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Keshad Johnson (#2 white jersey) puts back a rebound into the basket for two points in the third quarter.

Pirates Basketball Tops CV, 59-38

By Andrew Joseph
San Leandro Times

The San Leandro High basketball team won, 59-38, at home Friday night against conference rival Castro Valley.

"We want to go to the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) State finals and win this year," said San Leandro head coach Darnell Stamps.

Leading Pirates' scorers included Kes-

had Johnson with 28 points, Kiki Aguirre who finished with 8 points, and Ciri Sawyer with a total of 7 points.

"Usually we start our games slower than today, but today we wanted to come out the gate hard with a lot of intensity," said Johnson. "Our reserves off the bench weren't ready tonight when they came in, that's what let (Castro Valley) climb back into the game and try to close the score in

the third quarter."

The score was 29-19 at halftime, and Castro Valley got within 8 points in the third period.

"We're still getting players back from injuries right now," said Stamps. "To get a feel for what players in what different rotations work is what we're doing. The focus isn't so much on other teams' plans, but what

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Rate Payers Puzzled by Utility Bill

Some residents object to being switched automatically to "energy aggregator" EBCE

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

PG&E bills began showing up this month with an unfamiliar line item for "East Bay Community Energy" (EBCE) in the account summary.

The EBCE is a new "community energy" agency that recently became the energy provider for over half a million Alameda County homes, though nobody signed up for it.

The San Leandro City Council voted in 2016 to join the EBCE, which is a government agency headed by a Joint Powers Authority. In Alameda County, all cities except Alameda, Pleasanton, and Newark are part of the EBCE.

There is an option to leave the EBCE and stick with PG&E by visiting www.ebce.org and selecting the "opt out" tab at the top of the screen. You'll have to enter your PG&E account number, name, and zip code. You can also opt out by calling 1(833) 699-EBCE.

If you opt out before June 1, there is no fee but EBCE will charge a \$5 exit fee after that date. Another option is to "opt down" and reduce the percentage of energy that comes from clean energy sources and get a lower rate while remaining in the EBCE program.

EBCE is an alternate electricity provider that was created to provide an alternative to the PG&E monopoly, they say. EBCE is a "community choice" see BILL, page 20

City's MLK Celebration On Monday

The City of San Leandro's annual celebration in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will be on Monday, Jan. 21, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Community Center, located at 13909 East 14th St.

The event commemorates the birthday of this great American leader and his lifelong work toward equality and peace. This year's event includes entertainment, student oratory, and a discussion, hosted by Unity in the Community, tackling questions about racism and how we interact with each other as neighbors.

At 1 p.m. the program will feature a "Barbershop Forum," an program. see KING, page 5

Holocaust Survivor and World War II French Spy to Speak in Castro Valley

Marthe Cohn, 98-year-old Holocaust survivor and World War II French spy, will be speaking in Castro Valley at 7:30 p.m. this Sunday, Jan. 20 at Chabad of Castro Valley, 20912B Redwood Road.

Cohn will share her gripping story of survival and espionage to an audience suitable for adults and teenagers of all faiths.

Following her family's daring escape from Nazi-occupied France and her sister's death in Auschwitz, Cohn went on to be recruited by the Intelligence Service of the French 1st Army on account of her blonde hair, blue eyes and thorough command of the German language.

Posing as a German nurse desperately searching for her fictional fiancé positioned on the front lines, she successfully retrieved



Holocaust survivor Marthe Cohn, 98, a French spy during World War II, is expected to attract a large turnout.

troves of crucial information regarding the positioning of German troops.

At age 80, Mrs. Cohn was awarded for her service with the Croix de Guerre, France's highest military honor.

"With a fading generation of Holocaust survivors, now more than ever are we charged with the moral imperative to hear their first hand accounts," said Rabbi Shimon Gruzman, co-director of Chabad of Castro Valley, the sponsoring organization. "Mrs. Cohn is a true hero who brings a positive message of hope, strength and triumph."

Cohn's visit brings added significance as this year marks 80 years since Kristallnacht.

Eighty years ago, Nazis in Germany torched synagogues, vandalized Jewish see COHN, page 5

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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.



Understanding M.L. King - Students Own Words

By Roy Wilson, Ed. D
Special to the Times

I am writing to share with you the words of some of the 60 high school students who participated in our annual Life & Legacy of Dr. King week-long program at Merritt College in Oakland between Dec. 27 and Jan. 1.

We were honored to have been joined by youth from our partner organization, the Dolores Huerta Foundation, who traveled

from Bakersfield and Fresno to be with us.

Understanding Dr. King's teachings, our students confronted their fears of direct involvement in organizing others, speaking up and participating in small and large community events. They are becoming personally and socially responsible. After an intensive week, they are prepared to speak at Dr. King celebrations, including the March



and Rally Committee's Rally, the Women's March Oakland, the state-wide YMCA's Youth and Government Conference and other events.

Here are some of the student's reflections on the experience, in their own words:

"My eyes have been opened



to the connection between changing myself and changing society. I learned from Dr. King's life and legacy that the way to start changing the society we live in is to first work on improving myself through being humble and reflective."

"Our society needs to learn to align our spiritual/cultural power to face struggles together, grow and learn from each other."

"I will actively work to conduct myself in ways that serve others. America needs more people to engage in small acts of public service."

"Being in close quarters for a week with a group of conscious, inspired and watchable people make me focus on my own growth through learning from others and their coaching of me. I plan to use this growth and consciousness to actively find solutions to change the world and inspire others."

"Through the principles of Dr. King, I have learned this week to live truly for the people. Nobody is self-made, and we all belong to a great community."

The principles of nonviolence have renewed my spirit and they remind me to be better every day. I can see farther."

"What society needs is for all of us to come together for a common purpose: to create change for generations to come. We need to learn our cultural history, our world history to create a 'beloved community.'"

"Throughout this week we have shared deep conversations and learning with each other to build character with high consciousness. I will practice these principles every day within my family, school and friend group. We should strive for Dr. King's idea of a 'beloved community', and every one of us must be willing to learn from each other, practice nonviolence and love."

Please join us and these dedicated youth in honoring the life and legacy of Dr. King by engaging in community and democracy year-round.

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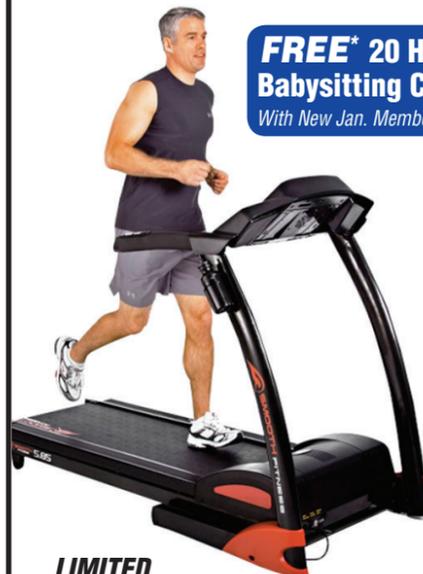
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POLICE & FIRE



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Future Firefighters

The 2019 Alameda County Fire Department Recruit Academy began this week with the first day of class on Jan. 14.

Man Gets Life without Parole For 2016 Homicide at SL Bar

A man was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole last week for the 2016 fatal shooting of a man at a San Leandro bar.

Last Friday, Sophy Kong, 36, of Oakland was sentenced for the first-degree murder of Sukia Jackson, 43, a MUNI bus driver of Foster City. The homicide took place on June 4, 2016 at around 2 a.m. at Shooter's Bar in the 1500 block of 150th Avenue.

According to the Alameda County District Attorneys' Office, Kong approached Jackson and two friends outside of the bar and began to harass them making statements about "crips" and other gang affiliations.

None of the men outside of the bar engaged with Kong. Kong then approached Jackson from behind and shot him in the head from point blank range, killing him.

After the first shot, the group outside the bar scattered, running in different directions. The defendant fired several times at one of Jackson's friends as they ran from the scene.

Prosecutors said Kong followed another friend up the street to the 15000 block of East 14th Street. Eventually, the defendant caught up to the friend of Jackson's and proceeded to pistol whip him in the head with the gun.

Kong was also found guilty of the special circumstance of lying in wait and two counts of attempted murder for shooting at and wounding Jackson's friends.

Kong had pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity, but jurors decided that he was sane at the time of the shooting. Kong's lawyer also argued that he should be found not guilty because he was in a black out state during the shooting and does not remember anything about it.

Kong's lawyer said that Kong bought a .45-caliber semi-automatic handgun because he felt he needed to protect his family after hallucinating and hearing threatening voices.

San Lorenzo Man Arrested for Inappropriate Contact with Boys

A San Lorenzo resident and former teacher with the Newark Unified School District was arrested in December, accused of alleged inappropriate communications with minors, according to authorities.

Aaron Holbrook, 42, was charged with six counts of annoying a child younger than 18 years old and contributing to the delinquency of a minor, according to Newark police.

Newark police began the investigation after being alerted Sept. 23 to one alleged incident, the department said.

During the months-long investigation additional accusers came forward. In total, six male accusers, ranging in age from 14 to 17, said they received "various inappropriate communications," police said. The boys were not students at the school where Holbrook taught.

The case was presented to the Alameda County District

Attorney's Office, and Holbrook was charged Dec. 7. Holbrook is no longer employed by the Newark Unified School District, but had taught digital media arts at Newark Junior High prior to his arrest.

Police also did not disclose

how the "inappropriate communications" were sent or what they said.

Anyone with additional information on this case is asked to call Newark police at 578-4988 or the anonymous tip line at 578-4965.

Armed Fugitive Sought by Cops

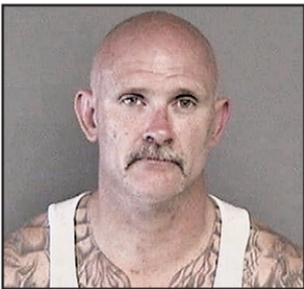
The Alameda County Sheriff's Office is asking the public for help locating an armed and dan-

gerous fugitive known to hang out in the unincorporated area.

Douglas Allan Pruitt, 49, is accused of kidnapping, robbery, felony assault, domestic violence, and burglary stemming from an incident on Dec. 17 in Cherryland. He is known to frequent Hayward and Castro Valley.

A warrant is out for his arrest. He is known to have associations with white supremacist and out-law motorcycle groups.

His car is a white 1989 Chevy Camaro with license plate number 2PJL764.



Pruitt

Anyone with information is asked to call sheriff's office investigators at 667-3636 or the 24-hour dispatch 667-7721.

Police Ask For Help Solving Cold Case

The Alameda County Sheriff's Office is seeking the public's help in solving a 21-year-old cold case murder.

On Jan. 4 1998 at just before 8 p.m., Samuel Canaday, 57, was found dead on the center divider of East 14th Street near 148th Avenue in unincorporated San Leandro.

Witnesses told police that Canaday and an unidentified black male had a verbal argument outside of the Corner House restaurant at around 5:30 that afternoon.

Canaday was last seen alive leaving a trailer park on 168th Avenue at approximately 7:55 p.m.. He was carrying a tool box and walking along East 14th Street.

Anyone with information about the crime is asked to call the sheriff's department's cold case unit at 667-3661 or the anonymous tip line at 667-3622.

