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They're Off

Taylor Yiu and the rest of the 15-18 girls 50-yard butterfly swimmers dive in at the East Bay Swim League Championships held at Chabot College on Saturday. See SPORTS, page 5.

Dancers to Celebrate Truth Is Beauty Statue on Saturday

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

The figure in the Truth Is Beauty statue appears to be dancing – so that inspired a dance troupe to have a performance in the plaza around the statue, set for this Saturday night from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

The Bliss Dance Company of Fremont has invited up-and-coming female choreographers of the Bay Area to showcase their work.

An open mic, interactive booths, and a board to pin your thoughts, even your deepest fantasy, will all be part of the evening at the San Leandro Tech Campus, 1600 Alvarado St. The program is for mature audiences, 18 and over.

“Choreographers will express what they feel or witness about

female sexuality while responding to the question, ‘What would the world be like if women were safe?’” said the flier for the event, taking the quote by the sculptor inscribed at the base of the statue.

The statue is one of three works by sculptor Marco Cochrane that he calls The Bliss Project. The 55-foot-tall sculpture first appeared at the 2013 Burning Man art festival, and was installed in San Leandro in 2016.

Cochrane designed the sculptures to de-mystify the female body and to get past the sexual objectification our society puts on the female form.

The promoters say the dance festival intends to embrace the East Bay’s commitment to social change and social justice.

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PHOTO BY WYATT WONG

Christina Silveira of Bliss Dance Company will perform at the Truth Is Beauty Statue on Saturday.

Survey Finds 400 Homeless In San Leandro

418 people without a home in San Leandro, 8,022 in county

By Denis Perez
San Leandro Times

A recent count of homeless in San Leandro shows over 400 people living without a home.

Around 600 volunteers from the EveryOneHome organization conducted their bi-annual homeless population count throughout the county on Jan. 30. The survey counted 418 homeless people in San Leandro, much higher than the 109 that were counted in 2017.

Although the number might indicate there was around a 300 percent increase in the homeless population, Mayor Pauline Cutter feels this year’s number is accurate, and closer to the number that should have been counted in 2017.

“The count two years ago was not correct because the counting volunteers that were familiar with San Leandro were sent to another city and we had people who were unfamiliar with our city doing our count,” Cutter said,

From those counted this year in San Leandro, 74 are living in emergency shelters and transitional housing, and 344 are unsheltered homeless living in tents, vehicles, RVs, abandoned buildings and outdoors.

One of those 344 homeless people is 46-year-old Frank Paiso who became homeless in 2012, found a place to rent in San Leandro in 2015 and became

homeless again that same year.

Paiso used to live in Alameda and worked in a warehouse until 2011 when he suffered a blackout due to diabetes. His health eroded

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Socialist Candidates Meet in San Leandro

By Denis Perez
San Leandro Times

Supporters of the Socialists Workers Party (SWP) gathered to hear candidates for the November 2019 elections speak about, among other things, breaking away from a two-party system and supporting working class leadership.

Around 60 people gathered to hear from SWP election candidates Alyson Kennedy from Texas, Henry Dennison from Seattle, and Joel Britton from San Francisco at the Marina Community Center at 15301 Wicks Blvd. on Saturday night.

Dennison is running for Seat-see SOCIALIST, page 8

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CITY COUNCIL

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

SAN LEANDRO SCHOOL BOARD

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



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PETS OF THE WEEK



Allie



Pluto

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are Allie the cat and Pluto the dog.

Allie is a playful, energetic adult cat who thinks she's a

kitten. She loves people, getting her chin scratched and would like to be the queen of her castle. She would do best in a single cat home. She's spayed and up to date on vaccinations.

Pluto is a loving, happy-go-lucky 7-year-old Chihuahua mix with soulful brown eyes and big floppy ears. This handsome boy is good with other dogs and might do well with young children. Meet Pluto at the Hayward Animal Shelter.

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

Correction

The wrong phone number appeared in the story for the kids' baking class last week, "Kids Learn to Bake in Summer Class," (July 25, 2019). The correct number for information on the class is 925-255-6438.



The cast of San Leandro Players production of *And Then There Were None* is, (left to right) Mark DeWeese, Robyn Werk, Michael Fallon, Mark McMillan, Jessi Lee, Terry Guillory, Sage Hindley, Rachel Rynazewski, Gretta Stimson, Liam Webster, and Robert Rankin.

SL Players Presents *And Then There Were None* at the SL Museum

The San Leandro Players present *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie, running through August 18 at the San Leandro Museum/Auditorium, 320 W. Estudillo Avenue next to downtown San

Leandro.

Show times are Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m., plus Fridays at 8 p.m. on Aug. 9 and 16. Tickets are \$20 general; \$15 seniors, TBA members, under 12 and students.

For tickets and information, visit the San Leandro Players

website at www.slplayers.org or call 510-895-2573.

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IDES of San Leandro To Host Annual Festa

The IDES of San Leandro, 790 Antonio St., will have its annual Festa of the Portuguese Immigrant this weekend and all the community is invited.

A novena of the rosary is being recited every day this week at 7 p.m. through Saturday.

On Saturday at 11 a.m., es-molas (alms for the poor) will be given, followed by the raising of the Portuguese and American flags with the respective national anthems played. And then Portuguese sweet bread and cheese will be served.

At 4 p.m., a rosary will be recited and a bazar will be held in the courtyard. At 7 p.m., a dinner of beef stew will be served for \$15. After dinner, dance in the hall to the music of Hirminio Lemos.

On Sunday at 2 p.m., Mass will be said in the hall by Father Paul Vassar. After Mass there will be a procession around the block accompanied by the Filarmonica Artista Amadora. As the procession ends its journey, sopas will be served with traditional alcatra and dessert of arroz doce.

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Bay Area native Mildred Howard will install an artwork in the patio of the San Leandro Main Library.

City Council Approves Project To Install Artwork in Front of Library

By Denis Perez
San Leandro Times

Bay Area artist Mildred Howard will be brainstorming and creating an artwork to be installed in front of the San Leandro Community Library at 300 Estudillo Ave.

The City Council unanimously approved a \$135,000 agreement on July 15 to allow Howard to start creating a design for the artwork.

At this time, Howard has no specific design for the artwork, nor is it known if the art will be a sculpture or some other art type, Howard said.

It's a common practice to hire the artist and have them go through a process to develop a concept design with public input, said art consultant for the project Shelly Willis.

"During the concept process Howard will look at maintenance, durability and engineering," Willis said.

There will be opportunities for public comment in forms of meetings with Howard and community members, said Arts Commission member Suzanne Pershing. The meeting has not been scheduled, but is most likely to be held in the first weeks of September, Pershing said.

Howard will then create a design which the Arts Commission and the director of the library will approve or ask for changes, said Deputy City Manager Eric

Engelbart. The final design will then be taken to the City Council for final approval before being installed, he said.

The Arts Commission, which was created in 2014, had no annual budget until 2017 when the city budget included funding the commission, Engelbart said.

The budget was \$100,000 for both fiscal years in 2016 to 2017 and 2017 to 2018 and \$75,000 this year, Engelbart said.

This project in front of the library is the first to be created with the Art Commission's annual budget, Mayor Pauline Cutter said.

The process for Howard's project began with the Art Commission creating a sub-committee to choose from 16 artists from around the country. Howard was chosen because of her many art pieces she has done around the Bay Area, Willis said.

"What I do will spark some imagination and whoever sees the work can say, 'I can see the world a little bit different'," Howard said.

Although all of the council members voted in favor of the contract with Howard, some members raised concerns over the location of the artwork.

"I think we have put a lot of money into our library already,"

Council woman Corina Lopez said. "I just think we have to do other things in other parts of the city."

Council members Ed Hernandez, Benny Lee and Victor Aguilar agreed with Lopez.

"We do need to make sure we inspire those who need to be inspired," Lee said.

With the main library getting around 80,000 visitors each month Council member Deborah Cox said the location would be seen by a lot of San Leandro residents and even people from other cities.

To compromise, Cutter suggested the council approve this project, but request the next art project brought up by the Arts Commission will have to be located in another part of the city.

Council member Pete Ballew pointed out that the city has had art in forms of murals and architecture installed in different districts.

"I think there is representation," Ballew said.

And the main library location offers a chance for all people from every district to enjoy this project, he said.

"The first one has to come in big and in a place everyone can see it and appreciate it," Ballew said.

PHOTO BY DENIS PEREZ

Survey Asks Public To Speak on Housing

The City of San Leandro invites residents to participate in a housing survey distributed by the Affirmative Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) organization.

The Alameda County is currently conducting a community survey for residents to provide feedback on housing characteristics and policies.

To complete the survey go to www.surveymonkey.com/r/housingsurvey_alameda2019.

Or go to SanLeandro.org and click the City Press Releases link under the Services panel on the city website's home page.

The survey is also available in Spanish and Traditional Chi-

nese. Paper versions may also be available in Tagalog, Vietnamese or additional languages by contacting 510-238-6468.

If you have trouble viewing this survey and would like assistance due to a disability, please contact 510-238-5219.

