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Keeping an Eye Out

A seagull scans a downtown parking lot for a morsel from his perch on the roof of a car.

San Leandro Joins East Bay SPCA Animal Shelter

The City of San Leandro announced. The East Bay SPCA Oakland shelter, 8323 Baldwin St. in Oakland, will provide shelter services

for strays or lost animals found in San Leandro without identification. The East Bay SPCA takes in over 3,000 animals a year and expects to receive 250 or more cats and dogs each year from San Leandro.

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School District Plans to Move Lincoln

New continuation high school planned for site near adult school

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

The San Leandro school district plans to move Lincoln High School from its current location on Teagarden Street to a site just north of the Adult School on Williams Street. The new school will open in 2023 or 2024.

The site for the future continuation high school is now used infrequently as a soccer field, district officials said, but there is a newer soccer field at the adjacent John Muir Middle School.

Measure N bond money would be used for rebuilding

Lincoln High school, estimated to cost \$15 million.

New buildings would replace the collection of aging portable buildings at Lincoln's current location, according to the proposal by district officials at a Jan. 28 online meeting.

The new campus would be about three times larger than the current cramped site, the school district said.

"We feel this is going to be a phenomenal add for our high see LINCOLN, page 4



PHOTO BY MIKE MCGUIRE

Lincoln High will move to a new campus on Williams St.

More Vaccine Sites to Open This Week

Shots to be give at Coliseum, but officials say be patient

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

More people are now eligible to get the COVID-19 vaccine and more mega distribution sites are opening this month, but Alameda County health officials are asking residents for a bit more patience while everyone waits for their turn.

"It's important to know that vaccine supply remains limited and it will take a while to vaccinate everyone in Phase-1b Tier-1," the Alameda County Public Health Department posted Monday on social media.

The new phase includes more than 325,000 people in the county.

Starting this week, people aged 65 and older as well as essential workers in food and agriculture, emergency services, and education and childcare sectors are eligible for the vaccine.

The county is partnering with FEMA to launch a mega vaccination site at the Oakland Coliseum and an additional site at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Expected to launch on Feb. 16, the two sites are expected to accommodate about 5,000 doses each day. The sites will operate with help from the Kaiser Permanente, Sutter Health, and Stanford Health Care health plans.

On a more localized level, vaccine distribution includes

what officials are calling points of dispensing (or PODS) with priority treatment coming to communities with disproportionately high COVID case rates and

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Health Official Says Stay The Course

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

Don't expect things to change very much on the Covid front through most of 2021.

The vaccinations have just begun. We still have a way to go, said Dr. Nicholas Moss, Alameda County's public health director.

Moss spoke with Mayor Pauline Cutter on last week's installment of "The Mayor's Report," a podcast by Cutter on current issues. Moss had some encouraging news, too, though.

"But the good news is we are at the tail end of our winter surge," Moss said. "Case rates in

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PETS OF THE WEEK



Lindor

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter are Lindor the bunny and Mojo the dog.

Lindor is a sassy sweet female bunny who is a great communicator. She will let you know what she does and doesn't like. She loves to watch people from her windowsill perch, playing in her bunny tunnels, and snacking on timothy hay.

Mojo is a 2-year-old male who loves getting attention from people and going on walks. He



Mojo

already knows sit and shake. He would like a home with teens and adults.

For more information about Lindor or Mojo, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at 510-293-7200.

“If there are no dogs in heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went.”

— Will Rogers



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Sailor from Oakland Serving in Pacific Aboard USS John McCain

Information System Technician 1st Class Francisco Vaccorral (right) from Oakland, Calif., records damage control reports, as Logistics Specialist 1st Class Benjamin Manning looks on, during a training team drill aboard the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS

John S. McCain in the South China Sea.

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Shelter: Closer to San Leandro

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“Given our location and proximity to San Leandro, this partnership allows lost pets to be more easily reunited with their pet guardians,” said Karalyn Aropen, East Bay SPCA Vice President of Operations. “We are also providing additional support for San Leandro pet owners, such as free pet food through our pet food pantry, financial assistance for veterinary care for families in need, and behavior and training resources to keep people and pets together.”

If you are a resident of San Leandro and have lost your pet,

call the Police Department communications center at 510-577-2740 with a description as soon as possible. Residents may also visit eastbayspca.org/lost-and-found-pets/ to see if pets are being housed at the East Bay SPCA and for more information.

The phone number for the SPCA's Oakland Shelter is 510-569-0702. Hours during Shelter in Place are by appointment from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, except holidays.

“I look forward to the City's new relationship with East Bay SPCA,” stated Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter. “Pets bring kind-

ness, joy, and love to their owners, especially during lonely times caused by the coronavirus pandemic. Our San Leandro pet owners will greatly benefit, when it is necessary, from using East Bay SPCA's services.”

San Leandro residents are reminded that all dogs must be licensed and wear proper tags. Licenses may be obtained from the Finance Department Cashier station by mail. For more information, call 510-577-2740.

Animal control cases will continue to be managed and conducted by San Leandro Animal Control.

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The new tennis courts have been completed at Castro Valley Community Center Park.

H.A.R.D. Completes New Tennis, Pickleball Courts

The Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (H.A.R.D.) announced the improvements to the tennis and pickleball courts at both Southgate Community Park in Hayward and the Castro Valley Community Center Park have been completed.

The improvements made to the courts at both sites were part of the Measure F1 Bond capital improvement projects. The scope of work included improvements to three tennis courts at Castro

Valley Community Center Park on Lake Chabot Road in Castro Valley and the conversion of two tennis courts into six pickleball courts at Southgate Community Park located on Chiplay Avenue in Hayward. These are the first outdoor pickleball courts in the District. Renovations included replacement of asphalt pavement, nets and posts, fencing and gates, benches and signs. The projects were combined for efficiency and cost approximately \$266,000

from Measure F1 bond funds.

The courts are open for play and players must follow Alameda County Public Health Department orders and social distance guidelines. At this time, single play games are allowed; doubles play is prohibited.

For additional information about the capital bond projects around the District, please visit www.HaywardRec.org or call the H.A.R.D. District Office at (510) 881-6700.

Vaccine: Distributed to various sites

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those who are older, disabled, uninsured, or facing a high risk of exposure.

A total of six PODS are now operating in the county including St. Rose Hospital, Castro Valley Library, Oakland Unified School District and Fremont High School.

The real patience will come in handy when trying to schedule your vaccination appointment. All participating health insurance companies are asking members to either call a dedicated phone number or sign up on their respective websites for a vaccine appointment.

