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A totem pole made by the House of Tears carvers in Washington state will make a stop in San Leandro next Thursday on its cross-country journey to Washington, D.C.

## Totem Pole Coming to San Leandro

Sacred icon to make stop at Marina Park on cross-country trip

By Jim Knowles  
San Leandro Times

A totem pole carved from a 400-year-old red cedar in Washington state is making its way across the country with a stop in San Leandro on June 3.

The 25-foot long totem pole was hand carved at the Lummi Nation reservation near Bellingham, Washington.

Its cross-country journey will take it to Washington, D.C. with stops at the Grand Canyon, the Black Hills of South Dakota and the Missouri River.

The San Leandro stop will be on Thursday, June 3, from 3 to 7 p.m. at Marina Park, in the Seagull Picnic Area. The wood carvers, The House of Tears Carvers, will be on hand to explain

their work.

"The totem pole isn't what's sacred. It's the gathering around the pole – that is what is sacred," said elder Tom Sampson, one of the carvers.

The Red Road to DC Totem Pole Journey is making its way from the Pacific Northwest, stopping at sacred

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## BART Figures Out Lighting Problem: Timers

Old-fashioned timers reason lights have been on all day

By Jim Knowles  
San Leandro Times

The lights have been left on all day on the platforms of the San Leandro BART station and many other stations and BART has now figured out the problem.

The old-fashioned timers are out of date. BART says it is now fixing the problem and installing new, modern timers at its stations.

For weeks, if not months, the lights have burned all

day on the outdoor platforms at San Leandro, Bay Fair, Hayward, Fruitvale and other stations. Some of the parking lot lights also stay on all day at the San Leandro and Coliseum stations.

But it's going to be fixed in the near future, according to BART.

"We had technicians check out the locations and found

see LIGHTS, page 12

## Woman's Body Found at Lake Chabot

By Michael Singer  
San Leandro Times

The death of a 60-year-old woman found at Lake Chabot Regional Park in Castro Valley is being ruled as a homicide, police said Friday.

The victim has been identified as Tracy Denise Benson, who police say was a transient known to frequent the San Leandro area. The Alameda County Sheriff's Office Coroner's Bureau is withholding the cause of death and no suspects have been identified yet

as the investigation is ongoing.

East Bay Regional Park District police responded to a call at the Lake on April 26 and found Benson's partially decomposed body at an undisclosed location within the park, according to EBRPD Police Captain Alan Love. No areas of Lake Chabot were closed due to the investigation.

"The person who called our police department said

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## Social Justice Teacher Picked for Award

By Mike McGuire  
San Leandro Times

Erica Viray Santos, San Leandro High School teacher and longtime coordinator of its Social Justice Academy, was named an Alameda County Teacher of the Year.

Viray Santos has taught at SLHS since 2008 and previously taught in Union City. Several SLHS teachers nomi-

nated her for the award. One teacher from every district in the county receives the honor.

The push to give her the award started with one e-mail from a fellow teacher to others, Viray Santos said. The teacher noted that while many students were isolated during the pandemic, hers were joining each other safely in public to push for social justice, nota-



Erica Viray Santos was named Teacher of the Year.

bly around the police shooting of Steven Taylor.

The teacher wondered why she hadn't yet been named Teacher of the Year.

"I was flattered, but then other teachers began writing more e-mails asking the same question," she said.

One of those e-mails, cited by Superintendent Mike Mc-

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## PETS OF THE WEEK



**Monty**

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter are two guinea pigs, Monty and Ace.

**Monty** is a 3-week-old male guinea pig who has a unique curly coat. He would like to be adopted with his



**Ace**

brother, Ace.

**Ace** is a 3-week old-male guinea pig who loves fresh greens and playing in his guinea pig castle. He would like to be adopted with his brother, Monty.

For more information on Monty and Ace, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at 510-293-7200.

## Library Looking to Interview Immigrants

Library staff wants to learn about the perspective of immigrants in SL

The California Humanities has awarded the San Leandro Public Library a grant from its Library Innovation Lab Program.

The San Leandro Library will use the grant to focus on the community goal of "Exploring New Ways of Engaging Immigrant Communities Through Public Humanities Programming" this year.

Library staff is exploring and learning from the perspectives and experiences of immigrants living in San Leandro.

If you are an immigrant and would like to participate in a focus group or an informal interview to inform the process, email Patty Mallari (pmallari@sanleandro.org) or call the Library's Reference Service at 510-577-3971.

Qualified participants engaging in the interview will receive a Starbucks or Target gift card (while supplies last).



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**Redwood Christian High School's 2021 Homecoming Court**, from left, Bethany Dominguez (San Lorenzo), Yael Cherry (Oakland), Tyanna Lacey (Castro Valley), Rayah Miller (Castro Valley), Bethany Christian (San Leandro), Britney Truscott (Castro Valley), Dominic DeCastro (Hayward), Noah Sanchez (San Lorenzo), Jonathan Burckin (Castro Valley), Theo Clausen (Castro Valley), Cody Cuento (San Leandro) and Josiah Saavedra-Flores (Hayward).

## Redwood Christian Announces 2021 Homecoming Court

Redwood Christian High School announced its 2021 Homecoming Court at the Annual Homecoming Banquet at Ruby Hills Golf Club last month.

Elected by their class, Senior King Dominic DeCastro and Senior Queen Britney Truscott were joined by junior princesses Bethany Christian and Rayah Miller and Senior princes Jonathan Burckin and Noah Sanchez.

Also elected by their class, Junior Prince Theo Clausen and Princess Tyanna Lacey were joined by Junior Princesses Yael Cherry and Bethany Dominguez and Junior Princes Cody Cuento and Josiah Saavedra-Flores.

The banquet followed the Senior Chapel, a RCHS tradition honoring the unique talents of the graduating class and was the first of several celebratory events to honor the graduating seniors.



**Senior Queen and King, Britney Truscott (Castro Valley) and Dominic DeCastro (Hayward).**

## On this Day in History - May 27

1668 - Three colonists were expelled from Massachusetts for being Baptists.

1907 - The Bubonic Plague broke out in San Francisco.

1937 - The Golden Gate Bridge was opened to pedestrians.

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## Oakland Aviation Museum to Open Seven Days a Week

Oakland Aviation Museum, 8252, Earhardt Road in Oakland, will be open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., starting on Memorial Day, May 31. The daily schedule will continue until mid August. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors, \$10 for students and military personnel, and \$8 for kids 5 to 12 years old. Kids under 4 are admitted at no charge. The museum is at the Oakland Airport's North Field, just off Doolittle Drive.