Holiday DUI Figures

The California Highway Patrol made 1,140 DUI arrests in the New Years holiday enforcement period statewide. And during this year's Christmas period, 157 people were arrested for driving under the influence in the Bay Area, up from 144 DUI arrests the previous year.

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The City of San Leandro invites the community to attend a celebration honoring a great American leader

A Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Monday, January 21, 2019 – 10:30 a.m.

San Leandro Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th Street

Oratorical Festival & Poetry Slam – All San Leandro students in grades 3-12 are invited to participate in the oratorical festival and poetry slam. Students can win gift card prizes, made possible by the San Leandro Optimist Club, in their grade category. Entry forms are available online at www.sanleandro.org and are due by Monday, January 14, 2019 or until 25 entry forms are received.

Community Conversation ('Barbershop Talk'): Discussion appropriate for ages 13 & up.

Crafts for the Kids – Children are invited to make one-of-a-kind crafts to commemorate the special celebration.

Light refreshments will be provided. For more information, call Donté Watson (510) 577-3473 or visit www.sanleandro.org.

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NEIGHBORS



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Happy Birthday, Ray

They rolled out a big birthday cake at the Senior Center last week for Ray Luciano, (center, behind cake) who turned 98. Jo Ann Silver (right) and Dorothy Conner brought in the birthday cake and everybody in the room sang "Happy Birthday."

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

❖ **Brian Copeland at Douglas Morrisson Theatre**
Not a Genuine Black Man, Brian Copeland's legendary hit and San Francisco's longest-running one-man show, will hit the stage Friday, Jan. 25, at 8 p.m. at the Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 N. Third St. in Hayward. This critically acclaimed show,

written and performed by Copeland, explores Copeland's childhood experiences as a member of one of the only African American families growing up in a 94% white suburb of San Leandro. For tickets (\$35 in advance, \$40 at the door) visit www.dmtonline.org/not-a-genuine-black-man

❖ **Film Screening & Panel Discussion**

The documentary film *Wilder Than Wild*, will be shown on Thursday, Jan 31, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. The film reveals how fire suppression and climate change have exposed our forests and wildland-urban landscapes to large, high-severity wildfires, and explores strategies to mitigate the impact of these fires. Following the 1-hour film, there will be a panel discussion with filmmaker Kevin White, producer/writer Stephen Most, and representatives from the Alameda County Fire Department and San Leandro Police Department. This event is co-sponsor by the Public Works – Sustainability Office.

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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Taking some time out of your usually busy social life could be just what you need to help you focus on putting those finishing touches on your plans for a possible career change.



TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): A misunderstanding about a colleague's suggestions could create a delay in moving on with your proposal. But by week's end, all the confusing points should finally be cleared up.



GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): You might feel overwhelmed by all the tasks you suddenly have to take care of. But just say the magic word -- help! -- and you'll soon find others rushing to offer much-needed assistance.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Finishing a current project ahead of schedule leaves you free to deal with other upcoming situations, including a possible workplace change, as well as a demanding personal matter.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): Turn that fine-tuned feline sensitivity radar up to high to help uncover any facts that could influence a decision you might be preparing to make. Devote the weekend to family activities.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): A state of confusion is soon cleared up with explanations from the responsible parties. Don't waste time chastising anyone. Instead, move forward with your plans.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): You might feel obligated to help work out a dispute between family members. But this is one of those times when you should step aside and let them work out their problems on their own.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): Your ability to resolve an on-the-job problem without leaving too many ruffled feathers earns you kudos from co-workers. You also impress major decision-makers at your workplace.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Newly made and long-held friendships merge well, with possibly one exception. Take time to listen to the dissenter's explanations. You could learn something important.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Be prepared to be flexible about your current travel plans. Although you don't have to take them, at least consider suggestions from the experts in the travel business.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): A problem with a recent financial transaction could lead to more problems later on unless you resolve it immediately. Get all the proof you need to support your position.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Daydreaming makes it difficult to stay focused on what you need to do. But reality sets in by midweek, and you manage to get everything done in time for a relaxing weekend.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

❖ **BA Transitions AAU Basketball Tryouts**

The Castro Valley and San Leandro-based Bay Area Transitions AAU basketball program will hold tryouts on the following dates for the 2019 spring-summer season: today, Jan. 17, at Bancroft Middle School in San Leandro: 1st to 4th grades, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; 5th-6th grades, 7:30-8:30 p.m.; 7th-8th grades, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26 at Bancroft Middle School in San Leandro: 1st to 4th grades, noon to 1 p.m.; 5th-6th grades, 10:30 a.m. to noon; 7th-8th grades, 9 to 10:30 a.m. For more information and/or to register, go to: www.bayareatransition.org. Questions can be answered by e-mailing them to: info@bayareatransition.org.

❖ **Kiwanis Club Annual Crab Feed**

The Kiwanis Club of San Leandro presents its 15th Annual Crab Feed on Saturday, Jan. 19, at the San Leandro Boys & Girls Club, 401 Marina Blvd. Social hour starts at 5:30 p.m. and dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. with dancing and live music by Chico and the Band from 7:30 to 10 p.m. All you can eat salad, garlic bread, pasta and crab. Tickets are \$50, or \$20 for children 10 and under. All seats are reserved. Call early to reserve group seating. Tickets available from San Leandro Kiwanis Club members, or call Terri Neumann at 895-4425.

❖ **SL's Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration**

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❖ **Hayward to Celebrate Kings Birthday**

Carolyn McKinstry, civil rights advocate and lifelong member of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama will be the keynote speaker at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Birthday Celebration in Hayward. The celebration will be on Monday, Jan. 21, at 4:30 p.m. at Reed L. Buffington Performing Arts Center at Chabot College, 25555 Hesperian Blvd. in Hayward. Admission and parking are free.

❖ **A Celebration for Martin Luther King**

This year's Hayward Martin Luther King Day celebration and march will be on Monday, Jan. 21, starting at 9:30 a.m. at City Hall Plaza, 777 B Street in Hayward. After the rally, people will march along the main streets of downtown Hayward, followed by closing remarks at about 11:30 a.m. All are welcome. This year's theme is "Lack of Shelter – Homes for Everyone". Dr. King was a tireless advocate for fair housing. But in our community and many others, thousands are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The rally will include music, readings from Dr. King, and a talk by Hayward City Council Member Sara Lamin on the topic "Housing Hayward – moving beyond soup and sandwiches."

❖ **Résumé and Cover Letter Workshop**

Recession proof your career at a workshop in writing a résumé and cover letter on Wednesday, Jan. 23, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., at the Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd. in San Leandro. Writing a cover letter and creating an accomplishment driven résumé is a critical

piece of the job search process. This workshop will identify key aspects to include that will get you noticed and get you the interview. Teens and adults welcome.

❖ **East Bay Arts Tour and a Show**

East Bay Arts High School, part of the San Lorenzo Unified School District, is currently enrolling students for the 2019-20 school year for grades 9 through 12. Families interested in a small, college preparatory high school with a focus on performing and visual arts as electives are invited to apply. No auditions or portfolio required. Enrollment is through the San Lorenzo Unified School District High School Enrollment office, which can be reached at 317-4708. A tour of the East Bay Arts High School will be on Thursday, Jan. 24, at 2:45 p.m. Tour attendees will receive tickets to EBA's March Murder Mystery play. Call the office at 317-4411 to sign up for the tour. An adult must attend with their student on the tour.

❖ **St. Leander School Open House**

St. Leander School, 451 Davis St. in San Leandro, will have an open house on Saturday, Jan. 26, from 2 to 4 p.m. Interested families are invited to meet teachers, tour classrooms and meet other students and their families. Grades pre-K through eighth grade.

❖ **Sons of Norway Snorre Lodge Crab Feed**

Sons of Norway Snorre Lodge 6-61 presents its annual crab feed on Saturday, Jan. 26, at the Hill & Valley Clubhouse, 1808 B St. in Hayward. No host bar begins at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m., raffle at 8:30 p.m. Dinner will include salad, spaghetti, garlic bread, fresh cracked crab and dessert. Cost is \$55 for adult members 13 and up, \$60 for non-members, \$25 for children 12 and under and free for children under 5. Make checks payable to Sons of Norway and send to Aunda Arndt, 1016 Apache St., Livermore, CA 94551. For tickets or for more information, email aja469@hotmail.com or call 925-548-0292.

❖ **Eden Garden Club**

The next meeting of the Eden Garden Club will be Monday, Jan. 28, at 9:30 a.m. at the Moose Lodge, 20835 Rutledge Road in Castro Valley. The speaker will be Tommy Fenster a staff member of StopWaste of Alameda County who will speak on Compost and the Carbon Farming Connection. Meetings are free and guests are always welcome. For more information, call 209-7366.

❖ **Soroptimist Annual Crab Feed**

Soroptimist International of the East Bay will host its Annual Crab Feast and Silent Auction on Saturday, Feb. 2, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Hayward-Castro Valley Moose Lodge, 20835 Rutledge Road in Castro Valley, with a Mardi Gras themed all-you-can-eat crab feast and silent auction. No-host cocktail hour from 6 to 7 p.m. Steak entrée optional with reservation. Live entertainment and 50/50 raffle. Call 886-7010 for tickets before Jan. 27.

❖ **Shrimp Fest at Alta Mira Club**

The Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave. in San Leandro, will host a shrimp fest on Saturday, Feb. 2, with all-you-can-eat shrimp, pasta, salad, bread and ice cream. Social hour at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. Opportunity drawing for prizes, 50/50 drawing. Tickets are \$45. For tickets or more information, call Carol at 305-5393.

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King: Discussion to tackle bias, racism

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opportunity for community members and police officers to talk and build bridges. The moderator for the forum will be KTVU reporter Paul Chambers. Law enforcement personnel from the City of San Leandro, the Alameda County Sheriff's Department, and BART will be participating, as well as students from San Leandro High School.

"The forum gives a safe environment for people to understand the complexities behind implicit bias, racism, and community policing. It gives people a place to ask questions that they may not have been able to before," said Surlene Grant, one of the co-founders of Unity in the Community.

Light refreshments and crafts for kids will also be provided, with free admission for all who wish to attend.

Students enrolled in San Leandro schools will perform in the oratorical contest and poetry

slam.

"It's always a pleasure to bring the community together in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther

"The forum gives a safe environment to understand the complexities behind bias, racism and community policing."

— Surlene Grant, co-founder of Unity in the Community

King, Jr. for this holiday, now in its 33rd year after being recognized as a national holiday in 1986. This day has also now be-



The program on Monday is inspired by civil rights leader Martin Luther King.

come a day of celebration for us as a San Leandro tradition with our Oratorical Festival," said Mayor Pauline Cutter. "I encourage everyone to join us on Jan. 21 this year to help celebrate Dr. King's enduring legacy."

This event is in collaboration with Unity in the Community and cosponsored by the San Leandro Optimist Club. For more event information, contact Donté Watson with the Recreation and Human Services Department at 577-3473.

Downtown Beautification Agency Reports Its Annual Cleanup Totals

The San Leandro Improvement Association (SLIA) recently announced its maintenance results for the past year.