The Affirmative Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) requires an analysis of housing difficulties experienced by people with disabilities, the adequacy of publicly assisted housing, and fair housing enforcement and outreach efforts.

There are also ongoing community engagement meetings for a more in-depth discussion.

The first meeting is at Berkeley Central Library at 2900 Kittridge Street in the 3rd Floor Community Meeting Room from on Aug. 13 from 1 to 3 p.m.

The second meeting is at the 81st Avenue Branch of the Oakland Library at 1020 81 Street on the 2nd Floor Community Room from Aug. 21 from 5 to 7 p.m.

And the third at Hayward City Hall at 777 B Street in the 2nd Floor Conference Room 2A on Aug. 24 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information call the city's housing specialist Maryann Sargent at (510) 577-6005 or email her at housingsurvey@mbakerintl.com.

Application Process Opens Up Online For Fire Marshal Position

The Alameda County Fire Department opened the application period for a new full-time deputy fire marshal on July 24.

The application includes a supplemental questionnaire, can only be accepted online and the deadline is on Aug. 14 at 5 p.m.

The position is to administer the day-to-day operations of a specific jurisdiction and supervise Fire inspectors and Fire Code Compliance Officers assigned to the Fire Prevention Bureau. The deputy fire marshal also reviews and approves plans for new and existing buildings.

Applicants are asked to have two years of experience in class of Fire Captain in the ACFD. Specialized training or education in the field of fire investigation, arson investigation or fire prevention may substitute one of the two years required.

Qualified applicants also include those with five years experience performing fire prevention duties including fire investigations and plan checking.

Selected applicant is subject to emergency recall while off duty. Applicants must have a drivers license and be able to receive a certificate of completion in Red Cross First Aid and

CPR programs.

The position pays a salary of \$141,444 to \$172,344 each year.

The applications will be reviewed by Monday, Aug. 26. And panel interviews will happen throughout the week of Sept. 16.

Applications can be found under the News and Information panel at acgov.org/fire/.

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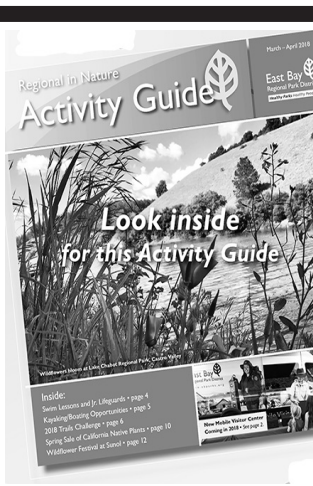
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This issue of the San Leandro Times contains the East Bay Regional Park District Sept-October 2019 Activity Guide.

If your copy of the Times does not include the EBRP Activity Guide, call 510-614-1555 or stop by the Times office (2060 Washington Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94577) between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday to obtain one.



NEIGHBORS



Music students Alessandra Sotelo and Sofia Sotelo, shown with music teacher Maureen Spranza, and Emily Fong in the other photo, won a Certificate of Merit after scoring in the top 1 percent among students throughout the state.

Music Students Win Music Award

Congratulations to Emily Fong, Alessandra Sotelo, and Sofia Sotelo who scored in the top 1 percent in the state of California for Certificate of Merit this year and were selected to perform at the Music Teachers' Association of California (MTAC.org) State Convention at the Hyatt Regency in Santa Clara. Each year 25,000 students in California

participate in this music study program which provides a standard of curriculum that requires students to strive for focused musical excellence in performance, technique, ear training, sight reading and singing, and music theory. Emily, Alessandra, and Sofia scored in the top 250.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

❖ Center for the Arts

*The Great American Sh*t Show*, monologues on life in the age of Trump, written by Brian Copeland and Charlie Varon and performed by them on Saturday, Aug. 17, at 7 p.m. at the Center for the Arts, 19501 Redwood Road in Castro Valley. It's a therapy session for progressives who've

been quietly going insane. Developed with and directed by David Ford. Tickets are \$40. For tickets or more information, visit www.cvca.com or go to the Center Box Office, 19501 Redwood Road in Castro Valley, Thursdays and Fridays from 3 to 5 p.m. or call 889-8961.

❖ Chanticleers Theater *Born Yesterday*

Chanticleers Theater, 3683 Quail Ave. in Castro Valley, presents *Born Yesterday*, running through Aug. 11. Curtain time for Friday and Saturday evening shows is 8 p.m. and Sunday twilight matinees start at 6 p.m. General admission is \$25, and admission for Seniors (60+)/Students/Military is \$20. On Bargain Night, July 20, all tickets are \$18. For tickets, call 510-SEE-LIVE (733-5483) or go to chanticleers.org. *Born Yesterday* was first produced on Broadway in 1946, and was subsequently turned into an Academy Award-winning film starring Broderick Crawford and Judy Holliday. Many consider *Born Yesterday* to be the funniest American comedy of the 20th Century. Chanticleers Theatre is located within the Castro Valley Community Park in Castro Valley.

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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Dealing with a difficult person can be the kind of challenge you Aries Lambs love. Or it could be an energy-draining exercise in futility. Be certain your goals are worth your efforts.



TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): The Divine Bovine might be seeing red at having your crisis-resolution efforts overlooked. But others know the truth, and they can be expected to step forward when the time comes.



GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): You should be well on your way to finally making that important decision. Having the support of loved ones will help when crunch time comes. Keep a positive attitude.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Feeling uneasy about a move might not mean you're having a case of Cancerian wavering. It could be your inner sense is warning you to reassess your situation before taking action.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): Your pride could get in the way of admitting you might have erred. Best to 'fess up now before a small mistake turns into a big misunderstanding. Make the weekend a special family time.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): Trying to please someone with a less-than-glowing opinion of something you value could be a waste of time. If you like it, stay with it. The week's end brings an answer to an old mystery.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): There might be time to make a change. But be honest with yourself: Is it what you really want, or one you feel pressured into making? Your answer should determine your next move.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): Change is dominant, but so is caution: Proceed carefully, checking each step along the way to avoid encountering any unwelcome surprises that might be lurking along your path.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): It could be a mistake to rely on someone to keep his or her promise without checking out previous performances. What you learn now could save you from a painful lesson later.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Taking a strong stand on an issue you feel is too important to ignore could inspire others to follow suit. The weekend is a good time to socialize with old friends and make new ones.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Your sensitive nature gives you an insight into the problems of someone close to you. Your offer of support could be just what this person needs to start turning his or her life around.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Financial matters continue to need even more careful analysis than usual. Use caution with investment possibilities. A personal relationship might take an unexpected turn by the week's end.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR



❖ Drake's First Friday Benefiting SLED

The San Leandro Education Foundation (SLED) invites everyone to come out for a great evening on Friday, Aug. 2, from 5 to 9 p.m. at Drake's Barrel House, 1933 Davis St. (behind Walmart) with music, food trucks, and more. A suggested donation of \$5 at the door, plus a portion of the beer sales, will benefit SLED. There will be 32+ beers on tap, and \$18 will get you a Drake's Brewing Co. glass to take home, plus three tokens (each good for a full pour). Additional tokens are \$4 each. For more information, visit Drake's First Friday on Facebook. SLED supports programs in all 13 San Leandro USD schools, including science labs, outdoor education, and teacher mini-grants. For more information, visit www.sledfund.org.

❖ Community Garden Open House

See what your neighbors are growing at Paradise Community Garden, 20095 Mission Blvd. in Hayward, on Saturday, Aug. 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free speaker series begins at 11 a.m., "Improving Your Soil Quality: Tips for the Urban Food Grower," by Rob Bennaton. Snacks and drinks throughout the day. Visit vendors for native plants, body work, handmade soaps, community booths, urban farming information. Rent your own garden box. For more information, call Rick Hatcher at 510-909-4077.

❖ San Leandro Readers Roundtable

The San Leandro Readers Roundtable meets Saturday, Aug. 3, at 2 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., to discuss *The Friend*, Sigrid Nunez's story of a woman who has lost her best friend and must deal with the dog he left behind. All are welcome, and all books discussed are available for purchase in the Library's Booktique bookstore.

❖ National Night Out Party

Praises of Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 1395 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro, will have a National Night Out party on Tuesday, Aug. 5, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Backpacks with school supplies will be distributed to children in grades K-12 who are present and accompanied by an adult. Available while supplies last. Hot dogs, popcorn, jumpers, games and other activities.

❖ Buon Tempo Club Dinner

The Buon Tempo Club will have a family dinner on Tuesday, Aug. 6, at 7 p.m. at Mt. Tabor Hall, Transfiguration Church, 4000 E. Castro Valley Blvd. in Castro Valley (across from the 580 Marketplace). Everyone is welcome. Chef Rich Gorham and crew will be serving a five-course family style dinner of tri-tip. Red and white wine and soda are included. Happy hour is at 6 p.m. The dinner is \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members. Make reservations by Friday, Aug. 2, by calling the Buon Tempo dinner line at 510-483-6929. For more information about events/membership see the club's website at www.buontempoclub.org.