## Floresta Neighborhood Cleanup

City Council members Bryan Azevedo and Victor Aguilar will host a Community Cleanup in Floresta Gardens on Saturday, May 29, from 9 to 11 a.m. Meet at the Dollar Tree parking lot, 14801 Washington Ave. Prizes awarded for the top two garbage getters. Gloves, water, snacks, vests and garbage bags supplied.

## Sun Gallery Exhibit on Climate Change

The Sun Gallery, 1015 E St. in Hayward, has opened its first indoor exhibit since the pandemic began more than a year ago. The 8th Annual Exhibit, "Climate Change: A Compassionate Connection," is running through June 5. Hours are Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dragonflies and airborne creatures are a recurring theme in the show as are water, landscapes and disappearing habitat.

## 2nd Infantry Division Reunion

The Second (Indianhead) Division Association is searching for anyone who served in the Army's 2nd Infantry Division at any time. For information about the association and the 99th annual reunion in Kansas City, Missouri from Sept. 29 to Oct. 3, visit the association's website at [www.2ida.org](http://www.2ida.org) or contact Bob Haynes at [2idahq@comcast](mailto:2idahq@comcast).

net or (224) 225-1202.

## History Readers Book Club

Join the San Leandro History Museum for a fun and casual monthly book club focused on historical fiction. The next meeting is Thursday, June 10, from 6 to 7 p.m., via zoom. The History Readers Book Club will meet monthly on every second Thursday of the month from 6 to 7 p.m. and is open to all adults interested in discussing books.

Readers of all genres and interests are welcome to join and discuss their current reads or just to chat and get some recommendations from other readers. This book club has no commitments or requirements. You can come just once or attend regularly. Register at [sanleandro.org](http://sanleandro.org) or call 510-577-3971.

## Hearing Loss Association Walk & Celebration

The Hearing Loss Association of America East Bay Chapter will host a Bay Area Walk4Hearing Virtual Walk & Celebration on Saturday, June 12, at 9 a.m. Register via Zoom at <https://www.hearinglosseeb.org>. The star-studded lineup includes stand-up comedian D.J. Demers, singer songwriter Mandy Harvey, and a theatrical performance by No Limits for Deaf Children. Walk4Hearing is the only nationwide event bringing attention to hearing loss and promoting the importance of hearing health. Funds raised support HLAA's national awareness and education programs. Bay Area teams are forming now. Join or donate at <https://www.hearingloss.org/event/bay-area/>

## Project Literacy Online Tutor Training – June 2021

San Leandro Public Library's adult and family literacy program, Project Literacy, is currently seeking volunteer literacy tutors for its online tutoring program. Find out how you can help others in your community learn to read by attending Project Literacy's Online Tutor Orientation on Zoom on Tuesday, June 15, from 6 to 8 p.m. Two required trainings will take place on Zoom on Saturday, June 19, from 10 a.m. to noon; and Saturday, June 26, from 10 a.m. to noon. For more information or to register, call 510-577-3944 or email [projectliteracy@sanleandro.org](mailto:projectliteracy@sanleandro.org).



TIMES FILE PHOTO

The Chabot Theater in Castro Valley opened again on Saturday.

## Chabot Theater Opens Again

After being closed by the pandemic for more than a year, Castro Valley's Chabot Theater reopened last Saturday with a free screening of the critically acclaimed movie "Gook."

Since The Chabot opened

in 1950, it has been a pillar of art, entertainment, and culture in Castro Valley and the surrounding area.

Longtime residents and recent transplants alike have a story or memory of time spent in its auditorium.

For some, a movie at The Chabot was the first date with their now longtime spouse. For other community members, The Chabot is where they began their everlasting love affair with cinema.

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# Totem Pole: Public invited to ceremony

continued from front page sites along the way. The San Leandro stop is one of the few that is not on Native American land.

The totem pole weighs 5,000 pounds. Figures carved in it include an eagle, a Chinook salmon, a wolf, a bear, and a child behind bars, a reference to children incarcerated

## Red Road to DC Totem Pole Journey

- Thursday, June 3
- 3 to 7 p.m.
- Marina Park

at the United States-Mexico border.

The stop in San Leandro is sponsored by Great Old Broads for Wilderness, Nor-Cal. People are welcome to bring lawn chairs, picnic baskets and water, and adhere to Alameda County Covid-19 health precautions.

This fall the totem pole



PHOTO COURTESY OF HOUSE OF TEARS CARVERS

**The totem pole was hand carved out of red cedar and weighs 5,000 pounds. The carvers will be on hand when the totem pole comes to Marina Park.**

will be exhibited at the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C.

Maureen Forney with the

Great Old Broads for Wilderness, along with another club member, City Councilwoman Corina Lopez, arranged for the totem pole's stop in

San Leandro. The national organization formed with the idea of protecting public land for all and for future generations.

# Chabot: Theater seeks art, cultural events

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Over the years, the marquee and its neon lights have become a landmark on Castro Valley Boulevard.

Today, The Chabot remains the only independent,

single-screen theater offering first-run films in the East Bay. This unique legacy is a source of pride that The Chabot aims to continue.

Alongside brand new films from Hollywood, The Chabot

also seeks to bring local stories, works of art, and cultural events to our community.

Last Saturday's movie "Gook," written by Justin Chon, tells the story of two Korean-American brothers running their father's shoe store, and their unlikely friendship with a neighborhood 11-year-old black girl, during the first day of the 1992 Los Angeles riots.

Following the screening, some of the cast members were available to discuss the importance of this movie as it relates to the recent increase in violence and hate crimes against Asian-Americans.

The theater is following all state and local health protocols.

Funding from different grant sources has made it possible to begin some remodeling of the historic Chabot, which first opened in 1950. The concession stand area and bathrooms are getting a significant upgrade and some lounge style seating areas are being added in the auditorium.

In addition, the Chabot is now able to serve beer and wine. Check out the website ([www.thechabot.com](http://www.thechabot.com)) for upcoming events throughout the month of May.

# Chabot College to Offer Both Online and On-Campus Classes

Chabot College in Hayward and Las Positas College in Livermore will open for the fall 2021 semester with schedules that allow for the most flexibility for students, including hybrid online/on-campus courses and fully online offerings.

Safety protocols as recommended by the CDC will be in place for all in-person meetings of classes at both campuses.

"As Covid-19 cases decline across the country and in our region, we feel very

comfortable allowing more classes to be held on-ground on both campuses," said District Chancellor Ronald Gerhard. "This hybrid format will allow our students to cautiously enjoy some of the benefits of learning in a traditional setting, while reaping the rewards of a distance learning environment during the pandemic."

