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## **Hula Group Waiting to Dance Again**

#### **By Jim Knowles** San Leandro Times

The Gracious Ladies are pretty damned tired of sitting around.

The group of ladies who perform hula shows at senior centers, clubs and churches in the East Bay have been patient. They've quarantined, practiced social distancing and isolated.

But when is it going to end? They've all had their shots and they're ready to go and dance again.

Preferably at the Aiken Senior Center in Castro Valley, their usual venue. They've also performed at the PACE center in San Leandro, local churches, the John George Psychiatric Center, and the Ruggeiri Senior Center in Union City.

"Everybody's anxious to get back to some kind of normalcy," said Phyllis Hanan, one of the Gracious Ladies dancers. "We've seen each other a few times but most of us have really isolated through the year."

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Hanan said she knows people who have kids, and the kids all see other kids. But seniors have had to be more careful during the pandemic and stay home

"The seniors have been isolated, because they're afraid," Hanan said. "But if you stay



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in the house, and don't get out, Doris Chan, Hyunie Powers and Carol Yamaguchi dance with the Gracious Ladies hula see HULA, page 4 performers who have been shut down since the pandemic began.

## **Castro Valley Man to Run for State Senate**

District 10 in the 2022 election. floors at night.

Zepada made his announce-Gabriele turned five.

concerned about his future," Zego back to normal when normal was never good enough."

Born in Watsonville but mentor and volunteer. raised in Mexico, the 37-year-old poverty and corruption, but says of power," Zepeda said in a press he was inspired by his family's statement. commitment to service.

United States alone. Thousands

Jaime Zepeda of Castro Val- of miles from nearly everyone he ley announced last week that he knew, he went to school during is running for State Senate in the day, cooked and mopped

St. Mary's College in Moraga ment on the day that his son helped him break the poverty chain that many cannot afford to "As I celebrate him, I am also overcome, he said.

Zepeda has never held any pada said. "I wonder if things will elected office before, but much of his life has been devoted to community service as a counselor,

"I am running because stories Zepeda grew up surrounded by like mine are missing in the halls



"The 10th Senate District is a Jaime Zepeda, shown with his son Gabriel, said his con-At 17, he returned to the microcosm our our state's broken cern for the future of his son drove him to run for a seat see ZEPEDA, page 11 in the state senate in District 10.

# **Rally for Steven Taylor Scheduled For Marina Park**

Taylor family and supporters to mark anniversary of Taylor's death on Sunday, March 18

#### By Jim Knowles San Leandro Times

A rally in honor of Steven police department. Taylor will be held at Marina Park at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 18, the dressed the San Leandro City anniversary of his death.

since Steven's tragic death, which was a turning point for many members of the San Leandro community," said the rally organizers.

The youth of the Social Justice Academy at San Leandro High and Justice 4 Steven Taylor teamed up to host the rolly. The teamed up to host the rally. The organizers invite everyone who wants to help fight for justice to **Vaccine** wants to help fight for justice to come to the rally.

"Whether you have suffered a loss due to police violence or are an ally in the fight for justice, performances and other private you are a part of our family," the organizers said.

Taylor was shot and killed by San Leandro police at the Walmart on Hesperian Boulevard. Police were called as he was wielding a metal baseball bat. He was shot after he didn't put down the bat when a policeman ordered hit to do so. Taylor's family said he was having a mental health crisis and should not have been shot.

Officer Jason Fletcher has attorney with manslaughter for Safer Economy. the shooting and is awaiting trial. Fletcher has since retired from the

After many speakers ad-Council, the council voted to "This day will mark one year adopt a resolution declaring April see TAYLOR, page 10

California will allow indoor concerts, conferences, theater gatherings starting next Thursday, April 15, with varying restrictions on capacity.

The California Department of Public Health announced the changes on Friday as the rate of people testing positive for COVID-19 nears a record low.

Alameda County met the requirements to move to the Orange Tier, last Wednesday, allowing certain activities and businesses to resume operations since been charged by the district under the State's Blueprint for a

> Permitted to open, but with see VACCINE, page 10

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teens and adults.

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter are Axle the beagle mix and Boa the cat. Axle is a 6-year-old beagle

Boa shorthair mix. She's very sweet, mix who is very sweet, and and confident. She may not be a He is quite food motivated, fan of other cats, so she may pre-

which makes him a great photo fer to be the queen of the castle. subject. The shelter thinks he For more information on Axle would do best in a home with or Boa, call the Hayward Animal

Shelter at 510-293-7200 or visit Boa is a 2-year-old domestic www.haywardanimals.org.

## Join a Conversation with Author of Kiss the Ground

the Book invites all to engage in Ground, on Earth Day, Thursday, for this event.

### Chantigian Makes Dean's List

Oregon State University an- a junior majoring in sociology. nounced the students who made



a virtual conversation with Josh can come together and make both Tickell, environmental thought individual and collective change leader and award-winning di- for a more sustainable future. rector and author of the Kiss the Register at sanleandrolibrary.org

Students earned a B-plus the Scholastic Honor Roll Winter (3.5) or better to make the honor 2021 and the list includes Lauren roll, and carry at least 12 graded almost doesn't exist. Because Portland Stage Company in May 9. Once you open the video E. Chantigian of San Leandro, hours of course work.

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Dan Allen, Heather Warren, Henry Halkyard and Kit Lanthier as they appear in the Chanticleers production of Almost, Maine, a live streaming event running from April 16 to May 9.