❖ Magic Class with Phil Ackerly

There will be a Magic Class with Phil Ackerly on Wednesday, Aug. 7, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd. in San Leandro. Learn the tricks of the magic trade and performance skills. For teens ages 11 and up. This class is free. For more information, call 510-577-3956.

❖ Bayfair Toastmasters

The Bayfair Toastmasters is a club for 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. For more information, call Noreen at 510-538-6025 or Wayne at 510-407-0048.

❖ Libertarian Party to Meet

The Libertarian Party of Alameda County will meet on Thursday, Aug. 8, from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. at The Englander Pub, 101 Parrot St. in San Leandro. Membership not required to attend, no fee, purchase your own food and beverage. Members will discuss logistics for the LPAC summer barbeque and the LPAC booth at the Oakland Pride Festival on Sept. 8. Volunteers welcomed to help staff the booth. RSVP at www.facebook.com/LPAlamedaCounty/events/.

❖ Sons in Retirement Meeting

Sons in Retirement (SIR) Branch #26, an organization of retired men, meets on the second Wednesday of each month. Meetings are held at the Fairview Event Center at Metropolitan Golf Course, 10051 Doolittle Dr. in Oakland. Social Hour starts at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at noon. The guest speaker on August 14, will be from the U.S.S. Hornet Museum in Alameda and the topic will be about the History of the U.S.S. Hornet Aircraft Carrier. Sponsored guests are welcome to attend this luncheon but must call Ken at 510-537-4804, as soon as possible. Cost of the luncheon is \$25, payable in advance. Checks should be made payable to SIR Branch #26. To receive a full refund, the last day to cancel is by noon on Sunday, August 11th. For more information, call Ken at 510-537-4804.

❖ Hot August Thursday

The City of San Leandro invites the community to the City's 2019 Hot August Thursday Concert on Thursday, Aug. 15, from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Marina Park, 14001 Monarch Bay Drive. The show will feature Rewind, playing the sounds of the '80s; and Sacred Fire Band, a Santana tribute band. Chuy Gomez and the Q102.1 crew will host. Food and beverages are available for purchase from El Taco Loco and the San Leandro Scholarship Foundation, benefitting the scholarship fund that supports graduating seniors from San Leandro public schools. For more information, contact Lydia Rodriguez, Recreation Supervisor at 510-577-3477 or at lrodriguez@sanleandro.org.

❖ I.D.E.S. Shrimp Dinner

I.D.E.S. St. John, 1670 Orchard Ave. in San Leandro, will have a shrimp boil dinner on Saturday, Aug. 17, at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person, children 6 to 12 \$15. Dinner includes a salad, garlic bread, shrimp and dessert. There will also be a 50/50 raffle. For more information or tickets, call Darlene at 589-6536, Willie at 635-6326 or Frances at 510-886-1568.

❖ SLHS Class of 1974 - 45th Anniversary

The San Leandro High Class of 1974 will have its 45th reunion on Saturday, Aug. 17, at 5:30 p.m. at the Coal Shed Brewery, 851 Waterfront Ave. in Vallejo. Tickets are \$70 pre-paid. For tickets or information, email slhs.classof1974@gmail.com or log on to Bit.ly/SLHS1974. The deadline is Aug. 1.

❖ Kiwanis Club of San Leandro

Join the Kiwanis Club of San Leandro for weekly lunch meetings on Tuesday, from 12:10 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Englander Sports Pub and Restaurant, 101 Parrot Street, San Leandro.

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SPORTS

San Leandro Places Third at EB Swim League Championships

By Andrew Joseph
San Leandro Times

The San Leandro Darryls swim team placed third overall at the 45th annual East Bay Swim League (EBSL) Championship at Chabot College on Saturday with a total of 4,680 points.

The Mission Valley Barracudas won first place with 5,167.5 points and the Newark Bluefins earned second with 4,777 points. Multiple league records were broken by several teams, including San Leandro's Eliot Alvarez with a time of 28.92 seconds in the 13-14 boys 50-yard breaststroke, shattering the 29.03 seconds mark set 24 years ago by Eric Vaa of Chabot in 1995.

"I'm already thinking about times I want to set next season and athletes I want to out-race."

— San Leandro Swim Team member Brandon Yip

"We were ready for today and swam some really good races," said San Leandro head coach Fred Scheberies. "It's not about winning or losing—it's about swimming your fastest that you possibly can and achieve your best times."

Though the Darryls did not win the meet, multiple San Leandro swimmers improved their times to set personal records (PRs) and placed well in their respective events.

Deraj Reed was the standout athlete for San Leandro on Saturday in the girls 9-10 age class earning first place in the 25-yard

butterfly in 14.89 seconds, first place in the 25-yard backstroke in 16.70 seconds, first place in the 25-yard freestyle in 13.74 seconds, and second place as part of the medley relay with a time of 1:06.04 alongside medley teammates Marley McGougan, Genevieve Gutierrez, and Azraa Thomas.

"I really wanted to win first in the 100-yard medley but it's okay because I PR'd with my best time," said San Leandro 13-14 girls swimmer Joyen Chau. "Honestly this season was really good for our team, though we didn't win I still think we performed well."

Chau won first place in the 50-yard breaststroke in 33.91 seconds, first place in the 50-yard butterfly in 29.13 seconds, and second place in the 100-yard medley in 1:07.22.

San Leandro is coming off its first season in seven years not winning the EBSL title. The coaches and athletes stress the importance of the strong bonds formed between teammates, participating in the championship and the sport in general. There are some technical aspects that can be improved upon, but the Darryls are still proud of their performance.

"Third place overall is still pretty good and as a team we are still strong," added Darryls assistant coach Chris Whittington. "A lot of our swimmers today either made PRs or competed in events that looked very stacked against them and they did incredibly well."

Other notables from Saturday include the Darryls' 13-14 girls medley relay team comprised of Kaira Willits, Megan Yip, Chau, and Alexa Rodriguez who won with a time of 2:04.72. Willits also placed second in the 13-14 girls 50-yard freestyle with a time of 27.25 seconds.

Taylor Yiu placed sixth in the 15-18 girls 50-yard butterfly. Ian Woo placed third in the boys 15-18 50-yard butterfly in 24.54

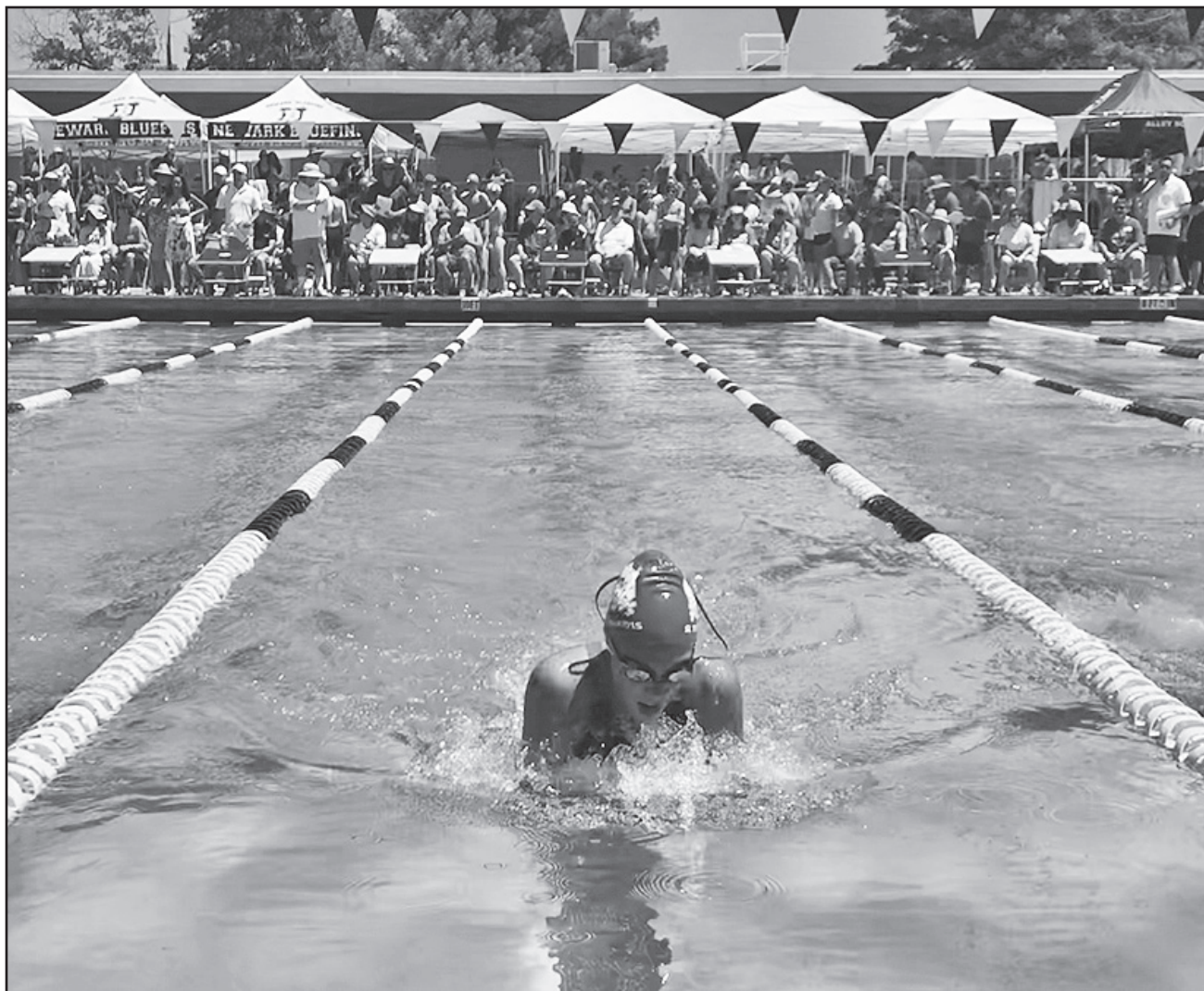


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Joyen Chau took first place in the 13-14 girls 50-yard breaststroke race at the East Bay Swim League Championships.

seconds and Brandon Yip placed fifth in the boys 15-18 50-yard breaststroke in 28.94 seconds.

