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Activities Opening Up

People got outdoors on Sunday and enjoyed a beautiful spring day at activities that are opening up in the East Bay, including at the Golden Tee Golfland miniature golf course in Castro Valley.

Two San Leandrans Among Candidates For District 18 State Assembly Seat

By Mike McGuire San Leandro Times

Two San Leandro officeholders, both named Aguilar but not related, are among the field of candidates running to replace District 18 Assemblyman Rob Bonta, recently named as state attorney general.

James Aguilar is a San Leandro Unified School District school board member, and Victor Aguilar is on the San Leandro City Council.

state assembly seat include Al- Alameda City Councilwoman Mia Bonta, who is married to Workers Party candidate Joel Rob Bonta; civil rights attor- Britton.



James Aguilar

Other candidates for the ney Janani Ramachandran;

The primary election will be held on June 29. The special election is set for Aug. 31, but could be settled earlier if any candidate wins a majority of the votes in the June 29 primary election.

James Aguilar gave his views on the state's priorities in a campaign video.

We're spending \$70,000 per year on each prisoner, but we're the 46th in per-pupil spending while we've been the world's 5th largest economy,' Aguilar said.

James Aguilar also called least affordable, and focusing ameda school board president Malia Vella, and Socialist for repealing the Ellis Act on climate change while ad-(which critics charge has led dressing all state issues. to many evictions) for transit



Victor Aguilar

that is preferably free or at

see CANDIDATES, page 12

Council Requires Zero-Emission Vehicles by 2030

City Council move is 5 years ahead of state timetable; auto dealer says deadline not feasible

By Michael Singer San Leandro Time

house gasses, the San Leandro that her colleagues support City Council on Monday the resolution," Sanftner said. voted unanimously, 7-0, to "She also encouraged equitarequire all new cars and pas- ble access to such vehicles, so senger trucks sold in the city to be zero-emissions vehicles (ZEV) by 2030.

In a move to reduce green- City Council and requested see ZERO, page 10

The city's timeline is five years earlier than Governor **Police** Newsom's executive order from January this year, which also mandates all new cars and also mandates all new cars and passenger trucks sold in California be ZEVs. The state's **Murder**deadline is by the year 2035.

Full battery-electric cars **Suicide** like the Tesla qualify as a zero-emissions vehicles. State regulators also include those sponded to a home on the powered by hydrogen fuel 15000 block of Crosby Street cells and plug-in hybrid-elec- at 1 a.m. on Monday at the retric vehicles to the ZEV list.

The vote aligns with previously adopted City Council fatally shot in what appeared sustainability policies, said to be a domestic violence City of San Leandro spokes- murder-suicide. person Paul Sanftner. The staff report noted the adoption of the incident as a homicide that this resolution does not antici- appears to have stemmed from pate, "any direct fiscal impacts a domestic dispute, according to the City of San Leandro." to San Leandro police. The

Cox brought the issue to the

San Leandro police request of family members and discovered a man and woman

Police are investigating "Councilmember Deborah names will not be released see MURDER, page 3

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rabbit who is playful and pecking around for food. curious. She enjoys moving dill, basil, and cilantro.

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Azure

For more information on her toys about her room and Cappuccino or Azure, call the snacking on fresh herbs like Hayward Animal Shelter at 510-293-7200.



Winners of A.R.T, Inc.'s Juried Show to Be Revealed Saturday

A.R.T., Inc.'s first juried ning online with all 76 entries show since the beginning of selected to be exhibited. the pandemic is up and run-

The winners will be revealed at a reception at 2 p.m. be viewed now at artinc.org.

Shown above is "Sunol RonRigge.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE WONG FAMIL

Aaron Wong currently

Seeing this boy Micah wel-

Jenny is a kindergarten teach-

The Wong family, Aaron and Jenny, along with son Tyler and their new baby Micah, hope to share their joy with everyone after this tough year.

Wong Family Welcomes New Baby, Now a Family of Four

The Wong family wel-

San Leandro High School al- port team to the family. ums as well as alums of James Monroe Elementary and John year, Aaron and Jenny would December 2017.

"We are so blessed and our family," said Aaron.

Micah was born at San Respite," a photograph by Leandro Kaiser as was their oldest son Tyler.

Aaron's parents, Michael and hope to others. comed a new baby Micah and Debbie Wong; and Jenny's parents, Amy and Gary Lau, works as a resident services Aaron and Jenny Wong are are an excited and great sup- coordinator for seniors and

While it has been a tough er. Muir Middle School. They had like for this wonderful occa- comed to the world has given their first child Tyler Wong In sion to shine some brightness his parents the greatest joy.

this Saturday, but the show can excited to have an addition to On this Day in History - May 6

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Dr. John Gorrie.

first major league home run to the Japanese. while playing for the Boston Red Sox.

ship Hindenburg crashed and by airplane. burned in Lakehurst, N.J. Thirty-six people (of the 97 er Banister broke the four on board) were killed.

1942 - During World War



1851 - The mechanical II, the Japanese seized conrefrigerator was patented by trol of the Philippines. About 15,000 Americans and Filipi-1915 - Babe Ruth hit his nos on Corregidor surrendered

1946 - The New York Yankees became the first major 1937 - The German air- league baseball team to travel

> 1954 - British runner Rogminute mile.