"We know people want to schedule their vaccine appointment through their doctor's office, but we're asking them to book their vaccination online or call our call center," said Sutter Health representative Monique Binkley Smith.

Kaiser and Sutter receive their own distribution of the vaccine directly from the state. The county also shares its vaccine allocation with eight federally qualified health centers and two community health centers. CVS and Walgreens pharmacy customers will be allowing appointments starting this week in California, but just in selected counties.

If you are eligible for the vaccine, county public health officials say they are working with employers and local community groups to issue invitations directly to high-risk workers and communities.

Community Calendar

Boys & Girls Club Drive-Through Crab Feed

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

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

Black History Month Read-In

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

Earn badges by reading books from our #ownvoices Black Writers Booklist, writing reviews of #ownvoices books by Black authors, and watching movies about Black history. Each badge gets you a raffle ticket for the Grand Prize. Earn three or more badges and you'll be eligible to pick up a completion prize from the library. The challenge will run through the month of February. For more information, visit the library's website, www.sanleandrolibrary.org.

Hayward Arts Council Exhibition

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

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

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

Inner Wheel Club Food Delivery

The Inner Wheel Club of San Leandro delivered burritos last month to hospital workers at Eden and San Leandro Hospitals. On Feb. 17, the club plans another delivery. \$20 serves three

people. The club has almost enough to repeat this project, but would appreciate a donation to help fill the request to serve 165 people. Send an email to iwclubofsanleandro@gmail.com with your name and how much you would like to pledge.

City of San Leandro 'Warmline'

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

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

Art Exhibit at Bayfair

Bayfair Center is supporting local artists through an art exhibition on display inside the center titled "Overlap: Home, Immigration, and Identity." Four artists are featured as they contemplate culture, identity and the immigrant experience.

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

There will also be a "Meet the Artists" virtual opening held online on Thursday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m. where visitors can walk through a one-of-a-kind virtual world created exclusively for this exhibition, stopping along the way to chat with each of the artists. This event is free of charge, but registration is required to attend the virtual opening event. For more details or to register for the opening event, visit <https://www.facebook.com/ProjectARTtogether/>.

Community Clean-up on Bancroft

Join City Councilman Bryan Azevedo for a Community Clean-Up along Bancroft Avenue on Saturday, Feb. 27, from 9 to 11 a.m. Meet at Harry's Hofbrau, 14900 East 14th St. Gloves, water, snacks, vests and garbage bags provided. Prizes will be awarded for the top two garbage getters.

How to Sell Your San Leandro Home Yourself: 10 Tips Real Estate Agents Don't Want You to Know

San Leandro - If you've tried to sell your home yourself, you know that the minute you put the "For Sale by Owner" sign up, the phone will start to ring off the hook. Unfortunately, most calls aren't from prospective buyers, but rather from every real estate agent in town who will start to hound you for your listing.

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Lincoln: New school could share some services with adult school

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school students at Lincoln,” said Kevin Collins, the school district’s assistant superintendent.

Another advantage is that Lincoln could share some support services with the adult school, and possibly with the adjacent Muir Middle School and Wilson Elementary School, Collins said.

The online public meeting was held to announce those plans and also to gather public comments on three proposals for how to configure the new campus.

All three proposals envision buildings arranged in a U-shape with the long sides parallel to William Street. In the middle would be a courtyard and open space; there would be some additional green space available at the top of the U, near Muir Middle School campus.

Lincoln teacher Jessica Dorin said that it was essential there be a soccer field at the new site, as Lincoln currently has a soccer team.

The new buildings will replace an existing soccer field.

District spokeswoman Keziah Moss said that there is another soccer field nearby, at Muir Middle School.

Collins said the earliest we would see a new Lincoln High School would be the 2023-24 school year, but more likely the school year after that.

“Today’s Lincoln High School students won’t get to see the new school,” he added.

Collins said they were seeking additional public comments, which can be made via the front



PHOTO BY MIKE McGUIRE

The front entrance will be made more accessible for wheelchairs at Bancroft Middle School.

page of the district’s web site at www.slusd.us.

The district is considering moving some district offices to the current Lincoln site when the high school moves, according to Moss.

Plans for Bancroft Middle School

Work is also planned for Bancroft Middle School, at 1300 Bancroft Ave.

Measure N bond money would be used for renovating parts of Bancroft Middle School, estimated to cost \$9 million. The school board voted last June to approve the spending.

The current entrance blocks access to disabled students, staff and visitors because of its steps, according to spokeswoman Moss.

There’s a disabled entrance in back, but getting there can be

would block accessible doors from fully opening, and there’s a gap between the entrance roof and the entrance itself.

A crowd huddled under the existing entrance waiting for school to open on a rainy day would get wet, Flynn said. That problem can be fixed, he said, by installing a translucent glass canopy over that gap.

The school also lacks a safety drop-off area for students, Moss said. However, upgrading the existing parking and drop-off area along Bancroft would impinge on the current basketball courts, she said.

Three alternative entrance designs were presented at the meeting, all of which reduce the number of columns, cover the overhead gap and provide easy disabled access. More landscaping would be added, with palm trees in one of the proposals.

Some changes are also needed in the school’s playing fields and recreational areas, Moss said, partly because some of the fields are simply worn out from



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

The future site of Lincoln is now a soccer field behind the Adult School parking lot.

decades of use.

The very popular basketball courts would need to be partly or fully moved because of the space needed for the safety drop-off, she said, and not all available campus space is currently being utilized for playing fields. There is an underused area nearer the creek, she added.

Several proposals were shown at the meeting for reconfiguring playing fields and the basketball courts.

The district is also asking for further public comments, which can be made via either the district website, www.slusd.us, or the Bancroft website at www.slusd.us/bancroft.

Future Lincoln Site Once Highly Touted As Joint City-School District Achievement

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

The field where a new Lincoln High is planned is being talked about as expendable today, but it was once highly touted by school officials as an outstanding accomplishment as a joint city-school district soccer field.

In the spring of 2000, the City of San Leandro and the school district hailed the field for being a joint agreement that combined resources to develop the field and increase public access.

“We’ve been waiting for this field for a very long time,” said then-Mayor Sheila Young. “It’s a perfect site and is the culmination of the council and school district’s historic joint use agreement.”

Natural grass was brought in from the Central Valley and rolled

out for the field. Officials described the field as, “Designed and built to international standards, the field is more than 80,000 square feet and uses the newest sprinkler and drainage systems.”

The field cost \$350,000 with this money coming from “parks in-lieu” fees that developers pay for the creation of new parks.

“We got a good price for the work and I’m very proud of the city council and school district,” said then-school board president Fred Collins. “This is an outstanding accomplishment.”