The 13-14 boys 200-yard medley took first place in a time of 1:53.33, the 11-12 boys 200-yard medley won first place in 2:11.93, and the 11-12 girls 200-yard medley earned third in 2:20.93.

"It felt really good to PR today and that helps me set higher goals for next year," said Yip. "I'm already thinking of times I want to set next season and athletes I want to outrace. Losing our seven-year streak last year was

very disheartening, but that is all the more incentive to come back even better."

There are many positives to take away from this season that will give the swimmers momentum into next year's competition. Important values learned by these athletes carry on with them for the rest of their life.

"Swimming is a sport where you do have to train hard in order to do well—which mirrors life in general," added coach Scheberies. "I'm proud of our athletes and I think we swam really well today."

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AUTOMOTIVE

Crossing Abbey Road – Art and the 5 R’s

By Steve Schaefer
San Leandro Times

While walking with my wife in downtown San Francisco on July 22nd, I looked into a gallery window and saw the Beatles—John, Ringo, Paul, and George—walking along, just like on the Abbey Road album cover. Of course, I had to investigate.

The life-size work is made up of four separate statues, lined up and looking remarkably like the famous cover of the Beatles’ final album of work together. But here’s the kicker—the statues are made out of approximately 10,000 vinyl records! The top half of each Beatle is made of about 2,000 hand-cut records and the bottom half contains about 450 melted records. Artist Georges Monfils either used a speed scroll saw and pliers to hand cut the discs or a professional heat gun to achieve the effect.

That’s a lot of vinyl that will hopefully never see a landfill. And that’s important, because one way to handle the mass of plastic we use every day is to find a new purpose

for it. The goal is to avoid sending more to places like the Great Pacific Garbage Patch or to our landfills. If it’s burned, it goes into the atmosphere, something we really want to avoid.

Reuse and repurposing are

great ways to make it a win/win. For example, Sea2See (<https://www.sea2see.org>) uses plastic from the ocean to make glasses frames. Old decks make great bodies for guitars.

It’s so much more than just recycling—it’s about moving

towards zero waste. I recently heard a talk by Climate Reality Leader Nancy Hu, who studies (and practices) the art of zero waste. She told the audience about the 5 R’s (well, it’s 7 actually):

1. Refuse – Don’t get it in the first place (do you really need it?)

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3. Reuse/Repair/Repurpose – This triple-R includes different aspects of keeping an item out of the trash once it’s already made.

4. Rot - Compost organics like paper and food scraps.

5. Recycle – This helps, but is really the last resort (another R word)

It’s likely Monfils’ stunning artwork will be treasured, so it won’t see a landfill for a long, long time.

For more information on zero waste, see these websites. <https://www.storyofplastic.org/watch>

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Steve Schaefer lives in Castro Valley. He has been reviewing new cars in the Times for 27 years.



Toyota Announces Cut in Emissions

Toyota, the company known for its hybrid vehicles, is committed to reducing the carbon emissions of its plants in North America. As part of its Environmental Challenge 2050, the maker of the popular Prius will be entering into Virtual Power Purchase Agreements (VPPAs) this year to generate power for regional electric grids from solar and wind.

The VPPA program is based on six years of research on how to reduce and offset emissions from the company’s operations.

The Environmental Challenge 2050 has six major objectives:

1. A ninety percent reduction in global average CO2 emissions from new vehicles vs. 2010 levels

2. The complete elimination of CO2 emissions from the entire vehicle life cycle; zero emissions at all manufacturing plants worldwide

3. Elimination of CO2

emissions from all suppliers and logistics streams from overall operations

4. Minimizing water usage and implementing water discharge management protocols

5. Promoting global deployment of end-of-life vehicle treatment and recycling

6. Connecting and promoting nature conservation activities outside of the Toyota Group in the communities where they operate.

Other manufacturers have made these kinds of efforts, including GM. It’s a good plan. Besides its numerous hybrids, Toyota offer the hydrogen fuel cell Mirai. Battery electric vehicles, like the Nissan LEAF and all Teslas, are not available today, but surely will be coming to meet these aggressive goals.

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LIFESTYLE



Pizza: The Stone Age Snack

Pizza, topped with tomatoes, pepperoni and cheese is only about 100 years old. But the basic idea of pizza actually goes back thousands of years.

It's a direct descendant of the kind of bread people made before there were ovens.

There's not much that's simpler than pizza, which makes it all the more unusual that people shy away from making it at home.

It's satisfying to eat, and surprisingly easy to make from scratch. But reading the word "yeast" in a recipe sends many intimidated home chefs to the phone to order from the nearest pizzeria.

To make a great pizza takes a little time, but there's nothing complicated about it. You don't have to buy the fancy utensils like a "peel" or a pizza brick (although both are recommended), nor do you need an oven that approximates a blast furnace. You don't even need one of those little cutting wheels, although they do make slicing the pizza a lot simpler. Any grocer has all the ingredients you'll need.

Other than the crust, pizza ingredients typically include olive oil, a little cornmeal, a variety of cheeses like Mozzarella, Parmesan and Feta, tomato sauce, mushrooms, bell peppers, Italian sausage (cooked ahead), chopped fresh basil, pesto, pepperoni, onions... the list goes on.

PIZZA DOUGH

- 1 (1/4-ounce) package dry yeast
- 1 cup water 110°-115°F
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 3 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons cornmeal
- Toppings of Choice

Dissolve yeast in 1/4 cup warm water. Sprinkle sugar over and let stand at room temperature 15 minutes or until bubbly. Combine flour and salt in large mixing bowl. Add olive oil to yeast mixture, then pour over flour along with remaining 1/4 cup water. Mix with rubber spatula, then by hand until dough

forms a ball.

Turn out onto floured board and knead about 5 minutes by pressing down and away from you with the heel of your hand. Fold the dough back toward you and make a quarter turn. Repeat, kneading for about 10-15 minutes. Dough should feel smooth and springy. Place in oiled bowl and lightly coat dough with the oil. Cover with plastic wrap, then a tea towel. Let rise in a warm place until doubled in bulk, 1 to 1-1/2 hours.

When risen, punch dough down with fist and form into a ball. Use immediately or wrap in plastic and refrigerate or freeze. Dough will last 24 hours refrigerated.

To use, cut dough in half and roll out each half to fit a 10- or 12-inch round pan. (Or, if you're feeling brave, pat the dough as flat and as wide as it will go, then punch in a rim about an inch from the edge with your fingertips. Drape the dough over the backs of your fists and gently stretch it by pulling your fists slowly apart, giving the dough a quarter turn after each stretch.) Sprinkle 1 tablespoon cornmeal in bottom of each pan and place dough in pans. Top with topping of choice (but don't overload it) and bake at 425°F for 15 to 20 minutes.

TOMATO SAUCE

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 (28-ounce) can crushed tomatoes in puree
- 5 basil leaves, chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- Salt and pepper to taste

Pinch sugar

In a heavy-bottom saucepan, heat oil and add onion. Cook 2 minutes over low heat and add garlic. Cook another 2-3 minutes. Make sure garlic and onion do not brown. Add remaining ingredients and simmer 20 minutes. Makes enough for 3 or 4 pizzas.

CALIFORNIA PIZZA

Pesto:

- 1 cup olive oil
- 2 cups fresh basil leaves
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 3 tablespoons pine nuts
- 1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese

Topping:

- 1 onion, thinly sliced
- 1 sweet red pepper, seeded and sliced into strips
- 1 green pepper, seeded and sliced into strips
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon water
- 1/2 pound garlic or sweet Italian sausage
- 3 ounces goat cheese
- 10 ounces Mozzarella cheese coarsely grated
- 2 tablespoons freshly grated Parmesan cheese

Pizza Dough

Prepare pesto sauce using a blender or food processor. Combine all ingredients except the cheese. Process, but do not create a purée. Stir in cheese and set aside.

