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WEEKEND WEATHER
HOT Heat advisory still in place this week
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PHOTO BY DEBBIE TEE

Photographer Debbie Tee captures a bolt of lightning over Castro Valley early Sunday morning.

Weird Weekend of Weather

By Linda Sandsmark
San Leandro Times

Mother Nature surprised the East Bay this past weekend with a combination of scorching temperatures, rolling blackouts, high humidity, booming thunderstorms and an amazing display of lightning.

The National Weather Service issued a rare "Excessive Heat Warning" for our area running from last Thursday through

today, according to private meteorologist Mike Pechner. He added that this period of hot weather might rival the heatwave of July 2006.

"It is very unusual for a Heat Warning to last this long. The fog tends to show up after a few days," said Pechner. "Friday was the hottest day in the East Bay since 2015 with Downtown Oakland topping 103 degrees.

Residents were awakened early Sunday

morning by explosive flashes of lightning and window-rattling thunder. Alameda County Fire Department reported numerous lightning-strike fires following the overnight lightning and thunderstorm event.

"Your Alameda County Firefighters would like to advise the community that the weather went from extreme heat to a Red Flag Warning," said Fire Department

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Curb Work Begins on East 14th Street

Some sidewalks and driveways on East 14th Street in San Leandro will be closed as Caltrans does work on the curbs, starting today through Nov. 13.

Caltrans is doing the work to make the curb ramps and sidewalks in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act on East 14th, which is also state Route 185.

The work will take place in two different areas: On northbound and southbound East 14th Street from Blossom Way to 136th Avenue; and on northbound East 14th Street from 150th to 152nd Avenue. The work will

be performed between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

The new curb ramps will enable people using wheelchairs and others with disabilities related to mobility to more easily negotiate curbs in this area. The work will involve replacing some sidewalks, curbs and driveways.

Some sidewalks will be closed to accommodate the work. Signage will be in place to guide pedestrians to detours. Businesses whose driveways are affected will be directly notified by Caltrans.

Every effort will be made to see CURB, page 16



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Curb work began this week on East 14th Street and Blossom Way.

Future Council To Decide on Budget, Police

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

Voters get to pick three members of the San Leandro City Council in November, but in a year of widespread upset with government few people are striving to be a representative.

Vice Mayor Pete Ballew is running unopposed in District 6, as he did four years ago. In District 2, Councilman Ed Hernandez has the same opponent, Bryan Azevedo, that he defeated four years ago. And in District 4, Benny Lee is leaving the council due to term limits, and two people are competing for his seat.

His opponent, **Bryan Azevedo**, says he is running to represent working-class San Leandrans.

Azevedo said his first priority see COUNCIL, page 14

Man Found Stabbed to Death on Billings

District 2:

Hernandez vs. Azevedo

Ed Hernandez was elected to his first term on the council in 2016 after serving on the Planning Commission. He sees housing as a key issue, along with the city regaining its financial stability after Covid is finally tamed.

Hernandez, who voted against recent proposed cuts to the city's police budget, wants to "reimagine public safety" more generally.

"We have to find a way to maintain public safety while doing more to support programs so people don't go into crises that now often involves the police," Hernandez said.

Hernandez takes some credit for San Leandro having a reserve fund, originally meant to protect against a recession, when the pandemic and shutdown tore into city finances.

A man was found stabbed to death on Saturday on Billings Boulevard in San Leandro.

Police were called to the scene at about 5 p.m. and found a 24-year-old man in the driver's seat of a Chevrolet Camaro on the 700 block of Billings Boulevard suffering from at least one stab wound, according to San Leandro police. Billings is off Davis Street just east of I-880.

Police and other emergency personnel attempted lifesaving efforts but the man succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased, police said.

The case is under investigation but police believe the stabbing was not a random act. Police had no other information on the case yet, but ask that anyone with information call the San Leandro Police Department at 510-577-2740.

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CITY COUNCIL

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

SAN LEANDRO SCHOOL BOARD

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



PETS OF THE WEEK



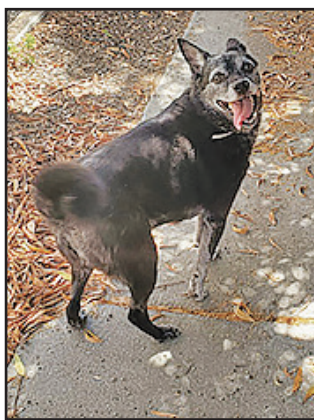
Kittens

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter are Sasha and a kitten you can choose from the many at the shelter right now.

Sasha is an 11-year-old Schipperke female who is spayed and ready to go home. Sasha is staying with a foster family. She enjoys going on walks and walks well on leash. She would do best in an adult only household.

For more information or to adopt Sasha, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at 510-293-7200.

It's kitten season and the Hayward Animal Shelter has many kittens looking for loving forever homes.



Sasha

Visit www.haywardanimals.org/adoptions to see the kittens the shelter has available and to adopt.

Library Presents Zoom Children's Concert

Join the San Leandro Public Library for a free virtual children's concert at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 29 online via Zoom.

Come sing, dance and have fun as singer Andy Z, an

award-winning children's performer, combines music, movement, storytelling, and puppets to entertain you. All ages are invited.

Email kmullesch@sanleandro.org to get the Zoom link.

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PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

The front window was smashed at the Cherry City Cleaners in downtown San Leandro last week.

Window Smashed at Cherry City Cleaners

The front windows were smashed at the Cherry City Cleaners sometime last Wednesday night or early Thursday morning.

Owner Kim Soo said the

police called him in the morning to tell him what had happened. He doesn't know if it was an attempted burglary or if a vehicle just ran through the window by accident. No money was

left in the shop at night.

Soo had a contractor come and board up the window by the end of the day, and the shop is open for business.

— By Jim Knowles

Vacancy on Eden Health Care Board

The death of Eden Health District Director Charles Gilcrest earlier this month has created a vacancy on the district's board.

The Eden Township Health-care District was originally established in 1948 to build and operate Eden Hospital. Its purpose today is to advance the health and well-being of residents of Castro Valley, San Leandro, San Lorenzo, Hayward, Ashland, Cherryland, and Fairview.

To be eligible for appointment to fill the vacancy, a person must live within – and registered to vote in – the district. The term of the appointment will expire on Dec. 4, 2020.

For more information, or to be considered for appointment, contact District Clerk Barbara Adranly at badranly@ethd.org.

Applications can be found at [ethd.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Board-](http://ethd.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Board-Vacancy-Application-2020.pdf)

Vacancy-Application-2020.pdf and should be submitted to badranly@ethd.org no later than 5 p.m. next Wednesday, Aug. 26.

The Eden Health District website is: www.ethd.org.

This Day in History, Aug. 20...

In 1977, the United States launched Voyager 2 carrying a 12-inch copper phonograph record containing greetings in dozens of languages, samples of music and sounds of nature.

In 1967, the Dolby noise

reduction system was developed for tape recording and Checkmate Records, a subsidiary of Elektra Records, became the first label to use the new Dolby process in its recordings.

In 1953, the Soviet Union announced it had detonated a hydrogen bomb.

In 1945, Tommy Brown, age 17, of the Brooklyn Dodgers became the youngest player to hit a home run in a major league ball game.

In 1940, France fell to Germany in World War II.

In 1939, the National Bowling Association, the first bowling association for African Americans, was founded in Detroit, Michigan.

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Hikers Asked to Help Keep Litter Out of Lake Chabot

By Linda Sandsmark
San Leandro Times

Castro Valley's scenic Lake Chabot Regional Park is being overwhelmed by trash due to an apparent increase in visitors who don't clean up after themselves.

"Our staff is doing more garbage collection than we've ever done, but we need the public's help," says Dave Mason, spokesman for the East Bay Regional Park District.

The park has seen an approximate doubling of its typical number of visitors during the current pandemic and that increased

usage has had its downside.

"During this COVID-19 time, the park has seen a huge demand. Folks had been sheltering in place and want to get out for physical

"Some dog walkers think putting poop in bags and leaving it on the trail is okay."

— Hiker Frank Haro who collects bags of litter when he walks at Lake Chabot

activity, which is good for their mental wellbeing, too. But it's been a challenge with the high demand, with more people and more impact on the trails," says Mason. "We need everyone to respect nature, to leave no trace when they go out in the parks, and remember to pack out what they pack in."

