

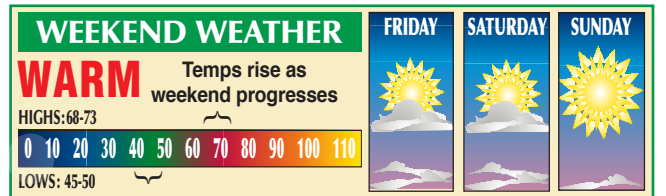


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## Cup of Gold

A California Golden Poppy soaked up the sun in a vacant lot last Sunday. The flower, also known as the Cup of Gold, is drought tolerant, self seeding and easy to cultivate. It became the state flower in 1903.

## City Embarks on Diversity and Inclusion Program

By Michael Singer  
San Leandro Times

An independent consulting firm has begun its yearlong review of San Leandro's diversity, equity, and inclusion practices following public outcry last year centered on the San Leandro police department's use of force, as well as the national conversations about racial and gender discrimination.

The San Leandro City Council last month heard an update from SEED Collaborative, a Southern California group that works with governmental leaders

to "strengthen equity practices, policies, systems, and structures through a targeted universalism lens."

Co-founder Paul Hudson said the group will interview city leaders and residents, hold focus groups of similar demographics, conduct surveys and review San Leandro's documents and best practices.

"The goal is to uplift your strategies and solutions from an internal perspective," Hudson  
see DIVERSITY, page 4

## Police Arrest Shooting Suspect

Police arrested a man for a shooting in the 300 block of MacArthur Blvd. in San Leandro that happened on April 5.

Witnesses said the man was arguing with a female and then fired a gun at her when she ran

away from him, according to San Leandro police.

Police got the license plate number of the man's vehicle from bystander video and other evidence. The next day, police  
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## Vaccine Now Open for 16 and Over

By Michael Singer  
San Leandro Times

Alameda County expanded its coronavirus vaccine eligibility over the weekend to people age 16 and older with statewide opening of shots for all California residents in that age range.

Sixteen- and 17-year-olds have the option of receiving only the 2-shot Pfizer vaccine, because shots of the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines have only been approved for those 18 years and older. County health officials warn that supplies are limited.

The state has now administered more than 22 million doses of Covid vaccine. Nearly half of those 18 and older have received at least one shot as have about 47 percent of adults. More than 81 percent of residents 65 and older have received at least one shot.

Alameda and Contra Costa counties joined forces with the state this week to continue vaccinations at the Oakland Coliseum. The site is open only to those who

live or work in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, and operates daily from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. with 17 drive-through lanes as well as walk-up appointments.

The site is expected to deliver around 6,000 vaccines per

day and operates mobile vaccine clinics that go to East Bay neighborhoods hit hardest by the coronavirus.

Vaccine appointments can continue to be made by visiting [bit.ly/39vmfIW](https://bit.ly/39vmfIW) and filling out the

Vaccine Notification Form, or by calling 833-422-4255.

For those with questions or concerns about the COVID-19 vaccine, a Vaccine Information Forum, sponsored by the Alameda County Public Health Department, will be held on April 16.  
see VACCINE, page 11

## Beer Garden Planned for Downtown San Leandro

By Mike McGuire  
San Leandro Times

A long-vacant downtown building at the corner of East 14th Street and Juana Avenue is set to spring back to life with a beer garden and restaurants, with renovations starting this month and an opening scheduled for the fall.

"Being able to open with an Oktoberfest celebration would be great," said Matt Holmes, a principal at the commercial real estate developer Retail West,

which bought the property.

Holmes envisions several indoor food and beverage establishments, much of it open air. The building, across East 14th Street from Fremont Bank, has been vacant for 14 years. The building was formerly the Bay Bank of Commerce.

"We're trying to provide an urban oasis with a real sense of place," Holmes said.

It's a superb location, near a thriving supermarket, other

businesses in Washington Plaza with lots of parking, he said. And it's just a couple of blocks from the San Leandro BART Station.

"We've seen beer gardens thrive in locations in San Leandro that weren't nearly so favorable," Holmes said.

City officials welcome the new project.

"It's an ambitious project at a key downtown intersection, so it's exciting to see them move  
see DOWNTOWN, page 11

## Steven Taylor Remembrance

The day of remembrance for Steven Taylor will be held at 3 p.m. this Sunday, April 18, at Marina Park. (An incorrect date appeared in a headline in last week's story.)

The date is the anniversary of Taylor's death when he was

shot and killed by San Leandro police at the Walmart on Hesperian Boulevard.

The Taylor family and supporters will be in attendance at the remembrance, along with speakers and tables for community resources.

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## PETS OF THE WEEK



**Kifli**

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter are both bunnies, Kifli and Pandesal.

**Kifli** is a female bunny who is dainty and sweet. She can be a little skittish when you first meet her, but will settle quickly once she gets to know you. She loves digging in her blankets



**Pandesal**

and snacking on timothy hay and parsley.

**Pandesal** is a gentle tempered female bunny who is curious and cute. She enjoys playing with her toys and is good with handling. She does not like being picked up.

For more information on Kifli or Pandesal, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at 510-293-7200.

## Hayward Arts Council Exhibit

Thirty-two members of the Hayward Arts Council are featuring a variety of media including acrylics, watercolors, oils, textiles, mixed assemblage,

poetry, photography, mixed media, digital print, paper cut art, and ink.

To view this exhibition, visit [haywardartscouncil.org](http://haywardartscouncil.org).

## Music Students Earn Certificate of Merit

The Alameda County branch of the Music Teachers' Association of California sponsors the music study program Certificate of Merit held each year and this year it was online.

The program provides a standard of curriculum that requires students to strive for focused musical excellence in performance, technique, ear training, sight reading/singing, and music theory.

The annual statewide pro-

gram that began in 1933 involves approximately 30,000 students in piano, violin, cello, viola, flute, French horn, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, bassoon, baritone/euphonium horn, voice, harp and guitar.

Students benefit tremendously from this educational opportunity. Congratulations to these hard-working San Leandro music students who earned the certificate for their level in March:



TIMES FILE PHOTO

The San Lorenzo Library is open again, but with limited hours.

## San Lorenzo Library Re-Opens

The San Lorenzo Library, 395 Paseo Grande in San Lorenzo, is now open with a limited schedule.

The library is now open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon, and then from 3

to 5 p.m. The library is cleaned during the break in the middle of the day.

On Sunday, the library is open from noon to 5 p.m.

Additional hours are available by appointment for a no-con-

tact pick-up of books. Books can be selected online and scheduled for pickup by calling the library at 510-284-0640.

The San Lorenzo Library is a branch of the Alameda County Library.

## Clean Up Waterways For this Earth Day

This Earth Day help clean up the waterways starting right at your front door.

The Earth Day clean-up, hosted by the Alameda County Clean Water Program, helps keep our waterways free of harmful trash.

You can help to clean Castro Valley Creek, San Leandro Creek, San Lorenzo Creek, and other community waterways by cleaning up in your neighborhoods and local natural areas.

Creek cleanups start at your doors. Trash travels through storm drains into creeks, and rivers to become harmful pollution.

