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GRASS FIRE PUT OUT — Firefighters put out a grass fire on Sunday afternoon near Miramar Avenue and Foothill Boulevard in San Leandro. Smoke was seen from all across San Leandro. The Alameda Fire Department was able to put out the fire on the side of the hill before it reached any structures.

Transfer Tax Needed, Say City Officials

Measure VV would add to tax on transfer of property in city

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

Struggling to fill a Covid-related budget gap, the San Leandro City Council unanimously voted July 20 to put an increased property transfer tax on the November ballot. It would need a simple majority of votes to pass.

In the ballot argument for Measure VV, council members and others said that \$7 million has been lost in tax revenues since the pandemic reached us earlier in the year, and that a \$14 million shortfall was expected next year.

Measure VV opponents argue that we've all had to tighten our belts during the pandemic, so City Hall should do the same.

But Councilwoman Corina Lopez said passing the ballot measure is important to prevent cuts in vital city services. She said city employment was cut after the 2008 recession, and has not returned to pre-2008 levels in the 12 years since.

The city gets much of its revenue from sales tax, which is down because so many businesses are closed or have seen sales drop sharply, she added.

"We've been running lean ever since 2008, both in the number of people employed and in the wages we pay them," Lopez said.

The city staff wages are falling behind those paid by other nearby public employers,

she said.

Measure VV raises an existing tax that is triggered every time a commercial or residential property changes hands, from the

see **TRANSFER TAX**, page 11

Policeman Charged in Shooting To Retire

The San Leandro policeman who was charged with manslaughter in the shooting death of a man at the Walmart on Hesperian Boulevard has announced he will retire, according to a statement from the City of San Leandro on Monday.

Officer Jason Fletcher announced he intended to retire and the city accepted his notice, the statement said. The announcement didn't give a date when Fletcher will retire.

Fletcher was charged by the district attorney with voluntary manslaughter earlier this month in the April 18 shooting death

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San Leandro Woman Disgusted By Spray Painted Nazi Symbol

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

Margarete Myers looked out her kitchen window last week and didn't like what she saw.

It was a swastika spray painted on a utility box at the corner of W. Broadmoor Boulevard and East 14th Street.

"I look out my window and I see the swastika and I get upset, because my father was killed in a concentration camp," Myers said.

Myers sometimes goes back to Berlin on her birthday to see relatives and friends, and she goes to visit her father's brass plaque in the pavement. The plaques were placed all over Germany by artists to mark the spot where people were picked

up by the Nazis and taken to the concentration camps.

"They picked up my father in 1937 and he was killed in 1942," Myers said. "He was in three concentration camps."

The 87-year-old San Leandro resident still keeps the documents that show where her father was taken, kept among all her family photos.

"I was his favorite," she said.

Her father was picked up because he was Jewish. Her mother, who wasn't Jewish, was overcome with grief.

"She was taken to a hospital. She had a nervous breakdown," see **SYMBOL**, page 4



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Someone painted a swastika on a utility box at the corner of W. Broadmoor Boulevard and East 14th Street.

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CITY COUNCIL

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

SAN LEANDRO SCHOOL BOARD

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



League of Women Voters to Host Candidate Forums

The League of Women Voters Eden Area invites you to learn more about the candidates running for special district races at two upcoming candidate forums.

A forum for the candidates for the Eden Township Healthcare District and Oro Loma Sanitary District boards will be on Friday, Sept. 25, at 6:30 p.m.

A forum for candidates for the Hayward Area Recreation & Park District and Fairview Fire District boards will be on Tuesday, Sept. 29, at 6:30 p.m.

The events are free and open

to the public. To register or for more information, go to the website (<https://my.lwv.org/california/eden-area>) or Google "League of Women Voters Eden Area."

You will be able to submit questions for the candidates in advance. The League of Women Voters Eden Area is committed to providing nonpartisan educational opportunities and informational resources to assist voters.

For more information, contact Voter Services Chair Lynda Foster at lfentonfoster@gmail.com.



The Habitat for Humanity ReStore at 9235 San Leandro St. in Oakland will pay \$3 for each old mattress, or give a \$5 store credit.

Recycle an Old Mattress And Receive a Cash Payment

A good reason is now available to recycle old mattresses and not dump them on the street – a cash payment.

The Mattress Recycling Council (MRC) and the Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley ReStore in Oakland are offering a consumer incentive for

recycling mattresses.

Residents can receive either a \$3 payment or \$5 in-store credit per mattress recycled, up to five mattresses per vehicle, per day. This collaboration will help fight illegal mattress dumping in the community by encouraging more residents to recycle their mattresses.

"Over the last five years, we've worked diligently with local leaders to mitigate illegal dumping and make mattress recycling easy for Oakland residents and businesses," said MRC's Managing Director, Mike O'Donnell. "We value collaborative problem solving and are proud to work with Habitat for Humanity's ReStore in Oakland to offer an innovative approach to combating this persistent problem in the community."

In addition to collecting mattresses, ReStore Oakland serves as both a donation center and a home improvement store, using proceeds from sales to help build affordable homes and stronger communities locally and around the world.

"Like ReStore, the mattress recycling program provides a key service to the community and promotes sustainability,"

said Janice Jensen, President and CEO of Habitat East Bay/Silicon Valley. "We're excited that this consumer incentive will raise more awareness, divert more waste, beautify our community, and help Habitat build more affordable homes."

The ReStore in Oakland is located at 9235 San Leandro Street. Visit BayAreaReStores.org for more information about the incentive offer and other household items eligible for donation. More information about mattress recycling in California is available at ByeByeMattress.com.

The Mattress Recycling Council was formed by the mattress industry to operate recycling programs (known as Bye Bye Mattress) in states which have enacted mattress recycling laws – California, Connecticut and Rhode Island.

The program recycles more than 1.5 million mattresses a year program-wide through a network of partnerships with local governments, solid waste facilities, nonprofit organizations and small and minority-owned businesses. In California, the program has recycled more than 5 million mattresses. For more information, go to www.ByeByeMattress.com.

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Aviation Museum Docent to Speak at Program on Sunday

The Oakland Aviation Museum, 8252 Earhart Road in Oakland, invites you to join in a fun program "Storytime and Sidewalk Chalk Drawing" with docent Eulanna Allen on Sunday Sept. 27, at 1 pm.

This is an outdoor event only,

indoor exhibits are closed.

Alameda County Health directive requires masks and social distancing observance at all times. Admission: Adults \$15; Seniors \$12; military and teens \$10; kids 5-12 years old \$8; Kids 4 and under free.

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San Leandro Color Named District 18 Small Business of the Year

San Leandro Color was honored as Small Business of the Year for Assembly District 18 by Assembly member Rob Bonta during an online ceremony on Sept. 15.