Fall classes start on Aug. 18 and registration is currently underway. Class schedules are subject to change to maintain compliance with Covid guidelines.

# Body: Lake Chabot jogger finds body

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they were out for a jog and taking a break when they discovered the body nearby," said Captain Love.

While Benson was found on April 26, it wasn't until around May 14 before a community member reported her missing to San Leandro Police, Love said.

EBRPD police has jurisdiction and law enforcement responsibilities at Lake Chabot and will be the lead investigative agency on the case. Lake Chabot Park consists of 20 miles of hiking trails, which connect to the additional 70 miles of trails in adjoining Anthony Chabot Regional Park.



**Tracy Denise Benson was found dead at Lake Chabot.**

Anyone with information about the death can contact the East Bay Regional Park District Police Department by calling the confidential tip-line at 510-690-6521.

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/s/ Moon Restaurant Inc  
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# LIFESTYLE

## 'Cue Tips

The long Memorial Day weekend reignites our annual love affair with barbecue season.

If you're new to the grill, or if you just want some brush-up advice, here are some pointers.

Always grill foods on a clean, oiled rack. Preheat the barbecue with the rack in place. Once the rack is very hot, use a metal brush to scrape the rack clean. Then wipe off the rack with an old towel dipped in cooking oil.

Always place foods to be grilled on a hot rack.

Direct and indirect cooking are the two ways to grill food properly. The direct method, similar to broiling, means the food is cooked directly over the heat source. For even cooking, food should be turned, with tongs, once halfway through the grilling time.

The indirect, covered method is similar to roasting, but with the added benefits of that grilled texture, flavor and appearance.



Always cook burgers to 160°F, turning occasionally with a spatula, but no pressing! For steaks, cook to 145°F for medium rare, 160°F for medium doneness; for chicken, 180°F.

### WESTERN GRILLED STEAKS

2 pounds boneless beef chuck shoulder steaks or top round steaks, cut 1-inch thick

Barbecue Sauce:  
1 cup ketchup

1/2 cup cider vinegar  
1/2 cup water  
3 tablespoons packed brown sugar  
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce  
1 teaspoon hot pepper sauce

In a small saucepan, combine all sauce ingredients; bring to boil. Reduce heat; simmer 10 minutes. Reserve 1/2 cup sauce for brushing on steaks while grilling; cover and refrigerate. Cool remaining sauce for marinate.

Place beef steaks and marinade in plastic bag; turn to coat. Close bag securely; marinate in refrigerator 6 hours or overnight, turning occasionally.

Remove beef from marinade; discard marinade. Place beef on hot grid over medium ash-covered coals. Grill chuck shoulder steaks 14 to 19 minutes (top round steaks 14 to 18 minutes) for medium-rare to medium done-ness, turning once. Brush both sides of steaks with reserved sauce during last 5 to 6 minutes of grilling.

Trim fat from steaks; carve meat into thin slices. Makes six servings.

### GRILLED HAMBURGERS

1 pound ground beef  
1/2 cup minced onion  
2 garlic cloves, pressed  
Steak seasoning or Worcestershire sauce  
2 avocados  
1 red onion, sliced thin  
1 jar roasted red peppers  
6 large onion rolls

Mix together ground beef, minced onion and pressed garlic. Pat into patties and sprinkle with steak seasoning.

Grill to your liking, turning several times to lock in juices. Place hamburger patties on an onion roll and top with red onion, lots of roasted red peppers, and avocado slices. Makes 6 burgers.

### BBQ CHICKEN

5 to 6 pounds assorted frying chicken pieces  
1/4 cup olive oil  
Salt and freshly-ground pepper  
Barbecue Sauce

Prepare grill for indirect cooking and position grilling rack 4 to 6 inches from heat.

Run chicken pieces with oil and sprinkle them with salt and pepper. For the

initial browning, place the chicken pieces, skin-side-down, directly over the hot coals (you will move them later for indirect cooking). Turn frequently for about 10 minutes until browned on both sides. Have a spray bottle of water at hand to douse flare-ups.

Move chicken to another part of the grill so the pieces are no longer directly over the fire (although they may overlap slightly).

Cover the grill, with vents open halfway, and cook for 10 minutes. Turn and cook, covered, 5 minutes more. Brush generously with sauce, cover, cook a final 5 minutes. Pass the remaining sauce around the table.

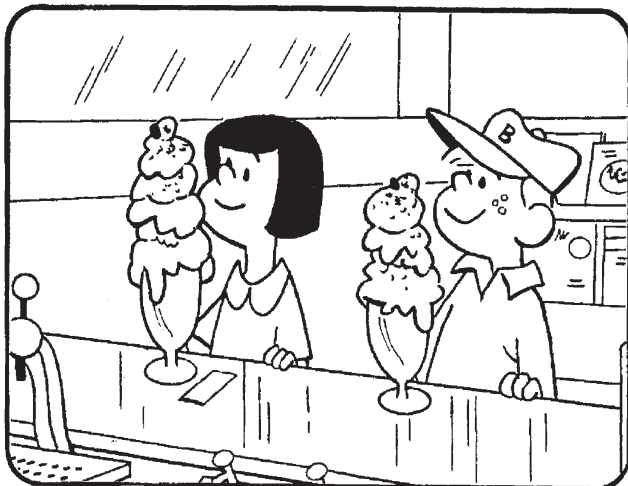
### COOKOUT COLESLAW

8 cups shredded cabbage  
3/4 cup mayonnaise  
2 tablespoons vinegar  
3 tablespoons sugar  
1 teaspoon horseradish  
1 teaspoon dry mustard  
1 clove garlic, minced  
1/2 cup minced red onion  
1/8 teaspoon celery salt  
Salt and pepper

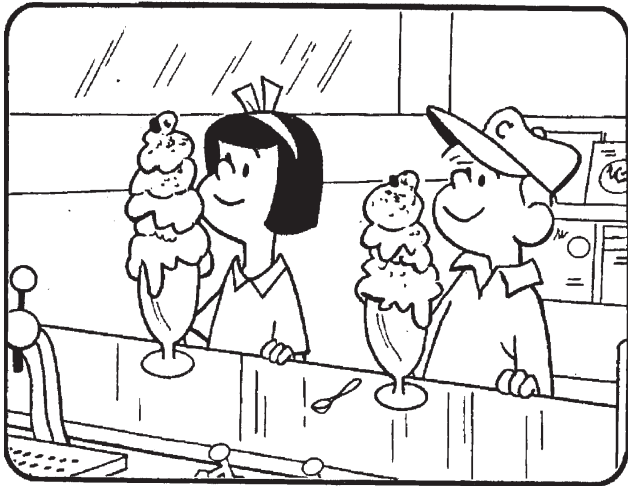
Combine mayonnaise with the other dressing ingredients and mix well. Add to cabbage. Toss to blend. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Makes about 6 cups.