During the SLIA's fiscal year (Nov. 2017 to Nov. 2018) its maintenance operations did the following:

- Waste Removal – Removed 25,387 pounds of litter, 613 bags (42 gal.) of organic material, and 506 reported cases of debris, ensuring orderly downtown sidewalks and public spaces.

- Leaf Collection – Removal of 519 leaf bags and 93.5 Billy Goat bags.

- Graffiti Removal– The SLIA has removed 338 incidences of graffiti and responded to more than 500 incidences of illegal dumping—improving the

community's safety and presentation on a daily basis.

The SLIA is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation that's run by a board consisting of property owners, residents, community members and businesses. It has an annual budget of around \$420,000, coming from a special tax on downtown property owners.

The SLIA works in the areas of public safety, beautification, economic development, maintenance and promotions, while preserving and reviving the historic value of the San Leandro downtown district.

More information can be found by calling 510-281-0703 or by visiting www.downtown-sanleandro.com.

Cohn: Behind enemy lines

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homes, schools and businesses, murdered hundreds and dragged thousands of Jews from their homes. That infamous night is now known as Kristallnacht and is considered by many as the starting point of the Holocaust.

Tickets are \$20 and signed

copies of Cohn's memoir, *Behind Enemy Lines: The True Story of a French Jewish Spy in Nazi Germany*, are available online for purchase and may be picked up at the event.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.JewishCastroValley.org.

St. Leander School Open House

St. Leander School, 451 Davis St. in San Leandro, will have an open house on Saturday, Jan. 26, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Interested families are invited to meet teachers, tour classrooms and meet other students and their families.

Pirates: SL plans to go far this season

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"The win improved the Pirates season record to 13-4, and 1-1 in league play. Castro Valley drops to 6-11 overall, yet still at .500 in league play at 1-1 with their next matchup at Miramonte on Saturday.

"Castro Valley likes to talk a lot, we wanted to come punch them in the mouth tonight," said Johnson. "We don't really talk—we let the ball do the work. This is our home court so we had to protect it tonight."

The ball was definitely put to work by Johnson. The 6-foot-2 senior transfer has already committed to play at San Diego State next year. For Pirates' seniors, this season is like what they are now calling in the NBA a 'farewell' tour each time they play an opponent for the last time.

"In order to win CIF State this year every one of us has to buy in and be on the same page," said TJ Kilgore. "I'm a senior and this is my last year so I'm trying to go out with a bang."

Kilgore and Junior Maile both tallied five points on Friday night.

"Every time we play Castro Valley it's always a close game," said Kilgore. "What I personally try to bring to the floor is intensi-

ty, be a dog on defense, try to create plays, and lock up their best players to help our team win."

The teams will meet again when San Leandro travels to Cas-

"Castro Valley likes to talk a lot. We let the ball do the work. This is our home court so we had to protect it tonight."

— San Leandro forward Keshad Johnson

tro Valley on Wednesday, Jan. 30.

The Pirates will travel to Mt. Eden in Hayward for their next game on Friday at 7 p.m.

"I know we have Mt. Eden coming up on Friday, but we want to take one game at a time so we can get a good seed in the playoffs," said Stamps.

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AUTOMOTIVE

Exciting Electric Car Debuts at the Consumer Electronics Show

By Steve Schaefer
San Leandro Times

Electronics are the rage these days, from new phones to home speakers like Alexa to drones and more. Now automakers increasingly are bypassing the standard auto shows to present their latest electric models at places like the Consumer Electronics Show (CES), which took place in Las Vegas the second week of January.

Toyota Debuts its 4th Generation Autonomous Vehicle

The future of Toyota was on display with the TRI-P4, the company's latest autonomous research platform. The development car's technology was designed at the Toyota Research Institute (TRI) — and is based on the latest generation Lexus LS 500h

flagship.

The Prototype Development Center in York Township, MI will be assembling TRI-P4s from stock vehicles and will be placed in the autonomous test fleet this Spring. The added equipment is nicely integrated by the stylists from CALTY Design Research in Ann Arbor, MI.

The new car has greater computing power than the Generation 3 car, for faster learning. The cars should handle better than the previous generation, which was introduced last year, thanks to the new chassis and steering control that comes along with the new LS.

Engineers added two additional cameras and pair of image sensors up front and in the rear. The radar system has an improved field of view, while the Lidar system carries over but has been modified to fit the LS 500h.

The TRI-P4 features two systems—Guardian and Chauffeur. Guardian is designed to “amplify human performance, not replace it, so a person must be stationed behind the wheel. Chauffeur is the full autonomy mode.

Nissan Leaf e+ Features 226 Miles of Range

When the new 2018 Nissan LEAF arrived, its 150-mile range disappointed some buyers, when the Chevrolet Bolt EV, for example, offered 238 miles. Nissan is remedying that situation by unveiling the new Nissan LEAF e+ at CES. It gets 226 miles on a single charge, thanks to a new 62-kilowatt-hour lithium-ion battery (up from 40 kWh in the current Leaf). The car will be sold as the LEAF PLUS in the United States.

The new model also delivers more power, with 214 horsepower and 250 pound-feet of torque, up from 147 horsepower and 236 lb.-ft. on the base model. The car will come out in Japan first, with U.S. deliveries following. Pricing is as yet unknown, but the new, more competitive Leaf is welcome.

Mercedes-Benz EQC Crossover Breaks Cover

The first of many models in Mercedes-Benz's electric EQ lineup made its first appearance at CES. The all-wheel-drive EQC 400 will compete with high-end vehicles like the Jaguar i-Pace,

Audi's forthcoming e-tron, and Tesla's popular Model X.

Boasting a 279-mile range, the EQC provides 402 horsepower and 564 lb.-ft. of torque, allowing it to go from 0-60 in under five seconds. Its 80-kWh lithium-ion battery sits under the floor; Mercedes claims it can be charged from 10 to 80 percent in about 40 minutes using fast charging.

The newest Mercedes-Benz looks a lot like the company's other crossovers but features a unique fascia that will be part of the EQ lineup as it grows. The interior features a futuristic dash panel with two 10.25-inch displays beside each other.

The car will be built in Germany, and may eventually be produced in the Tuscaloosa, Alabama plant. It's due for sale in the U.S. in early 2020.



Toyota's 4th-Generation Autonomous Vehicle, the TRI-P4



The new Nissan Leaf e+ adds range and power



The first in the new Mercedes-Benz all-electric lineup: the EQC 400

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Differences: 1. Boy's hat is different. 2. Bear is wearing mittens. 3. Boy's glove is black. 4. Mountains are snow-capped. 5. Boy's freckles are missing. 6. Bear has three toes.

A SNOWY SECRET! What grows down in the winter? Connect the dots and find out.

Illustrated by David Coulson. Answer: An icicle.

Junior Whirl by Charles Barry Townsend

THE PYRAMID OF WORD POWER!

Starting with the given word **FACTORIES** at the bottom of our word pyramid, try dropping one letter at a time as you work your way up, so that the remaining letters at each level spell out a new word. The following helpful hints are in ascending order, beginning with **FACTORIES**:

- Where goods are made (given).
- What weathermen do.
- Found under a drinking glass.
- Wooden containers.
- A wide-eyed gaze.
- Clear, salty liquid.
- A long period of time.
- Egyptian sun god.
- Abbr. for chess piece.

THE CHEAP TV SHOW FOR 25¢, WHAT LETTER DOESN'T BELONG IN THIS SERIES?

Answer: If you drop the "T," you have the first letters of the months of the year, January through December.

FIND THE SEVEN WORDS PUZZLE! In the word square at the right, we've removed six of the letters to spell out the word "BOATER." See if you can replace these letters in the square so that you will have four 3-letter words across and three 4-letter words down. The time limit is 60 seconds.

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Answers: (Across) (Across) Cdb, are, lee, lot (Down) Call, Oreo (cookie).

LIFESTYLE



Pot Pies – Suppertime Favorites

There are few foods that are as comforting as a traditional pot pie. Beneath a golden, flaky crust lies an explosion of flavor – piping hot chunks of meat and tasty vegetables wrapped in a savory sauce. Generations of hungry appetites have been satisfied with this delicious culinary staple.

CHICKEN POT PIE

- 1 pound skinless, boneless chicken breast halves, cubed
- 1 cup sliced carrots
- 1 cup frozen green peas
- 1/2 cup sliced celery
- 1/3 cup butter
- 1/3 cup chopped onion
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon celery seed
- 1-3/4 cups chicken broth
- 2/3 cup milk
- 2 (9-inch) unbaked pie crusts

Preheat oven to 425°F.

In a saucepan, combine chicken, carrots, peas, and celery. Add water to cover and boil for 15 minutes. Remove from heat, drain and set aside.

In the saucepan over medium heat, cook onions in butter until soft and translucent. Stir in flour, salt, pepper, and celery seed. Slowly stir in chicken broth and milk. Simmer over medium-low heat until thick. Remove from heat and set aside.

Place the chicken mixture in bottom of pie crust. Pour hot liquid mixture over. Cover with top crust, seal edges, and cut away excess dough. Make several small slits in the top to allow steam to escape.

Bake in the preheated oven for 30 to 35 minutes, or until pastry is golden brown and filling is bubbly. Cool for 10 minutes before serving. Makes one 9-inch pie.

COUNTRY BEEF POT PIE

- 1 box Pillsbury refrigerated pie crusts, softened as directed on box
- 1 tablespoon oil
- 3/4 pound boneless beef sirloin steak, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 (12-ounce) jar beef gravy
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 2 cups frozen mixed vegetables
- 2 cups frozen southern-style hash-brown potatoes (from 32-ounce package)
- Sesame seed, if desired

Heat oven to 400°F. Prepare pie crusts as directed on package for two-crust pie using 9-inch glass pie pan.

Heat oil in large skillet over medium-high heat until hot. Add beef and onion; cook and stir until beef is browned. Drain.

In small bowl, combine gravy, cornstarch, sugar and pepper; mix well. Add to beef in skillet. Stir in vegetables and potatoes. Cook about 5 minutes or until vegetables are thawed, stirring occasionally.

Spoon mixture into pie crust-lined pan. Top with second crust; seal edges and flute. Cut slits in several places in top crust; sprinkle with sesame seed.

Bake at 400°F for 35 to 45 minutes or until golden brown. Let stand 10 minutes before serving. Yields 6 servings.

CANADIAN PORK PIE

- 1-1/2 pounds ground pork
- 1 large baking potato
- 1 large onion, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1 dash ground allspice
- 1/2 cup water

- 1 recipe pastry for a 9-inch double crust deep dish pie
- 1 egg
- 1/4 teaspoon paprika

Bake the potato until done, 30-45 minutes in a preheated 400°F oven. Peel and mash the potato.

Place the potato, ground pork, onion, spices and water in a large frying pan and simmer until very thick, for about one hour.

Meanwhile, line a deep-dish pie plate with pastry. Spoon in filling, spreading evenly. Cover with top crust.

Brush with beaten egg and sprinkle with paprika, if desired. Cut steam vent. Bake for 50 minutes at 350°F. If edges brown too fast, cover with a strip of foil. Serve warm. Yields 8 servings.

ENGLISH COTTAGE PIE

- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 1 onion, diced
- 3 carrots, diced
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon Italian seasoning
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- 1-1/2 cups beef broth
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 4 potatoes, peeled and diced
- 1/4 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup milk
- 1/4 pound shredded Cheddar cheese

Preheat oven to 400°F.