"San Leandro Color was established in 1953 and is the oldest automotive paint supplier in the Bay Area," said Bonta. "They have been family owned and operated for 67 years and are an all woman owned business with a proven dedication to our schools and community."

The nomination came from San Leandro City Council member Corina Lopez as San Leandro Color resides in her district.

In mid-March co-owner Betsy Venters brought in her sewing machine from home and found a pattern online for making masks. Initially she made masks for her employees to help protect them while working as the business was deemed an essential business.

Venters then made masks for family members and friends, and she did not stop there. She began making masks to donate to the nurses working in the hospitals when there was a high demand and a shortage of proper PPE for healthcare workers. Shortly after that she began making and donating masks to non-profits like the George Marks House, Building Futures and San Leandro School District for unsheltered children and their families.



San Leandro Color co-owner Betsy Venters taking mask order from employees at the store at 555 East 14th Street.

PHOTO BY LEO SHERIDAN

"The nomination was for their early work in providing PPE donations to nurses, local hospitals and first responders," Councilwoman Lopez said. "The kind folks at San Leandro Color including co-owners Betsy Venters, Ruth Bock and Josie Chapman as well as General Manager (and SLUSD Trustee) Leo Sheridan continue to donate PPE to those on the front line combatting Covid-19, as well as

source and supply PPE to essential businesses and to the public." Each mask is sealed and contains an N95 insert for filtration. She has worked tirelessly to the point of wearing out her sewing machine and needing a replacement. To date she has personally made over 1,200 masks and continues to this day.

"San Leandro Color is humbled and honored for the distinction" says Venters. "We will con-

tinue to support our community as long as there is a need."

I-880 Toll Lanes to Open Next Week

Beginning Oct. 2, the carpool lanes on I-880 through Hayward will become express lanes, giving solo drivers the option to pay a

toll to use them for a faster trip from Oakland to Milpitas.

The tolls will increase as traffic increases to keep vehicles

moving, though drivers will only pay the toll rate in force when entering the lane. The project covers the freeway between Oakland to Milpitas. Enforcement will be from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays. The lanes will be free for drivers on weeknights and weekends.

For more information visit mtc.ca.gov.

PG&E Program on KRON

PG&E crews are working in the East Bay to reduce power outages and wildfire risks by better control of vegetation and by separating the distribution grid into smaller sections to reduce the size of Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events.

More than 23 transmission line switches have been put into operation this year. PG&E will air a 30-minute program at noon this Saturday, Sept. 26, on KRON Channel 4 detailing its Commu-

nity Wildfire Safety Program and how customers can prepare for PSPS events.

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PG&E Donates to East Bay Food Banks

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is providing \$675,000 to 37 food banks serving communities in PG&E's service area in Northern and Central California.

This grant includes a total of nearly \$64,000 to Alameda County Community Food Bank and Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano.

The funding will help the food banks provide food support to residents coping with the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The funding also assists food banks in serving vulnerable community members during natural disasters and potential Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS), which are intended to reduce the risk of major wildfires during severe weather.

"We know that many in our communities struggle with financial uncertainty and food

insecurity, in some cases created or worsened by the global pandemic.

These challenges can be even more difficult to cope with during emergencies. That's why we're supporting local food banks to help them meet critical food needs during disasters and power outages," said PG&E Vice President of Regulatory and External Affairs, Robert Kenney.

PG&E's grants take into account whether a food bank is located in a Tier 2 or Tier 3 High Fire-Threat District as designated by the California Public Utilities Commission. These areas are at elevated or extreme risk for wildfires.

To promote equity among counties with higher need, grant amounts will take into account county poverty and unemployment levels, using the California Department of Social Services' formula.

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Symbol: Father taken to concentration camp, mother breaks down

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Myers said. "Me and my sister were taken to an orphanage."

At the time, her mother was pregnant with her younger brother, who still lives in Germany today.

After the war, Myers and her sister were brought back by train to Berlin where the Red Cross helped reunite families. Myers later went on to do volunteer work for the Red Cross.

It's startling to Myers that there are people in this country who know so little about the Holocaust, as well as people who deny it happened.

"We have right-wing extremists here, and in Germany," she said. "They know what it means. Somebody might have put that swastika there because they know I would see it."

After she and her sister were reunited with their mother, they found their house, or what was left of it. The three-story house was just a basement. All of Ber-



Margarete Myers keeps this photo of her father. Her mother's photo is at right.

lin was leveled by the bombing during the war.

"The house was air-raided down to the ground," Myers recalls. "It was all ruins. We collected wood for the stove from the destroyed buildings."

Myers remembers her mother and other women going out with little hammers to knock the cement chips off bricks, so they

could use the bricks to re-build. "Berlin has been rebuilt from the ruins," she said.

Myers later married an American soldier, and they lived in Germany until he died of lung cancer in 1989.

Since her husband was Black, Myers said she knows the discrimination toward Black people, as well as toward the Jews.

"There are racists in Germany but we had a lot of friends, too," she said. "It's just like it is here."

She married again in 2000, also to an American serviceman who was in the Air Force. He died in 2006 from prostate cancer and Alzheimer's.

Myers overcame a bout with cancer herself after being treated at Walter Reed Army Hospital near Washington, D.C., since her first husband was a 27-year army veteran.

Despite the hardships of life, Myers loves to talk, and to laugh.

"I believe in the Lord and in having a sense of humor," she

said. "People in Berlin have a good sense of humor."

Though she's Christian, she doesn't belong to a church.

"That's just a place where they tell you something and collect your money," she said.

Myers walks with a slight limp, caused by an injury on the dance floor. She used to be a fan of a band and one night while dancing there was a hole in the dance floor. She stepped in it and



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Margarete Myers says her faith and her sense of humor make life worth living.

broke her leg.

She said the leg is fine now. There's no pain, just a little limp.

The swastika on the utility box that was painted in black, was painted over in silver by somebody to blot it out. But a few days later the symbol

was re-painted clearly in black again.

"This should not be happening," Myers said. "People don't speak up. They say, 'If you see something, say something.' But if you say something, they don't care."



Myers married a U.S. Army soldier, who was stationed in Germany.



The brass plaque on a Berlin sidewalk marks the spot where Margarete Myers father was picked up by the Nazis.



Myers is the girl to the left with her cousins and sister, the father of her cousin is to her left, and her mother in back.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Rug is missing. 2. Hat is backward. 3. Blanket is shorter. 4. Man's hair is different. 5. Sun has fewer rays. 6. Shrubs have been added.

EVERYONE brought their own darts to the local tournament. See if you can spot two darts that are exactly alike in one minute flat.

Illustrated by David Coulson

A STUNNING SUMMATION!