## Hit Comedy Almost Maine Opens **Chanticleers Theatre's 2021 Season**

iani's hilarious comedy Almost, love in the strangest ways. It's Maine to open its 2021 Season love. But not quite. on April 16 as an online streaming event.

almost not in the United States never be the same. - it's almost in Canada. And it Almost.

One cold, clear Friday night

Chanticleers Theatre in Cas- above, Almost's residents find Warren, Henry Halkyard and tro Valley has chosen John Car- themselves falling in and out of Dan Allen.

are broken. Love is lost, found, have to provide an email ad-Welcome to Almost, Maine, and confounded. And life for the dress). Tickets and instructions a town that's so far north, it's people of Almost, Maine will will be sent to your email.

its residents never got around to Portland, Maine in 2004 where you will have 48 hours to view getting organized. So it's just ... it broke box office records and it. Once viewed the video link garnered critical acclaim.

The Chanticleers producin the middle of winter, while the tion, directed by Carl Smith, Jr., can use their ticket credit for this Northern Lights hover in the sky features Kit Lanthier, Heather show.

For tickets (\$20), go to: chanticleers.org/almost-maine/ Knees are bruised. Hearts or call 510-733-5483 (you will

You can access the video The play premiered at the any time between April 16 to will expire.

Last year's Flex Pass holders



# **Community Calendar**

Learn about the Climate Action Plan

Learn about the City of San Leandro's Climate Action Plan and its emphasis on resilience, a Zoom presentation on "Finding the Freedom sustainability, equity, and community-driven strategies on Thursday, April 8, at 6 p.m. Register for this free virtual event at sanleandrolibrary.org and receive a free copy of the Book to Action Community Read, Paul Hawken's Drawdown, while supplies last. The city's Office of Sustainability Manager Hoi-Fei Mok will be the speaker.

### **Umpires Needed**

The Hayward Softball Umpires Association is recruiting year-round to work paid HARD recreation softball games - men's, women's and co-ed slow pitch. We train all age groups. For more information, call the Education Director at 510-586-8592 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

#### **Hearing Loss Association** Talk on Accessibility

Hearing Loss Association of America, SF East Bay Chapter presents disability rights attorney Steven L. Derby will discuss how COVID regulations have disabled access, how businesses use COVID to avoid access obligations, and what can be done on Saturday, April 10, via Zoom. Greetings at 9:30 a.m., presentation at 10 a.m., and discussion from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Register at https:// www.hearinglosseb.org/ for the Zoom meeting. Free and open to all.

#### Book Discussion #2 on Drawdown The San Leandro Library will host Drawdown book discussion #2 on Saturday, April 10, from 1 to 2 p.m. Connect at this virtual event to share ideas and thoughts about Paul Hawken's Drawdown. How can we apply its principles in

our own daily lives to make a difference?

Lecture on Finding Your Creative Voice

The San Leandro Art Association will host to Create," a book by Dianne Mize, an teacher and artist from Georgia, on Tuesday, April 13, at 11 a.m. The public is welcome. The demo will last about an hour and a half and a supply list is available if you'd like to do the exercises along with her. Contact Kathleen Kelly at kat@ mkathleenkelly.com for the supply list, Zoom access or with questions.

### Virtual Global Fix-It Clinic

Join the San Leandro Library's virtual fix-it clinic on Saturday, April 17, at 11 a.m. Fixers and people needing repairs around the globe will collaborate to help you fix items. From faulty toasters to CD players that don't work anymore or smart phones unable to charge, we'll collaborate and help try to find a solution. Guest speaker Hoi-Fei-Mok will preface this green event with an overview on conservation and sustainability. Register at sanleandrolibrary.org for the clinic.

### **SL Democratic Club Earth Day Forum**

Celebrate Earth Day with the San Leandro Democratic Club with a virtual forum on Thursday, April 22, at 6:30 pm. The forum will feature local speakers from SanLeandro2050, Dig Deep Farms, and Medshare. The public is welcome. Connect at: http://tiny.cc/yyevtz to join the forum.

#### **Teen Poetry Workshop**

Calling all poets! Teens in grades 6 through 12 are invited to submit their poems to the San Leandro Library's poetry contest, and to attend a poetry workshop in early April. Visit the library website sanleandrolibrary.org for more information. Items for the calendar can be emailed to

jimk@ebpublishing.com or call 510-614-1557.



Julianna Morales pitched for the win for Extreme Softball and struck out 14 batters against the Nor Cal Firecrackers.

## **Morales Fans 14 of 15 Batters**

Julianna Morales pitched in a tournament for her team, needs to make 15 outs, and 14 spring and summer. Extreme Softball, on March 7 in of those outs were by strikeouts. Sacramento against softball powerhouse Nor Cal Firecrackers.

Morales pitched five innings, include a fastball, curveball, County. Pandemic precautions giving up just three hits and two changeup and drop ball. runs, leading Extreme to a 4-2 win. Extreme Softball is a travel-

In five innings, a pitcher ing team that plays through the

Softball was allowed in Sac-The 12 year old attends Ban- ramento where the restrictions croft Middle School. Her pitches were different than in Alameda were in place.

- By Jim Knowles

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California Lamb Chili

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shoulder or breast, cut into

roughly 1-1/2 inch chunks

white marbling.