Cleanups can be on Earth Day, April 22, or any day throughout the weekend and will be self-guided and close to home. Local streets, sidewalks, parks, and other natural areas are good choices.

Trash within our neighborhoods becomes the trash polluting the coast once they are washed into the storm drains and waterways.

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# Community Calendar

## Virtual Global Fix-It Clinic

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

## Book to Action: A Conversation with Author of *Kiss the Ground*

The California Center for the Book invites all to engage in a virtual conversation with Josh Tickell, environmental thought leader and award-winning director and author of the *Kiss the Ground*, on Earth Day, Thursday, April 22, at 6 p.m. Discover ways Californians can come together and make both individual and collective change for a more sustainable future. Register at [sanleandrolibrary.org](http://sanleandrolibrary.org) for this event.

## SL Democratic Club Earth Day Forum

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

## Teen Poetry Workshop

Calling all poets! Teens in grades 6 through 12 are invited to submit their poems to the San Leandro Library's poetry contest, and to attend a poetry workshop in early April. Visit the library website [sanleandrolibrary.org](http://sanleandrolibrary.org) for more information.

## Art at the San Lorenzo Library

To celebrate the post-Covid reopening of the

San Lorenzo Library, 395 Paseo Grande in San Lorenzo, the Northern California Decorative Artists filled the library display cabinets with artwork created this last 12 months. The artists invite you to come by the library and take a peek. You will find a range of projects from whimsical to realistic. The display will run through the end of April.

## Dungeons & Dragons For Teens at the Library

Join the San Leandro Library (via Zoom) every Friday in April to play a fantasy Dungeons & Dragons for teens role-playing game. You'll create a character, and then, along with your teammates, go on an adventure — solving mysteries, conquering bad guys, and exploring new worlds. An experienced facilitator will help with everything from character creation to how to navigate the world of the game. No experience necessary, registration required. Visit [www.tinyurl.com/projectteenlounge](http://www.tinyurl.com/projectteenlounge) to learn more.

## Free Online Watercolor Workshop

The Hayward Arts Council invites you to a free watercolor clothed-figure workshop by Castro Valley artist Claudine Krause over Zoom on Saturday, April 24 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Krause received a BFA and MFA in Fine Arts from the San Francisco Academy of Art. She paints in a variety of mediums and has a passion for portraits of people and pets. For 11 years, she has taught art classes to all age groups, from beginners to advanced students.

Registration for this free workshop is required at [www.haywardartscouncil.org/](http://www.haywardartscouncil.org/). A confirmation zoom link to join the workshop will be emailed the day before. Sponsored by the Hayward Arts Council.

Items for the calendar can be emailed to [jimk@ebpublishing.com](mailto:jimk@ebpublishing.com) or call 510-614-1557.



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## Manor Bowl Razed

A demolition crew leveled the Manor Bowl last week. The longtime Washington Manor landmark will be replaced by townhouses.

City Councilman Bryan Azevedo took the photos and posted them on Twitter, along with the caption, "It's a sad day in the Manor, my friends."



## Virtual Native Gardens Tour

Registration is now open for the free, virtual 17th Annual "Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tours" on the Sundays of April 25 and May 2, 16, and 23, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The award-winning tours will feature 25 beautiful native plant gardens, Q&A sessions with experts, and garden design and plant selection information. Check out the schedule of events at [www.bringingbackthenatives.net/](http://www.bringingbackthenatives.net/) and register for one of the tours now.

## Green Home Tour

Join garden tour host Kathy Kramer and electrification advocate Amy Kiser at a free companion event, the 1st Annual Virtual Green Home Tours on June 6 and 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Learn how to save money and time while combating climate change by ditching natural gas, generating clean electricity from your own home, and installing energy-efficient (and health-protecting) induction stoves and heat pumps.

## Meet Candidate for District Attorney

San Leandro residents are invited to come meet candidate for Alameda County District Attorney, Jimmie Wilson, in Friday April 23, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Wilson has been a Deputy District Attorney for more than 16 years. He will be available to meet San Leandro residents at the home of one of his supporters at 1320 Sandelin Court, San Leandro (Bay-o-Vista).

As a member of the Executive Board of the NAACP Hayward South Alameda County, Wilson understands that real change happens when elected officials listen to their citizens and hear their concerns.

For more information email: [jimmiewilsonda@gmail.com](mailto:jimmiewilsonda@gmail.com) or visit [www.jimmiewilsonforda.com](http://www.jimmiewilsonforda.com)

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## Diversity: Residents interviewed

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told the Council. "We are here to support and facilitate but these will eventually be San Leandro's recommendations. Equity is a lifelong work and doesn't stop in 2021."

As a start, Hudson said his group was given between 90 to 100 names of city administrators and staff who would be interviewed about their perspectives and experience with diversity. SEED said it will also use focus groups in April to interview residents outside of City Hall to get their perspectives as well. Hudson said the success of the program will depend on healthy participation from as many diverse groups as possible.

"Buy-in is critical to achieving diversity, equity, and inclusion," Hudson told the San Leandro Times. "It is a key ingredient to successful implementation and sustainability."

After its initial review, SEED is expected to help facilitate an internal Race Equity Team, and a Community Race Equity Taskforce by the end of September 2021. An Equity Work Group is expected to begin its process in

June and wrap up later this year, Hudson said.

During a question-and-answer section of the meeting, City Councilman Pete Ballew noted that while there is much work to do to ensure equity in San Leandro, he does want SEED to include what the city has done well.

"While I am not looking at this with rose-colored glasses, I have always been proud of our diversity in our city council," Ballew said. "I think it does reflect San Leandro as a whole not just in ethnic diversity but gender and financial diversity as well. We have done some things well. If we look at our division leadership within public works, our fire chief, human resources, our finance director, our library director, and our city engineer. So, I would like SEED to also report out what we have done well for other cities even if we know we still need to do more."

SEED is currently working with an 11-member diverse/engaged Community Taskforce in Dublin, which is charged with providing that council with recommendations regarding eq-

uitable policies, procedures, and practices for the Dublin Police Department and the city. Hudson said SEED also worked with Multnomah County in Oregon to identify policies, practices, and structural changes that would create a more equitable operating environment, which was partly motivated by the termination of a high-ranking Black female.

San Leandro police and government leadership has been under scrutiny following the death of Steven Taylor, a Black man fatally shot by police last April as he held a baseball bat inside a Wal-Mart.

The San Leandro City Council committed in June 2020 to reallocating \$1.7 million from the police budget toward support programs including intervention and social support funds.

In December 2020, the council unanimously approved spending \$227,500 to help support San Leandro's existing Community Task Force to help define what equity looks like in San Leandro and make suggestions on how to improve police and public interactions.



PHOTO BY CATHY BOUCHER, CHANTICLEERS THEATRE

Dan Allen and Heather Warren appear in the Chanticleers production of *Almost, Maine*, running by live-stream from April 16 to May 9.

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

Chanticleers Theatre in Castro Valley has chosen John Cariani's hilarious comedy *Almost, Maine* to open its 2021 season this Friday as an online streaming event.