Challenge the class math whiz to solve this one. Have him/her arrange the nine digits below so that the sum of the even digits equals the sum of the odd digits.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Answer: (Even digits) 2 + 4 + 6 + 8 = 20. (Odd digits) 1 + 3 + 5 + 7 + 9 = 25.

LET'S SEE IF YOU HAVE THE HOME TEAM ADVANTAGE! Pictured below are two puzzle grids for you to fill in. Hints are given for each word. The words in Grid B contain the same letters as the words in Grid A.

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GRID A

T	E		
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GRID B

- Indirect information.
- Not any.
- Inclined surface.
- Being identical.
- Lacking substance.
- Type of light.
- English baby conveyance.
- A layer of coal.

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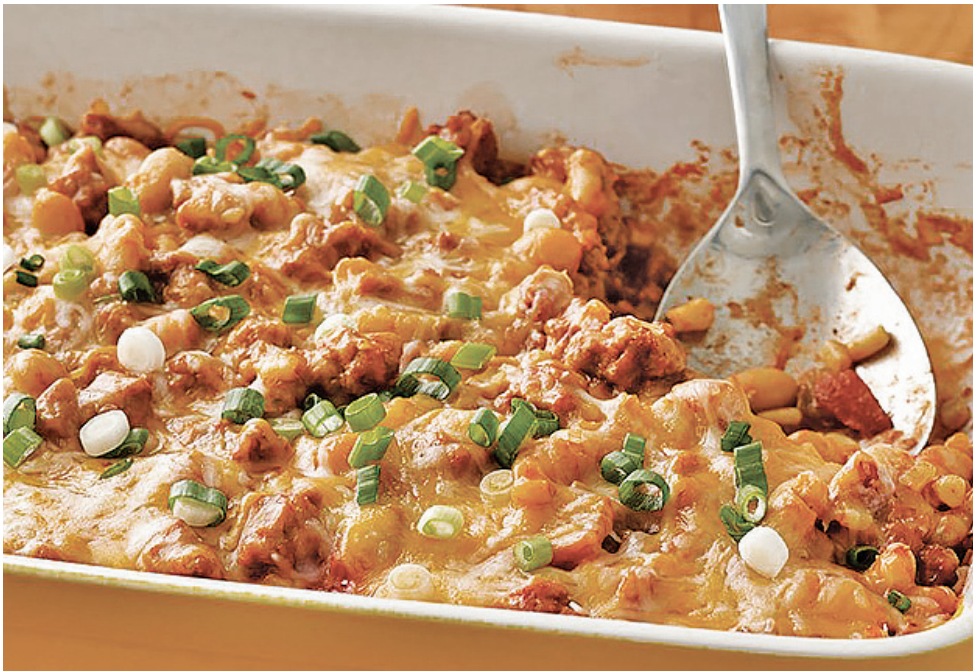
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The bridge above contains 10 supporting words. We give you the first letter of each word plus plenty of hints:

- A spherical object.
- A fastener.
- Latin American dance.
- Hot and flowing.
- A young goat.
- To extend outward.
- One of many.
- A Mideast confection
- To stare stupidly.
- An electronic transmission.

Answers: 1. Orb. 2. Nail. 3. Mambo. 4. Lava. 5. Kid. 6. Jul. 7. Item. 8. Halva. 9. Gawk. 10. Fax.

LIFESTYLE



One-Dish Meals for Autumn Evenings

There was a time when the casserole was the heart and mainstay of home cooking.

Easy to prepare, the one-dish meal—baked in the oven and served in the pot in which it was cooked—took only a few ingredients, but yielded a rich, deep and well-rounded collaboration of tastes.

Perhaps because it was simple to make and often used such common basics as Campbell's Soup and Bisquick, more sophisticated ingredients with exotic names began assuming undue importance in the kitchen and casseroles began to disappear.

But today, with the realization that vegetables, potatoes and pasta are essential components of our diets, the casserole is being welcomed back to the supper table in style. And a big bonus is that the leftovers actually benefit from reheating the next day.

OLD-FASHIONED MEAT LOAF

- 1-1/2 pounds ground chuck
- 1/2 pound ground pork sausage (seasoned or not)
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 cup fine bread crumbs
- 1 to 2 large cloves of garlic, pressed
- 1 cup diced sweet onion
- 1/4 cup diced green bell pepper
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano, crushed
- Freshly ground pepper to taste
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 package dry onion soup mix
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 (6-ounce) can tomato paste, divided use

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Combine ground beef, pork sausage, eggs, bread crumbs, garlic, sweet onion, bell pepper, oregano, pepper, Worcestershire sauce, onion soup mix, milk, and half of the tomato paste. Gently mix only until combined. Do not overwork the meat or it will become tough.

Form into a loaf. Cover with the remaining half can of tomato paste.

Bake for 1 hour and 15 minutes. Let meatloaf rest 15 minutes before cutting to serve. Yields 8 servings. Great with mashed potatoes and brown gravy.

BEEF & PASTA CASSEROLE

- 1 pound penne pasta
- 8 ounces lean ground beef
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 2 cups water
- 1/3 cup red wine (or water)
- 2 (6-ounce) cans Italian tomato paste
- 1 tablespoon instant beef-flavor bouillon
- 2 cups shredded Monterey Jack cheese

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Cook beef and onion in large saucepan, stirring occasionally, until beef is no longer pink. Add water, tomato paste, wine and bouillon; cook, stirring occasionally, for 10 to 15 minutes or until flavors are blended.

Layer half the pasta, half the cheese and half the sauce, then repeat the layers. Cover and bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until heated through and cheese is melted. Season with salt. Serves 6.

BAKED COD CASSEROLE

- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- 2 medium onions, very thinly sliced

- 1 cup dry white wine
- 1-1/4 pounds cod cut into 4 pieces
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 slices finely chopped whole-wheat bread
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 cup finely shredded Gruyere, or Swiss cheese

Preheat oven to 400°F.

Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a large ovenproof skillet over medium-high heat. Add onions and cook, stirring often, until just starting to soften, 5 to 7 minutes. Add wine, increase heat to high and cook, stirring often, until the wine is slightly reduced, 2 to 4 minutes.

Place cod on the onions and sprinkle with thyme, salt and pepper. Cover the pan tightly with foil; transfer to the oven and bake for 12 minutes.

Toss bread with the remaining 1 tablespoon oil, paprika and garlic powder in a medium bowl. Spread the bread mixture over the fish and top with cheese. Bake, uncovered, until the fish is opaque in the center, about 10 minutes more. Yields 4 servings.

