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Full House Greets Swalwell

By Linda Sandsmark
San Leandro Times

A standing-room-only crowd of over 400 turned out Saturday morning for Rep. Eric Swalwell's (D, 15th Dist.) Town Hall meeting, welcoming the Congressman with a round of applause as he entered the room.

In the interest of time, those who wanted to ask a question or make a comment were given a raffle ticket. People whose tickets were pulled got to speak.

The very first speaker came right to the point: there are many old faces in the Democratic Party. What were the chances that Swalwell might run for President?

"Thank you, sir," said Swalwell with a smile. "Next question."

Others had questions on a wide range of topics, including the Veteran's Administration, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Russian interference in U.S. elections, health care, vehicle emission standards, the Trump administration's relationship with the press, assault weapons and untraceable guns made by 3-D printers, climate change, community involvement, college costs, and how teenagers, "the Parkland generation," have inspired others to speak up.

"If they vote, they can make all the difference in the world," said Swalwell.

Then the question of elections came up again: if Swalwell wouldn't run for President, might he consider running for Senate?

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And Then They Came for Us Documentary to Screen in Hayward

A screening of the documentary *And Then They Came for Us* (2017) followed by a roundtable discussion will be presented at the Hayward Area Historical Society Museum, 22380 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward on Saturday, Aug. 11, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Speakers include Don Tamaki, a lawyer who helped clear Fred Korematsu's conviction for resisting detention during World War II, and recently filed an amicus brief with the Supreme

Court in the Travel Ban case (Trump v. Hawaii).

Also speaking will be Satsuki Ina, born in the Tule Lake maximum security prison during World War II, who is a psychotherapist specializing in the treatment of trauma, and the producer of two award-winning documentary films about Japanese American incarceration (*Children of the Camps* and *From A Silk Cocoon*).

Sponsored by the Eden Township Japanese American Citizen League (JACL).

Why Zapata Got \$350,000 of Public's Money

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

Mayor Pauline Cutter has given some insight as to why the City Council gave former City Manager Chris Zapata \$350,000 as part of a "mutual separation agreement" when he left his job with the city after being cleared of sexual misconduct allegations.

The \$350,000 includes \$82,000 to pay Zapata's lawyer's bill. Cutter said the figure also includes unused vacation pay.

Cutter said that the terms of Zapata's contract stated he'd get at least six month's salary as compensation if he were to leave on mutually agreed terms. That's not unusual for a city manager's contract. The compensation for the attorney's fees were also part of his employment agreement.

There were 20 months left on Zapata's contract and he could have potentially fought to have been paid for all 20, but the City Council worked to avoid that.

"I thought it was a fair offer," said Cutter. "There's always a threat for a lawsuit and that's what my eye was on. I wanted to make sure the city was protected."

Cutter said she could not say whether the city made any lower offers or counter offers to Zapata because it was a part of a closed-session on a personnel issue.

Cutter said that she didn't know at the time of the agreement that Zapata was applying for another job. But when he landed on his feet with the offer to be city

manager of Anaheim, Zapata contacted the city and told them he'd donate the majority of his settlement to San Leandro charities.

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Candidates Jump into Race For Mayor

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

As the nomination period for this November's general election comes to a close this week, six people have pulled papers to run for mayor of San Leandro and new challengers are facing off against the incumbents in the City Council races, too.

That's a big difference from the 2016 elections, when just one of three council races had more than one candidate and all four school board candidates ran unopposed.

So far in the mayor's race, candidates taking out papers to run are Mayor Pauline Cutter, Councilman Benny Lee, Bal Theatre owner Dan Dillman, San Leandro Education Foundation program coordinator Jeromey Shafer, San Leandro Planning

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Real Estate, Unions Fund Council Races

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

The candidates for City Council and mayor who have received over \$2,000 in contributions have filed their financial statements for the first half of 2018.

Councilman Benny Lee, who is challenging incumbent Pauline Cutter for the mayor's seat, has raised the most money so far in 2018, reporting nearly \$27,800 in campaign contributions year-to-date, with \$2,350 in expenditures.

Lee received a lot of support from various real estate groups including \$5,000 from Zenstone Realty, \$2,500 from the California Apartment Association, and \$2,000 from MT-5 Properties.

Lee also received \$5,000 from Duong Family Investments LLC, which is a company associated with Cal Waste Solutions.

Lee's major expenditure so far was \$1,800 in a fundraiser at Fusion Delight.

Cutter reported \$12,350 in

contributions year-to-date, and \$7,200 in expenditures.

Cutter has gotten support from unions, including \$1,500 from the San Leandro Police Officers' Association, \$1,000 from Construction & General Laborers Local Union 304, \$1,000 from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 595, \$1,000 from Operating Engineers' Local 3, and \$1,000 from Sheet Metal Worker's Local 104.

Cutter's major expenditure

so far is \$1,500 for consulting from 2Bridge Communications, a marketing and public-relations company.

In the District 1 race, Deborah Cox claimed \$9,000 in contributions and \$2,000 in expenditures so far this year. She received a little help from her fellow politicians, including \$200 from San Leandro Councilman Pete Ballew and \$250 from Assembly member Bill Quirk.

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Pets of the Week




Rex

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are Rex the rat and Jax the rat.

Cuties **Jax** and **Rex** are two sweet and amazing pet rat buddies. They're easy to handle, playful, and inquisitive. They like to explore and meet new people. It would be great if they were adopted together, however, they can be separated.

For more information on Jax and Rex, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at 293-7200.



Jax

Silky, the Senior Cat Gets Adopted

The Hayward Animal Shelter volunteers report that senior cat Silky, who appeared in Pets of the Week a couple weeks ago was adopted. The 16-year-old kitty, with little hope of finding a home in the middle of a kitten deluge, found his loving forever home.

Mazda Dealership Coming To Marina Blvd. Auto Row

A Mazda dealership will be coming to the Marina Boulevard, the 11th auto dealer along San Leandro's Auto Row.

Mazda will join other dealerships including Ford, Chevy, Honda, Kia, Nissan, and Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram. The auto mall near I-880 generates over \$275 million in annual sales.

In July, a Bay Area automobile dealership group to house Mazda purchased the 520-foot Auto Row Frontage site at 620-758 Marina Boulevard. The Harvey Auto Group, which has Mazda and Honda dealerships in Dublin and Tracy, plans to make a significant investment in the site and bring at least 50 jobs to the area.

The City of San Leandro Community Development Department's technical assistance and full support helped land this desired Mazda Dealership, said city officials.



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Missing Person

The photo of former City Manager Chris Zapata disappeared overnight like a statue of a Confederate general at the Main Library where it was displayed alongside the City Council members. The new City Manager is Jeff Kay, whose picture will soon be on display.

Hayward-CV Moose Lodge Chili Cookoff

The Hayward-Castro Valley Moose Lodge #1491, 20836 Rutledge Road in Castro Valley, will host a Hopping Jalapenos Chili Cookoff on Saturday, Aug. 11, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Fun for the whole family. Free admission, raffle prizes, live music and barbecue. Cooks wanted.

The Loyal Order of Moose is a fraternal and service organization founded in 1888, with nearly 1 million members in roughly 2,400 Lodges, in all 50 states.

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National Night Out in Cherryland

Members of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office, the California Highway Patrol, and the Alameda County Fire Department joined members of the community for an ice cream social at Cherryland Park on Tuesday evening as part of National Night Out.

Sheriff's Office Negotiator Helps Bring Peaceful End to Stand-off

A suicidal man apparently held his parents hostage at gunpoint Tuesday afternoon in Castro Valley but the situation was resolved without anyone being harmed.

Alameda County Sheriff's deputies were called to a home on the 2800 block of Chloe Court in western Castro Valley at around 5:15 p.m. on a report of a 21-year-old man with a gun, according to Sgt. Ray Kelly of the sheriff's office.

The deputies set up a perime-

ter around the home and called in a hostage negotiator, Kelly said.

The father of the subject was able to escape from the residence and told police that his son had a handgun and had pistol whipped him and threatened to kill him.