Welcome to *Almost, Maine*, a town that's so far north, it's almost not in the United States – it's almost in Canada. And it almost doesn't exist. Because its residents never got around to getting organized. So it's just... *Almost*.

One cold, clear Friday night

in the middle of winter, while the Northern Lights hover in the sky above, *Almost's* residents find themselves falling in and out of love in the strangest ways. It's love. But not quite.

Knees are bruised. Hearts are broken. Love is lost, found, and confounded. And life for the people of *Almost, Maine* will never be the same.

The play premiered at the Portland Stage Company in Portland, Maine in 2004 where it broke box office records and

garnered critical acclaim.

For tickets (\$20), go to: [chanticleers.org/almost-maine/](http://chanticleers.org/almost-maine/) or call 510-733-5483 (you will have to provide an email address). Tickets and instructions will be sent to your email.

You can access the video any time between April 16 to May 9. Once you open the video you will have 48 hours to view it. Once viewed the video link will expire. Last year's Flex Pass holders can use their ticket credit for this show.

## Saving Endangered Species Youth Art Contest

The San Leandro 2021 Saving Endangered Species Youth Art Contest is open to K-12 grade students, in recognition of the 16th annual Endangered Species Day on Friday, May 21. The entry deadline is May 7.

The contest encourages student artists to creatively ex-

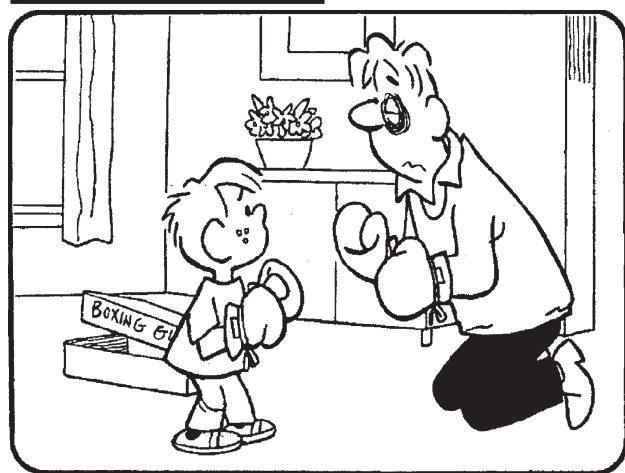
press animal and plant diversity through visual art using their artistic skills and talent. Art work will illustrate a growing awareness of the rich diversity of species in United States land and waters, especially species protected or recovered by the Endangered Species Act.

Request an entry form and contest rules by sending an email to [norcalbroads@gmail.com](mailto:norcalbroads@gmail.com)

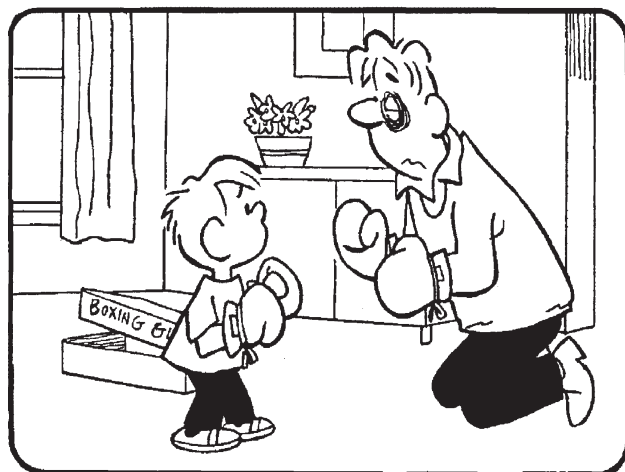
The art contest is sponsored by Great Old Broads for Wilderness, a national grassroots organization, led by women, that inspires activism to preserve and protect wilderness and wild lands.

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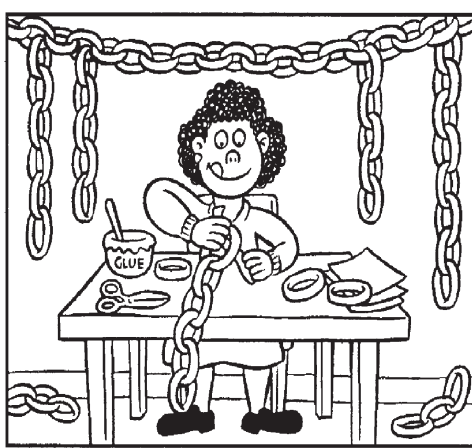
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Curtain is wider. 2. Flower is missing. 3. Frame is smaller. 4. Freckles are missing. 5. Pants are different. 6. Flowerpot is different.



**MAVIS LOVES TO MAKE PAPER CHAIN DECORATIONS.** See how many paper links you can count in the above drawing.

Answer: We found 58. How about you?

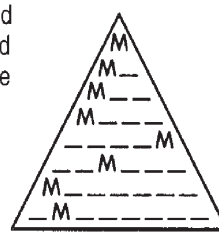
FIG. 1

**A NEAT WAGER!** Draw nine dots on a sheet of paper (Fig. 1). Challenge your friends to connect them up by drawing four straight lines through them without lifting the pencil from the paper. (See Fig. 2 for solution.)

FIG. 2

**THE "M" PYRAMID!** As you move down the word pyramid shown here, each word contains the same letters as the word above it, plus a new letter. We give you all the M's. Here are some hints from the top down:

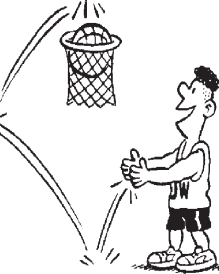
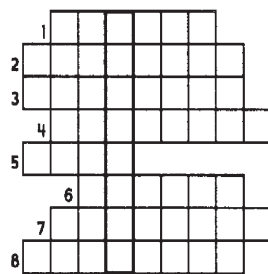
1. Roman numeral for 1000.
2. Rebus for "none left."
3. Found in a wrestling ring.
4. A radio antenna.
5. A source of power.
6. Poorest excuse.
7. Short-handed hammers.
8. Baby Bear's bed.



Answers: The words are: M, MT (empty), mat, mast, steam, lamest, mallets, smallest.



DON'T THROW AN AIR BALL SOLVING THIS ONE



Sink the following eight words and win the game. In the grid there is room to enter eight words or terms pertaining to basketball. The following hints should help you dribble to victory.

1. A credit for scoring.
2. For some, a sure point maker.
3. You can't play without them.
4. Shooting while in the air.
5. To pass the ball.
6. What teams need to win.
7. To score off the backboard.
8. To shoot over your head.

There is a dark frame around one of the columns in our grid. If you correctly solve the puzzle, the letters in the frame, top to bottom, will spell out the name of a spectacular shot.

Answers: 1. Assist. 2. Foul shot. 3. Sneakers. 4. Jump shot. 5. Feed. 6. Hustle. 7. Bank shot. 8. Hook shot. The dark framed column spells "Slam dunk."



## LIFESTYLE

## Awesome Asparagus



This Asparagus Quiche combines sautéed asparagus and leeks with Gruyere cheese in a buttery pastry crust. Serve it with a fruit salad for a spring breakfast or lunch.