1957 - U.S. Senator John Fitzgerald Kennedy was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for his book *Profiles in Courage*.

1962 - The first nuclear warhead was fired from the Polaris submarine.

1981 - A jury of international architects and sculptors unanimously selected Mava Ying Lin's entry for the design of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

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Community Calendar

Sun Gallery: Exhibit on Climate Change

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

#OwnVoices Adult Book Club

Join the San Leandro Library for a friendly and casual adult book club focused on #Ownvoices books on Thursday, May 6, at 6 p.m. #Ownvoices is a hashtag that started in 2015 to promote diverse authors and books. Diversify your reading list, learn about new perspectives and perhaps find aspects of your own experiences in the pages of a book. 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. Register for this free virtual event at sanleandrolibrary.org or call 510-577-3971.

Adult School Virtual Employment Fair

San Lorenzo Adult School will host a Spring Virtual Employment Fair on Thursday, May 6 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Representatives from delivery services/e-commerce, education, business, healthcare, and humanitarian aid relief and development will present their employment opportunities and safety protocols in the COVID era. Language translation in Spanish and Chinese. Go to bit.ly/ef21 reg to register for this free online employment fair.

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Hearing Loss Association Meeting

The Hearing Loss Association of America East Bay Chapter will meet on Zoom on Saturday, May 8. Greetings at 9:30 a.m., presentation at 10 a.m., discussion from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The speaker will be Dr. Margaret Wallhagen, professor at UC San Francisco. Register via Zoom at https:// www.hearinglosseb.org/ for the meeting.

Basic Gardening Skills Learn about the essentials to be a suc-

cessful vegetable gardener at a San Leandro Library virtual event on Saturday, May 8, at 11 a.m. We'll review the importance of selecting the planting site for sun and shade, improving and preparing your soil, watering, mulching, fertilizing, deciding what to plant and keeping pests at an acceptable level. Register for this free virtual event at sanleandrolibrary.org or call 510-577-3971.

San Leandro Art Association Watercolor Demonstration

The San Leandro Art Association will host a Zoom demonstration on watercolor techniques by Rick Surowicz on Tuesday, May 11, at 6:15 p.m. Surowicz is a nationally renowned artist located in Ohio. His You-Tube channel has over 50,000 subscribers and over 3 million views. The demo will last about an hour and a half and the public is invited to join. Contact Kathleen Kelly at kat@mkathleenkelly.com for Zoom access or with questions.

History Readers Book Club

Join the San Leandro History Museum for the launch of a fun and casual monthly book club focused on historical fiction. The kickoff meeting is Thursday, May 13 from 6 to 7 p.m., via Zoom. The History Readers Book Club will meet monthly on every 2nd Thursday from 6 to 7 p.m. and is open to all adults interested in discussing books.

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

'80s Music Trivia

Join the San Leandro Library for a totally awesome flashback to 1980s music trivia on Thursday, May 20, at 7 p.m. It's an online event for adults ready to celebrate the best decade of music. Register here: https://ti nyurl.com/SLPLTriviaAdults or email kmandalay@sanleandro.org for more information.

Items for the calendar can be emailed to jimk@ebpublishing.com or call 510-614-1557.



Deputy District Attorney Jimmie Wilson began his campaign for the District Attorney job, meeting with residents recently in the Bay-O-Vista neighborhood.

Wilson Kicks Off Campaign for DA

Attorney candidate Jimmie expand access to justice for College of Law, he became a Wilson held his first commu- all crime victims. We know Deputy District Attorney for nity meet and greet with San that improvement in systemic the County of Alameda. Leandrans in the Bay-o-Vista outcomes takes place through neighborhood on April 23.

Wilson has 16 years in the itation." District Attorney's office. He says he knows what is work- the San Leandro police in freshing," said San Leandro ing, and what's not, and what the past year to help them resident Joel Stewart. needs to be done to create understand implicit bias, and talked about the issues, already beginning the march to community. the 2022 election.

community centered criminal justice system that reaches people at the neighborhood level. As an executive member of the NAACP in Hayward, Wilson says we need new and innovative leadership dedicated to building trust, transpar-

Alameda County District cycle of violence. We need to from UC Berkeley, Hastings crime prevention and rehabil- 16 years as a DA, he under-

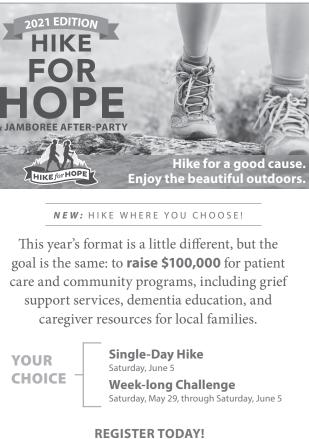
meaningful change. Wilson he has become even more common sense approach to familiar with the San Leandro police reform: more training

Part of Wilson's plan is a about working as a union resident Mike Dirubio. "More plumber for more than 15 resources for at-risk youth beyears before becoming an fore they get into the system. attorney. A back injury side- Those are popular programs lined him as a plumber, and at that everyone can get behind." 40 years old, he went back to school to study law.