8 shallots, peeled

When purchasing lamb, let

washed

with a soft pink to red color with 1/2 cup snipped dill leaves (or

cup frozen green peas

into 2-inch sections

more, to taste)

Lemon wedges

8 scallions, trimmed and cut

Put lamb in a broad skillet over

high heat; let sear, undisturbed,

about 2 minutes, or until under-

side is nicely browned. Stir and

add shallots and potatoes. Cook a

couple of minutes longer, and add

salt and pepper and a cup of water.

Stir, scraping bottom if necessary

Turn heat to low, cover and

Uncover and add carrots; stir

Uncover, add peas and scallions.

Serve garnished with dill and

CALIFORNIA

LAMB CHILI

2 tablespoons olive oil

yellow onion, diced

4 cloves garlic, minced

1 pound ground lamb

1/2 teaspoon turmeric

1/2 teaspoon cumin

1 teaspoon pepper

2 cans diced tomatoes

1 teaspoon salt

o meat says spring better and stir-frying. Its naturally mild than young, tender lamb. flavor is enhanced with a myriad 2 carrots, diced With its cooking versatility and number of available cuts (no fewer than 28 cuts are color be the guide. Look for meat marketed), lamb is perfect for any meal occasion from formal entertaining to casual backyard barbecues.

Lamb is best served rare to medium. Overcooking can di- 2 pounds boneless lamb from minish its flavor and texture. Use an instant-read thermometer for best results.

It lends itself to roasting, broil- Salt and pepper ing, grilling, braising, stewing 12 very small new potatoes,



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Name Address \_ 1 can garbanzo beans, drained and rinsed 3/4 cup beef broth

Heat oil in a skillet. Add onions and saute until translucent. Add garlic and saute for about 30 more seconds.

Add lamb and seasonings. Saute and crumble in skillet until lamb is no longer pink.

Transfer to a large stock pot and add the rest of the ingredients and simmer for an hour.

Serve with chopped cilantro and sour cream if desired.

### **LEG OF LAMB WITH GARLIC & ROSEMARY**

leg of lamb, approximately 4-1/2 to 6 pounds Half a lemon

2-3 cloves of garlic, sliced Large handful of roughchopped fresh rosemary ly 4 tablespoons olive oil Salt and fresh ground black pepper

With a sharp knife, make a number of incisions into the skin of the lamb and push 1-2 slivers of garlic into each incision. Squeeze the juice of the lemon over the lamb and then sprinkle with the chopped rosemary. Add the olive oil and rub in well, pushing some continued from front page of the rosemary into the incisions that's not good either.' with the garlic.

bag or loosely covered in a non about 65 to 89. metal container and leaving to marinate for at least an hour, or overnight if possible.

pan in a preheated oven at 325°F. Allow 10-12 minutes per pound plus an extra 20 minutes for pink meat; 13-14 minutes per pound plus 20 minutes for medium; 20 minutes per pound plus 20 minutes for well done. Makes 4 to six servings

#### MINT SAUCE FOR ROAST LAMB

cup very finely chopped fresh 1 mint leaves, washed, dried 2 tablespoons sugar 4-6 tablespoons balsamic

vinegar 1-3 tablespoons white wine

vinegar

Combine sugar with 1/4 cup of balsamic vinegar and 1 tablespoon of white wine vinegar in a small nonreactive saucepan with 1/4 cup water. Heat over medium-low heat until the sugar dissolves, 2 to 3 minutes. Pour over mint and toss well. Taste and add more sugar or

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This Earth Day help clean up storm drains into creeks, and riv-

Cleanups can be on Earth The Earth Day clean-up, host- Day, April 22, or any day parks, and other natural areas are

Trash within our neighborcleaning up in your neighbor- luting the coast once they are washed into the storm drains and Creek cleanups start at your waterways. Your help is needed to

## **Dungeons & Dragons For Teens at the Library**

Join the San Leandro exploring new worlds. Library (via Zoom) every Friday in April to play a fantasy Dungeons & Dragons for teens role-playing game. you'll create a character, and then, along with your teammates, go on an istration required. Visit www. adventure - solving mysteries, conquering bad guys, and

An experienced facilitator will help with everything from

character creation to how to navigate the world of the game. No experience necessary, reg-

tinyurl.com/projectteenlounge to learn more.

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The San Leandro Senior

Hanan believes with social

distancing and other precautions,

The Gracious Ladies have performed hula at locations throughout the East Bay.

## pend on the guidelines' depend on the guidelines we

Hula: 'It will just de-

The majority of the Gracious Season with the salt and pepper Ladies dancers are widows, Han- Center and other city facilibefore placing in a large ziplock an said. They range in age from ties haven't yet announced a

The Aiken Senior Center is still awaiting re-opening guidelines from the county and the there should be some way of Hayward Area Recreation Department (H.A.R.D.).

time soon but we are hopefully tember," Hanan said. "All the anticipating opening up some seniors are ready to get out. The programs in late May or early senior places are the last ones June," Tibbets said. "It will just to open."

Roast the leg in a sturdy roasting CDC, said Jennifer Tibbets, bringing back the hula perforrecreation coordinator at the mances for the seniors who are in need of some socializing. "Union City I heard is not "It's not going to happen any going to re-open until Sep-

have to follow."

re-opening date.