The young man was also reported to be holding his mother at gunpoint and threatening to kill her and himself.

The hostage negotiator was able to convince the man that a safe resolution was in everyone's best interest and at just after 6

p.m. the man put the gun down and stepped outside where he was detained without incident by deputies.

No shots were fired and the incident was resolved peacefully, Kelly said.

The man has been placed on an emergency psychiatric detention and weapons have been removed from the house.

A criminal arrest and charges are possible once the subject is evaluated for his psychiatric condition.

Body Shop Chain Settles Suit

Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley recently announced that a judge in Sacramento has ordered Cooks Collision, Inc. to pay \$1.525 million as part of a settlement of a civil environmental prosecution alleging the auto repair company mishandled hazardous waste.

Cooks Collision, Inc. currently owns and operates 38 auto

body repair facilities throughout California. Prosecutors accused Cooks of illegally disposing of hazardous waste generated during its auto body repair operations, and of violating laws related to the storage and management of hazardous materials.

The case began in 2013 when inspectors from the Sacramento County Environmental Man-

agement Department observed hazardous waste violations inside several Cooks facilities. Investigators from Alameda County and several other counties then conducted inspections of Cooks' trash containers, which revealed the illegal disposal of hazardous auto body sanding dust, paints, solvents, non-empty aerosols, and other hazardous substances.

Fire Concern Leads to BBQ Ban in Parks

The East Bay Regional Parks District has announced a ban on all fires, including barbecues and campfires. The ban applies to all of the district's 73 parks as of Aug. 8 and lasting until further notice due to extreme fire danger.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



❖ Woodminster Amphitheater

The Producers Associates continues the 52nd season of the Woodminster Summer Musicals with *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. This Biblical saga put to music comes to life August 9, 10, 11, and 12, all at 8 p.m. at Woodminster Amphitheater, 3540 Sanborn Dr. in Oakland's Joaquin Miller Park, located on Joaquin Miller Road at upper Sanborn Drive.

Told entirely through song, the musical follows Joseph, favorite son of Jacob, as he overcomes many challenges through his honesty and good character. Tickets for the musical range from \$32 to \$69. Tickets are available by phone at 531-9597, online at www.woodminster.com or in person at Woodminster Amphitheater on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and weekends from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or at the

box office 2 hours before any performance.

❖ Chanticleers Theatre

Crimes of the Heart, a funny and touching play about the intrigues, secrets and scandals of three sisters, will be presented by Chanticleers Theatre, 3683 Quail Ave. in Castro Valley, through Aug. 19. For tickets (\$25 adults, \$20 seniors/students), visit www.chanticleers.org or call 733-5483.

❖ SL Museum Auditorium

The San Leandro Players will present *The Mousetrap* by Agatha Christie through Aug. 19 at the San Leandro Museum/Auditorium, 320 West Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro. Show times are Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m., plus Fridays at 8 p.m. on Aug. 10 and Aug. 17. Tickets are \$20 general, \$15 seniors, TBA members, under 12, students (with ID). For more information or reservations, call 895-2573. Information and tickets online at www.slplayers.org. In this who-done-it, a group of strangers trapped by a snowstorm discovers that a murderer is among them, and you'll never guess who it is.

❖ Bill Owens Photo Exhibit

PhotoCentral, 1099 E St. in Hayward, presents *Altamont to America: Bill Owens and the Legacy of Suburbia*, opening on Saturday, Aug. 18, with a reception from 2 to 5 p.m. and running through Oct. 20. The exhibit celebrates the work of Bill Owens, spanning six decades, for his 80th birthday. The exhibition coincides with the book release of the same title. Bill will be on hand to sign copies of the limited edition book. Gallery hours: Upstairs gallery – Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Downstairs gallery – Monday 5 to 10 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and by appointment. For more information, call PhotoCentral at 881-6721 or email info@photo-central.org.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

❖ Free Sound Bath Meditation Session

The San Leandro Library presents a free sound bath meditation for adults today, Aug. 9, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Certified Instructor and Inner Sounds Meditation Founder Missy Felsenstein uses Himalayan Sound Bowls at this peaceful and healing meditation session. Light refreshments served. Materials will be provided but feel free to bring your own mat. No registration necessary.

❖ Davis St. Resource Center Health Fair

The Davis Street Family Resource Center, 3081 Teagarten St. in San Leandro, will hold its 4th Annual Health Fair on Saturday, Aug. 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with free health screenings, immunizations and dental screenings for children entering school. There will be more than 30 community resource booths and linkages to other organizations and resources throughout the area. New backpacks and school supplies in addition to new tennis shoes will be given to eligible children. Open to the public. For more information call 347-4620, Ext. 113 or email jedmond@davisstreet.org

❖ Historical Society Museum

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❖ San Leandro Marina Cleanup

Marina neighbors will have a community cleanup of the area around the San Leandro Marina on Saturday, Aug. 11, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Meet at the Seagull Picnic Area at Marina Park. For more information, call Bryan Azevedo at 706-3125.

❖ Adobe Art Gallery Presents *Elevate*

The Adobe Art Gallery, 20395 San Miguel Ave. in Castro Valley, presents *Elevate*, the work of over 20 artists, from Aug. 11 through Sept. 29. A preview party will open the show on Saturday, Aug. 11, from 1 to 3 p.m.; and a silent auction and closing party will mark the last day of the exhibit on Saturday, Sept. 29, from 1 to 3 p.m. Gallery hours are Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and by appointment. The Adobe Art Gallery is a program and facility of the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District.

❖ The Eagles Luncheon & Bingo

The Fraternal Order of Eagles Eden Auxiliary 1139 will host its luncheon and bingo on Monday, Aug. 13, at noon at the Eagles Hall, 21406 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward. This month's fare will include meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, dessert, coffee and tea. A donation of \$8 includes lunch and one bingo card. For more information, call Glenda at 584-1568 or 782-8187.

❖ Alta Mira Club Luncheon & Fashion Show

The Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave. in San Leandro, presents "Have Bag, Will Travel—100 Years of Fashion," on Monday, Aug. 13, at 11:30 a.m. An elegant tea and dessert luncheon, followed by a vintage fashion show. Tickets are \$25 and support Alta Mira scholarships. Reser-

ventions required. Limited seating. Call 483-1018 or email Nancyfong@aol.com.

❖ Indo American Heritage Celebration

The Abhinaya Dance Company will perform on Thursday, Aug. 16, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. in celebration of Indo American Heritage Month. Abhinaya has been awarded several grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and has appeared in the San Francisco Ethnic Dance Festival, in several Asian Performing Arts Festivals, and toured India as well as cities across the United States.

❖ 21st Amendment Brewery Celebration

21st Amendment Brewery, 2010 Williams St. in San Leandro, will celebrate its anniversary on Saturday Aug. 18, from 1 to 8 p.m. with AugustFest, a free community event offering live music, food, games and activities, a cigar lounge, and of course, beer. Music by the Bay City Swampers (1 to 3 p.m.) and The Unauthorized Rolling Stones (4 to 6 p.m.) and DJ Bert from DJ By the Bay will close out the night. Pints and 6-packs available, first-come, first served. Food and desserts from a variety of trucks. Games, watermelon bowling, tortilla toss, pie toss, and screen printing. Free shuttle from San Leandro BART. No dogs, please.

❖ Career Technical Education Open House

San Leandro Adult School, 1448 Williams St., will host a Career Technical Education open house on Thursday, Aug. 23, from 6 to 8 p.m. Explore these certificated training programs: accounting technician, administrative assistant, barbering and cosmetology, banking careers, nurse assistant, home health aide, homecare worker, optometric technician, pharmacy tech and clinical medical assistant. For more information, call 667-6250 or go to www.sanleandroadultschool.org.

❖ American Legion Horseshoe Tournament

American Legion Post 117 will have its 8th annual Vets & Friends Horseshoe Tournament on Saturday, Aug. 25, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Kennedy Park, 18897 Hesperian Blvd. in Hayward. A donation of \$25 for each player, lunch is \$5 for non-participants. Tournament benefits various veteran's programs. For more information, call Mike Nettles at 499-4146.