In the city-school district joint use agreement, the district was to use of the field during school hours, and the city had use of the field after 4 p.m. and on weekends and holidays.



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

The Muir Soccer Field behind the adult school was once a prized possession.

“This is a real landmark for the city,” said then-school superintendent Tom Himmelberg in 2000. “When we invest in our youth, we’re investing in the future.”

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LIFESTYLE

YEAR OF THE OX: 4719

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GOOD FORTUNE
SEA BASS

1/2 pound skinless sea bass fillet
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon white pepper
1 teaspoon finely chopped ginger
2 tablespoons cornstarch
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1/2 cup sweet & sour sauce
2 teaspoons Asian chili sauce

Sprinkle the sea bass with salt, pepper, ginger and garlic and let stand for 30 minutes or longer in the refrigerator.

Heat a skillet or wok over high heat. Add the oil and sea bass and pan-fry until both sides are browned, about 2 minutes per side. Add the stir-fry sauce and heat until bubbling. Turn sea bass again and cook an additional minute (6 minutes in all). Remove from pan, garnish with green onions and serve immediately. Serves 2.

HOT & SOUR SOUP

1 (10-1/2 ounce) can condensed chicken broth
2 soup cans water
2 tablespoons cornstarch
2 tablespoons soy sauce
2 tablespoons distilled white



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vinegar
1/8 teaspoon ground red pepper (cayenne)
1 egg, beaten
1/2 block firm tofu, drained and cut into 1/2-inch cubes
1/3 cup thinly sliced green onions and tops

Blend chicken broth, water, cornstarch, soy sauce, vinegar

and red pepper in medium saucepan. Cook over high heat, stirring constantly, until mixture boils and slightly thickens. Gradually pour egg into boiling soup, stirring constantly in 1 direction. Add tofu and green onions; cook just until tofu is heated through.

Serve immediately. Makes 6 servings.



A Valentine Recipe that Takes the Cake

RED VELVET CAKE

For the cake:

1-1/2 sticks) butter, softened, plus more for the pans
3 cups cake flour (sift before measuring)
3 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
1-3/4 cups granulated sugar
1/3 cup canola oil
3 large eggs, at room temperature
1 tablespoon red food coloring
2 teaspoons apple cider vinegar
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup buttermilk

For the frosting:

4 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
2 sticks butter, softened
2 pounds (about 8 cups)

confectioners' sugar
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
1/2 teaspoon vanilla

To make the cake: Preheat the oven to 350°F. Butter two 9-inch-round cake pans and line the bottoms with parchment paper; butter the parchment.

Whisk the flour, cocoa powder, baking soda and salt in a bowl.

Beat the granulated sugar, 12 tablespoons butter and the vegetable oil in a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment on medium-high speed until fluffy, about 4 minutes. Beat in the eggs one at a time. Beat in the food coloring, vinegar and vanilla. Reduce the mixer speed to low; add the flour mixture in 3 batches, alternating with the buttermilk, beginning and ending with the flour, until just combined.

Divide the batter between the prepared pans. Bake until a tooth-

pick inserted into the center comes out clean, 35 to 40 minutes. Let cool 10 minutes on racks, then turn the cakes out onto the racks to cool completely. Using a long serrated knife, carefully slice each cake in half horizontally to make 2 even layers.

To make the frosting: Beat the cream cheese and butter in a stand mixer with the paddle attachment on medium-high speed until fluffy. Add the confectioners' sugar, lemon juice, vanilla and salt; beat until smooth.

Put 1 cake layer on a platter; spread 1-1/4 cups frosting on top. Repeat to make 4 layers, ending with the cake. Cover the top and sides with a thin layer of frosting (this is the "crumb coat"; it doesn't have to be perfect). Chill 15 minutes, then cover with the remaining frosting. Top each slice with a milk chocolate heart and decorate with raspberries.

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I love you forever and always
Love ... Rudy

TO MY VALENTINE

ROBIN
Ti amo molto ... Bill

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Grows! Respectfully ...
Kai & Michael

MARYILYNDA
Keep singing Guro
to the music of our Love ... Nagi



Happy Birthday my love
You are my sunshine
Love always ... Celan

GUGLIELMO
Sei il mio partner, mio Marito,
amore mio! Buon San Valentino!
Tua Moglie, Robin

Kimberly and Elizabeth
My two favorite Valentines
I love you both so very much ...
Always will ... Papa Gar

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By Carl Medford, CRS
Special to the Times

GUEST COMMENTARY



Home Hardening 101

Recent fires in California have alerted us to the damage that might occur if a wildfire happened to hit our neighborhood.

Those here in the Bay Area who think it could not happen to them are forgetting two important things.

First, we must remember the firestorm that engulfed homes and devastated the Oakland Hills region in October, 1991. Second, we cannot forget the fact that burning embers borne aloft by overheated winds can destroy homes a significant distance from the main fire.

With this in mind, the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection ("Cal Fire") is urging homeowners within fire hazard zones to upgrade their homes to better resist any potential fire-related damage. The name of the process?

Home hardening.

Simply put, "Home hardening" refers to the addition of fire-resistant materials to a property to protect it from catching fire. Common home hardening upgrades include the following:

- Replacing flammable roofs such as wood shingles or shakes with tile, concrete or other less-flammable materials,
- Covering all open vents with metal screens,
- Enclosing eaves with non-combustible materials,
- Covering exterior walls with resistant materials such as stucco,
- Installing dual-paned, tempered glass windows,
- Removing wood decks and patio covers and replacing them with fire-resistant materials,
- Adding screens or gutter guards to rain gutters to prevent debris from accumulating,
- Covering exposed chimney tops with metal ember screens.

Additionally, Cal Fire is recommending that steps be taken to enhance firefighting activities:

- Ensure you have sufficient faucets on the exterior that can provide water to all exterior

parts of your home,

- Ensure your home is readily accessible to emergency vehicles,

- Ensure that the roof has no open holes (especially under the leading edges of the roof) where cinders could land and ignite.

Municipalities that are closer to areas prone to wildfires are also looking at mandating home hardening into any new home construction. Statewide there is also discussion as to whether or not any new homes should be built in regions prone to fires.

It is a tough call: people love living close to wildland areas and with California's continued need for housing, where do you draw the line?

For now, home hardening is the way to protect your home if you are concerned about potential fires. Even here in the Bay Area, it is a concept that makes sense.

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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WEEKEND GARDENER

Sowing Seeds

It's not too early to sow some flower seeds outdoors, including cosmos, sweet alyssum, sweet peas, California poppies and larkspur. Start seeds indoors in flats for summer vegetables, including tomatoes, squash and peppers.