## **Clean Up Waterways** For this Earth Day

the waterways starting right at ers to become harmful pollution. your front door.

ed by the Alameda County Clean throughout the weekend and Water Program, helps keep our will be self-guided and close to waterways free of harmful trash. home. Local streets, sidewalks,

You can help to clean Castro Valley Creek, San Leandro good choices. Creek, San Lorenzo Creek, and other community waterways by hoods becomes the trash polhoods and local natural areas.

doors. Trash travels through clean your neighborhoods.

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There are things you can do to prevent falls, and if you do fall, there are guidelines that can help you get upright, without injuring yourself more in the process.

## **Steps** Towards Fall Prevention

very second of every day, an older adult (age • 65-plus) suffers a fall in the U.S. making falls ✓ the leading cause of injury and injury-death in this age group.

One out of four older adults will fall each year in the United States, making falls a public health concern, particularly among the aging population.

Falls are not a normal part of aging, but they do happen. There are things you can do to prevent falls, and if you do fall, there are guidelines that can help you get upright, without injuring yourself even more in the process.

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Spectrum Community Services' Fall Prevention Program's primary goal is to reduce and/or prevent the number of falls among at-risk low-income seniors. They use a multi-pronged approach proven to be the most effective strategy to address the range of issues that lead to falls:

Behavioral: Educates and raises awareness about: falls and fall prevention, sedentary lifestyle, medication management, and better eating habits.

Physical: Offers fall prevention skills-building training sessions that help to develop strength, improve mobility and balance and increase hand-eye coordination.

Environmental: Make suggestions during class and workshops for simple changes to their home environment i.e. grab bars, smoke alarms, stair railings, and hand held showers.

Spectrum Fall Prevention Program Manager, Stacey Blackard, will be discussing these topics and more during the Castro Valley Women's Club monthly meeting on April 21, at 1 p.m. This presentation is open to anyone interested in how to protect themselves or a loved one.

If you would like to join the meeting, call the club phone 510-461-0764 for the zoom log-in information.



**By Jim Miller** Special to the Times

One of the best, vet underutilized perks of growing older in the United States is the many discounts that are available to older adults.

There are literally thousands of discounts on a wide variety of products and services including restaurants, groceries, travel and lodging, entertainment, retail and apparel, health and beauty, automotive services and much more. These discounts typically ranging between 5 and 25 percent of f - canadd up to save you hundreds of dollars each year.

So, if you don't mind admitting your age, here are some tips and tools to help you find the discounts you may be eligible for.

Ask! The first thing to know is that most businesses don't advertise them, but bership organizations like many give senior discounts just for the asking, so don't be shy.

You also need to know that while some discounts are available as soon as you turn 50, most don't kick in until you turn 55, 60, 62 or 65.

Search Online: Because senior discounts frequently change and can vary depending on where you live and the time of the year, the internet is the easiest

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way to locate them.

TheSeniorList.com (click on the "Senior Discounts" tab), which provides a large list of discounts in categories, i.e., restaurant dining, grocery stores, retail stores, prescription medications, travel discounts and more.

You can also search for discounts by provider. Go to a search engine like Google and Yahoo and type in the business or organization you're curious about, followed by "senior discount" or "senior discount tickets."

If you use a smartphone, there are also apps you can use like the "Senior Discounts & Coupons" app (available on the App Store and Google Play), which categorizes discounts by age and type.

Join a Club: Another good avenue to senior discounts is through mem-AARP, which offers its members age 50 and older a wide variety of discounts through affiliate businesses (see AARPdiscounts.com).

If, however, you don't like or agree with AARP, there are other organizations you can join that also provide discounts like the American Seniors Association (AmericanSeniors. org), the American Automobile Association (AAA. com), or for retired federal

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workers, the National A good place to start is at Active and Retired Federal **Employees** Association (NARFE.org).

Types of Discounts: Here's an abbreviated rundown of some of the different types of discounts ers 55 and over. And, you can expect to find.

**Restaurants: Senior** discounts are common at restaurants and fast-food establishments - like Applebee's, Arby's, Burger King, Chili's, Denny's and IHOP – ranging from free/ discounted drinks, to discounts off your total order.

Retailers: Many thrift stores like Goodwill and Salvation Army, and certain retailers like TJ Maxx, Banana Republic, Kohl's, Michaels, Ross and Walgreens stores offer a break to seniors on certain days of the week.

Grocery stores: Many locally owned grocery stores offer senior discount programs, as do some chains.

Travel: American, United and Southwest Airlines provide limited senior fares in the U.S. to passengers 65 and older, while British Airlines offers AARP members discounts of up to \$200. Amtrak provides a 15 percent discount to travelers over 62. Most car rental companies give discounts to 50-plus

customers or those who belong to organizations like AARP. Royal Caribbean, Norwegian, Celebrity and Carnival cruise lines offer discount rates to cruissee DISCOUNTS on page 7 most hotels offer senior discounts, usually ranging from 10 to 20 percent.

Entertainment: Most movie theaters, museums, golf courses, ski slopes and other public entertainment venues provide reduced admission to seniors over 60 or 65. And the National Park Service offers a lifetime senior pass for those 62 and older for \$80 (see nps.gov/planyourvisit/ passes.htm).

Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

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**GUEST COMMENTARY** 



## **Buyers Starting to Second Guess Themselves**

his past week, following higher than the amount they up with buyer agents who had toured our

listings, I began hearing a similar phrase over and over. "Our buyers love the home," they'd say, "but are afraid the prices will go too high, so they will not submit an offer."