❖ SLZ Community Church Flea Market

The San Lorenzo Community Church will have a Flea Market on Saturday, Aug. 25, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 945 Paseo Grande in San Lorenzo.

❖ 9-Mile Run Fundraiser for Homeless

The Jefferson Service Club at San Leandro High will host a 9-mile run to raise money for a homeless rehabilitation center on Monday, Sept. 10, starting at 12:30 p.m. The run will be over the Bay Bridge from Treasure Island to Oakland. Registration for the run is \$100 with a t-shirt included. To register and for more information, call Jack Nelson at 303-2305 or email SLjeffersonservice@gmail.com.

❖ Bayfair Toastmasters

Bayfair Toastmasters is a small, growing club seeking new members who want to learn the art of public speaking. All are welcome to the club's weekly meetings every Wednesday from noon to 1 a.m. in the Bayfair Mall 2nd floor meeting room above the food court. Come through Entrance 5 facing the Century Theater. For more information, call Noreen at 538-6025 or Wayne at 407-0048.



Happy Anniversary to George and Jane Tucker

George and Jane Tucker celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with family and friends on July 28. The couple got married in San Francisco in 1958. Jane was a San Francisco State graduate and George graduated from UC Berkeley. George has lived in San Leandro for most of his life, except for two years in the army, four years living in San Bruno and two years in San Francisco.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Impatience with those who don't keep up with you can cause resistance, which, in turn, can lead to more delays. Best to be helpful and supportive if you want results.



TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A surprise announcement from a colleague could put you on the defensive. Gather your facts and respond. You'll soon find the situation shifting in your favor.



GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Time spent away from a project pays off with a new awareness of options you hadn't considered before. Weigh them carefully before deciding which to choose.



CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Consider confronting that personal conflict while there's still time to work things out. A delay can cause more problems. A longtime colleague might offer to mediate.



LEO (July 23 to August 22) Some emerging matters could impede the Lion's progress in completing an important project. Best advice: Deal with them now, before they can create costly delays.



VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your aspect continues to favor an expanding vista. This could be a good time to make a career move, and taking an out-of-town job could be a good way to do it.



LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Disruptive family disputes need to be settled so that everyone can move on. Avoid assuming this burden alone, though. Ask for -- no, demand -- help with this problem.



SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Patience is called for as you await word on an important workplace situation. A personal circumstance, however, could benefit by your taking immediate action.



SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Don't lose confidence in yourself. Those doubters are likely to back off if you demand they show solid proof why they think your ideas won't work.



CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A temporary setback might cause the usually sure-footed Goat some unsettling moments. But keep going. The path ahead gets easier as you move forward.



AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) There's welcome news from the workplace. There also could be good news involving a relationship that has long held a special meaning for you.



PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might still need to cut some lingering ties to a situation that no longer has the appeal it once held. In the meantime, you can start to explore other opportunities.

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LIFESTYLE



Remembering Julia

Julia Child was a favorite of audiences from the moment of her television debut on PBS in 1963 where she became a familiar part of American culture.

Born in Pasadena in 1912, she died Aug. 12, 2004, two days before her 93rd birthday.

In 1966, she was featured on the cover of Time. Her kitchen became one of the most popular exhibits at the Smithsonian Institution.

In her opinion, people were so fearful of elevated cholesterol levels and other health problems that they were going overboard in eliminating butter, cream and salt, which she considered essential ingredients for good cooking.

"We should enjoy food and have fun," Mrs. Child insisted. "It is one of the simplest and nicest pleasures in life." Bon Appétit!

ROAST TURKEY WITH OLIVE & MUSHROOM STUFFING

This adaptation of a Julia Child recipe calls for putting the turkey in the oven about six hours before you intend to serve it. You might want to hang onto this one for your Thanksgiving dinner!

- 1 14-to-16 pound oven-ready turkey
- Olive oil for sautéing
- 2 cups sausage meat
- 1 cup minced onions
- Turkey liver
- 1 pound fresh mushrooms, washed and diced
- 1 cup black olives, pitted and chopped
- 2 anchovies, diced
- 2 tablespoons capers, pressed dry and minced
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 clove garlic, mashed
- 1/2 teaspoon thyme
- 1/2 bay leaf, pulverized
- 4 cups dried bread cubes
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 4 tablespoons soft butter
- The turkey stock

To make the stuffing, break up the sausage and sauté slowly in a frying pan until lightly browned. Remove to a large mixing bowl, pouring the fat into a cup.

Using 2 tablespoons of the fat, sauté the onion until very lightly browned, about eight minutes, then add the liver and sauté for another minute or two. Scrape the mixture into a mixing bowl.

Sauté mushrooms in about 2 tablespoons of the fat for 2-3 minutes, then scrape into mixing bowl with onions and liver. Beat in the olives, anchovies, capers, eggs, garlic, bay leaf and thyme. Fold in bread cubes and salt and pepper.

Preheat oven to 325°F.

Season cavity of turkey with salt and pepper and fill with stuffing, leaving an inch unfilled at the vent end. Truss the turkey, rub it with butter and place breast-up on a rack in roasting pan. Roast until a meat thermometer inserted into the thickest part of the thigh (but not against bone) reads about 185°F.

Allow turkey to rest for about 30 minutes before carving. Thicken juices from roasting pan for gravy.

JULIA'S CHOCOLATE MOUSSE CAKE

- 1 tablespoon instant coffee
- 4 tablespoons hot water
- 4 tablespoons dark Jamaica rum
- 14 ounces semisweet baking chocolate

- 2 ounces unsweetened baking chocolate
- 6 large eggs
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 cup whipping cream, chilled
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- Confectioners' sugar

Preheat oven to 350°F and place rack in lower third.

Prepare a 10-cup, non-stick cake pan by buttering it. Line the bottom with buttered wax paper. Flour the pan. Choose a roasting pan large enough to hold the cake pan easily and fill with water to come half-way up in cake pan. Set roasting pan in oven.

Swirl the coffee and hot water in a medium-size saucepan, add the rum, and break up the chocolate into the pan. Bring 2 inches of water to a boil in a larger pan, remove from heat, and set chocolate pan in it. Cover and let the chocolate melt while you continue the recipe.

Break the eggs into the beating bowl, add the sugar and stir over hot water for several minutes until eggs are slightly warm to your finger. This makes beating faster and increases volume. Then beat for 5 minutes or more, until mixture has at least tripled in volume and forms a thick ribbon when a bit is lifted and falls from the beater; the eggs should be the consistency of lightly whipped cream. (You must have beating equipment that will keep the whole mass of egg moving at once, meaning a narrow, rounded bowl and a beater that circulates about it continually.

Pour cream into a metal mixing bowl. Empty a tray of ice cubes into a larger bowl, cover them with cold water, then set the cream bowl into the larger ice-filled bowl. Beat with a hand-held mixer or large balloon whisk, using an up-and-down circular motion to whip in as much air as possible, until cream has doubled in volume and holds its shape softly. Whip in the vanilla.

Beat up the melted chocolate with a whisk. It should be smooth and silky. Scrape it into the egg-sugar mixture, blending rapidly with a rubber spatula, and when partially incorporated, fold in the whipped cream, deflating cream and eggs as little as possible.

Turn batter into prepared cake pan, which will be about two-thirds filled. Set it at once in the pan of hot water in the preheated oven.

Cake will rise about 1/8 inch above the edge of the pan, and is done when a skewer or straw

comes out clean—after about an hour of baking. Then turn off oven, leave oven door ajar, and let cake sit for 30 minutes in its pan of water, so that it will sink evenly.

Remove from oven, still in its pan of water, and let sit for another 30 minutes so that it will firm up before unmolding and serving. Cake will sink down as it cools to about its original volume.

This cake, a cheesecake or custard-like cake confection, is at its most tender and delicious when eaten slightly warm. But you can cook it even a day or two in advance, leave it in its pan (covered when cool, and refrigerated), then set it in a 200°F oven for 20 minutes to warm gently.