"I was impressed. After stands the system and police. Wilson has worked with He's pro victim which is re-

"I was encouraged by his and tools for police in conflict Wilson talked to the crowd resolution," said Bay-O-Vista

More information on Wilson's campaign can be found at After receiving his degree www.jimmiewilsonforda.com/



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Murder: Tragic incident

continued from front page until relatives are notified.

times goes unreported because ing from domestic violence, victims don't know whom to please call 911 or Safe Alterturn to for help," said Lt. Ali natives to Violent Environ-Khan of the San Leandro police. ments-SAVE- at their 24-hour "Our hearts go out to the victim's crisis line at 510-794-6055.

family in this tragic incident." Khan added that if you or "Domestic violence some- someone you know is suffer-

Virtual Walk and **Celebration for Hearing**

ciation of America East Bay hearing health. Funds raised Chapter will host a Bay Area support HLAA's national Walk4Hearing Virtual Walk & awareness and education pro-Celebration on Saturday, June grams. Bay Area teams are 12. Walk4Hearing is the only forming now. Join or donate nationwide event bringing at https://www.hearingloss. attention to hearing loss and org/event/bay-area/

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Learn New Technology Skills Online

By Jim Miller Special to the Times

There are many different technology teaching tools available to older adults that can help you learn new tech skills so you can better utilize your devices.

Here are some good options to consider.

• Local classes or workshops: Depending on where you live, there may be community resources that offer beginning computer and personal technology classes, be it online or in-person, for older adults that are new to technology.

To find out what's available in your area, contact your local public library, senior center, college or university, or local stores that sell computers. Your Area Agency on Aging may

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also be able to help you. Visit the Eldercare Locator at Eldercare.acl.gov or call 800-677-1116 to get your local number.

• GetSetUp.io: This is one of the best online learning websites that partners with guides to provide training on tech tools for adults 50 and older. nonprofit OATS (Older Adults Technology Services) and recently join forces with AARP, Seni Planet offers 60-and-old adults a wide variety of

They provide more than 350 online classes taught in real-time by retired educators and tech industry experts in a way that lets older adults learn-by-doing, versus just watching a video.

Their technology classes – all taught via Zoom – cover things like learning how to use smartphones and tablets, how to set-up and use Zoom, how to utilize Gmail features, how to recognize online scams, how to sell your stuff online and

so much more. Most of their classes are free, however some charge a small fee. • SeniorPlanet.org: Created and sponsored by national Adults Technology Services) and recently joining forces with AARP. Senior Planet offers 60-and-older adults a wide variety of free online courses, programs, and activities that are taught in real-time to help seniors learn new technology skills, as well as save money, get in shape and make new friends.

Some of their more popular tech classes include "All Things Zoom," "Everything Smartphones," and an "Introduction to Social Media." They even offer a "lunch & learn – tech discussion group" offered at various times throughout the year where you can ask questions



as well as share your struggles and experiences.

And, if you ever have a technology question that pops up during the week, you can call their National Senior Planet Hotline for tech help at 920-666-1959 anytime Monday through Friday during working hours.

• OasisEverywhere.org:

This nonprofit educational organization for older adults provides more than 10 lowcost/free online computer, internet and mobile technology courses for beginners. And when the pandemic dies down, they will resume offering beginner tech classes in their 27 locations (located in nine states) throughout the country.

• CandooTech.com: This company provides fee-based online tech support and training to help older adults feel more comfortable with phones, computers, tablets, home safety devices and more.

Their specially trained tech concierges will teach you how to use your technology, fix what's not working and install software, as well as learn how to set-up and use email, video chat, social media, online shopping and entertainment, ride-sharing services and more.

They offer one-hour, one-on-one or small group sessions for \$50, or you can become a member and get two 90-minute training sessions plus unlimited quick support (30 minutes or less) for \$180 per year. They also provide device installation and set-up done remotely for \$180.

• TechBoomers.com: This is a free educational website that provides video and article tutorials that teach older adults and other inexperienced technology users how to use the most popular and trusted websites, apps and devices.

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Medicare Coverage Options For Retirees Eager to Travel

Q: *What are the best* Medicare coverage options for Covid-vaccinated retirees who are eager to travel? My wife and I will both turn 65 over the next few months and would like to know which Medicare plans are best for extensive travelers.

By Jim Miller Special to the Times

A: The best Medicare plans for retirees who plan to travel will vary depending on your destinations. But, before you book a trip make sure you know the current CDC Covid-19 travel recommendations (see CDC.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers), and research your destinations too so you can know if restrictions apply wherever you're going.

Medicare Review Before we dissect how Medicare works for travelers,

let's start with a quick review of your different Medicare options. One option is original

Medicare, which covers (Part A) hospital services and (Part B) doctor's visits and other medical services.

If you choose original Medicare, you may also want to get a Medicare (Part D) prescription drug plan (if you don't already have coverage) to cover your medications, and a Medicare supplemental (Medigap) policy to help pay for things that aren't covered by Medicare like copayments, coinsurance and deductibles.

Or, you could get a Medicare Advantage (Part C) plan instead, which is sold through private insurance companies, and covers everything original Medicare covers, plus many plans also offer prescription drug coverage and extra services like vision, hearing and dental care all in one plan.

To help you evaluate your options contact your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see ShiptaCenter. org), which provides free Medicare counseling.

You can also shop and compare Medicare health and drug plans and Medigap policies at Medicare.gov/find-a-plan.