HUNTER'S CHICKEN

- 1 (18-3/4 ounce) can solid-pack tomatoes
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 bay leaves

- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1-1/2 teaspoons crumbled dried oregano
- 2 tablespoon wine vinegar
- Salt, pepper
- 1 (2-1/2 to 2 pound) chicken cut into 8 pieces

Combine tomatoes with liquid in large oven-proof casserole, breaking tomatoes into bits. Add onion, garlic, bay leaves, cumin, oregano and vinegar. Stir to blend. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Simmer sauce on top of stove 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add chicken pieces, pushing down onto sauce.

Cover casserole and bake at 350°F about an hour.

Serve hot or cold. Makes 4 servings.

CORN & SPINACH CASSEROLE

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 3 cups fresh or frozen corn kernels
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1/2 cup milk

- 1 tablespoon white wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon fresh pepper
- 1/2 pound fresh spinach, coarsely chopped
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 pound bacon slices
- 1/4 cup dried bread crumbs

Butter a 1-1/2 quart casserole. Sprinkle chopped onion in dish. Add corn, sprinkle with 1/2 teaspoon salt and dash of pepper.

Mix eggs with milk and pour over the corn. In another bowl, add vinegar, salt and pepper to chopped spinach and toss until well-seasoned.

Place spinach mixture on top of corn. Sprinkle with cheese. Cover with bacon slices. Top with bread crumbs and bake in preheated 375°F oven for 45 minutes.

NEW ENGLAND BOILED DINNER

- 3 pounds corned beef brisket with spice packet
- 10 small red potatoes

- 5 carrots, peeled and cut into 3-inch pieces
- 1 large head cabbage, cut into small wedges

Rinse corned beef, then place it in large pot or Dutch oven and cover with water. Add the spice packet that came with the corned beef.

Cover pot and bring to a boil, then reduce to a simmer. Simmer approximately 50 minutes per pound or until tender.

Add whole potatoes and carrots, and cook until the vegetables are almost tender. Then, add cabbage and cook for 15 more minutes. Remove meat and let rest 15 minutes.

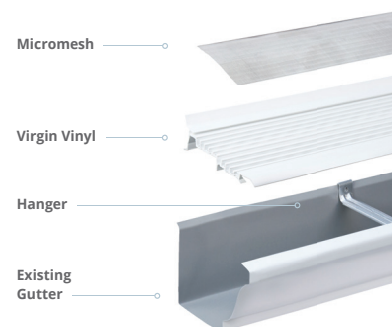
Place vegetables in a bowl and cover. Add as much broth (cooking liquid reserved in the Dutch oven or large pot) as you want. Slice meat across the grain. Yields 5 servings.

Cook's Tip: If seasoning packet is not included with corned beef brisket, substitute 1-1/4 teaspoons pickling spice, or just add 15 peppercorns, 8 whole cloves and a bay leaf.

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GUEST COMMENTARY



3 Key Trends Affecting the Real Estate Market

As the pandemic progresses, we are seeing trends emerge. Here are 3 key issues affecting the real estate market:

(1) Young adults are returning home in record numbers.

Since many lost jobs employed young adults, this demographic has been impacted more than other age groups. With unemployment at record high levels, those who have lost jobs have been unable to make rent payments. The logical move for many has been back home.

A Sept. 4, 2020 Pew Research Center article by Richard Fry, Jeffrey S. Passel and D'Vera Cohn states, "The coronavirus outbreak has pushed millions of Americans, especially young adults, to move in with family members. The share of 18- to 29-year-olds living with their parents has become a majority since U.S. coronavirus cases began spreading early this year, surpassing the previous peak

during the Great Depression era."*

(2) The rental market is taking a serious hit.

Keying off the first point, the rental market is softening as many landlords have been unable to collect rents. Factor in the COVID-related moratorium on evictions and many landlords are seeing significant shortfalls in income. As a result, large numbers of landlords are considering liquidating their assets to recoup losses.

Our team has already been approached by investment owners who want out of the rental business. We are also seeing increased vacancy rates as increasing numbers of young adults pack up and head back home.

(3) The housing market continues to sizzle.

In light of the continuing pandemic, many have asked a fundamental question: "How is it possible the real estate market is overheated while other sectors of the economy are declining and all indicators

state we are in a recession?"

It is a valid question and has some fundamental answers. In reality, the COVID-19 crisis is affecting people on two different levels. While many on the bottom of the economic scale have lost their service-related jobs (food-services, hospitality, transportation, tourism and so on), those on the other end of the scale (essential service providers, tech workers, professionals, etc.) have been employed consistently through the crisis with no reduction in pay. It is this group that is out looking for homes and, since we currently have a significant shortage of inventory, prices are being pushed up in a classic display of supply-and-demand economics.

While some restrictions are easing, one thing is clear – things are going to continue like this for the foreseeable future.

*<https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2020/09/04/a-majority-of-young-adults-in-the-u-s-live-with-their-parents-for-the-first-time-since-the-great-depression/>

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HOME of the WEEK

Brimming with warmth and charm, this single level home features 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, office or possible 4th bedroom plus a bonus room! The 1794 sq. ft. home sits on almost ½ acre of land with a detached 40' X 27' permitted structure with electricity, a full bath and 9'ceiling. Oversized living room with gorgeous hardwood floors, custom ceiling and wood burning, brick fireplace. All 3 bedrooms are spacious with plenty of natural light. Updated kitchen with 5 burner gas stove, stainless refrigerator and Corian counters. Dual pane windows, air conditioning, recessed lighting and newer roof are some additional features of this home. The backyard is ideal for entertaining with a large, covered patio, lawn area, Trex deck, fountain, 14 fruit trees and 2 storage sheds. Extra deep, drive through garage and parking for several cars in both the front and back. Great, central location in close proximity to shopping, dining, freeway access, BART and award winning Castro Valley schools.



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Need Correct Tree Grouping for Hole

By Buzz Bertolero
Special to the Forum

Earlier this summer, I planted a Fuji apple and a nectarine tree together in the same hole as my front and back yards are too small. What's going to happen when they both start to fruit?

I'm not sure that anything negative is going to happen when they start to fruit.

That said, there are other more pressing concerns that need to be addressed before they get to that point.

Small yards are a dilemma

for gardeners looking to grow various types of fruits—the typical, semi-dwarf fruit tree grows 15 to 18 feet high with a 10-foot spread.

The idea of planting multiple trees in a single hole is a great solution: however, the trees have to be compatible with the same watering requirements and have a similar growth pattern. Unfortunately, that is not the case with your choices, as they're very dissimilar.

Nectarines have an umbrella-shaped canopy, while an apple growth pattern is stiff and upright. Nectarines are pruned annually, removing 50 to 60 percent of the growth while

with apples, you remove about ten or fifteen percent.

As these trees mature, this combination will look very odd and awkward in the landscape. The key issue is the watering requirements. Apples tolerate frequent summer watering while nectarines do not; hence, planting under their canopies is not recommended, and that's a problem with small yards.

