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The Voters Decide

Victor Adlawan drops his ballot in the box at the polling place at the San Leandro Main Library on Tuesday as polling place worker Madeline Street gives assistance.

School Bond Measure Ahead In Vote Count

Ballots still to be counted as Measure N holds slim margin

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

San Leandro's school bond, Measure N, appears to have passed Tuesday with 59 percent of the vote, with some ballots still needing to be counted.

Measure N needed 55 percent of the votes to pass. As of Wednesday, the vote total was 3,602 yes votes on Measure N, and 2,474 no votes.

An Alameda County sales tax increase to expand childcare, Measure C, also appears to have passed, but county unincorporated area voters seem to have turned down Measure D to replace aging firehouses.

Former mayor Stephen Cassidy, who was once a school board member, said he was grateful the school bond measure appears to have passed. Cassidy is the chair of the Yes on N campaign.

"While thousands of ballots remain to be counted, it looks promising that Measure N has passed. On behalf of the Yes on Measure N campaign, we are extremely grateful to the voters for continuing to support our schools and the children of San Leandro," Cassidy said via email.

"I'm very excited," said Evelyn Gonzales, school board vice president. "We had a lot of people working hard to get the word out on this. It follows the pattern of people supporting education in San Leandro."

"I'm just thrilled that we're all on the same page with our schools," said district spokeswoman Keziah Moss.

Measure N will sell \$198 million in bonds to modernize older

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County, Schools Prepare for Coronavirus

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

City, county and school officials are taking precautions against an increase in coronavirus cases, as Alameda County got its very first case this past weekend.

The Alameda County Public Health Department is coordinating local responses to the virus. Doctors are being told to call the department if they have any patient who might require testing for the virus. The department will then advise them on what next steps need to be taken, including testing and even isolation of the patient if needed.

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Council Okay's New Plan for Marina

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

San Leandro's City Council approved a new development plan for the Marina at its Feb. 24 meeting. This comes four years after an earlier proposal to revive the Marina began.

The vote was 6-0, with Mayor Cutter absent. Cutter is on short-term medical leave and is expected to be back soon.

The plan, which the Planning Commission had approved on a 5-1 vote earlier this month, calls for a hotel, housing and a new park at the Marina.

Don't book your stay in the proposed new hotel just yet. Everything in the plan is a year or more away from beginning construction.

Over a dozen members of the public spoke on the proposal, some largely in support, others with reservations and several who thought it was a terrible idea. Two speakers lamented a gradual

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The City Council voted to approve a new plan for the San Leandro Marina last week where the buildings have been moved farther inland than in the previous plan in case of predicted sea level rise. Work on the marina is still at least a year away, though.

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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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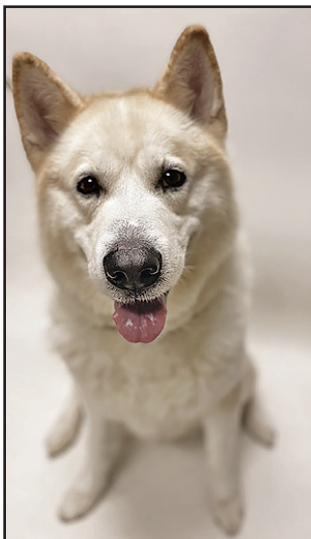


Aster

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are Aster the bunny and Yukon the dog.

Aster is a fluffy white bunny with tons of personality and confidence. She knows what she likes and lets you know. Since arriving as a stray, she has learned to better trust people. She loves to explore her surroundings.

Yukon is a handsome 7-year-old Alaskan Malamute mix.



Yukon

He's a very sweet boy who likes other dogs and people. He truly deserves a second chance with a loving family. He would do well in a quiet home with older kids/teens.

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

“A dog has the soul of a philosopher.”

— Plato



All are welcome to check out the airplanes at the Oakland Aviation Museum's open house on Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

Air Museum to Host Open House on Sunday

Hop into the cockpit of a famous fighter plane at the Oakland Aviation Museum's "Open

Cockpit Day" on Sunday, March 8, from noon to 4 p.m. at Oakland Airport's North Field, 8252 Earhart Road in Oakland, just off Doolittle Drive.

Visitors can view famous aircraft, including the A-3 Skywarrior, A-7 Corsair, and sit in a Harrier jump jet, or a MiG-15.

The huge flying boat, the Short Solent Mk 111 that was used in the movie "Raiders of the Lost Ark," will be open for tours for an additional fee.

Activities include a ham radio exhibit, oldies Bay Area car exhibit, live music by the Friends of Ken Band, and a roller derby demonstration.

The Oakland Aviation Museum educates the public on the development of aviation at the historic North Field.

The regular hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. For more information, call 638-7100 or see www.oaklandaviationmuseum.org.

Easter Pageant Child Performers Needed at SL Church of Christ

Elementary-school age kids are needed for an Easter pageant at San Leandro Church of Christ, 601 MacArthur Blvd. in San Leandro.

Practices are each Sunday starting March 15. Kids will practice a skit of the original

Easter Sunday upstairs during the sermon time at 11 a.m., followed by all ages practicing a musical number on stage after worship service.

To sign up, email Woody and Judy at: woodysquare@sbcglobal.net.

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Firefighter putting out a recreational vehicle on fire on Doolittle Drive Feb. 29

Firefighters Put Out Flaming RV on Doolittle Drive

Two Alameda County fire engines responded to a flaming recreational vehicle at the corner of Doolittle Drive and West Avenue 136 on Feb. 29 about 10:15 a.m. The flames were put out quickly, with no injuries to the public or to firefighters, said

fire department spokesman Brian Centoni.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

Lopez to Chair IT Committee at National League of Cities

City Council Member Corina Lopez has been appointed to chair the National League of Cities Information Technology and Communications Committee for 2020. As Chair of this committee, Lopez will play a key role in shaping NLC's policy positions and advocate on behalf of America's cities and towns before Congress, as well as with agencies and officials from across the federal government.

The NLC Information Technology and Communications advocacy committee has the lead responsibility for developing the organization's federal policy positions on a variety of issues involving telecommunications and information systems. Examples include public access rights, privacy concerns, cable TV regulations, phone services, spectrum issues, communications tower siting, universal service, as well as protection of local control over communications facility instal-

lations in public rights-of-way.

"It is an honor to serve as Chair of this committee. I look forward to continuing my service with my colleagues and we are committed to advocating for policies that strengthen and protect the public in communities all across the country," said Lopez. "Together, we will continue our work at the national level protecting local interests in places like San Leandro, while also advocating for renewed federal

investment in broadband infrastructure."

NLC President Joe Buscaino, councilmember from Los Angeles, welcomed Lopez as chair of the committee.

"I am proud to have Corina Lopez join this important Committee. Together with a team of local officials from across the country, we will strengthen the federal-local partnership, and ultimately create stronger cities, towns and villages," he said.



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Police, firefighters and paramedics at the scene of a stabbing Monday in the 14800 block of East 14th Street.

Domestic Dispute Leads to Stabbing On East 14th Street

Police arrested one person Monday just before noon for stabbing another in a domestic disturbance in the 14800 block of East 14th Street. The victim's injuries were not life-threatening,

according to San Leandro police spokesman Lt. Ted Henderson.

Due to it being a domestic violence case, the department did not release the name or genders of the victim and suspect.

Power Tool Thief Arrested

Oakland Police arrested a 31-year-old San Leandro man, Wullian Cordova-Cubias, on Feb. 28 and charged him with possessing \$300,000 worth of stolen power tools. They also charged him with possession of a firearm and a controlled substance.

Victims of power tool thefts in San Leandro, Oakland or nearby cities are invited to call the OPD's burglary section at (510) 238-3951 to see if their tools were among those recovered.

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NEIGHBORS



Last year Church of the Assumption's annual St. Patrick's Dinner was enjoyed by all.

Assumption to Host St. Patrick's Dinner

The community is invited to the Church of the Assumption's Annual St. Patrick's Dinner on Sunday, March 15, in the school gym, 1100 Fulton Ave. in San Leandro.

Doors open at 4:30 p.m. and includes a no-host bar. Dinner will begin at 5:15 p.m. with corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, salad, bread, dessert and coffee, plus a no-host Irish coffee bar.

The entertainment includes an authentic bag piper, photo booth, a raffle with a cash grand prize, kids' crafts, fun photo booth, and dessert contest.

Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$12 for seniors over 60, and \$10 for 12 and under. For more information and to purchase tickets, call the parish office at 510-352-1537. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT

Mariana Gumeniuc of San Leandro was one of the students named to the High Honor List at Minnesota State University, Mankato, announced by the

university last week.

Among 3,445 students, a total of 915 students qualified for the High Honor List by achieving a 4.0 straight "A" average,

while 2,530 students earned a 3.5 to 3.99 average to qualify for the Honor List.

To qualify for academic honors, undergraduate students must be enrolled for at least 12 credit hours for the semester.

Two students at Miami University of Ohio recently graduated.

Lindsay Price-Friend of San Leandro graduated with a Master of Arts in Biology and **Michelle Arellano of San Lorenzo** also graduated with a Master of Arts in Biology.

They received their degrees at the fall commencement exercises held in December at the Miami University campus.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Deadline for Calendar Items is Friday for the Following Week



❖ Personal Computer Users Group

The next monthly meeting of the Personal Computer Users Group will be Friday, March 6, at 7:30 pm at Calvary Baptist Church, 28924 Ruus Road in Hayward. A presentation about Raspberry Pi (RPI) will be made by Jan Fagerholm, followed by questions and answers. For more information, visit <http://www.pcc.org> or call 510-278-5192.