## HOCUS-FOCUS

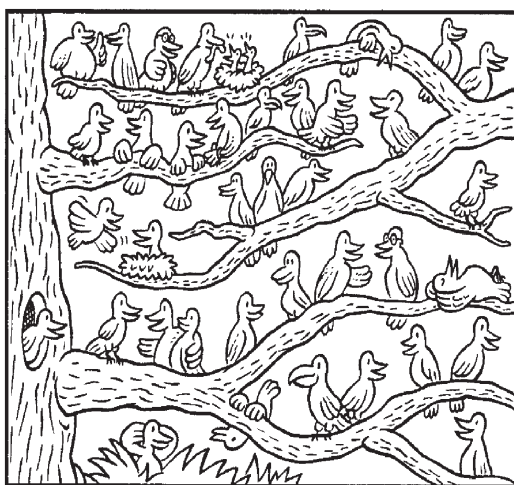
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Cup is different. 2. Color is different. 3. Spoon is added. 4. Napkin is missing. 5. Freckles are missing. 6. Bow is added.



**CHECK YOUR PEEPERS!** Our artist says there are 40 birds pictured above. You have just one minute to find them all.

**LUNCH BEAK!** If six birds can eat six worms in six minutes, how many birds will be needed to eat 100 worms in 100 minutes at the same rate? Answer: 100 birds.

### ANOTHER STARLING

Starting with the word STARLING, try dropping one letter so that the remaining letters, in their original order, spell out a new word. Continue in this manner, dropping one letter at a time, until you reach the bottom of our word pyramid. As an example, if we started with the word FIRST we could get FIRST, FIST, FIT, IT, I. You have two minutes to solve this one.

Answers may be possible.  
Answer: STARLING, STARLING, STRING, STING, SING, SIN, IN, I. Other



by Charles Barry Townsend

J	L	A	E	K	I	R	H	S	G	T	K	I	W	I	K
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Y	N	L	P	R	R	E	T	C	T	A	A	I	O	U	S
F	R	E	E	A	O	L	S	K	E	G	C	W	A	R	G
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**BIRDS OF A FEATHER!** Hidden in the diagram above are the common names of 25 birds or families of birds. They can be found by reading up or down, left to right, or right to left. You'll even find them diagonally going up or down. Letters can be used more than once. Listed below are the 25 birds you're looking for:

Crow	Hornbill	Shrike
Duck	Kiwi	Sparrow
Eagle	Loon	Starling
Falcon	Ostrich	Stork
Gannet	Parrot	Swan
Grouse	Pelican	Tern
Gull	Petrel	Turkey
Heron	Quail	Vulture
	Robin	



# REAL ESTATE GALLERY



## REAL ESTATE REALITY

By Carl Medford, CRS  
Special to the Times

GUEST COMMENTARY



## California Median Home Prices Set a New Record

If you think Alameda County home prices are getting a bit crazy, you would be correct: the median single-family home price in April, 2021 hit a breathtaking \$1,300,000 – up a staggering 26.9% from the \$1,024,000 median price in April, 2020.

What a difference a year makes.

Prices are not high in just Alameda County. Contra Costa saw even higher percentage gains, rising 44.8% from \$686,000 in April, 2020 to \$993,000 in April 2021. Santa Clara County saw same period gains from \$1,389,000 to \$1,650,000, a jump of 18.8%.

Statewide, the California Association of Realtors (CAR) just announced that the state's median home

price broke \$800,000 for the first time in history, coming in at \$813,980, up 34.2% from April, 2020.

The CAR market report, released on 5/17/21 states, "California's median home price broke last month's record and set another new record high in April as the statewide median price surged more than 34 percent from a year ago.

The statewide median home price climbed 7.2 percent on a month-to-month basis to \$813,980 in April, up from March's \$758,990 and up 34.2 percent from the \$606,410 recorded last April.

The year-over-year price gain was the highest ever recorded, and it was the first time since June 2013 that the state recorded an annual increase of over 30 percent."

Compare that with median prices of \$235,834 in Texas, \$349,413 in Nevada, \$424,517 in Oregon, \$378,274 in Idaho, \$282,894 in Florida and \$218,000 in Tennessee, to name a few.

California's epic prices continue to be fueled by a strong economy, vigorous job market and an extreme shortage of available housing. CAR reiterates, "Active listings continue(d) to fall more than 50 percent in April from last year, recording four straight months that housing

supply was cut in half from a year ago.

"The ongoing decline in inventory is due partly to the surge in demand in the past 10 months, but the lack of new listings is also a contributing factor."

Making matters worse, the high cost of building materials coupled with increasingly overbearing statewide building regulations are producing a very unfavorable environment for new home builders. Currently, the number of new homes being built is dramatically less than the amount required to fill the state's housing gap.

How long this can continue is the burning question on everyone's minds. One thing is certain: for the moment, the housing market in California is officially out of control.

1. Data from Tredgraphix.com
2. [https://www.car.org/aboutus/mediacenter/newsreleases/2021releases/apr2021sales?mc\\_cid=339415b077&mc\\_eid=d8240848ad](https://www.car.org/aboutus/mediacenter/newsreleases/2021releases/apr2021sales?mc_cid=339415b077&mc_eid=d8240848ad)
3. Data from Zillow.com

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## Caterpillar Problems

By Buzz Bertolero  
Special to the Times

*I had a horrendous caterpillar problem last year. Can I use a systemic insecticide to control bugs much as I do with aphids?*

A Systemic insecticides will not control chewing insects like caterpillars, worms, or beetles. They do an excellent job with aphids, mites and other sucking insects. These insects feed on the plant juices and also ingest the insecticide, which then controls the population.

These chemicals do not affect chewing insects like caterpillars. You first need to be diligent in watching the host plants for the first sign of the problem.

The caterpillar and/or worm season begins just after Memorial Day and extends into the early fall. Petunias, geraniums, flowering tobacco, and tomatoes are the primary host plants for summer worms.

In addition, there can be several batches of the same problem during the season, so the host plants need to be checked weekly.

I wouldn't spray until I see the problem. You could just pick them off the plants and dispose of them if you choose to.

Bt, (or *Bacillus thuringiensis*), is an organic solution that gives the caterpillars or worms a fatal case of stomach flu; however, it doesn't work immediately, so you have to be patient.