Also note that whatever Medicare plans you choose to enroll in, if you find that they are not meeting your needs or your needs change, you can always switch to a different plan during the open enrollment period, which is between Oct.

15 and Dec. 7. U.S. Travel

If you and your husband are planning to travel domestically, original Medicare may be the better option because it provides coverage everywhere in the U.S. and its territories as long as the doctor or hospital accepts Medicare.

Medicare Advantage plans, on the other hand, which have become very popular among new enrollees may restrict your coverage when traveling throughout the U.S.

This is because most Medicare Advantage plans are HMOs or PPOs and require you to use doctors, hospitals and pharmacies that are in the plan's network within a service area or geographic region.

So, if you're traveling outside that area you may need to pay a higher fee, or your services may not be covered at all.

If you do decide to enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan, be sure you check the benefit details carefully to see what costs and rules apply when traveling outside your service area.

Traveling Abroad If you're planning to travel abroad much, a Medicare Advantage plan may be a better option because many Advantage plans today offer emergency care coverage outside the U.S. But be sure you check before you choose a plan because not all plans offer it.

Original Medicare, on the other hand does not provide coverage outside the U.S. and its territories except in rare circumstances (see Medicare.gov/

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coverage/travel), and Medicare drug plans will not cover prescription drugs purchased outside the U.S. either.

But if you do choose original Medicare, you can still get some coverage abroad through a Medigap policy. Plans D, G, M and N plans will pay for 80 percent of medically necessary emergency care outside the U.S. to new enrollees, but only for the first 60 days of the trip, and you have to meet an annual \$250 deductible first. There's also a lifetime limit of \$50,000, so you'd need to cover any costs above that amount.

Some beneficiaries, regardless of their Medicare coverage, purchase travel medical insurance for trips abroad, which you can shop for at InsureMyTrip.com or Square-Mouth.com.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org.

Senior Q&A: How to Access Decedent's Safety Deposit Box

Q: *My late Uncle set up* a safety deposit box at a local bank and named me as both executor under his Will and trustee under his Trust. To follow his wishes, I need access to his original estate planning documents, which I understand are held in his safety deposit box. How can I do that?

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By Gene L. Osofsky, Esq. Special to the Times

A: Assuming that the safety deposit box was held in your Uncle's name, alone, here is what you would need: (a) a key to the safety deposit box, (b) proof of his death (either a certified copy of his death certificate or a written statement of death from the coroner, his treating physician in addition to providing the or hospital where he died), (c) proof of your own identity, such as by a state driver's license, and (d) a signed Affidavit attesting to your right to access the box on your Uncle's behalf, which may

need to be notarized; the bank should have a form.

Access to the box will be under the supervision of a bank representative, who will make and retain a copy of the Will and/or Trust found in the box, while allowing you to remove the originals so that you can begin administering your Uncle's estate.

The bank will also let you remove any written instructions for the disposition of his remains, so that you can handle his final wishes in a timely manner.

If you do not have a key, access will likely be more difficult. At a minimum, you will need to persuade the bank to have a locksmith drill the lock to open the box, most likely at your own expense, other items mentioned above.

The bank may also require that you first initiate a court probate proceeding to secure Letters of Administration or Letters Testamentary before permitting access.

If there were another co-owner on his safety box, designated as a joint tenant, then the joint tenant would have access so long as he or she had a key. If not, then again the box would require drilling and the bank would likely need the other items listed above.

Sometimes a person will designate his or her Trust, itself, as the owner of the box. ating bank, remember that If this is the case, then the Successor Trustee under your Uncle's Trust could access the and have limited hours on box, again assuming he has a key and can provide the other requirements noted above.

In order to avoid the bank

access issue after death, I generally advise clients to retain their original Wills and Trusts in readily accessible places in their own home or other safe place, and to so advise the person(s) whom they have named as Executor or Successor Trustee. This can facilitate swift access following death.

Even if one has a cooperbanks are not open after hours or on major holidays, weekends. Swift access can be essential, especially if one needs immediate access to burial instructions following



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REAL ESTATE REALI By Carl Medford, CRS GUEST COMMENTARY



seller called recently, confused about the requests

she was getting from her Realtor. Her agent had suggested she order upfront inspections and make repairs.

"My agent also suggested I do some upgrades," she stated. "Everything is different. When I bought my house, I paid for inspections, bought the house *as-is* and made improvements myself ... what has changed?"

In a nutshell ... Everything. In fact, if you bought a home more than 5 years ago and want to sell now, the changes from when you bought your home and now are dramatic.

Buyers have significantly changed in the past five years. They have much more definite ideas of what they want, due in part to countless hours watching HGTV type programming.

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Additionally, the current generation, while very tech-savvy, are far less skilled than previous generations when it comes to home improvements. While they



know what they like when they see it, they often have no idea how to get to the finished look they want.

Consequently, they are willing to pay a premium for homes that closely resemble what they have seen on HGTV.

Buyers also have significantly less time to go out looking. With work pressures tion. at all-time highs, weekends are times for trying to relax and get critical tasks accomplished before hitting it again on Mondays.

As a result, they are very selective about the homes they see. They will view properties on their mobile devices, shortlist favorites and only view the properties they like the most. If a home does not meet their criteria and the listing visuals do not excite, they will never visit.

