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The ukulele class meets every Wednesday afternoon at the San Leandro Senior Center and everybody can play, beginner to advanced.

Ukulele Class Takes Off

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

The sweet sound of a ukulele band flows out of a classroom and into the lobby of the San Leandro Senior Center every Wednesday afternoon.

The ukulele jam class started last year and it took off. Now around 25 musicians come in every week to play together.

“We started a year ago and we didn’t know what to expect,” said Lawrence Cap-

puccio, the ukulele class director.

The class was in the middle of playing a Beatles song last Wednesday, but they play all styles of music on the little 4-string instrument.

“You can play baroque, jazz, country – everything from bluegrass to Beatles,” Cappuccio said.

Anybody can be in the class, beginners to advanced. The uku-

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It’s a Battle Keeping Creeks, Bay Clean

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

Local waterways have been helped by recent bans on single-use plastic bags, but more needs to be done by individuals and as public policy to restore the health of creeks and San Francisco Bay, says Alameda County’s stormwater director.

“If it’s on the street, it will eventually wash into the creeks the next time it rains, and from there into the bay,” said Sharon Gosselin, stormwater program manager with the Alameda County Public Works Agency.

That goes for both liquids like household and garden chemicals,

and solid items like trash.

Gosselin said that people often assume storm drains connect to a sewage treatment plant, like the plumbing inside a house does. But they do not. What flows into them flows out into waterways.

The county recently installed trash collectors in the Estudillo Canal in Washington Manor that catch some but not all items that make their way into the stream. It does no good at all for liquids, though, Gosselin said.

Preventing things from getting worse is what is currently

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PHOTO COURTESY OF BRUCE KING

The county has installed trash collector devices in the Estudillo Canal for litter that washes down from the streets.

Alameda County Looks At Ban on Plastic Utensils

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

Alameda County is considering banning single-use plastic utensils at dine-in restaurants and has asked the San Leandro City Council for its advice on how best to proceed.

The plasticware question came up at the Jan. 21 City Council meeting as part of a presentation to the council by city Solid Waste and Recycling Specialist Tonya Alves Richardson.

San Leandro has about 150 to 200 restaurants but only those using plasticware would be affected, according to officials.

The county solid waste agency, known as StopWaste.org, has asked cities and other agencies for suggestions on reducing the use of non-reusable utensils.

That agency could either suggest a countywide ordinance banning the plasticware, suggest a model ordinance doing so that cities could consider, or move to discourage one-time-use utensils in some other way, according to StopWaste.

City Councilwoman Deborah Cox represents San Leandro on the county solid waste board and will present the city’s views to the county.

Countywide, there are some 3,300 dine-in eating establishments, but only some use plasticware, according to a StopWaste.

Plasticware that accompanies take-out food is a lower priority, according to a staff report for the Jan. 22 StopWaste board

meeting. Staff suggestions for reducing use of that range from requiring that all service ware be certified as compostable and thus

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Former Congressman Stark Dies

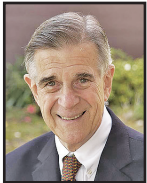
Former Congressman Fortney “Pete” Stark Jr. died Friday at his home in Maryland at the age of 88.

Stark was elected to 20 terms, serving 40 years in the House of Representatives. He first ran for congress in 1972 as an opponent of the Vietnam War and unseated George Miller.

“Today, America lost a champion of the

people and a leader of great integrity, moral courage and compassion,” said Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi. “Congressman Stark dedicated his life to defending every American’s right to quality, affordable health care. I was proud to work with Pete to pass the Affordable Care

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Pete Stark

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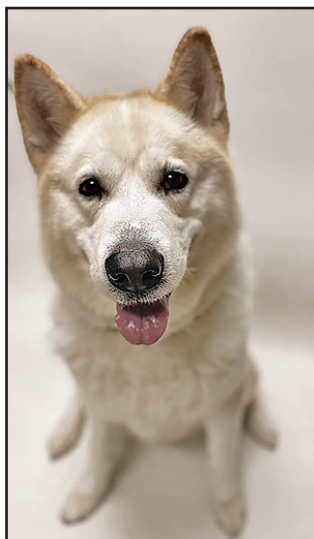
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PETS OF THE WEEK



Yukon

Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are Yukon the senior dog and Mercedes the senior dog (who thinks she's still



Mercedes

a puppy).

Yukon is a handsome 7-year-old Alaskan Malamute mix. He's a very sweet boy who likes other dogs and people. He deserves a second chance with a loving family. He would do well in a quiet home with older kids/teens.

Mercedes is an 8-year-old pittie mix who loves people, toys and attention. She enjoys being around other dogs but is also okay being an only pup. Since she's active, she would do best with older kids.

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

Tai Chi Class

Celebrate the Lunar New Year with a Tai Chi class on Saturday, Feb. 8, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at the Manor Library, 1241 Manor Blvd. in San Leandro. For more information, call 510-577-7971.



PHOTO BY CATHY BUCHER

Jamie Strube as Shelby, Cynthia Lagodzinski as Truvy, and Julia Etzel as M'Lynn star in *Steel Magnolias* at the Chanticleers Theatre.

Chanticleers Presents *Steel Magnolias*

Steel Magnolias opens at the Chanticleers Theatre, 3683 Quail Ave. in Castro Valley, on Feb. 7 and runs through March 1.

The show plays on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$22 to \$27 and may be purchased online at chanticleers.org or by calling 510-SEE-LIVE (510-733-5483). Group discounts also available.

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as magnolias but as tough as steel. Harling based the story on his experience with his sister's death.

Director, actor, and designer Kendall Tieck will make his Chanticleers Theatre directing debut with *Steel Magnolias*.

Robert Harling's 1987 play *Steel Magnolias* was the inspiration for the movie by the same title that featured a star-studded cast with Sally Field, Dolly Parton, Shirley MacLaine, Daryl Hannah, Olympia Dukakis and Julia Roberts. The success of the play and the movie can be attributed to the story of six women and their relationships as they navigate some of life's greatest

challenges together.

Tieck will be supported in bringing this vision to the stage with scenic and lighting design by Jon Gourdine and costume design by Amy Cook.

Chanticleers Theatre is a non-profit community theater organization with a rich history dating back to 1948. Today, Chanticleers Theatre is a 99-seat playhouse, serving Castro Valley and the greater East Bay. Known as "Castro Valley's Little Theatre in the Park", Chanticleers is located in the Castro Valley Community Park right across from the new Veteran's Memorial and next to the children's water park.

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Marina Proposal Concerns Aired

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

Neighborhood residents raised concerns with the latest proposal to develop the Marina at a public information meeting Tuesday night at the Marina Community Center. Many of them had to do with parking and traffic.

The city's Economic Development department and developer Cal-Coast joined to outline the project, which they had already presented to the Shoreline Advisory Committee on Jan. 15 and to the City Council on Jan. 22.