To serve, unmold cake and decorate with sprinkling of confectioners' sugar or with soft chocolate icing (semisweet chocolate melted with a little butter). You may wish to pass a sweetened, vanilla-flavored whipped cream with the cake. Yields 8 or more servings.

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AUTOMOTIVE

Volvo XC60 Lands in the Sweet Spot

By Steve Schaefer
San Leandro Times

Volvo's XC60 is just the right car for the times—if you can afford it. With fresh, attractive looks, a premium interior, and available hybrid powertrain, it does everything right.

While Volvo is known for its sturdy sedans and wagons, the Swedish brand, now Chinese owned, has done very well with its crossovers. The mid-sized XC60 sits between the larger XC90 and brand new XC40 compact. That makes it ideal for a family of five.

Pick from three levels—the “base” Momentum, the performance-oriented R-Design, and the top-level Inscription. Each level comes well equipped, but you get more as you move up.

My Crystal White Metallic tester had the Inscription package (\$3,800). It adds chrome on the grille, side trim, and tailpipes. Inside, driftwood accents enhance the “tailored” dashboard. You also get keyless entry and luxury illumination, and even a cooled

glove compartment.

My car boasted the hybrid powertrain. The regular XC60 uses a 250-horsepower, 2.0-liter turbo engine with 258 lb.-ft. of torque, but the hybrid adds supercharging and, combined with an 87-horsepower electric motor and 10.4 kW battery, achieves 400 horsepower and 472 lb.-ft. of torque. Despite weighing 4,638 pounds (more than 500 pounds heavier than the gas-only model), this family-hauling crossover can sprint from 0 to 60 in just 5.3 seconds.

The battery holds about 18 miles worth of charge, which happens to be the distance from my home to my office. I commuted mostly in EV mode except for climbing grades, where the engine kicked in. At the end of my 297-mile test week, I averaged 63 mpg. The EPA Combined numbers are 59 mpg for electricity plus gas, and 26 mpg for gas only, so that's pretty close. The gas-only models get 22 City, 28 Highway, and 24 Combined, which is substantially lower.

Plug-in hybrids are great if you have a reasonable commute

and can plug in at both ends, which I did. The Level 2 chargers at work refilled the battery in about 2-1/2 hours, while I simply plugged the car into my wall outlet at home and charged it up slowly overnight. With plug-in hybrids, battery size is limited by available space (since you still have the engine and its attendant fuel tank, radiator, etc.) and weight concerns.

The XC60 T8 hybrid model earns EPA green numbers of 7 for Smog and 10 for Greenhouse Gas versus a pair of 5's for the gas-only model. It emits 199 grams of CO2 per mile against 367 gpm for the non-hybrid—a significant difference. The hybrid earns EPA SmartWay Elite status, putting it in the top performers, just under the pure EVs.

The driving experience is lovely, as you'd expect. The interior is supremely comfortable, and avoids the overwrought angles and swirls found in some new vehicles. The dashboard and doors look and feel substantial. The panoramic sunroof lets in light and air.

The user experience of the electronics is superb. Volvo's stacked rectangle arrangement on its large center screen is easy and intuitive to use. It has a swipe feature to get to the deeper levels of settings.

My tester had the awesome Bowers & Wilkins Premium Sound system (\$3,200), which turns the car into a mobile concert hall. Actually, the “Concert Hall” setting does wonders with classical music. I found the “Individual Stage” setting worked well for Jazz and the regular “Studio” set-



Large wheels and pronounced wheel arches lend an athletic touch, while integrated roof rails and tough side moldings highlight its SUV character.

ting brought out the best in Rock.

The base Momentum hybrid starts at \$53,895, including destination charges, but my test car, with a host of extras, came to \$71,590. Here's how that happened.

Besides the Inscription upgrade, my car had the Convenience Package (\$2,000), with adaptive cruise control that you can set to follow the car in front, heated wiper blades, power folding second-row seat, electric folding rear headrests, and more. Pilot Assist handles steering, acceleration, and braking on well-marked roads at up to 80 mph.

The Vision Package (\$1,100) added safety and convenience with Blind Spot Information with Street Assist, parking assistance, retractable rear-view mirrors, and more.

The Luxury Seat Package (\$3,000) added Nappa leather and heating and cooling to the

seats. There was a backrest massage for both front seats. The list goes on.

I'm not sure the 4-Corner Air Suspension (\$1,600) was a necessity, but it was included, along with a black headliner and sport steering wheel (\$300).

Volvo is on a roll, with a series of substantially upgraded and

improved models appearing at excitingly regular intervals. The XC60 is strongly competitive with rivals from Mercedes-Benz, BMW, Lexus, and others, while keeping its own style and feel. The company has said it will offer electric versions of every model, so the XC60 T8 E-AWD represents the future of Volvo.



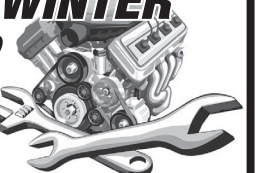
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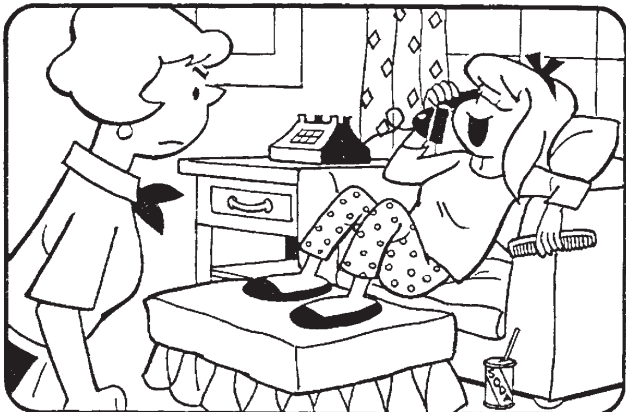
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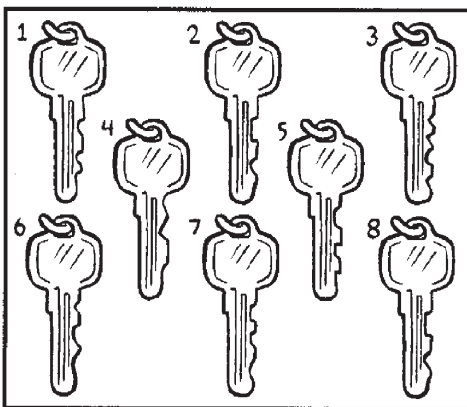
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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MIX AND MATCH! Can you spot the two keys that are exactly alike?

Answer: Keys 2 and 8.

ODD WORD OUT!

To the right is a list of five words. Can you figure out which word doesn't belong on the list?

Answer: Raining. The other words all contain the name of a cereal grain. (1. Corn. 2. Oats. 3. Rice. 4. Rye. 5. Wheat.)



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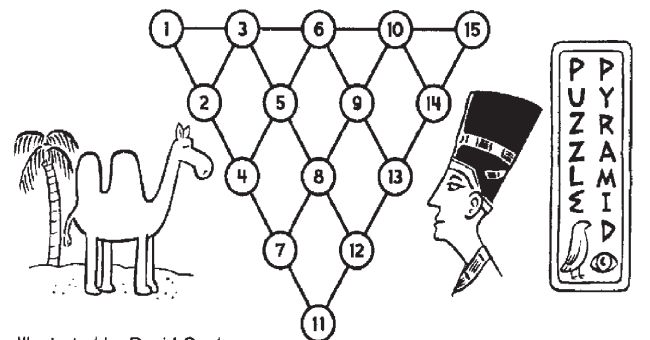
FIND THE SEVEN WORDS PUZZLE! In the word square at the right, we've removed six of the letters to spell out the word “STIFLE.” See if you can replace these letters in the squares so that you will have four three-letter words across and three four-letter words down. The time limit is 60 seconds.

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Answers: (Across) Foe, ale, sir, toy, (Down) Fast, olio, eery.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



THE GREAT PUZZLE PYRAMID

Here's a problem that should keep you busy for hours. On our puzzle board, place 14 coins on all of the circles except No. 6. Now, jumping one coin over another along the lines, as you would in checkers, and removing the jumped-over coin, try to remove every coin from the board except one. As an extra challenge, try to leave the last coin in circle No. 6.

