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Ora Wheeler works in her garden every day, as long as it's not cold or windy.

Avid Gardener Turns 100

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

Ora Wheeler of San Lorenzo is turning 100 next week and her doctor gave her this bit of advice: Whatever it is you're doing, keep it up.

What Wheeler likes doing every day is working in her garden. She's done that every day, except in bad weather, since

she and her late husband Gus bought their house in San Lorenzo in 1960.

She and Gus both grew up on family farms in Arkansas. Ora says she can grow anything. She never even reads the instructions on the seed packages.

"I'm pretty lucky," Ora said. "Everything I put in the ground, it grows."

During bad weather, she likes paint-

ing the house. Her husband didn't care for painting, but that was fine with Ora.

"He was left handed and he said they didn't make brushes for left-handed people," she said.

Work is something that never bothered Ora since she was a kid on a farm.

"We had no electricity, no running

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Senior Centers Slow to Open

Seniors are first vaccinated but centers remain closed

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

Movie theaters are open. Cardrooms are open. Gyms are open. Wine bars are open. So why are Senior Centers slow to open up their doors to a population that has the best track record of being vaccinated against COVID-19?

That's what San Leandro resident Bea Kiley recently asked in a short letter to the editor. Kiley wrote:

What's wrong with this picture?

Senior Centers: First to shut down

Seniors: First to be fully vaccinated

Senior Centers: Last to reopen

"It just doesn't make sense that these Senior Centers are not open already," Kiley told the Times. "We were asked to get vaccinated as soon as possible. But we aren't currently able to return to the places where we can sit down and meet with our friends and socialize."

Kiley is one of the seniors who frequent the San Leandro Senior Center on East 14th Street and the Kenneth C. Aitken Senior Center in Castro Valley to play pinochle and mingle.

Senior centers managed by the Hayward Area Recreation-

al Park District (H.A.R.D.) and those run by the City of San Leandro have been off limits to indoor gatherings since March 2020. Currently, the facilities are being used for

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City of SL Celebrates Pride Month

The Progress Pride Flag was raised on Tuesday morning at City Hall in celebration of June as Pride Month.

Next Monday, the City Council agenda will include a proclamation in honor of Pride Month in San Leandro, and recognize the 27th anniversary of the Lavender Seniors of the East Bay for many years of work in support of the local LGBTQ community.

"As one of the most diverse cities in the United States, I believe is important to welcome and celebrate our spirit of inclusivity, and to embrace opportunities to recognize our rich diversity," said

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Library Patrons Return to the Stacks

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

San Leandro's acting library director wants to make sure that everyone in town knows they are welcome back in person at the library, which reopened May 19.

"We want people to get back to that pleasant surprise of browsing at the library and finding something they didn't even know they wanted," said Acting Library Director Bill Sherwood.

Crowds are not currently

a problem, he said, despite an occupancy limit of 125 and patrons being asked to limit visits to one hour.

"We want everyone to know we're open for in-person browsing of all materials, and people can check out all the materials they could before the pandemic," Sherwood said.

The Main Library's schedule will be: Tuesdays from noon to 8 p.m.; and Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sherwood noted two

“People can check out all the materials they could before the pandemic.”

— Acting Library Director
Bill Sherwood

changes enacted during the pandemic that make the library more accessible. There are no more overdue fines, and now all California residents can get a San Leandro library card and borrow materials for free.

Sherwood added that computers and printers are also available, along with in-person staff at the Information, Adult Services and Children's desks.

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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.



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PETS OF THE WEEK



Daicca Blue

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter are Daicca Blue, a shy dog, and Tiger, a curious bunny.

Daicca Blue is a shy 5-year-old girl who likes to take things slow. Though a bit skittish, she blossoms with people she feels comfortable with. She would like to find



Tiger

an only dog home with adults.

Tiger is a male bunny who is neutered, vaccinated, micro-chipped and ready to go home. Tiger is a curious bunny who loves fresh greens. He does well with handling, but prefers it to be on his own terms.

For more information on Daicca Blue or Tiger, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at 510-293-7200.

On this Day in History – June 3

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1932 - Lou Gehrig set a major league baseball record when he hit four consecutive home runs.

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Inner Wheel Meets In-Person; Names Officers for this Year

Inner Wheel Club of San Leandro recently celebrated its first in-person meeting in over a year at Harry's Hofbrau, and held the club's 2021-22 installation of officers.