To make meat filling, place a large skillet over medium heat. Crumble in ground beef and sauté 1 minute. Add onion and carrot, then continue to sauté until meat is no longer pink and onion begins to brown, about 5 minutes. Mix in flour, cinnamon, mixed herbs, and parsley.

In a small bowl, combine beef broth and tomato paste. Mix together, then add to beef mixture. Add salt and pepper to taste. Lower heat and simmer mixture for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally,

until almost all of liquid has been absorbed. Spoon mixture into a 9 inch pie plate.

To make potato topping, place diced potatoes in a medium saucepan. Cover with water and place over high heat. Allow to come to a boil. Boil for 15 minutes, or until potatoes are tender. Drain.

Mash potatoes until smooth, then add butter or margarine, followed by milk. Whip until fluffy. Add salt and pepper to taste. Spread potatoes over beef filling. Sprinkle with grated Cheddar cheese.

Bake in preheated oven for 25 minutes, until top is browned and cheese is bubbly. Yields 6 servings.

HAM & CHEESE POT PIE

- 1 (6-oz) ham steak, chopped
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1 cup frozen broccoli cuts, thawed, drained
- 1 cup frozen cauliflower florets, thawed, drained
- 2 green onions chopped
- 1/2 cup (half of 8-oz tub) cream cheese with chives

and onions
1 ready-to-use refrigerated pie crust (1/2 of 14.1-oz. pkg.)

- 1 egg
- 1 tablespoon water

Heat oven to 400°F.

Combine first 5 ingredients. Microwave cream cheese spread in microwaveable bowl on HIGH 1 minute or until completely melted, stirring every 15 seconds. Add to ham mixture; mix well. Spoon into 4 (8-oz) ramekins.

Unroll pie crust on lightly floured surface; roll to 12-inch circle. Cut into 4 rounds with 5-inch cookie cutter. Cut leaves from about 1/4 of the trimmings with small cookie cutter or sharp knife; discard remaining trimmings.

Beat egg and water with fork until blended; brush onto top edges of ramekins. Top with pastry rounds; press gently onto top edges of ramekins to seal. Top with leaf cutouts; brush lightly with egg wash. Discard any remaining egg wash. Place ramekins on baking sheet. Cut slits in crusts to vent.

Bake 30 to 32 min. or until golden brown. Serves 4.

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PARENTS GUIDE

Six Ways To Teach Your Kids About Finance

By Nancy Longo
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

While school means plenty of lessons to learn in the classroom, parents usually have to be the teachers when it comes to personal finance.

Studies show that teaching finance is not a top priority of the U.S. education system. Fewer than 20 percent of teachers report feeling competent to teach personal finance, according to a Council for Economic Education Survey.

The majority of your kids' financial education will come from you. Because we parents have such a great influence on how our kids spend, save, and invest, it's critical that we teach

them early and often how we want them to value money.

Here are some of the ways to help your kids learn about finance at different developmental stages:

Learning wants versus needs. Asking kids whether they want — or need — something before they make a purchase really gets them thinking about their own money values.

Using a three-slotted piggy bank. In grade school it's important to teach kids about money in a tangible way. Three slots to separate dollars for saving, sharing and spending can help them understand the connection between the money in their piggy bank and the new toy they bought.

Giving back. Teaching your kids the importance of giving, such as by donating toys they no longer use, is a lesson that can stick with them for life. It's a great way of showing them that valuing money also means helping those less fortunate.

Making a budget. By middle school, children should have an idea of what it costs to keep the house running each month. Once they have a concept of a budget, get the kids involved in spending decisions for big-ticket items, like a car or family vacation, and the considerations that go into the purchase.

Explaining college. We all know it's expensive, and teenagers should know early on in high school how loans, grants, and a college savings plan work.

It's also important to educate students about the additional financial opportunities they'll have in life if they earn a college degree.

Getting a job. Is there a better way for your high school student to learn financial responsibility

than by working part-time and paying for their gas and fun activities? This is a good time for them to see how staying within a budget requires discipline.

Helping your children develop healthy money habits today will increase their chances for a happier life.

Kathy Longo is the author of "Flourish Financially: Values, Transitions, & Big Conversations." A graduate of Purdue University with a B.S. in financial planning, she was named one of the Top 50 Women in Wealth Management by Wealth Manager Magazine.



5 Ways Learning Piano Can Boost Kids' Confidence

Learning to play piano can boost children's confidence in many ways. So, if your family is looking to introduce a new hobby or after-school activity to your children, here are five reasons to consider piano.

1. Practice makes perfect. Practicing piano demonstrates that, over time, effort can lead

to tangible improvement. This transformation will help give children the motivation and confidence they may need to hone their skills in other areas of life -- from organized sports to debate team to acting in the school play.

2. A round of applause. When children succeed, the positive feedback they get from par-

ents, peers, music teachers and audiences, can go a long way towards supporting self-esteem.

3. Taking Pride. With achievement and the mastery of new skills comes pride. And new tools can help those skills come more quickly. For example, with the Lighted Keys Keyboard from Casio, players can practice with the help of a lighted 61-key piano keyboard.

4. Troubleshooting. Learning music is like learning another language, and the process requires one to problem solve and troubleshoot. With these skills under one's belt, one will be better prepared to navigate life's many challenges.

5. Friendships. Participating in music-related programs can help children create bonds and form friendships that last a lifetime.

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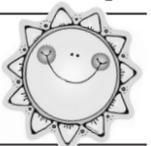


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Praise and encouragement can help motivate a child to do homework. Focus on positive behavior, not negative.

Tips To Help Eliminate Homework Hassles

Do your children consistently make excuses for not doing their homework? Is your peaceful family time cut short by a homework tug-of-war?

If so, you are not alone. Many parents often lack the skills to effectively deal with this conflict and motivate their children to do their homework. Fortunately, these skills are not difficult to learn.

According to Education Specialist Dr. Mary Mokris there are seven motivation skills that parents can learn that will make homework time easier:

1. Set up a proper study area: a place that is quiet, well lit and free from distractions.

2. Institute a daily homework time, preferably at the same time each day—if possible, before or right after dinner. Children need a solid eight to nine hours of sleep daily.

3. Encourage children to do homework on their own. Read directions together, provide examples and help organize—but help with the assignment only after the child attempts it on his or her own.

4. Praise, praise, praise your child. Praise effort, not perfec-

tion. Tell your children the things you like about what they are doing—or have done. For children to succeed, parents must send a message that they have confidence in them.

5. Choose an incentive that the child will appreciate, such as stickers, a certificate, a special treat or one-on-one time with parents.

6. Communicate assertively and tell your children that you expect them to do their homework. Repeat your expectations in a clear, firm voice. Let them know there are consequences—including failing grades—for not completing homework. Consider taking away privileges like television or computer time if they do not comply.

7. Form a partnership between parent and teacher with open communication between home and school.

Through setting goals, positive parenting and effective communication, parents can help motivate their children to take homework seriously, develop skills, and benefit from the discipline that homework provides, such as hard work, perseverance and the confidence to overcome challenges.

What Parents Should Know About Their Child's Eye Health

Parents know that seeing clearly is important for their kid's success in the classroom, but many are not taking their child to get annual eye exams. This is a problem because many kids don't know what seeing clearly looks like.

According to a recent study by VSP Vision Care and market researcher YouGov, eight-in-10 parents agree that a regular eye exam helps kids do their best in school, but four-in-10 wait until their child complains about their vision to schedule an eye exam.

Clear vision is not only important for academic performance, but also for sports and everyday tasks. That's why a comprehensive eye exam is so important for children. Early detection and treatment provide the opportunity to correct vision problems.

Here are some guidelines.

• **Watch for signs of a vision problem.** Common signals include covering one eye, holding reading materials close to the face, a short attention span and complaining of headaches or other discomfort.

Parents need to look for these signs, as many kids, not knowing what seeing clearly looks like, won't complain.

• **First eye exam should be done at six months of age.**

• **An eye exam can detect early signs of health issues like diabetes.** More kids than ever before are developing type 2 diabetes in the U.S., according to the Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention. An easy way to help detect early signs of diabetes in kids and better manage the condition is through annual comprehensive eye exams.

• **Don't underestimate the importance of eye exams.** Yearly trips to the eye doctor are as important as annual visits to pediatricians or dentists. Don't just assume all is well if your child is not squinting or complaining about his or her eyes. Because vision may change frequently during childhood years, your child should receive a comprehensive eye exam every year, or more frequently if specific problems or risk factors exist.

• **Eye protection during sports and outdoor activities.** Playing sports is important for your child's overall development, however, thousands of children suffer

sports-related eye injuries the proper protective eye-wear. each year, nearly all of which could be prevented by using

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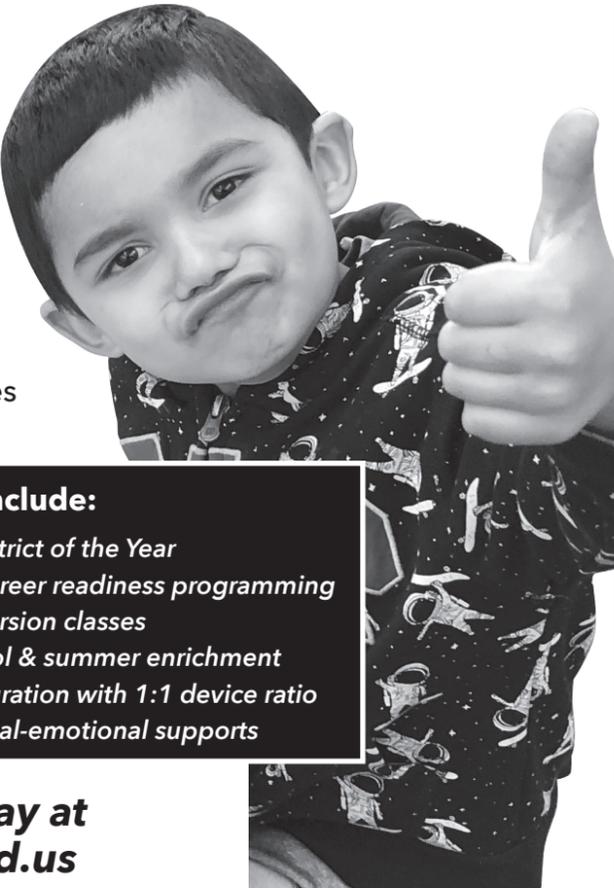
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Tips on Raising a Drug-Free Child

By the time teens graduate from high school, about 45 percent will have tried marijuana, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

And while marijuana is one of the most used substances among teenagers, it is not the only one of concern today. The drug epidemic is an expansive and very real public health crisis and families are on the front line when it comes to getting prevention and recovery efforts underway.

Here are steps parents can take to help keep their kids safe.

1. Communicate. The best line of defense is an open relationship with your children that encourages a healthy dialogue about the dangers of drug use in terms they can understand.

Paired with consequences that will resonate, like the taking away of freedoms and valued items, discussions should include talking openly about the effects of drugs like marijuana, heroin, cocaine and methamphetamine on a user's health and wellness.