He adds that many members of the public have taken it upon themselves to pick up trash as

they hike. Though park staff is continually monitoring and emptying trash cans, they fill up fast.

"We definitely appreciate the public's help to keep the parks clean and open," Mason says. "We do empty cans multiple times throughout the day, and do shoreline patrols too, but we really need the public's help now that we have these larger crowds."

Evidently some rude hikers just drop trash on the trails and expect someone else to pick it up. Frequent hiker Frank Haro voluntarily collects bags full of litter each time he walks at Lake Chabot.

"I average two bags a walk," says Haro. "Of course the worst days are Sunday and Monday. Some dog walkers think putting poop in bags and leaving it on the trail is okay. They should be dropping it off in the trash cans."

Haro noted that two trash cans have been added near the lake map, and that large cans in the park seem to be emptied regularly. He says that the trail on the west side of the lake appears to be the most frequently used. He hikes in picking up trash along the way, and returns on the same path.

"The sad part is on my way back, I find trash that was just left



PHOTO BY LINDA SANDSMARK

Lake Chabot Regional Park is busier than usual this summer, which has led to more trash issues.

there," he says.

Park visitors pass signs at entrances advising them to wear masks, observe social distancing, take out whatever is taken in, keep all dogs on a leash, and "pack out poop bags," in order to

keep everyone safe.

Because the district has parks in both Alameda and Contra Costa counties, it must follow guidelines according to all local ordinances. Some restrooms may be open where trails are used for

hiking only, but may be closed near picnic and developed areas so as not to promote social gathering. Outhouses are available along the trails.

For more information, see ebparks.org/covid-19.

Alameda County to Postpone Leadership Academies Due to Covid

Alameda County postponed the 2020 Alameda County Citizens Academy (ACCA) and Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) this year due to the Alameda County Health Officer's shelter in place order and to safeguard the public's health.

The county said it will reassess the feasibility of conducting the programs in the spring.

"This will provide an opportunity to re-envision and enhance

both of our award-winning civic engagement academies. The ACCA and YLA were founded to provide a forum for the community to learn and become engaged with Alameda County government," the county said.

The academy provides tours of several county facilities, demonstrations of specialized equipment, and hands-on activities designed to illustrate the impact of county services on communities.



Family Caregiver Education CLASSES NOW ONLINE!

If you're caring for an elderly family member, Hope Hospice is here to help with a free education series, now offered as interactive classes through Zoom video conference.

9/10	Dementia Basics
9/16	Dementia Care in the COVID-19 Era
10/15	Legal and Financial Issues
11/12	Medicare Overview
12/10	Dementia Behaviors as Communication

Register at HopeHospice.com/family



Community Advisory Budget Task Force Now Accepting Applications

The City of San Leandro is seeking 28 members of the community (residents, business representatives, City employees) to form the Community Advisory Budget Task Force that will provide budget-related recommendations to the City Council.

Mission and Purpose of the Task Force:

- ✓ Develop an understanding of the City's budget and fiscal issues;
- ✓ Provide input on community priorities and develop recommendations for the City Council on fiscal and program strategies to ensure a balanced budget that reflects those priorities;
- ✓ Make recommendations to enhance public understanding of the City budget and provide community input into the budget development process;
- ✓ Make recommendations for efficient and effective reallocations of funding that was recently deducted from the Police Department budget; and
- ✓ Make recommendations to help achieve a long-term, sustainable budget through reducing expenditures and/or increasing revenues.

To complete the Task Force application, please visit www.sanleandro.org/news

Contact: Paul Sanftner at 510.577.3372 or psanftner@sanleandro.org



**WEAR
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MASK**

Weather: Residents cautioned to stay informed, keep list of contacts

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spokesperson Brian Centoni. He said that all fire stations remain fully staffed, and that anyone who sees smoke should call 911 immediately.

Residents were cautioned to stay informed, remain hydrated, keep a list of emergency contacts, and maintain a buddy system with folks who are elderly or have mobility issues.

An unexpected power outage Friday night caused 50,000 gallons of untreated sewage to spill into the Oakland Estuary because the East Bay Municipal Utilities District was unable to pump the raw sewage to its Oakland wastewater plant. The

district posted warnings to stay out of the Estuary and notified regulatory agencies.

With local temperatures in the triple digits, Castro Valley residents were surprised by the intensity and duration of this heat wave.

"Previous hot spells lasted just a few days. We're just not used to this extreme heat. The thunderstorms and rain were nice, since it helped clear the air, except now it's humid," said Blanche Grover.

Her husband Dave agreed. "I hate the heat and thank goodness for air conditioning!" he said. "No pool, but we're staying cool."

Help Reduce Energy Usage

Meantime, the Governor's Office is warning that over the next few days, California will continue to face a historic heat-wave that will put pressure on the energy grid. Residents are being asked to reduce energy usage in order to prevent service interruptions.

It is especially important to limit use of electrical power from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. including air conditioning, electric car charging and other energy-intensive technology. Postpone using major appliances like the oven, dishwasher, clothes washer, until cooler times of the day.



PHOTO BY FRED ZEHNDER

The hot August weather brought out a lot of people to Crown Beach in Alameda over the weekend.



PHOTO COURTESY OF RICHARD PURDEE

The parking lot of the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton was used as a fire fighting equipment staging area this week as a wildfire burned near Sunol.

Webinar Immigration Workshop

Officers from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will present a virtual naturalization workshop on Thursday, Aug. 20, at 4 p.m.

The public is invited to join this webinar.

Learn about the naturalization process, and get the latest updates.

These sessions are part of a larger USCIS initiative to help immigrants better understand their own eligibility and next

steps to citizenship.

For sign-on information, please RSVP to Vilaysay.Phavisith@uscis.dhs.gov.

For more information on USCIS and its programs, please visit uscis.gov.

Aviation Museum Opens Up Outdoor Exhibits

The Oakland Aviation Museum is open to the public for outdoor viewing only, Wednesday through Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

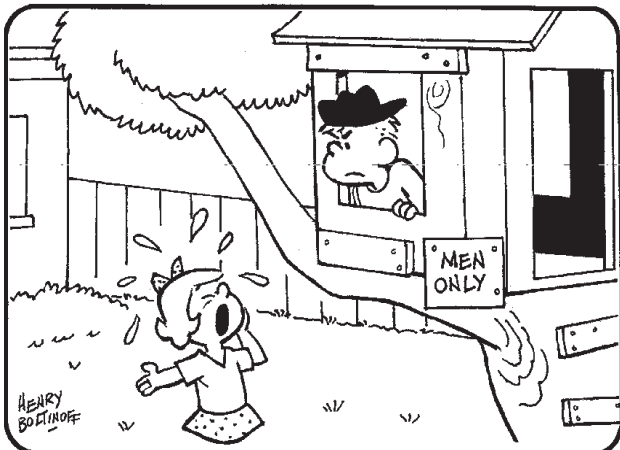
Indoor exhibits will remain closed until the current restrictions are lifted. The museum is located at the Oakland Airport's North Field, 8252 Earhart Road in

Oakland, just off Doolittle Drive.

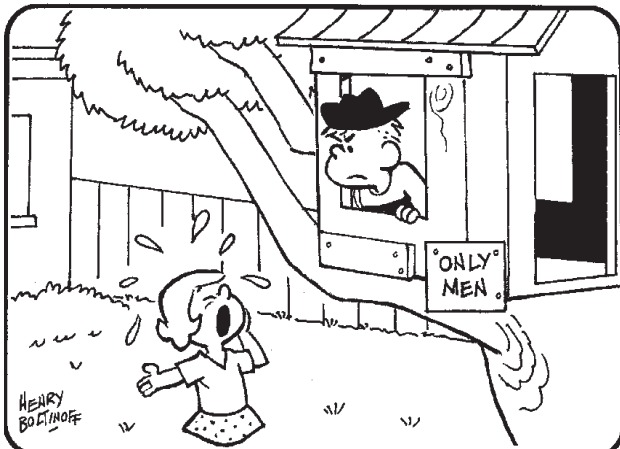
Visitors can view famous aircraft, including the Douglas A-3 Skywarrior, A-7 Corsair, a Harrier jump jet, or a MiG-15.