Spinosad is another organic solution that will kill the caterpillars on contact and provide some residual control. Captain Jack Dead Bug Brew by Bonide is one of several products.

Both of these solutions are widely available. So in summary, be diligent, monitor your plants, and react when necessary. The "Worm and Caterpillar Season" is just beginning and will last through September.

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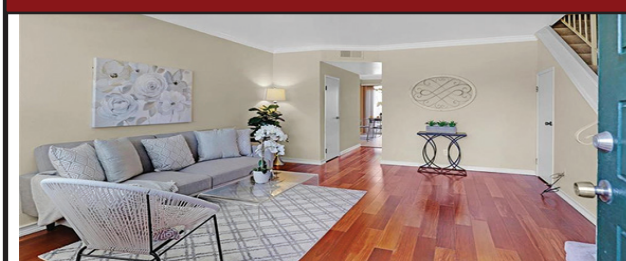
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# Daring Décor: Orchids Add Splashy Color and Style to Any Space

It's no secret that spending the past year in quarantine has made people focus more on their homes. DIY projects are at an all-time high. Painting. Furniture fixups. Baking. Outdoor and indoor gardening.

That's right. Indoor gardening is hot. During the pandemic, people searched "Buy Plants" on Google more than "Buy Shoes." This may be because plants add beauty and vitality to any space and can even improve indoor air quality and your mood, according to researchers.

## Let Your Décor Blossom

With their rich colors and unique blooms, flowering plants make a bold statement in any room. This includes beautiful, blossoming Phalaenopsis orchids, which are now considered stylish -- not stuffy -- décor statements that last longer and bloom again and again.

From classic to modern to a little bit funky, there's a perfect size and color of orchid to match your style

vibe. Whether you're looking to brighten a dorm room, an apartment, your starter home or a long-time residence, the experts at Just Add Ice Orchids offer these tips for picking the right, easy-care orchid for your space.

## What's Your Size?

Traditional height and miniature Phalaenopsis orchids, also known as moth orchids, pack a style punch, especially when it comes to versatility.

Mini orchids liven up small areas, like a desk or console table. Group several mini orchids of similar colors to fill larger spaces, such as dining or living room tables. For example, Just Add Ice offers these tiny statement-makers in single pots or packs of 12 and 20 singles for effortless, whole-house decorating.

If you're looking for a more elegant, streamlined effect, use full-sized orchids instead. It's all about personal preference.

## Making a Style Statement

When it comes to colors, solid orchids are the perfect complement to classic, traditional décor elements thanks to their simple, vibrant character. Pink. Coral. Yellow. All effortlessly brighten traditional spaces by adding a splash of color.

For a more modern vibe, you can't go wrong with simple, white blooms. They work well in minimalist spaces but also deliver fun pops of color, unique shapes and intricate patterns in bold, modern settings.

Orchids also have a place in funkier, eclectic decorating schemes. Patterned orchids with lines or spots in a bright fuchsia shade add a quirky twist on the traditional potted Just Add Ice orchid, making them a great choice for less traditional spaces.

Take your style statement a step further by choosing a pot in your favorite shape, color or pattern to echo your style vibe.

## Easy Care for Stylish Flair

Unlike other flowers, when

you bring an orchid into your home, you can expect your plant's blooms to last two to three months. With proper care, your orchid can bloom again, according to the experts at Just Add Ice.

Be sure to avoid direct sunlight and keep room temperatures above 65 degrees F, but not too hot. And when it comes to watering, add three ice cubes to full-size pots and one cube to minis once a week. Using this watering method removes the guesswork from determining how much water to use and gives your orchids the perfect amount needed to flourish.

To learn more about Phalaenopsis orchids, ice watering or to start building your own colorful orchid collection of long-lasting blooms in different sizes and hues, visit [www.justaddiceorchids.com](http://www.justaddiceorchids.com).

When it comes to style and elegance, orchids are a great choice for indoor gardeners and DIY home designers.

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# Transplant Roses Year Round

By Buzz Bertolero  
Special to the Times

**Q** We have several roses that have been planted in tubs that are falling apart. They are not doing well. Is it okay to repot them now or should we wait for a better time?

**A** Roses in containers can be transplanted just about any time of the year. However, I'd avoid transplanting when the temperatures are above 90°F.

I'd remove the existing roses from the old containers and then slice through the root ball in five or six locations to break the circular pattern of the roots.

Next, you should trim off two to three inches of the matted roots at the bottom. The root ball is placed in the new container filled with potting soil or a rose planting mix. The top of the root ball should be within an inch

and a half of the brim of the container.

Here are the keys to growing beautiful roses in containers. Roses like lots of water, so when the temperatures are over 75°F, water them daily. Also, remove the saucers under the containers as you want the water to flow freely out the bottom.

Roses are heavy feeders so fertilize them monthly with Dr. Earth Rose Food or use the time-release fertilizer called Osmocote. Osmocote releases a little bit of nutrients with every watering and is reapplied every four months.

With very little effort, you can turn these ugly ducklings into beautiful swans. It's the

gardening version of an extreme makeover reality show

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# Mortgage Rates Jump to Three Percent

averaged 3.24 percent.

Fifteen-year fixed-rate mortgages averaged 2.29 percent, up from 2.26 percent.

Five-year hybrid adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 2.59 percent, unchanged from a week earlier.

"After a run up over the first few months of the year, rates have paused and hovered around three percent

since March," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's Chief Economist. "Despite this favorable rate climate, there remains a shortage of homes for sale. The lack of housing supply has been compounded by labor disruptions and expensive building materials that are driving up the cost of new housing, making it difficult for homebuyers to find homes to purchase."

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## WEEKEND GARDENER

### Planting Bushes, Trees

When setting out containerized nursery stock, fill the hole to the shoulder of the root ball, pack the soil firmly and water. As soil settles, add more as needed to complete the planting and water generously again. Use care in removing plants from containers to avoid breaking the soil ball.

### Stake Plants Early

Stake all vining and tall-growing vegetables when you plant the seedlings. This way you will avoid disturbing the root system as the plant matures.



All parts of the dandelion are edible and healthful. Its roots contain inulin and levulin (which balance blood sugar) and taraxacin (which helps digestion) and can be eaten raw or cooked. Its leaves are rich in potassium, antioxidants, and vitamins A and C, and can be eaten raw, steamed, boiled, sautéed or braised. The flowers can be added to salads, made into jellies or used to make wine.