Be available and willing to listen to whatever your children have to say without interrupting or losing your composure, ensuring a healthy conversation where they feel their voices are

Sold at major retailers in the pharmacy section, First Check Home Drug Tests are a quick and accessible resource for

being heard.

2. In the home, prescription drugs such as opioids and stimulants should be locked away safely, accessible only to the person to whom they're prescribed. If such drugs are prescribed to your child, monitor use of the medication, and keep it stored safely.

Parents who suspect their child may be facing peer pressure or abusing drugs should consider using a home drug test.

More tips to help raise drug-free kids can be found at notmykid.org.

3. Strategize saying "No." Strategize with your children on how to say "no" when pressured to use drugs, while also reinforcing the "why." Reasons to say "no" can be anything from not wanting to harm one's grades, health or athletic potential.

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Drug use is a challenging issue to navigate, but with a few preventative actions and an open discourse, you can foster a healthy, drug-free environment for your family.

Teen Driving Tips: Five Ways To Stay Sane

When your teen is officially licensed to operate a vehicle, you may feel simultaneously proud—and terrified. Following these five tips, however, can help.

Model Your Expectations

Your teens grew up watching you drive, learning your habits and creating their own concept of "safe driving" based on your actions.

Parents of new teen drivers should follow all the rules of the road, which includes keeping smartphones out of reach or paired with hands-free systems.

Provide Practical Knowledge

Adults pick up all sorts of useful car knowledge over a lifetime of driving. Most teenagers don't have any practical skills. Parents need

to provide useful knowledge, including:

- How to change a tire—Show teenagers where the spare tire is, how to access the jack and what steps they need to safely change a tire. Get outside and get your hands dirty.

- What to have on hand—This includes a spare GPS in the glove box, a first-aid kit in the backseat or trunk and

blankets or warm clothing in case they become stranded.

Create A Contract

According to Drive It Home, one way to help improve teen driving safety is creating a "new driver" contract, signed by both the parents and the teen.

Lay out specific rules and expectations, such as when the car can be used or what the consequences of breaking

the law or damaging the vehicle would be. Include provisions for expanding privileges if your teens keep up their end of the contract.

Talk About Accidents

Teens need to know what they should do if an accident occurs. In all cases—even minor parking lot scrapes—teenagers must have their insurance information on hand and request the same from

any other drivers involved.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "drivers ages 16 to 19 are nearly three times more likely than drivers aged 20 and older to be in a fatal crash."

Mitigate the risk by talking frankly about accidents with your teen.

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A Pet Could Be a Great Opportunity to Teach Children Responsibility and Life Lessons

By Hugh Norton
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

A friend and I were recently discussing family pets.

Their family had recently adopted a dog, and he was pointing out that while his children had fervently promised to take care of the pet with the best of intentions, they didn't necessarily have the greatest track record of following through.

After the first few months, he and his wife found themselves handling 90 percent of the responsibilities. While I laughed, I also know that it's likely that our family will wind up having the same experience when we get a pet.

Regardless of who handles the bulk of the responsibility for a pet over the long term, the conversation got me thinking about the many valuable teaching moments that can present themselves when you bring a pet into your family.

While parents often use pet ownership as a tool to teach overall responsibility, there are great opportunities to use the experience to impart lessons concerning financial responsibility as well.

Trying before buying and entrepreneurship

Children and teenagers don't always understand the long-term consequences of their decisions. However, if you can get them to take care of neighbors' or friends' pets (with you there to supervise if necessary), they'll be able to experience the balance of work and enjoyment that goes into having a pet before

the final decision is made to foster or adopt a pet of their own.

It may even be a good way of creating income and encouraging entrepreneurship. They might offer their friends and neighbors a service—the first few dog walks, check-ins or litter box changes as freebies and then charge a small fee for their services.

Even if they charge just \$5 or \$10 each visit, the experience will help them get a taste of the responsibilities of pet ownership while they practice entrepreneurship and learn about the effort needed to succeed and rewards that can come from starting a business.

In addition, if they are able to amass an income of their own from the experience, you may want to consider having them chip in to cover part of the adoption fees.

How to create and follow a budget

The real work (and fun) starts once you bring a pet home.

Picture this: your children have learned about the many responsibilities that come with having a pet and are taking it upon themselves to handle all the basic associated chores... a parent can dream, right?

Even if your children don't exactly tackle these chores with the grit and determination you would have hoped for, you can teach them financial lessons by involving them in all pet-related financial decisions and transactions and by teaching them how to create and follow a

budget.

Have them start by listing out the necessary expenses, such as food, vet check-ups and toys. Then work together to research the anticipated costs and create a plan.

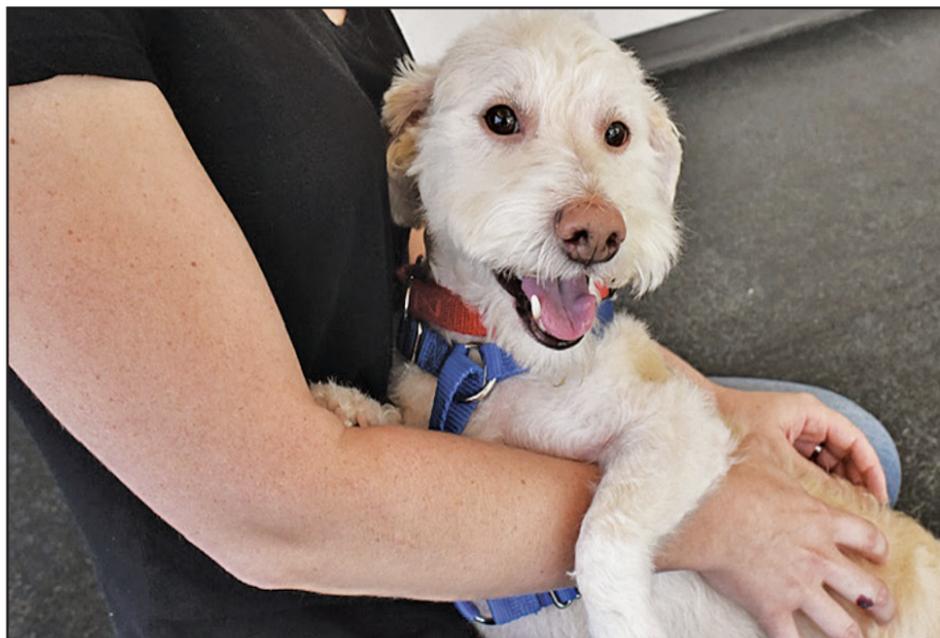
There is a big difference in the budget needed to bring home a small goldfish versus a cat or even a large dog.

One friend's child fell in love with horseback riding after participating in the sport at camp. Now, in addition to taking care of the family dog, my friend and the child are exploring the possibility of signing up for horseback riding lessons or even sponsoring a horse.

If you want to teach your children about budgeting in this context, they'll need an income to use to cover their expenses. The money could come from an allowance, continued pet care work or a part-time job if they're old enough. Or you may have to fund a special pet care account that they help manage.

The importance of saving to cover long-term expenses

While a budget is primarily intended to be used to cover day-to-day expenses, it's also an important tool for planning for the future.



To help teach your children the importance of saving, make sure to teach them to set aside money in the budget for longer-term expenses.

Long-term costs could include holiday gifts for the pet, boarding or pet sitting fees for when your family travels or even an emergency medical fund for visits to the vet.

Boarding and medical care can be quite expensive. To help set your child's expectations and set savings targets,

research your pet or breed of pet and base your savings plans on the information you find.

Tangible savings accounts, such as a jar labeled with the saving goal, could be a good option if only a small amount of funds needs to be saved.

As savings needs grow, it could be a good opportunity to open a joint checking or savings account where your child can deposit money and practice using an account.

Bottom line: For children

and adults alike, learning about money can be difficult when it's only an abstract concept. By tying the prospect of getting and taking care of a new pet to the importance of earning, budgeting and saving money, you can help teach your children about financial responsibility and instill money habits that could serve them for the rest of their lives.

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Could You Have Glaucoma?

By Jim Miller
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

It's called the "silent thief of sight" for a reason. With no early warning signs or pain, most people that have glaucoma don't realize it until their vision begins to deteriorate. Here's what you should know.

Glaucoma is a group of eye diseases that can damage the optic nerve and cause vision loss and blindness if it's not treated. This typically happens because the fluids in the eye don't drain properly, causing increased pressure in the eyeball.

There are two main types of glaucoma, but the most common form that typically affects older people is called open-angle glaucoma.

This disease develops very slowly when the eye's drainage canals become clogged over time, leading to blind spots in the peripheral or side vision. By the time you notice it, the permanent damage is already done.

Are You at Risk?

It's estimated that more than 3 million Americans have glaucoma today, but that number is

expected to surge to more than 4 million by 2030. If you answer "yes" to any of the following questions, you're at increased risk of developing it.

- Are you African American, Hispanic/Latino American or Asian American?
- Are you over age 60?
- Do you have an immediate family member with glaucoma?
- Do you have diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, migraines or extreme nearsightedness?
- Have you had a past eye injury?
- Have you used corticosteroids (for example, eye drops,

pills, inhalers, and creams) for long periods of time?

What to Do

Early detection is the key to guarding against glaucoma. So if you're age 40 or older and have any of the previously listed risk factors (especially if you're African American), you need to get a comprehensive eye examination every year or two. Or, if you notice some loss of peripheral vision, get to the eye doctor right away.

If you are a Medicare beneficiary, annual eye examinations are covered for those at high risk for glaucoma. Or if you don't have vision coverage,

check into EyeCare America, a national program that provides free glaucoma eye exams and there are no income requirements. Visit EyeCareAmerica.org or call 877-887-6327 to learn more.

While there's currently no cure for glaucoma, most cases can be treated with prescription eye drops, which reduce eye pressure and can prevent further vision loss. It cannot, however, restore vision already lost from glaucoma. If eye drops don't work, your doctor may recommend oral medication, laser treatments, incisional surgery or a combination of these meth-



ods.

For more information on glaucoma, visit the National Eye Institute at NEI.nih.gov and the Glaucoma Research

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

Moving & Over Age 55 or Disabled? You May Be Able to Transfer Your Low Property Tax Rate

By Gene L. Osofsky, Esq.
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

My wife and I are considering selling our home and purchasing a replacement home in California to be closer to our children. I hear there may be some way to transfer our very low property tax to our replacement home. Do you know anything about this?

Yes. If at least one of you is at least age 55, or disabled, you may be able to transfer your low "base year value" from your current residence to your new residence.

But, there are conditions and restrictions, including geographic limitations, some of

which are as follows:

- 1) The new residence must be located either within the same county as your original home, OR, within one of the following 11 counties which now permit transfers in from other counties: Alameda, El Dorado, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Tuolumne and Ventura.
- 2) The replacement residence must be of "equal or lesser value" to your original residence. This is determined by comparing the sale price of your old residence with the purchase price (or the construction cost) of your new residence.
- 3) The replacement home must be purchased or newly constructed within two years either before or after the sale of your original home.
- 4) You must formally apply for this base-year transfer by submitting the appropriate form

purchase price may not exceed 100% of the sale price of your existing home. But, it can be up to 105% if you purchase your replacement home within the first year following sale, and up to 110% if purchased within the second year following sale.