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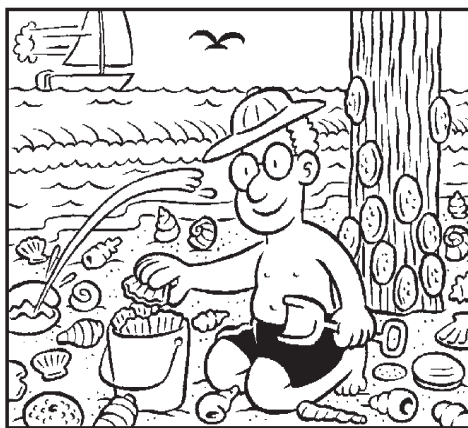
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Girl's bow is missing. 2. Tree limb has been added. 3. Boy's shirt has stripe. 4. Sign is different. 5. Treehouse roof is different. 6. Tree steps are gone.



WHILE TIMMY IS COOLING OFF with a Clam Spritzer, see if you can count how many shells are in the picture. We found more than 30.

SEE IF YOU CAN make this math expression correct by adding four plus signs between certain numbers:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 = 100

Answer: 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 6 + 7 = 100.

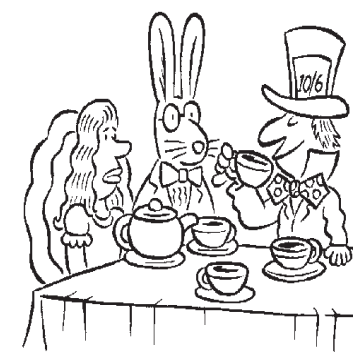
FIND-A-WORD! On the top line is our mystery word. You need to fill in the missing letters. Clue words (smaller words contained in the letter-by-letter order within the mystery word) are defined below.

- To load up.
- A drink ending.
- Very willing.
- A young man.

Answers: 1. Lade. 2. Ade (lemonade, orangeade, etc.). 3. Glad. 4. Lad. Mystery word: Glade

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



Illustrated by David Coulson

ANOTHER TYPE OF TEA PARTY!

A good way to end the day is with a nice cup of tea. It's also a good way to end the following 14 words. We give you hints for each. (For example: Great speed equals velocity.)

- Methuselah had it.
- Type of drink or snowman.
- Made to look foolish.
- The spice of life.
- The soul of wit.
- Used in quiet cars.
- Cordial reception of guests.
- The best policy.
- A criminal's dread.
- A skill with hands.
- Everlasting.
- A sailor's song.
- Can keep you down.
- A stale odor.

Answers: 1. Longevity. 2. Frosty. 3. Indignity. 4. Variety. 5. Brevity. 6. Electricity. 7. Hospitality. 8. Honesty. 9. Captivity. 10. Dexterity. 11. Eternity. 12. Chantry. 13. Gravity.



LIFESTYLE



Garden Fresh Pasta Salad

Cool Dishes for Hot Summer Days

With temperatures setting records in San Leandro, our thoughts turn to something right out of the fridge for supper.

VEGETABLE WRAPS

- 1 ripe avocado, peeled, pitted, and diced
- 1 tablespoon mayonnaise
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper, or to taste
- 8 (8-inch) flour tortillas, warmed
- 2 tomatoes, diced
- 1 cucumber, sliced
- 1 green bell pepper, cut into strips
- 1 head lettuce, chopped
- 1 (8-ounce) package fresh Mozzarella cheese, sliced

Prepare spread: mash diced avocado, mayonnaise, salt, garlic powder, onion powder, and cayenne pepper in a bowl with a fork until well blended.

Assemble wraps: spread tortillas with a layer of avocado spread. Place diced tomatoes, cucumber slices, bell pepper strips, lettuce, and Mozzarella cheese slices onto each wrap, leaving about 2 inches of space at the bottom. Fold bottoms up. Roll tortillas over vegetables firmly to enclose fillings. Makes 8 wraps.

COLD CUCUMBER SOUP

- 2 large cucumbers
- 1/2 cup chopped green onion
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon dried dill weed
- 1 container (16 ounces) plain yogurt

Peel cucumbers; cut lengthwise in half and remove seeds. Cut into pieces.

Place cucumbers and remaining ingredients in blender or food processor. Cover and blend on high speed until well blended. Refrigerate 1 hour or until chilled.

Garnish soup with fresh dill weed or radish slices if desired. Yields 4 servings.

GARDEN FRESH PASTA SALAD

- 1 (16-ounce) package bow-tie pasta, uncooked
- 2 cups broccoli florets
- 1 red onion chopped
- 1 red pepper, chopped
- 2 cups halved cherry tomatoes
- Vinaigrette dressing
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Cook pasta in large saucepan as directed on package, omitting salt and adding broccoli to the boiling water for the last 3 minutes. Drain. Rinse pasta mixture with cold water; drain well. Place in large bowl.

Add all remaining ingredients except cheese; mix lightly and refrigerate at least 1 hour. Stir gently before serving; top with cheese. Serves 8 to 10.

COLD GINGER & CARROT SOUP

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, sliced

- 1 2-inch piece fresh ginger, peeled, grated
- 2 pounds carrots, sliced
- 6 cups vegetable broth
- Juice of 1 lime, plus lime wedges for garnish
- 1 cup plain yogurt (not nonfat)
- Salt and black pepper

Warm oil in a pot over medium heat. Add onion; sauté until softened, 6 to 8 minutes. Add ginger and garlic; sauté until fragrant, about 1 minute. Raise heat to medium-high; stir in carrots. Pour broth into pot, cover and bring to a simmer. Remove cover, reduce heat to medium to

maintain a simmer and cook until carrots are very tender, about 25 minutes. Remove soup from heat and let cool.

In batches, purée soup in a blender until smooth. Transfer to a large bowl, cover and refrigerate until chilled, at least 2 hours.

Just before serving, stir in lime juice and yogurt. Season with salt and pepper. Serve chilled, garnished with lime wedges, if desired.

Yields 8 one-cup servings.

CALIFORNIA AVOCADO PIE

- 1 ripe, avocado, seeded, peeled and mashed
- 1/2 cup lemon juice
- Lemon zest to taste
- 1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 (9-inch) prepared graham cracker pie crust
- Whipped cream, for garnish
- Sliced almonds, for garnish

Blend avocado, lemon juice, lemon zest and sweetened condensed milk until smooth.

Pour mixture into prepared pie crust.

Top with whipped cream and sliced almonds, if desired.

Place pie in refrigerator for 3-4 hours and allow to set.

Slice and serve. Yields 8 to 10 servings.

PINEAPPLE & CHICKEN SALAD PITAS

- 2-1/2 cups chopped cooked chicken breast (1 pound)

- 1/2 cup matchstick-cut carrots
- 1/3 cup sliced almonds, toasted
- 1/3 cup light mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup chopped green onions
- 1/4 cup plain fat-free yogurt
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 (8-ounce) can crushed pineapple in juice, drained
- 4 (6-inch) pitas, each cut in half
- 8 Romaine lettuce leaves

Combine first 11 ingredients in a large bowl, stirring well. Line each pita half with 1 lettuce leaf; fill each half with 1/3 cup chicken mixture. Yields 4 servings.

STRAWBERRY ORANGE & SPINACH SALAD

- 3 bacon strips, chopped
- 3 tablespoons rice vinegar
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 4 teaspoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 (6-ounce) package fresh baby spinach
- 2 medium navel oranges, peeled and chopped
- 12 fresh strawberries
- 1 cup thinly sliced cucumber
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced red onion
- 1 medium carrot, shredded
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts, toasted

In a small skillet, cook bacon over medium heat until crisp. Remove to paper towels with a slotted spoon; drain.

In a small bowl, whisk the vinegar, honey, oil, mustard, pepper and salt. In a large bowl, combine the spinach, oranges, strawberries (cut into quarters), cucumber, onion and carrot.

Pour dressing over salad; toss to coat. Sprinkle with walnuts and bacon. Serve immediately. Yields 8 servings.

OLD-FASHIONED VANILLA PUDDING

- 1/3 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups milk
- 2 egg yolks, slightly beaten
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine, softened
- 2 teaspoons vanilla

In 2-quart saucepan, mix sugar, cornstarch and salt. Gradually stir in milk. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens and boils. Boil and stir 1 minute.

Gradually stir at least half of the hot mixture into egg yolks, then stir back into hot mixture in saucepan. Boil and stir 1 minute; remove from heat. Stir in butter and vanilla.

Pour pudding into dessert dishes. Cover and refrigerate about 1 hour or until chilled. Store covered in refrigerator. Yields 4 servings.