Perennials

Plant perennials now for early spring bloom. English primroses, day lilies, Shasta daisies and phlox are all good bets.

Don't Wait

If you haven't pruned roses, fruit trees and grapes, do it now.

New growth has already started to appear, but better late than not at all. Also, February is your last chance for dormant spray-

ing. Dormant spraying controls insects that hibernate during the winter and fungal diseases such as peach-leaf curl.

RECENT HOME SALES

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13803 Aurora Drive	94577: \$343,500 3 BD - 1,129 SF - 1961
251 Castro Street	94577: \$350,000 1 BD - 860 SF - 1967
433 Harlan Street	94577: \$390,000 2 BD - 803 SF - 1964
15956 East 14th St	94578: \$460,000 2 BD - 918 SF - 2008
1059 Victoria Avenue	94577: \$650,000 1,323 SF - 1922
13984 Velarde Drive	94578: \$652,000 3 BD - 1,392 SF - 1956
1744 143rd Avenue	94578: \$700,000 3 BD - 1,115 SF - 1946
14253 Juniper Street	94579: \$715,000 3 BD - 1,076 SF - 1952
13804 Sausalito Road	94577: \$740,000 3 BD - 1,126 SF - 1962
1452 Lucia Court	94577: \$780,000 3 BD - 1,210 SF - 1953
15060 Thoits Street	94579: \$800,000 4 BD - 1,309 SF - 1951
1932 Manchester Rd	94578: \$800,000 2 BD - 1,520 SF - 1948
1696 140th Avenue	94578: \$810,000 4 BD - 1,745 SF - 1946
16066 Carolyn Street	94578: \$820,000 3 BD - 1,534 SF - 1949
877 Sybil Avenue	94577: \$870,000 3 BD - 1,325 SF - 1946
16745 Selby Drive	94578: \$890,000 2 BD - 1,457 SF - 1954
698 Maud Avenue	94577: \$895,000 2 BD - 1,188 SF - 1932
1428 Trojan Avenue	94579: \$900,000 3 BD - 2,057 SF - 1952
1975 Benedict Drive	94577: \$910,000 3 BD - 1,730 SF - 1955
764 Juana Avenue	94577: \$925,000 5 BD - 1,723 SF - 1946
2207 Charter Way	94579: \$935,000 4 BD - 2,134 SF - 2000
555 Pala Avenue	94577: \$975,000 3 BD - 1,953 SF - 1955
577 Kenilworth Ave	94577: \$980,000 2 BD - 1,296 SF - 1914
717 Cary Drive	94577: \$980,000 2 BD - 1,560 SF - 1937
2358 Pacifica Court	94579: \$1,038,000 4 BD - 2,778 SF - 1999
2244 Lakeview Drive	94577: \$1,063,500 3 BD - 2,209 SF - 1961
2430 Crestview Court	94578: \$1,090,000 3 BD - 1,454 SF - 1953
16696 Cowell Street	94578: \$1,100,000 4 BD - 2,112 SF - 1976
13095 Neptune Drive	94577: \$1,475,000 3 BD - 1,850 SF - 1951
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AUTOMOTIVE

A Horse of a Different Color--Electrified

By Steve Schaefer
San Leandro Times

The Ford Mustang Mach-E is one of the most intriguing and important auto debuts in years. As an all-electric SUV, it points the way to the future while intimately linking to Ford's most iconic brand.

The original Ford Mustang was an exciting, affordable sport coupe and convertible that was the perfect car at the right time. Hundreds of thousands were sold the first year, creating the "pony car" segment.

But the Mustang Mach-E is different. It's got four doors, for one thing. While its length and width are comparable to the regular Mustang, it stands nearly 10 inches taller, and boasts 101 cubic feet (cf) of interior volume versus 83 cf for the coupe.

Surely there were prolonged and heated discussions in the Ford boardroom about "diluting the brand" but I believe that in the end, they decided to spend a little of their amassed brand equity in order to bless this car with everything they could muster to make it successful.

Mustang styling cues include a long and curvaceous hood, muscular sides with rear haunches, a face with piercing eyes and those unique tri-bar

taillights. The running horse logo is on the nose and tail, inside on the graphics and screens, and even as puddle lamps.

The sporty bucket seats are covered in animal-free "Activex." You sit in a typical high crossover position. Legroom front and rear is generous, and headroom is amazing. There is nearly 60 cubic feet of cargo space with the rear seats folded and almost 30 cf with them up.

The Mach-E's motor puts out 346 horsepower (428 lb.-ft. of torque) in the standard form and 480 hp (634 lb.-ft.) for the upcoming GT version, due this summer. With instant electric torque and responsive steering through a fat leather-wrapped wheel, I had a blast on back roads as well as cruising through town. The heavy battery pack provides a low center of gravity for road-hugging stability.

The Mach-E gets 105 City, 93 highway, and 105 Combined MPGe. It weighs between 4,400 and 4,900 pounds, depending on battery size and rear- or all-wheel drive configuration. The EPA Green scores are a pair of perfect 10's for Smog and Greenhouse Gas.

Range wise, the rear-wheel-drive car with the standard 66 kWh lithium-ion battery gets 230 miles per the EPA. The 88-kWh extended range battery brings it up to 300 miles. With

all-wheel drive those numbers drop to 211 and 270 respectively.

The liquid-cooled lithium-ion battery pack sits below the floor and between the axles in a waterproof case with crash absorption protection. That location, preferred for EVs, means interior volume is uncompromised.

One of the benefits of EVs is the ability to use one-pedal driving. This means you press on the accelerator to go forward and lift off to slow down using regenerative braking. You can choose to disable it if you wish.

The interior blends Mustang cues with a modern, simplified design. A 15.5-inch vertical screen in the center of the dash houses the latest version of Ford's SYNC system. You can tap a box for entertainment, information, navigation, and so on and it displays larger at the top of the screen. Ford promises over-the-air updates.

Unlike Tesla, the Mach-E provides a small instrument panel behind the steering wheel, with a digital speedometer and a long blue bar displaying battery range. There's also a tiny image of the car and a humorous "Easter egg" that says "Ground Speed" under the digital speedometer.

The FordPass phone app lets you go without a key fob,



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unlocking, locking, and starting the car. It displays helpful info as well, including 13,500 charging locations.

Pricing starts at \$42,895 for the Select. My test car, the next level Premium in Carbonized Gray Metallic Paint, had a base price of \$47,000. With the optional extended range battery (\$5,000) and \$1,100 for destination and delivery, the sticker came to \$53,100.