Historically there have been three levels of buyers: the bottom level - those who buy distressed homes (investors and flippers), the top level – those who want move-in ready properties and are willing to pay a premium and the middle level: those willing to buy mediocre homes that can be improved over time.

As little as 10 years ago, the middle level was the largest, and sellers could sell homes without inspection reports or improvements. That has flip-flopped: the largest segment of buyers today desire homes in the top tier and by-in-large ignore homes requiring improvements.

Sellers have also discovered that with upfront inspections, buyers are more willing to write offers with

the inspection contingency removed. Bottom line, everything has changed and the sellers who want to score must play by the new rules.

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bucolic block in Estudillo Estates Listed at \$958,000

This 3-bed 2-bath, 2-kitchen home can be easily converted into a 3-bedroom bathroom home with an In-Law unit simply by locking the connecting door. The In-Law unit can also be accessed by its own private entrance. This home has engineered floors and dual

pane windows throughout! The main house consists of an open floor plan with dining area adjacent to the kitchen and family room which

leads to a large, paved backyard lined by prolific gardens. The main bathroom has been fully remodeled. The kitchen includes spice maple cabinets, granite counter tops, and an induction range. There is also a pantry and laundry room with sink adjacent to the family room. The In-Law unit overlooks the backyard, has a full kitchen with new custom cabinets, and includes a full bath with laundry. Mini-split HVAC units throughout property - including the 2-car garage.





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Divide Calla Lilies in Winter; Mysterious Weed-Trees

By Buzz Bertolero *Special to the Times*

We have several calla lilies in our yard that are about four feet tall and doing wonderfully. Is it necessary to divide *Calla Lilies annually?*

The typical calla lily, found in many of the more established gardens, has a pure white flower with a perturding yellow structure in the center. Yellow and multi-colored varieties are also available.

They are used as a landscape plant or grown indoors in a bright window. They should be protected from the heat of the day sun and when the temperatures soar into the 90s.

Calla lilies are divided during the winter months whenever it's necessary, so there is no set timetable. The clumps are dug up and segmented into smaller sections, and replanted.

They'll overwinter nicely

in our soil because the ground doesn't freeze, but the cold temperatures damages the foliage.

They're not heavy feeders, so an annual feeding in the spring with All Purpose Plant Food should be sufficient; however, you should more often feed those in containers.

I have a weed that suddenly becomes a tree in less than two years. They sprout initially as long, skinny, single stalks with leaves that resemble camellia leaves. If I pull them *up quickly, they are easily* uprooted, but a few that were about four feet high were just too hard to pull, and one is now over twenty feet high. I probably pull four sprouts a week from other places in my yard.

I'm concerned now that these things will get so tall they will just blow over and die one day. Any idea what they are? Is it possible to

prune them into submission, so they stay where they are right now?

The mystery weedof privet, either Ligustrum lucidum or japonica, and closely related to a Texas seedlings germinate than I or Wax Leaf Privet shrub. Ligustrum's are planted as a medium growing, evergreen landscape tree or hedge in the Bay Area.

They have clusters of white flowers that turn into a bluish black berry. The berries are the source of the problem as they produce the new seedlings or the sprouts you refer to.

Birds and squirrels transport them from yard to yard. and they're a nuisance in the countless number of yards in the Bay Area, including mine. The good news is that they can be kept trim, sheared, or pruned at any height.

I used one that is about 12 feet tall to shade a camellia

from the hot afternoon sun. This became an issue when my neighbor removed a tree. The privet was about six feet tall when I discovered it tree is probably a type emerging from the canopy of the Camellia.

Unfortunately, more could possibly ever use, so I'm removing them when I can. It would be best if you were diligent in pulling up the seedlings while they are small; otherwise, you'll have to prune them.

I wouldn't be concerned that they could fall over, but it's not a common occurrence or very likely. I just cut the larger one down and control the size in that manner.

Buzz Bertolero is an Advanced California BUZZ BERTOLERO Certified Nursery Professional. The Dirt Gardener's website is www. DIRT GARDENER dirtgardener.com

and questions can be sent by email to buzz@dirtgardener. com.





San Leandro Times

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Mortgage

Long-term fixed mortgage rates remained below 3% last week, according to Fredie Mac's weekly nationwide survey.

he 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 2.98 percent for the week ending April 29, up slightly from dthe previous week when it averaged 2.97 percent. A year with rates under three perago at this time, the 30-year rate averaged 3.23 percent.

Fifteen-year fixed-rate mortgages averaged 2.31 percent, up from 2.29 percent.

Five-year hybrid adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 2.64 percent, down from a week earlier when they averaged 2.83 percent.

Vegetables

Garden.

Bug

Mother

plant

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and they will produce exuberantly.

the root system after it has developed.

"In light of the rising Covid caseloads globally, U.S. Treasury yields stopped moving up a month ago and have remained within a narrow range as the market digests incoming economic data," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's Chief Economist.

"The good news is that cent, refinancing continues to be attractive for many borrowers who financed before 2020. But, for eager buyers, especially first-time homebuyers, inventory continues to be extremely tight and competition for available homes to purchase remains high."

