salt and nutmeg in a large bowl. Shape the turkey mixture firmly into about 20 meatballs.

Heat the oil in a 12-inch non-stick skillet over medium-high heat. Add the meatballs and cook until well browned on all sides (make sure the skillet and oil are hot before adding the meatballs to prevent sticking).

Pour off any fat.

Add the broth to the skillet and heat to a boil, stirring to scrape up the browned bits from the bottom of the skillet.

Stir in the soup and sour cream. Reduce the heat to low. Cover and cook for 5 minutes or until the meatballs are cooked through. Serve the meatballs and sauce over the noodles. Sprinkle with the parsley.

Yields about 5 servings.

SPICY TOMATO SOUP CUPCAKES

- 1 (about 18 oz) box spice cake mix
- 1 (10-3/4 oz) can Campbell's Condensed Tomato Soup
- 1/2 cup water
- 2 eggs
- 16 ounces store-bought or homemade cream cheese frosting

Heat the oven to 350°F. Place

liners into 24-cup muffin tin.

Combine the cake mix, soup, water and eggs in a large bowl and mix according to the package directions. Spoon the batter into the muffin-pan cups.

Bake for 20 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center of a cupcake comes out clean.

Let the cupcakes cool for 10 minutes. Remove from the pans and let cool completely.

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By Carl Medford, CRS
Special to the Times

GUEST COMMENTARY



Our Homes: The Last Bastion Of Privacy

As the new decade begins, moving us deeper into the Information Age, we are reminded that, while experiencing levels of connectedness and knowledge previously unimagined, it comes at the cost of the erosion of our privacy.

We are tracked when we go online or use our phones. Everywhere we travel we encounter cameras monitoring every move: even my doorbell has facial recognition technology.

It seems one of the few remaining privacies we still enjoy is the sanctum of our homes.

Not just our primary financial asset, home is where we can truly unwind and "let down our hair."

Here we can peel away the coverings that protect us, engage in intimate conversations with loved ones, be truly "real" without having to modify our behavior to adapt to the preferences of those around us.

Here we belt out Sinatra favorites in the shower, emulate Wolfgang Puck in the kitchen and dance like Fred Astaire down the hallway.

Realtors help make "home" happen. Unfortunately, as important as they have been through the decades, 2019 saw the emergence of numerous companies with billions of dollars trying to remove Realtors from the equation. Even Zillow states, "We'll help you find a place you love."

Near the end of the movie "You've Got Mail," Tom Hanks' character Joe Fox proposes to Kathleen Kelly (portrayed by Meg Ryan). Since Kathleen is clearly confused by the choices before her, Joe sums up her dilemma with the classic statement, "If only."

That's my response to Zillow

and other companies who fail to acknowledge fundamental facts: it is Realtors who secure listings, Realtors who hold seller's hands through the preparation process, Realtors who place homes on the market and pay for the marketing, Realtors who open the doors so buyers can gain access, Realtors who write up offers, negotiate contracts, navigate the complexities of escrow and more.

Zillow is nothing more than a data aggregator that provides a convenient point of access to listings and automated market analysis.

Ironically, most Realtors have the exact same thing in the form of convenient apps branded to their brokerage and as anyone knows, a Comparative Market Analysis from a Realtor trumps a "Zestimate" or other automated valuation every time.

Need real estate assistance in 2020? Instead of engaging online and losing more privacy, engage a local Realtor who will not only guard your information, but will help you find your way home.

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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Trumpet Vine Damage Doesn't Mean Death

By Buzz Bertolero
Special to the Times

Q We have a trumpet vine that has been severely damaged by the frost. My husband wants to remove the unsightly and damaged foliage. I think we should wait for a couple of weeks, and then only remove some of the dead material. I'm afraid that if we prune too much we'll be encouraging the plants to grow which might do them in. I've also heard that this ugly-looking dead foliage may help protect the plants from further frost damage. What should we do?

A For the present time, you should leave the damaged plants alone. With trumpet vines, citrus, hibiscus, and others, it's not unusual for them to suffer some type of damage in the form of burnt leaves from the previous cold spell.