Certainly, the Mustang Mach-E's big target is the Tesla Model Y. Both cars offer standard and performance editions and rear- or all-wheel drive and similar pricing. The cars are essentially the same size.

The Model Y looks like other Teslas—pleasantly rounded, with a grilleless face and generic-looking taillamps. Its interior is spartan Danish Modern. The



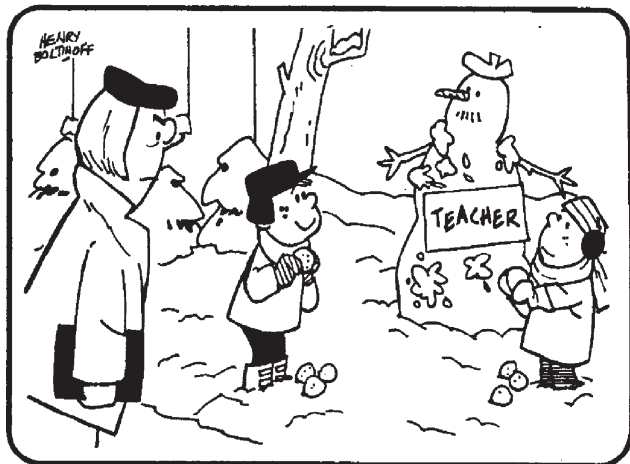
The sporty bucket seats are covered in animal-free "Activex."

Mustang, however, is notably a century of brand equity and a buffed on the outside and in- nationwide dealership network side, feels more like the cars we that Tesla can't. We'll need a lot more EV buyers as we leave

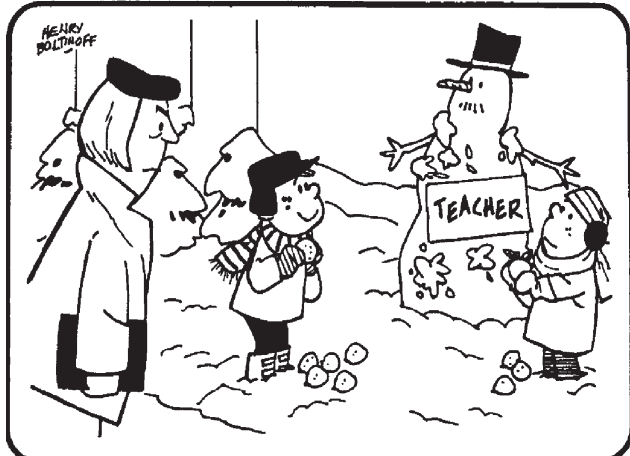
The Mustang Mach-E's fossil-fuel-burning cars in the most important role may be to dust over the next 10-15 years. Steve Schaefer lives in Castro Valley. This week (2/8) is his 29-year anniversary of reviewing new cars for the Times.

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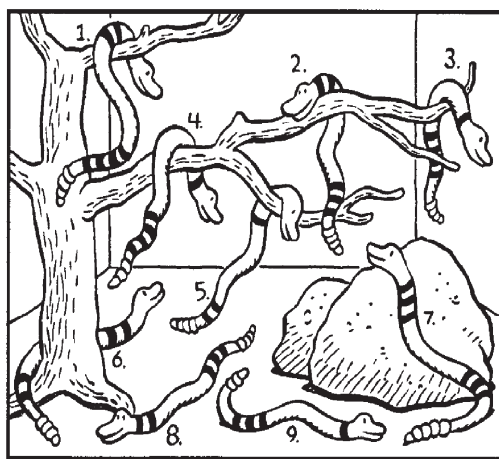
BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Snowman's hat is different. 2. Boy has a scarf. 3. Snowballs have been added. 4. Tree is missing. 5. Teacher's nose is different. 6. Boy is holding an apple.



SNAKES ALIVE! Two of the above slinky serpents are exactly alike. Can you find them in 30 seconds?

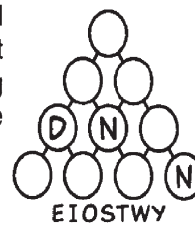
Answer: Snakes 2 and 8.

SEE IF YOU CAN make this math expression correct by rearranging the nine digits to the left of the equal sign. The two new numbers can include fractions.

$$1234 + 56789 = 100$$

Our answer is: $47 \frac{3}{6} + 52 \frac{9}{18} = (47 \frac{1}{2} + 52 \frac{1}{2} = 100)$.

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

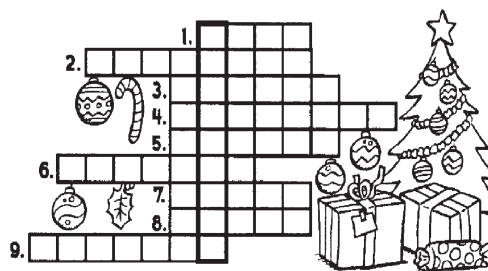


Answers: top to bottom, left to right: tidy, tide, tins, tone, tons, towns.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

THE BIG DAY IS ALMOST HERE!



Soon Santa will be racing the morning sun around the world. In our grid, we have room for nine words associated with Santa. The following hints should help:

1. Santa goes up the chimney when he lays his finger next to his ...?
2. Santa's other name.
3. Santa would never go to his house.
4. Santa's presents end up here.
5. Santa's physical description.
6. Santa's most important helper.
7. Santa's disposition.
8. Santa's associates.
9. Santa's other last name.

There is a dark frame around one of the columns in our grid. If you correctly solve the puzzle, the letters in the frame, top to bottom, will spell out Santa's last stop on Christmas Day.

Answers: 1. Nose. 2. Nicholas. 3. Grinch. 4. Stocking. 5. Chubby. 6. Rudolph. 7. Jolly. 8. Elves. 9. Kringle. The dark-framed column spells "North Pole."

Health: More vaccine sites to open soon

continued from front page

Alameda County are dropping. Our hospitals are under less pressure."

But we still need to keep doing what we have – wearing face coverings, social distancing, avoiding gatherings, he said. Because another Covid surge can return if we don't stay the course.

"We're at risk for future surges," Moss said. "The pandemic is not over."

What about the new strains of the coronavirus we're hearing about in the news?

"It's true the virus is changing a little bit. This is not unusual for a virus," Moss said.

We've always had virus variants, but there is some concern that they are more transmissible and may be a little resistant to the new vaccines.

It's still early so we're still getting information on the new variants, Moss said. So we're still learning and hoping this isn't going to change the big picture, but it's a reason to continue being careful.

Pfizer vs. Moderna, a Toss-up

Cutter asked Moss about the two vaccines that came out – Pfizer and Moderna – and which one is better.