Everyone was excited to be together again, and outgoing President Alice Sarafian presented many outstanding awards. Inner Wheel Excellence Spirit Awards were presented to JoAnn Cornelius, Gloria Vasconcellos, Kristi Barnes, Linda Mahadevan, Joanne Frazier, Isabel Polvorosa, and Pearl Johnston.

Linda Stroud, Lola Chase's daughter, accepted the Certificate of Appreciation in memory of her mother's incredible devotion to the principles of Inner Wheel.

Inner Wheel USA, the national organization, also presented the club with the Year of Achievement Award for fulfilling the objectives of Inner Wheel.

Gloria Vasconcellos, a past president of Inner Wheel San Leandro, graciously installed the new officers with a beautiful ceremony.

"Installing new officers is like opening new doors of opportunity, service and friendship," Vasconcellos said.

Each new officer was presented with a symbolic key for the following categories:

Responsibility - Voting Delegates Kristina Seher & Jeanette Arenott

Memories-Historian Pat Duey

Communication- Editor Pearl Johnston



Inner Wheel Club of San Leandro 2021-22 incoming President Lynnette Flusche and outgoing President Alice Sarafian.

Awareness-Foundation Coordinator JoAnn Cornelius
Friendship-International Service Officer Pearl Johnston
Trust-Treasurer Barbara Mehan
Faithfulness-Secretary Jeanette Arenott
Loyalty-Vice President Joanne Frazier
Master Key-President Lyn-

nette Flusche
Immediate Past President-Alice Sarafian

\$116.5 Million In Lottery for Vaccination

Getting your Covid shot is not just the right thing to do, it could be very rewarding.

Last week, Gov. Gavin Newsom announced a \$116.5 million "Vax for the Win" program, the largest inoculation lottery program in the country.

Ten winners will be selected on June 15 to receive \$1.5 million each. All Californians who have had at least one Covid shot will automatically be entered.

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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Lots of possibilities begin to open up by midweek. Some seem more appealing than others. But wait for more facts to emerge later on before you consider which to choose.



TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Bravo to the determined Bovine. While others might give up, you continue to search for answers. Expect your Taurean tenacity to begin paying off by week's end.



GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): You might want to consider stepping back from the task at hand for a while. This could help you get a better perspective on what you've done and what still needs to be done.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Your keen Cancerian insight should help you determine whether a new offer is solid or just more fluff 'n' stuff. The clues are all there, waiting for you to find them.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): Being ignored is difficult for any proud Leo or Leona. But pushing yourself back into the spotlight might be unwise. Instead, let things work themselves out at their own pace.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): Trying to uncover a colleague's secret under the pretext of showing concern is ill-advised. Control your curiosity in order to avoid raising resentment in the workplace.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): Expect to hear good news about a loved one. Also, be prepared for some changes in several family relationships that could develop from this lucky turn of events.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): Some surprises are expected to accompany a number of changes that will continue through part of next week. At least one could involve a romantic situation.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): You might be upset by some of your critics. But most of your associates continue to have faith in your ability to get the job done, and done well.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): A workplace goal that suddenly seems out of reach is no problem for the sure-footed Goat, who moves steadily forward despite any obstacles placed in his or her way.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Uncertainty about who is right and who isn't might keep you from making a clear-cut decision. Wait until you know more about what you're being asked to decide.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Be careful to keep your emotions in check when dealing with a demanding personal situation. You need to set an example of strength for others to follow.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS

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Community Calendar

Information Session on Community Police Oversight

San Leandro for Accountability, Transparency, and Equity (SLATE) will host a virtual information session on community police oversight and reimagining public safety tonight (Thursday, June 3) at 7 p.m. The information session is free. Register at tinyurl.com/slateorientation

Community Chat with Fred Simon

San Leandro City Council Member and Oro Loma Sanitary District Board Member Fred Simon will hold a community chat on Saturday, June 5, at 9 a.m. in the Porky's Pizza parking lot, 1221 Manor Blvd. Simon wants to listen to residents' concerns and ideas on improving our community.

Oakland Aviation Museum to Open Seven Days a Week

Oakland Aviation Museum, 8252, Earhardt Road in Oakland, will be open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., starting on Memorial Day, May 31. The daily schedule will continue until mid August. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors, \$10 for students and military personnel, and \$8 for kids 5 to 12 years old. Kids under 4 are admitted at no charge. The museum is at the Oakland Airport's North Field, just off Doolittle Drive.

Sun Gallery Exhibit on Climate Change

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

2nd Infantry Division Reunion

The Second (Indianhead) Division Association is searching for anyone who served in the Army's 2nd Infantry Division at any time. For information about the association

and the 99th annual reunion in Kansas City, Missouri from Sept. 29 to Oct. 3, visit the association's website at www.2ida.org or contact Bob Haynes at 2idahq@comcast.net or (224) 225-1202.