❖ Kiwanis Club St. Patrick's Dinner

The Kiwanis Club of San Leandro presents its 31st Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Saturday, March 7, at the San Leandro Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St. The social hour and silent auction begins at 5:30 p.m. and dinner starts at 7 p.m. with corned beef and cabbage, a traditional Irish band and a live auction. Tickets are \$30 per person. All proceeds benefit the club's charitable projects. For more information or to reserve tickets, call Peggy Walters at 510-579-2755.

❖ H.A.R.D. Spring Flea Market

The Hayward Area Recreation and Park District will host the annual big spring flea market on Saturday, March 7, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Kenneth C. Aitken Senior and Community Center, 17800 Redwood Road in Castro Valley, free and open to the public. The flea market will have over 55 vendors selling one-of-a-kind items and unique treasures. For more information, call 510-881-6778 or visit www.HaywardRec.org.

❖ Meeting of the SL Readers Roundtable

The San Leandro Readers Roundtable will meet on Saturday, March 7, at 2 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., to discuss *The Line Becomes a River: Dispatches from the Border*, Francisco Cantu's memoir of his time as an immigration agent along the United States-Mexico border. All are welcome, and all books discussed are available for purchase in the Library's Booktique bookstore.

❖ Marine Corps League

The Marines of the 1st Lt. Frank Reasoner Detachment #919 are looking for a few good men. This Detachment meets the second Saturday of each month at 9 a.m. at the San Leandro Veterans Memorial Building, 1105 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro. The Detachment supports all Marines and FMF Corpsman, active, retired and former. For more information, call Bill Smith at 925-997-8041.

❖ "Open Cockpit Day" at Aviation Museum

Hop into the cockpit of a famous fighter plane at the Oakland Aviation Museum's "Open Cockpit Day" on Sunday, March 8, from noon to 4 p.m. at Oakland Airport's North Field, 8252 Earhart Road in Oakland, just off Doolittle Drive. Visitors can view famous aircraft, including the A-3 Skywarrior, A-7 Corsair, and sit in a Harrier jump jet, or a MiG-15. The huge flying boat, the Short Solent Mk 111 that was used in the movie *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, will be open for tours for an additional fee. Activities include a ham radio exhibit, oldies Bay Area car exhibit, live music by the Friends of Ken Band, and a roller derby demonstration.

❖ Workshop on Finding Community

Adults 18 years old and over are invited to a free workshop, "Finding and Belonging to a New Community," on Tuesday, March 10, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. The workshop is for anyone new to San Leandro or who has been living here a while and have had feelings of disconnection. The discussion will be led by Phoebe Jue, the CEO and chairman of Celebrate You Coaching and speaker with a passion for empowering

individuals finding and living out purpose in meaningful work. She will share practical tools and resources to help you to find and thrive in a community holistically. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call the Main Library Information Desk at 510-577-3971.

❖ Veterans Town Hall at SL Library

The Veterans Resource Center will host the VA Palo Alto Health Care Systems FY 2020 2nd quarter veterans town hall on Tuesday, March 10, from 6 to 7 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Get great information related to VA Healthcare's new component, community care, and learn about VA updates that bring you greater veteran's entitlements.

❖ SL Art Association Meeting

The San Leandro Art Association's monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10, at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Check the electronic calendar in the lobby for the room location. Socializing starts at 5:45 p.m., followed by a short meeting at 6:15 p.m., and a free art demonstration begins at 6:35 p.m. Kavita Parekh will demonstrate the Young Rembrandts' step-by-step drawing method for children developed by a team of artists and educators. Members will also display artwork for the Artist of the Month contest. All ages are welcome to this free event.

❖ Sons in Retirement Meeting

Sons in Retirement (SIR) Branch #26, an organization of retired men, meets on the second Wednesday of each month. Social Hour starts at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at noon at the Fairview Event Center at Metropolitan Golf Course, 10051 Doolittle Dr. in Oakland. Dick Fisher will be the speaker at the luncheon on March 11 and his topic will be Patriotic Songs from long ago. Sponsored guests are welcome to come to this luncheon by calling Ken at 510-537-4804, as soon as possible. Cost is \$26, payable in advance. Checks should be made payable to: SIR Branch #26. To receive a refund, the last day to cancel is by noon on Sunday, March 8. For more information, call Ken at 510-537-4804.

❖ St. Felicitas Young at Heart Luncheon

St. Felicitas Church's Young at Heart Senior Luncheon is Wednesday, March 18, at Monsignor McGinty Hall located behind the church at 1662 Manor Blvd. in San Leandro. March's luncheon will feature crispy chicken tenders and macaroni and cheese lunch with dessert, beverage and door prizes. Doors open at 11:15 a.m. Lunch is served at noon. Tickets can be purchased at the church office, by calling 510-351-5244, located to the right of the church. Last day to buy tickets is Friday, March 13, at noon. No ticket sales at the door. The cost is \$6. All seniors are welcomed.

❖ Castro Valley Women's Club Meeting

"Nevertheless, She Persisted" will be the topic at the next meeting of the Castro Valley Women's Club on Wednesday, March 18, from 1 to 3 p.m. at 18330 Redwood Road in Castro Valley. The public is invited. The club will be honoring the 100th Anniversary of Women gaining the vote in 1920. There will be a slide presentation, a Book Review of Hidden Figures and a panel discussion by members who will share their personal struggles from the '60s onward, accessing equal pay and treatment. For more information, visit www.castrovalleywomensclub.weebly.com.

❖ SACYSL Soccer Signups

The Southern Alameda County Youth Soccer League (SACYSL) is having signups in the near future. To sign up or for more information, visit the SACYSL website at www.sacysl.com.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Change is still dominant for Rams and Ewes, both in the workplace and their private lives. This is also a good time to look at a possible relocation if that has been one of your goals.



TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Doing things for others is what you do well. But don't forget that Bovines thrive on the arts, so make some time for yourself to indulge your passion for music and artistic expressions.



GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) While the Romantic Twin considers where to go for his or her upcoming vacation, the Practical Twin will start making travel plans now to take advantage of some great bargains.



CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your sensitive nature helps you deal with a difficult emotional situation. Be patient and continue to show your sincere support wherever (and for whomever) it is needed.



LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're making progress as you move through some unfamiliar territory. And while there might be a misstep or two along the way, overall you're heading in the right direction. Good luck.



VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Some good news arrives -- and just in time to remind you that you're making progress. Perhaps things aren't moving as quickly as you'd prefer, but they're moving nevertheless.



LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) This is a good week to step back and assess the facts that have recently emerged to see where they can be used to your advantage. Also, don't hesitate to make changes where necessary.



SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You should begin to experience some support from those who now agree with your point of view. This should help counter the remaining objections from die-hard skeptics.



SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Don't let your aim be deflected by trivial matters as you try to resolve a confusing situation. Take time to find and thoroughly assess the facts before making any decision.



CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The possibility of moving to another location has come up. But before you dismiss it as unworkable, it's worth checking out just in case it does have some merit after all.



AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) New relationships -- personal or work-related -- show mixed signals. Best to assume nothing. Let things play themselves out until you have something substantive to work with.



PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your ability to make needed changes without causing too much, if any, negative ripple effect comes in handy when dealing with a sensitive matter either on the job or in the family.

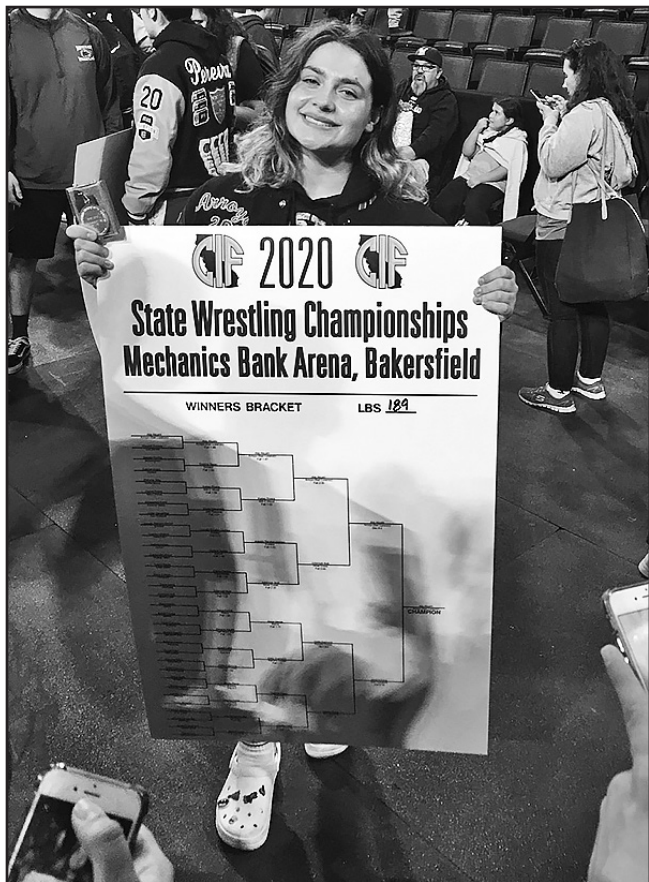


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Alia Abushi of Arroyo High won the state wrestling championship in the 189-pound division held in Bakersfield.