The net result: the quantity of tours homes are receiving remains the same, but the number of offers coming in is way down.

Here is the irony: buyers, by withholding offers, are losing out on any chance they may have to get a home.

As the housing market continues climbing and prices escalating, some buyers are beginning to second-guess themselves.

It is easy to understand: if they write an offer and it is not high enough, it will not be accepted. Consequently, if they think an offer might come in

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are willing to submit, they talk themselves out of writing an offer.

The problem is this: if enough buyers do this, then fewer offers are submitted. With fewer offers to choose from, those who actually submitted offers have substantially higher odds of getting offers accepted. Additionally, since prices are still continuing upward, those who were afraid to write offers are being pushed further and further from their goal of actually obtaining a home.

Another irony is that not all sellers accept the highest price. Some are looking for other items in offers, such as larger down payments, rentback, higher cash reserves and so on. In other words, even if other offers are higher, there is no guarantee they will be accepted.

We encourage buyers to write offers continuously. We call it the Spaghetti Principle: the more spaghetti you throw at the wall, the more likely it is that some will stick. Translated, "The more offers you write, the higher your odds that one will be accepted."

While any buyer writing offers may or may not have a significant chance of getting their offer accepted, at least a chance exists. Those who choose to not submit an offer have no chance at all.

There is another factor here as well: when viewing properties and writing offers, do so on homes well under your limits.

That way, you can effectively compete with other offers. Our recommendation is to

avoid homes at the top of your price range that you have little chance of securing, and focus instead on those you can actually afford.

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

Blueberries by far are the

plants will yield a decent num-

ber of berries with a minimal

amount of effort. They like a

bright sunny location that is

be large enough. To avoid a

pollination problem, select

a low chill, self-pollinating

variety such as Sunshine Blue

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Strawberries are next on the

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anything.



have lovingly hosted family, guests and entertaining over the years. Extended driveway leads to a detached garage and a full stand-up basement below permitted extension with its own dedicated entry. Countless improvements show pride of ownership by the same owner for nearly 60 years! Proudly presented by Louis Heystek of Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate, 510-928-5501 (DRE #01771666).

## **Growing Berries in Containers**

By Buzz Bertolero produce few runners and have pecial to the Times multiple crops of berries per What type of berries vear. The container(s) should will grow in containers? run north to south, so each I have a small backyard with limited space to grow

side of the plants gets an equal amount of sun. While they can endure the sun's heat, they are also will survive in partial You're not as limited as shade. you might think, as all Because of the heavy producthe popular berries can tion, the plants wear themselves be grown in containers. out and should be replanted

with new ones every three years. Raspberry Shortcake and Baby Cake Blackberries complete the list of container berries. They're dwarf and thornless, great for decks, patios, and balconies that receive hot afternoon sun.

They have an endearing compact growth habit that thrives in a container. Don't be fooled by its pint-sized appearance; it produces full-size, super-sweet raspberries and blackberries. Unlike the other cane berries, they requires no trellising or staking.

Raspberry Shortcake and Baby Cakes produce fruit mid-summer on the second-year canes. You're more likely to find them at your favorite independent garden center. Generally speaking, ber-

ries will need to be watered frequently, and I would fertilize

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twice during the growing season vanced with Osmocote, a time-release fertilizer that provides a little bit on nutrients every time you water.

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## **Trimming White Potato Vine Roots**

By Buzz Bertolero Special to the Times *I have a white potato* vine growing on an arbor in a container. Recently, I noticed the arbor was tilting backward. Roots growing out the drainage holes caused the tilling. If I cut these roots to balance the arbor correctly, will the vine die?

I wouldn't expect your potato vine to die from trimming the roots expanding from the drainage hole of a container. Some

dieback may occur, but you can minimize that by pruning the top growth at the same time. There is a direct relationship between the roots under

the ground and the foliage it supports. Also, another option would be to reduce the original rootball by root pruning. It's



then replanted in the same container or a new one. Early spring is an excellent time to fix this issue.

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## Little Change in Mortgage Rates

although some loans edged up.

The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 3.18 percent for main low, we are beginning to the week ending April 1, up see a pullback by those looking from the previous week when to enter the housing market,' it averaged 3.17 percent. A year said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's ago at this time, the 30-year rate Chief Economist. "In fact, averaged 3.33 percent.

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Five-year hybrid adjust- today."

Long-term fixed mortgage able-rate mortgages (ARMs) rates remained steady last week, averaged 2.84 percent, also unchanged.

"Although mortgage rates rehomebuyer demand has gone Fifteen-year fixed-rate mort- from 25% above pre-Covid levgages averaged 2.45 percent, els at the start of the year, when unchanged from the week be- mortgage rates hit record lows, to 8% above pre-Covid levels



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V D D C DN D BARDENER As soon as garden beds are able to be worked after the

April rains have passed, you can begin setting out vegetables, including radishes, eggplants, green peppers, beans, cucumbers and squash. Buzz Bertolero recommends waiting until May to set out tomatoes. Nurseries and garden centers are well-stocks with six-packs and 4-inch pots of vegetables ready for transplanting.

#### Flowers

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Vegetables

Summer annuals and perennials can also be planted this month to brighten up flower beds. Look for petunias and zinnias-two of the most popular annuals-available in a wide range of colors, shapes and sizes to fulfill any requirement, whether for dramatic massed beds and borders, window boxes or planters on the patio.