One answer: 4 to 6, 11 to 4, 12 to 5, 2 to 7, 6 to 4, 7 to 2, 1 to 4, 10 to 8, 14 to 12, 12 to 5, 4 to 6, 3 to 10, 15 to 6.

PARENTS GUIDE

Back-to-School Time:
Eight Tips on Getting
Your Children Ready

By Cathy Malone
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

As the days of summer become shorter and vacation draws to a close, the time has come to put away the beach bag and break out the back packs.

Back-to-School time can be very intimidating for some children, who become filled with anxiety over changing teachers, grades and friends.

It's important to give your kids every opportunity to feel confident and prepared for the new school year. This involves more than buying them back-to-school supplies.

1. Create a Positive Attitude About Going Back to School. Talk to your children about their feelings surrounding going back to school. Encourage them to focus on the positive aspects of a new year, like seeing their friends, meeting their new teacher, and learning new subjects.

2. Start the School Schedule Early. Begin the morning and evening school routine at least a week before school starts.

3. Visit the School. Visit your new classroom and play on the playground to help children feel comfortable in the environment.

4. Create a Calendar. Create a calendar together that highlights bed time, after school activities and designated play times.

5. Set Goals for the School Year. Talk with your child about what they want to accomplish this school year. Creating a goal board can help motivate and increase excitement!

6. Back to School Shopping. Make it fun! Let them cross their school supplies off the list and help pick out a new outfit.

7. Back to School Activities. Find out about back-to-school activities or events, such as Back to School night or sporting events and participate as a family.

8. First Day of School Ritual. This can include taking pictures of them on the front lawn before they leave for school or making them their breakfast of choice.

Cathy Malone is an educator and University of Phoenix instructor.



It's important to give your kids every opportunity to feel confident and prepared for the new school year.

'Needs' and 'Wants':
Organizational and
Money Saving Tips

Save money, time, and aggravation

By Jason Alderman
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Parents, if this is your first time at the back-to-school rodeo, let me share a few lessons my wife and I have learned the hard way.

Chances are you'll be spending the next few weeks filling out piles of pre-enrollment paperwork, lining up carpools and, of course, taking the dreaded shopping excursions for clothes and school supplies.

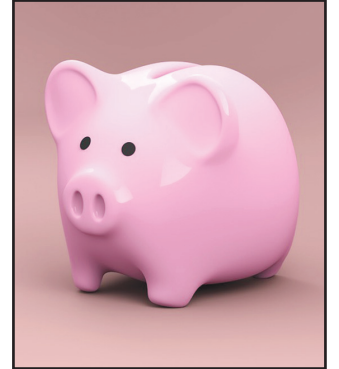
If you're a first-timer or simply need a back-to-school refresher course, here are a few organizational and money-saving tips:

- Before you shop, make a comprehensive list for each child. Use previous years' expenses as a guide and compare notes with other parents and school officials.

- Engage your kids in the budgeting process. Share how much money is available to spend and get them involved in prioritizing expenses between "needs" and "wants."

- Go through your kids' closets and have them try on everything. Make an inventory of items that fit and are in good shape, and take it when shopping so you don't accidentally buy duplicates.

- Spread clothing purchases throughout the year so your kids don't outgrow everything at once. Many stores hold fall clearance sales to make room for



holiday merchandise.

- Review the school's dress code so you don't waste money on inappropriate clothing.

- Although shopping online would seem to save money, time and gas, don't forget to factor in shipping and return costs, which could undo any net savings.

- Ask which school supplies you're expected to buy. Go in with other families to take advantage of volume discounts and sales.

- Find out how much extra-curricular activities (athletics, music, art, etc.) cost. Account for uniforms, membership dues, private lessons, field trips, snacks, etc.

- Rent or buy used sporting equipment or musical instruments until you're sure they'll stick with an activity.

- Know when to spend more for higher quality. Cheaper notebook paper shouldn't matter, but don't buy poorly made shoes that might hamper proper physical development.

- Before buying new clothing or accessories, look for "gently used" items in the closets of your older kids and friends, at garage sales, thrift and consignment stores and online.

- Clip newspaper and online coupons. Many stores will match competitors' prices even if their own items aren't on sale.

Bottom line: If you get organized before setting out on back-to-school shopping, you can save money, time and aggravation.

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PARENTS GUIDE



Enhance your children's creativity by encouraging them to try new things.

Fostering a Child's Creativity

(NAPS)—Fostering a child's courage to express creativity is perhaps one of the most important goals that parents can set for themselves.

Understanding Creativity

Often, when people think of creativity, they think of the arts, but it starts with play early in life and leads to other things as children grow. It's through play that children begin to develop their creative muscles, whether with blocks, dolls or action figures. Beyond play, kids may find creativity in the way they play sports, clean their room, prepare their food or do their school-work.

According to experts at The Genius of Play™, a national movement to raise awareness about play's critical role in child development and encourage more play in children's lives, creativity can help build confidence, flexibility, individuality, mental agility, and even better physical health.

Expert Advice

Dr. Erik Fisher, Ph.D. and The Genius of Play expert, believes the best way to foster children's creativity is to encourage them to try things and not feel afraid to fail.

Failure itself is an amazing learning experience as it helps children develop tenacity and perseverance, which are some of the most important skills they'll need later in life. At the same time, parents should be aware of their own emotions, attitudes and beliefs and be willing to create with their child. Many times, parents want their kids to "fit in" and don't realize they're stifling creativity.

To help ensure that creativity is part of your child's play routine, Dr. Fisher suggests:

- Don't focus on just the arts. Play has a key role in helping develop children's creative muscles. As children develop creativity in one area, it often extends to other areas.

- Help your kids stretch their creativity muscles and yours by experimenting with many different kinds of toys and playful activities. Trying new things lets kids discover what they like and explore their own talents.

- Observe and appreciate your child's uniqueness and celebrate how they do things differently.

- There's no better way to dry up creativity than with criticism. Try to find constructive ways to give feedback and seek ways to

be positive.

- Help your child see failure through play as a learning experience, not a time to quit.

Learn More

You can get ideas on how to enhance creativity and other developmental benefits, expert advice and play resources at www.TheGeniusofPlay.org, @GeniusOf Play on Facebook and on Instagram.

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Don't Forget Health, Wellness On Back-to-School Check List

Between buying new school supplies and meeting your children's teachers, back to school season is a busy time. But parents should not forget to prep for the school year by considering health and wellness.

The first step is to schedule a visit to the doctor.

"The start of a new school year is an excellent reminder to take kids to the pediatrician for their annual checkup," says Dr. Thomas McNerny, president of the American Academy of Pediatrics, who offers these tips for parents:

- ✓ Doctor's visit: Make the most of your visits by making a list of issues to discuss.

- ✓ Immunizations: Whether you're the parent of a young child, a teen or a young adult heading to college, ask your pediatrician what immunizations your child is due to receive. Vaccines save lives and keep kids and adults healthy.

- ✓ Nutrition: Talk with your child's pediatrician and school about healthful food choices. You can ask the school to stock the cafeteria and vending machines with nutritious food, such as fresh fruit, low-fat dairy products, water and 100 percent fruit juice. If you don't like the options the school offers, pack lunch and snacks at home.

- ✓ Limit soda consumption. Each 12-ounce soft drink contains approximately 10 teaspoons of sugar and 150 calories. Drinking



With a focus on safety and health, you can help make this school year successful for your kids.

just one can of soda a day increases a child's risk of obesity by 60%.

- ✓ Exercise: Make sure your kids are getting plenty of exercise. Turn off the television and make time for sports teams, gymnastics classes and bike rides. Aim for at least an hour a day.

- ✓ Backpacks: Choose a backpack with wide, padded shoulder straps and a padded back or a rolling backpack. Backpacks should never weigh more than 10 to 20% of your child's body weight.

- ✓ Getting there: Whether your child is biking or walking, teach him or her about traffic safety. For bikers, ensure helmets fit properly. Those who take the bus should be

instructed to stay seated and listen to the bus driver.