History Readers Book Club

Join the San Leandro History Museum for a fun and casual monthly book club focused on historical fiction. The next meeting is Thursday, June 10, from 6 to 7 p.m., via zoom. The History Readers Book Club will meet monthly on every second Thursday of the month from 6 to 7 p.m. and is open to all adults interested in discussing books.

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

Hearing Loss Association Walk & Celebration

The Hearing Loss Association of America East Bay Chapter will host a Bay Area Walk4Hearing Virtual Walk & Celebration on Saturday, June 12, at 9 a.m. Register via Zoom at <https://www.hearinglosseeb.org>. The star-studded lineup includes stand-up comedian D.J. Demers, singer songwriter Mandy Harvey, and a theatrical performance by No Limits for Deaf Children. Walk4Hearing is the only nationwide event bringing attention to hearing loss and promoting the importance of hearing health. Funds raised support HLAA's national awareness and education programs. Bay Area teams are forming now. Join or donate at <https://www.hearingloss.org/event/bay-area/>

Project Literacy Online Tutor Training – June 2021

San Leandro Public Library's adult and family literacy program, Project Literacy, is currently seeking volunteer literacy tutors for its online tutoring program. Find out how you can help others in your community learn to read by attending Project Literacy's Online Tutor Orientation on Zoom on Tuesday,



PHOTO BY MIKE MCGUIRE

Patrons head back into the San Leandro Main Library after its recent reopening.

Library: Meeting rooms not yet open

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available quite yet, Sherwood said. He said this was partly to limit occupancy at any one time, but also to balance safety and convenience as the pandemic hopefully winds down.

Sherwood would like to restore the library's role as a place to study or read at length as soon as it is safe to do so.

The state has set June 15 as a target date for full reopening, but the library would also have to follow county guidelines and assess local conditions, Sherwood said.

The bookstore, café and meeting rooms have not reopened yet.

"We especially want to get back to children's Story Time

in person as soon as we can," the library director said.

The Story Time program has been online during the pandemic, but has remained highly popular. Sherwood added that any online Story Times families might have missed are available on the library's YouTube channel.

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- Gabe Griffith, CCB President

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AUTOMOTIVE

Hyundai Sonata Hybrid

All New and Quite Efficient

By Steve Schaefer
San Leandro Times

On a world dominated by crossover SUVs in all sizes and price levels, there's still a market for good old-fashioned four-door sedans like the 8th-generation Hyundai Sonata. It offers an alternative to the ubiquitous Toyota Camry and Honda Accord sedans, and as hybrid, averages up to 52 miles per gallon.

Hyundai likes to name its style themes, and this all-new exterior design is called "Sensuous Sportiness." The car has bold, flowing lines and proportions and boasts a coupelike roofline. It even sits an inch lower than the previous generation.

The new "Digital Pulse Cascading Grille" dominates the front end and looks nothing like the face of the 7th generation car. The new theme debuts here but is now on the latest compact Hyundai Elantra, too. The rest of the car avoids the oddball aggressive shapes now finding their way onto many new vehicles.

A smooth car moves less air, and the Sonata has a low .24 Cd (coefficient of drag). Airflow-enhancing updates over the gas-only Sonata include a bumper lip, front- and rear-wheel deflectors, and undercovers below the car.

The car employs numerous

noise-reducing techniques, too, including sound-absorbing glass and increased insulation.

The Hybrid uses a 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine, mated to a 39-kilowatt electric motor powered by a 270-volt lithium-ion polymer battery pack. The total system horsepower comes to 192. You can watch it all in action on the 10.25-inch center screen or in an abbreviated version on the instrument panel.

The Hybrid's six-speed automatic transmission uses active shift control technology, which monitors shifts 500 times per second to reduce shift time and smooth the shifts themselves. This means better acceleration and improved fuel economy.

My tester, a top-of-the line Limited model, was awarded miles-per-gallon ratings of 45 City, 51 Highway, and 47 Combined by the U.S. EPA. The entry-level (but well equipped) Blue model rates a better 50 City, 54 Highway, and 52 Combined. I averaged just 38.6 mpg, but it was over a shorter test.

My tester, in a somber Hampton Gray with black interior, was easy to like, if not love. There's enough power to boost confidence, but not enough to get into trouble. And when driving with only the electric motor running, it's bliss.