Sauté onions and peppers in one tablespoon olive oil and water in a large skillet over medium heat. Stir frequently until peppers are soft. Drain and set aside. Brown

sausage, breaking into pieces as it cooks. Drain off excess fat. Chop coarsely and set aside.

Spread remaining olive oil evenly over a 12-inch pizza pan. Sprinkle with cornmeal. Punch down pizza dough, flatten lightly with a rolling pin, turn and flatten with fingers. Place dough in pans and spread to edges with fingertips. Bake 5 minutes in preheated 425°F oven.

Spread pesto sauce over dough. Crumble goat cheese evenly over pesto. Add onions and peppers, sausage and cheeses. Bake 10-15 minutes until crust is slightly brown and cheese is bubbly.

SMOKEY OLIVE GOUDA & BACON PIZZA

- 3 thick slices smoked bacon
- 1/2 cup yellow or sweet onion, coarsely chopped
- 1 round pizza crust
- 1/2 cup large black ripe pitted olives, thickly sliced
- 1/3 cup julienned well-drained bottled roasted red bell peppers
- 1 cup shredded smoked Gouda cheese
- 2 tablespoons chopped

fresh basil

Preheat oven to 450°F. Cut bacon crosswise into thin strips. In small skillet over medium heat, cook bacon and onion, stirring occasionally, until bacon is crisp and onion is golden brown, 8 to 10 minutes. Transfer mixture to paper towel to drain.

Meanwhile, place pizza crust on cookie sheet. Scatter olives and roasted peppers over crust; top with reserved bacon mixture. Sprinkle cheese evenly over pizza.

Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until crust is golden brown and cheese is melted. Top with basil or Italian parsley if desired; cut into wedges. Makes 12 appetizer or 6 main dish servings.

Note: If using a pizza stone (brick), put it on the lowest rack, but not the floor, of an unheated oven, then preheat the oven at the highest possible temperature for at least 30 minutes. Sprinkle cornmeal over the stone before the pizza goes on to prevent sticking.

CHICAGO-STYLE PAN PIZZA

- 1 small onion, chopped

8 ounces sliced fresh mushrooms

- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1 (28-ounce) can diced tomatoes, drained
- 3/4 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon fennel seed
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese

Preheat the oven to 350° F.

Press the dough into the bottom and up the sides of a greased 9x13 inch baking dish.

Crumble the sausage into a large skillet over medium-high heat. Cook and stir until evenly browned. Remove the sausage with a slotted spoon, and sprinkle over the dough crust. Sprinkle mozzarella cheese evenly over the sausage.

Add mushrooms and onion to the skillet; cook and stir until the onion is tender. Stir in the tomatoes, oregano, salt, fennel seed and garlic powder. Spoon over the mozzarella cheese.

Sprinkle Parmesan cheese over the top and bake for 25 to 35 minutes in the preheated oven, or until crust is golden brown.



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Socialist: 'We need workers in leadership'

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tle's District Two City Council seat and Britton will be running to be San Francisco's Mayor in November. Kennedy ran in the 2016 presidential campaign, and is currently visiting different cities to promote SWP candidates like Britton and Dennison.

"Democrats and Republicans share the common goal of defending the capitalist system through the exploitation of working class people," Kennedy said.

The 2016 elections were a total sham where two despised candidates exposed the rigged election system in the United States, she said.

The Socialists Workers Party has the interest of the working class, she said.

The SWP supports strong unions, amnesty for undocumented immigrants, defending abortion rights, health care for all and a recognition of the state of Israel, said Kennedy.

The SWP's campaign program opposes the current use of police brutality in minority communities, death penalty, the capitalist economy in the U.S. and military presence in the Middle East and South America, she said.

During the forum, Kennedy praised the example of working class people in Puerto Rico for standing up to their governor, Ricardo Rossello, and pushing him out of power.

"The movement in Puerto Rico can be an inspiration for the



Socialists Workers Party (SWP) representative Alyson Kennedy speaks to a crowd of supporters during a SWP candidate forum at the Marina Community Center on Saturday night. Other speakers included SWP San Francisco mayor candidate Joel Britton and Seattle City Council candidate Henry Dennison.

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working class people around the world that if you put your will into something, it will succeed," San Leandro resident Ricardo Ortiz said.

Ortiz, a supporter of the SWP, was at the event to show solidarity, he said.

Capitalist governments like the United States manipulate their history to hide the truth, he said.

The truth is Puerto Rico is colonized and neglected by the U.S. at the same time that the

U.S. capitalistic intervention has caused tensions between the government and people, Ortiz said.

"U.S. history is complex, but it needs to be taught," Ortiz said.

Teaching the people history is one of the reasons that the SWP candidates run for elections, even thought the chances of them getting elected are slim, Kennedy said. Going up against the U.S. two-party system is an uphill battle that can't be won by a single election but instead by changing the mentality of the

people, she said.

"We are for revolution," Kennedy said.

More and more people are seeing that voting Republican or Democrat benefits the rich and wealthy, she said. And the answer is for working class people to be their own leadership, Kennedy said.

"We need workers in the street, but unless you have working class people in leadership, nothing will be done," Kennedy said.

Dance: 'I felt excited to be there and wanted to dance and share the moment'

"It's important for us to celebrate female sexuality. It's something to be honored and explored," said Cassie Begley, creative director of the Bliss Dance Company.

The statue in San Leandro inspired her and led to this Saturday's performance, Begley said.

"Having an artistically sculpted nude female standing proudly in San Leandro inspired me," she said. "I felt excited to be there and wanted to dance and share that moment of freedom with everyone I knew. When I brought my kids there they jetted out of our car and instantly ran around the giant sculpture. When I brought my dance company there I witnessed their awe as they looked up at the sculpture. I love bringing people to visit her. These were all signs that this experience of being around Truth Is Beauty needed to be shared."

Bliss said that during her graduate studies at St. Mary's College she discovered that many women were embarrassed about their sexual desires. She believes society supports the reduction of women's true sexuality yet sexualizes women in a way that not only hurts women and girls, but society as a whole.

Begley met artist Marco Cochrane who told her how he based the "Truth Is Beauty" statue on model Deja Solis who is 6 feet tall and was trying to be comfortable

in her own body.

"She wanted to feel beautiful in the grandness of her height," Begley said. "So she stretched and moved until she stopped slouching and felt relaxed and good."

In addition to the Bliss Dance Company, other dance troupes performing will be Archive Dance Collective, A. Spearman and Co., Mo-Tor/dance, Grace Garcia, Angel Rocha and Artists, Vanessa Freeman, Mogli's Movers Artist Collective, Lily Hoshi, Emily and Cat.

The Bliss Dance Co. describes its approach to dance this way on its website:

"We value authenticity, rawness, and truth. Enough with what the female should or should not represent. It is urgent to recognize women and girls for who we really are. The collaboration of all our dancers, musicians, poets, painters, friends, family, and enemies all inspire us to lessen the gap of misunderstandings and misinformation. We put on provocative and original shows that push our audience's limits."

There will be an open mic to share your experience. But if you're shy, that's okay, too.

"Perfect! We need an audience to sit and listen, too," Begley said.

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Homeless: Bay Area rent increases second highest in the nation

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and he was not able to work in a fast-paced warehouse job, Paiso said.

Paiso tried to work "light jobs" for six months after his initial blackout, but after that his health problems and medical bills became too much for him to afford to rent in Alameda and then again in San Leandro, Paiso said.

"I started living in relatives and friends' houses, but there is always a limit to how long you can stay," Paiso said.

Paiso has become severely depressed after the death of fam-

"I started living in relatives and friends' houses, but there's a limit to how long you can stay."

— Frank Paiso

ily members in 2015 and because his living conditions once again sent him out into the streets, he said.

He has now isolated himself from any friends or relatives. He said he is giving himself the burden to overcome homelessness, something he says might be impossible to do, Paiso said.



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Frank Paiso could no longer work in a warehouse due to health problems and became homeless.

The EveryOneHome survey found that 39 percent of homeless people suffer from psychiatric or emotional conditions. Thirty percent have PTSD and another 30 percent have drug or alcohol dependencies. Chronic health problems, physical disabilities, traumatic brain injuries and AIDS/HIV related problems are also seen among people experiencing homelessness, according to the survey.

"As a city we are trying to get grants and cooperate in other programs with other cities and the county to make sure that we have something to offer," Cutter said.

The survey calls for an addi-

tional \$228 million increase for resources, or a total of \$330 million to effectively end unsheltered homelessness. Alameda County spent \$106 million addressing homelessness in the fiscal year of 2017 to 2018, according to the survey.

In the whole Alameda county, the homeless population count went up from 5,629 in 2017 to 8,022 this year. Most, 79 percent, are living unsheltered, while the rest are in a shelter or transitional housing. The survey also found that 78 percent of homeless people were already living in Alameda County when they became homeless.

"In the Bay Area rental market, in the last five years rent prices have increased at the second highest rate anywhere in the nation," said Elaine de Coligny, the executive director of EveryOneHome.

The rise in living prices does not match the wages people are getting, de Coligny said. And when housing is built, local working-class people are not able to afford it, and high paid workers can come in and push locals out of housing, she said.