"If you're getting vaccinated, there's no real difference," Moss



Mayor Pauline Cutter

said. "Whichever one is available, you can feel confident it's safe and effective."

Both the vaccines are called RNA vaccines, made in the same way, Moss said.

"They don't have any virus in them and they can't give you COVID," he said. "They have a little piece of the virus genetic code and that triggers an immune response in a person that can prevent them from getting COVID disease."

What about the distribution process? Cutter asked.

"There is not enough vaccine, although companies are making it as fast as they can," Moss said. "So people are going to have to be patient as this process unfolds."

Also, in California we're trying to get the vaccine to the most

at-risk people and to communities that have been most affected by COVID, he said.

Health care providers who have the vaccine should be starting with their oldest members. The nursing homes in the county have had at least one vaccine clinic, Moss said.

Coliseum, County Fairgrounds To Be Vaccination Sites

Vaccinations will begin to be given at the Oakland Coliseum, starting in mid February, Moss said.

"The Coliseum site is going

"Whichever vaccine is available, you can feel confident it's safe and effective."

— Dr. Nicholas Moss

to come with its own allocation of vaccine from the federal government, is our current understanding," Moss said. "So that means more vaccine for Alameda County residents."

Other vaccine sites will be set up at the county fairgrounds in Pleasanton, and in the north county, he said.



Dr. Nicholas Moss

Moss said residents can be alerted when they're eligible for a shot by signing up on the county's website.

Return to Normal?

When can we return to normal? Cutter asked.

"It's going to be some time before things look like they did before COVID," Moss replied.

People should stick with the face coverings and distancing, even if you've gotten the vaccine, Moss said. The number of people vaccinated is rising every day, so there's reason for optimism.

"But I do hope that in late 2021 a lot of things will be easier," Moss said. "It's been a difficult year. I would just urge people to be flexible and hang in there."

HARD Announces 2020 District Awards

The Hayward Area Recreation and Park District Board of Directors held their 58th annual awards event "virtually" on Jan. 29 to recognize the individuals and organizations who provided outstanding support to community programs and parks during 2020.

These individuals and organizations were selected as 2020 award recipients:

- Individual of the Year: Hayward City Manager Kelly McAdoo

- Organization of the Year: Deputy Sheriffs' Activities League

- Volunteers of the Year: The Oakman Family

- Special Recognition Award: Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley

- HARD Foundation Organization of the Year: Life Chiropractic College West

- HARD Foundation Individual of the Year: Ric Serriani, Splurge Special Events and Catering;

The Board of Directors' Awards program began in 1962 to honor and recognize individuals and organizations who support HARD in its mission to provide quality

parks, recreation programs and facilities.

"Without volunteers, partner organizations and supporting agencies, we could not meet our mission," said board President Lou Andrade. "We are, without a doubt, incredibly grateful to the countless hours spent by the volunteers and organizations who assist with our programs, along with those individuals who have shown tremendous leadership and are deeply connected to the community we serve especially during such a challenging year as 2020."

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Rosetta came into this world in Benkelmen, Nebraska in 1934 to be with her parents John Henry and Helen Hart.

The family moved to Kennett, CA (which was later flooded for the Shasta Dam) and in 1939 moved to San Leandro, settling in Mulford Gardens.

She graduated from San Leandro High and married Elmer (Al) Bahr, also from San Leandro, in 1953. They were married 38 years until his passing.

She leaves her two children who she said "were a wonderful blessing in my life" – Debra of Livermore and Gregory and his wife Lori of Patterson. She also leaves her younger sister, Jacquelyn of Fremont and many nieces and nephews that she adored. She joins her husband, sister Mary, and brothers Merrill and Jack in death.

She was a vibrant personality. She was loving, caring, honest, creative, curious, fun, adventuresome, capable, supportive and a good listener. Her trademark sayings were "Hi, Honey" and "We're bright intelligent women, we'll figure it out".

She was a longtime member of the San Lorenzo Garden Club winning many awards and chairing various committees. She was involved in PTA at James Madison, John Muir Jr. High and Pacific High School, Brownies/Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts. She worked with Homer Richards at the Davis Clinic and volunteered with Meals on Wheels for many years.

She traveled throughout the US, Canada, Great Britain, Turkey, Italy, France, Scotland, Ireland, Spain and Portugal and made many friends on these trips.

She will be buried at a later date in Sacramento.



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Teresa L. Maloon

May 6, 1956 ~ February 4, 2021
Resident of San Leandro

Teresa Maloon passed away of natural causes on February 4, 2021. She was at home with her beloved family. They were able to support her and each other during her final hours.

Teresa was a strong, talented, and caring woman. She took a leadership role supporting her children as they participated in Scouting, sports, and other interests. She was very proud of her kids and was a true "mama bear". She lived for family gatherings and would pull out all the stops. Her family learned to celebrate the small occasions as well as the large. They were all a good reason to get together. Teresa had an outgoing personality. She usually wore bright clothing to match this – giving her family plenty of opportunities for good natured kidding.

Most of her working years were spent at a family tax preparation business. Her interests included camping, traveling, gardening, baking, family history, photography and craftwork. She is greatly missed and will always be in our hearts.

Teresa is survived by her husband and her two brothers. She dearly loved her three children and their spouses as well as her nephew and three nieces. Teresa's eight grandchildren filled her heart with joy. Memorial services TBA.

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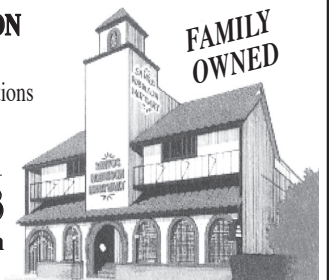
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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Doing something nice for others is typical of the generous Arian. But be prepared for some jealous types who might try to question one of your more recent acts of kindness.



TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): You're eager to take on new responsibilities. But before you do, you might want to check out exactly what would be required of you so that you don't face any "surprises" later.



GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): It might be best to put off an important decision until a fluctuating situation becomes more stable. Recently received news could help resolve a long-standing family matter.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): If you still have a problem getting that information gap closed, you might consider asking a higher authority to resolve the matter, leaving you free to move on to another project.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): A family matter needs to be dealt with at the start of the week. Once it's resolved, the Big Cat can devote more attention to that new opportunity that seems to hold so much potential.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): Pay attention to those nagging doubts. They could be warning you not to make any major decisions until you've checked them out -- especially where money matters might be involved.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): A business venture might need more of your attention than you are able to provide. Consider asking a trusted friend or family member to help you work through this time crunch.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): A more-positive aspect helps you get a clearer focus on how to handle your time so that you can deal with several responsibilities that are just now showing up on your schedule.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): A very close friend (you know who that is!) has advice that could help you work through a confusing situation. So put your pride aside and ask for it. You'll be glad you did.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): A workplace situation could turn a bit tense. The best way to handle it is to confront it and deal with it openly. Doing so can help reveal the underlying reasons for the problem.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): A colleague's remarks appear to be especially cutting. But don't waste your time or your energy trying to deal with the situation. You have more important things to do.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Support for your work comes as a surprise from someone you thought was critical or, at least, indifferent. Your spouse or partner has big plans for the weekend.