Caution: If these equivalency tests are not met, there is no partial benefit. Thus, it is all or nothing regarding the base-year transfer rule, and so you need to be very mindful of the numbers when planning.

The law regarding base-year transfers has some quirks and

to the County Assessor of your new county within three (3) years of the date the replacement dwelling is purchased or newly constructed, although the Assessor can grant relief for late filed claims.

You can only use this benefit once, with the following exception: if you have opted for this benefit once based upon age, and you later become "severely and permanently disabled," you may then use it a second time based upon your disability.

The law regarding base-year transfers has some quirks and

you should read up on them as part of your planning. A good resource is the website of the Alameda County Assessor, which offers information Notices, Questions & Answers, and the relevant Claim Form.

The Assessor's phone number for questions pertaining to Base-Value Transfers is (510) 272-3787. I hope this information helps and extend good wishes on your planned relocation.

Gene L. Osofsky is an Elder Law and Estate Planning attorney in Hayward. Visit his website at www.LawyerForSeniors.com.

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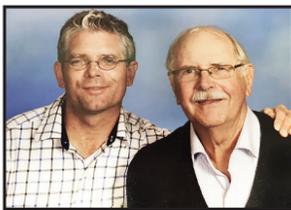
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Charmed or Not?

Passing any gas station, you'll see prices posted with decimal places. It is a psychological ploy to make buyers believe they are paying less, even when everyone knows what is happening.

Called "charm pricing," setting values a hair below a round number (eg. \$699,900), this strategy has been a mainstay in the retail industry for years.

Pricing is critical when selling a home, and there has been no end of discussion and research on the correct way to price a home.

Ironically, this pricing strategy seems to work in some cases. Author Megan Craig in The Residential Specialist Magazine, states, "In their study, 'The Effects of Charm Listing Prices on House Transaction Prices,' researchers Marcus T. Allen and William H. Dare found that sellers of lower-priced houses (below \$300,000) sold their homes for significantly more money when using charm pricing than sellers of similar houses who listed with a round-number price.

They also found that higher-priced homes (between \$300,000 and \$1 million) benefited from listing prices ending in \$5,000 or \$9,000, rather than a number that has been rounded to the nearest \$10,000."*

Unfortunately, in the age of the Internet, charm pricing is

beginning to cause problems for Realtors looking for the perfect price for their listing.

Buyers, when looking online, typically search using whole numbers. And therein is the rub: if a home worth \$500,000 is listed at \$499,999, then any buyer searching for homes priced between \$450,000 and \$550,000 will see it.

However, if a buyer is searching using the price parameters of \$500,000 to \$600,000, even though the home priced at \$499,999 is in their price range, it will not show up on their search.

Neither will homes priced at \$490,000, \$495,000 or, as some agents prefer, prices with the numeral 8 for the end digits (\$498,888).

It cuts the other way as well: a home valued at \$600,000 but listed at \$601,000, \$605,000 or

\$609,000 will not show up if a buyer's search is set between \$500,000 to \$600,000. The simple fact is this: rounding off the numbers exposes the property to more buyers.

Some agents recommend arbitrary numbers (eg. \$567,068), believing a more specific number suggests better research went into determining the price. Whether it works remains to be seen, however numbers such as this often make it harder to be seen in the search engines.

Charmed or not? It is a question worth considering.

*<https://trsmag.com/is-rounded-pricing-really-the-only-way-to-price-these-days/>

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Quake Anniversary a Reminder About Importance of Insurance

Today marks the 25th anniversary of one of the costliest natural disasters in U.S. history, the magnitude 6.7 earthquake that struck on Jan. 17, 1994, in an urban area just 20 miles northwest of Los Angeles.

The quake destroyed or severely damaged thousands of single-family homes, apartments and mobile homes, displacing about 22,000 people and causing residential damage estimated at more than \$20 billion—the equivalent of nearly \$35 billion today—about half of which was insured.

"Many of the hardest-hit areas became known as 'ghost towns' when residents abandoned entire neighborhoods because building owners could not afford the cost to rebuild," said Glenn Pomeroy, CEO of the California Earthquake Authority (CEA). "We need to double down on our commitment to earthquake resilience to ensure the ghost towns never return."

Only about 13 percent of Californians who have residential insurance also have earthquake insurance. As a result, if a Northridge-magnitude earthquake were to strike somewhere in California again—which scientists say is a near certainty within the next 30 years—many Californians could be on their own to pay to repair or rebuild their houses, replace their belongings, and live elsewhere un-

til important repairs were completed.

The California Legislature created the CEA, which opened for business in 1996 as a not-for-profit provider of residential earthquake insurance.

It now offers more residential earthquake coverage choices, deductible options and affordable rates. Changes in CEA earthquake insurance that started in 2016 helped prompt record policy sales, and in late 2017, CEA surged past the 1 million mark in total policies in force for the first time.

During past earthquakes, older, unretrofitted homes have performed poorly—suffering significantly more damage than retrofitted or newer ones.

In 2013, CEA created the Earthquake Brace + Bolt (EBB) program, which offers grants of up to \$3,000 to help cover the cost of bracing and bolting raised foundations beneath these older houses.

To date, more than 7,000 older houses in high-hazard areas

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Kitchen scraps are fair game for your compost pile, except for grease and fats.

Q What kitchen scraps should go into a compost pile? Is it only uncooked fruit and vegetable scraps or anything is fair game including chicken soup?

A Most kitchen wastes are fair game for a compost pile. So cooked and uncooked fruits and vegetables, oatmeal and yes, chicken soup (the solid portion, not the liquid) could be added.

The items that are always excluded from compost piles are the animal feces, grease, and other fats.

Another factor is the method or type of composting you're using, active or passive. This

may be the qualifying factor as to which kitchen wastes you use.

An active form of composting generates heat, so the material decomposes quickly, while a passive compost pile is much slower to decompose.

With kitchen waste, I prefer an active compost pile while with garden trimming you can go either way. You increase the decomposition rate with garden trimming by starting with small bits and pieces rather than larger chunks.

Wet and dry kitchen wastes

are excellent when using worms. To avoid having a mess on your hands, let common sense rule when deciding which of the kitchen wastes are composted. Some kitchen wastes are better disposed of with a disposal unit.

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5 Issues You Face When Inheriting a House

By Alex Lehr
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

The death of legendary singer-songwriter Aretha Franklin initially posed a quandary for her four surviving sons.

Because she didn't leave a will, her \$80 million fortune – including Franklin's numerous real estate holdings – likely will take longer to divide, and the process could become complicated.

The situation brings to mind how family feuds and other problems can potentially result when inheritance portions aren't clearly defined, or when an executor may be in over their head.

Many newfound executors can face uncertainty and feel stress when inheriting a property after the death of a loved one.

Inheriting a property can come as a shock and may feel like an insurmountable obstacle, especially in the wake of a family tragedy or death. Being the executor of an estate can be challenging. And usually the biggest asset in an estate – and the most difficult to resolve – is a house.

To keep, rent or sell

Competing interests among siblings can make the right decision difficult. Caught in the middle, the executor has to ask the heirs to keep their emotions under control and put the rational facts on the table.

Selling is often the best decision if medical bills, tax issues or other reasons require cashing out. And it produces a specific amount that can be divided equally.

Can you manage a property investment? When considering keeping the property in the family, the executor needs to be objective about the beneficiaries' dependability.

Would you choose the

other beneficiaries to be your partners in any long-term investment? Could they get divorced, go bankrupt or bring other entanglements? And if you decide to rent the property, there are issues to consider such as the local market for rentals and your ability to maintain the property.

Establishing property value
If one heir or beneficiary wants to buy the house, the estate must determine the market value and get a fair price for the heirs and beneficiaries.

One way is to get two appraisals, and to look at estimates from a real estate website such as Zillow. Alternatively, the executor can put the property on the market with the expressed provision that one of the heirs has the right of first refusal to match the highest offer.

Repair and renovate?
The executor must make sure the house is maintained in good condition, necessary repairs are carried out, and that it's kept insured. An executor can be personally lia-

ble for failure to maintain a property that results in losses for the heirs.

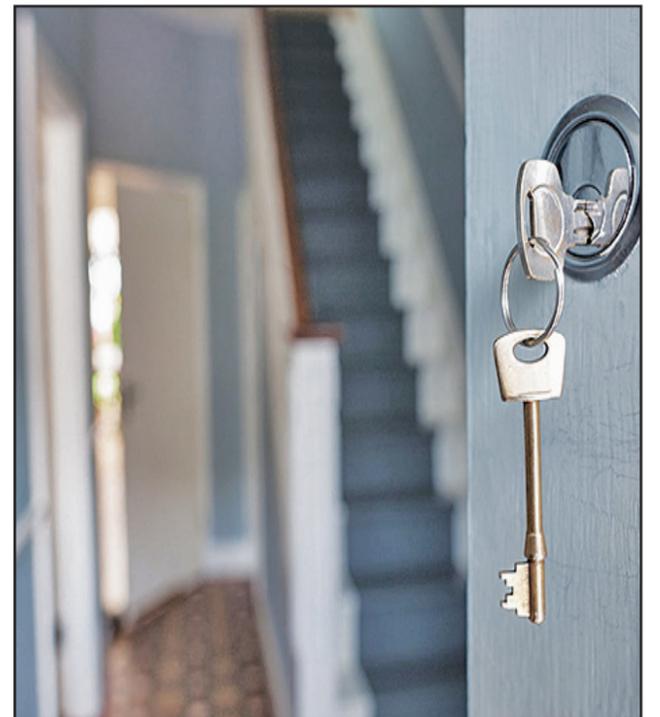
But how much work is worthwhile before putting a home on the market? That's a big question that depends on the property and circumstances.

Furnished or unfurnished?

It's not unusual for an inherited home to be filled with a 30-year accumulation of stuff. In most cases, when the property goes on the market, thinning out the furnishings will help it show better. Nine out of 10 buyers first see the home in online photographs.

Being an executor is a high-responsibility, time-consuming, and often thankless job that people often take on while grieving. It's up to the executor to assess not only the physical assets of an estate, but also the people and emotions involved.

Alex Lehr (www.lehrreal-estate.com) is a San Carlos businessman and the author of "The Unexpected Sale: Guidance For The Executor/Administrator Of An Estate."



Big Drop in Mortgage Rates Leads to Jump in Applications

Mortgage rates dropped significantly across the board last week, falling to the lowest level in nine months, according to Freddie Mac's weekly nationwide survey.

In response, mortgage applications jumped more than 20 percent.

"Lower mortgage rates combined with continued income growth and lower energy prices are all positive indicators for consumers that should lead to a firming of home sales," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's chief economist.

The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 4.45 percent last week, down from the previous week when it averaged 4.51 percent. A year ago at this time, the 30-year rate averaged 3.99 percent.

Fifteen-year home loans averaged 3.89 percent, down from 3.99 percent.

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Trees Offer Surprising Year-Round Insulation, May Reduce Bills

By Samantha Mazzotta
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

The great thing about trees is that they have the ability to both keep your house cool in summer and warmer in winter.

A recent Minnesota study found that strategically placed shade trees can reduce air-conditioning bills by nearly 25 percent, and a windbreak can reduce annual fuel bills by up to 20 percent.

How does it work? It all depends on where you place the trees.