"Some people can move to Richmond or Stockton, but some people move into the street," de Coligny said.

The survey found that for every two people who become homeless, only one returns to housing. And at that rate, people becoming homeless outpaces the ability to house them, she said.

Cutter said the city has to create a path for everyone to be housed.

To combat homelessness and its effects the city has a partnership with the Building Futures organization. At the First United Methodist Church at 1600 Bancroft Avenue there is a warming shelter run by the Interfaith Homelessness Network, said Alice Kim, communications manager for the City of San Leandro.

Additionally, the city, alongside Building Futures and their housing vouchers, helps homeless people get housing through the Homeless Compact program where a property owner can rent out to the homeless, Kim said.

The tenants then get weekly support from Building Futures staff.

And to deter displacement, Transit-Oriented Developments

"Some people can move to Stockton but some move to the streets."

— Elaine de Coligny

must include affordable housing units, like the Marea Alta project which includes 115 units of affordable senior housing, Kim said.

"It really is about trying to leverage the funding that we have to do the best for the people," Cutter said.

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Buyers Changing Behaviors As Market Shifts

As the market slows, buyers are beginning to understand they have a bit more leverage and are adapting their behaviors to compensate.

As little as a year ago, many offers were being accepted with few or no buyer contingencies and completely AS-IS. Buyers had no wiggle room to negotiate — they either accepted the terms or the seller went to the next buyer in line.

Today, as the lines of prospective buyers are dwindling, contingencies are back in place and requests for repairs are reemerging like flowers after the winter thaw.

Since buyers have been trained over the past 8 or so years to expect no negotiations with sellers, this new-found liberty has introduced a host of issues.

As an example, there is a lot of

confusion over what constitutes a valid request for repairs. We are beginning to see buyer requests that not only include items such as Section 1 termite or fungus related repairs, but requests for upgrades as well.

While requests to return the structure of a home to functional condition are valid, anything deemed to be an improvement is not.

Contingencies are also causing problems. We are seeing cases of buyers refusing to remove loan contingencies for fear of losing their deposit if something happens to their loan.

The historic remedy has been for sellers to issue a Notice to Perform, forcing buyers to remove the contingency or have the transaction canceled. In the past, buyers would have been waiting in the wings in anticipation — today, that is not the case, and sellers, happy to be in contract, are more uneasy about putting much pressure on a buyer.

The fundamental issue in a shifting market is the redistribution of risk. In a normal market, risk is distributed equally between the seller and buyer. The seller is taking the risk of removing their home from the market and forfeiting other potential offers while the buyer assumes the risk of losing their deposit if things go sideways.

In a fierce seller's market, the majority of risk is on a buyer, who consequently has no room to maneuver. As the market shifts

towards a buyer's market, risk shifts to the seller who in turn loses negotiating power.

It's a balancing act, and so long as everyone plays by the rules, the system works. When either party refuses to play fair and assume the appropriate level of risk, however, frustrations flair.

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More Nutrients Needed to Help Flowers Bloom

By Buzz Bertolero
Special to the Times

I have several Epiphyllum cactus growing on my patio in pots. The plants are healthy, producing plenty of leaves but I only get a few flowers each year. They get about an hour of filtered sun daily and I fertilize often with 30-10-10. What can I do to get them to produce more flowers and should I prune them to control their size?

Epiphyllum cacti are actually a type of orchid that is native to the rain forest of Brazil. They're mainly epiphytic

plants, meaning that they grow without soil on the sides of trees and in the forks of branches. However, they do grow in containers in well-drained soil.

These orchids have broad flat stems with serrated edges along with being segmented and joined by a midrib. They're related to the Christmas cactus, also known as Zygocactus, and the Easter or spring variety called Schlumbergera.

All of the Epiphyllum cacti have very large and showy flowers and can reach over seven inches across. Although a spring bloomer, there are some varieties that bloom in the fall. The flowers typically open at night but only last for a couple of days.

Although exotic, Orchid Cactus are easy to grow here in the

Bay Area but they're sensitive to the cold in the winter.

The lack of or limited number of flowers that your plants are producing is a nutrient issue. In addition, the limited amount of light is a contributing factor.

The 30-10-10 fertilizer is too high in nitrogen while the potassium percentage is too low. Potassium is the last number in the fertilizer analysis while nitrogen is the first number. 30-10-10 encourages a plant to be lush and green. I'd switch to the Gro More 6-30-30 Orchid Food or something similar.

Orchid Cactus are not fed year round so I'd feed them February through October, giving them a rest period for the balance of the year.

During the rest period, you encourage buds to set by watering them sparingly for eight to 12 weeks, starting in November. Once buds appear, keep the plant in the same location, as changes in light and temperature by moving them around will cause them to drop its buds and flowers.

When moved indoors, keep the Orchid Cactus away from

drafty areas like doorways and heater vents, much like a poinsettia. Keep your plants in bright, indirect light year-round, however they can take some direct sun light first thing in the morning.

An Agrosun Dayspot grow light is suggested to increase the light during the winter months especially if you bring the plant(s) indoors.

Orchid Cactus are pruned annually in the spring months after flowering to control the growth. They're cut between the segments using a sharp and clean knife or pruning shears.

They're also repotted every three-years as orchid cactus prefer to be slightly pot-bound to bloom. And one final note, unlike other flowering plants never repot them while they're blooming.

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Home Sales Continue to Sputter Despite Lower Mortgage Rates

June home sales in the Bay Area were the lowest for that month in 11 years, according to new data released last week by CoreLogic.

A total of 7,357 new and existing houses and condominiums were sold in the nine Bay Area counties, down 11.4 per-

cent month over month from May 2019, and down 12.6 percent year over year from June 2018.

Sales have fallen on a year-over-year basis for the past 11 consecutive months. Those declines were in the double digits from November 2018 through

March 2019.

In Alameda County, a total of 1,580 homes were sold last month, down 10.6 percent from May when 1,767 were sold.

The median price paid for all homes sold in Alameda County was \$865,000 in June, up 1.2 percent from May.

"Many buyers began backing out of the market last spring and summer due to a tight inventory, rising prices and increasing mortgage rates," said Andrew LePage, a CoreLogic analyst. "This year, prices have flattened or dipped on a year-over-year basis in many markets, and thanks to lower interest rates many home shoppers face at least slightly lower monthly mortgage payments than they would have a year ago.

"Despite the lower cost for some, plus a healthy economic backdrop, the housing market remains sluggish with activity dropping across the home-price spectrum. This suggests many would-be buyers are still priced out or are concerned about buying near a possible price peak.

"So far, the inventory level indicates the Bay Area has transitioned from a seller's market to a more neutral market, but not an outright buyer's market."

Home sales of \$500,000 or more accounted for 81.4 percent of all Bay Area sales last month, down slightly from 81.5 percent in May 2019 and unchanged from June 2018 on the open market.

—Source: CoreLogic



Tips for First-Time Painters

By **Samantha Mazzotta**
Special to the Times

First-timers often are daunted by the amount of paint and paint products to choose from, conflicting instructions from various sources, and sometimes a lack of helpful information from home-improvement store paint sections.

Others feel it's simple enough to just buy a bunch of paint and brushes and just go for it. The reality falls somewhere in between.

Preparation is the most important rule to follow, however. You'll want to prepare the walls (and presumably trim) in your house or apartment for painting. You'll need to figure out not just what color paint to use, but how much of it to buy, and if the colors even work the way you think they will. Here are a few tips to get you started:

- Buy sample sizes of paint colors you're interested in, and paint a stripe of each in an inconspicuous section of the wall. Paint looks different when wet and when dry.

- How much paint should you buy? A gallon of latex paint covers 350 square feet. Measure the length of each wall and add the figures together. Measure the height of the room from floor to ceiling. Multiply the first number by the height of the room and you'll have your square footage.

- Wash all surfaces to be painted with a damp sponge soaked in a soap and water solution and then squeezed to remove most of the water. Let the surfaces dry for about a half-day, longer if it's rainy or humid.

- Remove protruding nails

and patch nail holes and small (less than 1/2 inch) dents and holes with spackling compound. Once it's dry, sand the compound lightly and wipe with a damp sponge to remove dust.

- Mask off areas you don't want to paint using blue painter's tape, which comes off more easily than masking tape.

- Covering a dark wall with a lighter paint? Prime the wall first with a primer that is close to or matches the color of the new paint.

- Ditto for covering one type of paint, such as an oil-based paint, with a different type, such as latex paint. A primer coat will keep your new paint from bubbling, cracking or peeling.

- Make sure the area being painted is well ventilated; additionally, wear a filter mask (not a dust mask) to reduce inhalation of paint fumes.

Home Tip: Paint stores will pre-mix your paint after you purchase it, saving a lot of time,

but you still should stir the paint for a few seconds immediately before beginning to paint with it.

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Jaya Padmanabhan to speak for Indo-American Heritage Month

The San Leandro Public Library invites the community to celebrate Indo-American Heritage Month with guest author Jaya Padmanabhan, who will discuss her her journalistic works, essays, and literature on

Saturday, Aug. 10, from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave.