OPINION

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Thank You for Working

Editor:

I'm really impressed or was it just a "photo op" moment?

The front page of the San Leandro Times dated February 4th shows five city employees filling pot holes on Washington Avenue. What's amazing is that all five of the city employees had a tool in hand and not a single one of them were sitting out the task and watching others do the work.

As all of us can attest to, time and time again, we usually see one guy doing the work and the others are "supervising." Hard hats off to this group if it really wasn't just a photo op for the camera.

—Brent Heath
San Leandro

Sleeping on the Job?

Editor:

Maybe Leo T. West ("The Sore Winners," Letters, Feb. 4) was right when he said Biden stole the election.

But I am wondering how the Democrats stole an election under a Republican-led administration and wherein Trump had the powers of a king (I mean his word was The Law).

I believe it is always most likely – and very probable – that those in power would be the ones cheating or committing the fraud. So, if Biden – a Democrat – was able to steal an election under the GOP watch, does it mean that Trump and his cohorts were sleeping on their job? How could they not have detected the rampant cheating they claim to have happened last election?

For example, Trump has particularly targeted the State of Georgia where the Governor, State Secretary, Lieutenant Governor and Elections Official Gabriel Sterling are all Republicans, to have had massive fraud in the last election. With no offense to these people of such impeccable integrity, was Trump saying that all of them were sleeping on their job and allowed those people (Democrats) who had no power at all in the government to do all those crazy things to win the election?

Or is he so upset because he could not cheat the election since he appointed a very competent Cybersecurity Director, Christopher Krebs, to be his election watchdog and did not allow Russia or any foreign country, and domestic powers-that-be to interfere with the election.

If I have to commend Trump for a job well done, Mr. Krebs' appointment would be that. Unfortunately, Trump undid his good job by firing him when he told the truth that there was no fraud in the election. Hmm, this makes my brain cells working I think. I hope it does yours, too.

—Fe Corpuz
San Leandro

Fox "News" Being Sued

Editor:

How fortuitous that, on the same day Mr. West's "The Sore Winners" appeared in the Times (Letters, Feb. 4), news broke that Fox "News" was being sued by a voting technology company called Smartmatic.

The suit claims what sane, non-Fox viewers have known for some time: Fox has been propagating baseless conspiracy theories. The suit reads: "The Earth is round. Two plus two equals four. Joe Biden and Kamala Harris won the 2020 election for President and Vice President of the United States. The election was not stolen, rigged, or fixed. These are facts. They are demonstrable and irrefutable."

Mr. West calls those who work in the Capitol "...beasts of the swamp" and anyone who believes in facts "sore losers." If they are sore, aren't their feelings justified? They've watched a president, long before the election, suggest that the only way he'd lose is if the election was rigged.

Donald Trump still insists that he won.

We're supposed to champion Mr. Trump as a hero who braved the elements while campaigning? Give me a break.

While Joe Biden set and – continues to demonstrate – an example of

appropriate behavior, Trump spread the virus and did nothing while 400,000 souls perished on his watch. He applied pressure to get vaccines at warp speed, with no plan to administer them. Some hero.

Lastly, flying a Nazi or Confederate flag, while offensive, is a right guaranteed by 1st Amendment. Flying such flags (and there were far more than one, sir) while staging an insurrection at the Capitol is not. Look what five years of lies and calling the media the "...enemy of the people" has led to.

No one storming the Capitol was an "unarmed patriot." They were nothing more than stooges spurred on by an actual sore loser.

—Ken Maas
San Leandro

Cancel Rodeos Permanently

Editor:

The annual June Livermore Rodeo has been canceled yet again, due to Covid-19 concerns. Hallelujah!

Hopefully, the May Rowell Ranch Rodeo in Castro Valley will soon follow suit. Rodeo has had its day, and now belongs in the Dustbin of History. For most of the animals, the rodeo arena is merely a detour en route to the slaughterhouse, and all in the name of a bogus, brutal, macho "entertainment."

Every animal welfare organization condemns rodeo due to its inherent cruelty. Lest we forget, this god-awful pandemic was *human*-caused, a direct result of our gross mistreatment and abuse of animals, both wild and domestic. The United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales) outlawed rodeos back in 1934. There are connections to be made here, folks. Are we up to the task?

Suggestion: Cancel these two rodeos permanently, then transform those facilities into a farm animal sanctuary and education center for Bay Area children. California Education Code 60042 mandates that "humane education and kindness to animals" be taught in the public schools, K-12. This would be a good and appropriate start to help rectify past crimes against animals.

—Eric Mills, coordinator
Action for Animals, Oakland

Enjoy a Plant-based Lent

Editor:

I miss Mardi Gras. I miss being in crowds on Fat Tuesday. I'm hoping

for a speedy recovery from the pandemic so we can all congregate again.

After Fat Tuesday, Lent begins. Lent is the 40-day period before Easter when Christians stop eating meat and dairy in remembrance of Jesus' 40 days of reflection. As a Christian, Lent has meaning to me.

For me, I already don't eat meat and dairy. My plant-based diet helps reduce chronic diseases, environmental degradation, and animal abuse. Countless reports have linked consumption of animal products with risk of heart failure, stroke, cancer, and other diseases.

A U.N. report named meat production as a source of greenhouse gases and

water pollution. Investigations have revealed animals raised for food under horrible conditions of caging, crowding, drugging, and mutilation. These actions go against what I believe.

Lent offers an opportunity to honor Jesus' powerful message of compassion and love for all living beings, stop subsidizing the meat industry, and choose a nonviolent plant-based diet. It's a diet that goes back to The Bible (Genesis 1:29) and observed in the Garden of Eden.

Enter "plant-based Lent" in Google and explore hundreds meat-free recipes.

—Kurt Champler
San Leandro

INQUIRING REPORTER

Have you gotten a COVID shot?

— Asked downtown

I'm thinking about it, eventually. I don't really trust it yet, whether it will be effective and without any repercussions.

Stephanie Butler
San Leandro



No, not yet. I think I'm way down the list of people who can get the shot. So I'll wait until it's available and get it then.