The Sonata has always offered top-ranked interior room,

and the leather seats in my tester were comfortable for the few trips I made. Hyundai has dubbed its new interior design "Beautifully Smart." Materials are of high quality and precisely assembled, and the switchgear is sturdy and satisfying to operate. The Hyundai-specific Bose audio, with 12-speakers and sub-woofer, is sublime.

There's plenty of electronic driver support, including standard Forward Collision Avoidance Assist, Lane Keeping Assist, and Advanced Smart Cruise Control. Highway Driving Assist is optional. It helps with lane centering and maintaining appropriate speed and distance, reducing driver fatigue.

The roof has a solar panel! Hyundai says you pick up a couple of miles of range a day from it—or about 700 miles a year. Likely these rooftop panels will provide more power in a few years. You can monitor the roof panel charging in the center panel display!

Also exciting is the rearview camera that appears in either of the two gauge circles on the configurable instrument panel—right when turning right and left when turning left. I used the Qi charging pad in the console to add electrons to my phone as I drove.

Pricing for the Hyundai Sonata Hybrid is, by today's



The Hybrid's six-speed automatic transmission uses active shift control technology, which monitors shifts 500 times per second to reduce shift time and smooth the shifts themselves.



Electronic support includes Forward Collision Avoidance Assist, Lane Keeping Assist, and Advanced Smart Cruise Control.

standards, quite reasonable. The Blue model starts at just \$27,750, the midline SEL begins at \$29,900, and the Limited base prices at \$35,300. Add \$975 for shipping to each price. There are numerous extras to distinguish each level—consult the website for more information. My tester, with everything included except carpeted floor mats (\$155), came to \$36,430.

This car is a hybrid—not a full electric or plug-in model. While the move to electrified transportation is inevitable, there is still a case for driving a regular hybrid that doesn't plug in but gets 50 miles per gallon, if you are not set up for home charging. Owners of all-electric cars without home charging may be willing to rely on public charging stations, but part of the charm of a plug-in hybrid is that

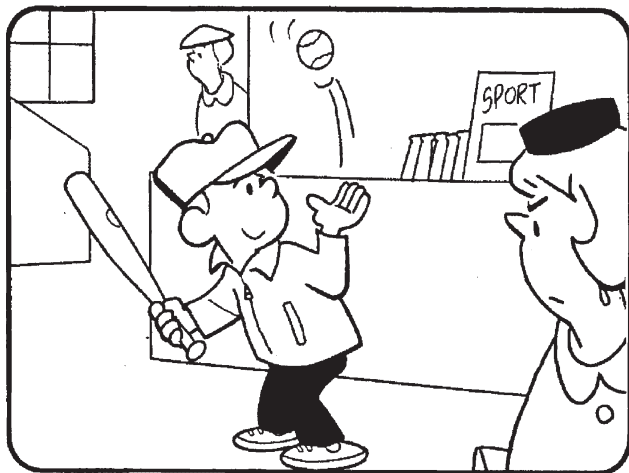
you can use regular, low-voltage household current in your garage to top off your car's relatively small battery pack overnight and then do all your local driving gas-free. Then, when you do take an occasional long trip, it's range-anxiety-free. No expensive equipment or inconvenience required! That being

said, with a good hybrid vehicle you are still doubling your fuel economy, essentially taking half a car off the road when you swap a standard sedan for a hybrid like the lovely Sonata Hybrid.

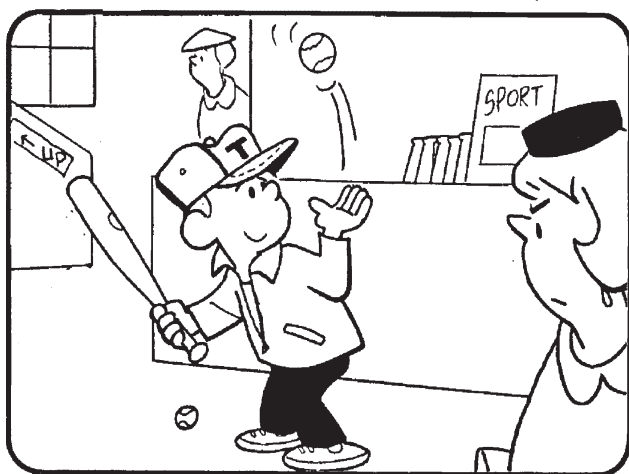
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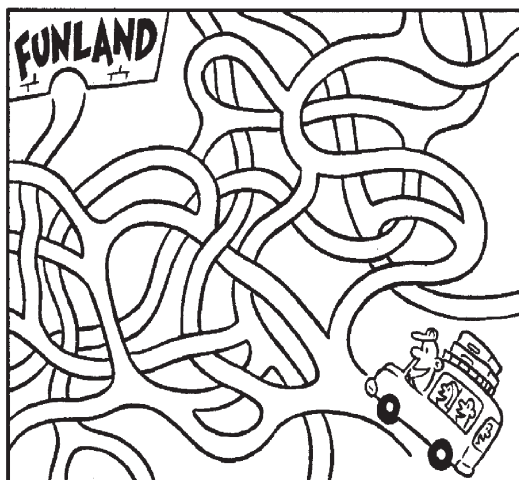
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HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Jacket is unzipped. 2. Cap is different. 3. Sign is added. 4. Button is unzipped. 5. Pocket is removed. 6. Ball is added. 7. Fly ball for fielding practice. 8. Fly ball is added.