- ✓ Sleep: Get plenty of sleep to be alert. A regular bedtime can help your child get on a healthy sleep schedule.

- ✓ Bullies: A bully can pose a true threat to a child's physical and mental well-being. Your pediatrician is well equipped to answer questions about mental health, too. Teach kids how to respond confidently to bullies and encourage them to tell an adult when there's a problem. Remember, bullying can occur online too. So keep tabs of your children's social media use.

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GUEST COMMENTARY



Lowballs Offers Signal A New Reality

We posted a lovely home on the MLS recently, and seven days later I changed the status from active to pending. One hour later, I received a call from a person stating he had seen the listing go pending.

He congratulated me on the accepted contract and asked for the pending price. I queried as to whether he was an agent or a buyer. When he confirmed he was a buyer and was interested in writing an offer on a comparable home, I explained that I could not disclose the pending price. He pushed back, asking if it was more than \$50,000 lower than list price or over asking price. When I explained that it was indeed over asking, the incredulity in his voice

was palpable.

"Over asking?" he said, with apparent shock. "Over asking indeed," I replied.

The call highlighted something I've noticed in the past week. It has become obvious that the market has been slowing. While it has been difficult for most sellers to come to grips with this new reality, some buyers have adapted to the change like sharks sniffing blood in the water.

While sellers are gingerly feeling their way through longer Days on the Market and potentially lower offer prices, we are seeing a few buyers interpreting the current softening market as permission to go for the jugular.

Think, "Lowball Offers."

Just this past week we've seen lowball offers come in three of our listings (offers at least 10% under asking price), none of which had been on the market longer than

three weeks.

It has been insult to injury for sellers already grappling with lower prices and a drastic change from the market that existed a few short months ago. The lowballs have all been summarily dismissed, but the fact that they exist at all signals that buyers are hoping the current market signals a window of opportunity.

Truth is, it is too soon for buyers to start lobbing in underpriced offers. The market may be slowing, but it is a long way from the collapsing market we saw a decade ago. The underlying fundamentals are still very strong and we do not see any impending collapse.

While buyers may be eager to cash in on a perceived weaker market, sellers do not share the same enthusiasm, and any downward shift is going to take a bit longer to become a reality, if at all.

Improving Drainage in a Lawn

Q. I'm looking to improve the drainage in my lawn. Is it better to spike it or take a soil core out with one of those aeration machines?

A. With clay soil, removing a plug or core is preferred over spiking. Spiking separates the

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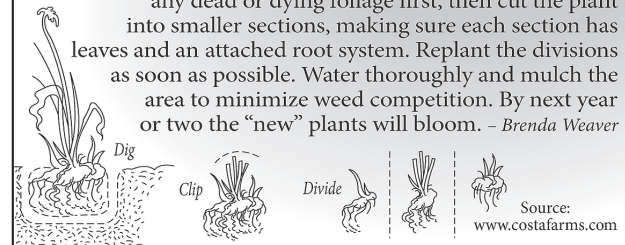


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Dividing perennials

Dig around the plant, leaving some soil around the roots. Gently lift out the entire plant, and place it on the ground. Clip away any dead or dying foliage first, then cut the plant into smaller sections, making sure each section has leaves and an attached root system. Replant the divisions as soon as possible. Water thoroughly and mulch the area to minimize weed competition. By next year or two the "new" plants will bloom. — Brenda Weaver



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1491 Marybelle Avenue	94577: \$550,000 3 BD - 1,015 SF - 1944
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2487 State Street	94577: \$590,000 3 BD - 1,387 SF - 1950
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Patience Needed When Rooting Rose Cuttings

By Buzz Bertolero
The Dirt Gardener

Q I'd like some help on how to root cuttings from a special rose. In the past, I've as long as six weeks and still nothing. I'm usually pretty good at propagating plants, but roses sure frustrate me. How would I know when the cuttings are rooted?

A Rooting roses can be challenging for gardeners. Miniature roses are the quickest and easiest to root, but you'll have to be really patient with hybrid teas, Grandiflora and other types of roses. Six weeks may not be long enough to root these cuttings.

I think eight weeks is more the norm. Many a cutting has been lost due to an eager gardener checking for roots. Also, a cutting that produces new growth doesn't necessarily mean that the cutting has rooted. This growth eventually collapses without the formation of any new roots.

When I root rose cuttings, I use a four-inch or six-inch pot, filled



with pre-moisten potting soil. There are other rooting medias available such as perlite, sand or vermiculite but I prefer any of the commercial potting soils.

Next, I select a bunch of cuttings from the new growth to root — many more than I will need so I can transplant the most vigorous from the group.

Then I create a mini greenhouse by covering the pot of cuttings with a plastic baggie that is supported with a few short bamboo

stakes. The baggie is secured with a rubber band or string. This mini greenhouse will trap the moisture, so I don't have to water again.

I place the cuttings outdoors in a warm area that receives little direct sun. In addition to moisture, heat is trapped which is essential in rooting rose cuttings as they like moist warm conditions.

If you're rooting rose cutting indoors, I suggest you place the containers on a heating mat. They are inexpensive and available at

many independent garden centers or online from Hydro Farms. For more information, google Hydro Farms Heating Mats. Again, I would figure on an eight-week rooting period.

Buzz Bertolero is an Advance California Certified Nursery Professional. The Dirt Gardener's website is www.dirtgardener.com and questions can be sent by email to buzz@dirtgardener.com or on Facebook at [Facebook.com/Buzz.Bertolero](https://www.facebook.com/Buzz.Bertolero)



WEEKEND GARDENER

Wildfire Protection

Hot, late-summer weather is right around the corner and it is time to pay attention to fire safety around your home and yard, especially if you live in a wooded hillside area. You should maintain a defensible space—a minimum of 30 feet—around the house, with all shrubs pruned to three feet or less. Remove dead and flammable debris, including tree branches lower than eight feet from the ground. Keep climbing plants away from buildings and fences. Sweep gutter, eaves and the roof of leaves and other debris.

Bulbs

When storing bulbs, shake them free of soil and let them dry in a sheltered spot for several days, then place them in plastic bags filled with sand, vermiculite or peat moss. Poke holes in the bag for ventilation and store in a cool, dry area.

Flowers

Feed azaleas, camellias and rhododendrons with an acid fertilizer for the last time this year to help them set buds for early spring bloom. Continue feeding begonias, fuchsias and summer annuals. Feed chrysanthemums until their buds begin to show color and open.

Harvesting Cucumbers

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Swalwell: Congressman speaks out about 'dirty money' in Washington

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Swalwell answered that there are midterm elections to focus on, plus he and his wife have a one-year-old son and another baby on the way in November.

"It's pretty busy right now," he said.

The topic of White House hostility toward the press came up, and Swalwell said he had done an interview just that morning with Fox News.

"I don't always agree with Fox, but I still have to answer to the press," he said. He added

that when the White House press secretary can't say that the press isn't the enemy of the people, "That's just one step away from us being an authoritarian state."

Washington D. C. is too influenced by dirty money, Swalwell said. He and several other members of Congress would like to "strip Citizens United down to its studs," Swalwell said.

Swalwell would like to see the Supreme Court decision on Citizens United vs. Federal Elections Commission overturned. The decision says political spend-

ing by corporations and unions to influence voters is protected under the First Amendment, as long as the spending isn't given directly to campaigns.

The congressman is co-sponsor of H.R. 1134 which would increase disclosure by corporations of political spending to shareholders, and require them to stand by their ads.

Swalwell and others in Congress propose requiring companies to disclose to their shareholders how corporate money is spent in the political arena, because right now it is "secret and unlimited."

When asked how he works with people of such opposing viewpoints, he said he gets "the Republican download" from his father-in-law and his parents, who are Republican.

Swalwell advocates looking for common ground and getting past the impulse to insult another person. He added that there may be much "unlearning" of this reflexive insulting once another administration is in place.

"It's never a winning strategy to insult the voters," he said, noting that both Republicans and Democrats have done this.

He also said he and other lawmakers are "putting markers down" to ensure it isn't normalized for a president (or presidential family), whether Democrat or Republican, to profit from dealings with foreign entities.