Select plants with healthy, deep green foliage. In both vegetable and flowers gardens, watch out for hungry snails which have multiplied many times over due to all the wet weather.

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## **City Manager Applicants Take Questions from the Public**

### **By Mike McGuire** San Leandro Times

San Leandro's three candidates for city manager fielded questions sent in from the public set of eyes to the position, havat an online Town Hall meeting ing run several cities in three last Saturday, each trying to present themselves as the best choice for the job.

They detailed approaches to dealing with such city issues as I was charmed by what I found social justice, homelessness, the role of the police in public safety, climate change and a healthy city budget.

Each of the three candidates for the position boasted of extensive backgrounds in similar roles.

Fran Robustelli is acting city manager in San Leandro after past service in Clayton, Walnut cial inequity there. Flooding and Creek, Hayward and Napa. Terrence Moore is currently city manager in College Park, Ga., most notably home to the Atlanta he said. airport. Sean Charpentier is the current city manager in East Palo a need to align city policies on Alto, in San Mateo County.

Robustelli said she was attracted to San Leandro because munity engagement," said Roof its diversity, and pointed to bustelli. "We're still in a period her experience helping diversify Hayward's police department 2020." when she headed human resources in that city.

manager at the height of the pan- He said that across the country, demic, she said, adding that she police chiefs were increasingly

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the community.

Moore said he would bring a fresh perspective and a fresh different states but still having set longevity record in several of those positions.

"As a local government geek, out about San Leandro at a recent national conference," Moore said.

Charpentier said, "I like to work where I can make a big local difference "

In East Palo Alto, he said, that had come with a big dose of overcoming both flooding and the aftermath of a history of sowater supply are big problems, as was a freeway that long split a notably diverse city in two,

All three candidates spoke of policing with community values.

"We need maximum comof recovery from the tragedy of

Moore said that he had hired police chiefs aligned with com-She was hired as acting city munity values in several cities. has spent her four months on the realizing that some standard oper-

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going forward.

'The greatest tool in crime

realize that.

job building relationships across ating procedures need to change that a police chief needed to least one major issue. Robust- utilities around the Atlanta airelli had started her government port, and Charpentier has carried Addressing other issues, each service as a chemist working on out major infrastructure projects

prevention is the community of the candidates pointed to areas clean water. Moore has done ex- dealing with climate change and itself," Charpentier said, adding of experience in dealing with at tensive negotiations with public disaster resilience.

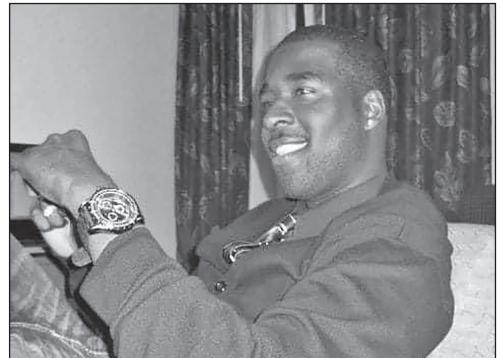
## Taylor: March 18 – Steven Taylor Day

continued from front page 18 as Steven Taylor Day. The City Council also hired the OIR Group of Los Angeles, which specializes in law enforcement reform, to investigate the shooting from

This day... a turning point for the San Leandro community.

the incident itself up through the entire command staff of the San Leandro Police Department.

The rally will include a reading of the Steven Taylor Day resolution, a march around the Marina loop, speakers, and tables for community resources and connection.



April 18 will be Steven Taylor Day in San Leandro with a rally at Marina Park.

## Vaccine: Shots available to more people

continued from front page capacity restrictions and modi- rates are rising in other parts of seeing surges. parks.

"Our metrics have improved, but this pandemic is not yet in CDC, California has reported our rear-view mirror," said Dr. more coronavirus cases (more Nicholas Moss, Alameda County than 3.57 million) and virus-relat-Health Officer. "Variants of the ed deaths (58,269) than any other virus that causes COVID-19 are state. While California's Covid

fications, were such businesses the country and, while nearly as outdoor bars with no meal a quarter of Alameda County requirements, bowling alleys, residents aged 16 and older three weeks before moving into gyms, movie theaters, museums, have been fully vaccinated, we the next, less restrictive color tier restaurants, places of worship, aren't at the levels required for sports events and amusement broad community protection or immunity."

According to data from the

even if metrics warrant a change.

Vaccination Eligibility Californians aged 50 and up last health officials.

Thursday, making nearly six million more people eligible for vaccinations. At the same time, beginning April 15.

who received a dose of Johnson offer appointments & Johnson vaccine in South Los Angeles, an area hard hit by the coronavirus pandemic.

it's finally my turn," Newsom cord Card and keep the original said

who is eligible to get the vaccine copy of it - with you, you may based on expected supply in- need it for travel or admission creases, it will still take months to to events, such as San Francisco get every Californian vaccinated Giants games.

circulating in our county, case trends are stable, other states are who wants to be. But millions are being vaccinated each week and Alameda County must remain more than 30 percent of Califorin the Orange Tier for at least nians are now at least partially vaccinated.

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Both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines appear to be powerful in preventing the transmission Vaccinations opened for all of the disease, according to U.S.