Although unsightly, the damaged tissue can act as an umbrella and protect the rest of the plant from any additional cold weather. It is very likely we will have one or two cold spells before the end of winter.

The time to prune is anytime between the end of February

and the middle of March when the damage of frost is past and the days are getting longer and warmer. Also, if your plants are still covered from the last frost, unwrap them now or you will damage the plants.

Plants need the light and they need to breathe; otherwise, they defoliate and or sweat with day time temperatures over 50°F. Plants should be covered only during the evening and early morning hours. By mid-morning, they should be uncovered during cool spells.

The exception would be those plants that produce basal shoots should such as fountain grass. Here the growth is damaged to the soil line and should be cut off at the point. It's not imperative that it be done right away.

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HEALTH & FITNESS

Dental Emergencies: When To Seek Immediate Help, When You Can Wait

By Dr. Jamie Reynolds
Special to the Times

Maybe a tooth broke as you snacked on popcorn. Or perhaps you joined a pickup basketball game and an elbow to the mouth knocked out a tooth completely.

Mouth mishaps aren't that unusual, but how do you know whether such dental predicaments are a minor annoyance or a true emergency?

In some cases, a couple of days won't matter and you don't need to go rushing to your dentist's office or the emergency room.

But other cases can be serious and you'll want treatment as quickly as you can get it.

Some examples of tooth or gum-related symptoms you might encounter, and whether emergency treatment is warranted:

- **Severe pain with symptoms of infection.** An infection can quickly spread, so get treatment immediately. In the worst-case scenario, this could lead to sepsis, which can be fatal.

Symptoms that indicate the infection has spread include fever, rapid breathing, abnormally high or low blood pressure, and/or confusion.

Symptoms in the mouth include severe pain, swelling in the gums, swelling in the face, bad breath, and pus or fluids coming from the infected area.

- **Toothache.** Toothaches are no fun. If the pain is just an annoyance, and you don't have any other symptoms, you can wait a day or two to see a dentist. However, putting off treatment of a sore tooth can lead to serious infection and/or increase the potential need for root canal treatment and tooth loss.

If the pain is anything more than mild hot/cold sensitivity, get a dental appointment ASAP.

- **Tooth knocked out.** If a tooth is knocked out and you want to have any chance of saving it, you need to act immediately. The American Association of Endodontists reports that your best bet is to pick up the tooth without touching the exposed root.

If the tooth is dirty, rinse it with water only, and place it back in the socket right away. Hold the tooth in place and keep it moist.

If you can't put it back in the socket, keep it between your cheek and gums, or place it in a cup of milk, the association says.

You increase the odds of saving the tooth if you can get to a dentist or endodontist's office within 30 minutes. If that's not possible, go to the emergency room.

- **Chipped or broken tooth.** If a tooth becomes chipped or broken, but not knocked out entirely, you're in better shape. Yes, you will want to see your dentist as soon as you can, but it's not an emergency. That means get an appointment as soon as possible, but you don't need to drop everything and rush to the office.

- **Bleeding in the mouth.** If you have uncontrolled mouth bleeding caused by cuts, seek immediate care. On the other hand, it's not uncommon to experience minor bleeding caused by inflamed gums, irritated sores, or

minor cuts.

Assuming the bleeding stops on its own, there's no need for immediate treatment. But mention the bleeding to your dentist at your next appointment.

While these are good guidelines, if you're uncertain and you can't get hold of your dentist's office for advice because it's after hours, go ahead and seek treatment.

If nothing else, it will give you peace of mind, and you may end up saving your tooth or – in the case of a significant infection – even saving your life.

Dr. Jamie Reynolds (www.AskDrReynolds.com) is a national and international lecturer on high-tech digital orthodontics and practice management, and author of the book, "World Class Smiles Made in Detroit."



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10 Health Tips for the New Year

Four in 10 adults in the U.S. have two or more chronic diseases, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

While certain conditions and risk factors are beyond one's control, the new year is the perfect time to consider the many lifestyle choices you can make for improved health.