In the northern hemisphere, winter winds generally blow in from the north or northwest. Those cold winds can make it harder to heat your home as they drive in through vents or leaky window- and door frames.

Plant a couple of trees on the side of your house from which these prevailing winter winds blow (the northwest

side or corner, most likely), and they'll act as a windbreak. Even deciduous trees that lose their leaves in the winter can provide adequate protection.

To get the best protection from winds while allowing more winter sunlight to reach your home, choose trees that will grow higher than your home's roof eaves, with sturdy trunks and good branching. Deciduous trees will lose their

leaves in winter so that the sunlight can filter in, while perennials (like pines or firs) offer a green view year-round. You might even want to mix these two types of trees.

Home Tip: Plant protective trees one to two tree lengths (based on the average height to which the saplings eventually will grow) from the house, but no farther.

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WEEKEND GARDENER

Bare-Root Plants

Artichokes, asparagus, rhubarb and strawberries are all available as bare-roots for planting now through February.

- **Artichokes**—Green Globe is the principal variety grown in California. Choose roots that feel solid, not mushy. Plant in full sun or partial shade, in rich, well-drained soil. Give them plenty of space as one plant can grow five feet wide. If you don't harvest the 'chokes, they will turn into beautiful thistle-like blossoms.

- **Asparagus**—Choose a variety that tolerates fusarium disease (such as UC 157) with firm, pliable roots that are brown but not dry or brittle. Work the soil a foot or more deep, mixing in large amounts of compost. Dig a trench 8 inches deep and 12 inches wide. Spread some 5-10-10 fertilizer in the bottom, cover with an inch or two of soil, then set the roots 18 inches apart in the row and cover them with two inches of soil. As the new shoots come up, gradually fill in the trench with additional soil. Wait until the second year to harvest.

- **Rhubarb**—Extremely easy to grow, rhubarb produces an attractive landscape plant. Three plants are enough for the average family. Only the leaf-stalks are edible (making great pie), *but the leaves are poisonous*. Choose a good-size root that feels solid. Plant in a well-prepared bed in a sunny area, spacing the planting four feet apart. Harvest in the second year. The stalk is at its peak when the leaf begins to resemble a smooth elephant's ear.

- **Strawberries**—Roots should be pliable but not mushy. A little top growth is OK. Work compost into the soil, spread roots like spider legs and cover them lightly with soil. Plant about 12 inches apart in rows or raised beds in full sun, keeping the upper part of the crowns just above the ground level. Apply fertilizer three times a year.

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Galvan Elected President Of County Fair Association

The Alameda County Fair Association has elected Gordon Galvan as president of the board.

Galvan is a government relations consultant and former San Leandro City Council member. He was first appointed to the county fair board by Wilma Chan in 2005.

"I am honored to carry on the rich tradition of our fair. I look forward to leading our dynamic and forward-thinking team, who are committed to making the Alameda County Fair the best in the country," Galvan said.

Galvan enjoys the inner-workings of the fair as well as going to the track, sampling corn dogs and hitting the midway with his children. He has fond memories of attending the fair with his parents and enjoys continuing that tradition with his own family.

The Alameda County Agricultural Fair Association is a non-profit corporation responsible for producing the annual Alameda County Fair, as well as managing the 267-acre fairgrounds property in Pleasanton.

Throughout the year, Ala-



Gordon Galvan

ameda County Fairgrounds hosts over 300 commercial and private events and operates several onsite properties including the RV Park Campground and the Off Track Betting Facility. The Association is completely self-supporting and receives no funding from tax revenue.

The fair began in 1859 in downtown Oakland as a floral event and eventually moved to Pleasanton as the first county fair in 1912. The fair has continued annually, dedicated to celebrating the heritage and diversity of Alameda County.

Warmerdam Picked as New San Leandro Assistant City Manager

Elizabeth D. Warmerdam has been appointed as San Leandro's next Assistant City Manager after an extensive recruitment process, City Manager Jeff Kay announced.

Warmerdam will begin work in San Leandro on Feb. 1.

Warmerdam was an officer in the United States Army, serving tours of duty in Germany



Elizabeth Warmerdam

and Korea. She has master degrees in City Planning and Public Administration from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. For the past 20 years, she has worked in cities in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties in the areas of finance and redevelopment. Warmerdam previously served as Assistant City Manager in the City of Hercules and, most recently, in the City of Alameda.

"Throughout her career in public service, Liz has demonstrated the skills, experience and character required to excel in

this critical leadership position," said Kay. "I'm excited to work with her and confident that she will be a great addition to our team."

"San Leandro is a dynamic and diverse community with exciting opportunities on the horizon," said Warmerdam. "I am looking forward to working with the City Council, community and professional staff to accomplish the community's priorities."

For more information, contact Alice Kim at the City of San Leandro at akim@sanleandro.org or at 577-3372.

Nominations Accepted for Women's Hall of Fame

Nominations are now being accepted for the 26th Annual Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame; the deadline to submit any nomination papers is Thursday, Jan. 31.

Honorees will be selected among outstanding women in the categories of business, community service, culture and art, education, emerging leader, environment, health, justice, non-traditional career, science, technology, engineering, sports, philanthropy, and youth.

The winners will be announced in February and honored at a ceremony in March.

"We invite everyone to join us as we celebrate the achievements of another amazing group of women in 2019," said Susan Muranishi, Alameda County Administrator and Hall of Fame co-chair.

More than 200 women have been inducted in the Alameda County Hall of Fame since 1993. Forms for nominations are available at www.acgov.org/whof/.

Audition for San Leandro Players Production of You Can't Take It with You

The San Leandro Players will hold auditions for *You Can't Take It With You* on Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 21 and Jan. 22, from 7 to 8:30 at the San Leandro Museum/Auditorium, 320 West Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro. Ensemble cast, no pay, non-AEA. M-F; all ages; ethnicities encouraged.

Rehearsals are Monday through Thursday, starting on Jan. 28. Performances will be on weekends from March 16 to

April 14. Open auditions; appointments possible. Contact Sage Hindley at shindley11@gmail.com, or call 895-2573 & leave a message. *You Can't Take It With You* is a 1930's American romantic comedy.

A man from a family of rich snobs becomes engaged to a woman from a good-natured but eccentric family.

For more information, including a cast description/list, visit www.slplayers.org.

LOCAL DEATHS

Faye Barry

Sunrise: January 12, 1921
Sunset: December 13, 2018



Faye is now at peace after passing December 13, 2018 from a broken heart after the passing of her husband, Charles W. Barry on July 7, 2017. Faye enjoyed her final days at home with her daughter, Wendy Barry-Breier and son-in-law, Charles A. Breier II.

Faye was born in San Francisco, CA, moved to Ross as a child, and settled in Oakland, CA for the remainder of her life. She attended Roosevelt High in Oakland and met regularly with her classmates for lunch. This continued through her mid-eighties.

Faye began working at the age of 17 in 1938-1975 for the Oakland Tribune, starting as an outside ad-taker under the direction of Mr. Morton McDonald. Faye was promoted to Supervisor of the Classified Advertising Phone Room. Later she was promoted as the first woman to fill the position of Classified Advertising Department Director at the Tribune. Truly a trend setter, to be the only woman at the time in 1972 holding that management position for a metropolitan U.S. newspaper. She attended Columbia University in NYC, studying Journalism. She took business courses at UC Berkeley, as well as courses in art, real estate and salesmanship.

Faye married the love of her life, Charles W. Barry in 1942. They were married 75 years. They became proud parents of Wendy J. Barry in June, 1956. Faye enjoyed square dancing with husband, Charles and was a long time member of PEO. The three soon became the Three Musketeers. They traveled on cruises to the Caribbean, Mexico and Alaska, Hong Kong, and Canada.

Faye always enjoyed the many young people she included in her life and enjoyed exceptional fondness towards great-grandchildren Releanna Rose and Alexander Breier and will be deeply missed by extended family and friends alike, for the love and laughter she shared so freely. Faye is survived by her loving daughter, Wendy Barry-Breier and her husband Charles Breier and her loving niece Melanie Baltezare.

May she rest in God's peace with Dad and remain Aglow in our hearts forever,
Amen



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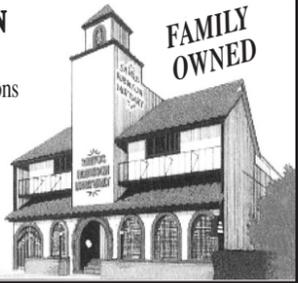
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Norine M. Johnson

Norine M. (Bertero) Johnson, July 2, 1935 – January 10, 2019, daughter to Onorine and Phil Bertero. Born and raised in Alameda, California, graduated Alameda High School in 1953. Married Jim Johnson on April 16, 1955 and moved to San Leandro where they raised their family of four children and she was an active member of the San Leandro community.

Norine enjoyed good TV programs, long phone conversations, and any excuse for a family get together. She was able to pass away at her home with loved ones close by. Loving mother to Nancy Belger, Kenneth Johnson, Judith Menize, and Karen King. Grandmother to Brian Sr., Monica, Daniel, Joseph, Jessica, Melissa, Tyler, Amanda, and Zachary, Great-Grandmother to Brian Jr.

Visitation will be held at Santos-Robinson Mortuary at 160 Estudillo Avenue, today, Jan. 17, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. with a vigil service beginning at 6:30 p.m. The Funeral Mass will be held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church on Fri. Jan. 18th beginning at 11 a.m.

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OPINION

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New Bay Crossings Needed, But Not for Single Occupancy Vehicles

Editor:

With regards to Mr. Don Siefkes' letter to the San Leandro Times, "Second Bay Bridge and BART Tunnel Needed to Cut Gridlock," (Letters, January 10), I agree that crossings are needed, but consider the following. Based on volumes of people driving alone (Single Occupancy Vehicles or SOVs), due to induced demand (a new supply of lanes attract users who'd otherwise travel off-peak or use transit and carpools), any new Bay crossings would fill immediately the morning of their openings.

If you don't agree with that, just multiply the thousand-plus square feet each driver needs to feel safe while driving in any lane by the number of users. That acreage would require any new Bay crossings be obscenely wide.

Perhaps we acknowledge that we have our network for SOVs, and consider instead a greater transit network. What if we build bridges that accommodate most modes of transportation, leave the autos out, and use the auto portions for systems on both sides of the Bay that help after we cross? I'd like my transportation tax dollars spent on crossings made for only bicycling, Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), and rail (BART, CalTrain, AMTRAK), those that move the most people.

If any new crossing allows me to drive solo, once I arrive on the other side of the Bay, I just add to all the north-south traffic gridlock. But, if I took BRT or rail, I have removed one car, and my predicament on the other side is obvious. I transfer. Which leads to the second part of what to consider, to fund what was not spent on bridges on a network of connections and transfer facilities to move us north-south rapidly. Fund a free flowing BRT system to BART, to Caltrain or Amtrak, or northbound and southbound on 101 and 880. The State owns land for transfer facilities, and BRT infrastructure already exists on both sides (HOV diamond lanes and #1 lanes on existing freeways).

Sure some big commitments, but possibly which make more sense than just some added crossings. Caltrans can refocus and assist, getting back into the business of moving the greatest number of commuters on the freeways, and get back into the business of building Bay crossings, but of the transit oriented kind. Our population is not getting smaller.