Personally, I think there is little chance that you'll be successful with this grouping. You're going to have to remove one of the trees and replace it with a variety that better fits the location. Apples, pears and Asian pears, are best planted together. This is your best choice as you can maximize the planting space under the canopy.

Peaches, nectarines, apricots, plums, plumcots, and pluots are the other groupings. Planting two, three or even four fruit trees in the same hole will work. They're spaced no closer than two feet apart. The collection is viewed as a single canopy with multiple trunks, and each variety is pruned accordingly.

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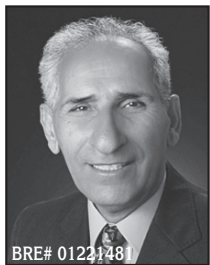
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HEALTH & FITNESS



Shop Smart in October to Benefit Cancer Patients

It is not always easy to tell how your charitable dollars are going to be used, especially during National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Honored every October, this is a time of year when many companies use pink logos on product packaging to symbolize support for breast cancer-related charities. Unfortunately, these symbols are not always backed by a promise that proceeds will directly support research or those living with breast cancer.

In the case of Susan G. Komen and its Live Pink program, the organization works closely with all its partners to ensure program details are transparent to consumers. And this year, 18 companies are donating a percentage of the proceeds from the sale of select products to Komen. As many consumers are doing much of their shopping online these days, Komen has created a site that makes it easy and safe to

shop for a cause. Visit livepink.org to shop and learn more.

"It just takes a moment to get involved and make a difference in the fight against breast cancer," says Sarah Rosales, vice president of Corporate Partnerships, Susan G. Komen. "We're honored to have so many partners giving consumers an opportunity to support breast cancer patients and fund lifesaving research."

Want to ensure you are making the biggest impact possible? Before making any purchase you assume benefits the fight against breast cancer, Susan G. Komen recommends asking the following questions:

1. Who is the program supporting? Is it clear what charity is benefiting from the program? Susan G. Komen, for example, requires all of its partners to clearly state that their program benefits the organization. In many cases, they will include Komen's iconic logo on their

packaging.

2. How will the charity use the donation? It should be clear where the proceeds go. Look for programs that support organizations which take a 360-degree approach to fighting the disease by funding breakthrough research, supporting compassionate public policy and providing patient support.

3. How is the program structured? Transparency is key. Is the company clearly stating how the money is raised and how much will be going to charity? For example, if it's a donation per purchase structure, ask how much of the purchase price benefits the charity. Is there is a minimum or maximum contribution? Is it a flat donation regardless of sale?

By shopping savvy this National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, you can ensure your purchases are making the biggest impact possible.

—StatePoint

Trees: Limit space of each variety

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It's important to layer the different branches of each type, so they aren't growing into one another, along with minimizing the rubbing and crossing branches and eliminating the congestion in the center of the trees.

These trees must be pruned annually as one variety may be more aggressive than another. You prevent this by limiting each variety to a certain percentage of the space, 50, or 25 percent etc., depending on the number in the grouping. It's also important that you have access around the entire diameter of the canopy to prune efficiently.

It's not as difficult as it might seem when planned correctly. Also, whatever

combination you choose, select varieties with different ripening times. This allows you to space the crops out, so they don't ripen in the same week and a half. And finally, the selection at your favorite garden center is minimal now, so I suggest you wait until

January for the new selection or trees to arrive.

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Keeping Kids Safe Online This School Year

Between schoolwork, socialization and gaming, kids will likely be online more than ever this year, especially with many students continuing to learn remotely.

Families are yet again facing the challenge of ensuring children's online usage is balanced, healthy, and safe. Here are a few of the issues around increased screen time:

- **Disrupted sleep:** According to the National Sleep Foundation, blue light emitted from electronic devices disrupts quality shut-eye, as it can delay the release of melatonin, a natural sleep hormone. Over time, compromised sleep can create a number of physical and mental health concerns.

- **Safety threats:** With kids online more hours a day and less supervised than they would be during a typical school day, online predators have taken advantage of the situation. Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's Cyber Tipline reported a notable surge in

complaints.

- **Mental health issues:** The physical separation from friends, teachers and the classroom has created new mental health challenges for students, not all of which remote learning can completely address.

With many adults and kids alike experiencing "Zoom fatigue," maintaining motivation throughout the school year will be even more challenging than in a typical year. Excessive online usage can also increase exposure to cyberbullying, and ultimately lead to other mental health issues, like anxiety and depression.

Despite these new challenges, there are many steps parents can take to help kids strike a healthy balance with their screen time for a happier, more successful school year:

- **Set a schedule:** A typical school day includes natural breaks. Families can recreate this at home with scheduled time for kids to walk around, stretch, and get fresh air between assignments.

- **Monitor online usage:** With parents themselves busy during the day, monitoring what children are doing online is a challenge in many cases, and impossible in others. However, screen time management solutions for parents, such as OurPact from Euri Corp., can prove a valuable tool in keeping kids productive and safe. Using the app, parents can set schedules, grant access to needed sites, create daily screen time allowances, block inappropriate content and apps and monitor internet use. To learn more, visit OurPact.com.

- **Have a conversation:** Families should have an open dialogue about healthy digital habits. Parents can back up these conversations by setting a good example with their own device usage.

With the boost in online usage come new health and wellness challenges. At the same time, parents can help their children navigate the remote-learning environment by taking steps to promote healthy digital habits.

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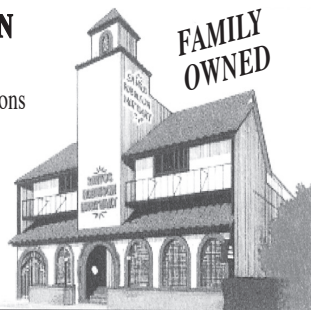
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New Book Club

The San Leandro Public Library invites the community to join us for a new monthly book club focused on #Ownvoices books on Thursday, Oct. 1, from 6 to 7 p.m.

#Ownvoices is a hashtag that started in 2015 to promote books where the author and protagonist share a marginalized identity. It's a useful tool to diversify your

reading list, learn about new perspectives and perhaps find aspects of your own experiences in the pages of a book.

Celebra Library Programs

The San Leandro Public Library invites the community to come and chat about any #ownvoices books you've read (any genre, any format) or drop by and get some inspiration for your next read.

And, since we're in the midst of Hispanic Heritage Month, the library suggests a Latinx #ownvoices book. Check out how to register for this free virtual program as well as the other Celebra library programs by

going to www.sanleandrolibrary.org. Call 510-577-3971 or email LibraryInfo@sanleandro.org for details.