## Dandelion

- Brenda Weaver

Source: [www.motherearthnews.com](http://www.motherearthnews.com)

## RECENT HOME SALES

### Castro Valley

23018 Canyon Terrace Dr 94552: \$589,000 2 BD - 984 SF - 1996  
2375 Vegas Avenue 94546: \$624,000 3 BD - 1,031 SF - 1948  
4215 Somerset Avenue 94546: \$770,000 2 BD - 859 SF - 1949  
22247 North 6th Street 94546: \$850,000  
6344 Paloverde Road 94552: \$865,000 3 BD - 2,033 SF - 1979  
3744 La Costa Avenue 94546: \$900,000 3 BD - 1,476 SF - 1963  
20565 Stanton Avenue 94546: \$905,000 4 BD - 1,796 SF - 1961  
18251 Apricot Way 94546: \$960,000 3 BD - 1,230 SF - 1954  
2812 Chloe Court 94546: \$1,130,000 3 BD - 1,386 SF - 1963  
18649 Stanton Avenue 94546: \$1,188,000 4 BD - 1,998 SF - 2001  
2429 Irma Way 94546: \$1,210,000  
7979 Pineville Circle 94552: \$1,300,000 5 BD - 2,535 SF - 1997  
5029 Tyler Lane 94546: \$1,355,000 3 BD - 2,413 SF - 1965  
TOTAL SALES: 13  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$589,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$905,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$1,355,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$972,769

### San Leandro

15059 Hesperian Blvd 94578: \$410,000 2 BD - 745 SF - 1985  
1400 Carpentier Street 94577: \$495,000 2 BD - 968 SF - 1983  
1555 Thrush Avenue 94578: \$505,000 3 BD - 884 SF - 1940  
1515 159th Avenue 94578: \$600,000 2 BD - 904 SF - 1947  
2492 Wimbledon Lane 94577: \$609,000 1,723 SF - 1978  
16133 Berkshire Drive 94578: \$702,000 2 BD - 969 SF - 1948  
1247 Purdue Street 94579: \$750,000 3 BD - 1,081 SF - 1951  
534 Mitchell Avenue 94577: \$755,000 4 BD - 1,442 SF - 1926  
517 West Merle Court 94577: \$780,000 2 BD - 1,154 SF - 1924  
1442 Church Avenue 94579: \$780,000 3 BD - 1,367 SF - 1952  
16651 Kildare Road 94578: \$1,080,000 3 BD - 1,874 SF - 1966  
14838 Lark Street 94578: \$7,700,000 3 BD - 1,242 SF - 1946  
TOTAL SALES: 12  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$410,000 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$726,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$7,700,000 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$1,263,833



# Virtual Ceremony Tonight In Honor of Jenny Lin

At the 27th anniversary of the loss of Jenny Lin, her family is hosting a virtual ceremony tonight, May 27, at 7 p.m. to renew the commitment to finding Jenny's killer and working with friends and volunteers in building long lasting, community-based program services that model Jenny's love of music and friendship.

The program can be found on the [jennylinfoundation.org](http://jennylinfoundation.org) website.

A young, talented musician and a straight-A student, Jenny was murdered in her own home in Castro Valley 27 years ago, at the age of 14.

This brutal death devastated her family and shocked the community. Jenny's parents, John and Mei-lian Lin, vowed to continue working with the police until the case is solved, and to carry on Jenny's dreams so that her life may be extended in a unique fashion.

Since its establishment, the Jenny Lin Foundation has offered annual music scholarships and free youth

music programs during the summer.

Safety fairs, workshops and contests were some of the events that the foundation has organized to improve safety knowledge and precautions for parents and children.

More recently, the foundation donated a wide selection of titles covering safety-related topics targeting different age groups. These ma-



Jenny Lin was talented musician and straight-A student.

terials benefit the Alameda County Library through branches in Castro Valley, San Lorenzo, Union City and Fremont, and may be accessed using the keyword "Jenny Lin (Jennifer Han-chi Lin) Foundation."

To date, there is still no arrest or conviction related to Jenny's murder. However, her family remains hopeful that through continuous police effort

and public help, this senseless, horrifying case will be solved soon.

A \$100,000 reward for information leading to the conviction of Jenny's murderer is still available. Anyone with information should call the Alameda County Sheriff's Department at 510-667-7721 or the toll-free hotline at 855-4-JEN-NY-LIN (855-453-6695).

## OPINION

### LETTERS to the EDITOR

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#### Repairs Needed in San Leandro

Editor:

Oh San Leandro, where art thou? I a man, in the Manor. Do recall, streets of clean, pothole free. Sidewalks not needing repair. Front yards trimmed and expressive.

Business not boarded up with plywood. Homeless less, never walking about. As Gertrude Stein stated to our neighbor. "There is no there there."

The caretakers of San Leandro are insuring that, there be no there here!

—Victor Krevochesza  
San Leandro

#### Wanted: New Leaders

Editor:

Self serving Republican politicians in Washington, D.C. are desperately trying to rewrite history and recast the insurrection we all saw broadcast on live TV January 6th as nothing more than a peaceful protest. It boggles the mind they think, we the electorate, are that stupid.

I feel like the same thing is happening right here in good old San Leandro.

To hear Mayor Cutter tell it, she and the city have done a great job getting us all through the pandemic, when in my opinion, nothing could be further from the truth.

I remember as the pandemic started in March of 2020 the most important item before the city council was whether we needed a big stain-

less steel question mark on the library as art.

Through the last year, we've seen a city manager and police chief run for the exit, rioting in our streets, a Walmart torched and the largest economic crisis the city has seen in decades.

Have we seen decisive leadership getting us through this crisis? Hardly. The city didn't even post a mask mandate graphic until the county did, months into the pandemic. The lofty and unenforceable demand that essential workers get hazard pay came 9 months into the crisis. There has been *zero* racing to get anything done. Which would be fine if you were running the garden club, not leading a city.

Thankfully, Mayor Cutter's term is up next year. The damage her lack of leadership has caused this city over the last decade will take us another decade to dig out from.

Who is going to step up and be the leader this city so desperately needs right now? I don't see a single person out of the cast of characters ready to actually lead this city and get us back on track. It just looks like more of the same, frankly.

This pandemic has shown us all what a bunch of followers we have leading this city, I'd rather have a bunch of leaders I can follow.

—Gary Langbehn  
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### Dig Deep Farms Lease Approved For Organic Farm At Ardenwood

Dig Deep Farms, the social-enterprise program that grows and distributes healthy food in Alameda County, won the unanimous approval of the East Bay Regional Park District directors last week to continue organic farming at the Ardenwood Historic Farm in Fremont for at least the next five years.

Founded in 2010, the nonprofit Dig Deep Farms food-raising program is a project of the Alameda County Deputy Sheriffs' Activities League.