"With too many holiday sweets and not enough exercise likely in the rearview mirror, now is the perfect time to consider your personal goals and how you can make positive health choices in the coming year," says Dr. Patrice A. Harris, President of the American Medical Association. "The good news is that there are a few easy steps you can take that will set you on the right track for a healthier 2020."

To get you started, the AMA offers these wellness tips for the new year:

1. Steps you take now can help prevent or delay the onset of type 2 diabetes. Learn your risk by taking the self-screening test at DoIHavePrediabetes.org.

2. Be more physically active. Adults should do at least 150 minutes a week of moderate-intensity activity, or 75 minutes a week of vigorous-intensity activity.

3. Visit LowerYourHBP.org to better understand blood pressure numbers and take necessary steps to get high blood pressure – also known as hypertension -- under control. Doing so will reduce your risk of heart attack or stroke.

4. Reduce your intake of processed foods, especially those with added sodium and sugar. Eat less red meat and processed meats, and add more plant-based foods, such as olive oil, nuts and seeds to your diet. Also reduce your consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages and drink more water instead. Drinking sugary beverages -- even 100% fruit juices -- is associated with a higher all-cause mortality risk, a new study published in JAMA Network Open suggests.

5. If your health care profes-

sional determines that you need antibiotics, take them exactly as prescribed. Antibiotic resistance is a serious public health problem and antibiotics will not make you feel better if you have a virus, such as a cold or flu.

6. If consuming alcohol, do so in moderation as defined by the U.S. Dietary Guidelines for Americans -- up to one drink daily for women and two drinks daily for men, and only by adults of legal drinking age.

7. Talk with your doctor about tobacco and e-cigarette use (or vaping) and how to quit. Declare your home and car smoke- and aerosol-free to eliminate secondhand exposure.

8. Pain medication is personal. If you're taking prescription opioids or other medications, follow your doctor's instructions. Store them safely to prevent misuse and properly dispose of any leftover medication.

9. Make sure your family is up-to-date on vaccines, including the annual influenza vaccine for everyone age six months or older. If you're pregnant, you can receive the flu vaccine during any trimester, but should receive the Tdap vaccine early in the third trimester to protect yourself against flu and whooping cough.

10. Manage stress. A good diet, sufficient sleep (at least 7-1/2 hours per night), daily exercise and wellness activities, like yoga and meditation, are key ingredients to maintaining and improving your mental health, but don't hesitate to ask for help from a mental health professional when you need it.

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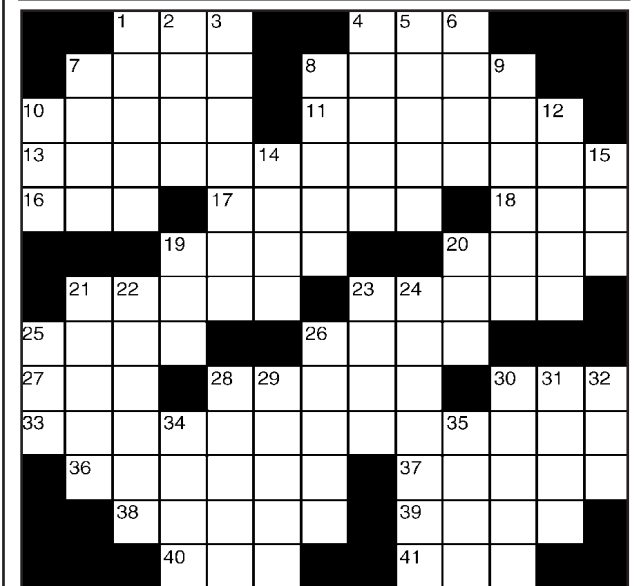
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Lucy: Fresh tomatoes, onions sliced every morning at Kasper's

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in Castro Valley. When a job opened up at the Greenhouse Marketplace store, she took it.

"I love it," Tarin said. "My bosses are like family to me. They're good people to work for."

A few of the Kasper's are closing, due to higher costs such as wages and utilities. The costs were just getting so high that the store wasn't making money, the owners say.