VEEKEND

This is the time to plant heat-loving beans, cucumbers,

eggplants, melons, peppers, and tomatoes. Keep everything

well-mulched and well-watered (after the rains finally stop)

As you plant vegetables that need to climb on stakes, insert the stakes at the same time you plant to avoid disrupting

GARDENIER

This is a source from which a grower gets new

planting material that is identical to its "mother" plant. In choosing a plant for this purpose, pick

matures steadily and easily. Pruning the branches

of mother plants regularly encourages new branches

one you like, that also has strong roots, a strong stem, a strong stem, is resistant to pests and fungi and

Rates Stay Low A GENTS IN A CTION

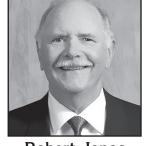


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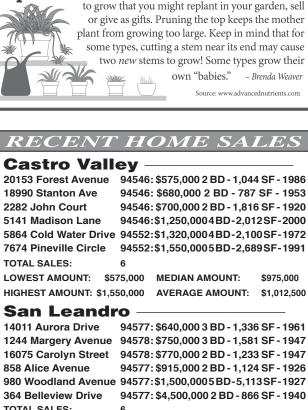
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Zero: Resolution bans sale of internal combustion engines in 9 years

continued from front page that the benefits of clean air and mobility are attainable by all residents of California."

During public comment, San Leandro resident Doug Spalding said supporting zero-emission vehicles is essential to combating climate change and he was happy to see the City Council address the issue.

"I would also like to see the city increase its number of charging stations to meet that 2030 goal," Spalding said. Some car dealers in the city

aggressive timeline.

San Leandro Chrysler stood up. Dodge Jeep RAM owner Carlos Hidalgo, Sr. called the vote manufacturer sends us," said



Councilwoman Deborah Cox brought the resolution to the City Council.

are skeptical of the council's seriously consider leaving San Leandro if the resolution

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Sections 17900-17930

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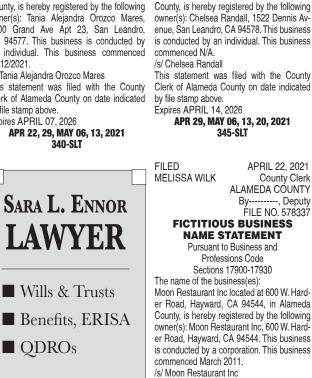
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Grace Cleanings located at 1600 Grand Ave Apt 23, San Leandro, CA 94577, in Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Tania Alejandra Orozco Mares, 1600 Grand Ave Apt 23, San Leandro, CA 94577. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced 03/12/2021

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cars. "People don't realize tric vehicles because of their technology can only go so limited range and the limited fast. Currently, we are light number of places you can plug on inventory because of the them in. global shortage of microchips. we pull in for the city, I find by the International Counbusiness here and in the Bay have a harder time accessing Area as a whole."

Hidalgo also noted that hicles. While just more than 90

specializes in high-power customers are not always 66 People

According to a January With as much tax revenue as 2019 white-paper published it ridiculous that the Council cil on Clean Transportation would consider this. It's al- (ICCT), people living in ready expensive enough to do apartments or condominiums charging for zero-emission ve-

don't realize technology can only go so fast. It's already expensive enough to do business here.

- Car dealer Carlos Hidalgo

percent of chargers are found in single-family homes, fewer than 18 percent are located at multi-unit dwellings, the ICCT said.

Since the 1990s, California has asked auto manufacturers to radically cut greenhouse gases. In 2018, Governor Jerry Brown set a goal for carmakers to produce a number of ZEVs and plug-in hybrids each year, based on the total number of cars sold in California by the manufacturer.

City to Host Virtual Town Hall Meeting on Monday

ridiculous and said he would Hidalgo, whose dealership ter and San Leandro City pandemic, and updates on a Cox, Bryan Azevedo, and from across the city. Corina Lopez invite the community to a virtual town hall include extensive time for meeting on Monday, May 10, the public to ask questions or from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The meeting is geared toward residents of San Leandro the hearing impaired or lanand 5, comprising the eastern when requested at least three portions of the City.

city is scheduled for Monday, on the city's website. July 12.

org) under "Latest News."

will include brief updates "The Q&A portion of the using their artistic skills and for Wilderness, a national three council members, in- time for residents to provide a growing awareness of the women, that inspires activism cluding the city's response comments, ask questions, or rich diversity of species in to preserve and protect wilderto COVID-19, impacts to the share ideas with their elected United States land and waters, ness and wild lands.

Mayor Pauline Russo Cut- city budget stemming from the City representatives."

The event format will also share feedback and concerns. Interpretation services for working days in advance of

The town hall meeting for the meeting. A map of the City "As our community con-

The Zoom meeting link is tinues to reopen and recover is May 7. also located on the City of San from the pandemic, we look Leandro's website (SanLeandro. forward to sharing news and student artists to creatively gmail.com updates that matter most to our express animal and plant The agenda for the evening residents," said Mayor Cutter. diversity through visual art sored by Great Old Broads from Mayor Cutter and the meeting will allow significant talent. Art work will illustrate grassroots organization, led by

For more information, ner at psanftner@sanleandro. Councilmembers Deborah variety of projects or programs contact the city's Community org or 510-577-3372.