Former City Councilman Jim Prola said, "This project was loaded with restaurants back when I was on the council. Where did all the restaurants go?"

The most basic question of all came from Ken Fox, who asked the project's proponents, "How

do we stop this project?"

City Economic Development Director Katie Bowman suggested bringing concerns to a Feb. 6 Planning Commission meeting or a City Council meeting a few weeks later.

John Piersoc was among several speakers who questioned adding traffic to Fairway Drive. City engineer Mike Stella said studies showed sufficient capacity on Fairway to handle the extra traffic.

Virginia Madsen told of already heavy truck traffic on Doolittle Drive near the Marina and along Marina Boulevard, which is the other main road into the area besides Fairway.

"We'd be putting a lot more traffic onto streets that are maxed out already," she said. "And we'd be putting more traffic on Aurora

Drive, which already backs up."

Parking both at the project and at nearby Marina Park also concerned some speakers. Cooper said that parking should be sufficient to accommodate added cars in the area.

The project has changed substantially from when it was first proposed in 2015, said Scott Cooper, vice president of Cal-Coast. Most notably, a proposed office building was dropped, and the entire project moved inland, away from the small peninsula ending at Mulford Point.

The area around Mulford Point is now slated to become a park, he said.

The latest proposal is to build a hotel with restaurant, a small market, apartments, townhomes and single-family houses on the site, according to Cooper.

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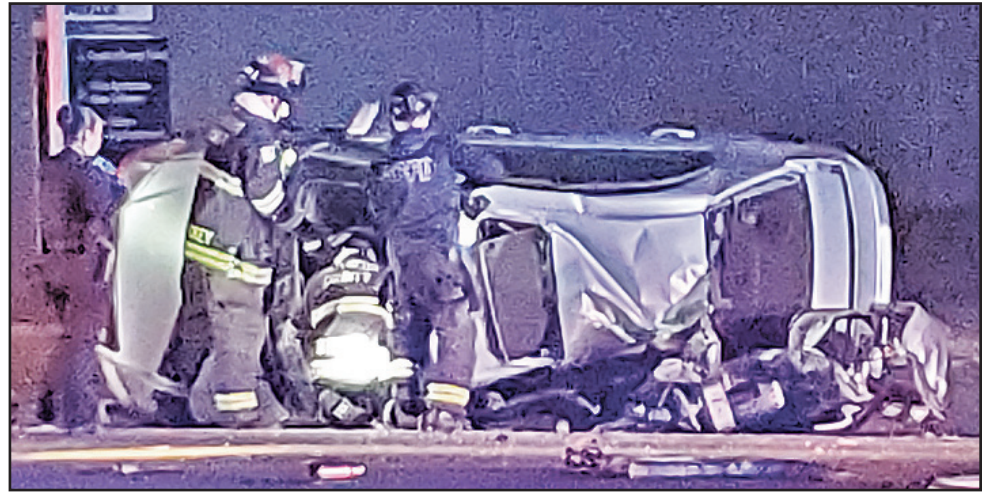


PHOTO BY SHARON CEE

Firefighters and paramedics work to remove a man trapped in a car that crashed into an electrical pole on Doolittle Drive last Friday night.

Man Dies When His Car Crashes Into Power Pole

A man died Friday night when his car crashed into an electrical pole in the 1500 block of Doolittle Drive. Police did not identify him pending notification of his family.

Several people called the San Leandro police about 9:45 p.m. on Jan. 25 to report that a single vehicle had struck the pole, shearing it off and causing the car

to roll on its side.

Officers arrived to find the driver trapped inside. Firefighters and paramedics began life-saving efforts as soon as they were able to remove him from the vehicle.

The driver was taken to a local trauma center, where he died from his injuries.

The downed power pole cut

off electricity to the area, and traffic was re-routed due to live wires in the roadway. PG&E was called to restore power, once it was safe to do so.

"Our Traffic Division officers were called to the scene and will conduct a thorough investigation into the cause of the collision. It is unknown if drugs or alcohol are a factor in this event."

Creeks: Getting them cleaner

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most important to the Friends of San Lorenzo Creek. Keeping new development a safe distance back from the creek is vital, says the group's president, Bruce King.

"City and county officials often think in terms of the next development coming up, not always as part of a long-term vision," King said.

He said that a county ordinance limits development close to creeks, with a minimum buffer zone of 20 feet between the top of a creek's banks and any sort of development, including people's backyards. However, the ordinance also protects the "riparian habitat" of the creek in general, which creek supporters sometime use to argue that development in a specific place should be set back further.

This can lead to disputes between developers and creek supporters at the county level, King said. Also, cities can set their own rules, which can be looser or tighter than the county rules that apply to unincorporated areas.

"In practice, the county treats 20 feet as all that's needed," said King.

It may be obvious that large items of trash should not be thrown into streams, said Gosselin, but litter on the streets and other pollutants remain a problem since they go down the storm drain and into creeks.

Care should be taken with household and garden chemicals,

she said, and with cars that leak various fluids.

One can join official cleanup events, or simply pick up litter you see on the sidewalk, Gosselin said.

Friends of San Lorenzo Creek do those cleanups as well, and pursue grants and other state funding to clean up sections of each creek. But funds are limited, said King.

There are creeks throughout southern Alameda County, he said, but often people don't even know they're there because they are covered over or channelized.

The friends group is also trying to "get people near the creek" by pursuing a pedestrian/bike trail all the way from the Bay to Don Castro and Cull Canyon parks in Castro Valley, over 8 miles along San Lorenzo Creek.

When the federal Clean Water Act passed in 1970, larger industries were the initial targets of cleanups, Gosselin said. Once progress was made cleaning up "point sources" of pollution,

where one could point to a single pipe as the main pollution source, the focus moved on to more diffuse "non-point" sources, she said.

Large-scale policy changes help too, Gosselin said, of which the single-use bag ban was one.

"We'd much rather keep trash from being produced in the first place rather than having to recycle it or clean it up later," she said.

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Students Clean Up at Marina

Students from Bohannon and Bancroft middle schools pitched in for a community cleanup at the marina on Saturday, Jan. 18. The event was organized by Bryan Azevedo (candidate San Leandro City Council District 2) and Fred Simon (Oro Loma Sanitary District board member).

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

❖ Temple Beth Sholom
Leaving Memel

A film screening of *Leaving Memel*, with the director, will be presented on Saturday, Feb. 1, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Temple Beth Sholom, 642 Dolores Ave., in San Leandro. This is one family's story of fleeing the Nazis, a documentary film that touches on what it means to become a refugee and an immigrant. To purchase tickets visit www.tbssanleandro.com/event/Leaving-Memel

❖ Chanticleers Theatre
Steel Magnolias

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You need to be certain that all the right conditions are in place before you take that first step. It can't hurt to listen to good advice from those who have your best interests at heart.



TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Be careful not to get involved in other people's disputes unless you know the facts behind the disagreements. That's the best way to be assured of making wise and honest decisions.



GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You still need to be careful about how you're going to spend those energy reserves you finally got around to restoring. Best advice: Avoid overdoing it. Let things take their course.



CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your aspect continues to favor travel -- alone or with that special person. So if you've been putting off making those getaway plans, it's still a good time to get started on them.



LEO (July 23 to August 22) Those so-called golden opportunities that continue to dazzle the Lion still need to be carefully checked out. Be suspicious about anything that looks like the "perfect" prospect.



VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Changes at the workplace could make it more difficult to do things the way you prefer. But the wise Virgo who shows some flexibility could find it paying off in a big way.



LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might want to check out the explanation you were given for a sudden shift in your duties. There's a possibility that you haven't been told all the facts that you deserve to know.



SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Having confidence in your abilities is important, especially when you could be facing a new challenge, whether it's in the workplace or in a personal relationship. Good luck.



SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A new work-related opportunity might not be all that it seems. Before making any decisions, you might want to check with others who have had some experience in that area.



CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A situation involving someone close could benefit from your timely intervention. Avoid being judgmental. There'll be plenty of time later for those "little talks" you like to have.



AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Travel could be a surprise element in that new project. Be prepared for other previously undisclosed aspects that also might come to light as you proceed with the work.



PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Try to balance your work-related responsibilities with the time you're spending on your recently revived social life. An old friend might be planning to return after a long absence.

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❖ The League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters of Eden Area will hold a candidates' forum for those running for the seat of the California 20th Assembly District tonight (Thursday, Jan. 30) from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Hayward City Hall, 777 B St. in Hayward. The forum is free and open to the public. Campaign signs, fliers, etc. are not allowed in the auditorium during the forum. Come and get to know the candidates. For more information, visit <https://my.lwv.org/california/eden-area>.

❖ Financial Aid for High School Seniors

San Lorenzo High School, 50 East Lewelling Blvd., is hosting a Cash for College Night tonight, Jan. 30, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the D-Hall Computer Labs. This is free for all high school seniors and their families who would like assistance in completing their financial aid applications (FAFSA and CA Dream Act for undocumented students). Financial aid is available for community colleges, four year universities, and some trade schools. Come with a parent or guardian and bring 2018 federal tax forms and other financial documents, though students can still work on the application without the forms. Financial aid experts and translators will be available. For more information, call Katricia Manalo at 510-317-3129.

❖ Alta Mira Club Shrimp Fest

The Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave. in San Leandro, will host a shrimp fest on Saturday, Feb. 1. The social hour begins at 5 p.m. and dinner starts at 6 p.m. with shrimp, pasta, salad, bread and ice cream. Tickets are \$45. For tickets or more information, call Carol at 510-305-5393.

❖ Soroptomist Crab Feed

The Soroptomist International of the East Bay's annual crab feed will be on Saturday, Feb. 1, at 6 p.m. at the Hayward-Castro Valley Moose Lodge, 20835 Rutledge Road in Castro Valley. All-you-can-eat crab, pasta, bread, salad, dessert, coffee and tea. No-host bar. For tickets, call Bonnie Mertz by Jan. 24 at 510-886-7010 or email bonniemertz5844@gmail.com.

❖ Kiwanis Club of San Leandro

The San Leandro Kiwanis Club will hold its annual crab feed on Saturday, Feb. 1, at the Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd. in San Leandro. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner being served at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person, which includes all-you-can-eat crab, pasta, salad and hot garlic bread. Local band, The Kopi Katz, will provide classic rock 'n' roll oldies for post-dinner dancing. The event is assigned seating only. To purchase tickets or for more information, call Terri Neumann at 510-895-4425. Proceeds support the San Leandro Kiwanis Club.

❖ Shoreline Interpretive Center

Come for the opening of the Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center's Spring 2020 Exhibit by artist Becky Jaffe, a photographer, naturalist, and educator on Saturday, Feb. 1, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Interpretive Center, 4901 Breakwater Ave. in Hayward. Using in-camera techniques that stretch the photographic medium to create painterly effects, she fuses an artist's sensibility with a biologist's curiosity in order to communicate reverence for the natural world. Free and open to the public. Light refreshments available. For more information, call 510-670-7270.

❖ Science Movie Night

Racing Extinction, a docu-movie about a species mass extinction caused by human activity, will

be shown on Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 7 p.m. at the Castro Valley Library, 3600 Norbridge Ave., in Castro Valley. After the movie, hear commentary and Q&A with conservationist and tropical ecologist Dr. Rodolfo Dirzo. Register at: <http://bit.ly/extinct3>.

❖ Buon Tempo Club Dinner

The Buon Tempo Club is having a family dinner on Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 7 p.m. at Mt. Tabor Hall, Transfiguration Church, 4000 E. Castro Valley Blvd in Castro Valley. Everyone is welcome. Chef Jessica Gorham Pacheco and crew will be serving a five-course, family-style dinner of chicken pasta with sun-dried tomatoes. Red and white wine and soda are also included. Happy hour is 6 p.m. The dinner is \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members. Make reservations by Friday, Jan. 31, by calling the Buon Tempo dinner line at 510-483-6929 (option 1). For more information, see the club's website at www.buontempoclub.org.

❖ San Leandro Swim Team Tryouts

The San Leandro Swim Team will hold an information night for the upcoming summer season on Wednesday, Feb. 5, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Porky's Pizza, 1221 Manor Blvd. in San Leandro. The team is for swimmers 4 to 18 years old and competes in the East Bay Swim League during the summer. Tryouts will be held on April 1 and April 2 at 6 p.m. at the San Leandro High pool. For more information, go to the team's website – San Leandro Drowning Darryls Team Unify – or call Darryl at 510-913-0850.

❖ Parkinson Support Group Meeting

The Parkinson Support Group will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, Feb. 6, at 10:30 a.m. at the San Lorenzo Community Church, 945 Paseo Grande in San Lorenzo. Diane Cosio-Sandino senior health educator from Kaiser, will talk on general nutrition. For more information, call Lorna White 510-276-3119.

❖ Age Well, Drive Smart

Older drivers are invited to hear about driving tips from a California Highway Patrol officer on Thursday, Feb. 6, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Eden Medical Center Conference Center (2nd Floor), 20101 Lake Chabot Road in Castro Valley. RSVP: 510-727-8485. You may be a good driver, but as you age you may begin to experience changes in function or medical conditions that can affect your ability to drive safely and react to hazards. The good news is that there are steps you can take to help stay safe on the road.

❖ Tai Chi Class at Manor Library

Celebrate the Lunar New Year with a Tai Chi class on Saturday, Feb. 8, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at the Manor Library, 1241 Manor Blvd. in San Leandro. Learn Chen Style Tai Chi Quan taught by Jerry Ren. Beginners are welcome. No registration required, open to the first 30 students. For more information, call 510-577-7971.