Arroyo Wrestler Wins State Title

Arroyo High senior Alia Abushi won the state wrestling championship in the 189-pound division held in Bakersfield over the weekend.

Abushi pinned all of her opponents except one at the state championship, and the one exception she won by a majority decision. Not one of her opponents in the state meet scored any points against her.

In the finals, Abushi's opponent – Adelina Parra of San Fernando – was ranked No. 3 in the nation and the Arroyo senior

pinned her in the second round.

Abushi came into the meet as the defending state champ, making her the state title holder two years in a row. She was 37-0 for the season, and her high school career record is 155-3.

Abushi comes from a wrestling family. Her father was a wrestler at San Leandro High, class of 1996. Her brother is currently at SLHS, her sister is at Bancroft, and she has an older brother at Chabot College.

– By Jim Knowles

Concert at Bancroft Middle School

The community is welcome to a concert benefiting the music programs at Bancroft Middle School and San Leandro High School on Sunday, March 22, from 2 to 5 p.m. at Bancroft Middle School, 1150 Bancroft Ave.

Bring a blanket or lawn chairs

and listen to performances by several school bands, as well as surprise performances. Bring a meal or purchase food onsite. Tickets available in advance; \$5 per person or \$20 per family. For tickets, email chaves.jenn@gmail.com.

Lunch Menu at The Senior Center

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

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

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

The menu for lunch next week, March 9 to March 13, is:

Monday – Hearty beef stew,

vegetable medley salad, whole wheat rolls, pineapple fruit cup.

Tuesday – Chicken dijon, hearty vegetable soup, carrots, brown rice, pears.

Wednesday – Cod with lemon caper sauce, tomato florentine soup, brussels sprouts, rice pilaf, applesauce.

Thursday – Open faced turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes with gravy, lemon seasoned broccoli, oranges.

Friday – Spinach mushroom lasagna, tossed vegetable salad, whole wheat rolls, bananas.

Library to Screen Film on Japanese Internment During World War II

Documentary film produced by the San Leandro Public Library

The San Leandro History Museum, 320 W. Estudillo Ave., will present a free film screening of *Legacy of the Nisei: Stories of Japanese American Internment and World War II Veterans* this Saturday at 1 p.m.

Viewers will experience firsthand accounts of life in the World War II internment camps and of Nisei soldiers who fought for the United States while their families were interned in 10 camps throughout the United States.

Produced by the San Leandro Public Library, *Legacy of the Nisei* brings together the personal stories of 15 Japanese Americans who were Bay Area residents.

They share stories of love and marriage, the segregated 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team, resistance to the draft, and the lives of young people caught up in the government action that followed the bombing of Pearl Harbor, when 120,000

civilians were interned in government camps for the duration of the war.

The film screening is part of the San Leandro Public Library's "Book to Action" program, where people can read George Takei's 2019 graphic novel memoir, *They Called Us Enemy*, about his family's experience in the Japanese internment camps.

There are a variety of related programs about human rights, cultural identity, and a person's place in the community. Pick up a copy at any San Leandro public library, while supplies last.

For more information, contact Addie Silveira at 510-577-3991 or by email at asilveira@sanleandro.org.

This film screening is part of the Library's Book-to-Action event series. For more information about Book-to-Action visit the San Leandro Public Library, or www.sanleandrolibrary.org.



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es): JAlchemy Productions located at 15501 Oceanview Way, San Leandro, CA 94579, in Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Joshua Siapno, 15501 Oceanview Way, San Leandro, CA 94579. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced N/A.

/s/ Joshua Siapno
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es): RSH SERVICES located at 15397 Norton St., San Leandro, CA 94579, in Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1) Alvan Phillip and (2) Victoria Phillip, 15397 Norton St., San Leandro, CA 94579. This business is conducted by a married couple. This business commenced January 4, 2000.

/s/ Alvan Phillip, Victoria Phillip
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es): JPS Drafting LLC located at 77 Estabrook St. Apt. #303, San Leandro, CA 94577 in Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): JPS Drafting LLC, 77 Estabrook St. Apt. #303, San Leandro, CA 94577. This business is conducted by a limited liability company. This business commenced N/A.

/s/ JPS Drafting LLC
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es): Clancy's Ice Cream Parlor located at 1234 Manor Blvd., San Leandro, CA 94579, mailing address 14011 Corvallis St., San Leandro, CA 94579 in Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1) Jack Lin and (2) Chau Tang, 14011 Corvallis St., San Leandro, CA 94579. This business is conducted by a married couple. This business commenced 2015.

/s/ Jack Lin, Chau Tang
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es): BLACK MEN LIFE Insurance Foundation located at 1972 Quebec Ave., San Leandro, CA 94579, in Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): BLACK MEN LIFE Insurance Foundation, 1972 Quebec Ave., San Leandro, CA 94579. This business is conducted by a corporation. This business commenced 1/29/2020.

/s/ BLACK MEN LIFE Insurance Foundation
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es): Cummings Construction located at 3937 39th Avenue, Oakland, CA 94619, in Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Constructive Building Services, Inc., 3937 39th Avenue, Oakland, CA 94619. This business is conducted by a corporation. This business commenced 11/18/1999.

/s/ Constructive Building Services, Inc.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es): P.E.A.C.E. located at 1650 152nd Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94578, mailing address P.O. Box 32443, Oakland, CA 94604 in Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): The Peoples' Eclectic and Aware Church of Enlightenment, 1650 152nd Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94578. This business is conducted by a corporation. This business commenced Feb. 1, 2020.

/s/ The Peoples' Eclectic and Aware Church of Enlightenment
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es): Beefront Studio located at 16470 Foothill Blvd., San Leandro, CA 94578 in Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Andrew Yu, 16470 Foothill Blvd., San Leandro, CA 94578. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced N/A.

/s/ Andrew Yu
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AUTOMOTIVE

Hyundai's High Fuel Economy Choice

By Steve Schaefer
San Leandro Times

The Ioniq liftback is offered in three versions—all electrified, but to varying degrees. It's either all-electric, a plug-in hybrid, or a hybrid.

I tested the EV version last year, but this time I spent a week with the hybrid version. For 2020, in a midcycle freshening, all Ioniq models receive new mesh grilles (or in the case of the EV, a new pattern on the closed panel). It looks a bit more upscale and refined. As the hybrid and plug-in versions are direct competitors with the Toyota Prius, this only makes a stronger case for choosing the Hyundai if you're cool to the Prius' extreme styling.

The new model year brings more changes. On the outside, the front and rear bumper fascias are updated. There are new LED head, tail, and daytime running lamps, wheel designs, and side sill moldings. Like a restyled grille, these are relatively inexpensive updates.

Inside, there's an optional 10.25-inch widescreen navigation system, new center LCD info screen, and changes to the dash and instrument panel, including touchscreen climate controls and high-tech customizable ambient lighting.

One real improvement impacts only the pure EV version, which is not the subject of this story. It gets a larger battery, so range increases from 124 to 170 miles. That's significant.

Back to the hybrid. My Summit Gray test vehicle was pleasant to look at, but hardly stood out in the parking lot. It was the top-level Limited model, so it came with the optional wide info screen, a nice Harmon Kardon premium audio system, Smart Cruise Control, an electronic parking brake, and more. You can order up a hybrid starting with the Blue super-efficient model, moving up through SE and SEL to hit Limited. Prices run from \$23,000 for the Blue to \$31,000 for the Limited, not including shipping, so you can choose the one that suits you for budget and features.

Living with a hybrid is the easiest form of electrified motoring. You never have to plug it in, because the system gets its electricity from regenerative braking. You can adjust the amount of it when you select ECO mode in the drive selector (you can choose Sport or Normal, too).

The 1.6-liter four-cylinder gasoline engine puts out 104 horsepower and 109 lb.-ft. of torque, and is matched up with a permanent magnet 32-kW electric motor with maximum torque of 125 lb.-ft. That really helps move the 3,115-pound hybrid along when you press the accelerator. The motor is powered by a small lithium-ion polymer battery with 1.56 kWh of capacity, which sits out of the way under the rear seats, allowing the hybrid to offer 3.5 cubic feet more cargo room than the plug-in or the EV.

This drivetrain gets an official

55 mpg City and 54 Highway, which comes out in the EPA's math to 55 mpg Combined. I averaged 39.8 mpg over 126.7 miles of testing. This is significantly below 55, but on one freeway trip I was generating more than 47 mpg, so I think that your average would be closer to 55 over time. This is still way better than a nonhybrid. EPA Green Scores are a good 7 for Smog and a perfect 10 for Greenhouse Gas.

The Ioniq may be the perfect car to drive if you just want a pleasant and fairly green way to take yourself and your family where you need to go. It's attractive but not distracting. Everything looks and feels good and substantial. I thought my car's gray on gray interior was a little boring, but I'm not a gray enthusiast. Hyundai likes brushed nickel finishes on the handles and switchgear, which is a nice change from the plastic chrome on other cars.

The Ioniq is a safe place to ride. SmartSense Safety and Convenience includes Front Collision and Avoidance Assist with Pedestrian Detection and new Cyclist Detection Ability and Driver Attention Warning. You also get Lane Keeping Assist and High Beam Assist. You can order Lane Follow Assist as an option. These capitalized features, along with Smart Cruise Control, not only promote safety and reduce driver fatigue but are part of the eventual self-driving car.