Saving Endangered Species Youth Art Contest

The San Leandro 2021 especially species protected or City Council Districts 1, 2, guage translation is available Saving Endangered Spe- recovered by the Endangered ciesYouth Art Contest is open Species Act. to K-12 grade students.

the western portions of the Council districts can be found tion of the 16th annual Endan- wildlife and increasing actions gered Species Day on Friday, for animal and plant conser-May 21. The entry deadline vation. Request an entry form

Relations Manager Paul Sanft-

Youth participants will in-The contest is in recogni- spire support and empathy for and contest rules by sending The contest encourages an email to norcalbroads@

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Dusan Velebit

Dusan Velebit, a resident of San Leandro, passed away on April 17, 2021 at the age of 81 with his loving wife Anita by his side. Dusan was born in France. He met his wife in Croatia and they came to the United States in 1969.

He was a loyal member of The Carpenter Union Local 2236 for 51 years. Dusan enjoyed music, traveling and barbecuing with friends.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Anita. He is also survived by family and friends in Croatia and Europe as well as many friends in the United States. Dusan was a wonderful husband and friend and he will be missed tremendously.

A private funeral service will be held on Saturday, May 8, 2021. Arrangements by Santos-Robinson Mortuary. 510-483-0123.



Marqui Jones

December 7, 1939 ~ April 22, 2021

Marqui Jones passed away peacefully from this life on Thursday April, 22nd at 8:38 p.m. Marqui was born on December 7, 1939, in East St. Louis, Illinois until the age of 11 when the family moved to California. She was a wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and aunt to many Jones nieces and nephews. She was a volunteer, youth leader



and an employee of St. Louis Bertrand School for many years where she was a bookkeeper and secretary. She was a Lay Pastor at San Leandro Church and an employee of J.C. Penny for 20 years where she helped to make the annual Christmas party a joyful event and worked in the personnel payroll department hiring many people in the community. Marqui was an avid reader and loved to work in her yard. Marqui is survived by her brother William (Billy) Conner and spouse Delores, 2 daughters, Monica Leid Jones and Shanna Jones, 2 sons Drake Jones and Michael Jones, 7-grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband Micky Jones her parents William and Mary Conner and her grandson Joshua Jones. Services will be held on Sunday June 6, 2021 on Empress Cruise Line out of Marin. Call Monica for more details 925-727-6054.

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THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2021 11



Libertarian Day of Service

Members of the Libertarian Party of Alameda County - from left Darren Gill, Calvin Lu, Michael Lema and Victoria Lapacek - spent Saturday morning cleaning up trash from the parking lot, BBQ picnic and cafe areas of Lake Chabot. The most items picked up were masks, sanitary wipes, bottle caps and metallic confetti. It is recommended that biodegradable confetti be used for park events. The Day of Service was organized by People For Liberty (www.people4liberty.org), with local volunteer events happening nationwide. Alameda County members are setting a goal of eventually making this a monthly event.

Moderna **Shots Available At Davis Street**

The Davis Street Family Resource Center, 3081 Teagarden Street in San Leandro, has Moderna vaccine available free for adults 18 and over, no appointment needed.

Walk-in times are from 8 a.m to noon on Monday through Friday until May 14. Appointments for Moderna and Johnson and Johnson are accepted from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Johnson & Johnson vaccinations are appointment only.

Fill out the Covid-19 Vaccine Quick Registration form at www. davisstreet.org. To schedule an appointment or for more information, call 510-347-4620, ext. 400.

'80s Music Tribute

Join the San Leandro Library for a totally awesome flashback to 1980s music trivia on Thursday, May 20, at 7 p.m. It's an online event for adults ready to celebrate the best decade of music. Register here: https://ti nyurl.com/SLPLTriviaAdults or email kmandalay@sanleandro.org for more information.



PG&E on Patrol

PG&E conducted aerial patrols of gas transmission pipelines in Alameda County in late April. East Bay residents may have noticed the helicopter flying as low as 300 feet and hovering at times. The helicopter crews use a GPS-enabled tablet with mapping data to navigate the pipelines right-ofways, and document excavation and construction activity that warrant follow-ups.

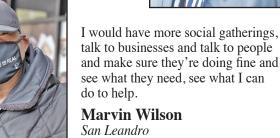
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What would you do if you were the mayor?

- Asked downtown

I would take care of the homeless first. It's a big problem. I would try to find empty buildings and fix them up and let homeless people move in there. You have to have enough housing. **Cheryl Parrish** Hayward



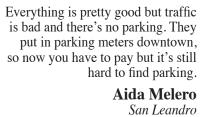


I would get rid of the homeless camps. They're huge in Oakland. The garbage is piled so high. The city should bring in trucks to take out the piled up garbage, and have shelters for the homeless people.

Darlene Keller Oakland



festival for children. They've been demic. And I would help the poor. There is a lot of homeless. **Georgina Guiterrez** San Leandro





I would have a big outdoor art inside all the time during the pan-



OPINION

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Letters must include the writer's name, address and phone number, and must be under 300 words. We reserve the right to edit as necessary. E-mail letters to: Guardian argues that animal farming letters@ebpublishing.com or fax to: 510-483-4209, or send by mail to: The Editor, San Leandro Times, 2060 Washington Ave., San Leandro, CA 94577.

Black Lives Matter Mural Needs Re-Painting Editor:

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Actions speak louder than words, Mayor Cutter. In your recent "Letter to the Editor" you proclaimed "..let us

reflect on the years of injustices our neighbors of color have endured and commit to doing all we can.." Over two months ago I asked for

you to *commit* to doing just that. I implore you to repaint the BLACK LIVES MATTER letters on Parrott Street.