One sure sign of spring is fresh asparagus in the produce aisle.

This favorite vegetable can be eaten raw, steamed, boiled, grilled, roasted or incorporated into casseroles and salads.

Choose bunches with tightly closed tips and no flowering. Stalks should be bright green and firm (or pale ivory for white asparagus).

It's best cooked the day it's purchased, but it can be kept in the refrigerator for up to five days by standing the bundled stalks in a bowl with about an inch of water.

Devotees like its unadorned flavor, but it's nice to have a few recipes that add a note or two.

#### ASPARAGUS QUICHE

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 leek (white and light green parts only), halved and thinly sliced, then washed
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 1 pound asparagus, tough ends removed, thinly sliced on the diagonal
- 4 large eggs
- 1-1/4 cups half-and-half
- Ground nutmeg
- Favorite pie crust, fitted into a 9-inch pie plate, well chilled

- 1 cup shredded Gruyere cheese (4 ounces)

Preheat oven to 350°F, with rack in lowest position. In a large skillet, melt butter over medium heat. Add leek and asparagus; season with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, until asparagus is crisp-tender, 6 to 8 minutes; let cool.

In a large bowl, whisk together eggs, half-and-half, 1/2 teaspoon salt, teaspoon pepper, and a pinch of nutmeg. Place pie crust on a rimmed baking sheet. Sprinkle with cheese; top with asparagus mixture. Pour egg mixture on top.

Bake until center of quiche is just set, 50 to 60 minutes, rotating sheet halfway through. Let stand 15 minutes before serving. Yields 6 servings.

#### SPRING ASPARAGUS SALAD

- 1 pound California asparagus
- 1 papaya, peeled, seeded, and halved
- 1/3 cup light sour cream
- 1/4 cup mango nectar
- 1-1/2 tablespoons bottled mango chutney
- Peel of 1/2 lemon, grated
- 3 cups cooked curly pasta
- 1/3 pound small shelled and cooked shrimp
- 1/4 cup green onions
- 8 bibb lettuce leaves

Break off asparagus spears at the tender point, rinse and cook in a skillet until tender-crisp, 3 to 5 minutes. Drain and rinse under cold water. Chill and set aside 12

spears; cut remaining asparagus into 1 inch pieces.

Cut half of papaya into eight thin, lengthwise slices and chill. Cut remaining half into bite-size pieces.

In large bowl, combine sour cream, nectar, chutney and lemon peel. Add cooled pasta, mix well. Stir in asparagus and papaya pieces, shrimp and green onions. Chill briefly.

To serve, spoon pasta mixture on lettuce leaves and arrange papaya and Asparagus spears.

Garnish with lemon twists or wedges and fresh mint, if desired. Makes 4 servings.

#### ASPARAGUS CASHEW RICE PILAF

- 1/4 cup butter
- 2 ounces uncooked spaghetti, broken
- 1/4 cup minced onion
- 1/2 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1-1/4 cups uncooked rice
- 2-1/4 cups vegetable broth
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1/2 pound fresh asparagus, trimmed and cut into 2-inch pieces
- 1/2 cup cashew halves

Melt butter in a medium saucepan over medium-low heat. Increase heat to medium, and stir in spaghetti, cooking until coated with the melted butter and lightly browned.

Stir onion and garlic into the saucepan, and cook about 2 minutes, until tender. Stir in jasmine rice, and cook about 5 minutes. Pour in vegetable broth. Season mixture with salt and pepper. Bring the mixture to a boil, cover, and cook 20 minutes, until rice is tender and liquid has been absorbed.

Place asparagus in a separate medium saucepan with enough water to cover. Bring to a boil, and cook until tender but firm.

Mix asparagus and cashew halves into the rice mixture, and serve warm. Serves 8.

#### SCALLOPED ASPARAGUS

- 1 pound fresh asparagus
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1 cup milk
- 4 eggs, hard-cooked and finely chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 2 tablespoons fine dry bread crumbs
- 1/2 cup grated Swiss cheese

Bring non-aluminum saucepan of salted water to boiling. Grease 1-1/2 quart shallow baking dish. Boil cleaned asparagus until fork-tender. Drain and transfer to paper towels.

Melt 1 tablespoon of the butter in small saucepan. Stir in flour; cook 1 minute. Gradually stir in milk. Cook stirring constantly until sauce thickens, about 3 minutes. Remove from heat; reserve sauce.

Arrange half of asparagus in a layer in prepared baking dish; sprinkle with half of the chopped egg; dot with 1 tablespoon butter; season with salt and cayenne pepper. Arrange another layer with remaining asparagus. Sprinkle center portion with remaining chopped egg. Pour cream sauce down middle of casserole. Sprinkle sauce with bread crumbs and cheese. Dot uncovered portions of the asparagus with remaining 2 tablespoons butter to prevent drying during baking.

Bake covered in 400°F oven for 15 minutes. Uncover and bake 3 minutes to brown top. Serves 4.

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# REAL ESTATE GALLERY



## REAL ESTATE REALITY

By Carl Medford, CRS  
Special to the Times

GUEST COMMENTARY



## Increasing Numbers of Buyers Getting the Morning After Jitters

As prices continue to rise, many buyers across the region are approaching the limits of their capacity to buy a home.

With average home prices pegged at numbers that just a few short years ago would have been considered outlandish, growing numbers of buyers are wondering if paying so much is the right thing to do.

The effect has been quite visible in recent weeks as buyers, straining at the outer limits of their resources to get an offer accepted, wake up the next morning with a serious case of cold feet. Those who have ever been to an auction and been bitten by bidding fever understand how emotions can get the best of you when trying to negotiate on the fly.

While some steady their nerves and press forward,

some, with regrets oozing from every pore, call their agents and try to nullify the contract.

Canceling can be tricky, especially if the accepted purchase agreement was non-contingent. In fact, if the deposit is already in escrow, the buyers could stand to lose the entire amount. Others, alarmed at the price they paid or terms they negotiated, call up and try to renegotiate. This also is ill-advised, and goes a long way to getting off on the wrong foot with the seller and the listing agent.

Here are 3 things to help avoid buyer's remorse:

Take time to perform due diligence on any home on which you write an offer. While this is hard with today's 15-30 minute viewing windows, go through disclosure packages, reports and other information so you understand the pros and cons of the home.

Make sure you have adequate reserves in the event the home appraises low. A simple rule is to subtract the list price from your offering price: if you have enough extra cash to make up that difference, you should be OK.

Set concrete limits and do not exceed them. If you prepare effectively before you get into a bidding war, you will know where the limits are and can back away when the numbers cross your line.

While most people have heard the adage, "In real estate everything is negotiable," it is important to understand that it applies to what happens *before* ink is put to paper and a deal is ratified. Another maxim for buyers who sign a contract and then try to waffle would be, "Buyer beware."

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## Spring is Here -- Along With the Harshest Allergy Season Yet

Experts predict allergy season to be exceptionally severe this spring, according to the Allergy & Asthma Network. Rising global temperatures and a forecast of warm, dry air this spring after a winter of heavy snow could significantly increase pollen production. This comes after a year many people spent mostly indoors in quarantine.