Ardenwood is a 205-acre working farm that dates back more than a hundred years. It still grows the same kinds of vegetables and fruits using historical agricultural practices from the 1870s to the present.

"Alameda County has invested in and partnered with Dig Deep Farms and other stakeholders to strengthen the local food system, increase food security, and provide training and employment to disadvantaged residents by building local capacity to harvest, process, and distribute fresh and sustainable specialty crops," said Alameda County Supervisor Richard Valle.

Ardenwood receives over 120,000 visitors annually. Park district staff and volunteers guide guests through the Victorian house, demonstrate historical farming practices, and describe what life was like in the early 1900s.

Ardenwood Historic Farm is owned by the City of Fremont and operated by the Park District on a long-term management lease.

Dig Deep Farms is expected to begin site preparations in June, with the first crop harvest in late summer and early fall.

### INQUIRING REPORTER

#### Your plans for the summer?

— Asked downtown

I'll just probably work, and I'm going to take my driving exam, the behind-the-wheel test. And then I'm going to buy a Toyota.

Kyle Fernandez  
San Leandro



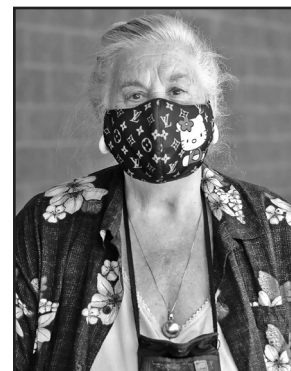
I got a couple of concerts. I'm going to the Rolling Loud concert in Miami, a 3-day festival. I think they'll have all the CDC guidelines and mask requirements.

Nay Swift  
Stockton



I don't need a vacation. I'm just glad to have my routine back. I'm grateful to be busy again.

Virginia Collins  
San Leandro



I'm praising God that this pandemic is finally going to end. God helped us through it. Read Psalm 83:18. I don't need a vacation, I'm glad to see my friends again locally.

Chloe Strickland  
San Leandro



My plan is to go to Wyoming and go fishing on the Snake River. I'm super excited. After being stuck inside, it's good to get out.

Ammon MacPherson  
San Leandro







ALAMEDA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT PHOTO

The cause of the fire on Brandoni Avenue in San Lorenzo, that caused the death of a woman, is under investigation.

## Woman Dies from Injuries in House Fire In San Lorenzo

A woman died from injuries in a house fire in San Lorenzo on May 19.

The Alameda County Fire Department put out a fire in a single-story dwelling on Brandoni Avenue in San Lorenzo in the early morning hours.

The fire was in the back of the structure when fire fighters arrived at about 2:30 a.m. Fire fighters rescued one person from the building and sheriff's deputies rescued another, according

to the Alameda County Fire Department.

The two occupants were transported to the hospital with fire related injuries, according to the fire department. One of the injured people, 36-year-old Ying Zhao, died at the hospital, KCBS reported.

A third occupant was able to self-extricate from a secondary dwelling on the property. One animal was rescued.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

## Spectrum Services Looking to Hire Employees

Spectrum Community Services is looking for friendly, dependable people to join their team serving seniors and low income families. Bilingual candidates are encouraged to apply.

Current Monday-to-Friday full time openings in their headquarters in Hayward include an interim or permanent energy program manager, two weatherization installers and two customer service representatives.

A general contractor B license is required for the ex-

empt energy program manager opening.

The weatherization installers can be trainees or experienced candidates.

A part time delivery driver position is also available for about five hours a day, Monday through Friday, with a 9:30 a.m. start time.

Spectrum Community Services is a registered, private non-profit organization offering a wide variety of community programs and services.

For more information, visit [www.spectrumcs.org](http://www.spectrumcs.org).

## Teacher: Award arrives during social studies class

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Laughlin in announcing the award, read:

"Erica amplifies student voices like no other – finding ways to deeply listen to students and create a community that acknowledges all that students bring – their experiences, history and culture, pain, and joy."

Students in the Social Justice Academy take three classes through the academy and three other SLHS courses each semester. It's a three-year program with nine classes in all, with several social studies and elective classes taught by Viray Santos.

Experiences of students, their families and of different groups in American society are all linked in the academy's classes, Viray Santos said.

Students read widely from diverse sources with English classes, for instance, presenting numerous works by people of color and by women. Writing is a big part of the academy experience too, she said.

Viray Santos said getting the award was a surprise, one delivered in a particularly gracious way.

"I was actually in the middle of a social studies class, toward the end of the



PHOTO COURTESY SAN LEANDRO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Erica Viray Santos, second from right, holding Teacher of the Year award, joined by San Leandro schools superintendent Dr. Mike McLaughlin at right and by students from the Social Justice Academy at San Leandro High School.

day, winding down, when Dr. McLaughlin and Keziah Moss (the district's spokeswoman) knocked on the door and told me in front of the class I'd gotten that award. That really is one of those things that a teacher likes finding out in front of her students!" she said. "We were jumping up and down and hugging each other in the classroom and then out

in the hall."

School lets out in a few weeks, she noted, and preparing for the fall begins soon after that.

"Before going back in Au-

gust, I'd like a moment with my husband and two sons," she said. "And my mom. I love my mom – she raised me to be the strong, compassionate teacher I am."

## PG&E to Conduct Aerial Patrols this Week

Tomorrow, May 28, PG&E will be conducting aerial patrols of power lines in San Leandro and the surrounding area, beginning around 8 a.m.

The flights are part of a company-wide Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) preparedness exercise. No power shutoffs will happen, but

PG&E's emergency response organization is conducting the readiness drill to be better prepared for actual events.

The patrols will be conducted by crews on the ground and by using low-flying helicopters. Customers may notice increased activity between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Friday.

## Swim Season Starts At Regional Parks

By Ned MacKay  
Special to the Times

The East Bay Regional Park District will reopen some of its swim facilities after a year of closures, starting on the Memorial Day weekend, though at limited capacity due to Covid and available staffing.

Swim areas planned for opening are the swim lagoons at Cull Canyon in Castro Valley and Don Castro in Hayward, Contra Loma in Antioch, the swimming pool at Castle Rock Regional Recreation Area in Walnut Creek and Roberts Pool in the Oakland hills.

The swim areas at Del Valle south of Livermore,

Lake Anza at Tilden Park near Berkeley, and Lake Temescal in Oakland are closed currently, due to unsafe levels of blue-green algae.

The swim beaches at Shadow Cliffs in Pleasanton and Quarry Lakes in Fremont will be closed all season due to low water levels.