PHOTO BY FRED ZEHNDER

Swalwell spoke to a full house in Hayward on Saturday. The congressman said he's working on a bill requiring corporations to increase disclosure of political contributions.

The topic of Russian interference in our elections was touched upon, and Swalwell said there are much larger issues at stake. Turning Americans against one another not only weakens us, it makes our democracy and way of life look unattractive to Russians and the rest of the world.

"We have to understand what Russians did, so they or other entities don't do that again," said

Swalwell.

One young man said that he fears for his "black and brown brothers and sisters in his community," and hopes for higher-quality candidates for President.

"Vote," advised Swalwell. "We have to vote our way out. Vote for our lives, because that's what's on the line, matters of life and death."

The tone of the meeting was civil until it was over, when one pony-tailed man shocked the exiting crowd by shouting, "Death to Trump!"

Rep. Swalwell's office is located at 3615 Castro Valley Blvd. in Castro Valley. It is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Constituents may call 370-3322 with concerns and comments.

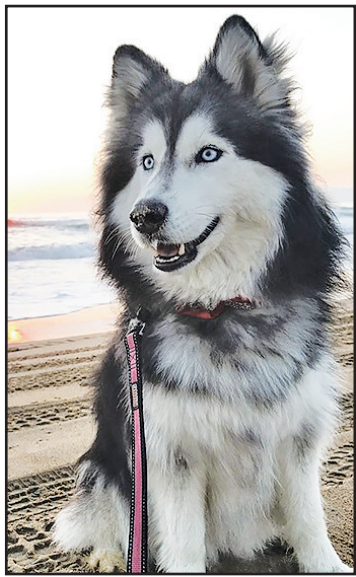
Missing Dog Luna

The black-and-white Siberian Husky is missing from her home in San Lorenzo and her owners are looking for her.

There was an apparent attempted break-in on Saturday night. Luna's tags were found on the porch of the house on Via Arriba. Luna's owners think she may have been stolen.

They've had Luna since she was 8 weeks old and are devastated.

Anyone with information about Luna is asked to call Katrina at 415-4544.



LOCAL DEATHS

Anna Schiavello

Anna (Ann) Schiavello passed away on Wednesday, August 1, 2018 in Pullman WA at the age of 92. Ann was born in Brooklyn, NY. She lived in New York, California and Washington. Ann worked for the Farmingdale, NY Public Library, Hayward, CA Department of Public Schools and the Diocese of Oakland, CA Catholic Schools. For the past four years, Ann lived happily in Pullman, WA in the company of her husband Joseph (deceased), children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Ann will be remembered for her strong commitment to all her undertakings and for her devotion to her loved ones. She will be missed very much.

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Andrea Galvan

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Andrea Galvan, 72, passed away July 16, 2018, in Clarkdale, Arizona. She was born Nov. 24, 1945, in Oakland, California, to Andrew (Andy) and Jessie Galvan.

Andrea attended San Leandro High School, and later worked at Schering-Plough Corp., from 1964 to 2004. She served on the Alameda County Grand Jury.

She moved from California to New Jersey and then to Arizona. She touched many lives with her caring and love. Andrea was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church. She loved to cook and gather with family and friends. She was an avid Oakland A's and Raider fan, and loved her New York Yankees and Giants.

Andrea was preceded in death by her parents, Andrew (Andy) and Jessie Galvan. She is survived by brothers, Ronald (Marie) Galvan of San Leandro, California, and Gary (Leslie) Galvan of Fountain Hills, Arizona; and by sister, Judy Galvan of Clarkdale, Arizona.

Memorial Mass will be on Friday, August 10th, at 10 a.m. Assumption Church in San Leandro.

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Emergency Measures Underway to Ramp Up BART Security

BART General Manager Grace Crunican will seek authority at tomorrow's Board of Directors meeting to move forward on plans to strengthen safety on the transit system.

Following a recent increase in assaults on BART property — some of them deadly — the series of proposals would boost the visible presence of police and employees on trains, enhance the surveillance camera network and increase public safety

outreach,

"Our riders are demanding that we do more to maintain public safety and this plan offers multiple new initiatives we can immediately begin to roll out," Crunican said in a press statement.

The first part of the action plan has already been put into place. Starting this week, the BART Police Department has temporarily canceled off days for all of its officers.

Patrol officers, community service officers, and dispatchers are now working six 10-hour days a week. Patrol officers who work on their normal days off are required to ride trains throughout their shifts.

Some of the proposals that will be considered tomorrow include:

- Enhancing security training for employees who will be wearing high-visibility vests;
- Accelerating efforts to make it harder

to bypass the faregates by raising barriers and adding additional fencing to include elevators in paid areas;

- Adding eight fare inspectors to nighttime enforcement of BART's proof-of-payment policy in stations, on platforms, and in trains;
- Installing emergency call boxes on each platform. High priority stations would get the call boxes as early as this fall while system-wide implementation

could take two years;

- Upgrading all cameras to a digital high-definition network in stations, parking lots, and garages.

- Ramping up the "Ride Safe" public outreach campaign, including distribution of safety tips at every station and on social media and posters on trains.

Some proposal can be done within the General Manager's authority, others require Board action for procurement.

OPINION

LETTERS to the EDITOR

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Calls Library Parking Ticket 'Severe, Excessive and Unfair'

Editor:

The City of San Leandro should consider revising its policy on issuing parking tickets to patrons of its library parking lot.

Last week, I was in the main library doing some research and unintentionally overstayed by 20 minutes. A parking citation in the amount of \$45 was issued and placed on my windshield.

There were plenty of parking spaces in the lot, so availability was not an issue. In this instance, a written warning would have sufficed and would put the offender on guard. This kind of penalty (i.e. issuing parking tickets) is severe, excessive and unfair considering the nature of the offense.

The role of the library is to offer its community the opportunity to advance research and pursue knowledge, to support literacy and education so to help shape a more creative society. So

why impose such severe punishment to someone who is pursuing education and knowledge and their only offense is a mere overstay of 20 minutes? It doesn't make sense!

A probable solution is to designate a few parking slots with a 3-hour parking time zone. Those needing to spend more than 2 hours can prepay and get a voucher from the library. This can easily be administered by the library volunteer-greeters. The fee should be reasonable, maybe \$1.50 per hour so common folks and seniors can afford the expense.

— Nida Ward
San Leandro

Accuses Trump of Disregarding Indigenous Peoples at the Border

Editor:

President Trump is at it again in his quest to build a wall between this country and Mexico. He is even threatening to shut down the gov-

ernment if he does not get his way. He could care less if building a wall will destroy the homeland of Indigenous Peoples known as the Tohono O'Odahms who live on both sides of the two countries.

Their land stretched between the Gila River in Arizona and the Sea of Cortez in Mexico. They maintain relationship between each others on both sides. If President Trump and other conservative folks are so concern about people coming into this country, then we should stop meddling in their home countries like we did under former President Reagan in Central America in the 1980s because of political differences.

— Billy Trice Jr.
Oakland



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INQUIRING REPORTER

What famous person did you meet?

— Asked at the Bancroft Safeway

I grew up four houses down the street from John Madden. I knew his whole family. I went to school with his kids, Joe and Mike. The Maddens were all about football, but me and my brother played soccer.

Shawn Jones
Oakland



I met Cedric the Entertainer in Los Angeles. He's a funny person. Everything he says is funny.

Ondrea Taylor
Oakland

I met Arnold Schwarzenegger at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta. I worked at the Olympics as a server for the athletes. I got a lot of their autographs. Arnold is impressive in person. He's a good guy in person.

Bernita Jackson
Oakland



I met Andre Nickatina, the rap singer, at a concert in San Francisco. We saw him and said hi. He stopped and we took a picture with him.