—Tony Breslin, P.E., San Leandro

Wants to Save Old Castro Valley Library for Veterans' Center

Editor:

It has been previously reported in the Castro Valley Forum that the CV Municipal Advisory Council had voted affirmatively to recommend to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors that the old CV Library located on Redwood Road be turned over to veteran organizations to occupy and manage.

The veterans have come together and established a non-profit, the Castro Valley Veterans Memorial Library Foundation. The intent is to turn the old library into a Veterans' meeting location for veter-

an organizations, for veteran benefits counseling services, for a training facility, and for a meeting location for other civic organizations in Castro Valley.

It is also the intent of our non-profit to establish within the building an area that will be designated as a Library area and Museum area.

The citizens of Castro Valley have been very supportive of the efforts of the non-profit to secure the building from Alameda County. We encourage all the citizens of Alameda County to sign our petitions either in person or at change.org.

The Castro Valley Veterans Memorial Library Foundation will be meeting with County Staff today, Jan. 17, to discuss options on moving forward with the library being turned over to the non-profit foundation. Your help in signing the petition will signal to the Board of Supervisors how strongly the citizens of Alameda County support this action.

Thanks for your support in advance. Send any questions to: saveouroldcvlibrary.org/contact-us/

—Mike Martin, Castro Valley

'Time to Build That Wall Around Leo T. West'

Editor:

Leo T. West says it's time to build that wall. Well, I say it's time to build that wall around Leo T. West. Then maybe Mr. West will feel safe from all the criminals, immigrants, (one might wonder if his ancestors were Native Americans?) liberals, CNN/NBC/ABC/CBS/MSNBC, Democrats, ex-military officers, home owners, Millennials, educated people, Carbon Monoxide, socialized medical care, black holes and everything else he fears.

—Ken Kellogg, San Leandro

Building Walls 'Simply Don't Work on a Large Scale'

Editor:

Considering how much Leo T. West seems to want to live in the past, it makes his lack of understanding of the history of nations erecting walls somewhat of a puzzlement.

History has shown us time and time again that they simply don't work on a large scale. Hadrian's Wall didn't keep Britain under Roman control, the Great Wall of China didn't stop the Mongols from invading, the Maginot Line didn't keep Germany out of Paris, and the Berlin Wall, designed to keep people in rather than out, didn't stop 5,000 people from making it to the other side.

It's not that Democrats aren't for secure borders, far from it, they just don't think that spending 5 billion dollars of taxpayers money is worth it. Trump's Folly of a Wall is a 13th Century solution to a 21st Century Problem.

—Tony Shull, San Leandro

Accuses West of Supporting 'Trump's Racist Policies'

Editor:

I am responding to a letter by Leo West on January 10, taking issue with me because I condemn President Trump for shutting down the federal government

over funding for his border wall. He does not have any clue that there are people who live on the border between this country and Mexico and building the wall will destroy their way of life. I am talking about the Tohono O'odhams.

They have existed in their homeland which stretched between the Gila River in Arizona and the Sea of Cortez way before the Europeans arrived. Mr. West said that Trump still has thousands of people going to his rally supporting a border wall. However he said that Mexico will pay for it. Right now Mexico is not paying for the wall and Trump wants to have taxpayers foot the bill. It is a shame that Mr. West supports Trump's racist policies and no, he does not have a mandate.

—Billy Trice Jr., Oakland

Times Should Share the Ink With Comic Michael Booker

Editor:

It was so nice to see San Leandro mentioned in the Brian Copeland Times!

I'm a friend of Brian and admire his work. I wish for his continued success. If any have met his children, you immediately see that he's a tremendous father, too.

My rub is with the Times.

Michael Booker has been involved with the business of comedy for nearly forty years. Michael did stand up throughout the country, has promoted national comedians for fourteen years at the Englander Sports Pub. Michael and Brian started their careers at the same time.

Micheal Booker has hired hundreds of comics to present laughter to thousands of locals over the years here in San Leandro. He has even purchased ads in your paper promoting his shows.

Does the Times care? Does Michael have to put together his own press release to get traction with your paper?

The Englander is less than a mile from your office. It would be nice if one of your reporters would visit his show, if for nothing else, to realize this is not a one comedian town. And you'll probably laugh your *** off :)

So, now that's out of the way, I encourage all readers to continue to support ALL sorts of entertainment in our community.

Michael Booker Entertainment has a show on the last Saturday of every month of the year. It only costs \$20 for admission. Enjoy good food and drink, laugh with your friends.

—Mark Leal, San Leandro

'Let's End This Russian Attack On Our Government'

Editor:

A probably insane—and possibly treasonous—President has shut down our government. This causes far more damage than just stopping paychecks to 800,000 government workers.

Millions of Americans who rely on our government for farm loans, food inspections, disease control, weather forecasting and airport security are endangered. If Putin himself was in the White House, he couldn't be more effective in weakening our country. Trump's pull-out of Syria puts our Kurdish allies, men and women who bravely fought ISIS, at mortal risk from the Turks. Would anyone else in the world ever agree to become our ally? Thank you, Putin's Puppet President.

Democrats have done what they have to do. They passed funding bills to reopen the government while denying funds for an expensive, ineffective

wall. Trump never seriously believed his "build the wall" shouts during his campaign. The obvious proof is that he claimed Mexico would pay for it. Ha!

What should Senate Republicans do to preserve the integrity of our country? They should pass those funding bills, just like they passed a similar bill unanimously in December. Senator McConnell says disingenuously that he won't allow voting on a bill that the President won't sign, but a 2/3 majority overrides presidential veto. He can get our government back to work for the American people.

Contact Senator Mitch McConnell. Tell him to allow a Senate vote on the funding bills. Let's end this Russian

attack on our government. www.mcconnell.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?p=ContactForm

—Bruce Joffe
Piedmont

Advice to The White House

Editor:

Is Trump a spy?
Has Trump done treason?
He doesn't say,
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If I were Trump,
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—George Z. Banks, San Leandro

INQUIRING REPORTER

Do you have a good luck charm?

— Asked around town

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Ann Jensen
San Leandro



No, but I have a parking angel. Whenever I'm looking for a parking space, one seems to open up. And then I thank the parking angel.

Carmen Patton
Oakland

My pocket watch. It was my great-great-grandfather's. I got the watch restored. I'm going to give it to my son someday.

Keith Coates
San Leandro



No, but I could use one. I just haven't found one yet.

Joe DeMello
San Leandro

I carry my grandmothers with me. When in doubt, I ask, what would my grandmothers do? It's age-old wisdom.

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Bill: EBCE says its energy is more green

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aggregator" that pools cities together to have greater buying power to purchase electricity directly from the source.

But the electricity will still come over PG&E's lines.

Currently, the EBCE says it is using energy from a variety of sources, including hydroelectric dams in the Pacific Northwest and wind farms in Southern California.

PG&E says that nearly 80 percent of the electricity it provides to customers comes from sources that are greenhouse-gas free.

EBCE says customers can expect about a one-and-a-half percent savings over PG&E for an average monthly bill of \$90.60, because EBCE is a non-profit governmental agency that "runs lean" with a small number of employees and doesn't have to answer to shareholders like PG&E.

The infrastructure of how energy gets to your home remains the same as the EBCE pays PG&E for transmission and repairs to the grid. So if the power goes out, it will still be a PG&E truck pulling up to fix the lines. PG&E will also continue to handle the billing.

There are currently eight energy aggregator agencies in California and more are popping



The East Bay Community Energy agency buys power from sources such as wind farms and uses PG&E's infrastructure to deliver it to customers.

up all over the country.

In 2014, a community aggregation agency for the city of Hercules had to be sold back to PG&E at a loss when fewer homes than projected were built

in that city during the recession and the utility couldn't sustain itself.

EBCE is holding a series of public meetings to help people understand their new electricity

bills and answer questions about the program. The San Leandro meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 31 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Zocalo Coffee, 645 Bancroft Ave.

Alta Mira Club to Host Mystery Writers Tea

The Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave. in San Leandro, will host a Mystery Authors Tea on Monday, Feb. 18, at 11:30 a.m., featuring three outstanding mystery writers - Margaret Dumas, Ann Parker, and Penny Pike aka Penny Warner who has

had over 50 books published and writes fiction and non-fiction for adults and children.

Delicious tea sandwiches and desserts will be served starting at 11:30 a.m., followed by the author program.

This year's event will be for

scholarships and the building fund (the club had a broken gas line to repair).

Tickets are \$20. For reservations, call Nancy Fong at 483-1018 or email Nancyfong@aol.com. Reservations are being accepted now.

Pets of the Week



Oreo



Arturo

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are Oreo the bunny and Arturo the dog.

Oreo is a sweet, friendly bunny who allows all handling and loves fresh greens and hay. This Californian breed bunny is spayed and ready to live indoors

with a loving family.

Arturo, a 5-year-old neutered pup, is ready to go home. He's still learning the ins and outs of walking on leash, but enjoys attention from people. OK with older teens and adults.

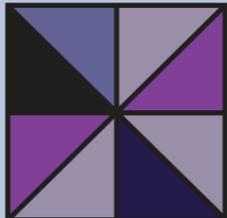
For more information on Oreo or Arturo, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at 293-7200.

Kiwanis Club to Host Crab Feed on Saturday

The Kiwanis Club of San Leandro presents its 15th Annual Crab Feed on Saturday, Jan. 19, at the San Leandro Boys & Girls Club, 401 Marina Blvd.

Social hour starts at 5:30 p.m. and dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. with dancing and live music by Chico and the Band from

7:30 to 10 p.m. All you can eat salad, garlic bread, pasta and crab. Tickets are \$50, or \$20 for children 10 and under. All seats are reserved. Call early to reserve group seating. Tickets available from San Leandro Kiwanis Club members, or call Terri Neumann at 895-4425.



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Save the Date:

City Council Annual Planning Session

Sat., February 2, 2019
8:30 am

Senior Community Center
13909 East 14th Street

The public is invited to attend and offer input at the City Council's annual planning session. The meeting will include an update on City finances as well as accomplishments from the past year and Citywide goals for the upcoming year.

For more information, please contact Eric Engelbart, Deputy City Manager at eengelbart@sanleandro.org

Lunar New Year Celebrations



Sat., February 9, 2019
10:45 am (crafts)
1:00 pm (performances)
Main Library
300 Estudillo Avenue

Celebrate Lunar New Year at the San Leandro Main Library with a paper craft making session and live performances! Performances include a spectacular Dragon Dance by VOVINAM Việt Võ Đạo America, an enchanting show by Master Magician Dan Chan, and traditional dancing by the Thai Cultural Council of Berkeley.

Wilder than Wild Film Screening & Panel Discussion

Thurs., January 31, 2019
6:00 pm
Main Library
300 Estudillo Avenue

Four years in the making, *Wilder Than Wild* reveals how fire suppression and climate change have exposed our forests and wildland-urban areas to large, high-severity wildfires, and explores strategies to reduce the impact. Filmmakers Kevin White and Stephen Most, along with staff from Alameda County Fire Department and the San Leandro Police Department will answer audience questions following the screening.

MLK Celebration Oratorical Festival & Poetry Slam

January 21, 2019
10:30 am

Senior Community Center
13909 East 14th Street



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