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A group of people met at Washington Manor Park on Sunday morning to talk about the plans for townhomes at the site of the former Manor Bowl.

Manor Residents Oppose Townhouse Plans

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

Around a hundred people showed up at Washington Manor Park on Sunday morning in opposition to the plan to build townhouses on the site of the former Manor Bowl.

The majority of people who came to the park at 10 a.m. said the townhouse devel-

opment is too big. They want it to be two stories, not three, and say it should have more parking than the plans call for.

"It's too high," said Ken Akerly, a Washington Manor resident who led the discussion in the shade of the eucalyptus trees. "We're not against a development, but this is not the right one."

The plans call for a 3-story townhome development of 39 units to be built on the land of the former bowling alley and Washington Manor landmark at 903 Manor Boulevard. Townhouses, by definition, are generally three or more stories.

The Planning Commission voted at its

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Police Shoot And Kill Man After Chase

Police say man jumped out of car with assault rifle in hand

San Leandro police shot and killed a man in Oakland on Aug. 6 after a pursuit of what police believed to be a stolen car.

The pursuit ended when the vehicle crashed into the rear of an unoccupied parked vehicle in the 10400 block of Pearmain Street in Oakland and the driver exited the vehicle while holding an assault style firearm, according to San Leandro police.

"During this incident, the officer discharged his service weapon," said a San Leandro Police Department press release.

Officers called for paramedics and provided first aid until they arrived, police said. Despite those life-saving measures, the driver died from his injuries at the scene. No officers sustained any injuries. An assault rifle was recovered at the scene.

As with all officer-involved shooting incidents, the department will conduct a full and thorough multi-level review of the incident. Because this shooting occurred in Oakland, the Oakland Police Department will be the lead law enforcement agency in charge of the criminal investigation.

The Alameda County District Attorney's Office will also conduct an independent investigation of the incident, as they do with all officer involved shootings that result in injury or death. The officer involved in the shooting

was placed on administrative leave, which is standard protocol in any officer involved shooting.

The investigation is in the
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Police Point to Big Jump In Crime

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

The San Leandro Police Officers' Association sent out a statement last Friday warning residents about a sharp uptick in violent crime.

The statement points to a jump in crime from June to July, though the overall picture of crime in San Leandro doesn't indicate as big of an increase of most crimes.

The statement says that police are concerned about an almost 50 percent increase in month-over-month violent crime with significant increases in robbery, assault, residential burglary, and shoplifting in San Leandro.

The crime numbers for July, the statement reads, "show a 500
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Speakers Question a Third Police Shooting

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

A local lawyer took the microphone at a protest rally in front of the police department last Thursday evening and said that she's never seen what is now happening in San Leandro.

"I'm awestruck by how this community is changing - a year ago we wouldn't have gotten all these people here and car horns honking," said Cynthia Chandler.

Chandler was talking about the rally hastily organized that day about another police shooting that happened the night before when San Leandro police chased

a car reported stolen into Oakland. The car crashed and the driver jumped out with an assault rifle, police said. He was later shot and killed by a policeman.

Chandler and others have been saying that San Leandro police are too prone to use guns and they should be handling situations without the use of lethal force. The movement in San Leandro developed not just after the George Floyd killing by police in Minneapolis but the shooting death by police of
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PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

City Councilman Victor speaks at a rally in response to a police shooting last week.

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CITY COUNCIL

Council meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in City Council Chambers, City Hall, 835 E. 14th St., San Leandro. For more information, call the City Clerk at 577-3367.

SAN LEANDRO SCHOOL BOARD

Board meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 835 E. 14th St., San Leandro. For more information, call Michelle Mayfield at 667-3522.



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PETS OF THE WEEK



Leisa



Gerard

The Pet of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter are both cats, Leisa and Gerard.

Leisa is a 5-month-old female Siamese kitten who came in injured with suspected head trauma. Leisa is recovering and is super social, she will meow sweetly and roll over for attention and pets.

Gerard is a 1-year-old male

cat who is incredibly sweet and cuddly. He loves to be petted and isn't shy about asking. Gerard will race across the room to greet you, then flop onto his side purring and waiting for behind-the-ear pets.

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

Members Wanted for Budget Advisory Task Force

The City of San Leandro is seeking 28 members to form the Community Advisory Budget Task Force.

The members can be residents, business representatives, and city employees. The Budget Task Force will provide budget-related recommendations to the City Council.

The purpose of the task force is to develop an understanding of the City's budget and fiscal issues, and to provide input on community priorities and develop recommendations for the City Council on fiscal and program strategies that ensure a balanced budget that reflects those priorities.



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- ✓ Provide input on community priorities and develop recommendations for the City Council on fiscal and program strategies to ensure a balanced budget that reflects those priorities;
- ✓ Make recommendations to enhance public understanding of the City budget and provide community input into the budget development process;
- ✓ Make recommendations for efficient and effective reallocations of funding that was recently deducted from the Police Department budget; and
- ✓ Make recommendations to help achieve a long-term, sustainable budget through reducing expenditures and/or increasing revenues.

To complete the Task Force application, please visit www.sanleandro.org/news

Contact: Paul Sanftner at 510.577.3372 or psanftner@sanleandro.org



Angel Island Awards Gala to Go Virtual Next Wednesday

This year's Angel Island Immigration Station's Annual Gala and Immigrant Heritage Awards has been transformed into a completely virtual experience, free to attend by all next Wednesday, Aug. 19.

So spread the word and help ensure that the important histories and stories related to the former Angel Island station are not forgotten, especially at a time when we are seeing increasing discrimination and attacks against Asians and other immigrant groups.