For efficiency, the Eco-Driving Assist System helps improve



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fuel economy. It even includes a Coasting Guide that lets the driver know deceleration is imminent so they can slow down using less braking and save a little fuel. Every bit helps.

I recommend driving a hybrid when you are not able to plug in a car at all. A plug-in hybrid provides some all-electric range, reducing gasoline use while making local trips zero-emission. Pure EVs are great when you have easy access to charging—whether it's in your garage or your neighborhood. The Ioniq can help you for all three choices.

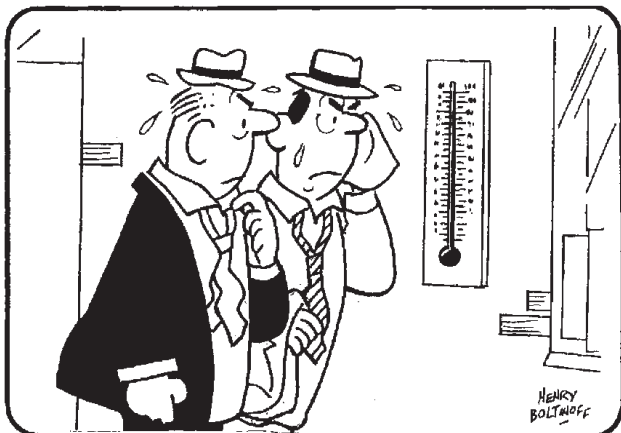
Steve Schaefer lives in Castro Valley. He has been reviewing new cars in the Times for 28 years.



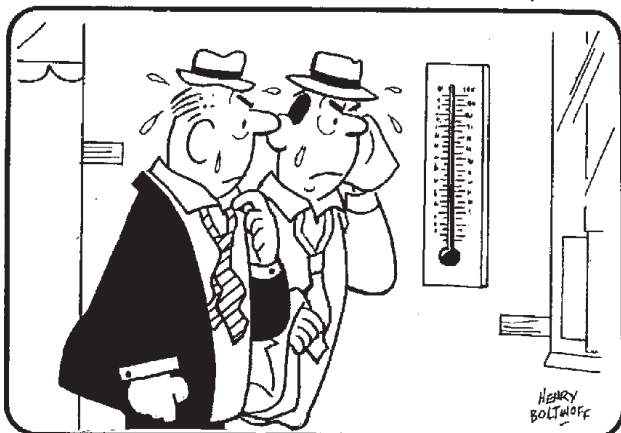
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

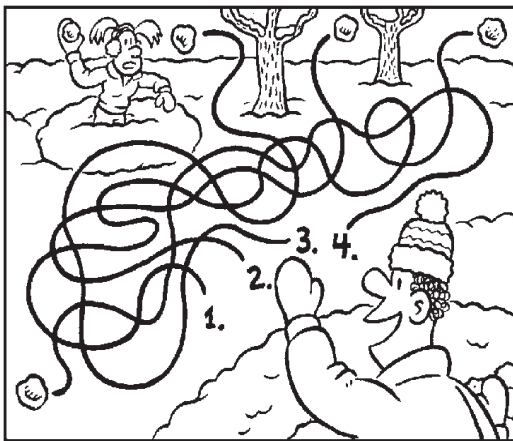


Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Droplet is added. 2. Ties are swapped. 3. Step is missing. 4. Buttons are added. 5. Temperature is higher. 6. Awning is different.

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WINTER SPORTS! See if you can guess which toss clobbered Paul's opponent. You only get one try.

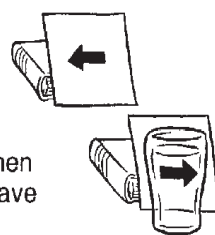
Answer:
The third toss.

A PROBLEM FOR THE WIDE AWAKE PUZZLER! See if you can rearrange the following letters to form a common word. Lots of coffee will help you answer this one.

EEEELLNPSSSS

Answer: Too much coffee will give you SLEEPLESSNESS, the word we're looking for.

THE FLIPFLOP ARROW! Here's a neat way to stump your friends. On a square of cardboard draw a one-inch arrow pointing to the left. Bet anyone that you can make the arrow point to the right without touching the card or moving the table. Secret: Fill a tall clear glass with water and place it about two inches in front of the card. Now, when you look at the arrow, through the glass, it will appear to have flipped and point.



Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

1.	G					E
2.		G				E
3.			G		E	
4.				G	E	
5.			E		G	
6.		E				G
7.	E					G

Illustrated by David Coulson

FIND THE BIG WORDS?

USING THE definitions and anagrams below, you must find the seven eight-letter words that fit into the framework pictured on the left. The letters in the two anagram words, for each definition, must be unscrambled and used to form the word asked for.

DEFINITIONS:	ANAGRAMS:
1. Used in jewelry	song + meel
2. Disturbed or upset	date + gait
3. A bone connector	game + lint
4. Harried or pestered	deed + grab
5. An adolescent	tear + gene
6. Something passed down	gate + hire
7. Giving more	grin + cone

Answers: 1. Gemstone. 2. Agitated. 3. Ligament. 4. Badgered. 5. Teen-ager. 6. Heritage. 7. Encoring.

LIFESTYLE



Roasting Vegetables to Perfection

The great thing about roasting vegetables is that it's so simple. Just remember to always preheat the oven. Vegetables should be roasted in a very hot oven so that they will caramelize while staying moist and tender inside.

Many vegetables especially benefit from roasting, such as onions, potatoes, carrots, and other hearty root vegetables, but most vegetables will work. While raw garlic is pungent, roasted garlic has a sweet, buttery flavor.

Toss vegetables with a quality seasoned olive oil mixture to help flavor the vegetables and keep them from becoming dry. Roast in a heavy pan and line it with foil to keep cleanup to a minimum.

BRUSSELS SPROUTS ROASTED WITH APPLES & WALNUTS

1 pound Brussels sprouts, halved

1 cup chopped cauliflower
2 apples, peeled, cored, cut into chunks
1 sweet onion, sliced
1 tablespoon olive oil, or more if needed
Salt and pepper to taste
1/2 cup golden raisins
1/4 cup chopped walnuts
1 tablespoon Chardonnay wine, or more to taste

Preheat oven to 400°F. Line a baking sheet with aluminum foil.

Spread Brussels sprouts, cauliflower, apples, and onion onto the prepared baking sheet; drizzle with olive oil. Season with salt and black pepper; stir until evenly coated.

Bake in the preheated oven until Brussels sprouts and cauliflower are tender, 20 to 25 minutes.

Transfer Brussels sprouts mixture to a serving bowl. Fold in raisins and walnuts; drizzle with wine. Toss to coat. Yields about 6 servings.

and add them to the mixture.

In a small bowl, stir together thyme, rosemary, olive oil, vinegar, salt, and pepper. Toss with vegetables until they are coated. Spread evenly on a large roasting pan.

Roast for 35 to 40 minutes in the preheated oven, stirring every 10 minutes, or until vegetables are cooked through and browned. Yields 12 servings.

ROAST VEGETABLE MEDLEY

1 medium onion
1 medium or 2 small carrots
1 zucchini
1 eggplant
2 small potatoes
5 small tomatoes
1 red or yellow pepper
2 cloves of garlic
Salt and pepper to taste
Dried herbs (sage, thyme, rosemary, wild fennel etc.)
4 to 5 tablespoons of olive oil, plus more to taste

SEASONAL VEGETABLE ROAST

1 small butternut squash, cubed
2 red bell peppers, seeded and diced
1 sweet potato, peeled, cubed
3 baking potatoes, cubed
1 red onion, quartered
1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme
2 tablespoons chopped fresh rosemary
1/4 cup olive oil
2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Preheat oven to 475°F.

In a large bowl, combine squash, red bell peppers, sweet potato, and baking potatoes. Separate the red onion quarters into pieces,

Preheat oven to 375°F. Quarter and slice the onion thinly. Dice all the vegetables into pieces that are approximately the same size (no larger than 1/2 inch). Pile the vegetables into a baking dish so that the vegetables lie a few inches thick. Season with salt, pepper and herbs to taste and then pour the olive oil over the vegetables. Mix thoroughly but gently until they are well-coated and glistening with oil. If need be, add more oil.

Put the dish in the oven and bake for 45 minutes to an hour. Halfway through the cooking process, remove the dish from the oven and very gently stir the vegetables so that the ones at the bottom come to the top. Towards the end of the cooking process, stir a second time. Remove from the oven and let cool slightly. Check for seasoning and serve. Serves 6.

ROASTED WINTER ROOT VEGETABLES

1 pound rutabaga, peeled, cut into 2x1/2 inch pieces
1 pound parsnips, peeled, cut into 2x1/2 inch pieces
1 pound carrots, peeled, cut into 2x1/2 inch pieces
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup olive oil
1-1/2 tablespoons dried basil
Salt and black pepper to taste
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley

Place rutabaga in a pan, cover with water and add 1/4 teaspoon of salt. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to medium, cover, and simmer until tender and easily pierced with a fork, about 5 minutes. Drain well, and cool completely. Repeat steps to cook the parsnips and carrots.

Place completely cooled vegetables in resealable freezer bags. Refrigerate for 1 to 2 days.

Preheat oven to 425°F. Pour the olive oil into a rimmed baking dish. Place the vegetables into a large mixing bowl and toss with the basil, salt, and pepper. Place the pan in preheated oven to heat for 5 minutes. Add the vegetables and toss to coat with the oil.