❖ Crab Feed at Hayward Veterans Hall

Silver Oak High School Public Montessori Charter of Hayward is having a crab feed on Saturday, Feb. 8, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at the Hayward Veterans Hall, 227373 Main St. in Hayward. All-you-can-eat crab, salad, spaghetti, garlic bread and dessert, and two drink tickets for beer, wine soft drinks or water. Silent auction and raffle. Tickets are \$50. Early-bird special until Jan. 25 is \$45. For tickets, go to Eventbrite and enter Silver Oak High School.

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REAL ESTATE REALITY

By Carl Medford, CRS
Special to the Times

GUEST COMMENTARY



Smart Home Technology Rapidly Increasing

As smart home technology increases, the options are exploding.

With devices hitting the market, we are seeing a corresponding rise in homebuyer expectations.

While completely automated homes are still mostly reserved for luxury homes, as the number of smart devices increases, price points are lowering and devices once reserved for the Jetsons or the wealthy are available to all.

Devices fall into approximately 5 categories:

Hubs. As devices multiply, the need to connect them to a single controller is increasing. Rather than using separate remote controls or apps for each device, hubs such as Amazon's Alexa or Logitech's Harmony Elite allow control from a single hub, either with a voice command or remote control.

Security. The mainstay of smart technology has always been security, and we've long had access to connected door-

bells with facial recognition technology, door locks, garage door openers, video cameras, comprehensive security systems and more.

While we have seen Nanny Cams hidden in stuffed animals or books, we are seeing an increase in devices with hidden cameras designed to secretly monitor homes. These include smoke detectors, light fixtures, clocks, wall outlets ... the number of devices is almost limitless.

Heating and cooling. Devices in this category fall into two categories: controllers such as the Nest Thermostat or actual devices such as standalone air conditioners that can be activated by voice commands or a mobile device.

Lighting. Not only are we seeing a wholesale shift to LED lighting, we are seeing light-bulbs that can be dimmed from remote devices and, in many cases, can be adjusted to any desirable color. Smart switches are also appearing, some with Alexa capability built in.

Appliances. No longer do we just have smart refrigerators that can order groceries for us and washers and dryers we can control from our phones, we have sous vide cooking devices, smart barbecues, vacuum cleaners and a microwaves - one

even has a door that is a display monitor.

For those who do not fancy dealing with trash, there are now smart trash cans that handle everything for you - apparently the only thing they will not do is carry it to the curb.

We are living in an increasingly connected environment and in addition to becoming connected to one another, we are also increasingly connected to our homes and growing extremely dependent on our devices. Let's just hope the power never goes out.

Carl Medford is a licensed Realtor with Keller Williams Realty and a licensed general contractor. This article is sponsored by the Central County Marketing Association.

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WEEKEND GARDENER

Flower Bulbs

February is the month to start planting gladioluses. Select bulbs now and follow up with additional plantings at three-week intervals to extend the

blooming season. Other bulbs for spring and early summer bloom that can be planted now include achimenes, agapanthus, amaryllis, tuberous begonias, calla lilies, canna lilies, dahlias,

daylilies and irises.

Vegetables

Although nighttime temperatures continue to drop to the low 30s, seeds in the garden will germinate, but very slowly. Sow

beets, celery, carrots, chard, chive, collards, garlic, leafy lettuce, mustard, parsley, peas, radishes, spinach and turnips. Keep an eye out for snails and slugs as the seeds germinate.

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LIFESTYLE

Super Bowl LIV

San Leandro pizza parlors will be operating on overdrive this Sunday afternoon, turning out the most popular ready-made snack for football's big event of the year as the 49ers take on Kansas City in Florida.

While the Super Bowl isn't a national holiday, that doesn't stop more than 130 million Americans from treating it like one. It is the second-biggest food consumption event after Thanksgiving each year.

Here are some other Super Bowl favorites.

BUFFALO (HOT) WINGS

10 chicken wings (cut into sections)
Oil (for frying)
1/4 cup butter
1/4 cup hot sauce
1 dash black pepper
1 dash garlic powder
1/2 cup flour
1/4 teaspoon paprika
1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1/4 teaspoon salt

In a bowl mix together flour, paprika, cayenne pepper, and salt.

Place chicken wings in a large bowl and toss with the flour mixture until evenly coated. Cover the dish and refrigerate for 30 minutes.

Heat deep fryer to 375°F and fry chicken wings in batches for 10-15 minutes until golden brown. Drain on paper towels.

While wings are frying, in a sauce pan combine hot sauce, butter, black pepper and garlic powder over medium heat. Stir until butter is melted and the sauce is well blended. Remove from heat.

Place wings in a serving bowl, add the sauce and toss to coat evenly. Serve with ranch dressing and celery. Serves 2 or 3.

RANCH DRESSING DIP

1/2 cup mayonnaise
1/2 cup sour cream
1/2 cup buttermilk
1 tablespoon garlic powder
1 teaspoon dried oregano
1 teaspoon dried dill weed
1 tablespoon dried chives
1 tablespoon dried parsley
2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
1 dash hot pepper sauce
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1 teaspoon white pepper

Combine the mayonnaise, sour cream, buttermilk, garlic powder, oregano, dill weed, chives, parsley, Parmesan cheese, hot sauce, Worcestershire sauce, pepper and refrigerate for at least 1/2 an hour. If the dressing is too thick, add a little extra buttermilk to thin.

DEVEILED EGGS

12 hard-cooked eggs



4 tablespoons Italian dressing
1 teaspoon yellow mustard
2 (2-ounce) jars chopped pimientos, drained
2 tablespoons chopped green pepper

Carefully cut eggs in half lengthwise; remove yolks and set whites aside. Mash yolks with fork. Stir dressing and mustard into yolks. Stir in pimientos and

green pepper. Refill whites using 1 heaping tablespoon yolk mixture for each egg half. Chill to blend flavors.

Makes 6 servings.

GUACAMOLE

2 ripe avocados
1 teaspoon salt
1-1/2 teaspoons lime juice

1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
3 cloves garlic
1/3 teaspoon red pepper
1/2 tablespoon grated onion
2 dashes hot pepper sauce

Wash, peel, pit and mash avocados. Finely mince the garlic.

In a small cup, add salt, minced garlic and lemon juice. Set aside to soak for 15-30 minutes. This takes the "edge" off the garlic. Add remaining ingredients.

This can be made in a food processor or using a blender.

Serve with crackers and tortilla chips. Makes about 1-1/2 cups.

NACHOS

2 cloves garlic, crushed
6 green onions, sliced, white parts and tops separated
3 tablespoons canola oil
1 shredded, cooked, whole chicken breast
Salt and pepper to taste
1 cup salsa
1/2 pound shredded Cheddar and Jack cheese blend
1/2 large tomato, diced

Preheat oven to 350°F.