Padmanabhan is the author of "Transactions of Belonging," a collection of short stories published in 2014. She has won

numerous awards for her essays, fiction, and for her reporting.

Padmanabhan writes an immigration column for the San Francisco Examiner and her bylines can be found in The Bold Italic, Elemental, The Hindu,

KQED, and India Currents. She will be discussing her journalistic works, essays, and literature at this event.

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LOCAL DEATHS

Mary Klichan Valladon

December 16, 1927 – July 25, 2019

Mary Klichan Valladon passed away peacefully on July 25th, 2019 after suffering for over 10 years with Alzheimer's.

Mary was born and raised in Oakland, CA and was always very proud of her Yugoslavian heritage. She graduated from Castlemont High School in 1946. While working at the local soda shop, she met the future love of her life, Bob Valladon, while he was in the Seminary. After they fell deeply in love, Bob left the Seminary and they were married for nearly 66 years until Bob's death in 2017.

Living in "the Manor" in San Leandro, Bob and Mary raised a family of five children and are survived by all of them – Kathy Bernard (Gary), Theresa Vidal (John), Robert Valladon, Jr., (Bobbie), Matt Valladon (Sandy) and Annette Maduell (Dave). Mary was also the proud "Nana" of eleven grandchildren – Jason (deceased), Jeff, Scott, Sean, Lauren, Tara, Andrea, Josh, Kate, Danielle and Allison as well as eleven great-grandchildren – Gianna, Colin, Parker, Mia, Caden, Jackson, Weston, Clayton, Trey, Jack, and Callie – with two more on the way. Mary is also preceded in death by her two sisters, Stella Pearson and Kathy McGill.

Mary was truly the BEST wife, Mom and Nana anybody could ask for. She had a unique ability to make you feel special and believe that you were her favorite. She was a dedicated Catholic, a faithful 49er fan, and she loved every minute she got to spend with her family. She was so funny she would crack herself up. Her laugh was hysterical... her snaggletooth would glisten while her shoulders went up and down as she tried to catch her breath.

There is nobody like her – she was truly one of a kind. Her mannerisms and sweet persona will be missed by all of us and never forgotten. Our family will be walking in Mary's honor at the East Bay Walk to End Alzheimers on October 26 in San Ramon.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to our Alzheimer's Team Page, coordinated by Troy Channing: <https://bit.ly/32VikfR>.

Visitation services will be held on Friday, August 2, 2019 from 5:30-8:00 with a Vigil service at 6:30 at Santos-Robinson Mortuary, 160 Estudillo Ave., San Leandro, CA 94577.

A funeral mass will be held Saturday, August 3 at 9:30 at St. Leander's Church, 474 W Estudillo Ave., San Leandro, CA 94577. Burial will take place at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, 26320 Mission Blvd, Hayward, CA 94544 with a reception to follow.



Lovetta Whalen

Lovetta Whalen, a long-time resident of San Leandro, passed away July 25, 2019, at the age of 92 after a short illness. She is survived by her daughters, Sharon, Susan and Ellen, 10 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren, and she will join her deceased husband Albert and children Karen, Gloria and Albert Jr. Lovetta was a retired day care provider and regular at Foothill Bingo in Oakland. Services will be held Monday, August 5, 2019 at 11 a.m. at Grissom's Mortuary, San Lorenzo.



Marvin Warren Halliday

April 14, 1942 - July 27, 2019

Marvin Warren Halliday died peacefully in his home on July 27, 2019 at the age of 77.

He was born in Bishop, California and was raised on a cattle ranch in Etna, California in Northern California. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Karen, his twin sister, Margie Elgin (Bob), his brother Art Halliday, five nieces and nephews Patti Araas, Bill Rose, Janet Halliday, Debra Powell, and John Halliday and many grand-nieces and nephews. All will miss his kind spirit and love of family.

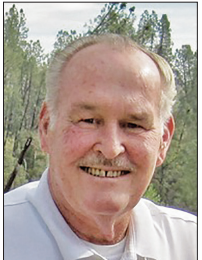
Marvin attended San Jose State College and graduated in 1965 with a B.S. degree in Law Enforcement and Police Science. He joined the Oakland Police Department in 1965 and left for Officer Candidate School, U.S. Navy in 1966. Upon graduating as a Naval Officer, he served aboard the USS Bellatrix in Vietnam and with the 5th Marine Division as a Naval Gunfire Liaison Officer at Camp Pendleton. He returned to the Oakland Police Department in 1969 and served in many capacities, retiring as a Sergeant in 1986. He joined the California State Lottery in the Security Department and retired in 1989.

He enjoyed playing golf and meeting many of his friends for breakfast. Friends and family would enjoy his Lake Shasta home where many memories were made. Marvin was very patriotic and would give everything for God and country.

Marvin was a very proud, realistic, and giving person. He would do anything for a friend and was always supportive of his family.

A Celebration of his Life will be planned.

In lieu of flowers, send contributions to the Retired Oakland Police Officers Association (P.O. Box 824, Oakland, Ca. 94604-0824) or the Charity of your choice.



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LETTERS to the EDITOR

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City's Investment Decision

Editor:

Dorothy Hirsch (*Letters*, July 25) writes to laud City Hall's decision to use our money to save the world via a "socially and environmentally responsible investment policy."

Ignoring the very real difference between "profit" and "return on investment," she says the goal is not to maximize financial return but deal with social and environmental realities and repair our planet's wounds with "woke" investing, just like BNP Paribas did.

She is most likely unaware that BNP (stock down 3 cents) has \$2.264 trillion in assets, so the loss of a million here and there is no big deal for the bank.

San Leandro, on the other hand, doesn't have trillions, or even billions, in assets, so the loss of a million dollars is going to hurt, and not just once but for a long time.

Those city reserves, the money they'll be putting into low or non-performing funds and investment vehicles, are used to cover intermittent and/or recurring shortfalls between revenue (tax dollars) and expenses (think fat salaries and bloated pensions for the public unions).

These are costs and expenses that loom ever larger in the future and they must and will be met.

Make no mistake: after the virtue signaling is done, the moral preening over, and the reserves frittered away – those costs and expenses will be paid. If the reserves can't cover them, revenues must and if revenues can't, then taxes go up. They will start high and go even higher to repair the effects of poor financial decisions until revenues: 1) cover current expenses, 2) recover the lost millions, and 3) restore the reserve funds to a sound financial footing.

So here are my stakeholders, Dorothy: our children. To beggar our children and their children's tomorrows for some moral preening today is beyond contempt; it's a crime against the future.

—Allan K. Lindsay-O'Neal
San Leandro

Life-Changing Opportunity

Editor:

I was amazed and so happy to read your article about the volunteers building the house for an impoverished family in Mexico (*Page 1, The Times*, July 18). I participated with my church with much less quality materials and no paint and it took four days for our team of 20!

It would have been nice to hear how life-changing this opportunity was for the participants as my experience was. We were required to only use local materials as well

and nothing electric nor machinery we would use here.

—Kim Loisel, San Leandro

Partisan Games

Editor:

Political pundits on both sides are saying that Robert Mueller's testimony "didn't move the needle" because he neither indicted nor exonerated the President any more clearly than stated in his 448-page report.

Trump and his supporters claim victory, as predictably they would no matter what transpired. But let us ask, victory over what?

Mueller didn't draw indictment conclusions because he was prohibited from doing so.

The copious, damning facts that he documented about Trump's lieutenants collaborating with Russia to influence our election, and about Trump's subsequent obstruction of the investigation, those facts are reason enough to initiate impeachment hearings to bring the President to just accountability.

What is an appropriate response to the serious Russian attacks on our democracy and on the integrity of our self-governance? Republicans should stop playing partisan games and cooperate with Democrats to defend the rule of law and our electoral sovereignty.

—Bruce Joffe
Piedmont

Chess, Not Checkers

Editor:

What are we doing in our country? The diverse stage would have been unimaginable without the commitment of former Vice President Joe Biden, working for justice and social progress.

I was 12 in 1963 and I delivered the Oakland Tribune and the news that four little girls were blown up in a church, President Kennedy was assassinated, three young heroes were murdered and buried in a dam. During Freedom Summer, Goodman, Cheney and Schwerner died for the principle that all citizens are entitled to participate in democracy by voting.

If this nation is to survive over the malignant forces threatening the parameters of human existence, heal our reputation around the globe, we must focus and play chess, not checkers, and unite behind one leader. United, we are an armada.

Candidates struggling for traction each have a dominate issue. This is not the time for an all-you-can-eat buffet.

We are fortunate to have a mature, seasoned, sober and thoughtful candidate with a resume unequaled by all the other candidates combined.

There was a tune I used to play for my mom, the coat of many

colors – white, black, brown, red, yellow and lavender threads. Any thread by itself would be weak, but weave them into a fabric and they are a thousand times stronger. There is only one prerequisite. We must be a team, like Jerry Rice and Steve Young, focused on a goal bigger than ourselves.

Malcolm taught us to be the best, Martin, to walk together, Ghandi to be worthy, and John Kennedy to ask not for ourselves.