With this year's theme of "Celebrating Our Dreams, Imagining Our Future," pay tribute to the hopes and dreams of immigrants and their descendants.

Honor this year's Immigrant Heritage Award honorees and recognize the efforts of everyone who has worked towards the restoration of the former USIS



ANGEL ISLAND IMMIGRATION STATION FOUNDATION PHOTO

An effort is underway to restore the former hospital on Angel Island.

Hospital (opening as the Angel Island Immigration Museum). Visit info@aaisf.org for more information.

San Leandran Graduates From University of Wisconsin, Madison

Rodolfo Macias of San Leandro received a Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Wisconsin at an online ceremony held in May.

Best-selling author James Patterson, the commencement speaker, counseled graduates on

persistence and resilience, telling them, "Hey, it's hard now, but it's been hard before. When I graduated from college, the war in Vietnam was raging, there was a draft... When my dad graduated, he got shipped off to Europe and WWII."

Chancellor Rebecca Blank praised graduates for the way they handled their unprecedented final semester. In-person instruction ended in March and she thanked their families and friends for helping them through it all.

"But when we are past this crisis, you will also see many new opportunities to re-engage the economy, to re-build personal connections, and to figure out how to live together in ways that reduce the threat of future pandemics," Blank said. "Our world will change permanently because of this global shared experience. Your diploma from this great public university is your ticket to be part of that change."

In addition to Saturday's virtual ceremony, numerous famous Badger alumni posted shout-outs on social media, including soccer star Rose Lavelle, Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson, U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin, and Tony Award-winning actor Andre De Shields, who sang a bit for graduates. On May 8, the UW Athletic Department lit Camp Randall and the Kohl Center in red to honor the Class of 2020.

This Day in History...

On Aug. 13, 1996 Microsoft released Internet Explorer 3.0... In 1914 Carl Wickman started a bus line in Minnesota called Greyhound... In 1962 Bert Campaneris, in a minor league game in Florida, pitched ambidextrously, pitching left handed to left handed batters and switching for right handed batters.

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Speakers: Citizens question police tactics

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Steven Taylor in April at the Hesperian Walmart that some are saying was unnecessary.

"We see a continuation of the violence that the San Leandro Police Department inflicts on the community – high speed chase into a residential area, excessive force, continuing of a policy that needs to change," said Celina Reynes of San Leandro, one of the rally organizers.

A group of around 20 supporters carried signs and listened to the speakers. Between speakers the crowd chanted slogans: "No justice, no peace. Defund the police."

The critics of the police shootings don't say what police

"This is three killings in less than a year."

— Douglas Spalding
of San Leandro

should do if they pull over a car and the driver gets out with a rifle, or if someone comes at you holding a baseball bat over their head. But they say that police should just be better at de-escalating the situation.

The next speaker, Douglas Spalding of San Leandro, said the Aug. 5 shooting was part of a pattern of San Leandro police behavior.

"He chases him, releases his dog, and then without waiting for backup, shoots and kills him – this is what our police do," Spalding said. "Where does the buck stop? Chief Tudor. This needs to be investigated by the state just like Vallejo. This is three killings in less than a year."

City Councilman Victor Aguilar also spoke, calling for a change in city leadership in this election year.

"I'm sick and tired of hearing this," Aguilar said. "We need

Shoot: Police dept. says it will give updates

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early stages and more information will bring more details to what happened, police said.

"The San Leandro Police Department will continue to update the community regarding this incident as the investigation allows."

A police dog was missing after the incident but was found a few hours later.



PHOTOS BY JIM KNOWLES

A group held a rally against police shootings last Thursday in front of the police station. Below, a young protester expressed an idea with a sign and Cynthia Chandler speaks.



a change in leadership. We need change on the dais."

Another speaker, Kaemon Bonet of Richmond said the military has stricter rules for the use of firearms than the police do.

"We respect our country's enemies more than we respect Black people," Bonet said.

Despite the calls for a change in police practices and in city leadership, as of this week, no one is running in the Nov. 3 election against City Councilman Pete Ballew, a retired San Leandro police officer. Ballew took the council seat four years ago when he ran unopposed.

Chandler says she has a couple of theories on why more people don't run for local office.

It requires a lot more work than it pays, so it's very difficult for most working people to do.

But the events that have sprung up in the past few months are changing the political landscape, she said.

"I'm tired of living in the Ferguson of the Bay Area," Chandler said.

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The Arc of the East Bay provides advocacy, support, and education to persons with developmental and intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families in San Leandro and the rest of the East Bay.

During the pandemic, putting clients at risk by coming in to the facility is out of the question.

Clients need to continue virtual learning and the tablets will help provide the tools they

require. However, many of the Arc's families cannot afford the service provided. So the Arc's mission is to raise the necessary funds needed for one year of service.

The cost for each tablet is \$20 a month, or \$240 for the year.

The Campaign Goal is to raise \$24,000 to fully support each of the 100 clients.

To donate, go to the Arc of the East Bay's website: arceastbay.org.

Any little bit helps. All you need to do is click the donate button below then note "Tablets" in the select campaign box.

Free Webinar Workshop Offered About Immigration

Officers from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will present a virtual naturalization workshop on Thursday, Aug. 20, at 4 p.m.