Roast vegetables in preheated oven, turning every 10 minutes, until tender and golden brown, about 30 minutes. Sprinkle with parsley before serving. Serves 12.

GREEK-STYLE ROASTED POTATOES

2 teaspoons lemon pepper
1/2 teaspoon dried marjoram
1 teaspoon dried basil
1/8 teaspoon dried thyme
1 teaspoon dried rosemary
1/4 cup white wine
1 cup water
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoons Italian salad dressing
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 lemon, juiced
1 tablespoon lemon zest (grated peel)
6 medium potatoes, peeled and quartered

In small bowl, mix the lemon pepper, marjoram, basil, thyme, and rosemary.

In a separate bowl, mix the wine, water, olive oil, dressing, garlic, lemon juice, lemon zest, and 1/2 the seasoning mixture. Pour into a medium glass baking dish.

Place potatoes in the dish, coat with the mixture, and sprinkle with remaining seasonings. Cover, and refrigerate 8 hours, or overnight.

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Bake potatoes 1-1/4 hours, basting once half way through the bake time.

Yields 6 servings.



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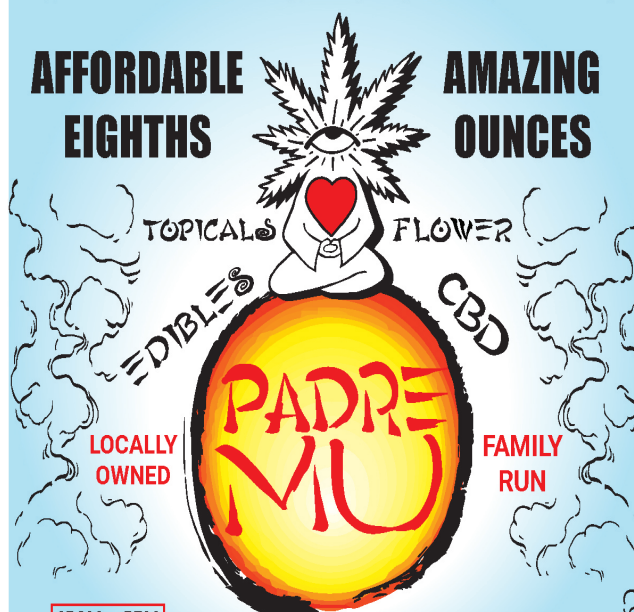
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Alameda County Declares Art IS Education Month

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors recognized March as Art IS Education Month with a ceremony last week.

"I am pleased to recognize Art IS Education Month of March and Arts, Culture and Creativity Month of April," said Board President Richard Valle. "These

"These initiatives encourage all ages to connect with each other, create solutions and build community through the arts"

— Richard Valle, Alameda County Board of Supervisors

initiatives encourage Alameda County community members of all ages to connect with each other, create solutions, and build

community through the arts."

Alameda County's Art IS Education Month marks its 20th anniversary of advancing all art forms as an essential part of a high quality and equitable education that ensures every student reaches their full potential. Art IS Education was founded in 2000 by the Alameda County Arts Commission and the Alameda County Office of Education. This is also the 10th year that the Alameda County Library has joined the partnership to present more than 200 free arts events at eleven library locations across the County each year.

These events include a wide range of workshops, performances, concerts, movies, art contests, exhibitions, and story-time activities for all ages. The series also includes a touring family workshop that is part of the 100 Families program and collaborates with the New Beginnings program to help grow a generation of creative problem solvers and transform communities. All library events are listed at www.aclibrary.org.



Pictured from left to right are Nate Miley, County Supervisor; Bill Lepere, County Public Works Agency Deputy Director; Violet Juno, County Arts Commission Staff; Melissa Wilk, County Auditor-Controller; Eric Murphy, Arts Commissioner; Josh Lieu, County Library Staff; Diane Gotanda, Arts Commissioner; Deb Sica, County Deputy Librarian; Scott Haggerty, County Supervisor; Richard Valle, President of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors; Rachel Osajima, County Arts Commission Director; Wilma Chan, County Supervisor; Chris Bazar, County Community Development Agency Director; Susan Muranishi, County Administrator; Willie Hopkins, Jr., County General Services Agency Director; and Keith Carson, County Supervisor.

The Alameda County Arts Commission's Create Alameda County is working in partnership with Create California on a statewide initiative. During the month of March, Create California

encourages community members across the state to sign a pledge in support of arts education at www.createca.net.

Arts, Culture and Creativity Month is the 2nd annual

statewide advocacy event that recognizes the crucial role of arts, culture and creativity in the lives of everyone in California. This month-long event is being organized by Californians for the

Arts (CFTA). CFTA encourages community members and arts organizations throughout the State to participate. CFTA will present a convening in Sacramento on Tuesday, April 14.

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Election: County sales tax passes

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classrooms, build new classrooms and labs, replace San Leandro High School's gymnasium, upgrade instructional technology and computers, and improve campus security with emergency communication systems.

Alameda County Measure C Passes

Alameda County Measure C also appears to have passed.

Measure C required 55 percent of the votes to pass, and received 61 percent.

Measure C will raise the sales tax a half percent for 20 years to raise \$150 million a year to fund more child-care openings for children of low-income families.

Even when all election-day regular ballots have been counted, it can take several days to count mail-in ballots, drop-off

ballots and provisional ballots. This can delay final results but only occasionally changes the result of a close election.

Measure D Just Short Of Two-Thirds

Measure D, to replace aging firehouses in Alameda County's unincorporated area, received 64 percent of the vote but needed two-thirds (66.7 percent) to pass. Supporters are hoping absentee and drop-off ballots break their way, said Alameda County Fire spokesman Brian Centoni.

Centoni said the firehouses that would have been replaced are old and often cramped. Room simply to store gear has become even more of a problem now that local fire companies are often called on to help put out distant wildfires on short notice, he said.

"We're looking into other sources of funding to replace our oldest firehouses," Centoni said.

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SENIORS

Beware of Potential 2020 Census Scams

By Jim Miller
Special to the Times

Unfortunately, scams have become a persistent problem when the U.S. Census Bureau does its once-a-decade count of the U.S. population.

Here's what you can expect from the 2020 Census in the coming weeks, and how you can protect yourself from potential scams.

What to Expect

In mid-March, you and nearly every other U.S. household will receive an invitation in the mail to respond to the 2020 Census. This year, you will have the option of completing the 2020 census questionnaire either online, by mail, or by phone.

The invitation will include detailed instructions of what you need to do.

If you don't respond to this invitation letter, you will receive several follow-up postcard reminders from the Census Bureau by mail. If you still don't respond by late April, a census worker will come to your door to collect your response in person.

It only takes a few minutes to complete the census questionnaire.

While census participation is very important and required by law, you also need to be vigilant of census-linked scams. This is especially important for seniors who tend to be prime targets.

The Census Bureau warns



against "phishing" email scams as well as con artist masquerading as census workers who will try to solicit your personal financial information.

Here are some tips that can help you protect yourself.

Guard Your Information

Don't give out your personal or financial information. The Census Bureau or a legitimate census worker will never ask for your Social Security number, bank account number,

credit card number, money or donations. And they will never contact you on behalf of a political party.

If you're asked for *any* of these, whether it be via phone, mail, email or in person, it's a scam and should be reported to rumors@census.gov.

Avoid Online Scams

The Census Bureau will not send you an unsolicited email to request your participation in the 2020 Census. So, ignore any emails you get that may direct you to a census website that looks real but is fake – and may be infected with malware.

Also, don't reply to the email or open any attachment because they could contain viruses that could infect your computer. Forward the email or website address to the Census Bureau at rumors@census.gov. Then delete the message.

Be Safe at Home

If someone visits your home to collect a response for the 2020 Census, make sure you verify that person's identity. Legitimate census takers must present a field badge that includes a photograph of themselves, a Department of Commerce watermark and an expiration date.

Census workers will also be carrying a Census Bureau laptop or cellphone, as well as a bag with a Census Bureau logo.

Also, remember that a census worker will only ask you the

questions that appear on the questionnaire – your name, gender, age, race, ethnicity, phone number, type of residence and number of people living with you.

They will not ask for sensitive personal information, such as your Social Security or credit card number.

If you have questions about their identity, you can call 800-923-8282 to speak with a local Census Bureau representative. If it is determined that the visitor who came to your door does not work for the Census Bureau, contact your local police department.

For more information on the 2020 Census, visit 2020census.gov.

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

Free Tax Filing Help Is Available to Seniors

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

Q I hear that the IRS may offer free tax preparation services. Do you know anything about this?

A Yes. The IRS offers free tax preparation software, fillable forms, and free taxpayer assistance, all available in an effort to make tax compliance easier, especially for seniors, those with a disability and those whose primary language is not English.

The free tax software is actually available from private vendors, but studies find that the availability of the free software is not well known and, in fact, is not easy to find on an Internet Search.

It seems that, some years back, in an effort to increase the number of electronically filed returns, the IRS decided to encourage the use of tax preparation software. In aid of that goal, the IRS entered into an agreement with private software vendors whereby the latter agreed to make their software available for free to low income persons, especially seniors, and in exchange the IRS agreed not to design its own free software to compete with those private companies.

Unfortunately, it seems that some of these companies have initiated computer code so that their free software is not easily "findable" on an internet search. As a result, the number of taxpayers actually using the free software is tiny.