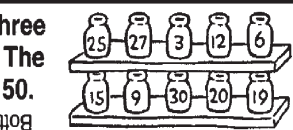


A-MAZE-ING! See if you can find the route to Funland before it gets dark.

THREE FOR A DOLLAR! To win, you must knock three bottles off the shelves. But there's a catch: The numbers on these bottles must total 50.

SECRET AGENT! Since our friends used a travel agent in setting up their trip, we're going to honor the profession with a word square puzzle. The diagram at right has the word AGENT already inserted. You need to find four more five-letter words so that all words used read the same both across and down.

1. Serious play.
2. Characteristic of a king.
3. One that acts for another (AGENT, in place).
4. A minister's house.
5. Change.



1. Drama. 2. Regal. 3. Agent. 4. Manse. 5. Alter.



by Charles Barry Townsend

VACATION FUN! Our friends have arrived at their destination and can't wait to visit Funland. You

can join in by identifying the FUN-filled words listed. Here are some hints:

1.	F	U	N							can
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1. Depressed mood.
2. A fly ball for fielding practice.
3. The animals of a certain region.
4. Fail a test.
5. Show off.
6. Able to write or speak easily.
7. Great wealth.
8. Where metal is melted.

Time limit: 60 seconds.

1. Funk. 2. Fungo. 3. Fauna. 4. Flunk. 5. Flaut. 6. Fluent. 7. Fortune. 8. Foundry.

Illustrated by David Coulson

It's All Native American Land; Pride: Pride flag raised at City Hall

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

The site where the totem pole will make its stop in San Leandro will be blessed by a Native American who is from San Leandro.

The totem pole was carved on the Lummi Nation reservation in Washington state by the House of Tears Carvers. It's making the stop today in San Leandro on a cross-country tour to Washington, D.C.

Ceremony to Begin at 3 p.m.

The totem pole can be viewed at Marina Park today from 3 to 7 p.m. Native American speakers will open the program at 3 p.m., followed by the carvers of the totem pole and remarks by local officials until about 5 p.m.

UrbanRezLife of San Leandro has been active in the Native American community going back at least 50 years when she was part of the Indian occupation of Alcatraz Island. She believes this is a special event coming to San Leandro at a time when so much has changed during the pandemic in San Leandro and in the United States.



PHOTO COURTESY OF HOUSE OF TEARS CARVERS

The totem pole carved on the Lummi Nation in Washington state will arrive at Marina Park today.

San Leandro is Native American Land

One thing she wants to clear up is the sentence in the article last week about the totem pole's stop in San Leandro that read that San Leandro is one of the few stops that is not on Native American land. UrbanRezLife points out that this is incorrect, because it's all Native American land.

A speaker from the Ohlone people will talk at the ceremony today at Marina Park. Before the ceremony, Urban-

RezLife will bless the space.

"I'm going to walk that whole park," said UrbanRezLife. "I'm going to offer some of my own medicine, tobacco and sage."

It's a new beginning as the totem pole comes to San Leandro, she said.

"I never imagined something like this would come here," UrbanRezLife said. "To me it's a message of healing – for our community, for our police department, our City Council, for people to try to start again, in a good way."

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Mayor Pauline Cutter. "When I was first elected to public office over 20 years ago, I ran on a platform that included addressing LGBTQ issues in our schools. Since that time, it is encouraging to see the social progress that has been made, and our ability to celebrate together as a community of kindness."

Due to current public health orders that remain in effect, attendees were welcome to view the flag raising ceremony in front of City Hall while maintaining social distance. The public is also invited to view the reading and adoption of the proclamation by logging into the City Council's online meeting on Monday, June 7, at 6:30 p.m. A link to the City Council meeting can be found on the City Council agenda page on the city's website (sanleandro.org).