You can only charge so much for a hot dog. San Leandro now has a \$15 minimum wage and utilities are outlandishly high, say

the owners.

Kasper's still has another store nearby on Hesperian Boulevard, which will stay open.

But a few of the chain's stores have closed. Kasper's and Casper's are easily confused but the two chains are related, literally. They're owned by relatives of the same family.

About noon last Friday, two firemen stopped in for lunch, Captain Steve O'Neal and Firefighter Michael Houghtelling. Tarin fixed them up with a couple of hot dogs. They mentioned that Houghtelling has been coming to this same Kasper's since he was

a student at Arroyo High.

Another customer came in for the first time.

"I just googled it. It's the first time I've been in this Kasper's," said Jamie Miller-Pearson.

Miller-Pearson said she was in town to get a part for her car. She usually goes to the Kasper's in North Oakland.

Tarin is friendly with everybody and that's what she's known for, said her son Eddie.

"My mom gives everybody hugs," Eddie said. "I don't care who you are, bikers, everybody."

People always say, 'Your mom's the best.'"



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Alameda County firefighters Michael Houghtelling and Steve O'Neal stop in at Kasper's in the Greenhouse Marketplace as Lucy Tarin prepares their lunch.

Design a Vision Board at Manor Library

Design a vision board for the new year at the Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd. on Thursday, Jan. 16, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Make your goals visible

and get your plans in action.

Open to the first 25 attendees. Magazines, images and posterboard will be provided for you to create your collage.

You're welcome to bring a picture of yourself and any images or quotes you might like to include. For more information, call 510-577-7971.

Contract: Extra pay for specialized duties and advanced training

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pay after 30 years of service if they are at least 50 years of age.

Human Resources Manager Emily Hung, in a written report to the Council, said that before the contract was negotiated, San Leandro police were paid slightly less than officers in nearby Bay Area communities.

A study of police compensation had shown our police earning

about 3 percent less than the median (half above, half below) of those communities.

"As more SLPOA employees become eligible for retirement, it is critical to provide a compensation package that maintains the City's market position to support recruitment efforts to attract qualified candidates," Hung told the Council.

Hung had added that police

departments here and elsewhere are also competing for smaller candidate pools than in the past.

The City also agreed to contribute more to health benefits for the police, matching Kaiser's 2020 premium for each level of coverage. However, police officers and sergeants would cover 30 percent of annual premium increases in future years.

San Leandro will also con-

tribute the same amount to police long-term disability insurance as it currently contributes to other city employees' disability coverage.

Police officers and sergeants who contribute to a 457 deferred compensation plan (similar to a 401-K, but for public employees) will have their contributions matched up to 1 percent of their base salary in 2020 and 1.75

percent in 2021. The City hadn't matched those contributions previously, Hung said.

Pay for some special police duties and trainings were increased as well.

Small pay increases are given to officers completing advanced training beyond what they learned in the academy through the California POST (Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training) program, Hung said.

Those pay bumps were increased slightly in the new agreement, up to a total of an 8 percent increase in base pay for those completing the most advanced

level of POST training, she said.

Officers assigned to added duties as field technicians at crime scenes will now get \$50 per day extra, compared with \$40 previously. Bilingual pay will increase slightly, from \$185 to \$200 a month, Hung told the council.

Specialized police duties such as Investigation, Traffic or Administration have qualified officers for extra pay in the past, Hung said. The Assignment Differential will rise from 3 percent to 5 percent in the new labor agreement, up from a 3 percent differential in the previous agreement.

see CONTRACT, page 12

LOCAL DEATHS

Sean Alston

November 7, 1958 ~ January 3, 2020

Sean Alston passed away peacefully and went to be with The Lord on January 3, 2020 at Saint Rose Hospital in Hayward, CA with his family and close loving friends at his side. Sean courageously fought a heroic lifelong battle with cerebral palsy from birth with a courage, a humor and a fortitude that was unmatched.

Sean was born on November 7, 1958 in Berkeley, CA to his most dearly beloved mother and father, the late Philomena Alston (Piscitello) and the late Oscar William Alston. Sean was the loving brother to the late Brian Anderson Alston and the late Sheila Ann Alston who both passed away in early infancy.