That said, seniors and retirees should know that they can take advantage of free help to file their tax returns. There are basically four categories of free assistance, depending upon income, age, disability and facility with English, as noted below. In each case, seniors can go to the IRS website [IRS.gov] and type in the following words in the search bar: "Free File: Do Your Federal Taxes for Free." A screen will then pop up to give you choices:

1) Free Tax Preparation Software: This option is for seniors whose Adjusted Gross Income is less than \$69,000. Seniors who qualify can peruse the IRS site, choose their favorite vendor, and download free federal and state tax preparation software from vendors with such familiar names as Turbo Tax and H&R Block.

2) Free Fillable Forms: Seniors whose income is above \$69,000 for the year can opt for Free Fillable Forms, but must have a basic understanding as to how to do their own taxes.

3) Free Voluntary Assistance:

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free tax help to people who earn \$56,000 or less, persons with disabilities and taxpayers with limited English speaking skills.

IRS-certified volunteers provide free basic tax return preparation with electronic filing for qualified individuals.

4) Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) program, which offers free tax help for all taxpayers, particularly those who are 60 years of age and older, and specialize in dealing with pensions and retirement-related issues unique to seniors.

The IRS-certified volunteers are often retired individuals associated with non-profit organizations.

You can find a location near you to obtain free assistance in any one of the following ways:

- Call the VITA locator phone number at 1-800-906-9887;

- Call the AARP Foundation's Tax Aid Program at 1-888-227-7669;

- Go to the IRS.gov web page, type the following into the search bar: "Free Tax Return Preparation for Qualifying Taxpayers." Then Click on one of the two Locator Tools.

Alternatively, you can just call one of these nearby locations: Hayward Area Seniors Center, Hayward: (510) 881-6766; Eden Social Services Agency, Hayward: (510) 271-9141; Laney College Ad Hoc, Oakland: (510) 986-6947).

Of note, also, is that the IRS now offers a simplified two page form designed especially for seniors. It is called the Form 1040-SR "US Tax Return For Seniors" and is designed to simplify the process for retirees.

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The One Thing Sellers CANNOT Control

As prices have soared, the selling process has dramatically changed.

In reality, it closely resembles online dating. With buyers giving prospective homes between 7-10 seconds before deciding "Yes" or "No", sellers have upped their game by doing extensive property prep and upgrades designed to remove buyer objections. Staging has also become the new standard, helping present properties in their best possible light.

Herein lies a rub: as sellers work harder to maximize their properties, buyer tastes, seasoned by watching hours of home improvement shows, are growing increasingly refined. To use another word ... picky.

As a result, buyers know exactly what they want, with the result that sellers are no longer competing with other listings in their area, they now compete directly with HGTV.

Consequently, the home preparation bar keeps getting raised as significant numbers of buyers are signaling their unwillingness to buy anything except move-in ready homes.

As sellers struggle to keep pace, the costs for maximizing

homes keep going up. Ironically, despite their best efforts to control the buying process with extensive prep, there is still one thing sellers cannot control.

Buyers.

While extensive property enhancements usually mean a home will attract more views, it is no guarantee that a buyer will actually bite. Real estate closely mirrors life: there are no guarantees.

While some sellers manage to attract multiple offers in a few days, other homes linger on the market, often for no apparent reason. There are two primary factors that contribute to this:

Everything depends on *who* is in the market during the listing period.

One thing sellers often forget is that the buyer pool fluctuates and there may not be a buyer for their type of home at the exact moment they have it on the market.

External factors cannot be controlled.

While a seller is in complete control of what happens on their own property, they cannot regulate their neighborhood or other geographical factors. Whether airports, industrial zones, trains, school districts, main streets,

busy intersections and more, external factors make a huge difference.

As an example, some buyers will not buy a home backing to a graveyard no matter how beautiful the home might be.

While a tough nut for sellers to swallow, they need to do their best to maximize their home all the while knowing that, despite their best efforts, they cannot actually force a buyer ... to buy.

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Prune Maple with Hand Shears

By Buzz Bertolero
Special to the Times

Q I have a Japanese Maple that I'm guessing is about 10 years old. It's about 14 feet tall and badly needs pruning. Is now the time to top and shape it? Also, will it die if I use power tools?

A The type of pruning equipment you use will not affect Japanese Maples. Power tools, other than hedge shears, would be awkward, but I'd never use hedge shears, as it's the fastest way to destroy the individual charm of a Japanese Maple.

My preference is to use a pair of hand shears, loppers, and or a pruning saw. Now is an excellent time to prune as the Maple hasn't leafed out, al-



though, it can be pruned later.

You're going to remove all the deadwood, eliminate the rubbing and crossing branches, and reduce the top growth to control the height. With mature trees, the general rule of thumb is not to remove more than twenty percent per year so it may take several years to get

the plant into its final form.

Also, you need to take your time and survey what the impact of removing a significant branch will have on the overall shape. The top isn't to be sheared as this causes the tree to produce many small branches at the cuts. You'll be fighting these suckering

branches for years as you redevelop the shape.

With most plants, you cut off a significant branch just above the branch collar. The branch collar is a raised ring where the branch meets the trunk. But, Japanese Maples are an exception. You'll need to leave a half-inch, or longer stub, also referred to as a 'Hat Rack' above the branch collar. The stub is removed after it has turned black and died back to the collar.

After the tree has leafed out, I'd lightly prune the canopy to lighten the dense foliage areas or to expose more of the trunk and/or major branches. I'd also Google "Japanese Maple pruning" for some "how-to videos."

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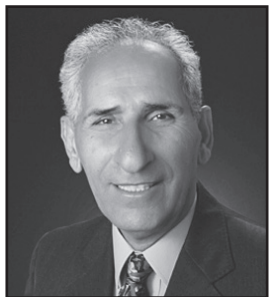
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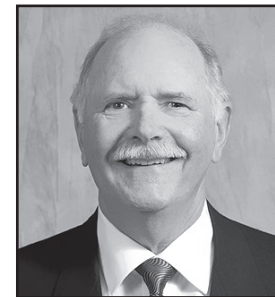
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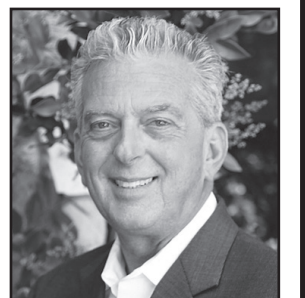
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Marina: '100th meeting on project'

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paving over at the marina over the years.

In public comments, Virginia Madsen criticized the seismic safety of the project, saying that the ground is subject to liquefaction in an earthquake.

She also said the project would build a "wall" of buildings between the Bay and the residential neighborhood, which includes a monarch butterfly sanctuary.

"The people who set up the park in the '50s and '60s didn't do it to build a wall today," she said. "We're talking about a complete change. You're not only changing the Marina, you're changing the neighborhood behind it. The monarchs (butterflies) will not survive."

John Chamberlain said the plan might shut down the Kaimanu Outrigger Canoe Club, in operation since 1977.

"There's no space in the plan for either the two yacht clubs or for the canoe club," Chamberlain said. "They want the space we're currently in, but they haven't told us anyplace else we can go."

The City Council acted quickly on one issue brought up by several speakers, the lack of an agreement between the developer and relevant unions for "labor peace" (no work stoppages) while the project is being built. The council amended the original plan to let it only go forward if a "labor

project agreement," a standard part of most big construction projects, was signed soon.

City Councilman Pete Ballew thanked members of a previous City Council for having set the current proposal in motion in 2009 when they picked Los Angeles-based Cal-Coast as the master developer. Ballew said they picked Cal-Coast because of their experience in building solid projects on California's coast, where technical and regulatory issues can be tricky.

Cal-Coast's president Ed Miller said the Feb. 24 meeting marked the 100th meeting he had attended on the project. At one point in the meeting, Miller followed a mention of the project's completion by joking "if I live that long."

The plan includes a 285-unit apartment building, a 220-room hotel, a 5,700-square-foot conference center, 147 single-family residences, 53 town home residences, a new restaurant (existing restaurants would remain), a new Mulford-Marina branch library, and new public parks at Pescador and Mulford Points.

There would also be 2 miles of public promenade along the bay, as well as a bike path.

Council members said the project helps address San Leandro's housing shortage. However, 90 percent of the project's housing is "market rate." This effectively puts its sale prices

and rents above what the average San Leandran could afford if they sought new housing.

According to real estate websites, the median house price (half above, half below) in the San Leandro market is \$669,000, while the median two-bedroom apartment rent is \$2,309 a month. An annual income of about \$155,000 would be needed to qualify for a mortgage on the house, and an income of about \$92,000 would be needed to qualify to rent the apartment in the current market.