The rainbow flag, also known as the gay pride flag, originated in San Francisco and is now used worldwide.

The flag is commonly used as a symbol of social equality and individuality. The pride flag was created by artist Gilbert Baker in San Francisco in 1978.



PHOTOS BY MIKE MCGUIRE

City Councilman Victor Aguilar holds a Progress Pride Flag as city workers (below) hoist the flag up the City Hall flagpole on Tuesday, June 1, to mark Pride Month in San Leandro.



Gardner: The well provides water for garden

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water. We got the water from a well and carried it into the house in buckets," she said.

Ora came from a big family with 11 kids, and so did her husband. Years ago, somebody told her, "Oh, you're going to have a big family!"

Guess again.

"No, I'm not," she told them. "I had two boys. That

was enough for me."

On a farm they needed all those kids to help with the work, she explains.

Just like on a farm, Ora uses well water on her garden. Her husband installed the well right after they moved in over 60 years ago.

She also uses well water on the front lawn. During the last drought, her neigh-

bor made her a sign saying "This Is Well Water," because the neighbor didn't want all the other neighbors to think she was using too much water.

Ora uses well water for more than one reason. Her water bill is next to nothing.

"If it was city water it would break me," she said. "It's too much money."

A neighbor once said to her, "You don't have a cane or a walker."

Ora replies, "Why do I need one?"

Turning 100 doesn't mean she's going to slow down, not one bit.

"When you retire, you can't just sit down and not do nothing," Ora said. "You got to keep moving."

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LIFESTYLE

Buttermilk: The Name's All Wrong, but the Taste Isn't

Buttermilk is misnamed. It really should be called "butterless milk." It contains no butter or butterfat.

Its name indicates its origins. Buttermilk was the skim milk left over from churning whole milk into butter. In the old days, all that churning and exposure to air warmed the milk, causing it to sour, helped along by friendly microbes floating in the air.

It wasn't long before cooks discovered that buttermilk had some interesting properties different from fresh unsoured milk. It made biscuits rise, pancakes fluffy, and helped to tenderize chicken and meat. It added tartness to salad dressings.

Best of all, it was easier for some adults to digest. That's because many people outgrow their childhood ability to digest

the natural sugars in fresh milk.

Buttermilk, like yogurt, is predigested by those friendly bacteria. Long ago, people drank it not only because they enjoyed its tangy tartness, but because they believed it was good for you. It still is a lead, low-fat, digestible way for grown-ups to get milk's calcium and vitamin D and at only 88 calories per cupful.

Today's buttermilk is commercially created in sanitary plants, soured by controlled additions of selected bacteria cultures.

In the old days, farm folks looked for ways to use up the milk left over from butter-making, and came up with a variety of recipes that are now considered classics.

Some of the following have been updated to get rid of

excess calories and fattening cooking techniques, but retaining the old-time flavor.

If you're out of buttermilk, the simplest substitution is to pour 1 tablespoon of vinegar into a 1 cup measurer and then fill the rest of the measuring cup with milk or soy milk. Then gently stir the mixture and let it sit for about 5 minutes.

FLUFFY BUTTERMILK PANCAKES

1 cup buttermilk
1 egg at room temperature
3 tablespoons butter, melted
3/4 cup all-purpose flour 1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking soda

Combine buttermilk, egg and melted butter in a mixing bowl. Stir briskly until smooth



and blended.

Combine flour, salt and baking soda; blend well. Add to liquid ingredients, stir only until dry bits of flour disappear. A few lumps are OK.

Heat a pancake griddle or cast-iron skillet to medium-hot. Grease it lightly.

Spoon out about 3 tablespoons of batter per pancake. Spread batter with back of spoon to thin it out a little. Cook until a few bubbles break on top. Turn pancakes and cook briefly. Transfer pancakes to a platter and place in preheated 200°F oven. Continue with remaining batter. Yields about 14 three-inch pancakes.

For blueberry pancakes, immediately after pouring batter onto griddle, sprinkle 1 tablespoon fresh or well-drained canned or frozen blueberries over each pancake.

BUTTERMILK 'FRIED' CHICKEN

1/2 small onion, minced

2-1/2 pounds cut-up frying chicken

2 cups buttermilk
6 tablespoons bread crumbs

1 tablespoon paprika
Salt, pepper to taste

Combine chicken and onion in a plastic bag. Place the bag in a bowl. Pour the buttermilk over the chicken. Close the bag tightly and put the bowl of chicken in the refrigerator all day over overnight.