The condition of this important message is in a deplorable state. The street is already blocked off on Wednesdays for the Farmer's Market.

The work could be completed after the market closes and have the street ready to be reopened by the morning.

Do you really want "..to ensure a just and equitable community" as you say? Don't talk about it. Be about it. -Kirk Thompson San Leandro

Plant Based Food Lowers **Greenhouse Gases** Editor:

So, I heard on Fox News that President Biden may be banning meat to combat global warming. Then I

remembered that Colorado Democrat Governor Jared Polis had issued a similar proclamation last month.

My first reaction was, what kind of cockamamie idea will the Democrats cook up next. But then I read the article they quoted, and it made a bit more sense.

Apparently, a University of Michigan research report found that replacing 50% of animal products with plant-based foods would prevent more than 1.6 billion tons of green-

is a major driver of climate change, as well as air and water pollution, soil depletion, and destruction of wildlife

house gasses by 2030, which is

tion in emissions.

Biden's target date for a 50% reduc-

Another article I found in The

habitats. It's possible that, in an environmentally sustainable world, we may eventually need to replace meat and other animal products with vege-

tables, fruits, and grains, just as we replace fossil fuels with wind, solar, and other renewable energy sources.

I may look and see what the Internet and my local supermarket have to offer in terms of plant-based meat products.

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-Dennis Roth San Leandro





Council Approves City Manager Candidates: Half dozen candidates make bid for assembly seat **Contract with \$262,000 Salary**

The San Leandro City Council voted on Monday to approve the contract of Fran Robustelli, who began serving as the City Manager on Tuesday, following her service as Interim City Manager since December.

Robustelli will receive an annual salary of \$262,000, plus benefits, including health and dental, sick leave, car allowance and retirement.

For the past 25 years, Robustelli has served in execu- Fran Robustelli, who betive roles with special districts came Interim City Managhuman resources, Robustelli her title. is also skilled in a wide range

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and city governments. With er in December, can now previous specialization in delete the Interim from

of other City service areas, and City Council leadership can continue to support Mayor including economic develop- changes," stated Mayor Paument, budget & risk manage- line Russo Cutter. "I'm thrilled in the various projects and ment, and emergency services. that we hired someone who is challenges they will address 'Ms. Robustelli took so well prepared to be our City in 2021 and into the future." charge of the City Manager Manager. This selection also position amid the coronavirus highlights the City's diversity contact city spokesman Paul pandemic, calls for police goals as Fran is the first female Sanftner at 510-577-3372 or reform, budget shortfalls, permanent city manager in our psanftner@sanleandro.org.

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community's history."

In response to her appointment, Ms. Robustelli, stated "The previous months in San Leandro have been one of the

> The previous months in San Leandro have been one of the busiest times in my career.

- Fran Robustelli

busiest times in my public sector career. However, I'm thankful to be entrusted with this permanent role so that I Cutter and the City Council

For more information,

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At the only debate held so far, a representative for Victor Aguilar said he supports hazard pay for those working during the pandemic, eviction protection, affordable housing and greater tenant rights, greater mental health efforts, health care for all and police reform.

"He supports groups who have been historically marginalized," said Celina Reyes on behalf of Victor Aguilar at the April 13 online forum sponsored by the Metropolitan Greater Oakland Democratic Club.

Reyes said that Aguilar spoke out loudly and early on the killing of Steven Taylor, while other members of the City Council stayed silent.

"He's sometimes the only yes vote, or the only no vote, on the Council," Reyes said. At that same debate, Malia Vella called for police reform

and for rebuilding social ser- inventing criminal justice and vices. social services in the 1980s Deal for a sustainable econ- fornia's door of opportunity

and told everyone to call 911," Vella said. is needed in Sacramento as a to attend the debate because am ready to go to Sacramento City Council member in Ala- both were at meetings of their to fight for our East Bay com-

two young kids.

the debate that one in three Council. Californians live at or below for a \$22 an hour living wage, people who have been locked repealing the Ellis Act and of- out of opportunities. fering eviction protection, re-



Janani Ramachandran



Joel Britton

reining in police abuses, health East Bay children and working "We underfunded all our care for all and a Green New families to push open Caliomy to fight climate change. for communities that have for

representative because he was a fair shot." Ramachandran noted at in a closed session of the City

the poverty line. She called go to Sacramento to fight for

"I'm running on behalf of





Malia Vella

Candidates Mia Bonta and too long been locked out," Mia Vella said her experience James Aguilar were unable Bonta said on her website. "I meda, an attorney to working respective school boards. Vic- munities and ensure Califorpeople, a wife and mother to tor Aguilar sent Reyes as his nians of all backgrounds get

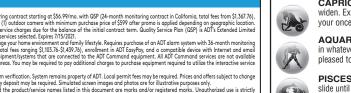
Joel Britton, who entered the race after the Democratic Bonta said she wants to club's debate, is focusing his campaign on a fight for jobs.

"Millions of workers have been forced into long-term joblessness by the crisis of the capitalist system and the profit-driven mismanagement of the coronavirus pandemic," Britton said.



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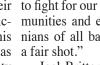
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