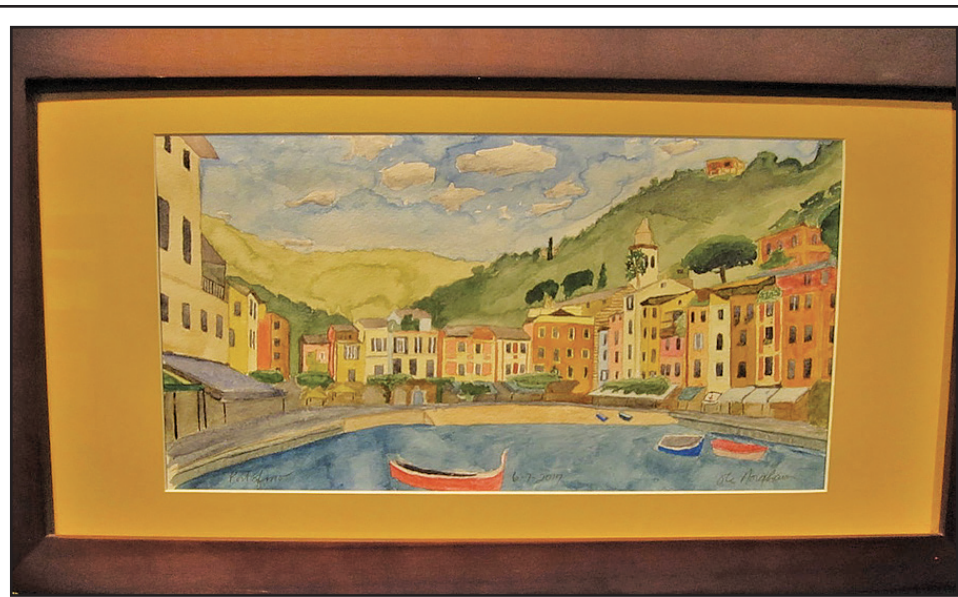
Some 4 percent of the project's housing will be for "moderate" income, and 6 percent will be "workforce" housing.

Most recent housing developments in San Leandro have been required to set aside 15 percent of units as affordable. But a loophole lets developers replace some of those units with a payment into the city's Affordable Housing Trust Fund. This is supposed to fund building affordable housing someplace else in the city.

"The impact of the Marina project on affordable housing would be primarily through the money the developer is paying us to let us build affordable housing elsewhere in the city," Liao said.

City Economic Development Manager Katie Bowman said that the city is actually ahead of its state-mandated goals for building affordable housing, but is behind its goals for building market-rate and above-moderate-income housing.

Since 2007, Community Development Director Tom Liao said after the meeting, much of the city's approved new housing has been affordable, but relatively little market-rate housing has been built here since 2007.



Studio 820 Watercolors

The Studio 820 artists, the watercolor class at San Lorenzo Adult School, are showing their work at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., through March 27. "Portofino" by Ole Nordhavn is one of the watercolors on display. The class is taught by Monica Satterthwaite.

Scholarships For Students Pursuing Medical Degrees

San Leandro Hospital Auxiliary has scholarships for medical students

The San Leandro Hospital Volunteer Auxiliary is now accepting applications for its annual health care scholarship program.

Each year, the Auxiliary awards scholarships to college students and graduating high school seniors pursuing medical

careers. To be eligible, these students must live in San Leandro or San Lorenzo and enroll in healthcare-related studies. Scholarships will be awarded in June for studies in the fall.

Since 1972, the San Leandro Hospital Auxiliary volunteers have donated more than \$500,000 in scholarships. Past scholarship recipients have gone on to become physicians, nurses and health professionals.

Applications are available at the information desk or in

the gift shop in the lobby of San Leandro Hospital, 13855 East 14 St. Students can also request an application from a career counselor at San Leandro or Arroyo high schools. The deadline to apply is April 10.

For more information about the San Leandro Hospital Auxiliary scholarship program or if you are retired and interested in volunteering at the hospital, call 510-667-4501 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Rita Dolores Brown

The world was blessed with a new beautiful angel today as Rita Dolores Brown passed away peacefully in her sleep. She was born on June 14, 1933 and lived a long, wonderful life.

Rita was married to the late Jimmy William Brown for 68 years, and is survived by her brother, Ronald (Judy) Carrera, 3 children, Christine (Randy) Hollenshead, Jimmy (Sonia) Brown, and Diana (David) Prince, and a host of grand and great-grandchildren.

Rita's most enjoyable pastime was collecting salt and pepper shakers, mugs, monkeys, and, her absolute favorite, Elvis Presley memorabilia. She loved sending birthday, anniversary, Christmas, Easter, and Valentine cards to all of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She never missed a one, but they will all miss her. She was an incredibly well-organized and neat homemaker, and held several employment positions, of which the most important, from her perspective, was assuring the safety of children as a crossing guard.

Along with her family, Rita loved her pets. She often fed stray cats, and was dedicated to her dogs, Charlie and Sassy. She tremendously enjoyed taking them for walks and sharing special treats.

A memorial service to celebrate Rita's life will be held at 11 a.m. on March 27, 2020 at Hope Lutheran Church, 1801 Manor Blvd., San Leandro, with Pastor Worth officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials directed to the charity of your choice would be deeply appreciated.

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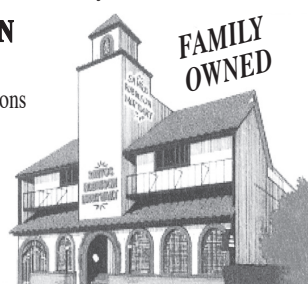
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San Leandro Garden Club

The San Leandro Garden Club will meet on Tuesday, March 17, at the Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave. in San Leandro.

The business meeting starts at 10 a.m., followed at 11 a.m. with a talk by John Nackley from the

Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt. The San Leandro Garden Club, meets monthly, and is in its 55th year of promoting gardening and providing community support. All are welcome. For more information, call Carla Francis 510-582-5288.

Bayfair Gets Party Supply Store

Bayfair Center announced the addition of Party City, a popular national retailer known for its party supplies, Halloween costumes, and helium balloons.

The new 12,100-square-foot store opened at Bayfair Center earlier this month, near Ulta Beauty and DSW.

The store has party favors that match the most popular children's franchises and TV shows, including superheroes, Disney characters, and even Baby Shark. And the retailer carries a large selection of birthday party, bridal shower, wedding, and anniversary decorations and party supplies as well.

"Expanding Bayfair Center's tenant mix with an industry-leading brand like Party City strengthens the center's growing lineup with yet another national retailer," says Richard Wolf, senior vice president of Madison Marquette, which owns Bayfair Center.

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Open Spaces at the Marina

Editor:

The San Leandro City Council cast a unanimous vote to change our Marina Shoreline, supposedly to better serve us citizens and the future of our city. But the loss of open space here will be tragic.

What is needed along the Marina bay shore is more wide open spaces where the diversity of nature can thrive in the meadows and marshes of our city paradise.

A place where children can explore, find, and be amazed and awed by wild Monarch butterflies, burrowing owls, hawks and falcons, herons and all manner of wildlife as I did as a boy growing up here.

A place where you can get away from buildings and be re-created by wide open bay shore vistas. Wildlife also need habitat spaces and corridors or we will continue to lose more species.

But the vistas of the bay and golf course will be walled off by tall buildings for the benefit of monied special interests. And wildlife habitat will become even more damaged and fragmented.

Our city desperately needs these spaces along our bayshore, now more than ever, since most of those natural places have already been lost to urban sprawl. Open space is also needed here to provide a buffer from sea level rise.

We citizens deserve protection from rising waters that only a wide, natural open space can provide. One filled with tidal flats and marshes and meadows. The last thing we need is a big hotel and sea wall at the water's edge. Neither of which bodes well when built on bay-fill in earthquake country.

We also need to shelter the homeless and provide affordable housing near public transportation. These problems won't be solved with more, expensive, golf and bay-front housing to further gentrify our neighborhoods, and fill them with traffic.

Development should be designed to solve problems, not create more. The tragedy here is all of the losses.

—Lawrence Abbott
San Leandro

Breaking the Rules

Editor:

Well a lot of politicians on both sides of the aisle think that they are above the law, tsk-tsk. Case in point is newly elected City Councilman Victor Aguilar who built a fence that was not in compliance with city code and thought he could get away with it.

According to a front page article in the San Leandro Times dated February 6th, he said that he "got the permission from all of his neighbors," but Lee Thomas said that several of the his neighbors complained about the fence.

Hmm, what does "all" mean? Is it the one neighbor on the left side of his property who can't see the fence? Politician Aguilar then jumped up on his soap box and started beating his

chest like he was Tarzan and said that "the fence now complies with the city ordinance."

Both Jane and Cheeta are not impressed and would say "whoop-de-do."

Don Rickles (the comedian) would have said "what do you want...a cookie?" for fixing what never should have been built in the first place.

He applied for a variance from the planning commission after the fence was already built, but they turned him down. Good for them for not giving into his political clout.

Aguilar goes on to say "we play by the rules." I think Aguilar really meant to say that the "we" only counts when caught breaking the rules. Just another antic by one of our City Council's finest.

—Brent Heath
San Leandro

Celebrating Building Futures

Editor:

Thanks so much for your "Tiki Dollars donated to Building Futures" story, sharing the creative generosity of Michael Thanos and the fun folks at Forbidden Island who donated thousands of dollar bills that had been pinned to their ceiling over the years in a tradition dating back to sailors shipping out to the Pacific in WWII.

Thanks also for highlighting some of Building Futures' fantastic work providing serviced-enriched housing and shelter in Alameda.

At the risk of showing a home town bias, I'm even prouder of the over 35 years of generous support helping Building Futures to serve survivors of domestic violence and folks who have experienced homelessness, right here in San Leandro.

Whether it's our 24-hour, toll-free, crisis line (1-866-A-WAY-OUT), our domestic violence safe-house, our outreach, counseling, or shelters, it's no exaggeration to say this work has never been more important.