At dinnertime, preheat oven to 425°F. Spray a shallow non-stick baking pan with cooking spray until slick. Combine the breadcrumbs, paprika, salt and pepper in a heavy-duty, clean, brown grocery paper bag.

Remove the chicken pieces from the buttermilk mixture and put them in the paper bag. Close the bag tightly and shake.

Arrange coated chicken pieces skin-side down in the prepared pan. Bake, uncovered, 25 to 30 minutes. With tongs, turn chicken pieces to skin-side up and bake 15 to 20 minutes

more. Sprinkle with minced parsley and serve. Serves 6.

BUTTERMILK RANCH DRESSING

1 cup buttermilk
1/4 cup mayonnaise
1/4 cup sour cream
1 small garlic clove, pressed
2 tablespoons minced shallot
1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh parsley
2 teaspoons finely chopped fresh chives
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon whole grain Dijon mustard
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1/4 teaspoon hot sauce

Combine all ingredients in a 1-quart glass jar with a tight-fitting lid. Cover and shake vigorously to blend. Chill 30 minutes. Refrigerate in covered jar up to 1 week. Shake well before serving. Yields about 1-1/2 cups of dressing.

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Keep Fido Under Control on the Trail

By Ned MacKay
Special to the Times

The other day we were sitting on a bench eating lunch at Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve, when another hiker with two big, friendly dogs came past on the trail.

One of the dogs saw us and made a beeline for the food. My reflexes were fast enough that I covered our lunch just in time. Won by a nose.

Its owner called the dog back and all was well. But it did remind us of some dog-related rules of the road.

The park district has a "Be A Pup Pro" campaign under way. You've probably seen the posters at trailheads.

The campaign has three basic themes:

- Bag it and bin it. Everyone is supposed to pick up after their pet has done its business. Deposit the waste in a trashcan. Please don't just leave it trailside for someone else to deal with.

- Leash your dog in des-

ignated areas. Such as parking lots, trailheads, picnic areas, paved trails, etc. Note also that dogs are not allowed at swim beaches or in some places that are wildlife sanctuaries.

One example is Round Valley south of Brentwood, where dogs are prohibited because the park is habitat for the rare and endangered San Joaquin kit fox. Tilden Nature Area near Berkeley (just the nature area, not the entire park) is off-limits for dogs, too. Elsewhere, watch for signs indicating where dogs are prohibited or must be leashed.

- Keep your dog safe. Leash your dog around cattle and horses. Some horses can be skittish with dogs, resulting in unsafe conditions for everyone.

In general, dogs are allowed off-leash in the regional parks, once you are away from the trailheads, as long as the dog is under voice control, which means it will return to

its owner when called.

If a dog starts chasing wildlife or cattle, or has unwanted interactions with other park visitors, the dog has to be put back on leash.

Be considerate of your pet's needs. As the weather gets warmer, dogs can become overheated. After all, they are wearing permanent fur coats. And their main method of regulating their body temperature is by panting.

So carry enough water for Fido as well as for yourself. There are plenty of lightweight dog water dishes on the market, or you can use a one-gallon plastic zip bag.

Remember, too, that pavement can get very hot in the sun. And sharp, rocky surfaces are hard on paws.

There are special rules for dogs at Point Isabel Regional Shoreline in Richmond. Dogs are okay off-leash in the park. But carry a 6-foot maximum leash and keep your dog on-leash in parking lots and on streets.

Dogs must be under voice control and within your sight at all times. Clean up your dog's waste and put it in the trashcans. Leash your pet if it shows aggressive behavior. Prevent your pet from digging or damaging the landscape.

In all the regional parks, anyone who walks or exercises a dog for a fee, or who walks more than three personal dogs, has to obtain and carry a revocable annual permit.

For information on the dog permit program, call 510-690-6508. For more information on dog rules in the regional parks, check out the website, www.ebparks.org.

The East Bay Regional Park District is a very dog-friendly agency. And a little common sense and common courtesy goes a long way towards assuring a pleasant park experience for dog owners and non-owners alike.

Columnist Ned MacKay is a retired East Bay Regional Park District employee.



There are a few rules to keep in mind when bringing a dog to a regional park.

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Senior Q&A: A Novel Gift Idea for the New Graduate

Q: Our grandson is graduating college and we would like to get him a gift which recognizes the beginning of his adult life and career. We thought of something of a "legal" nature and wondered if you have any ideas?

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

A: Great thought and indeed I do. Why not arrange through your attorney to provide him a basic estate planning package, which would include an Advance Health Care Directive, a Durable Power Of Attorney and a Simple Will.