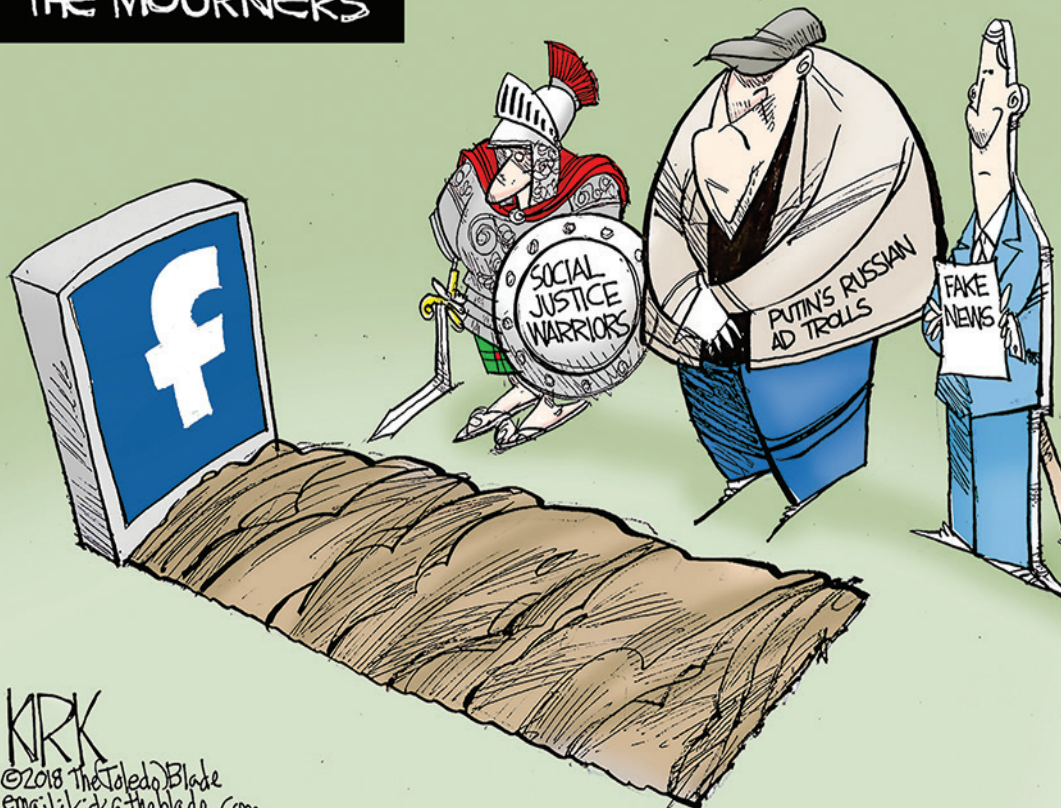
Nicole Nichols
San Leandro

Kevin Mitchell when he played for the A's. It was Picture Day at the Coliseum before a game. I met Matt Stairs and Art Howe, too. They were all real nice.

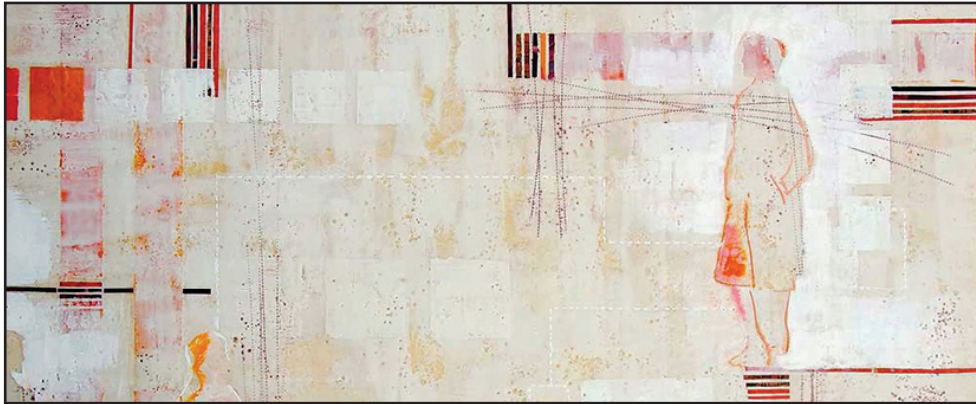
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"The Person You Want to Be," a collage by Rinat Goren, will be on display at the Adobe Gallery in Castro Valley that opens with a preview party on Saturday.

Over 20 Artists Present their Work At Adobe Gallery Show in Castro Valley

The Adobe Art Gallery, 20395 San Miguel Ave. in Castro Valley, presents "Elevate," the work of over 20 artists, from Aug. 11 through Sept. 29. A preview party will open the show on Saturday, Aug. 11, from 1 to 3 p.m.; and a silent auction and closing party will mark the last day of the exhibit on Saturday, Sept. 29, from 1 to 3 p.m. Gallery hours are Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and by appointment. The Adobe Art Gallery is a program and facility of the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District.

Alta Mira Club Fashion Luncheon on Monday

The Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave. in San Leandro, presents "Have Bag, Will Travel—100 Years of Fashion," on Monday, Aug. 13, at 11:30 a.m. An elegant tea and dessert luncheon, followed by a vintage fashion show. Tickets are \$25 and support Alta Mira scholarships. Reservations required. Limited seating. Call 483-1018 or email Nancyfong@aol.com.



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Dodgers Finish Season With 3-Game Winning Streak

The San Leandro Dodgers finished off the 2018 season by winning their final three games.

Last Tuesday, the Dodgers beat The Future Prospects, 5-1, as Victor Hernandez threw a complete game for the win, allowing just three hits and striking out eight batters. Hernandez also singled and drove in a run.

Gordon Reed singled, doubled, scored a run and had an RBI. Enrique Batz doubled, scored once and had an RBI. Daniel Pasillas doubled and scored a run while Adrian Enriquez drove in a run with single.

On Thursday, the Dodgers beat the Bay Area Bombers, 12-1, as Danny Mendoza pitched three hitless innings, and Sammy Hadley pitched three innings and struck out four batters.

Fidel Sanchez singled twice, scored 3 runs, stole a base, and drove in a run.

Tyler Finamore had two singles and a double, drove in 2 runs and scored a run. James Cardera doubled, scored a run, and drove in a pair of runs. Cam Weatherford singled three times while driving in a pair of runs and scored a run. Devin Castro played great defense.

In the final game of the season on Saturday, The Dodgers beat the Berkeley Buzz, 13-0. Five Dodger pitchers combined to throw the shutout – James Rogge, Matt Vallar, Cam Weatherford, Tyler Finamore and Josh Valenzuela. The five San Leandro pitchers struck out 18 Buzz hitters.

Freddie Ramos hit two doubles and a single, scored 3 runs and drove in a run. Fidel Sanchez singled four times and drove in a pair of runs. David Greene singled, walked, and scored a run.



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

San Leandro Dodgers pitcher Sammy Hadley (above) combined with Danny Mendoza on Thursday to shut down the Bay Area Bombers.

Adrian Enriquez walked, scored a run and had an RBI. Cam Weatherford singled and legged out a triple and scored twice.

The San Leandro Dodgers finished the season with a 35-11 record, which ties their best record in the past 13 years.

"We had an awesome group of young men this season that all contributed to an outstanding year," said Dodgers assistant coach Chuck Leinhard. "The parents, family, and friends were great support all year long and we thank them all."

The Dodgers are guided by head coach Derek Leytem, man-

ager Guy Gouveia, Leinhard, and assistant coach Grant Lowe. Longtime coach and manager Bill Brause retired from coaching this year but is still a presence down at the ballpark.

Summer Music Series Comes to Marina Park

The City of San Leandro invites the community to the free summer music concert series, Hot August Thursdays, at Marina Park that takes place every other Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. in the month of August.

The Latin Rhythm Boys will play on Aug. 16, and 3Day Weekend Band will play on Aug. 30. Chuy Gomez from Q102.1 will be hosting.

Food and beverages are available for purchase during the event from Habana's Cuban Cuisine and the San Leandro Scholarship Foundation.

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

Art Assoc. to Host Free Demonstration

The San Leandro Art Association will host a free art demonstration by a renowned multimedia artist Anthony Diaz on Tuesday, Aug. 14, from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Meet your local artists while enjoying refreshments. For more information, call Molly Dolly at 483-1208.

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