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A Guide to Settling A Loved One's Estate

Q: My aunt recently asked me to be the executor of her will when she dies. I'm flattered that she asked, but I'm not sure what exactly the job entails. What can you tell me about this?

By Jim Miller
Special to the Times

A: Serving as the executor of your aunt's estate may seem like an honor, but it can also be a lot of work. Here's what you should know to help you prepare for this.

As the executor of your aunt's will, you're essentially responsible for winding up her affairs after she dies. While this may sound simple enough, you need to be aware that the job can be time consuming and difficult depending on the complexity of her financial and family situation. Some of the duties required include:

- Filing court papers to start the probate process (this is generally required by law to determine the will's validity).
- Taking an inventory of ev-

everything in her estate.

- Using her estate's funds to pay bills, including taxes, funeral costs, etc.

- Handling details like terminating her credit cards and notifying banks and government agencies like Social Security and the post office of her death.

- Preparing and filing her final income tax returns.

- Distributing assets to the beneficiaries named in her will.

Be aware that each state has specific laws and timetables on an executor's responsibilities. Your state or local bar association may have an online law library that details the rules and requirements. The American Bar Association website also offers guidance on how to settle an estate. Go to AmericanBar.org and type in "guidelines for individual executors and trustees" in the search bar to find it. **Get Organized**

If you agree to take on the responsibility as executor of your aunt's estate, your first step is to make sure she has an updated will and find out where all

her important documents and financial information is located. Being able to quickly put your hands on deeds, brokerage statements and insurance policies after she dies will save you a lot of time and hassle.

If she has a complex estate, you may want to hire an attorney or tax accountant to guide you through the process, with the estate picking up the cost. If you need help locating a pro, the National Association of Estate Planners and Councils (naepc.org) and the National

Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (naela.org) are good resources that provide directories on their websites to help you find someone.

Avoid Conflicts

Find out if there are any conflicts between the beneficiaries of your aunt's estate. If there are some potential problems, you can make your job as executor much easier if everyone knows in advance who's getting what, and why. So, ask your aunt to tell her beneficiaries what they can expect. This includes the

personal items too, because wills often leave it up to the executor to dole out heirlooms. If there's no distribution plan for personal property, suggest she make one and put it in writing.

Executor Fees

As the executor, you're entitled to a fee paid by the estate. In most states, executors are entitled to take a percentage of the estate's value, which often ranges anywhere from 1 to 5 percent depending on the size of the estate. But, if you're a beneficiary, it may make sense for

you to forgo the fee. That's because fees are taxable, but Uncle Sam in most states doesn't tax inheritances.

For more information on the duties of an executor, get a copy of the book "The Executor's Guide: Settling A Loved One's Estate or Trust" at Nolo.com.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

No More (Cigarette) Butts

By Jim Miller
Special to the Times

Smokers and vapers have a higher risk of severe COVID-19 infection as the coronavirus attacks the lungs. That's why quitting now is more important than ever before.

If you are a Medicare beneficiary, you'll be happy to know that Medicare Part B covers up to eight face-to-face counseling sessions a year to help you quit smoking.

And, if you have a Medicare Part D prescription drug plan, certain smoking-cessation medications are covered too. Here are some other tips that can help you kick the habit.

It's Never Too Late
According to the CDC, 12.5 percent of Medicare beneficiaries smoke. Many older smokers indicate that they would like to quit, but because of the nicotine, which is extremely addictive, it's very difficult to do.

Tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable illness, re-

sponsible for an estimated one-fifth of deaths in the United States each year. But research shows that quitting, even after age 65, greatly reduces your risk of heart disease, stroke, cancer, osteoporosis and many other diseases including COVID-19.

It also helps you breathe easier, smell and taste food better, not to mention saves you quite a bit of money. A \$6 pack-a-day smoker, for example, saves about \$180 after one month without cigarettes, and nearly \$2,200 after one year.

How to Quit

The first step you need to take is to set a "quit date," but give yourself a few weeks to get ready. During that time, you may want to start by reducing the number or the strength of cigarettes you smoke to begin weaning yourself.

Also check out over-the-counter nicotine replacement products – patches, gum and lozenges – to help curb your cravings (these are not covered by Medicare).

And just prior to your quit day,

get rid of all cigarettes and ashtrays in your home, car, and place of work, and try to clean up and even spray air freshener. The smell of smoke can be a powerful trigger.

Get Help

Studies have shown that you have a much better chance of quitting if you have help. So, tell your friends, family, and coworkers of your plan to quit. Others knowing can be a helpful reminder and motivator.

Then get some counseling. Don't go it alone. Start by contacting your doctor about smoking cessation counseling covered by Medicare and find out about the prescription antismoking drugs that can help reduce your nicotine craving.

You can also get free one-on-one telephone counseling and referrals to local smoking cessation programs through your state quit line at 800-quit-now or call the National Cancer Institute free smoking quit line at 877-44u-quit.

It's also important to identify and write down the times and situations you're most likely to

smoke and make a list of things you can do to replace it or distract yourself.

Some helpful suggestions when the smoking urge arises are to call a friend or one of the free quit lines, keep your mouth occupied with some sugar-free gum, sunflower seeds, carrots, fruit or hard candy, go for a walk, read a magazine, listen to music or take a bath.

The intense urge to smoke lasts about three to five minutes, so do what you can to wait it out. It's also wise to avoid drinking alcohol and steer clear of other smokers while you're trying to quit. Both can trigger powerful urges to smoke.

For more tips on how to quit, including managing your cravings, withdrawal symptoms and what to do if you relapse, visit 60plus.SmokeFree.gov. There are also a variety of helpful quit smoking apps you can download like SmokeFreeApp.com and QuitGenius.com.

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Our Readers Remember

Mom, a Genuine Rosita the Riveter and Our Hero

By Esther M. Picazo
Special to the Times

Mom grew up in the 1920s so she knew about hard work, and like all women of that generation, she was the chief financial officer of our home.

When the war started, it brought more than rationing stamps and scarce staples because we had to feed our troops. To hundreds of young Hispanic men in our colonia (a Spanish-speaking neighborhood in Texas, similar to a barrio) it brought the opportunity to sign up to fight for their country. Many never returned.

I remember the envelopes with the black borders announcing their death. And



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ESTHER PICAZO

All five daughters pose for a picture with their mom Ernestina Miranda.

jobs but the impact of working alongside other strong women, making better wages and making decisions for their families did not end with the war.

Mom paid for our house, bought the lot next door and took us on a bus trip to Mexico in 1945. She worked for many years but died a young 67. We used to tease mom that she must have welded the strongest, most powerful and lasting ships. Certainly, Ernestina Miranda did exactly that with her daughters.

As the Rosies and Rositas passed away, there are no flags at half-mast, "Taps" or 21-gun salutes but throughout our country are monu-

ments to their courage and patriotism: their children who live out the promise, "We can do it."

We, the children of "The Greatest Generation" and those amazing women, carry the torch and the we-can-do-it attitude and have passed the torch to our daughters and sons.

Mom went one step further and taught us a Texas version of that motto. To us it was, "Consider It Done." Which goes along with another Texas saying the Rosies represent, "A body can pretend to care, but they can't pretend to be there."

Thank you Rosies and Rositas. Especially mom.

"One day she came out in coveralls, a scarf and steel-toed shoes.

windows displayed decals that told us that this family had sacrificed a son.

We had no brothers but our mom was resourceful and a loyal immigrant American woman in the workforce. She was a gifted seamstress, producing whisper-soft lingerie

World War II Wasn't the 'Good Old Days'

As the United States entered World War II, rationing began on gasoline, sugar, meat and flour.

Each family was issued coupon books based on their presumed needs.

In December, 1941, the City Council set up a blackout ordinance and block wardens were appointed.

Italian, German and Japanese aliens had their short-wave radios and firearms taken. All males between 21 and 45 were registered for the draft.

One San Leandro resident, Fred Toyosaburo Korumatsu, took a case all the way to the United States Supreme Court, contesting the legality of depriving a citizen of his rights.

— From *A Garden Grows in Eden* by Harry E. Shaffer

"Mom taught us a Texas version of that motto: consider it done.

with lace and silk and gorgeous applique. Each day she dressed in workaday clothes – skirt, blouse, wedge heeled shoes – all very popular.

But when the war came, she left that job and used her skills to sew munitions bags for our soldiers. One day she came out in coveralls, a scarf and wearing steel-toed shoes. Enter Rosita the Riveter into our lives.