Virtual Chat with
Coffee Roasters

The San Leandro Public Library invites the community to a virtual chat with local coffee roasters and family-run business, Proyecto Diaz on Tuesday, Oct. 6, from 6 to 7 p.m.

Learn about the family's history in growing coffee in their Oaxaca, Mexico farm, how they've built a coffee roasting business, and how coffee is grown. The folks at Proyecto Diaz will also share tips for

brewing a consistently good cup of coffee at home.

Take your caffeine game up a notch. Register for this free event by going to www.sanleandrolibrary.org or for all the details, call 510-577-3971, or email libraryinfo@sanleandro.org for more information.

Proyecto Diaz is a family run coffee roasting business located in the Gate510 business center, 1933 Davis St. in San Leandro.

El Carmen, their family farm, started in the early 1900s and in 2014, Proyecto Diaz began roasting with beans grown from there and reinvesting a portion of their profits back into the farm.

LOCAL DEATHS

Ida Wheeler

May 8, 1915 - September 2, 2020

On September 2nd, Oakland's Montclair Village neighborhood lost a long time former resident, who died peacefully in San Leandro at the age of 105. Many neighbors knew Ida as the avid gardener who took meticulous care of her yard or the energetic nonagenarian who was often seen during her daily hikes along Skyline Drive. Although she generally shied away from large social gatherings, over the years, many of the area's residents got acquainted with Ida and found her genuinely eager to engage in conversations, listen to people, and spend time to know them. In these conversations her audience were often impressed with her vast knowledge, world experience and vivid memory. However, it was only after many years of knowing her and lasting friendships that one would gradually learn about her profound life story and appreciated her remarkable character.



Born Idel Ellen Waldeck on May 8, 1915, in Germany, she grew up in Europe during the difficult years of World War 1 and its aftermath. She was raised Lutheran in a cultured and tolerant family with a half-Jewish freethinking father who did not demand his wife's conversion and a Jewish-born mother who had converted to Christianity only after her children were baptized. However, such free spirits were not tolerated in the antisemitic environment of Nazi Germany and she was expelled from the university. She fled Germany in her early twenties, first to England, then Spain, and eventually to the Philippines.

In Manila she met Robert Wheeler, an American widower with two boys, ages five and seven. She had deep feelings for them, particularly for the boys whom she wanted to provide a nurturing family life. Thus, Robert and Ida were married on November 1, 1940. Early on, they lived in relative peace in Manila, where Ida devoted herself to be the mother and wife that her new family needed. But the situation changed when the Japanese army occupied Philippines in January 1942, and much hardship befell them when they were moved to the notorious Santo Tomas Internment camp. The camp was eventually liberated by American forces in February 1945 and Ida and her family were "repatriated" to the United States. After a period of traveling and living in various midwestern cities, they finally settled in San Leandro, California. And after ten years of statelessness, in January 1949 Ida took her citizenship exam and pledge of allegiance at the Oakland Superior Court and became a citizen of the United States.

In California, Ida began teaching languages in Oakland, Hayward, and then at Castro Valley High School. To the students she was known as a strict, demanding, and dedicated teacher. In German, Latin and Spanish classes she emphasized the fundamentals, motivated her students, and instilled in them the love of learning. Several of Ida's students remained life-long friends with her and credited her as the main factor in their own success. Teaching provided the intellectual environment that she desired and the independence to pursue her interests in higher education, such as studying classical German literature at San Francisco State University or receiving a Fulbright scholarship to study abroad.

After retiring from teaching in the 1980's, Ida maintained an active lifestyle. She joined a hiking club and kept a small circle of close friends with whom she attended cultural events and travelled. Every year Ida used to take one or two trips of explorations. She would prepare for months before each trip, reading books about the culture, history and politics of the destination country and planning the itinerary.

After the Oakland hills firestorm on October 20, 1991, neighbors found her surveying the ashy remains of her cherished house. As a neighbor approached her to express sorrow and sympathy for that loss, she calmly looked at him and said that there was no reason for sorrow. "With everything that I have seen in my life", she said, "this thing is a piece of cake!", adding "I will rebuild and come back". And she indeed did come back, being one of the first persons to rebuild her house in Oakland hills after that devastation. Ida drew strength from the events that had shaped her life. Knowing Ida was a lesson and reminder of what was important in life. Certainly, a burnt home was an inconsequential matter for a person whose beloved mother had perished in Nazi gas chambers. Reflecting on Ida's attitude to life, one of her friends remarked that she was a constant inspiration in the graceful way she lived a life with no small amount of pain and trouble.

Ida is survived by her son Bobby, her niece Connie, her nephew Clifford, many grandchildren and all of her wonderful friends. She accomplished greatness in her life and left an indelible impression with her friends and relatives who will remember and revere her for a long time.

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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Although practical situations continue to dominate this week, there's time for the Lamb to indulge in the fun things in life -- like maybe taking a special someone out for a great evening.



TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): This week favors relationships. Take time to renew old ones, and make time to go where new friends can be found. On a more practical note, expect news about a business deal.



GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): You should be seeing some progress on that new workplace situation. Meanwhile, family matters might demand more attention, and you'll want to set aside time to deal with them.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): A relationship suddenly might present some challenges you never expected. After talking things out, you might want to consider taking some time to assess what you've learned.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): A disappointing response to a request might dampen the Lion's spirits. But you might want to ask the reasons behind it. What you learn can be of great importance in a future undertaking.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): A once-volatile situation should be settled by now, giving you a chance to refocus on a project you've been planning for. Look for an interested party to rally to your support.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): A business matter that unexpectedly turns into a personal situation could create complications. Best to resolve the matter now before too much harm can be done.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): Emotions can run high when they involve personal matters that no one really wants to talk about. But this could be a good time to create the means to a workable outcome.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): A positive response to a workplace request could lead the way to other long-sought changes. Congratulations. A personal situation also takes a welcome turn.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Patience pays off, as that once-overwhelming work situation continues to become easier to handle on a one-by-one basis. Look for positive news from a colleague.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): It might be a good idea to take more time to reassess your next move in working out a complex situation. You could benefit from a new perspective on the matter.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): You might want to consider making time to discuss a change of plans with everyone concerned. Be prepared to explain your actions. Also be prepared to listen to alternatives.

LOCAL DEATHS

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Roland (Ron) J. Dias

A lifetime resident of the Bay Area

Ron passed away on September 7, 2020. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather and is survived by his beloved wife, Marilyne, two wonderful sons, Christopher and Robert, grandson Daniel (Courtney) and great-granddaughters Mila and Lauren. He is predeceased by brothers Alfred, Hank and sister Dolores.

After his service in the army and graduating from Armstrong Business College, he worked and retired from AT&T as a Division Manager with 30 years of service.



He was later elected to the Board of Directors for Oro Loma Sanitary District and 30 years later, he retired. This was one of his happiest of times.