As you head outside to enjoy the spring weather, allergens like pollen may come as a shock to the system. Spring allergens, which can lead to chronic and troublesome symptoms, such as respiratory irritation, itchy eyes, and nasal congestion, impact millions of

Americans.

"After over a year spent in the confines of our homes during the pandemic, we want to spend as much time outdoors as we can this spring," says nationally renowned natural health physician and best-selling author, Dr. Fred Pescatore. "Don't let allergies ruin your long-awaited spring. There are steps you can take to alleviate your allergy symptoms."

• Rinse Your Eyes. Allergies can cause burning, itching, and tearing in our eyes as well as swelling of the eyelids. Washing your eyes with clean water or an eye wetting product moistens them to provide relief when they are dry and irritated.

It also removes allergens that cause eye inflammation.

• Wash Your Clothes Often. When worn outdoors, your clothes can carry small particles back into your home and cause more exposure and allergic reaction. Washing your clothes and taking a shower after outdoor activity can remove lingering allergens.

• Manage Your Stress Levels. Stress can be a powerful force on your physical and mental well-being, and it can pile on quickly. Stress hormones can negatively impact the immune system, increase oxidative stress levels, and inflame seasonal allergy symptoms. When you start to feel stressed, stop and take a breath. If you can, take a walk. Getting quality sleep also helps reduce the effects of stress.

• Add a Natural Supplement. Try adding a natural anti-inflammatory daily oral supplement. Pycnogenol, an extract from French maritime

pine bark, is shown in research to reduce the body's response to histamines without the side effects typically experienced with allergy medications, such as drowsiness. Studies show that supplementing daily with Pycnogenol can substantially reduce the symptoms associated with seasonal allergies, like burning, itchy, or watering eyes, and stuffy, runny, or itchy nose.

"For the many people seeking alternatives to conventional treatment for seasonal allergies, Pycnogenol may represent an effective and completely natural solution, void of any side-effects," says Dr. Pescatore. Pycnogenol is available in more than 800 products sold in stores and online. To learn more, visit pycnogenol.com.

With a tough allergy season ahead, remember these tips to manage your allergy symptoms and enjoy the spring season you deserve.

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# Transplanting Daylilies; Recycled Water

By Buzz Bertolero  
Special to the Times

**Q** Is it too late to divide and transplant my daylilies? Is the foliage usually cut back after they finish blooming? If so, how far back are they trimmed?

**A** Unless you really had to, I'd probably wait and not move the plants now. Daylilies are best relocated and divided from October through the end of March.

I wouldn't cut the foliage off after flowering. Instead, I'd wait until the winter months and then cut the foliage off at the ground, as they do get shabby looking from the winter storms and cold.

Transplanting could be done early or later. It doesn't

matter to the plants. I prefer later as the green foliage is far more visibly pleasing than the short stubble left after the ground-level pruning.

Those plants moved or divided in the fall and winter months produce no new growth until the following spring. Before transplanting, I would cut the foliage back to the ground, making it easier to move the plant(s).

Using a round nose shovel, sever the lateral roots around the clump(s), then gently lift the clump(s) out of the ground. Next, slice the clumps in half or quarters – depending on their size – with a pruning saw, hand shears, or shovel.

Before replanting, remove any of the loose debris from the clumps. Dig a hole that is twice to three times as wide

as the clumps and add plenty of homemade compost, soil conditioner, or blended mixes to the native soil. Also, add a handful of starter fertilizer to the bottom of the hole.

Moving and dividing daylilies isn't tricky, and you have a high success ratio.

**Q** I'm going to recycle my indoor water to water my plants. Will I have to add any additional chemicals to the water? I vaguely remember something about zinc and iron.

**A** It's not necessary to supplement greywater with any additives when using it to water outside plants. Greywater is defined as "untreated wastewater from clothes

washers, showers, bathtubs, bathroom sinks, and laundry tubs."

The untreated wastewater from kitchen sinks, dishwashers, or toilets, referred to as black water, is prohibited. Most home plumbing systems can be modified to capture greywater, but you'll need to check to see the requirements in your local area.

Vegetables can be watered with greywater as long as the water doesn't contact the edible parts. You will have to change the laundry and bathing products you use to those that are plant-friendly.

Avoid bleach, dyes, bath salts, cleanser, shampoos with unpronounceable ingredients, and no products containing boron. Greywater needs to be used quickly, as

it's recommended that you don't store it for more than 24 hours.

Watering basins around plants is desirable as it minimizes runoff and acts as a percolation basin. The utilization of greywater is advantageous for sustainable ecosystems, but it's not right for everyone. Also, I'd check with your local water district

as they should have information posted on their website.

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## What Homeowners Need to Know Before Refinancing

With mortgage rates hovering near three percent, experts say there are still a number of homeowners who could benefit from refinancing. In fact, borrowers who refinanced in 2020 to lower their mortgage rate saved over \$2,800 in mortgage payments annually, according to the latest Freddie Mac research.

"While today's low mortgage rates have fueled a refinance boom, it's been driven mainly by higher-income borrowers. With millions of borrowers eligible to refinance, lower- and middle-income borrowers who could stand to benefit the most from refinancing might be leaving money on the table," says Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's chief economist.

To determine whether refinancing makes financial sense for you, it's essential to first understand the basics. Here's what to know about the refinancing process:

- Understanding refinancing: When refinancing your mortgage, you are essentially applying for a new mortgage with the goal of securing a loan with better terms than your current one. Primarily, people refinance their mortgages for three reasons: to lower their interest

rate, to switch from one product to another (i.e. switch from an adjustable-rate mortgage to a fixed-rate mortgage) or switch to a loan with a shorter term.

- Determining refinancing costs: While refinancing can save you money, it isn't free. Just as there are closing costs and associated fees with your current mortgage, there are related costs to refinance your loan. To get a sense of what refinancing could cost you, use Freddie Mac's refinance calculator, which is available at [calculators.freddie.com](http://calculators.freddie.com).

- Knowing your options:

The refinancing option that is best for you will depend on your financial situation and goals. The most common option is to refinance the remaining unpaid balance on your mortgage. Through refinancing, you can improve your financial position by shortening your term or locking in a lower interest rate. Your lender will be able to discuss refinancing options with you and help determine the best solution for your situation.

- Closing your loan: Closing on your new loan is the final step in the refinancing process, a procedure that is almost identical

to when you initially closed on your current mortgage. During closing, it's important that you take your time to read all documents carefully and ask clarifying questions. Once all of the closing documents are signed, you will have a new loan.

For more information on refinancing, visit [myhome.freddie.com](http://myhome.freddie.com).

Remember, even with today's mortgage rates near historic lows, it's important to carefully evaluate your situation and your home goals with a housing counselor or lender.

-Statepoint

## Fixed Mortgage Rates Drop

Long-term fixed mortgage rates dipped last week for the first time in two months, according to Freddie Mac's weekly nationwide survey.

The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 3.13 percent for the week ending April 8, down from the previous week when it averaged 3.18 percent. A year ago at this time, the 30-year rate averaged 3.33 percent.

Fifteen-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 2.42 percent, down from 2.45 percent.