Mom had a lunch pail and a hard hat and rode in the back of a truck all the way to Galveston, Texas to the shipyard. She was barely 5 feet tall, so the sight of our mom as part of the war effort was thrilling.

We learned as children that our grandmother Esther Miranda was an Adelita, a woman who traveled with the troop trains to fight alongside their husbands during the

Mexican Revolution. So mom had a great role model.

Our Rosita the Riveter worked at the shipyard for several years until she was injured by a falling steel block. But all of us sisters experienced being part of an event that changed the world through our mom.

After the war, all the Rosies and the Rositas eventually went back to their homes and

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When the Halcyon School Dads' Club Stole the Show

Ron Robinson remembers raising money for the school the Halcyon School Dads' Club back in the 1960s.

Many dads were active in a two-day carnival which

netted about \$1,000 for students activities," Robinson said. "Each spring we put on a talent show of 10 or 12 acts concluding with the dads' club number."

One year the dads wore tutus for the "Cinderella"

"I saw the Cooties, the ballerinas and the barbershop quartet. The kids loved them. They were the hit."

— Ron Robinson's daughter
Karen Tiedemann

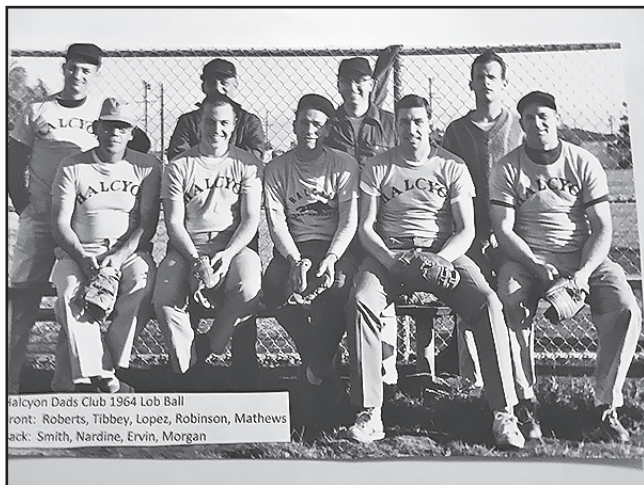
show. Another time they did a parody of the Beatles, calling themselves The Cooties, and they performed as a song and dance troupe.

Robinson's children, David and Karen, both went to Halcyon School.



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The Halcyon School Dad's Club performed as The Cooties, a take-off on the Beatles. At left, Robinson is in the front row, second from right, on the Dad's Club softball team, and in the middle of the front row in the photo of the dads in their business suits.



Halcyon Dads Club 1964 Lob Ball
Front: Roberts, Tibbey, Lopez, Robinson, Mathews
Back: Smith, Nardine, Ervin, Morgan



HALCYON DADS CLUB
1962-63
Back row: Robert Ervin, Clifford Sims, Paul Miller.
Front row: George Castro, Dr. Ronald Robinson, president; Ed Callow

"The dads had a camaraderie all year long, playing golf, lob ball and volleyball," Robinson said. "They were exciting times with wonderful memories."

Robinson's daughter, Karen Tiedemann, remembers the Dads' Club shows and the annual carnival to raise funds for the school.

"I saw the Cooties and the

ballerinas and the barbershop quartet and they did a Batman skit, too," she said.

"The kids just loved them. They were the final act in the show — they were the hit."



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A '60s Band: SL Mandolin Club

The Mandolin Club of San Leandro played at a fundraiser in Oakland sometime in the 1960s. The club played at many churches, fundraisers and rest homes.

San Leandro's Original Entrepreneur: Daniel Best

An inventor and entrepreneur lived in San Leandro over a century ago who came up with some machines that revolutionized agriculture.

Daniel Best started out in Oregon and invented a grain cleaner and separator and a seed-coating machine. He moved to San Leandro and bought a plow company on Davis Street, renaming it the Daniel Best Agricultural Works in 1886. The Best family home still stands at the corner of Clark Street and West Estudillo Avenue.

Best received a patent for his combined steam traction harvester and thresher in 1888, a new invention that revolutionized farming.

The machine had a steam traction engine for locomotion. Because the machine combined the cutting, thresh-



Daniel Best's combine harvester revolutionized farming.

ing and cleaning of the grain, it was called a combine harvester, or simply a combine. Early models weighed 19 tons. The back wheels were 8 feet high.

The combine had a conveyor belt to carry discarded straw to be turned into fuel

for the steam boiler, so it cut its own fuel as it moved through a field.

Family Moved from Hawaii; Granddad Starts the San Leandro Soda Works

By John Quintell
Special to the Times

I remember our mother Lorinda Rego Quintell telling us nine kids when we were living in Alameda that she was born in Honolulu, Hawaii in 1903 but moved to San Leandro when she was 3 years old.

They moved to an area called Kanaka Row, now

named Orchard Street. The area was called that because most of the people had come from Hawaii and it was a nickname for them. I don't know what the word means.

Our mom grew up in San Leandro and went to Lincoln School. Some of her after-school duties was helping her father Man-

uel J. Rego clean, fill and cork bottles of soda water. Her father was part owner of the San Leandro Soda Works that he had bought in 1916.

After they put the bottles in boxes, they delivered them by horse and buggy to stores and bars to be sold.

Some time later he sold

the company to the Diamant Brothers Soda Company. Our mom said her father would not give up his recipe for root beer. She said he had the best root beer around.

I don't remember my grandfather ever talking about this, so I guess he took his root beer recipe to his grave with him.

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Sharon, Bob, Matt, Rob and Kristin Jones in a family photo taken in 1980.

Jones, Jr. Recupers from Head Injury, Joins Family Real Estate Business

By Maggie Sharpe
San Leandro Times • July 24, 2003

Bob Jones has been in the real estate business in San Leandro since 1964. Now his son, Matt, has joined the family business on Joaquin Avenue.

Bob didn't imagine that he would one day be working alongside his son. In May, 1991, Matt sustained a serious head injury in a car accident. He came within an inch of his life, spending 35 days in a coma, breathing through a tube in his throat, before slowly starting to recuperate. It took months of rehabilitation for Matt to make a comeback.

"I knew words but I had to learn how to talk again," said Matt. "I didn't know how to put sentences together."

He says he's lucky because a lot of head injury victims lose large chunks of memory, but his

memory is intact.

He still has double vision which glasses are able to correct and he never regained the full use of his right arm. But that wasn't for lack of trying.

"When Matt was in rehabilitation, he swam 50 laps every day in an Olympic-size pool, using just one arm and one leg," said his dad. "I think that really helped him to recover."

Matt, who is now 30, is the youngest of the family. He and his brother, Rob, 34, and sister, Kristin, 33, all went through Roosevelt, Bancroft and San Leandro High schools.

Rob graduated from Cal State Hayward and now lives in Sacramento; Kristin is a graduate of Chico State and lives in Beaverton, Oregon. Their mother, Sharon, died of lung cancer in 1981 when she was just 36.

Slowly recovering from the

car accident, Matt maintained a positive attitude.

"I got a second chance at life," he said. "I just take it one day at a time."

He went back to school at Los Positas College, earning an A.A. degree and getting his Realtor's license.

"He didn't pass the real estate

test the first time," said his dad, "but he didn't give up. He studied some more, took the test a second time and this time he passed."

Bob describes Matt as "inspirational."

"When Matt goes to the Bay-O-Vista club to work out every morning, the whole place just lights up."

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By Carl Medford, CRS
Special to the Times

GUEST COMMENTARY



"Testing the Market" A Seriously Flawed Idea

Occasionally we encounter sellers wanting to "Test the Market." Translated: They want to list their home at an artificially high price to see if someone loves their property enough to pay more than it is worth.

While this idea might seem OK on the surface, it has serious flaws and can result in financial losses.

Buyers have extensive access to market data through online real estate portals and can typically gauge approximate values for any listing.

Even in a hot market, they will avoid homes they believe are overpriced, assuming the seller is unreasonable.

The best offers always come in the first few days a home is active. The higher the Days-on-the-Market, the more buyers assume something is wrong.

If offers are written, they will usually be much lower than asking price. If a seller lowers the price, offers most often come in even lower.

If a buyer is willing to pay the seller's high price, the required appraisal will typically come back low. Most buyers, once they see

the appraisal, will want to renegotiate the price down to reality.

With current COVID-19 showing restrictions, buyers are only viewing homes that make sense to buy. So where did this idea of Testing the Market originate?