In a 12-inch skillet over medium heat, cook and stir the garlic and white parts of the green onions in canola oil until tender. Mix in shredded chicken, salt and pepper. Toss until well coated with oil. Stir in the salsa.

Arrange tortilla chips on a large baking sheet. Spoon the chicken mixture over tortilla chips. Top with cheese blend and tomato.

Bake in the preheated oven 10 minutes, or until cheese has melted. Remove from heat and sprinkle with green onion tops before serving. Serves 6.

CHEX PARTY MIX

6 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
1-1/2 teaspoons seasoned salt
3/4 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 teaspoon onion powder
3 cups Corn Chex cereal
3 cups Rice Chex cereal
3 cups Wheat Chex cereal
1 cup mixed nuts
1 cup pretzels
1 cup garlic-flavor bite-size bagel chips

Heat oven to 250°F. Melt butter in large roasting pan in oven. Stir in seasonings. Gradually stir in remaining ingredients until evenly coated. Bake 1 hour, stirring every 15 minutes. Spread on paper towels to cool. Store in airtight container. Yields 12 cups.

QUESO DIP

1 pound Kraft Velveeta, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
1 (10-ounce) can diced tomatoes & green chilies, undrained

Combine ingredients in microwaveable bowl. Microwave on high for 5 minutes or until Velveeta is completely melted and mixture is well blended, stirring after 3 minutes.

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AUTOMOTIVE

High-Level Version of Classic Toyota Prius

By Steve Schaefer
San Leandro Times

The Toyota Prius hybrid is so well known today that it hardly needs an introduction. But in brief, since the late 1990's, Toyota has sold a car that combines a gasoline engine with an electric motor to significantly improve miles per gallon. The motor makes it a more efficient gasoline car. You don't (and can't) plug it in—it generates electricity for the motor by using regenerative braking. They have sold a bunch of these hybrids since its arrival, and the Prius has become the standard by which other hybrids are judged.

During the last decade, Toyota also marketed a smaller, less expensive Prius C model and a slightly taller wagon-shaped version called the Prius V. Neither remains with the debut of the latest generation Prius, but you can opt for the Prius Prime, which has a larger battery that you can charge with a plug and drive for 25 miles using no gas at all. This plug-in hybrid shares most of the Prius' look, feel, and features, but has a slightly different look front and rear.

So, what's new for 2020? Well, there's a new top-level model called the Limited. Yes, that moniker has been used by other manufacturers to designate exclusivity (Buick comes to mind), and this truly is a bit more premium car than the base model.

You can get a Prius starting with the L Eco (\$24,200) and move up through the LE (\$25,410), XLE (\$28,250), and perched at the top, the Limited (\$32,375). Add \$955 to those numbers for shipping and handling—but a more than \$8,000 gap remains. All-wheel-drive versions of the LE and XLE are also sold, but for less than the Limited.

I decided to compare the base L Eco model with the Limited, and the Limited with the XLE below it, to see where those prices come from. My research was exhaustive, but this article isn't, so we'll just review the highlights.

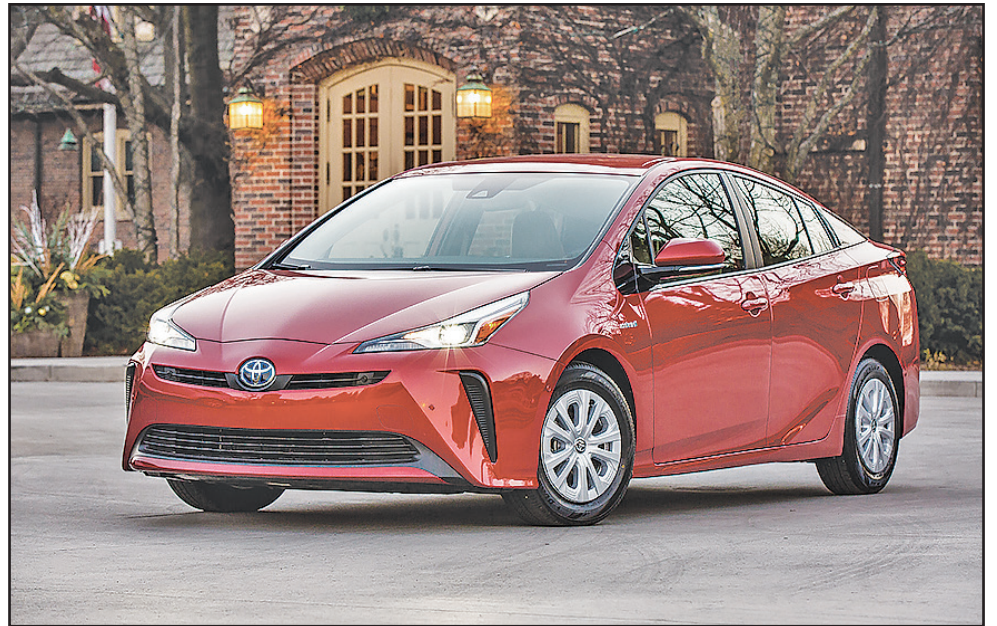
To get started, all Prius models have the same Hybrid Synergy Drive System and look pretty much alike (not counting the Prime, as I already mentioned). That means a 96-horsepower, 1.8-liter four-cylinder gas engine mated to a 53kW, 71-horsepower

electric motor. Total system numbers are a modest 121 horsepower and 105 lb.-ft. or torque.

All models get Toyota Safety Sense, which is in most Toyotas today, and includes a Pre-Collision System, Lane Departure Alert, and Automatic High Beam—three technologies to reduce accidents, especially rear-end collisions. All models also come with three years of 24-hour-a-day roadside assistance (but you probably won't need it).

Interestingly, the XLE and Limited weigh just 65 pounds more than the L Eco, but the base car gets notably better EPA fuel economy—56 mpg Combined vs. 52 mpg for the fancier ones. So far, the L Eco wins on price and efficiency. But let's see what you get with the others.

Grab an XLE and you can flaunt cooler-looking 17-inch alloy wheels vs. 15-inchers on the L Eco. You'll enjoy the safety of Blind Spot Monitors and Intelligent Clearance Sonar with Intelligent Parking Assist. You'll also find SofTex (animal-free leather) on the seats (now heated) and an 8-way power adjustable driver's seat (4-way for the passen-



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ger). You also get rain-sensing wipers and a smart key system.

Stepping up to the Limited brings a high-tech adaptive front lighting system with auto-leveling headlights. Inside, your ears are caressed by the premium JBL sound system on a Tesla-like 11.6-inch high-resolution touch screen. You'll also experience the convenience of a color head-up display, which projects useful driving info onto the windshield, so you don't have to look away from the road.