### **Getting An Appointment**

Alameda County residents should visit bit.ly/39vmfIW and the state announced everyone age fill out the Vaccine Notifica-16 and up can be vaccinated, also tion Form. Healthcare providers such as Kaiser and Sutter, and Among the newly eligible last pharmacies such as Walgreens, week was Gov. Gavin Newsom RiteAid, Costco and CVS also

### The Card

After you have received your vaccination(s), make a copy of 'Eighteen million doses later, your 3x4-inch Vaccination Rein a secure location. While it's not While the state is expanding necessary to carry the card - or a



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## Zepeda: Promises no PAC money

continued from front page promises," Zepeda said. "The platform LinkedIn where he stretches from Southern Alanumbers of people experiencing coaches and trains employees in meda County into Santa Clara homelessness is on pace to double diversity and inclusion. every few years.

whether they wield power with a cent from a corporate PAC. pen, gavel or gun, must meet the needs of their community, not the ey at all," he said. other way around."

gree in business administration and son for the past five years. from UC Berkeley. He works as

"I believe all public servants, his campaign without a single "I'm not accepting their mon-

Zepeda has lived in Castro Zepeda holds a masters de- Valley with his wife Elizabeth second 4-year term.

Besides Castro Valley, the zepedaforsenate.com

a program manager at the online 10th Senate District, which County, takes in 15 other cities Zepeda vows that he will run and unincorpoated communities including Hayward, San Lorenzo, Union City and part of San Leandro. The district is currently represented by Democrat Bob Wieckowski, who is serving his

Zepeda's website is: https://

## **Arts Award Nominations Invited**

Arts Commission is accepting video and new media. nominations for the 2021 Arts Leadership Awards, an annual with an arts organization as October. program that recognizes five an artist, staff person, board residents of the county.

Nominees must be Alameda instructions. County residents who are in-

achievements and contributions donor, supporter, advocate, and submitted online at www.acgov. to the arts community and the so forth. For complete details, org/arts/awards. review the online nomination

volved in such arts discipline as viewed by the Arts Commission www.acgov.org/arts/awards.

The Alameda County music, dance, literature, theater, in June and the award recipients will be recognized by the Coun-They must be affiliated ty Board of Supervisors in early

Nominations are due on individuals for their outstanding member, teacher, volunteer, Friday, May 14, and must be

For more information, call 510-208-9646, email artscom The nominations will be re- mission@acgov.org or visit

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## When Will Library, City Facilities Open?

Editor:

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Leo T. West is correct when he says in his April 1st letter ("Inaction, Posturing and Fake News") that the San Leandro City Council has shown its ineptness in developing a plan to open the city's departments. For example, what is their plan for opening our library?

The City Council's main plan seems to be to withhold city services and keep collecting our taxes. Something for nothing is City Council's dream come true while they take advantage of the COVID shutdown. -George Z. Banks San Leandro

This Is the Top Three? Editor:

Well, I'm not impressed with the final candidates for the City of San Leandro city manager position. A total of 67 applied and we are down to the final three. Let's keep in mind that the City of San Leandro has a population of 89,703 (2018).

Sean Charpentier was the assistant city manager for East Palo Alto with a population of 29,579. Currently working for San Mateo County and his only responsibility is working in transportation planning and funding.

Terrence Moore was city manager for four cities so it sounds like he has a lot of experience, but let's review the facts.

His first City Manager position was for Sebastian, Florida, population 26,952, and then he moved on to Las Cruces, New Mexico, population 104,672 - now that's more like itwhen compared to the population of San Leandro. But then it gets interesting because he leaves Las Cruces and moves onto Morgantown, West Virginia which has a population of only 30,549. I'm guessing that he couldn't cut the mustard in the big city of Las Cruces. Well, Morgantown must have been too much for him as well as he then moves on to College Park, Georgia, with a smaller population of only 15,212.

The third candidate is Fran Robustelli who has been the interim city manager for San Leandro since December 2020 but her current LinkedIn profile says she is the

Assistant City Manager of Walnut Creek, population 69,825. How can she be in two places at the same time? Well she did work in Human Resources, whoop-de-doo, for 19 years (1996-2015) so maybe she knows how to be in two places at the

same time. I can't believe that this is the best the City Council can come up with seeing how the position pays over \$200,000 per year. It would be nice to hire an assistant city manager who has been working for a city that is at least as large as San Leandro as I think the current candidates are already in over their heads and they haven't even started yet

**Brent Heath** San Leandro

### Anti-Asian Racism Needs to be Addressed

Editor: I am dismayed that the Times keeps publishing letters from Leo T. West. He has gotten ample space in this paper to spout his views. Why is a non-Asian American the only person whose letter has been published on this topic? In the past, your paper even published a letter from someone claiming Japanese American incarceration was a "good thing." Please exercise better editorial discretion.

We cannot address hatred and racism against Asian Americans without acknowledging that this racism is taking place in all kinds of ways besides horrific acts of violence.

Nearly 90% of incidents reported to StopAAPIHate.org have included verbal harassment, being spat or coughed, shunning, and denial of

These incidents have taken place primarily in private businesses where bystanders didn't intervene to stop it from happening. Countless articles have shown that sadly these racist acts have been perpetuated by people from all ethnicities.

In addition, who are these "advocates of criminals" that West writes about? I can imagine he is referring to people fighting to end police brutality. Having more police will not free us from racism.