As hard as the work is, sometimes it's important to celebrate. That's why friends, new and old, will be joining together on Friday, May 15th, for "Jazz it Up," a fabulous night of live music, craft beer, wine, and delicious food, at San Leandro's very own 21st Amendment, all in support of Building Futures' homeless, domestic violence, and housing services.

For more information on how to support Building Futures, or to purchase tickets or to sponsor Jazz it Up, please visit www.bfwc.org.

Thank you San Leandro for decades of generous support!

—Rob Rich
Building Futures Board President

Re-imagining Nuclear Energy

Editor:

A Longer Range Solution for Climate Change.

In addition to the recent great reporting on proposed local actions to reduce climate change, I believe that we must revisit the nasty word, nuclear.

Bill Gates has invested years and

millions to find a solution; and so he did.

His solution was the development of a 100 percent safe, small nuclear reactor. Unlike today's old technology reactors, they run on already depleted uranium and expel no waste.

A prototype was to be built in China; however our Dept. of Energy announced that it would deny any new licenses for U.S. companies working with the Chinese government – the end.

To learn more about this prototype, visit Netflix, under "Documentaries." View Part III of "Into the Mind of Bill Gates."

In the quest for additional options to save our planet, I am submitting this knowing that some of the above may be flawed—

—Frank Tomasello
San Leandro

Fake News "Catastrophism"

Editor:

Catastrophism and "climate change": Catastrophism has been long practiced by the Fake News to divert the attention of the viewers to events over which they have no control; thus, we watch most of the one-hour news devoted to floods or droughts, to fires or rain, to snow or heat, to hurricanes or tornadoes and so on.

This a service provided by the Fake News to the ruling class.

The Egyptian priests used eclipses and plagues to control dissent. Fake News, which cannot find a single positive angle to Donald Trump's statements, use a coronavirus that hasn't caused a single death in the United States instead of focusing on Chicago, Oakland, L.A., Baltimore, etc. where dozens are killed every week.

In the same vein, the city of San Leandro held a forum on "Climate Change" with no alternative views allowed.

In order to avoid opposing views, they circumscribed the debate to about a dozen tables, chaired by a City Hall staffer with a pre-established agenda.

"Climate Change," what a novel concept.

In a planet that started as a ball of fire, then became a chemical soup, went through ice ages, volcanoes, sea rising and retreats, underground forces that raised mountains and split continents, glaciers and floods that opened canyons, etc.

To suggest that humans have dramatically changed the climate on Earth in just 200 years of industrial revolution is just ridiculous.

"Climate Change" falls into the retrograde conception of the Vatican and the Inquisition who persecuted Galileo and other scientists who were studying the movement of planets and stars, but it's still moving.

Finally, I have to say that the Democrats in Sacramento are doing a lot to control "climate change" by expanding the homeless encampments that don't consume any energy.

It's a hoax, folks.

—Leo T. West
San Leandro

"Cultural Genocide" in Utah

Editor:

The Bear Ears Region in Utah is the homeland of different Indigenous communities; the Hopis, Navajos, Utes and Pueblos. It represents their

cultural and sacred heritage.

Then-President Obama designated the Bear Ears Region as a national monument.

Unfortunately, President Trump in 2017 undid it in order to allow both drilling and mining there.

This is cultural genocide that he is inflicting on the Hopis, Navajos, Utes and Pueblos.

—Billy Trice Jr.
Oakland

Coronavirus: A Prayer

Editor:

As a Catholic and retired senior, it has been heartbreaking to read

that over 70,000 people of different nationalities had been infected and at least 1,400 people were killed by the coronavirus. I pray that the medical profession would find a cure to prevent further transmission.

My hope is that this prayer would be answered and provide for sick people:

Isiah 41:10

So do not fear.

For I am with you.

Do not be dismayed.

For I am your God.

I will strengthen you and help you.

—Alfred Kwok
San Leandro

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Are you worried about the coronavirus?

— Asked downtown

I just took a class on it this afternoon at Fairmont Hospital. It hasn't reached epidemic levels yet. The most important thing you can do is wash your hands. The masks are only needed if you're infected, they don't do much to prevent it.

Virginia Collins
homeless in San Leandro



Yeah, I'm worried a little. I wash my hands with soap and water more often.

Sergio Torres
San Leandro



Yeah, I'm always worried about getting sick. I think because Trump says there's nothing to worry about it's probably pretty bad.

Ray Johnson
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Hell, yeah, I am. It's just a matter of time, and one little sneeze and you're infected.

James Molter
San Leandro



Yeah, I'm worried about it spreading. If you catch it you could be in bad shape. I heard something on the radio about self-quarantine, but then you can't go to work, and can't pay your bills. So I hope it doesn't get worse.

Ray Sombilon
Sheffield Village



Prepare: 'The effects of closing a school go well beyond the child'

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Patients can be tested, if needed, locally or by a state lab, and treated or cleared according to the results. Those samples are flown to the federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC) for re-testing and confirmation, however, according to health department Public Information Manager Neetu Balram.

She said that fortunately, there has been only one "presumptively positive" case in the county so far, and that was a health care worker exposed in Solano County, not here.

The health department is following up on people who have flown back from affected areas to see if any of them show any symptoms, said Balram.

The CDC has given county health departments guidelines on how to handle possible coronavirus cases, and the county sends them out to health care providers as well.

People showing symptoms such as a high fever and shortness of breath should contact a health care provider to be checked, especially if they have recently traveled to an area where coronavirus has spread, Balram said.

The severity of symptom ranges from mild, like a cold, to severe, like a bad case of pneumonia, she said. People with more severe symptoms should be at a hospital.

"More mild symptoms might be treatable in self-isolation at home, if proper disinfection is possible and if the person had their own bathroom, for instance," Balram said. This leaves space in hospitals for people with more severe cases.

Balram said the county had conducted a survey of what facilities were available in the county to deal with coronavirus or other disease outbreak.

What is unusual about Alameda County is that it does not directly run a county hospital. The Alameda Health System, a county "health partner" but not part of the county government, operates what used to be hospitals run directly by the county.

City of San Leandro Emergency Services Manager Catrina Christian said the city is in close touch with the county on what precautions and actions to take.

Schools Taking Precautions

The San Leandro public schools starting taking precautions by mid-January, and are coordinating with the county health department, according to school spokeswoman Keziah Moss.

"Chinese culture is very important to us and to many of our families," Moss said. "So we started reaching out to any families that had traveled to China, making sure they knew what to

do if any family members showed any symptoms."

Moss noted that so far no children in the United States have been diagnosed with the disease, a trend she hopes continues.

Custodians have increased their cleaning efforts of school surfaces, and made sure all sinks are working for increased hand washing, and facial tissues and hand sanitizers are plentiful. More hand sanitizers are being installed in school cafeterias.

Teachers are instructing students to wash their hands often and well.

If a child in class showed symptoms of any illness parents would be called to pick them up and get them whatever medical help they needed, Moss said. If a child in class showed symptoms of coronavirus specifically, the district would immediately consult with the county health department for steps to take next.

Closing a classroom or a school would be an extreme step, but would be done if the health department required it.

"The effects of closing a school go well beyond the child, to the family that might have to stay home from work if childcare weren't immediately available, or might not have an easy way to replace the meals many children get at school," Moss said. "So we



The coronavirus displays symptoms from severe to very mild, said the county health department.

wouldn't do that lightly."

The county health department is coordinating with the state,

with the county Office of Education, city managers and the CDC.

The county health department

updates its website, www.acphd.org, with new information regularly.

Miley Prevails in Race For County Supervisor

By Mike McGuire

San Leandro Times

Local officeholders were mostly re-elected easily in Tuesday's vote.

Incumbent District 4 Supervisor Nate Miley, whose district includes unincorporated areas and part of Oakland, defeated environmental activist Esther Goolsby by 18,607 votes (67

percent) to 9,080 (33 percent). Goolsby won those votes with a relatively low-visibility campaign.

Miley, who has served on the board since 2000, had faced controversies over appointing campaign contributors to Castro Valley's Municipal Advisory Committee, serving on the board of a troubled nonprofit that got

county funds, and voting on country contracts with a nonprofit that employed his daughter.

He was also one of two supervisors supporting the Urban Shield police training program, billed as anti-terrorism training but attacked by critics for allegedly militarizing the police. The federal government dropped the program locally after the board majority voted to reorient it towards disaster preparedness rather than terrorism.

Miley had also gained many supporters over his work on housing and homelessness and stopping illegal dumping in communities, among other issues.

Assemblyman Rob Bonta in the 18th District won with 36,580 votes (86 percent) to 6,003 (14 percent for Stephen Slauson).

State Senator Nancy Skinner in the 9th District came closest to unanimity with 68,475 votes to 8 for opponent Jamie Duzyak. But all of Duzyak's votes were write-ins; only Skinner's name appeared on the ballot.

Statewide, the biggest school bond measure in history, this year's Proposition 13, appeared to be losing by a 56 to 44 percent margin, with some votes yet to be counted.

Bernie Sanders won the Democratic presidential primarily in California decisively but not in a landslide, with 34 percent to 25 percent of the votes over Joe Biden, with Mike Bloomberg and Elizabeth Warren following with 14 percent and 12 percent, respectively.

However, Biden won more Super Tuesday primaries and convention delegates nationwide than did Sanders, and now leads in the delegate count for the Democratic convention this summer.

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