My week with a Sea Glass Pearl 2020 Prius Limited was certainly pleasant, and the car

doesn't feel different for its hybridness. Previous models featured expanses of white plastic inside, but now these are tasteful gloss black. The upmarket audio soothes you on freeway jaunts, and the soft seats, at least for the shorter trips I took, felt comfortable. There's still a bit of "whiz-bang" in the sweep of the dash and center console, but with all cars providing more stimulation to the eye, it no longer stands out.

My fuel economy was only 38.8 mpg during a 70.2-mile test, but you'll do better over longer trips, especially if you stay in Eco mode.

The Prius received a little nip and tuck to its extremely expressive exterior last year, but still looks like a Prius. Toyota knows what it's doing in the hybrid market. If the unique looks don't work for you, sample their other hybrids, including the midsize Camry sedan, compact Corolla (new for 2020), large Avalon sedan, and Highlander crossover. But the Prius remains the pioneer and benchmark—and gets the highest mpg.

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

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Plastic: Fast-food joints to use silverware?

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non-plastic, to providing utensils only on request, to charging 25 to 50 cents extra per meal if utensils are needed.

However, StopWaste said that a fee would only be appropriate if reusable utensils were reasonably available to the public.

An issue raised by several city council members is that many fast-food restaurants do

not own a dishwasher nor do they have the plumbing hookups to install them.

The larger part of Richardson's presentation was about adjustments San Leandro would need to make to comply with SB1383, which requires counties to greatly reduce edible food being discarded. Guidelines to enforce the law, which passed in 2018, are still being finalized at the state level.

Richardson alerted the Council that multiple changes to city operations would be needed to

comply with SB 1383.

"There are extensive programmatic requirements and serious budgetary impacts," she said.

Council members said they supported SB 1383's intent, but weren't so sure about its requirements.

"It's the most prescriptive law we've ever seen," said Councilwoman Deborah Cox.

"The StopWaste organization is burdened by SB 1383 compliance, too," she added.

"What I say when I see a lot of mandates is to sigh because

there's a cost to this," said Councilwoman Corina Lopez.

School districts are among the earliest to comply with SB 1383. But the law will eventually require much more food recovery and much less discarding of edible food by supermarkets, restaurants, medical facilities and hotels, among others.

Expect More Airliner Noise Sunday Night

The Oakland International Airport will be closing the main runway where the big airliners land from 10:30 p.m. Sunday until 6 a.m. Monday.

During this time, the North Field runways will be used for airliner departures and landings. Aircraft may overfly residential areas and residents may experience unusual aircraft noise.

The Port of Oakland apologizes in advance for any disturbances. Aircraft noise concerns may be directed to Noise Hotline at 510-563-6463.

Senior Center Lunch

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, Feb. 3 to Feb. 7, is:

Monday – Angie's Asian chicken salad, whole wheat

roll, tropical fruit mix, fortune cookie.

Tuesday – Herb baked chicken, chicken endive soup, carrots, brown rice, tangerine.

Wednesday – Mock crab and egg salad over lettuce with tomato, chef's choice soup, whole wheat bread, pineapple fruit cup.

Thursday – Beef burger on whole wheat bun with lettuce, tomato, pickle and onion, lentil and black bean soup, banana.

Friday – Baked ham, Southern style collard greens, sweet potatoes, cornbread, orange.

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Fred L. Ulibarri

February 19, 1927 - January 25, 2020

On January 25, 2020, Fred L. Ulibarri went on his journey. He will be missed by his friends and family. He is now camping in heaven with his family and friends that were waiting for him.

Fred was born in Canconito, New Mexico on February 19, 1927 to DelFino and Louisa. He married Mercedes Romero in 1949, they spent 53 years together. He retired from both Southern Pacific Railroad and Manor Bowl. He loved being a handyman, camping, fishing, boating and being with his family.



Marie Jane Busco

July 29, 1930 - January 19, 2020

On Sunday, January 19th, 2020, Marie Busco passed away at the age of 89.

She was a loving Mother, grandmother, and much more. Marie and her late husband Julio had 3 wonderful kids; Mike, Toni, and Terry. Her youngest son Terry would see her everyday and take care of her all the time.

She is now resting in Peace at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward.



Clifton Edgar Davidson Jr.

September 18, 1925 - January 9, 2020

Clif is survived by his wife Lu after 72 years of marriage, his four children Clifton Davidson III, Deborah Woychik, Lynn Daugherty, and Ronald Davidson, his 12 grandchildren, and 27 great-grandchildren.

Clif attended Castlemont High School in Oakland and at 18 enlisted in the U.S. Army. He was part of General Patton's 3rd Army where he received two Purple hearts and was engaged in the Battle of the Bulge. He was known to remark to his family and friends *I am a World War II guy who should have been dead four times...* Clif maintained a successful construction and plastering business for 65 years, doing major projects all over the Bay Area. He adored his wife Lu, referring to her as his bride, and was extremely proud of his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Clif lived and died in the house he built for his family in 1957.

He is remembered by all for his enthusiastic, infectious manner, exuberant greetings, and joyful positive spirit. A patriot, Clif was known for his friendliness to everyone he met, often striking up conversations with people he didn't know.

A committed Christian, he was a leader, choir member, deacon, and organizer freely committing his time to others. Clif will be remembered for his happy, easy-going, optimistic and generous nature.

A memorial service will be held at Cornerstone Fellowship Church, 180 Lewelling Blvd., San Lorenzo, CA on Saturday, Feb. 8th at 11 am.



Gerald E. Brundage

January 3, 1944 - November 19, 2019

Gerald E. Brundage, a resident of Fremont for 30 years and lifelong resident of Alameda County, Jerry died peacefully in his sleep in his own home. He was 75 years old. Jerry was born in Texas but moved to California as an infant.

He was raised in San Lorenzo and attended San Lorenzo High School. Soon after, he joined the Navy and served during the Vietnam War. He married Janet Bowman in 1967, and later divorced.

He retired from Applied Materials in 2004 as a senior purchasing manager and was highly esteemed by his peers. Jerry is survived by his two children: Michael (Georgina), and Carolyn.

He also leaves behind his brother Jim (Debbie), sister Joan (Chris deBar), two nieces, two nephews, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his beloved mother Searlla, father Fred, and youngest brother Robert. Jerry loved Chardonnay wine, Buddy Holly, cooking spaghetti, and working on various projects around the house. His family will miss him deeply and will always cherish their memories of him.

A private, invite only, memorial service took place on Jan. 5, 2020 in San Leandro.



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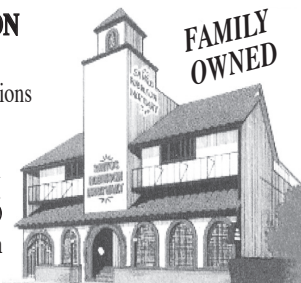
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LOCAL DEATHS

Verna and Bill Glass

Verna Rose Glass, 92 and William Albert Glass, 93, peacefully passed away to be with the Lord on September 23, 2019 and November 13, 2019 respectively. Longtime San Leandro residents, Bill and Verna were married for more than 60 years.