Now I will ask you, what will you do with your Summer of Freedom? The fate of your country and your children depends on your answer.

—Richard Parker
San Leandro

Setting the Bar

Editor:

What sounds like a better time: seeing baby pigs terrorized or watching giggly grade-schoolers run an obstacle course while lugging a watermelon coated in cooking oil?

Organizers of the Sonoma County Fair in Santa Rosa answered that when they shut down the cruel "pig scramble" in favor of a contest that couldn't be more family-friendly.

Highly intelligent and sensitive, pigs are prey animals who naturally fear humans. Imagine being chased and tackled while a raucous crowd incites your tormentors.

At an event in Texas, pigs were so desperate to escape – they were grabbed by the tail, kicked in the head, and stuffed into sacks – that they injured themselves crashing into metal fencing.

Asked about the kind decision to end the pig scramble, a Sonoma County Fair official said, "It's just the right thing to do. We don't want to see any of the animals get stressed out or hurt."

The bar's been set.

—Craig Shapiro
PETA Foundation, Norfolk, VA

Hawaii's Telescope

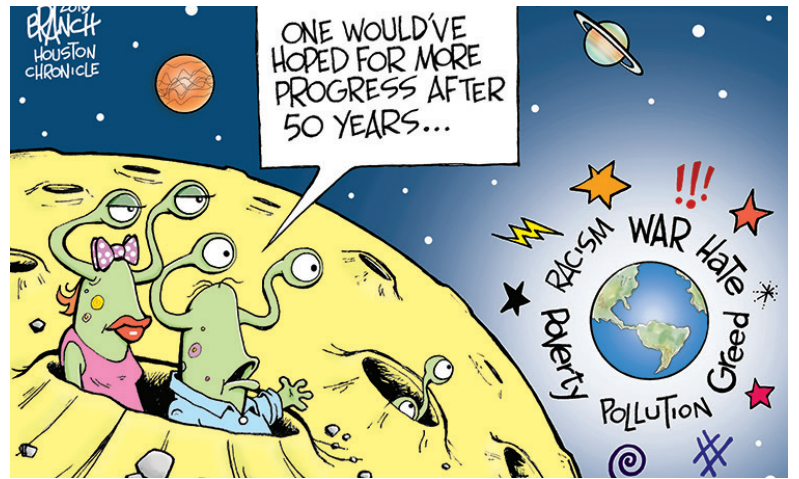
Editor:

Native Hawaiians in their homeland are fighting an attempt to build the 30-Meter Telescope on their sacred site, Mauna Kea. Building a telescope is a violation of their way of life. It is a shame that the governor of Hawaii is allowing it to happen. The majority of Hawaiians should oppose building a telescope on the Native Hawaiians sacred site.

—Billy Trice Jr.
Oakland



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INQUIRING REPORTER

What was your first job?

— Asked at Chabot Park and Estudillo Plaza

I was a paperboy as a young boy and a helper at a hardware store as a teen.

Paul Francisco
San Leandro



When I was 14, I cleaned my mom's office at her work. We lived in Las Vegas and she worked for an eye doctor. I would be dropped off on Saturdays for five hours and made \$30. I got to read a lot of magazines, too.

Angela Roberts with daughters
San Leandro



I began my trade in masonry while in Europe with the army. I worked on a fireplace and chimney in France after learning from a man in Antwerp, Belgium nearly 60 years ago. I'm still in the business.

Chester Waldon
Alameda



I worked as a stock boy at Bay Hills Market in Hayward while in high school.

Matt Bauer
San Leandro



My first job was as a day camp counselor at Edventuremore at Reach Academy in East Oakland, which has led to my current camp counselor position.

David Enguidanos
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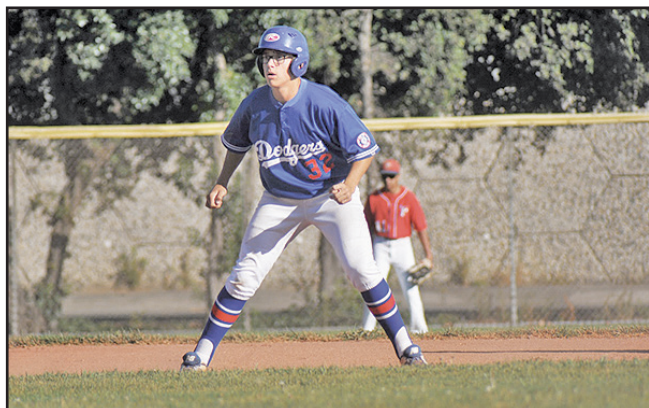
Dodgers End Season with Three Wins in a Row

The San Leandro Dodgers youth baseball team finished its season last week with three straight wins.

Last Tuesday, the Dodgers beat the Bombers in a 9-inning game, 5-3. For the Dodgers James Cardera pitched six great innings and struck out four batters. He also had a hit and scored a run. Matt Vallar threw three innings of no-hit ball and had two strikeouts.

Luis Gonzalez went 1-for-2 and drove in two runs. Connor McCarthy walked twice and scored twice. Devin Castro had a single, a walk, and scored a run.

In their final two games of the season, the Dodgers swept Bay U in a doubleheader by scores of



David Green also pitched four innings and struck out five batters.

3-2 and 7-6.

James Rogge pitched five innings and gave up two runs and singled. Sammy Hadley hit two singles and drove in a run.

doubleheader, David Greene pitched four innings and struck out five batters. Danny Mendoza pitched three innings and struck out seven batters. James Cardera singled and scored once.

Tyler Finamore went 2-for-3 with an RBI. Jessie Martinez had a single, scored once and drove in a run. Sammy Hadley singled, drove in a run, and scored a run. Vic Hernandez scored twice while driving in a run with a single. Denzel DeHoyos stole a base while going 1-for-2 and James Rogge also had a hit.

The Dodgers wish to thank MiRancho Tortillas for sponsoring the team this year.

The Dodgers finished the season with a 20-12 record.



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Denzel DeHoyos pitched the final two innings and picked up the win in the first game of a double-header against Bay U at San Leandro Ballpark.

Senior Lunch Menu

Lunch provided by Spectrum Community Services

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

Everyone age 60 and up can have lunch. A suggested donation is \$3.75, but no one is refused for lack of funds. (\$10 for those under 60.) Call 24 hours ahead to reserve a lunch (1-510-825-9793) or sign up at the Senior Center.

The menu for lunch next week, Aug. 5 to Aug. 9, is:

Monday – Baked lem-

on chicken with mushroom sauce, bean soup with collard greens, brown rice, and seasonal fruit.

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

Wednesday – Luau fish with coconut sauce, spinach salad with fruit and nuts, macaroni salad, Hawaiian sweet roll, seasonal fresh fruit.

Thursday – Beef stroganoff, green beans with Italian dressing, whole wheat rolls, orange.

Friday – Angie's Asian chicken, salad, cantaloupe.

BART Appoints Powers as New GM

The BART Board of Directors unanimously appointed Robert Powers to take over as BART's tenth General Manager last week.

Powers, a professional engineer with more than 20 years of experience in the public transportation industry overseeing major infrastructure projects and transportation programs, had been serving as Interim General Manager following the retirement of Grace Crunican earlier this month.

Powers served as Deputy General Manager under Crunican since 2017 and began his seven-year career at BART as the Assistant General Manager in Planning, Development and Construction.

He steps into his new role facing big challenges for the transit system — an increase in violent crime, persistent fare-evasion, sanitation problems and packed



The board of directors picked Robert Powers to run BART.

trains during commute hours — which have led to dissatisfaction among many riders.

"The Board selected Bob because of his track record of accountability and working through challenges in a creative and

collaborative way," said Board President Bevan Dufty. "He has a tremendous understanding of the District's operations, workforce, and aspirational vision for the future and will provide a smooth transition keeping BART focused on the work ahead."

"BART is the backbone of the Bay Area's transportation network and I'll work to transform it into a world-class transit system through partnerships, modernization, and improvements to the customer experience, but there is a lot of work to do," Powers said. "I'll be focused on keeping riders our top priority by providing a customer-centered service and advocating for the financial support needed to serve the region's growing population."

As Deputy General Manager, Powers provided support to the General Manager in the management of all District departments and worked closely with the agency's executives, Board of Directors and board-appointed officers.

He was responsible for overseeing the immediate imple-

mentation of Measure RR, the \$3.5 billion infrastructure bond approved by voters, prioritizing the roll out of projects to the point BART's on-time performance improved to 92 percent.

He was also responsible for multi-million-dollar capital projects such as expanding BART service into Antioch and South Fremont, modernizing stations, and the effort to develop land near our stations to help solve the Bay Area's housing crisis and bring jobs closer to where people live.

Prior to joining BART, Powers held executive level positions for the City of Seattle Department of Transportation and the City of Baltimore Department of Transportation.

He is a licensed professional engineer and holds a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering and master of science degree in structural engineering.

Powers will oversee a \$2.4 billion budget and the district's 3,600 employees who serve 407,000 riders each weekday with service at 48 stations in four counties.



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