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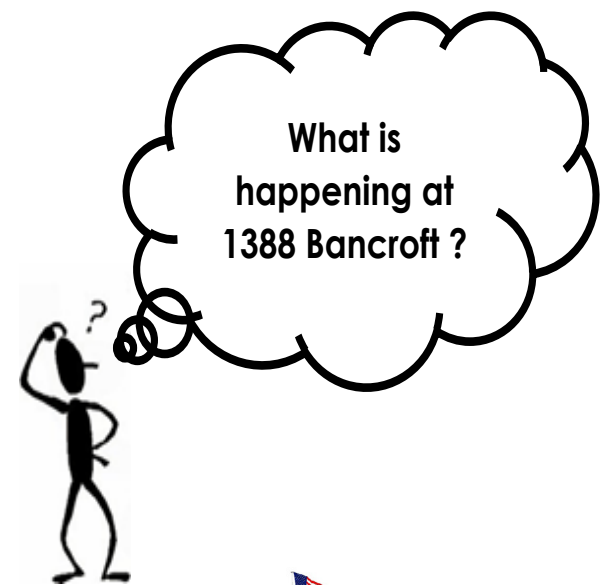
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larger USCIS initiative to help immigrants better understand their own eligibility and next steps to citizenship.

For sign-on information, please RSVP to Vilaysay.Phavisith@uscis.dhs.gov.

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Townhouse: Washington Manor residents say three stories is too big

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July 2 meeting to recommend that the City Council approve the project. The item could be on the agenda at the next City Council meeting on Sept. 8, although the agenda hasn't been prepared yet as it's four weeks away.

But Akerly said he believes the Planning Commission didn't give opponents a fair say. Part of the problem, he said, was due to holding virtual meetings online.

"They limited comments, but there was no limit to comments from the advocates," Akerly said.

Although the video of the meeting on the City of San Leandro website shows at least some opponents spoke at the Planning Commission meeting.

Several people in the crowd at the park spoke on Sunday, many saying they thought the development would affect traffic and parking.

Manor is one of the main routes in and out of the neighborhood and it's already a traffic jam at certain times of day, one woman said.

"We're going to have a hard time leaving the Manor," said Randy Chastain. "A traffic as-

essment should be done when school is in session. They should go back and do a survey."

A few others said that parking is already bad enough and the development won't have enough parking for its residents.

"Everybody's tired of coming home and not being able to park in front of your own house," said a man who declined to give his name because he said he would be harassed. "The streets are terrible. Where is the money going? We need somebody to represent us."

Akerly called on the hundred people to bring others when they meet again this coming Sunday at 10 a.m. so the group will be even bigger.

"You can pressure the City Council," Akerly said. "Call and email a City Council member."

The issues of parking and size of the building were discussed at the Planning Commission meeting in July and likely will be again when the council hears the issue. Extensive studies of environmental issues, traffic and parking have been compiled. Links to those studies are on the city's website.

People can call in and make comments at meetings even if they don't have a computer. The meeting agenda has a Zoom link for a video connection, and a number for a phone connection, too.

You can also mail or email a question or comment to the city clerk who will read it for you during the meeting.

"I think it's a good project," said planning commissioner Michael Santos. "I think the developer is doing a good job. We've been underperforming in housing in California since the '80s. This neighborhood was built in the '50 and anything new is a plus."

But Planning commissioner Catherine Vierra Houston didn't agree. Houston was the no vote when the commission voted, 6-1, to recommend the project. She said a wider range of neighbors should have been contacted than a 500-foot radius when they send out notices of the project, and that the traffic study on Manor should be done again at different hours.

"I would like to see the traffic study done between 4 and 6 p.m.," Houston said.



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

People sign a petition to send to the City Council in opposition to the proposed townhouses at the site of the former Manor Bowl.

Crime: A little over average

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percent increase in robberies involving a firearm, a 125 percent increase in assaults with a deadly weapon, a 100 percent increase in shoplifting, and a 75 percent increase in residential burglaries over the previous month of June 2020."

Overall, crime is down from the same time last year, the state-

ment said, adding that it's still "a disturbing trend."

The statement includes a quote from San Leandro Police Officers' Association President Michael Olivera, saying, "We want to caution the public to be careful, cautious and thoughtful about your safety and the community's safety."

San Leandro's crime statistics

show a noticeable jump from June to July, but the stats for the entire year show that July is not dramatically out of the ordinary.

For example, the 500 percent increase in robberies involving a firearm are due to only one such incident in June and six in July. The monthly average is five.

The 125 percent increase in assaults with a deadly weapon was a jump from 8 in June to 18 in July. That is also higher than the monthly average of 10.

The 75 percent increase in residential burglaries — eight in June to 14 in July, is just over the monthly average of 12.

But commercial burglaries were down by 67 percent, from 83 in June to 27 in July. The monthly average is 24.

The SLPOA statement also points out a 100 percent increase in shoplifting: 13 cases in June to 26 in July. But the monthly average is 25. The range per month over the past year is between 16 and 35.

The crime statistics for San Leandro can be found by going to the City of San Leandro website (www.sanleandro.org) and to the Police Department section, and then looking under "Crime Stats" and then "Crime Analysis."

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LIFESTYLE



Moist and fudgy Chocolate Zucchini Cake

Celebrating the Prolific Zucchini

Although the Annual Hayward Zucchini Festival is on hiatus this year, the 2020 zucchini harvest certainly is not, as any backyard gardener can tell you.

There are hundreds of ways of serving zucchinis as main dishes or salads and innocently disguised as bread, cakes, pies and other desserts. So, bring 'em on!