An avid A's, Raiders and 49ers fans, he will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

He has been interred at the Chapel of the Chimes, Hayward, Ca.

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Transfer Tax: Budget shortfall

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current \$6 per \$1,000 in value to \$11 per \$1,000 in value if the measure passes.

City officials say much of the increased tax will fall on large corporations and major commercial businesses, for the reason that their property is worth

“We’ve been running lean since 2008.”

— City Councilwoman
Corina Lopez

more, than on small businesses and homeowners.

The amount an owner pays in property taxes each year would not be affected.

There is no expiration date on the proposed higher tax, even though the current budget shortfalls are due to a hopefully temporary public health emergency.

Councilwoman Lopez said that the city’s research before proposing the measure showed that the city faces a deficit for upcoming years without it. The

city should be building up reserves instead in most years to pay for such things as expected future pension obligations and to get through future recessions too, she said.

San Leandro also currently has the lowest transfer tax among cities in Alameda County, making a permanent rather than temporary rise more reasonable, Lopez said. The proposed higher rate would be higher than some cities in the county but lower than others, according to the county clerk-recorder’s office.

The ballot argument against Measure VV, by Gary Langbehn and Chris Langsdale, asks “In each of our personal lives we had to make drastic cuts in response to Covid-19 — why isn’t our city doing the same?”

They wrote that the money goes into the general fund and can be used for anything, not necessarily the services that the city said would be safeguarded.

They also note that the tax increase was originally proposed before the pandemic to raise city revenues, not plug a sudden and unforeseeable tax shortfall. City

priorities have not been re-examined in response to that shortfall, they wrote.

“We’ve spent enough money. Now’s the time for decisions,” Langbehn said.

Langbehn said that he personally favors making up the entire shortfall by budget cuts,

“In our personal lives we had to make cuts.”

— Measure VV opponent
Gary Langbehn

without any new or raised taxes, even temporary ones. He said city leaders should not be trusted to spend new tax revenues wisely, and pointed to their continuing to give employee raises when other cities were exploring layoffs and furloughs.

Langbehn also said that while the city claims to have had a balanced budget before the pandemic, it faces huge unfunded liabilities as employees retire and draw their pensions for years into the future.



Annual 10K on the Bay Walk/Run to Go Virtual

The Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center’s 17th Annual 10K on the Bay Race/Walk will be a virtual event this year.

Starting Saturday, you can race anywhere, anytime, or use the defined course at the Hayward shoreline.

Visit www.10Konthebay.org to register or for more information, and run anytime from Saturday, Sept. 26, through Sunday, Oct. 11.

The registration fee is \$20 per person. You will receive an event t-shirt that can either be mailed for a nominal fee or picked up post-race.

Many have found nature a valuable resource for your physical and mental well-being during these isolating times. The Hayward shoreline has remained open during the pandemic and fires as a refuge and a source of comfort.

You can choose to run or walk the traditional courses at the shoreline or run anywhere, anytime — at home on your treadmill, or in your own neighborhood — over a three-week period.

This is a great opportunity to get out of the house, compete with friends, and support your local nature center. Awards will be given to the fastest overall male and female runners in each age category.

OPINION

LETTERS to the EDITOR

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Townhouse Plan Needs Changes

Editor:

Our fragile democracy is broken even at the local level where it affects us most.

The most recent example happened right before our eyes in the city’s decision to move the Manor Bowl replacement project forward, as is. It is not a good proposal. It needs to be changed.

Despite being in the midst of a global pandemic where our lives have been placed on hold, our San Leandro Planning and Zoning and City councils have voted against the concerns of voters who placed them into office to represent us. Dozens of voters expressed specific concerns about the proposal including loss of privacy, increase in traffic, lack of parking, insufficient open space and a design that does not fit into the existing neighborhood.

We were just asking for an improved design that would welcome new neighbors.

Instead, the city council listened and did not hear. They chose not to act on what the voters were saying. They said it was a great project and dismissed our concerns with a “yada yada,” those were City Council Member Ballew’s words.

Council member Hernandez is a former employee of the developer, so one has to wonder how that previous relationship swayed his vote. Council member Cox forgot that she said the

Manor needed more love when she voted in favor of the proposal.

Two of the Council members, Lopez and Aguilar, voted against moving the proposal forward just to give time for the concerns of the neighbors to be addressed in the design, not to stop it as some were suggesting. We even met with Mayor Cutter at a social distances rally and she voted in favor as well.

Elections have consequences. Vote for leaders who care about us November 3rd. Don’t vote for representatives that get special interest money. Vote for Simon and Azevedo.

— Ken Akerly
San Leandro

Shortage of Public Defenders

Editor:

One area worth looking at regarding criminal and racial justice reform are the lower courts involving misdemeanors.

Something like 80 percent of court cases, or 13 million a year, are held in the lower courts. Unfortunately with such heavy traffic in misdemeanors, public defenders are almost always overloaded with cases.

The idea of increasing the number of public defenders should be a justice issue since public defenders now spend little or no time with their clients because of their case overload. It’s sometimes called “greet em, meet em and plead em” or McJustice, according to Alexandra Natapoff, law

professor in her groundbreaking book Punishment Without Crime. Book interviews are on YouTube and CPAN Book TV.

In the courtroom, cases often only take two or three minutes sometimes less which is often shortchanging poor minorities and other poor people who rely on public defenders. Expanding the pool of public defenders gives the people at the bottom of society’s economic hierarchy a fighting chance, and could also save the taxpayer on incarceration costs.

According to criminal justice expert Durrell Douglas over a half million people are held in pre-trial detention basically because they are poor and can’t afford bail. Natapoff also believes we should expand our data on cases including number of cases filed, declinations, dismissals, guilty pleas, rates, gender, race and other data. Wilma Chan and other county supervisors can play a major role in reducing this racial and economic injustice.

— Craig Williams
San Leandro

Libertarians on Nation’s Ballots

Editor:

For the fifth time in its history, the Libertarian Party’s presidential ticket will appear on the ballots of all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Only two other parties have accomplished this in the last century, and everyone reading this is familiar with them. They’re old and rusty, recycling tired slogans borrowed from the European Union or their own speeches from earlier campaigns, most of it meaningless because we’ve heard it all before. Joe Biden and Donald Trump represent the status quo, which secures their power.

The only female presidential candidate on the ballot, Libertarian

Dr. Jo Jorgensen, also happens to be the youngest. She wishes to bring our troops home and disentangle a tired nation from the many countries ruined by the United States’ reckless meddling.

Those two other guys aren’t about to say anything that sensible. They’d rather promise you things we all know they cannot deliver, ensuring the continued failure of government we see today. The economy is in shambles, unemployment at levels not seen since the Great Depression and no one smiles anymore (or if they do, it’s hidden behind a hideous mask).