Open water swimming is available at Crown Beach in Alameda and Keller Beach at Point Richmond, both on San Francisco Bay. There is no lifeguard service at Crown and Keller beaches; you swim at your own risk. At the other facilities, swimming is al-

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## HOROSCOPE by Salomé

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**ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** Although you would prefer to move forward at a steady pace, it might be a good idea to stop and reassess your plans. You could find a good reason to make a change at this time.



**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** Just when you thought you had everything planned to the smallest detail, you get some news that could unsettle things. But a timely explanation helps put it all back on track.



**GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** Home and work continue to compete for your attention. But you handle it well by giving each its proper due. Someone you trust offers valuable advice. Listen to it.



**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** Unsettling news creates a difficult but not impossible situation. Continue to follow your planned routine, but keep your mind open to a possible change down the line.



**LEO (July 23 - August 22):** Lick your wounded pride if you like, but it's a better idea to find out why your suggestions were rejected. What you learn could help you deal with an upcoming situation.



**VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22):** Feeling a bit listless? No wonder. You might be pushing too hard to finish everything on your to-do list. Cutting it down could help get your energy levels up.



**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22):** Taking time out of your busy schedule might be the best way to handle that sensitive private matter. It will help reassure everyone involved about your priorities.



**SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21):** Insist on full disclosure by all parties before agreeing to be part of a "great deal." What you learn should help you decide whether to go with it or not.



**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** Your decision to protect the secret that was entrusted to you might irk some people. But it also wins you the admiration of those who value trust and loyalty.



**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** Creative activities take on a practical approach as you realize you might be able to market your work. Ask for advice from someone experienced in this area.



**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** If you're suddenly a bit unsure about your decision, ask trusted colleagues and/or friends or family members for suggestions that could help resolve your doubts.



**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** A workplace situation could get stormy. But stay on course until there's a solution that meets with everyone's approval, and things finally can calm down.

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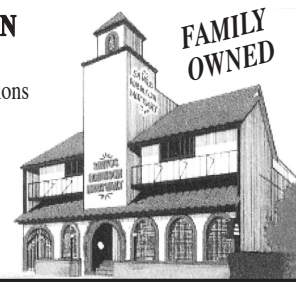
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# USS Hornet to Host Memorial Day Ceremony

The USS Hornet aircraft carrier, at 707 W. Hornet Ave. in Alameda, will be open with a ceremony for Memorial Day on Monday, May 31, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

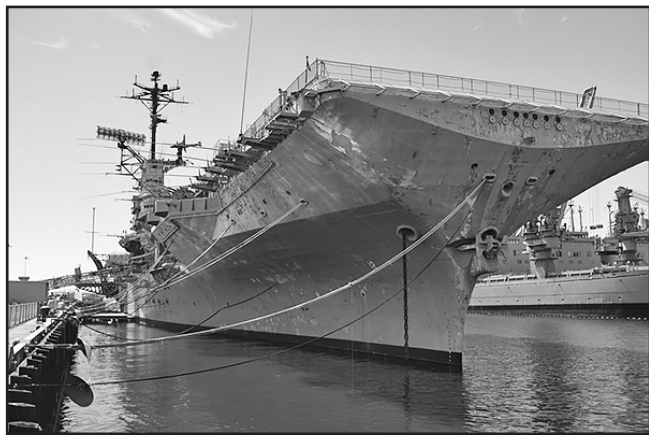
A short, socially distanced Memorial Day Ceremony and Wreath Toss will begin at 11 a.m. with a color guard made up of AFROTC volunteers.

The Swingin' Blue Stars will be singing on the pier next to the aircraft carrier museum from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

A few vendors will be on the pier, including a group that refurbishes and sells vintage radios.

The Walking Ghosts of Black History will be creating a small exhibit in the hangar bay of the ship, spotlighting naval aviator pioneer Jesse Brown.

For more information, email [info@uss-hornet.org](mailto:info@uss-hornet.org) or call 510-521-8448.



TIMES FILE PHOTO

The USS Hornet Museum in Alameda will hold a Memorial Day ceremony on Monday.

Memorial Day honors the men and women who died serving in the United States military. It was originally called Decoration Day after the tradition of decorating the graves and fell on May 30. But in 1968, Congress changed it to the last Monday in May.

At the first Decoration Day ceremony, General James Gar-

field and 5,000 participants decorated the graves of 20,000 Civil War soldiers buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Later, it became a day to honor the soldiers who have fallen on all wars.

Many people now take the 3-day weekend to throw parties and mark the beginning of summer.

## Lights: Timers will be replaced

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that some of the old timers were incorrectly set," said BART spokesman Jim Allison.

Either the timers didn't reset properly after a power outage, or they simply hadn't been checked in a while, Allison said. Many of the timers are the old rotary style that people once used to turn their lights on at night when they went out of town, he explained.

"We are in the process of replacing these old timers with programmable logic controllers which should offer much more flexibility," Allison said. "We hope to replace the timers in the San Leandro station in a few weeks."

Even if the timers haven't been replaced yet, the lights are now off during the day on the platforms at the San Leandro Station. BART had someone come down to the San Leandro station and check that the timer was set correctly, Allison said.

BART electricians should be getting to the Fruitvale and Hayward stations in the near future, so their lights won't be burning all day in the sunlight.

On a BART trip to Concord on Sunday, a San



PHOTOS BY JIM KNOWLES

The lights burn on BART station platforms throughout the day at many East Bay stations, but BART says it has found the problem and the timers will be replaced.



Leandro Times reporter found that the lights were on in the middle of the day at the Orinda and Walnut Creek stations.

Allison said he will notify the BART electrical staff about those stations, too.

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## Swim: Register for swimming

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lowed only when lifeguards are present.

Except at Crown, Keller and Del Valle when it reopens, preregistration is required for all swim areas. Registration gets you an all-day swim pass from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Registration will be available up to two weeks in advance for any given date, and can be made online or by phone. The district's reservations department is open Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is closed on holidays. Phone

888-327-2757, option 2. Or visit [www.ebparks.org](http://www.ebparks.org) online.

Capacity at Del Valle is determined by the number of cars let into the park, so swim reservations won't be required.

The website also has detailed information about the park district's swim facilities, hours and fees. Place the cursor on "Activities" at the top of the home page, then click on "Swimming."

Once you're at the beach or pool, there are some rules intended to enhance safety for park visitors. Where life-

guards are on duty, children 12 years old and under are not permitted in the swim areas unless accompanied by a responsible, actively supervising individual 16 years or older.

Younger children must undergo a swim test before being allowed in deeper water. No alcoholic beverages, dogs, glass containers, fishing or barbecues are allowed in swim areas.

Lifeguard service always depends on weather, water level, water quality, staff availability and numbers of park visitors.



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