Sean was the most loving nephew of the late John Joseph Vallerga Jr. "Uncle Joe" and the late Virginia Vallerga, the late Michaelangelo Piscitello Sr. and the late Concetta "Tina" Piscitello, the late Karl Alston and the late Josephine Alston, and the late Doreen Wilhelm.

Sean was the loving grandson to his grandparents of the Alston and Piscitello families. Sean was the most dearly beloved cousin to his many cousins: Joseph "Joey" Vallerga, Edward "Eddie" Vallerga, Michael "Bungie" Piscitello Jr., Marcella "Tot" Schantz, Aurelia and Serena Alston "The Twins", Arion Alston, Chiron Alston, Carl Johnson, Mark Schantz Jr., Michelle Schantz, Aurelia T. Alston and Alison Alston. Sean was the most loving family member to numerous other family members and the loving friend to numerous family friends.

Sean was adored and cared for by his loving mother and father, Philomena Alston and Oscar W. Alston throughout his entire life and he never left his mother's side no matter the circumstance.

Sean's favorite activities were being with his large, extended family and Sean was always the first family member to join in the laughter and fun no matter the occasion. Sean loved watching any televised sporting event and he himself participated in many Special Olympic Games in his youth, winning several medals and ribbons in the Softball Throw. Sean was most comfortable when he was in the company of his large, extended family and friends joining in the laughter and fun.

Sean will be dearly missed by his entire, large extended family and friends.

Funeral services for Sean will be provided by Santos-Robinson Mortuary, 160 Estudillo Ave., San Leandro, CA, on Saturday January 18, 2020 at 11 a.m. Sean will be interred at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon, CA with his ashes being placed next to his most beloved mother and father, Philomena Alston and Oscar W. Alston and alongside his siblings, Brian Alston and Sheila Alston.



ALSTON, Sean
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Happy 27th Birthday.

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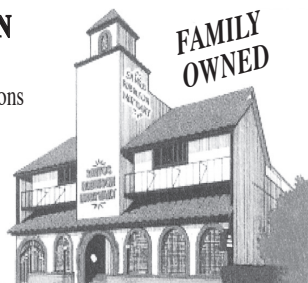
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Castro Valley VFW Breaks Ground on New Memorial

The VFW Post of Castro Valley broke ground on the Castro Valley Veterans Memorial Expansion Project last week at 3683 Quail Ave., behind the Community Center on Lake Chabot Road.

The Memorial was dedicated on Nov. 11, 2012, built so that family members or groups could memorialize service members close to them from the local area.

The memorial has service stones from each branch of service (including Coast Guard and Merchant Marine) with space on the back to engrave the names of the service members to be honored.

What was thought to be enough space to last a few decades quickly filled up. Many residents expressed a desire for more space.

The Post, seeing the need to add space, began to design plans and raise funds for an expansion. The Post has finally achieved the goal of raising the needed funds. Thanks to a very generous bid by a local contractor (Bridge Construction), the project is under way and is expected to be complete in two months.

The public is invited to visit the site and see the expansion being constructed. When completed, the new expansion will have laser engraved pictures depicting life in each branch of service.

There will be space available for those interested in having a service member memorialized on a Service Stone or Paver Brick. For more information, go to www.cvvm.info or call Post commander Steve West at 510-432-4346 or Kasey Warner at 530-391-3330.



PHOTO COURTESY CV VFW

The VFW Post of Castro Valley recently expanded the Veterans Memorial.

A Crab Feed in support of the project will be held on Feb. 29 at the Moose Lodge in CV. For tickets, contact the above names or Pat Flanagan at 510-459-6177. Tickets will not be for sale at the door.

Socialist Workers Party to Meet

The Socialist Workers Party will have a forum calling for the withdrawal of United States military forces from Iraq, Syria and the rest of the Middle East on Friday, Jan. 10, at 7:30 p.m. at 675 Hegenberger Road, Suite 250, in Oakland. The speaker will be Andrea Morrell of the Socialist Workers Party. A \$5 donation is asked, \$1 if unemployed. For more information, call 510-686-1351. The nearest BART station is Coliseum. Call if you need a ride from the station.