From manufacturers of cosmetics, soap, food products and more who hire marketing companies to go into targeted regions to "test" new ideas.

They gather groups of consumers and evaluate reactions to determine product effectiveness and potential pricing. If they fail to get a good response, they will tweak the product and try again in a different region. They continue to readjust the product and keep testing until they either get it right or scrap the idea and move on.

If they determine the product is viable, they will again "test" the market by introducing in a few key markets at a low "Introductory" price to gain attention and market traction.

How does this compare to "testing the market" with your home?

Not at all. Whereas a manufacturer has extensive R&D and marketing teams, multiple chances to test a product in varied

markets and the ability to "tweak" the product as they go, a home seller has ...

One house, one market, one chance.

If you do not get it right the first time, the only true test will be of your patience as you lose both money and - potentially - any sale.

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Sunburned Leaves on Tree

By Buzz Bertolero
Special to the Times

The leaves at the top of my Fuyu persimmon tree looks sunburned, and the fruit is dropping off. This has been occurring for several years. I'm watering it two to three times a week with a slow drip of recycled washing machine water. What is the cause of these problems, and how do I correct it?

Your water and watering-frequency are the causes of the problems. Water moves from the roots to the foliage and then released into the air, a process

called transpiration.

Leaves act as a filtering system, catching the elements in the water. The harmful components or elements burn the foliage, especially with commercial laundry detergents like Tide. You can avoid this by using biodegradable laundry products.

You might also have a problem with well water and water softeners.

The second issue is that you're watering too often. Persimmons are a drought-tolerant tree that don't require constant moisture. Once the rainy season concludes, they are watered every four to six weeks,



depending on the weather.

You'll need to construct a six-inch-high watering basin around the tree extending from the trunk to beyond the canopy's drip line. Fill this basin two to three-times with each watering.

Summer fruit drop with persimmons is caused by excess nitrogen as well as your watering pattern.

Persimmons don't require much fertilizer. One application per year in the late fall or winter is sufficient. I'd use an organic

fruit and shade tree fertilizer and apply one pound of fertilizer per inch of trunk diameter. Scatter it around the drip line, not piled at the trunk. So, correct the problems you need to improve your water quality and water less frequently.

Buzz Bertolero is an Advanced California Certified Nursery Professional. The Dirt Gardener's website is www.dirtgardener.com and questions can be sent by email to buzz@dirtgardener.com



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All New Metallica Drive-In Concert

Metallica, one of the most influential and successful rock bands in history, will be featured in the "Encore Drive-In Nights" series, with a full set showing on Saturday, Aug. 29 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton.

The show will be shot specially for the series at a location near the band's Northern California headquarters, with a special guest performance by Three Days Grace.

Tickets are available at ticketmaster.com/encore-metallica.

Every ticket – which admits one carload of up to six people – will include four digital downloads of Metallica's S&M2, the long awaited album documenting the two historic concerts that reunited the band and San Francisco Symphony for the first time in 20 years.

The Alameda County Fairgrounds will adhere to CDC recommended guidelines as well as all state and local health mandates. For a full list of procedures that the Encore Drive-In Nights is employing, visit encorenights.com.

Budget Task Force Members Wanted

The City of San Leandro is seeking 28 members to form the Community Advisory Budget Task Force.

The members can be residents, business representatives, and city employees. The Budget Task Force will provide budget-related recommendations to the City Council.

The purpose of the task force

is to:

- Develop an understanding of the City's budget and fiscal issues.
- Provide input on community priorities and develop recommendations for the City Council on fiscal and program strategies that ensure a balanced budget that reflects those priorities.

Council: Manor clamoring for a voice

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is to simply to keep people in their homes during the current crisis. Azevedo makes it a point not to accept contributions from

“We have to find a way to maintain public safety while doing more to support programs so people don't go into crisis.”

— City Councilman Ed Hernandez

corporations or developers.

Azevedo said he doesn't see any need to add development at the Marina, as currently planned,



Bryan Azevedo

and would like the waterfront restored rather than replaced.

“We're not going to need a lot of the office space we have now after Covid rearranges what people need,” Azevedo said. “The future is lots of abandoned buildings.”

District 4:

Simon vs. Bammer

The other contested seat on the Council, in District 4, pits **Fred Simon**, currently on the Ora Loma Sanitary District board, against automotive detail technician **Christopher Bammer**.

Simon wants to increase public participation in city issues, and sees taking down barriers to participation as a big part of that. Right now, for example, he said that someone without a wi-fi connection can't even participate in a City Council meeting held online.

Simon also thinks the community needs to come together so that all points of view are heard on issues like the planned townhouses on the site of the former bowling alley in Washington Manor. Neighbors there

are concerned about three-story buildings going in next to the current one-story homes, as well as more traffic.

Simon also sees divisions in

“Washington Manor is overlooked and under-represented.”

— City Council candidate Christopher Bammer

the city over police reforms, and would like to see all segments of the community come together to solve that set of concerns as well.

Simon's opponent, Chris Bammer, is a business owner and parent of three children in the San Lorenzo school district. Dissatisfaction with that district's efforts is what led him to run for the city council, he said.

Bammer noted that a good part of San Leandro sends its children to the San Lorenzo schools. While the council strives to coordinate with the San Leandro school district, not a single city councilmember lives in the San Lorenzo district, and Bammer sees coordination as poor. (Departing District 4 Councilman Benny Lee lives in Heron Bay, which is in the San Leandro school district, while his district includes Washington Manor, which is in the San Lorenzo school district.)

“Washington Manor is overlooked and underrepresented,” Bammer said. He said he is



Fred Simon

running for City Council partly because he feels ignored when he's brought issues to the city's attention at meetings or by contacting officials. The proposed townhouses on the site of the former Manor Bowl is a case in point, he said.

He is also concerned with rampant drug use and lack of safety in the homeless encampments along Interstate 880 near Lewelling Boulevard. It spills over to affect residents and businesses, including his family's

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Anthony Gomes

Anthony “Tony” Gomes, age 97, passed away peacefully in his home in San Leandro, CA on November 15, 2019. He was born in Oakland, CA in 1922 and grew up in San Leandro and Cambria, CA before joining the army.

Upon his return, he started Gomes Nursery in Oakland with his father in 1942, where he worked alongside his son, Alfredo Gomes, until he retired. He was well-respected for his lifelong commitment to raising plants with meticulous, loving care. Gomes Nursery is best known for providing award-winning specimen azaleas and rhododendrons for the Macy's Flower Show in San Francisco from 1946 to 2019. Aside from nursery work, he also taught Horticulture classes at the Piedmont Adult School in Oakland.

Anthony Gomes was preceded in death by his wife, Salomé Gomes, nine months before his passing. He is survived by his daughter, Carmel Gomes, son and daughter-in-law, Alfredo and Erin Gomes, granddaughter, Sarah Gomes, and sister, Dolores Van Aken, as well as several nieces and nephews. Anthony Gomes was an honorable, dedicated, and hard-working man who cared deeply for his family. He had a great sense of humor and will be sorely missed by all who loved him. His memory will be carried in our hearts forever.



Salomé C. Gomes

Salomé “Sally” (da Camara) Gomes, age 97, passed away peacefully in San Leandro, CA on February 26, 2019. She was born on Madeira Island, Portugal in 1922. At a young age, she was taught to sew and embroider from her mother. As she grew older, she put those skills to use by making clothes professionally, earning money to attend college in Lisbon. After graduating college, she immigrated to the United States where she met her husband, Anthony Gomes, and studied further to earn her teaching credentials.

Incredibly professional and skilled in her craft, she taught adult sewing classes for the Oakland Unified School District and worked as a dressmaker and tailor on the side. She was well-respected by her friends and colleagues, even after she retired. She continued to sew until the day she died. While she was best known for her sewing, paying excellent attention to detail and fit, she was also well known for her green thumb and love for flowers.

Salomé's husband, Anthony Gomes, passed away nine months later in November, 2019. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Alfredo and Erin Gomes, granddaughter, Sarah Gomes, and several nieces and nephews. Among many things, Salomé was ambitious, outgoing, funny, energetic, caring, and kind. We will never forget her contagious smile and the way she lit up a room. Her memory will be carried in our hearts forever.