FUDGY CHOCOLATE ZUCCHINI CAKE

2 cups all-purpose flour
2 cups sugar
3/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
2 teaspoons baking soda
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cinnamon
4 eggs
1-1/2 cups vegetable oil
3 cups grated zucchini
3/4 cup chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease and flour a 9x13 inch baking pan.

In a medium bowl, stir together the flour, sugar, cocoa, baking soda, baking powder, salt and cinnamon. Add the eggs and oil, mix well. Fold in the nuts and zucchini until they are evenly distributed. Pour into the prepared pan.

Bake for 50 to 60 minutes in the preheated oven, until a knife

inserted into the center comes out clean. Cool cake completely if you plan to add your favorite frosting. Yields about 18 servings.

ZUCCHINI OVEN CRISPS

1/4 cup dry breadcrumbs
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1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

2 tablespoons fat-free milk
2 1/2 cups (1/4-inch-thick) slices zucchini (about 2 small)
Cooking spray

Preheat oven to 425°.

Combine first 5 ingredients in a medium bowl, stirring with a whisk. Place milk in a shallow bowl. Dip zucchini slices in milk, and dredge in breadcrumb mixture. Place coated slices on an ovenproof wire rack coated with

cooking spray; place rack on a baking sheet. Bake at 425° for 30 minutes or until browned and crisp. Serve immediately. Yields four 3/4-cup servings.

SKILLET ZUCCHINI & TOMATOES

1 teaspoon soft margarine
2 small onions, chopped
4 small (6 inch) zucchini, thinly sliced
2 medium tomatoes, chopped
Freshly ground pepper

In a large nonstick skillet, melt margarine over medium heat, add onions and cook, stirring, until softened. Add zucchini and cook for 2 minutes. Add tomatoes and cook for 3 to 5 minutes or until zucchini is tender-crisp. Season to taste with pepper.

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1 tablespoon olive oil
1 medium onion, chopped
Salt

2 garlic cloves, minced
2 teaspoons curry powder
3 medium zucchini, sliced 1 inch thick

1 Russet potato, peeled and cut into 1-inch chunks
1/3 cup sliced almonds, toasted, for garnish

Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add onion and 1 tablespoon salt; cook, stirring occasionally, until the onion is soft, 4 to 5 minutes. Add garlic and curry powder; cook, stirring constantly, until fragrant, about 1 minute.

Add zucchini, potato, and 4 cups water. Bring to a boil; reduce heat, and simmer until vegetables are tender, 10 to 15 minutes.

In batches, puree soup in a blender (do not fill more than half-way) until smooth; serve immediately, or let cool, and refrigerate in an airtight container until chilled. Garnish with toasted almonds. Yields 4 servings.

ZUCCHINI CHILI

4-6 cup of grated, unpeeled zucchini
1 cup of celery, sliced

1 medium onion, chopped
3 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 (15-oz.) can tomato sauce
1 tomato sauce can of water
1 (29-oz.) tomatoes & juice
2-3 tablespoons chili powder
1 teaspoon of garlic salt
2 teaspoons of salt
2 tablespoons of sugar
1 teaspoon of black pepper
1/2 teaspoon of red pepper
1/2 cup of pitted ripe olives, sliced
1 (15-oz.) can kidney beans
1 cup of fresh, sliced mushrooms

Sauté grated zucchini, celery and onion in hot oil in large kettle or saucepan until celery is tender, but not browned, about 6 minutes. Add tomato sauce, water, tomatoes and juice, chili powder, garlic salt and salt, sugar and pepper.

Simmer slowly, uncovered, 1 to 1-1/2 hours. Add olives, kidney beans and mushrooms. Simmer another 10 to 15 minutes. Yields 8 servings.

ZUCCHINI-ROSEMARY MEATLESS FRITTATA

1 tablespoon olive oil
1 clove garlic, minced
2 cups zucchini, halved

lengthwise and thinly sliced
4 large eggs
2 egg whites
1/4 teaspoon salt, divided
1/4 teaspoon pepper, divided
1/2 teaspoon chopped fresh rosemary
2 ounces Parmigiano Reggiano, grated

Preheat the oven to broil.

Heat oil in a skillet over medium-high heat; add garlic, cook for 1 minute but don't let it brown. Add zucchini; cook 5 minutes or until tender, stirring continuously. Season with salt and pepper.

Meanwhile, whisk together the eggs, egg whites, and rosemary, and season with salt and pepper. Pour the egg mixture over the zucchini and cook, just until the eggs begin to set, about 3 minutes.

Sprinkle cheese evenly over the top. Place pan under the broiler for 3 minutes or until the frittata rises slightly and becomes light and settled. The eggs should not be runny.

Transfer to a serving plate, cut into pie-shaped wedges, and serve. Serves 4.

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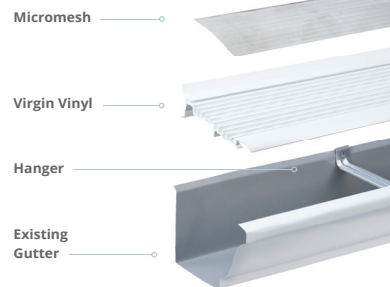
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By Carl Medford, CRS
Special to the Times

GUEST COMMENTARY



Buyer Love Letters May Violate Fair Housing Laws

Added to offers by buyers hoping to tug on a seller's heartstrings and win in multiple offer situations, "Buyer Love Letters" have become commonplace. These letters frequently provide details about the buyers and list the reasons they would love to own the home in question.

Problem: They could constitute a violation of our nation's fair housing laws.