Correction

In the story "San Leandrans Plan To Fight Climate Change," (Dec. 26, 2019) the positions were switched for the co-founders of the community group San Leandro 2050. Patty Breslin is the executive director, while her daughter Emily Breslin is a board member. People interested in the group's work can email them at Info@sanleandro2050.org.

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.

Tougher Standards on Lead

Editor:

Lead is toxic. This is not news. It hides in our paint, dust and even in our drinking water.

Doctors say that there is no safe level of lead for our kids, and it can cause lowered IQs and behavioral issues.

Still, California allowed plumbing systems to use lead bearing parts until 2010, and current state regulations allow dangerous levels of lead in our drinking water.

In the state, schools have found over 2,000 water outlets contaminated by lead. In San Lorenzo, about half our schools found lead in the drinking water.

There are affordable ways of correcting this, such as replacing lead pipe fittings and installing water bottle filling stations with filters.

As a parent and as a teacher in the San Lorenzo School District I want all students to have safe drinking water at school where they learn and play.

To make sure that happens, I'm urging the local school boards to

protect students by adopting the pediatrician-recommended 1 ppb standard.

—Claudia McDonagh
Castro Valley

Salute to SLPD Professionals

Editor:

I wanted to salute the San Leandro Police Officers and Technicians for their professionalism and kindness. I have been living in a very unhealthy living situation for the past year, which has included verbal and physical abuse.

The SLPD for the most part, did their job, and treated me as a human being. With all the stories these days of unfortunate events surrounding various police officers nationwide, I did not have a terrible experience.

—Robyn Pixley
San Leandro

Supports Newsom Recall

Editor:

Assembly Bill 5 (AB5), which was approved by Gov. Newsom on Sept. 18th last year, has ruined the freelance economy in California.

It was voted for by our local state representatives Assembly member Bill Quirk and state Sen. Bob Wieckowski.

AB5 is a travesty of poorly crafted legislation that has adversely affected not only those who work for Uber and Lyft, but independent truckers, freelance journalists and cartoonists, yoga instructors and many others.

What AB5 has done is made illegal flexible working opportunities, especially for many women who work as freelancers to work around schedules for their families.

An addition, California now pays the highest gas taxes in the nation, yet Gov. Newsom decided to subvert some of these tax funds to pay for his pet "green project." Newsom just heaps on more taxes and regulations, which is causing many businesses to flee the state.

California has been regularly rated as one of the least business friendly states in the U.S. and Newsom only makes it worse with more regulations and more taxes.

It is because of Newsom's terrible stewardship of California I support the recall of Gavin Newsom. If you want to sign this petition, you can do so at Elite Armory and Solar Tactical, both in Castro Valley or download a petition from the site RANAF.ORG. The deadline is Feb. 13, 2020.

—Elizabeth Stump
Castro Valley

PETS OF THE WEEK

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are Piper the puppy and Jayson the dog.

Piper is a sweet, curious, 9-month old pit bull mix. She exudes joy when meeting new people and dogs.

Bursting with energy, she will benefit from training. Due to that energy, she would do best with teens and up.



Piper

Jayson is a shy, 1-year-old pup who shows interest in meeting and playing with other dogs.

He seeks attention from people who go slow with him and needs a patient family who will give him TLC to build up his confidence. Okay with teens.

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



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What's your prediction for 2020?

— Asked downtown

I think it's going to be another good year, financially, just as 2019 was. The elections should be interesting. So it should be a pretty good year.

Jack Nelson
Oakland



I think if we don't come together again we're going to lose everything as a country. You can't be going at it all the time.

Doretha Evans
San Leandro

I predict the climate will be warmer than last year, according to the scientific data we have.

Jason Ranieri
San Leandro



I think a lot more people are going to start moving to San Leandro and Oakland. In my own neighborhood I see a lot of new faces.