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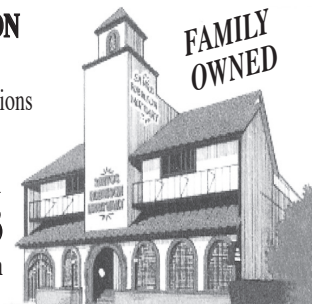
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SL Police Officers Association Letter to the Community

Editor:

The members of the San Leandro Police Officers' Association (SLPOA) are honored to serve and protect you during this difficult time in our nation's history. The Association represents 117 Sworn Police Officers, Sergeants, and staff members of the San Leandro Police Department. We are honored to serve you and San Leandro.

We would like your help.

Two events have forever changed our way of life: The COVID-19 pandemic and the death of George Floyd.

COVID-19 has changed the way we live, work, and interact through social distancing and other drastic measures. While all in an effort to save lives, it has added to the divisiveness in our community.

The death of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police came as a jarring shock to the nation — and to police officers. There is no way to justify the actions of the officers involved. People are rightfully angry with the police, and it is without question that the law enforcement profession was tarnished as a result of Mr. Floyd's death.

We support peaceful protests and the exercise of First Amendment rights. However, the violence and hate that police — and the community — experienced was unprecedented, both in San Leandro and our nation.

The looting and lawlessness spread to San Leandro. Businesses were vandalized, burned, and stripped of property. More than 80 vehicles were stolen from an auto dealership and later used in crimes spanning the entirety of Northern California. SLPOA members were shot at by an armed suspect at Bayfair Mall. Officers were assaulted physically and mentally by crowds of people with no respect for peaceful demonstration and honest, open discourse.

The SLPOA membership never faltered on our commitment to protect citizens and this city as best as we could. And that commitment to you and the City of San Leandro continues today.

Which is why we ask for your help.

Right now, the City Council is looking at severely cutting the San Leandro Police force. We need you to stand up and let the council, the media, and other citizens know you value professional policing.

We ask you for two things:

1. Write the council and let them know you support the San Leandro Police Department and SLPOA officers, and believe we are doing a good job protecting citizens and the city. Scroll to the bottom of this webpage for individual contact information: <https://www.sanleandro.org/depts/council/default.asp>

2. Please sign up to become a member of the City's Budget Task Force which will make recommendations for the allocation of the \$1.7 million that the council has taken away (defunded) from the Police Department. Refer to the link below to sign up: <https://www.sanleandro.org/civicax/inc/blobfetch.aspx?BlobID=31782>

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This year has tested the collective fortitude of our community, our region, and our nation. We hope the darkest times are behind us, and that we can all begin to heal together and work to repair any fractures in the community/police relationship.

Your support of professional policing is greatly appreciated and important to ensuring the continue safety of San Leandro and its citizens.

Thank you,

—Michael Olivera, President
San Leandro Police Officers' Association

'Ashamed' of Tortuga Road

Editor:

Moving here on Tortuga Road some 59 years ago, we were delighted with our new home. We had a great relationship with all of our neighbors. Everyone was so proud of their new homes and kept up their yards.

The past few months have seen a change. Now we live among homes that have weeds in their yards at least 12 to 18 inches high. No one bothers to water any longer. Garbage cans are picked up on Fridays.

Very few homes put their cans in their side or back yards. Some are left on the curb for many days. We are so ashamed of the conditions but cannot do anything about the situation.

Areas where homeless are living on the street or under the freeway sometimes are in better shape than our neighborhood. We were told the cans should be put away out of sight once they are emptied, but most are in the front yards. The amount of cars parked on the street is impossible. Most people have their garages full of stuff.

I know this letter will not change things but at 88 and 90 we keep trying. Thank you for your time.

—Tony and Marty Figueiredo
San Leandro

Shuttered Schools' Effect on Music

Editor:

For the last several years, I have had the pleasure of attending concerts at John Muir Middle School.

Andrew Storer's 7th/8th and 6th grade bands, and Kathleen Maier's 7th/8th grade and 6th grade orchestras, all very large groups ranging from 40 to over 80 each, skillfully performed quality music.

The young people were focused on playing well under the direction of their superior teachers. Each student felt joy and positive self esteem at being part of a beautiful sound which gave joy to all members of the large audiences. Younger children, after hearing these groups, practiced their instruments planning to be in one of the groups in the near future.

Sadly, since late March, these inspiring groups have not been allowed to meet. Both teachers attempted to conduct the large groups on line, which they found to be impossible! Unless the schools are allowed to open, the results will be devastating for all young people

especially for those who have been eagerly looking forward to participate in performing groups.

—Lolita Morelli, Oakland
Retired Music Educator

Dismantling the Post Office

Editor:

I've watched this President dismantle many things, but this time I think he's gone too far. The USPS has been delivering mail for many years and in my opinion done a great job.

To use his power to dismantle this organization so he can win in the election is beyond comprehension. Not only do many seniors receive their Social Security checks in the mail, but many of us get our prescriptions in the mail. Plus if your bills are late getting to you, you will probably be late getting them to the sender and you could be charged \$20 to \$25 late fees.

Mr. Trump seems to want to defund Social Security because it's an entitlement. Really? Then why did I as an employee have an amount deducted out of every check and every employer paid it as well. It's time to take a stand against these outrageous ideas. Vote!

—Gerry Mellen
San Leandro Head

Sabotaging the USPS

Editor:

A reminder on how to make America great again: sabotage the Post Office to prevent mail-in votes from being counted.

—Joseph Springer
San Leandro

Make American Well Again

Editor:

With the presidential election coming soon I would hope that voters see that our current president is not fit for re-election. He has created barriers that will take years to repair. Do we want more damage done? I don't.

Many years go by with lots of nationwide and world problems, which is nothing new. Our country's problems are compounded by our current president, who is not about what he can do for the country, but for his egotistical self-image.

His is a ticking time bomb and has brought the country to a crisis. He lacks moral standards, has destabilized the economy, foreign relations and the defense system.

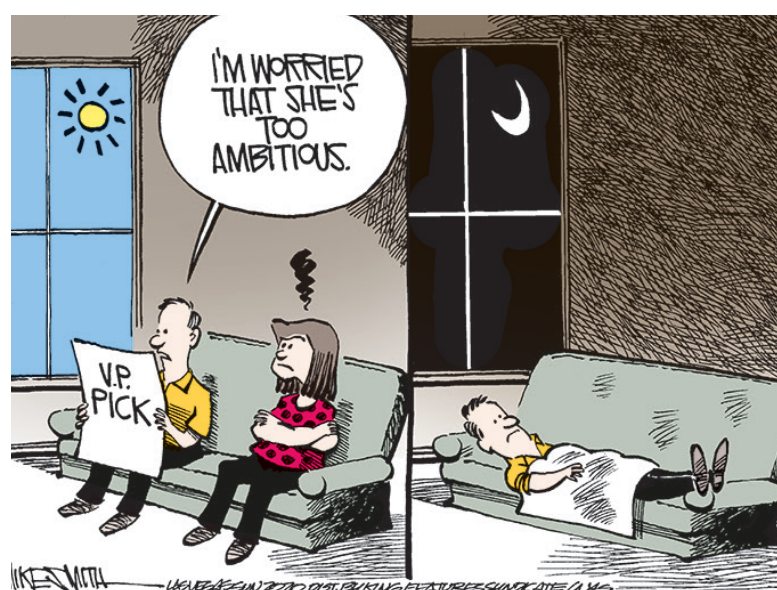
His campaign of, "Make America Great Again" has flopped. America was great way before he touted that campaign slogan. He has actually made America worse. He doesn't rely on any scientific data, and doesn't listen to professionals and advisers.

He has alienated our allies and made the country a laughing stock of the world. Among other things, he chastises those who have immigrated to our country for a better life. He has left us out of the Paris Accord, CDC, World Health Organization, Iran Nuclear Agreement, and trade agreements, made tax law changes to benefit the rich. He doesn't believe in climate change, and has relaxed environmental standards.

He seems to love the autocratic leaders of the Communist World, who love him because they weaken our country and they like to have our Democratic system jeopardized.

Make America Well Again, do not re-elect Donald Trump.

—Nick Verhoek
San Leandro



Free Speech

Editor:

The final letter published last week ("Irked by tTimes' Letters Policy," *Letters*, Aug. 13) was a perfect example of the principle utterly opposing author Schuessler's point, and was therefore amusing, in its bullying way. It be-moaned Leo T. West's letters which have appeared in the SLT, defamed Mr. West, and begged his letters stop or be stopped by this "esteemed publication."