At the heart of the issue is the potential for discrimination based on a letter's contents. HUD's website* states, "It is illegal to discriminate in the sale or rental of housing, including against individuals seeking a mortgage or housing assistance, or in other housing-related activities. The Fair Housing Act prohibits this discrimination because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial

status, and disability."

In other words, a seller cannot decide who does or does not get to buy their home based on any of the characteristics included in the fair housing laws. Yet many buyer letters not only provide personal information, they include pictures clearly portraying sex, race, familial status and even, in some cases, religious orientation or even disabilities.

As an example, if it can be determined that, from a pool of equally qualified buyers, a seller chooses a young family to purchase their home and excludes a single person's offer based on a desire to have a family occupy their home, then it is reasonable to suggest that fair housing laws have been violated.

The issue is twofold. First, a buyer is allowed to write a letter stating what they like about the home on which they are writing an offer. They should *not* include personal details that could be construed as attempting to sway a seller based on any of the forbidden fair housing criteria.

Second, a seller is not allowed to decide on who buys their home based on any criteria other than financial ability. They cannot, as an example, reject a buyer based on race. When receiving a buyer letter with an offer package, the listing agent, on behalf of the seller, should consider whether the buyer's letter constitutes a violation of the fair housing laws and

possibly exclude the letter from the package.

It is a tricky issue. While buyers want their letter to separate them from the rest of the pack, sellers must be very careful they do not base their decision on any criteria that could be construed as a violation of the law.

*https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_op/fair_housing_rights_and_obligations

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Fruit Trees Not... Fruiting?

By Buzz Bertolero
Special to the Times

Q Why would my fruit trees stop producing? They were productive, but not now.

A Deciduous fruit trees, plums, cherries, peaches, and others, fail to bear fruit because of aggressive pruning during the winter months that removes the fruiting spurs and the spring bloom. Trees must flower so pollination can occur, causing the fruit to set.

The chief pollinators of fruit trees are honey bees. There have been periods when damp, wet conditions during flowering grounded the bees, so the fruit

set was very poor or none at all. This year the conditions were not adverse.

Another consideration is the overall health of the trees, measured by the lack of – or little – new growth and dieback in the canopy. This decline occurs over a series of winters. You might find that sections or branches don't break dormancy or die during the growing season.

The slope may be contributing to the problem as soil erosion during the winter months could be burying the trees. The soil will build up on the backside of the downward slope at the tree trunks. You will need to remove all the excess soil annually, down to the top of the first root,

and then channel the water away from the crown or base of the trees, then mulch the area under the canopies.

The frequency of watering after the rainy season is the final consideration. Except for apples and pears, deciduous fruit trees are not watered more than twice a month. The early stages of dormancy begin after Labor Day, so you stop watering altogether.

A large basin should be constructed each spring and then removed in the fall. They should be six to eight inches tall and extend from the trunk to beyond the canopies.

With a slope, the front side of the basin will be much higher

than the back. Wet winters and excessive summer watering leads to root rot that doesn't show up until the following year as dieback.

Other reasons for fruit trees to fail to bear fruit is because the trees are too young, trees were started from a pit, frost occurred during the blooming period, or varieties not suited for your area.

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Chabot Science Center to Celebrate 20 Years of Learning

The Chabot Space & Science Center will celebrate 20 years of learning at the Skyline Campus throughout the month of August, the latest chapter in its 137-year legacy as an Oakland institution.

Events will include two virtual community celebrations (<https://chabotspace.org>), an online silent auction to benefit STEM education at the Center and a look back at highlights from the past 20 years.

Chabot Space & Science Center was reopened at its Skyline location in August 2000. Since then, the Center has expanded with new programs, exhibitions and events.

Starting in 2000, Chabot's Galaxy Explorers program has welcomed thousands of local high school students for hands-on community service work. This competitive program offers students hundreds of community service hours made up of impactful science demonstrations, team projects, enrichment



Chabot's powerful telescopes are a fixture at the center.

lectures and more. Many have earned the President's Volunteer Service Award and moved on to exciting STEM careers. This is also the 20th anniversary of Chabot's annual Balloon Drop, a popular event that has gathered the community to celebrate and learn together.

Since 2000, Chabot has debuted fun and impactful exhibitions that have received national attention, including Bill Nye's Climate Lab and Going the Distance New permanent additions to the center include Chabot's most powerful telescope "Nellie" and a 3,200 square foot ob-

servation deck in partnership with the Exploratorium.

Chabot's Star Party Spectacular on Wednesday, August 19 at 8 p.m. will celebrate this milestone with engaging STEM activities, a virtual dance party, appearances from leading scientists and Executive Director Adam Tobin.

This celebration will be followed by 137 Years of Chabot Space & Science Center in 60 Minutes, a special virtual talk on Friday, Aug. 21 at 8 p.m. Look back through more than a century of Oakland history with this special program by astronomer Ben Burrell.

Chabot will hold a special silent auction to benefit STEM education at the center, featuring private telescope viewings, an exclusive hike-and-sip event and a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience a private viewing under a starry sky created by the Zeiss Universarium machine, one of four in the country.



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Helicopters are used to inspect the vast network of power lines in PG&E's service area for any potential problems.

PG&E Patrols Power Lines To Help Prevent Wildfires

PG&E recently conducted low-flying helicopter patrols over its power lines in Castro Valley and the East Bay as part of a company-wide exercise to help employees prepare for the possibility of Public Safety Power Shutoffs during this tinder-dry summer.

The exercise has included simulated and actual events, both

on the ground and in the air. The above photo is of a similar drill patrol in Amador County.