Five-year hybrid adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 2.92 percent, up from 2.84 percent.

"After moving up for seven consecutive weeks, mortgage rates have dropped due to the recent, modest decline of U.S. Treasury

yields," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's Chief Economist. "As the economy recovers, it should experience a strong rebound in the labor market. Combined, these positive signals will continue to bolster purchase demand. The drop in rates creates yet another opportunity for those who have not refinanced to take a look at the possibility."

## WEEKEND GARDENER

### Don't Hold Back

Everything goes into the ground now! Plant trees, ground cover and shrubs. Sow or transplant vegetables, annuals, perennials and herbs. Transplant early-maturing beans, cucumbers, eggplants, peppers, squash and tomatoes. Plant summer-time-blooming bulbs and corms including caladiums, calla and canna lilies, dahlias and day lilies. Make sure irrigation drip lines, soaker hoses and sprinklers are in place before root systems get too large.

### Shady Characters

Fibrous begonias, lobelia and impatiens will liven up those shady areas in your garden. They're available now in nurseries and garden centers.

### Fruit Thinning

Start thinning excess fruit set on trees and vines.



### "Shakespeare" gardens

honor the famous playwright and have been set up in parks all over the world, often near theatres. They contain plants, flowers and trees found in his many works, such as almond, birch, blackberries, camomile, caraway, cedar, daffodil, ebony, fig, gooseberry, hazel, hyssop, lettuce, marjoram, mulberry, nutmeg, oats, olive, pear, pomegranate, quince, radish, rye, rosemary, saffron, strawberry, sycamore, thorn, violet, wormwood and yew. - Brenda Weaver

Rosemary (18th-century woodcut)

Sources: The Plant-Lore and Garden-Craft of Shakespeare by Henry Ellacombe, 1884; [www.botanicalshakespeare.com](http://www.botanicalshakespeare.com)

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18518 Crest Avenue	94546: \$250,000 2 BD - 1,054 SF - 1950
2505 Miramar Avenue	94546: \$498,000 2 BD - 986 SF - 1988
21175 Elm Street	94546: \$763,000 2 BD - 866 SF - 1948
2973 Wisteria Lane	94546: \$850,000 3 BD - 1,802 SF - 1979
5026 Tyler Lane	94546: \$1,225,000 4 BD - 2,084 SF - 1964
4217 Forest Glen Pl	94546: \$1,225,000 4 BD - 2,424 SF - 1989
17252 Columbia Drive	94552: \$1,250,000 3 BD - 2,006 SF - 1986
7742 Pineville Circle	94552: \$1,300,000 4 BD - 2,340 SF - 1995
5622 Cold Water Drive	94552: \$1,350,000 5 BD - 2,688 SF - 1965
4447 Santos Amaro Pl	94546: \$1,650,000 3 BD - 3,496 SF - 2003
TOTAL SALES:	10
LOWEST AMOUNT:	\$250,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT:	\$1,650,000
MEDIAN AMOUNT:	\$1,225,000
AVERAGE AMOUNT:	\$1,036,100

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16006 East 14th Street	94578: \$395,000 2 BD - 824 SF - 1987
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521 East Merle Court	94577: \$560,000 2 BD - 1,128 SF - 1927
15210 Andover Street	94579: \$650,000 3 BD - 1,706 SF - 1950
521 Estabrook Street	94577: \$655,000 4 BD - 1,392 SF - 1922
484 Nabor Street	94578: \$697,500 3 BD - 1,445 SF - 1956
1879 Hilding Avenue	94577: \$720,000 3 BD - 1,104 SF - 1952
101 East 14th Street	94577: \$825,000 2 BD - 1,570 SF - 1940
15247 Laverne Court	94579: \$850,000 1,892 SF - 1958
15459 Heron Drive	94579: \$860,000 4 BD - 1,651 SF - 1998
2097 Strang Avenue	94578: \$905,000 3 BD - 1,417 SF - 1948
15368 Ruggles Street	94579: \$920,000 4 BD - 1,337 SF - 1955
764 Juana Avenue	94577: \$955,000 5 BD - 1,723 SF - 1946
1760 View Drive	94577: \$960,000 3 BD - 1,619 SF - 1956
13800 Velarde Drive	94578: \$1,150,000 4 BD - 2,287 SF - 1957
TOTAL SALES:	15
LOWEST AMOUNT:	\$395,000
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# City Council Meetings to Start and End Earlier

By Michael Singer  
San Leandro Times

In an effort to avoid marathon Zoom meetings, and yet make sure all public comments are included, the San Leandro City Council last week voted to shift its meeting times 30 minutes earlier and amend its rules to establish a more efficient meeting structure.

In a two-part vote, the council initiated a decision to start its meetings at 6:30 p.m., instead of 7 p.m. The meetings would also end at 10:30 p.m., unless

a majority of the City Council voted to continue the meeting that same night. Many meetings have been going past midnight in the last year.

In cases of not being able to tackle all agenda items, the council agreed it would defer votes on those agenda items until the following Monday meeting.

Mayor Cutter, the only dissenting vote at the April 5 meeting, commented that the extra 30 minutes would not really allow the council to do much more than it already does and could poten-

“If I have a follow-up question, I want to be sure that it does not get restricted.”

— City Councilwoman  
Corina Lopez

tially delay city business on an ongoing basis. Councilmembers still convene at 5 p.m. on meeting days for the closed-session meeting on legal or personnel issues. The ordinance is expected to be reviewed a second time this month before it can be approved.

The Council unanimously approved a resolution to amend the meeting rules to five questions per council member on each item.

But a council member wanted to be sure that didn't limit necessary questions.

“If I have a follow-up ques-

tion, I want to be sure that it does not get restricted by this resolution,” said Councilmember Corina Lopez.

Mayor Cutter noted that she or the presiding officer may at their own discretion allow additional questions from the other council members, if needed.

In addition to limiting City Council member questions, the council agreed that written public comments now must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. on Sunday before the upcoming regularly scheduled City Council

meeting to provide the community the opportunity to use the weekend for agenda review.

The Council said it decided to address the issue following an annual planning retreat in February. Public comment during meetings will still be limited to 2 minutes for each speaker.

Last month, the council faced a violation of public meeting rules after a San Leandro resident filed a complaint because the council failed to read his comments during the public comment

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## OPINION

### LETTERS to the EDITOR

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#### Why We Need Police Oversight

Editor:

For some reason, some people translate asking for police oversight as being “anti-police” or wanting to stop police from doing their job. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Naturally, the Police Officers Association does not want oversight. This is no surprise. Most people don't want others looking closely at their work. It isn't fun. It can feel like extra or unnecessary work or even invasive. But it is also common that some percentage of people will take advantage of a lack of oversight, no matter their role.

It is easy to say that the majority of the officers in the San Leandro Police Department are good people who wouldn't take advantage of their position, but saying that ignores the recent police sergeant charged with embezzlement and misappropriation of funds. While an internal audit caught this, it had gone on for numerous years.

This fact alone demonstrates that having oversight would be beneficial – both to the police department

and to the city as a whole.