I am a Centrist and know neither gentleman, but am familiar with some of Mr West's viewpoints, which may be at odds with those prevailing in a city roughly 110% Dem/Progressive. If Mr. West's opinions are so abhorrent, I commend SLT for exposing them for comparison with the prevailing views of Schuessler and other Enlightened/Woke folks.

And for exposing Mr. Schuessler's suggestions, which are abhorrent, SLT has made a wise play indeed. As a business, SLT has no obligation to support the principle of First Amendment free-speech on its pages, so I especially commend it for giving vent to Msrs West and Schuessler. Though misattributed to Voltaire, that stirring maxim can be applied by courageous media, especially nowadays as censorious dreamers infect discussion: "I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it."

—Gordon Imrie
San Leandro

Growth from Disagreement

Editor:

A word of support for Leo West. We find comfort among those who agree with us, growth from those who don't. (Frank Clark)

—Jeff Sturm
San Leandro

On Recycling Cans and Bottles

Editor:

All the RePlanet centers have closed down, and the CRV redemption centers that take cans and bottles have closed at the Davis Street Transfer station, and at both Alco Iron & Metal Company and the American Recycling, so there's nowhere anyone can go to reclaim the CRV fees added onto canned and bottled beverages.

I have barrels full of cans, plastic and glass, but feel really bad for the homeless and less fortunate people who depend on recycling money to eat and live.

Our state government should step up and somehow fill this void.

—Ken Kellogg
San Leandro

Improving Public Safety

Editor:

In the wake of the murder of the George Floyd, activists throughout the country are taking a close look at their local police departments. In San Leandro, two police killings of Black and Hispanic people in mental distress in the past year has resulted in an unprecedented focus on the police department's budget. Instead of another increase, the city council decided to take \$1.7 million from the police budget and set it aside.

Since 2010, the San Leandro Police Department budget has increased from \$25.5 million to \$40.9 million, an increase of 60.6%. The crime rate since 2010, however, remained relatively stable and was slightly higher in 2019 than it was in 2010. Having seven more police officers in 2019 than in 2010 doesn't appear to have had a significant effect on the crime rate in San Leandro. With a 60.6% larger budget and seven more officers than in 2010, but about the same crime rate, the San Leandro Police Department deserves some additional scrutiny.

When the City Council approved more than \$400,000 to buy body-worn cameras in 2014, the police presentation said that it would result in a decrease in the use of force by police officers and resulting taxpayer liability. However, when a no-bid contract for body-worn cameras came to the City Council in June 2019, no data on their effectiveness was provided and the City Council didn't ask for any.

Use of force by the San Leandro Police Department's has increased by 16% since body-worn cameras were purchased in 2014.

With an increased budget and additional police officers, San Leandro Police have gotten worse at solving crimes. In 2010, the clearance rate for violent crimes was 40.9%, but in 2019 had decreased to 29.1%, according to the California Department of Justice. Similarly, the clearance rate for property crimes was 19.4% in 2010, but had decreased to 7.9% in 2019.

The San Leandro City Council has been unwilling to ask tough questions or request data that would show whether the San Leandro Police Department is spending its funding effectively or whether its purchases are achieving promised results.

An effective and empowered oversight body could provided the needed impetus that we need to properly review how to improve public safety outside the current thinking of throwing more money at the San Leandro Police Department and hoping for the best.

—Mike Katz-Lacabe, San Leandro



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Caltrans is working on the curbs along East 14th Street between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. through the middle of November.

Curb: Expect some noise, parking restrictions from the construction

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keep noise and disruption to a minimum, but residents and businesses should expect some noise from construction.

Parking will be restricted in the work areas from time to time. Signage will be in place to inform motorists of restricted parking.

Caltrans said it thanks residents and businesses for their patience as it works to improve the state's sidewalks, highways, bridges and tunnels.

Council: Bammer says he's on guard going to Food Max

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Moeller Brothers Body shop, which they have owned since 1977.

Bammer said he is on his guard going to the nearby Food Maxx supermarket or to the Greenhouse shopping center, and his own mother is afraid to go to a nearby pharmacy.



Pete Ballew

District 6: Uncontested

Pete Ballew, running unopposed in District 6, is a retired San Leandro police officer who has served as freshman football coach at San Leandro High School and served on the board of a number of community organizations.

Ballew said a highlight of his time on the Council has been getting housing built, especially affordable housing, and effective partnerships with community nonprofits to meet people's needs. He was also proud, as a

former city employee, of the City Council adding as an official goal supporting city staff members in their work and helping them further develop their job skills.

"The city staff is what makes us great," he said.

Ballew said he hopes to get the city back to financial health after the pandemic emergency in his new term, and to continue the progress the city is making in numerous areas.

But Ballew said he's concerned about a lack of citizen



Ed Hernandez

participation. Even on the most controversial issues, he said, maybe one half of 1 percent of the city's 90,000 residents express their views to the government either online or in person.

Power Outage Causes EBMUD To Release Sewage into Estuary

A power outage last Friday affected the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) Main Wastewater Treatment Plant in West Oakland resulting in a sewer back-up and release of raw and partially treated wastewater to the Oakland-Alameda Estuary.

The wastewater treatment received no power from PG&E between 5:10 pm and 6:50 pm. on Friday, resulting in major flooding of the pump station that transports sewage from East Bay communities via pipes to the plant for treatment, causing a back-up.

EBMUD worked through the night to restore pumping capacity and stored excess flow in storage basins. But flows exceeded the storage capacity before full operations could be restored and EBMUD discharged raw sewage to the Oakland-Alameda Estuary from the foot of Alice Street and Embarcadero Street in Oakland.

Discharges occurred between approximately 4 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning. EBMUD estimates 50,000 gallons of untreated sewage was released.

Just after 3 a.m., EBMUD utilized its San Antonio Creek

Wet Weather Facility to partially treat and discharge disinfected and dechlorinated sewage. This minimized the volume of raw sewage that would otherwise have been discharged. This facility discharges at a point just west of the Jack London Aquatic Center on the Oakland-Alameda estuary. The discharge is not expected to affect water quality at beaches in Alameda.

EBMUD notified regulatory agencies of the incident, and has posted signs along the estuary alerting the public. EBMUD also reached out to Baykeeper, local rowing clubs, and California Canoe and Kayak in Jack London Square. EBMUD is investigating the incident and plans to have a full report within a week.

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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): A relaxed mood early in the week could give way to high-temperature disputes. The Aries Lamb should resist being pulled into heated quarrels that could really singe your wool.



TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Satisfy that practical obligation first, then you can feel free to indulge in your creative endeavors. Also, check for hidden or overlooked areas where repairs might be long overdue.



GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Home is still the Twins' major focus this week. But outside matters begin to take on added importance, especially those involving possible career moves. Stay alert for signs of change.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): A travel plan might need to undergo some considerable adjustment because of unexpected changes. Keep an open mind and let the facts guide you on how you want to handle this.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): Playing cat and mouse with a matter you don't really want to tackle wastes time, energy and, most important, an opportunity. Ask someone with experience to help you get started.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): A shift in policy might not please you, but before you put up a "no go" wall of resistance, examine the circumstances. You might be quite pleasantly surprised by what you find.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): Yesterday's critiques about your methods might have already evolved into today's praise for your achievements. Good for you. Now go on and continue to build on your credibility.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): An occasional temperamental flare-up might occur as you continue to help get things back to normal. Stay with it. You should soon get some idea of where to take things next.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): A negative reaction to what you believe was a well-deserved request might mean that you need to reconsider your position and make changes accordingly.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): There's always room for someone new at the Sea Goat's table. And the someone new this week could bring a message you've been waiting a long time to hear.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): A pile-on of personal matters this week might seem too overwhelming to deal with. But handling them on a one-by-one basis could have you out from under it by the weekend.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): A friend might need your good advice regarding a matter. Be supportive. But unless you can be absolutely sure you have all the facts, be careful about any suggestions you might be asked to offer.

Arc Adopt-A-Tablet Program

T-Mobile has generously donated 100 Samsung A tablets to the Arc of the East Bay to help its clients with their virtual learning.

The Arc of the East Bay provides advocacy, support, and education to persons with developmental and intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families in San Leandro and the rest of the East Bay.

The cost for each tablet is \$20 a month, or \$240 for the year.

The Campaign Goal is to raise \$24,000 to fully support each of the 100 clients.

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