Many Asian Americans are scared to report to the police because of

mistrust of government, trauma, and the fact that police may not be able to communicate with them in their language.

OPINION

There is no need to pit any community against another. Systemic racism works by trying to divide us apart, especially communities of color. What we need is for people from all backgrounds to stand up against racism however it occurs, whether it's casual dehumanizing remarks about Asian people all the way up to acts of violence. Allies can stand up for Asian Americans by taking our concerns seriously and asking us what we need in this difficult moment.

-Eva Poon San Lorenzo

### New Use for Rodeo Grounds? Editor:

Quiet as it's kept: Thanks to COVID-19, both the Rowell Ranch Rodeo (Castro Valley) and the Livermore Rodeo have again been canceled. Can I get an Amen?

The Los Angeles City Council recently voted unanimously (15-0) to ban flank straps, electric prods and other painful devices from all rodeos held within the city limits. Progress!

And on his very first day in the Oval Office, President Joe Biden replaced a Frederick Remington sculpture of a cowboy on a bucking bronco with a bust of Cesar Chavez, president and co-founder (with Dolores Huerta) of the United Farm Workers.

Chavez was a vocal critic of rodeo and its inherent cruelties. He was also a vegetarian for ethical (not health) reasons. Ten states now celebrate "Cesar Chavez Day" on the great man's birthday, March 31.

The United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales) outlawed rodeos back in 1934. Can the United States be far behind?

And wouldn't the Rowell Ranch rodeo grounds make a wonderful Farm Animal Sanctuary & Education Center for Bay Area school children? Let H.A.R.D. hear from you!

-Eric Mills, coordinator Action for Animals. Oakland



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## **INQUIRING REPORTER**

If you could live in any era of history?

- Asked downtown

I would live in the future. Whatever year it takes for people to stop being ignorant and so mad at the world and take responsibility for their actions. when we're all happy. **Mercedes Anderson** Oakland



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In the '20s and '30s in Los Angeles. It wasn't all built up then, the movies were growing and artists from Europe were coming there. It was glamorous.

**Robin Ketelle** Piedmont



Probably back to when my parents were teenagers, the '50, with the sock hops, the soda fountains, and drive-ins. It was a fun era. Maybe not as good for women but I'm just looking at the fun part.

**Michelle Niksich** San Leandro



Elizabethan London because there was a lot going on, times were changing and exploration of the world was beginning. Emma Grahn Washington, D.C.



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## **Rowell Rodeo Postponed; Parade** And Chili Cook-off Reset to 2022

greater clarity on what the current pandemic will allow."

In a press statement, rodeo officials said "the health and safety of our community, fans, sponsors, volunteers, and rodeo family remains our top priority" and that they were working closely with the county and the Hayward Area Recreation Dept. to determine how and when to plan events to celebrate the rodeo's 100th anniversary. In the meantime, ticket sales have been delayed.

"We are proud to salute the frontline workers who are helping us navigate a time like no other. From COVID-19 to wildfires, the past year has been full of many challenges, yet we remain optimistic for what lies ahead,' the statement continued.

Parade and Chili Cookoff **Rescheduled to Next Year** 

With the rodeo on hold for now, the Rotary Club of Castro Valley has announced that both this year's Rotary-sponsored Rodeo Ranch Parade and Chili Cook-off have been rescheduled to next year because of the continuing health concerns. "The parade, chili cook-off,

and rodeo are events that define Castro Valley. As soon as this pandemic is behind us, we will all be ready to celebrate and have some great times together again," said Rotary President Gary Howhas been working hard in hopes of making Rotary's annual parade and chili cook-off a reality in May 2021.



The Rowell Ranch Rodeo inform the community and all we will not be able to honor our Committee has announced that of the outstanding participants First Responders as well as so Updates will be posted at

refine their chili recipes." He expressed his regret "that www.castrovalleyrotary.org.

this year's centennial event has that "they have another year to many others, young and old, who been postponed "until there is prepare their parade entries and make Castro Valley so special."

**Algae Alert** 

A Caution Advisory has been posted at Lake Chaobt for the presence of cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) and the recent detection of toxins. This photo, by Reed O'Connell of San Leandro, was taken last week while he was trail running near Lake Chabot Dam. The public should avoid any contact with the water and keep dogs away from the lake. Swimming is never permitted at Lake Chabot.

## ard, who thanked everyone who HARD Awarded for Summer Program

The Hayward Area Recreation Summer Park Program created last District (HARD) has received year to meet the needs of families the 2020 California Parks and managing during the pandemic Howard said he wanted to Recreation District 3 Award for its and to help kids get outdoors.

The Covid crisis completely changed the concept of summer camp requiring HARD to reimagine a new camp experience while

also being mindful of the county health guidelines. The camps ran three weeks and held cohorts of twelve children and two leaders.

The programs served 246 participants, allowing families to have a safe place to send their children to so they could go to work. Registration for HARD's

Summer Camp 2021 is underway. For a list of classes visit haywardrec.org/407/

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## during Sunday's Easter Sunrise Service. The annual service, hosted by Redwood Chapel Community Church, unites people of faith from many churches. Songs of joy and God's peace were sung, a testimony by George Arias was shared and the congregation heard an inspiring message of hope. GENERAC

**Easter Message** 

Pastor Eric Junginger brings the Easter Message to scores of socially-distanced

worshipers who had gathered in Cull Canyon to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ



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