Ty Lancaster
Oakland



I've been trying to get one. I'm over 65. I called the Alameda County 800 number, I go online. But where do you go? There's no place to get it. I registered with the county. It's very frustrating. Maybe when they start giving shots at the Coliseum.

M. Murphy
Oakland



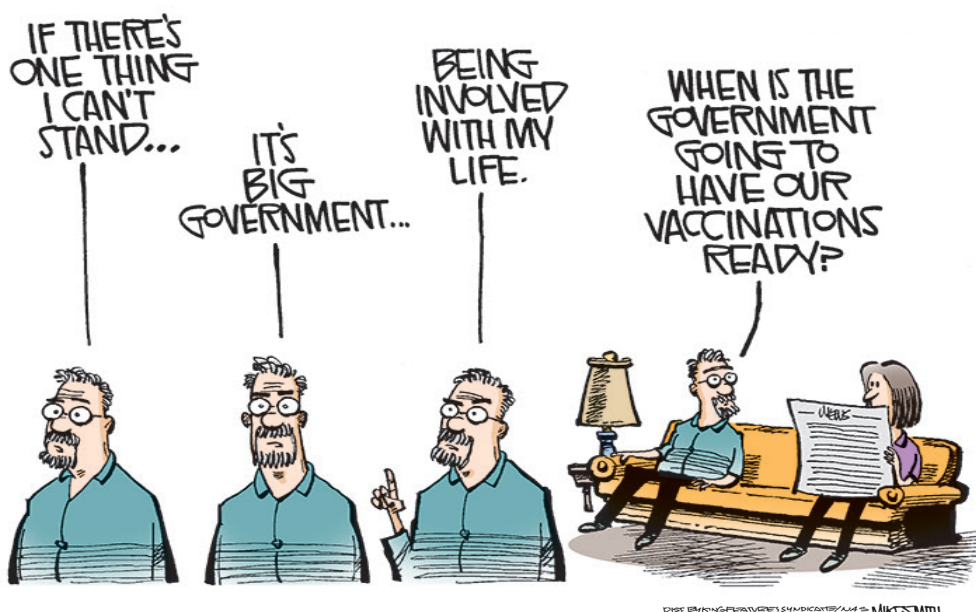
I'm planning on getting one, I guess when I travel. But I'm afraid to get it. I've never had a flu shot either.

Terri Casey
San Leandro



No, I'm planning not to. I just don't get vaccines. I feel like my immune system fights off anything. It's been that way all my life. I don't expect it to change.

Mike Casey
San Leandro



Puppies, Cute for Now, Will Become Skilled Companions

By Linda Sandsmark
San Leandro Times

Pandemic puppies are popular, but some puppies become more than just playmates.

Castro Valley native Marianne (Noleroth) Dimick volunteers breeding, delivering and raising dogs for Canine Companions for Independence (CCI), a non-profit group whose motto is, "Give a dog a job."

Canine Companions places highly trained assistance dogs with disabled children and adults, including veterans. Recipients of these canines pay nothing — the program is supported by donations and volunteers.

"I found out about CCI when I was working with a soccer program for differently-abled children. One of the kids came

in a wheelchair — with his dog," says Dimick. "Then a friend of mine got a puppy, and I went to his graduation. I got my first breeder (mother dog) about 15 years ago, and had three litters of puppies over a two-and-a-half year period."

Dimick has had three different breeders and delivered 11 litters in her home. She also delivered another 20 or so litters for other folks in the program.

"The dogs will be skilled companions. They can be hearing dogs, facility dogs in places like a courtroom or hospital, or they can assist people with PTSD."

"They can learn to pull open doors, take socks off, bring shoes, and even transfer laundry from the washer to dryer," says Dimick. "Most importantly,

they're a social bridge for the person they're paired with."

It costs \$50,000 to raise and train a CCI dog through graduation. The waiting list for the dogs is currently three years. And though the successful graduation rate is about 50 percent, even the dogs that don't graduate may be trained for diabetic alert, airport (bomb or agricultural) sniffing, or other jobs.

Dimick works at the beginning of the process, making sure the pregnant female breeder dog stays healthy. She delivers the puppies, cares for them, and gets them to their medical exams and vaccinations.

"I love puppies. They're so entertaining. Better than television," she says. "As a breeder-caretaker I work to desensitize the puppies to noise, and get them used to being handled. We also start crate training."

Pups stay at her home until they are weaned and can be transported up to the CCI regional center in Santa Rosa. (There are six such campuses nationwide, which are operating on a limited basis during the pandemic.)

The pups spend about 18 months with a volunteer puppy trainer, learning basic commands and socialization in a variety of settings. After that they enter professional training for five to nine more months to learn advanced

commands.

They are matched with a recipient at about two years of age and might be placed anywhere in the country.

The program uses Labrador retrievers, golden retrievers, and crosses of the two. The current litter of eight at Dimick's house includes both yellow and black puppies. Their mother Aysha is a cross, and their father Alvin is a black lab.

Dimick previously had a black lab breeder named Kaleigh and a golden retriever named Akeelah. All were chosen for their calm demeanor.

Each litter of CCI puppies is given names that start with a specific letter. Dimick's current group has been nicknamed "Special K" because it's the first letter of their names: Kayak, Kelda, Kipling, Kazoo, Keeper, Kellen, Keyes and Knox.

The Special K group is just about ready to head to Santa Rosa. They will be joined by other new litters that were born in this region around the same time. Though she will miss the puppies, it's a day Marianne Dimick looks forward to with pride. The good start she provides helps the dogs on their journey to help others.



PHOTO BY LINDA SANDSMARK

Marianne Dimick helps raise these puppies for Canine Companions for Independence.

More information on Canine Companions for Independence is available at cci.org. Donations are always welcome.

Man Shoved, Robbed at Bank

A man was violently robbed at the Bank of America on Marina Boulevard on Tuesday afternoon.

The Asian man was shoved and robbed as he was waiting to deposit some money. An ABC7 reporter posted a video on Twitter of the man sitting on the ground with a minor injury.

The robbery is the latest in a

string of attacks on elderly Asians in the Bay Area.

Last week, a 91-year-old Asian man was knocked to the ground on a sidewalk in Chinatown in Oakland. A 28-year-old man has since been arrested for the assault.

The robbery in San Leandro is under investigation.

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/s/ Roxanne K. Rufino

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/s/ WOOFWALKS LLC

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/s/ Oliver Javier

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/s/ Harold B. Brooks

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/s/ Celeste N. Olivarez

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/s/ Suzanne Emans, Pascalle Jansen Abdelrahim



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