There are numerous other examples I could site, but the bottom line is that oversight can help the department hold itself more accountable and help the people of San Leandro feel more confident that it isn't the fox tasked with watching the hen house.

Please join me and so many others in supporting true Citizen Oversight.

— Mitch Huitema  
San Leandro

#### Limit Letters to Six per Year

Editor:

I am reading the letter from Eva Poon (“Anti-Asian Racism Needs to be Addressed,” Letters, April 8). I agree with her that we hear from the same voices every week, both conservative and liberal. It's wearying.

I am also well aware you would be accused of stifling free speech if you stopped publishing certain people's letters.

My proposal is to place clear limits on the number of letters that one person can publish in a year. My suggestion is 6 times per year.

People would then have to exercise some discretion to decide what is letter-worthy. When they send Letter No. 7 in a 12-month period, it will not be published.

We may find less wrangling and more diversity of opinion.

— Carol Kane  
San Leandro

#### Says House Prices Off the Mark

Editor:

If Carl Medford (“Buyers Starting to Second Guess Themselves,” Page 6, The Times, April 8) and his fellow East Bay Realtors want buyers to start writing offers again, it's time for them to reassess how they price houses.

The statistics don't lie – the average overbid in most East Bay neighborhoods is ten percent. But there are quite a few buyers out there who skew the market even further.

The recent story about a Berkeley house selling for a million over asking isn't as anomalous as it sounds. When you go ten percent over asking on two houses and still get outbid by \$300k and \$500k (speaking from experience here), you tend to either stop looking or stop bidding.

Agents should stop wasting everyone's time and start pricing houses at least somewhat close to what people actually pay. Only then will buyers will have the confidence to start writing offers again.

— Ben Ball  
San Leandro

## INQUIRING REPORTER

### Will you go to a ball game or movie theater?

— Asked downtown

Yes, as long as everybody is 6 feet apart, wearing masks and keeping their hands clean. Then we can enjoy life outside with the pandemic as long as everybody follows the rules.

Nikki Shubert  
San Leandro



Maybe but not so quickly. Hopefully by mid-summer. Spring is still a little early. I'll wait for the pollen and sneezing to stop.

Kenneth Session  
Oakland



No, I think I would like to wait a while to see if everything is okay. Maybe in a couple of months.

Lorraine Montgomery  
San Leandro



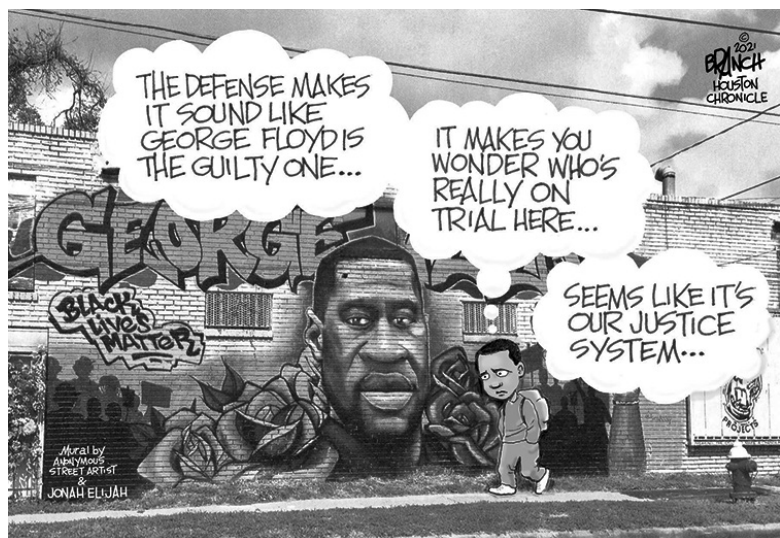
I'm looking forward to some normalization. I'm going to a baseball game when the A's play Detroit.

B. Duran  
San Leandro



Not quite yet. I've gotten used to Netflix on the couch, and I can pop my own popcorn. Maybe in a few months.

Leslie Byrne  
San Leandro



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# Downtown: Developer says beer garden will be the place to go

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forward,” said Katie Bowman, City of San Leandro economic development manager. “This project is well-positioned. It’s laid-back but with good quality, and is in sync with having good beer and food in town. We’re proud of our breweries.”

Holmes said his firm had been trying to buy the property for several years, since long before the pandemic. Retail West specializes in relocating restaurants and retail stores, and had brought the neighboring Peet’s and Chipotles to San Leandro.

The sale price was not revealed, but the county assessed the property in 2020 at \$1,749,300. Properties are normally reassessed when sold, at the selling price.

Holmes said they’re in negotiations with new tenants and expects to reveal them in the next few weeks.

Retail West is calling it “The

Dro,” and its promotional brochure likens the spot to Belden Place in San Francisco, Brewster’s in Petaluma or Drake’s Dealership (at The Hive) in Oakland.

Retail West has built a num-

**“We’re doing the opposite of what most developers would do, opening up the space so that two-thirds is open-air.”**

— Developer Matt Holmes

ber of beer gardens and taprooms around the state, with the nearest being Humble Sea Brewing Co. in Pacifica, Holmes said.

Holmes thinks the business will thrive after the pandemic.

“If there’s one thing that’s proven valuable in the pandemic, it’s outdoor space,” he said. “We’re doing the opposite of what most developers would do, opening up the space so that two-thirds is open-air.”

Current plans are to have garage-style big doors like those that the building had in its original life as a Firestone tire center, Holmes said.

Economic Development Manager Bowman is looking forward to the city’s post-pandemic business future.

“Post-pandemic we do think demand for businesses will come back, though for some businesses it may be different,” Bowman said. “The fundamentals of San Leandro’s economy and demand remain strong.”



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

A development company plans a beer garden and restaurants at the former bank building that has been vacant for 14 years in downtown San Leandro.

## Nominations Invited for Alameda County Arts Awards

The Alameda County Arts Commission is accepting nominations for the 2021 Arts Leadership Awards, an annual program that recognizes five individuals for their outstanding achievements and contributions to the arts community and the residents of the county.

Nominees must be Alameda County residents who are involved in such arts discipline as music, dance, literature, theater, video and new media.

They must be affiliated with an arts organization as an artist, staff person, board member, teacher, volunteer, donor, supporter, advocate, and so forth. For complete details, review the online nomination instructions.

The nominations will be reviewed by the Arts Commission in June and the award recipients

will be recognized by the County Board of Supervisors in early October.

Nominations are due on Friday, May 14, and must be submitted online at [www.acgov.org/arts/awards](http://www.acgov.org/arts/awards).

For more information, call 510-208-9646, email [artscommission@acgov.org](mailto:artscommission@acgov.org) or visit [www.acgov.org/arts/awards](http://www.acgov.org/arts/awards).

## Vaccine: CDC updates guidelines

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meda County Library, will be held at 4 p.m. next Wednesday, April 21, when a panel of medical professionals will talk about the virus and vaccines. Register at [bit.ly/ACLVaccineForum](http://bit.ly/ACLVaccineForum).