The program is part of the utility's \$9.5-billion, years-long effort to prevent power line caused wildfires like those that have killed dozens of people and destroyed thousands of homes and businesses in recent years.

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David "Dave" Ramos

December 23, 1931 – July 28, 2020
Resident of Rossmore

Passed away peacefully on July 28, 2020 in Walnut Creek at the age of 88. Born in Oakland California on December 23, 1931. He grew up in east Oakland and graduated from Castlemont High School, June 1950. David was the last of a generation. His mother, father and three brothers preceded him in death. David was an eight-year member of the United States Naval Reserve. He joined the Masonic order in 1962, the Oakland Scottish Rite 1964, Aahmes Shrine 1965, Aahmes Shrine Patrol 1965, past Captain in 1989, and member of the Royal Order of Jester Court 6, 1976. David owned San Leandro Truck Body in the 1970's and was a truck salesman at East Bay Ford Truck Center until his retirement in 2003. He was an active member of the Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church for many years.



David enjoyed spending time with his loving wife Sharon. They were married 40 wonderful years. Sharon was not only his wife, she was his golf partner, travel companion, and best friend. David loved to dance, go on cruises and enjoyed all types of music. He and Sharon hosted many parties, events, the family reunion barbeque and breakfasts that featured Massa Sovada, Linguica and his famous "Ramos Fizz".

He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, Uncle, and friend.

David will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

The family has requested memorial donations be made to Shriners Hospital for Children, 2425 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95817.

Mary Ramos

Mary Ramos was born in Hawaii on November 15, 1911 and passed away on August 8, 2020, at age 108.

Born in Hawaii, she came to California at age 2. She was a lifelong resident of San Leandro. A beloved and dedicated member of Saint Leanders Church. She enjoyed spending time with her friends and family. She worked at Del Monte for 24 years as a line operator. She was a member of the Luso-American Federation Council #2-28 and Santa Maria Medalina.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred, brothers Anthony, Manuel and sister Lena. She is survived by her nieces (Patricia, Joi and Laura), nephews (Ronald, Glenn and Rick) and many cousins.

Burial to be held at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery on August 14, 2020 at 12:30 p.m. Services by Santos-Robinson Mortuary, 510-483-0123.

A Memorial Mass will be held at a later date when the Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted.

Steven Felix Fanucchi

Steven Felix Fanucchi, age 97, died at home on July 18, 2020.

He is survived by his wife Jacqueline Monette Fanucchi; his daughter and husband, Ava and Bill Seale; his son and wife Steve and Julie Fanucchi; his daughter Lisa Marks; his daughter and husband Gina and Felix Ybarra; his sister Antionette Delfino; 12 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sister Bruna Lucia.



He was born on Jan 10th, 1923 in San Leandro, CA, his parents Michael Giovanni Fanucchi and Marie Christina Pittiluga were Italian Immigrants. He graduated from San Leandro High School in 1941. After high school he joined the Naval Air Corps and was a veteran of World War II. He met his wife Jackie on a military base in Kansas where they were married. They moved back to San Leandro, where he became part owner of the Oakland Scavenger Garbage Company. He was a hard worker, who enjoyed duck hunting and fly fishing as hobbies. He was a loving husband and father, who recently celebrated his 75th wedding anniversary on April 7th, 2020, which he was very proud of. He will be missed.

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Doctor Starts Campaign to Save Famous Sports Bar Ricky's

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

A San Leandro surgeon and sports fan is raising money to prevent Ricky's Sports Theater and Grill from closing for good.

The iconic sports bar and restaurant on Hesperian Boulevard is facing tremendous obstacles. Owner and manager Ricky Ricardo was hospitalized in July, due to complications with Alzheimer's, a family spokesperson said, which have been getting progressively worse over the last four years. His wife Tina says she has been doing her best to manage the bar along with the medical bills.

"We know there is a GoFundMe campaign going on and we are beyond grateful for all of

those who have donated in these trying times," a family spokesperson told the San Leandro Times.

Ricky's has been closed since March as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and the Raiders football organization moved its operations to Las Vegas last year taking with it some after-game business.

Dr. Robert Gingery, who calls the Ricardos his closest friends, says he wants to raise \$100,000 to help save the bar, which employs more than 20 people. He says without urgent financial help, the unofficial home of Raider Nation and other Bay Area sports teams will not survive.

Gingery's "Save Ricky's Sports Bar" fundraising website is located at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/2376113nbc> for more information or to donate.

"How can we let it go under?" Gingery said on his fundraising page. "My plan is to raise enough money via this crowdfunded effort to get Ricky's through this Covid shutdown period and perhaps allow them the funds to open outdoor dining until we get there. Please help. I know none of us wants to lose Ricky's."

Gingery's fundraiser has currently raised more than \$13,000 since it launched in late July. And as more people find out about the tough times Ricky's is having, Gingery says fans and organizations are now pledging their support.

"My wife Diane and I are very grateful for all the kindness and respect Tina and Ricky have always shown us," said San Leandro's Pete Morales. "We appreciate this opportunity to reciprocate. Meals with them have always felt more like a family gathering than just going to a restaurant."

"Ricky and Tina have always been very supportive of the Oakland A's Booster Club," the Booster Club said in a post. "The board has met there once a month during baseball season for several years. The board voted unanimously to donate in support of Tina and Ricky."

The Ricardo family, which opened the business as a steakhouse in 1946, has always had a very close relationship with its patrons. The building boasts about 80 television screens and more than 20 beers on tap.