Every four years, voters think they only have a choice between two alternatives, both unappealing if not outright distasteful. Voting for “the lesser of two evils” just means you’re still voting for evil.

This election offers voters a chance to “think different.” Visit <https://jo20.com> to learn more about her campaign and #LetHerSpeak. After all, what else have you got to lose?

— Terry Floyd, Secretary
Libertarian Party of Alameda County

Wants Businesses Open

Editor:

The San Leandro Patch tells us Alameda County has 1,684,000 people, 20,000 COVID cases, and 332 COVID deaths. This calculates out to a chance of catching the virus at roughly 0.02 percent and chance of death 0.00019 percent. As that is such a very very very small chance of anyone contracting the virus, much less death from the virus, why are we not opening all business up again?

— Ute Anderson
San Leandro

Trump’s “Dangerous Folly”

Editor:

No matter what Trump says or does

he will always spin the facts in support of his self-dealing purposes. Or that it’s just a hoax created by persons or media to tarnish him, his presidency or his re-election.

Such as the Russian 2016 election investigation, now proven an undeniable communication between Putin’s Russia and Trump. Continuing still to this Russian hacking moment.

Such as Trump’s obsession with blaming China — removing attention from the source of the virus — now with over 33,000 deaths in New York state alone. Trump does not care how many people die so long as he can shift blame.

Such as Trump ignoring COVID-19 scientific warnings and medical evidence. Had he followed the scientific advice nearly 200,000 US deaths could have been significantly fewer and a great recession might be considerably less in our near future.

Such as Trump’s initial response to coronavirus and his latest excuse not to spread panic. When appropriate action could have saved lives and shortened the economic downturn and subsequent recession—the worst of which is yet to come.

Such as Trump’s tax returns revealed with all lies exposed and soon recognized as criminal.

Donald Trump cannot admit his many treasonous involvements. Now his latest fear mongering is with non republican governors and unsubstantiated lies about mail-in voting fraud. Lie after lie nonstop from Trump — a full-blown maniac.

Twelve hundred books now in print speak volumes about Trumps lies, exposing his self-serving, unconstitutional and dangerous folly as President. One would have to be deaf, dumb and blind to let this go unrecognized.

Good Luck America!

— Dwight Pitcaithley
San Leandro

San Lorenzo School Board Candidates Running Unopposed

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

Voters may not have choices in the upcoming San Lorenzo school board election, but they do get one new face on the board.

The district has three people running for three trustee seats, two incumbents and newcomer Alicia Gonzalez. While relieved about not needing to face opposition, Gonzalez sees the lack of citizen participation as a problem she vows to work on as a board member.

"If in four years, 10 people run for school board, and as a result I'm voted off, I'll consider the work of my term a success," Gonzalez said.

Incumbent San Lorenzo trustees Penny Peck and Kyla Sinegal, the board president, are running for re-election.

Penny Peck

Peck said she was most proud of having helped make equity a required consideration in all the district's decision making.



Penny Peck

The district has greatly reduced expulsions and suspensions, and has removed an offensive mascot at San Lorenzo High School. The Confederate-evoking "Rebels" was replaced with the "Grizzlies," for California's state animal.

Reading scores are also up in the district, she said, partly reflecting a conscious decision to seek out new and more effective teaching methods for reading,

especially for the youngest students.

Running for a third term, Peck is the board's longest-serving current member. She is also well-known in the community as a retired longtime children's librarian.

Peck would like to get a health center at each middle school and at the high school, and community gardens at every school, starting with elementary schools.

Alicia Gonzalez

Gonzalez would be a newcomer to the board, though she applied to fill an earlier vacancy and was not chosen. A slot opened up this year when retired longtime teacher Marilyn Stewart did not run for re-election.

Gonzalez has been active in the community as an advocate for children with special needs.

Gonzalez has been a volunteer with numerous nonprofits including the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the Red Cross, and served as a PTA president.



Alicia Gonzalez

She also coached the one soccer team she could find that her triplets, two boys and a girl, could all play on. Another child just graduated from high school, and another is now in high school.

Gonzalez would like to see the district give teachers, especially special-education teachers, more flexibility to adjust teaching to individual students' needs. Guidelines should be followed, she said, but expectations should be adjusted for individuals.

Gonzalez would also like to see more referrals of students and their families to community resources as needed so students are able to focus better on their studies.

Outreach to all segments of the community is part of a school system's job, and she doesn't think the district does as much outreach as they could.

"Who are we not hearing from now?" Gonzalez asks.

Gonzalez also believes that some current issues aren't new ones, but have simply been put on the back burner for too long. Schools need to manage crises, she said, but also need to get back to normal operations afterward.

For instance, while the district made a rapid and forced switch to online instruction due to the pandemic, Gonzalez would like to see some use of distance learning after in-person instruction can resume. She said the district should consider more independent study for students who learn better that way, even if it's not forced by health concerns.



Sinegal

Kyla Sinegal

Kyla Sinegal didn't return phone and email messages for this story.

Sinegal is the current board president and was first elected in 2016. When she ran for the board then, she pledged to work on getting the district in closer touch with the community, bring a parent's perspective to the board, and also repairing relations between teachers and the district administration.

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Retire: Police union and district attorney disagree on whether lethal force was necessary

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of San Leandro resident Steven Taylor at the Walmart store. Police were called and Fletcher approached Taylor, who was wielding a metal baseball bat, and tried to take the bat away and fired a taser before shooting Taylor.

Several protest rallies have been held since the shooting, led by Taylor's family and friends. Many speakers at virtual City Council meetings in recent months have called for the firing of Fletcher and for police reform.

The district attorney said that Taylor was no longer a threat when the shot was fired, and

that Fletcher failed to use other de-escalation options.

But the San Leandro Police Officers' Association (SLPOA), in a statement last week, said that the district attorney's charges against Fletcher are politically motivated and legally deficient.

The SLPOA said that the evidence will establish that the shooting is an unfortunate case of where de-escalation tactics simply proved to be ineffective.

The City of San Leandro announced it has hired a Los Angeles firm, the OIR Group, as an independent third-party investigator to complete an internal investigation of the incident.

The OIR Group is headed by Michael Gennaco, an expert in law enforcement reform who was the chief attorney of the Office of Independent Review for Los

Angeles County.

The OIR Group has also been hired by the City of Vallejo to investigate police shootings in that city.

SL Demo Club to Host Candidate Forum

San Leandro Democratic Club presents a virtual candidates' forum tonight (Thursday) from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Learn more about candidates running for San Leandro

City Council and San Leandro school board races.

To join the meeting, to to <https://US02WEB.zoom.us/j/184217343053> and use Passcode: 960546.

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