Lovely Verna will be remembered for her sweet demeanor, her devotion to faith and family, and her infamous Italian cooking and heritage. Bigger than life Bill was a successful salesman, legendary boxing coach, mentor and motivational speaker who touched the hearts and souls of many generations.

Bill and Verna were preceded in death by their loving grandson Jesse Glass. They leave behind 4 devoted children; Rick and his wife Anne, Bob and his wife Rikki, Linda and Bill. Adoring grandchildren Kori, Marc, Linsey and Christina. Cherished great-grandchildren Elijah and Tristan. Loving nieces Maureen Shapiro and Susan Calvao.

A Memorial/Funeral mass will be held Thursday, February 6 at 10 a.m. at St. Felicitas Church, 1662 Manor Blvd. in San Leandro, CA 94579. Light refreshments and gathering to follow in the Social Hall. All are welcome to attend and celebrate the lives of Bill and Verna.



OPINION

LETTERS to the EDITOR

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BRT: A Boondoggle

Editor:

Thanks for the article ("No Direct Bus Service through Downtown SL," Page 1, The Times, Jan.23) revealing downsides of AC Transit's BRT project in north San Leandro.

Many of us were vocal critics of this project for years because it eliminated the direct bus line through downtown, among other issues. Our letters and comments all fell on deaf ears. Having to pay *two* fares to continue south on East 14th Street is just one more insult to residents.

The serious negative impacts here in San Leandro include loss of direct bus service down East 14th; increased time and expense; loss of bus stops on East 14th (BRT stations are 1/3 mile apart, instead of every two blocks); and loss of dozens of street parking spaces for customers of local businesses.

This project has been a boondoggle from the beginning.

The pressure from AC Transit on San Leandro officials was extreme; they were desperate to get additional millions in federal funds if they could include at least two transit districts. This was never a good idea for San Leandro residents and was a very poor decision by the City Council. It diminishes our mass transit options and makes it much more difficult for seniors, disabled and low income residents to access bus service on East 14th Street.

—Peggy Hynd Combs
San Leandro

Expensive Shuttle

Editor:

The Bay Area News Group published an article on Sept. 13 that the City of San Leandro was looking for more seniors to start riding the Flex Shuttle.

In 2018, 308 people registered for the service and in 2019 a total of 220 people had registered.

The service runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday and services two routes in San Leandro. One of the routes runs between Broadmoor Plaza and Walmart on Davis St. and the other route runs between Eden Lodge on Washington Ave. and the Walmart on Hesperian Blvd.

The service is funded by Alameda County Sales Tax Measures B and BB and administered by the Alameda County Transportation Commission.

For the month of October 2019 (latest published information), Measure B provided \$26,179 and Measure BB provided \$22,585 for a total exceeding \$48,000 for the month and previous months showed the same sort of expenditures. This totals \$576,000 per year and divided by the number of registered participants it works out to be \$2,600 per person.

To be fair I should point out the fact that the registered participants do pay \$20 per year so the actual

cost is \$2,580 per person.

My questions: why was this service not canceled after the first year as it was a royal bust? Why does the City of San Leandro even offer this service when we have hundreds of AC buses running all over town with better schedules and frequencies? What carbon footprint does this under utilized service add to our poor air quality and global warming?

If I was one of the 220 registered riders and knew that it was costing \$2,580 per year I'd say "give me half and I'll stick my thumb out." It's time to put an end to this total waste of money and make 2020 the year that we start insisting upon common sense governmental fiscal spending.

—Brent Heath
San Leandro

No Trees = More Agitation

Editor:

If you're wondering why there is more agitation on Estudillo Ave. and Bancroft Ave. — blame the lack of trees.

I have lived in San Leandro for close to 10 years. Throughout the years, I have noticed a stark contrast of the two different intersections: Bancroft and Estudillo avenues and Bancroft and Callan avenues.

I look outside my window that faces Estudillo Ave. and there is so much unpleasant activity, ranging from emotionally unwell people screaming while walking past our street to neighbors who are always cranky who don't speak to each other.

Our apartment complex's lawn is quite spacious and no one utilizes it. It looks like a scene from a 1980s foreboding movie where there are manicured lawns for show, but no signs of life.

The sidewalks have more concrete than trees. And the trees which are present, are so sparse that they look like Charlie Brown Christmas trees! And sadly, the organization across the street that specializes in behavioral health for young adults have only one lone tree outside their building!

Right around the corner of Callan Ave. and Bancroft, there is a community park which gives a feeling like entering a mini "Muir Woods." There are plenty of trees and variety. Mind you, this area is a hang-out spot for the entire community ranging from families who have BBQs to transients having a gathering. The energy is completely different!

Why the disparity? Studies have shown that trees provide oxygen and help purify our air. In addition, trees are a benefit to our emotional well-being. I did an online search for the history of San Leandro and I came across an old photo where the entire Estudillo Ave. was known to be a tree-lined street! What happened?

—K. Michelle E'toile
San Leandro

Truth, Accountability and Transparency

Editor:

Without Truth, Accountability and Transparency America cannot have a government based on laws and, as now, ends up with a tyrant for a President.

This person, whose name will not be spoken, has a number of his staff now in prison. Has now corrupted not only his administration under threat of dismissal if they comply with subpoenas, but has corrupted the Republican-majority US Senate with coverup through bullying fears of being shunned in the media and never again being elected to any office.

Only the *guilty* are unwilling to allow evidence to clear the charge that is before this pitiful President. He is a coward and he is *guilty*.

The great late comedian George Carlin once said, "There's a bunch of dumb mother...(explicative) in this country."

The President isn't shrewd, he's a bullying blatant tyrant, concealing the truth he knows would convict him as sure as was Richard Nixon. Acting in defiance of law through an obvious coverup and who doesn't deserve to be the President of our great country. I'm sorry you're unable to understand this absolutely necessary and important underlying principle of governance. You, your right wing media mentors, those you parrot with glee, the cowardly and unlawful President are not capable of having standing or respect.

Think long and hard on this: Truth, Accountability and Transparency.