In 2005, Ricky's was voted the second-best bar in America by Sports Illustrated magazine. In 2018, Raiders' head coach Jon Gruden hosted a fan-appreciation event that drew more than 500 people to the bar.

"Many of us have gathered to watch the Raiders, Golden State Warriors, and the A's over the years. What great times," Gingery said. "Ricky has hosted every kind of event: sports, clubs, local government, hospital groups, business meetings, and parties. You name it, they've done it. I took a traffic school course there to avoid have my speeding ticket on my record. I have seen Ricky and Tina create a classic place with a warm welcoming atmosphere that is unequaled elsewhere."

Gingery said he is trying to contact Raiders' owner Mark Davis and former Golden State Warriors coach Don Nelson to help lend some star power to the fundraising.

"There are a lot of dyed-in-the-wool Raiders, A's, and Warriors fans here," Gingery



Ricky's paid tribute in 2015 when Kenny Stabler died.



Ricky's is always packed on Raider game days.

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said. "People are reaching out and we are doing this. There are a lot telling me that they are glad that of good feelings about this place."

OPINION

LETTERS to the EDITOR

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Sharper Pencil Needed for Budget

Editor:

Recently the City Council voted 6-1 to set up a task force to evaluate future budget expenditures to help balance the out-of-control budget. The Council said this committee should be made up of 28 individuals, 4 from each district.

The only member who voted against this number was Councilman Aguilar who said that there would be too many on the committee and to that I say "the more the merrier" as the Council seems to be incapable of presenting a balanced budget on their own, so let's get in there and cut out the fat.

The Council wants to use a butter knife to slice the budget. We need a Freddy Krueger mentality and a chain saw to straighten things out once and for all.

In support of Councilman Aguilar, he did say that the task force should have access to all expenditures and not be on any other city committees or be an elected official (duh). I am in full agreement with this suggestion as we need a fresh set of eyes

and a sharper pencil.

It will be interesting to see who ends up on the committee. I'd hate to see the appointees become a typical political committee, i.e. you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours.

—Brent Heath
San Leandro

COVID Rules Seem Inconsistent

Editor:

I know that salons are not essential services. But most of them are small businesses and many are owned by immigrants. This is their main livelihood.

I continue to see restaurants open for take out and some I assume serve alcohol and are allowed to serve customers outside.

I watched Governor Newsom state that salons in counties that are on the watch list would be allowed to serve customers outside.

I had to drive out of the county to get my haircut in mid June only to have those salons closed a few weeks later.

All salons I drive by in Hayward and San Leandro have been shuttered since March as those in San Francisco, etc.

I enjoyed getting my nails done last Sunday at a nail salon in San Leandro that was serving customers outside in open sided tents. All CDC safety protocols including temperature checks, masks as well as plexiglass barriers were in place. Yet, I heard through other store workers that the County forced them to close on Wednesday. This just doesn't seem fair.

—Kim Loisel
San Leandro

Save the Post Office

Editor:

We need to save the Post Office from Trump and his Postmaster General Mr. DeJoy because of its crucial role in keeping our democracy safe in this pandemic period.

Actually the postal system has always played an important role in our democracy since the country's beginning.

Founded in 1775, the Postal system was arguably as important as the Founding Fathers, the country's primary method of spreading information to the population.

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regarded with a 91 percent approval rating according to a Pew poll.

The Postmaster's personal \$200 million stake in private postal companies adds new meaning to the fox guarding the hen house.

—Craig Williams
San Leandro

Irked by Times' Letters Policy

Editor:

Far be it that Mr. Leo T. West's First Amendment rights should be curtailed. He may discharge his bile, spittle, venom, homophobia, racism and support for all things Trumpian on any street corner or public space ... until the neighbors call in a Public Nuisance complaint.

To continuously feature Leo in The Letters to the Editor of the San Leandro Times ... the High

Watermark of Newspaper Journalism (now 12 pages!) can only mean two things:

Either very few people care to contribute to the public discourse offered by this esteemed publication

Or: Leo T. West's spewings are the de-facto Editorial Voice of this Rag.

Concluding, I would like to offer the words of two Great American Literary Sages.

"Never argue with stupid people. They will drag you down to their level. And then beat you with experience" (Mark Twain);

"If he were a dog, they would chop off his head and examine it for rabies." (Kurt Vonnegut, *Slaughterhouse-5*).

Say "Good Night," Leo.

—Tom Schuessler
San Leandro



Virtual Classroom Brings Challenges, Pleasant Surprises

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

San Leandro's teachers and students got through the district's sudden switch to online instruction this past spring with both challenges and pleasant surprises.

Lydia Oey, who teaches music at two elementary schools, found videoconferencing with students a technical challenge at first, particularly with the students often starting out knowing more about the technology than the teachers.

"We never got Zoom-bombed (uninvited guests crashing a meeting), but some kids did initially post messages having nothing to do with the lessons," Oey said. "Nothing bad, but not

helpful. But teachers soon learned that as host they can cut off a discussion or participant, temporarily, and get back on track."

"The students were happy to see each other, even online," she added.

An "unexpected joy," Oey said, was both the need to explore electronic media, and the time to do so when schools closed in March. She had always kept up with online musical resources, but she was soon able to find even more and the kids loved it.

Oey said she prepared enough curriculum in the first two weeks after schools closed to cover a year's worth of teaching.

She also noted the plentiful student-centered instructional

material available on the internet, as well as through such groups as the Boys and Girls Club online.

Shamela McClain, resource specialist at John Muir Middle School, described by email a rushed scene on what turned out to be the last day of classes in the spring.