Last week, the CDC updated its guidelines on the surface transmission of the coronavirus, saying the chances of becoming

infected by contact with contaminated surfaces and objects was low. While catching the virus from touching doorknobs, groceries or mail remains theoretically possible, the CDC said the chances were less than 1 in 10,000.

Meantime, scammers are looking to cash in on the immunization push against COVID-19

by selling forgeries of government-issued “vaccination record cards” that show people have been inoculated.

Hundreds of criminals are selling blank and forged versions of the cards over such e-commerce sites as eBay and Etsy while running ads for the fakes on Facebook, according to a report on CBS MoneyWatch.

## LOCAL DEATHS

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### Gary Allen Naman

August 18, 1938 ~ March 14, 2021

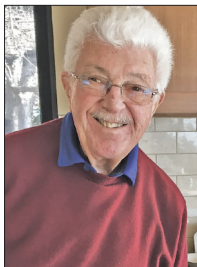
Gary Naman was born in Long Beach, California and lived in the Los Angeles area until he graduated from the University of Southern California with a major in English. He moved to San Francisco in 1967. He met his wife Janis when she was teaching in Southern California and married in 1969. They moved to San Leandro in 1978 and raised their children, Kim and Chad there.

Gary was active in Roosevelt Elementary School's Dad's Club, other activities his children participated in, San Leandro LINKS shuttle system, San Leandro Chamber of Commerce and was well known in the community.

Gary began his trucking company, GAN-TRANS in 1978 in San Leandro. His children Kim, Chad and daughter-in-law Kristine have been running it since Gary's retirement in 2006.

Over the years Gary and Janis enjoyed doing a significant amount of traveling both nationally and internationally.

Gary loved the ocean and the sound of the waves, but his greatest love was for his family: Janis, Kim, Chad, Kristine and Lilly, all of which were the light of his life.



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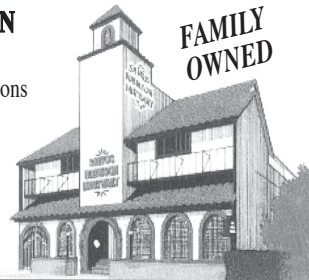
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## Eden Area Village Organizer Archie Cox Dies at Age 97

The man who organized Eden Area Village, Archie Cox of Hayward, has died at age 97.

Cox was a veteran and local business owner who started the local organization to help its members stay in their homes as they aged.

With more than 90 members who provide each other with companionship and assistance, Eden Area Village continues to



Archie Cox

work toward Mr. Cox's vision, welcoming seniors in the Castro Valley, Hayward and San Lorenzo area. There are no membership fees, but the local group has started a small memorial fund in Archie Cox's name.

For more information, call 510-969-2732 or visit edenareavillage.org. Find out more about senior villages across California at villagemovementcalifornia.org.

## Aguilar Picked for Tech Committee

City Councilman Victor Aguilar has been appointed to the National League of Cities (NLC) Information Technology and Communications Committee for 2021.

Aguilar will play a role in shaping NLC's policy positions and advocate on behalf of America's cities and towns before Congress, as well as with agencies and officials from across the federal government.

The committee develops the organization's federal policy positions on issues involving telecommunications and information systems. Examples include public access rights, privacy concerns, cable TV regulations, phone services, spectrum issues, communications tower siting, universal service, as well as protection of local control over communications facility installations in public rights-of-way.

"It is an honor to be appointed to this committee. I look forward to serving alongside my nationwide colleagues to advocate for policies that strengthen and protect the American people," said Aguilar. "Together, we will work at the national level on protecting local interests in places like San Leandro, while also advocating for renewed federal investment in broadband infrastructure with a focus on bridging the digital divide."



PHOTO COURTESY OF DAVE COLEMAN

## Parking Lot Chorus

During the pandemic, a chorus has been rehearsing in Castro Valley's Faith Lutheran Church parking lot. At the keyboard is director Cesar Cancino. The singers, a subset of the Douglass Morrison Theatre chorus, are in the cars singing into wireless microphones and listening on FM radios. With antennas on the ladder, and receivers and mixer on milk crates, the system is powered by a deep cycle battery. The chorus will perform a concert April 24 via radio for their friends and families, who can listen on their own car radios in the same parking lot.

## Meetings: Sometimes till 2 a.m.

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section.

San Leandro City Council meetings typically run at least four hours, Councilmember Pete

Ballew noted, and sometimes extending beyond 2 a.m., depending on community participation.

Meetings with a larger than the normal number of public

comments grew last year following the shooting of Steven Taylor by San Leandro police, as well as a proposed apartment building at 1388 Bancroft Ave.

## Arrest: Guns found on suspect

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found the vehicle at the Bank of America parking lot at 1200 Fairmont Blvd. in San Leandro.

Uniformed officers contacted the driver, later identified as Denzel Jones, 27, of Oakland, according to police. He had a .45

caliber semi-automatic pistol in his possession and another 9 mm pistol was found in his car.

The involved female was also contacted at the bank. She didn't have any injuries as a result of the suspect shooting at her, police said.

The Alameda County District Attorney's Office charged Jones on April 7 with one count of assault with a deadly weapon, and one count of a felon in possession of a firearm. Jones is currently out of custody on bail.

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**ARIES (March 21 - April 19):** Whether a waiting period is taking longer than expected, or just seems that way, the anxious Lamb would do well to create a center of calm within her- or himself, and not do anything rash.



**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** Practical matters dominate the week, but cultural activities also are favored, especially those that can be shared with someone special in the Bovine's life. Some important news might be forthcoming.



**GEMINI (May 21 - June 20):** You need to know more about a possible career move in order to see if it offers a real opportunity or just a change. You're sure to get lots of advice -- some of it good -- but the decision must be yours.



**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** The arrival of hoped-for good news about a loved one dominates most of the week and provides a great excuse for the party-loving Moon Child to plan a special event to celebrate.



**LEO (July 23 - August 22):** Leos and Leonas rushing to finalize their plans might want to think about slowing down the pace, or risk overlooking an important consideration that could become a sore point down the line.



**VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22):** The week's challenges call for logical approaches. But sentiment also has its place. Sharing memories with a special someone, for example, strengthens the bond between you.



**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22):** A brand-new approach to a problem could have a good chance of succeeding if it's based on a solid foundation of fact to strengthen its potential for standing up to scrutiny.



**SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21):** A favorable report should give your optimism an important boost as you confront another phase of a challenge. Don't be timid about accepting advice from someone you trust.



**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** You might want to target another goal if your current aim is continually being deflected. But stay with it until you find that first sign of an opening, and then follow through.



**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** Although offers of advice might not always please the usually sure-footed Goat, good counsel is always worth considering, especially from those whose experience can be invaluable.



**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** Don't rush to make up for lost time. Your productivity can be measured not only by what you do, but how you do it. Move carefully until the job is done the way you like it.



**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** Emerging facts about someone you know might cause you to rethink your relationship. But remember to make judgments in context of a full situation, not just on scraps of data.

## Umpires Needed For Softball

The Hayward Softball Umpires Association is recruiting year-round to work paid HARD recreation softball games -- men's, women's and co-ed slow pitch.

All age groups receive training. For more information, call the education director at 510-586-8592 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

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