Michael Kakos
Oakland

It's going to be glorious. I think Christ will return. Maybe not this year but in the near future. Trump is doing the right thing. He's protecting our country, and Congress is just trying to divide us. A lot more will happen in the Middle East.

Ron Ruhl
San Leandro



Kerr: Won eight consecutive elections Contract: \$23,000 for Alta Mira Club

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"He was a wonderful father," said Mary. "He was always involved, coaching numerous teams, attending sporting events and encouraging educational endeavors. And he was always honest, and he taught us that."

Kerr worked for the City of Oakland for 34 years as an urban renewal representative. After retiring, he was elected to the board of directors of the Oro Loma Sanitary District. He went on to win eight consecutive elections, serving on the board for 29 years, retiring in 2015 at the age of 92.

In 1992, Kerr was elected to the San Leandro City Council. He served on many boards and committees and was Vice Mayor for a term.

Kerr once told the newspaper that he first got involved in local politics in 1952 when Washington Manor flooded during a heavy rainy season. The water was mostly limited to people's garages, but it's an issue that's still going on today in areas that are built on or near former marshland.

Altogether, Kerr worked for the betterment of the city for seven decades, leading a productive life that touched many people.

Services include a visitation at Grissom's Mortuary in San



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE KERR FAMILY

Eleanor and Howard Kerr lived in the same house in Washington Manor since 1950.

Lorenzo today (Thursday, Jan. 9) from 4 to 8 p.m. The funeral will be on Friday, Jan. 10, at 11 a.m. at Heritage Baptist Church, 2960 Merced St. in San Leandro. In lieu of flowers, donations

can be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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Police continue to receive other employee benefits that are generally similar to other city employees.

For instance, they get medical and dental insurance with a substantial city contribution, 12 days a year in sick leave, an initial 12 days of vacation rising to 25 days a year after 18 years of service, 3 days funeral leave for immediate family members (5 if travel is needed outside the 9 Bay Area counties), an Employee Assistance Plan that provides help after traumatic incidents, and a \$50,000 insurance policy for life, accidental death and dismemberment.

Benefits more specific to police work include a 5 percent overnight shift differential, 5 percent added to base pay for canine officers and a maintenance allowance for the dog, and hourly pay at overtime rates for court appearances, which are carried out on days when the officer is not scheduled for regular duty.

Police do not get holidays off, but they receive 7 percent more in their salaries in lieu of holiday pay. They get 1 floating

holiday per year. While they are covered by CalPERS retirement, they are not also covered by Social Security, as most other city employees are.

The city contributes to health and dental insurance coverage for retired officers until they qualify for Medicare, usually at age 65. The city contributes to a

"The council also voted to end effort to set a campaign contribution limit."

Medi-Gap plan and dental plan up to age 70.

In Other Council Business

The City presented a check for \$23,000 to the Alta Mira Club for emergency repairs at the historic building on Lafayette Street. The club had earlier told the Council that deteriorating window frames were endangering the building's historic stained glass windows.

Councilman Pete Ballew was

chosen over Benny Lee as Vice Mayor for the upcoming year.

Lee was nominated first, but failed to get a majority vote in his favor when the council voted 3-3 with 1 abstention. Voting "yes" (for Lee) were Council members Benny Lee, Corina Lopez and Victor Aguilar, while voting "no" were Ed Hernandez, Deborah Cox and Mayor Pauline Cutter. Councilman Ballew abstained.

Ballew was nominated, and was elected on a vote of 4-1 with 2 abstentions. Voting "yes" (for Ballew) were Councilmembers Cox, Hernandez, Lopez and Mayor Cutter. Councilman Lee voted "no," while Councilmen Ballew and Aguilar abstained.

The Council also voted to end its efforts to set a lower campaign contribution limit for city elective offices than are contained in a new state law that sets statewide limits for municipal elections. AB 571 sets a limit of \$4,700 per contributor, taking effect in 2021.

The council's rules committee had previously discussed the lower limits, but had struggled to agree on a workable system that could be enforced without undue use of city staff time.