"I remember students leaving immediately after school

"Your presentation must be so much better online, because you lack the in-person cues."

— Special education teacher
Mary D'Agostino

on March, Friday the 13th. We thought we were only leaving for three weeks and many students opted out of picking up all of their textbooks and workbooks."

Teachers had less than an hour of school time to prepare packets for students and were not always able to do so, she said.

Teachers are a little more prepared to begin distance learning come fall, but they have to quickly learn a new distance learning system for middle and high schools that



TIMES FILE PHOTO

The schools are quiet as classes begin on Monday in a distance learning format.

Police Chief Goes After Carjacking Suspect

San Leandro police chief Jeff Tudor helped arrest a suspected carjacking suspect downtown early Tuesday morning.

Tudor was in the area of Peet's Coffee at 6:40 a.m. when witnesses told him that an attempted carjacking had just occurred, according to a statement the police department posted on social media this week.

Witnesses said the suspect pushed an elderly woman to the ground and grabbed her car keys and wallet, police said. The victim was not injured.

But the suspect was unsuccessful in the car-

jacking attempt and took off on foot, according to police.

Tudor, who was on his way to get coffee for his staff, found the suspect a few blocks away and coordinated the arriving patrol officers in taking the suspect into custody, police said.

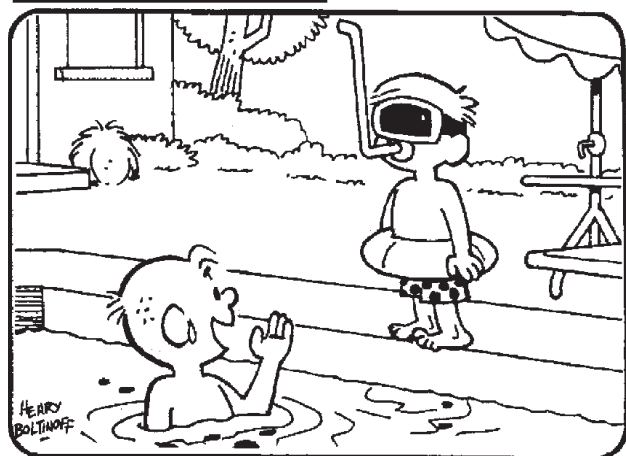
The suspect was identified as a 20-year-old Oakland resident. He was taken to the county jail for booking.



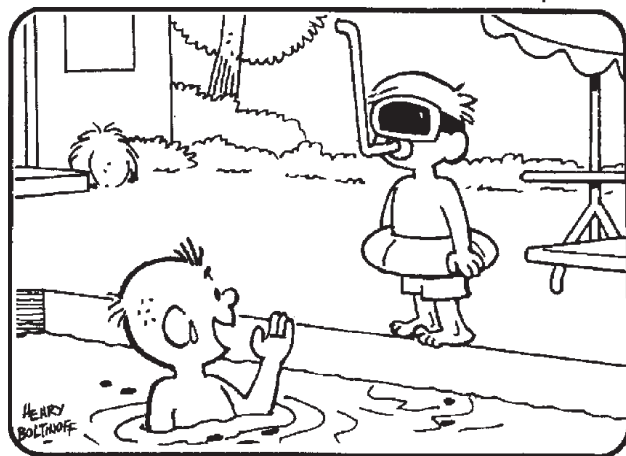
Chief Tudor

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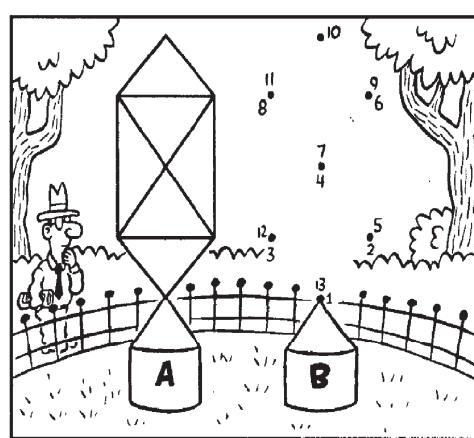
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Tree limb is missing. 2. Swim trunks are different. 3. Walkway is missing. 4. Boy's hair is different. 5. Umbrella handle is gone. 6. Windowsill is missing.



AN ARTY PUZZLE! The statue on pedestal "A" is made by bending one long steel rod. If you join the dots on pedestal "B," you'll see how this was done without going over any leg more than once.

THE TALE OF THE PROGRESSIVE SHOPPER! In 5 days Eloise spent \$100 at the local mall. Each day she spent \$6 more than she did the day before. Can you figure out how much she spent on each day?

Answer: Day 1, \$8; Day 2, \$14; Day 3, \$20; Day 4, \$26; Day 5, \$32.

LINK-UPS! Here's a list of 12 one-syllable words that are divided into two columns. Turn them into six longer words by linking them together. To do this, draw a line from a word in the left column to a word on the right.

Answers: Damask, haddock, earthen.

1. DAM DOCK
2. GALL ATE
3. NET THEN
4. INN ASK
5. HAD ANT
6. EAR HER

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

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Illustrated by David Coulson

IN THE GOOD OLD SUMMERTIME!

Hidden in the above diagram are 19 words associated with summer vacation time. They can be found by reading up or down, side to side, or diagonally. Letters can be used more than once. Listed below are the 19 words you're looking for.

Baseball
Bikes
Boating
Bugs
Camp
Fans
Fishing
Heat
Hot
Ice Cream
Kites
Lemonade
No school
Ocean
Outdoors
Recreation
Sunshine
Swimming
Vacation