—Dwight Pitcaithley
San Leandro

Pandemics and Animals

Editor:

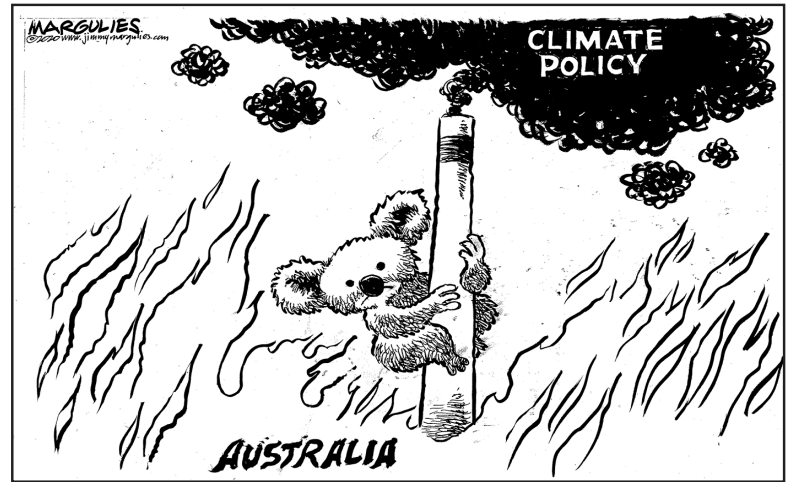
Fifty million Chinese locked down! 15 countries affected! Three confirmed cases in the U.S.! These dramatic headlines announce one more pandemic caused by our abuse of animals.

Indeed, 61% of the 1,415 pathogens known to infect humans originate with animals. These so-called zoonotic diseases, claiming millions of human lives, include Asian flu, Hong Kong flu, West Nile flu, bird flu, swine flu, dengue fever, Ebola, HIV, SARS, and yellow fever. The pandemic "Spanish" flu of 1918 may have killed as many as 50 million people worldwide.

Western factory farms and Asian street markets are virtual breeding grounds for infectious diseases. Sick, crowded, highly stressed animals in close contact with raw flesh, feces, and urine provide ideal incubation media for viruses. As these microbes reach humans, they mutate to defeat the new host's immune system, then propagate on contact.

Each of us can help end these deadly pandemics by replacing animal products in our diet with vegetables, fruits, and whole grains. These foods don't carry flu viruses, or government warning labels, are touted by every major health advocacy organization, and were the recommended fare in the Garden of Eden. The internet offers ample recipes and transition hints.

—Dennis Roth
San Leandro



INQUIRING REPORTER

Who's going to win the Super Bowl?

— Asked around town

I'm a Raiders fan so I don't want either team to win. But I think I'm rooting for Kansas City because of the Raiders-49ers rivalry.

Bobby Chabre
San Leandro



I have to say 49ers. I have to be loyal by birth, I was born and raised in San Francisco. Everybody in my family is a 49ers fan.

Dawn Waters
San Leandro



I'm hoping the Kansas City Chiefs win. I'm a die-hard Raiders fan. It hurts to be a Raiders fan now, but they're still my team.

Moe Prieto
San Leandro



I just know the 49ers are playing, so I pick the 49ers. We watch for the commercials, too, and the halftime show will be J. Lo and Shakira. I know more about the halftime show than the game.

Staci Soderholm
Union City,
works in San Leandro



I'm from the Bay Area so I'm picking the 49ers. I caught part of the last game. The 49ers are going strong this season. San Francisco Gold Rush all the way!

Carla Estell
Oakland



Ukulele: Songs, hula every Wednesday afternoon at Senior Center

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lele is easy to pick up, just learn a couple of chords and strum with your fingers.

"Ninety percent are beginners, but advanced players can learn and be challenged, too," Cappuccio said.

Cecy Silva just took up the ukulele last July when the class started. She said it's just a 4-string instrument but there are a lot of chords.

"It's a fun class," Silva said. "And we're all playing, so if I make a mistake nobody notices."

Cappuccio said he doesn't think of the class as his students, but as fellow musicians. He told a story about how a teacher once

told him he was an artist, and he believed it, and that has inspired him throughout his life.

The ukulele group has done a couple of well received performances at the senior lunch program, right there at the senior center. But they plan to venture out farther this spring, possibly to a farmers' market.

It was a joy to see the group play at the senior lunch, just seeing the look on people's faces, Cappuccio said.

The ukulele came to Hawaii from Portugal. It's thought of as a Hawaiian instrument but it's caught on worldwide.

One of the musicians in the class has a ukulele that cost

thousands of dollars, and some have a \$39 model that they're happy with.

Dennis McNeff has a ukulele with sentimental value. It was made for his wife who passed away two years ago by her cousin in Maui.

"It's a multi-cultural instrument," Cappuccio said. "It's popular in Brazil and in England, and in Japan they're really getting into it."

The ukulele jam meets every Wednesday from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Senior Center, 13909 East 14th St. for beginners to advanced. Just drop in, sign in, and pay a one dollar fee.



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

The ukulele class learns to play the instrument and to hula dance, too.

Stark: Always came to San Leandro

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Act, which stands as a pillar of health and economic security in America today."

Stark helped craft the Affordable Care Act during the Obama administration. He also created a law that allows workers to stay on their employer's health insurance plan after they leave a job as long as they pay the premium, known as COBRA, or the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act.

Stark grew up in Wisconsin and served in the United States Air Force. He earned an engineering degree at M.I.T. and a master's of business administration from U.C. Berkeley.

He later settled in California and started a bank in Walnut Creek, Security National Bank, that stood out because he placed a neon peace symbol on top of the bank.

Stark held local town hall meetings about every six weeks, including in San Leandro when this was part of his district. The hour-and-a-half meetings were usually on Saturdays as he made stops in San Leandro,

Hayward and Alameda, sometimes San Lorenzo.

Stark would spend the first half hour talking about what was going on in Washington and then open it up for questions. The meetings were casual and with a sense of humor. A person arriving late at a meeting would be surprised as Stark stopped his talk and asked, "Where's your note?"

At a meeting in 2002, just before the invasion of Iraq, Stark told the crowd in San Leandro he had no doubt why the Saudi crown prince had just visited President Bush in Texas.

"To invade Iraq, you need bases in Saudi Arabia," he said. "That's why the Saudi prince was meeting with Bush."

The congressman liked to be plain-spoken. "They'll cook up some cockamamie scheme to invade, whether it's a bundle of anthrax over there or something."

And it turned out that's just what they did.

And then Stark added, "I'll vote to invade Iraq but only if Rumsfeld and Bush go first."

After 20 terms in Congress, Stark retired after he lost the

election in 2012 to Eric Swalwell.

Stark is survived by his wife Deborah Roderick Stark, seven children, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

"He will truly be missed," said Congresswoman Barbara Lee. "My thoughts and prayers are with Deborah, his children, and his entire family today."



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History Museum to Screen Maya Angelou Film

The San Leandro History Museum, 320 West Estudillo Ave., will honor Black History Month with two free screenings of the documentary film *Maya*

Angelou: And Still I Rise, on Saturday, Feb. 1, at 11:15 a.m. and at 2 p.m.

The film presents Maya Angelou's incredible journey, shed-

ding light on the untold aspects of her life with remarkable unmatched access, an intimate and personal portrait and a moving tribute to her legacy.

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/s/ Fayeze Aldahmi, Muneer Alkabsh

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