LEGAL NOTICES

Lunch Menu at The Senior Center

Lunch provided by Spectrum Community Services

A low-cost senior lunch provided by Spectrum Community Services is served on weekdays at the San Leandro Senior Center, 13909 East 14th St.

Everyone age 60 and up can have lunch. A suggested donation is \$3.75, but no one is refused for lack of funds. (\$10 for those under 60.)

Call 24 hours ahead to reserve a lunch (1-510-825-9793) or sign up at the Senior Center.

The menu for lunch next week, Jan. 13 to Jan. 17, is:

Monday – Beef burger with lettuce, tomato, onion and pickle on whole wheat bun, cheddar potato soup, fruit.

Tuesday – Turkey chili, garden salad, cornbread, fruit.

Wednesday – Chicken gumbo with okra, red beans, brown rice, fruit.

Thursday – Baked cod, orzo with spinach, chickpea and lemon, vegetable blend, whole wheat rolls, fruit.

Friday – Spinach lasagna, tossed vegetable salad, whole wheat roll, fruit.

Winter Youth Basketball Season Begins in January

The City of San Leandro is pleased to announce that Junior Warriors Basketball is back for its 20th year in San Leandro.

The program is open to boys and girls 5 to 14 years of age. The 2020 season will be held on Saturdays beginning Jan. 11, and run through March 14 at the San Leandro High Korematsu Campus, and at Washington Manor Middle School.

The program offers a non-competitive environment where beginners and veterans alike can improve their skills through weekly games and instruction. All players will receive a Jr. Warriors' jersey, instruction,

and league play. This program is co-sponsored by the Golden State Warriors, the NBA, WNBA, and the City of San Leandro.

Pre-registration is required. Register with the San Leandro Recreation and Human Services Department online at www.sanleandrorec.org. Walk-in registrations are also available at the San Leandro Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St., or at the Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Boulevard.

For more information, contact Lydia Rodriguez, Recreation Supervisor at 510-577-3477 or email lrodriguez@sanleandro.org.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es): Superior Auto Sales located at 109 Jackson Street Suite 220, Hayward, CA 94541, in Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jannet Ranita-Deo Pratap, 567 Dean Street, Hayward, CA 94541. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced N/A.

/s/ Jannet Ranita-Deo Pratap
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es): MeeMe Hair Studio located at 703 MacArthur Blvd., San Leandro, CA 94577, in Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jameelah Atchison, 868 61st Street, Oakland, CA 94608. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced 11-10-19.

/s/ Jameelah Atchison
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es): Drift Plants located at 19577 Center Street, Castro Valley, CA 94546, in Alameda County, mailing address 5385 Elaine Ct., Castro Valley, CA 94546, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Drift Succulents LLC, 5385 Elaine Ct., Castro Valley, CA 94546. This business is conducted by a limited liability company. This business commenced N/A.

/s/ Drift Succulents LLC
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es): Saeology located at 14036 Reed Ave., San Leandro, CA 94578, in Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Chan Saeteurn, 14036 Reed Ave., San Leandro, CA 94578. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced 08/01/18.

/s/ Chan Saeteurn
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es): Meza Electric located at 1665 Orchard Ave., San Leandro, CA 94577, in Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Alejandro Meza-Mendez, 1665 Orchard Ave., San Leandro, CA 94577. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced 12/17/19.

/s/ Alejandro Meza-Mendez
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es): Plaza Center Building located at 15292 Liberty Street, San Leandro, CA 94578, in Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Thomas Pedemonte, 3067 Massachusetts Street, Castro Valley, CA 94546 and Cheryl Damgen, 4 Elizabeth Lane, Danville, CA 94526. This business is conducted by a general partnership. This business commenced May 1, 1969.

/s/ Thomas Pedemonte, Cheryl Damgen
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es): IAMPRESHCUTS located at 16360 Foothill Blvd., San Leandro, CA 94578, in Alameda County, mailing address 2600 San Leandro Blvd. Apt #514, San Leandro, CA 94578, in Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): William Agustin, 2600 San Leandro Blvd. Apt #514, San Leandro, CA 94578. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced September 11, 2018.

/s/ William Agustin
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