The message, of course, is that he has now formally entered the world of adulthood and needs to take prudent steps to protect himself and

his loved ones from the unexpected. He would also learn that these essential "life planning documents" need to be kept up-to-date as circumstances change, e.g. when he marries, has a child, purchases a home or acquires wealth.

Understandably, his focus will most likely be upon other things, such as deciding where he will live, beginning a new career, and perhaps finding a life partner. But your thoughtfulness can also teach him that these new adventures come with a certain responsibility.

What if, for example, he were in an accident or suffered serious illness and became unable to manage his own affairs or direct his medical treatment. This happens!

In our own family, while our son was away at college, he suddenly had to undergo emergency surgery. I can assure you it was quite unsettling to have to scurry around to prepare and arrange the remote signing of an Advance Health Care Directive while, at the same time, make emergency travel plans to be with him. Fortunately, everything turned out fine, but one never knows.

While your grandson's own parents may feel that, should anything happen, they can always make decisions for him, they may be surprised to learn that the law does not agree. Once



he turned 18, he became an adult in the eyes of the law, and his parents no longer had the legal right to make decisions for him or direct his medical care.

Instead, if suitable legal documents were not in place, they could only acquire that legal authority through a court ordered conservatorship, a public, cumbersome, time-consuming and expensive legal proceeding.

Your grandson need not worry that his parents will take over management of his life. The Advance Health Care Directive and the Durable Power Of Attorney can be "springing powers." This means they would only spring to life and become operational when and if he became incapacitated and could not make those decisions for himself.

Also, he need not feel obliged to name his parents as his agents. Instead, he could name whomever he wishes, such as his siblings or even a very good friend to serve as his agent or successor agent.

One of the other benefits of this gift would be his introduction to a professional with whom he might build a relationship, and who might be able to assist him over the years as he matures.

You might also consider introducing him to your



banker or stockbroker, help him establish a contributory IRA and discover the won-

ders of compound interest. Indeed, you might be able to show him how – with regular contributions – he could be a millionaire by the time he is your age.

Gene L. Osofsky is an elder law and estate planning attorney in the East Bay. Visit his website at www.Lawyer-ForSeniors.com.

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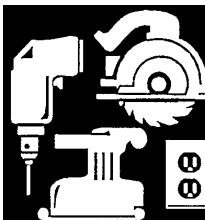
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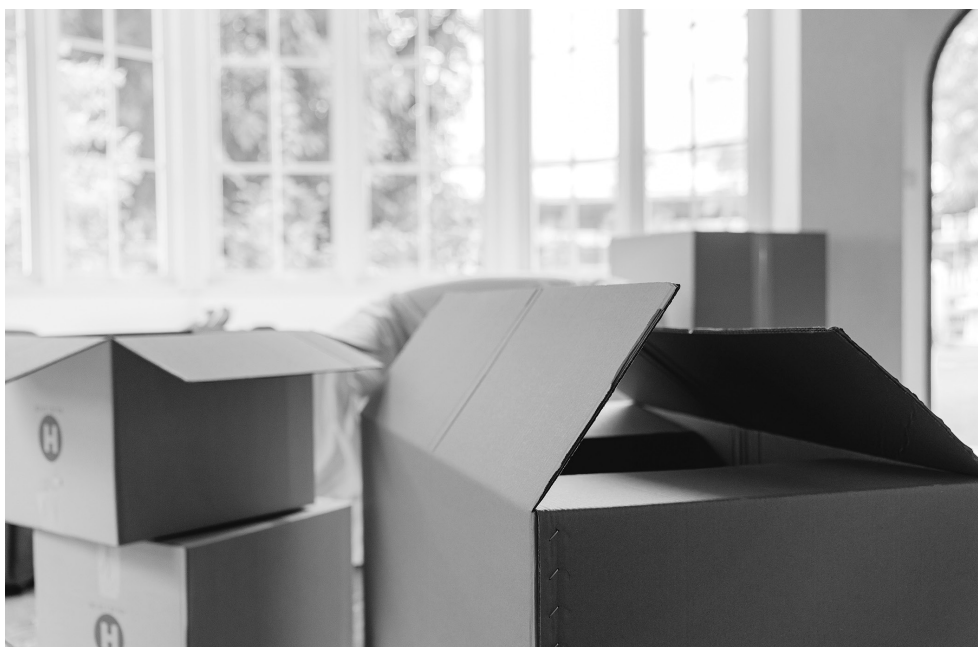
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Downsizing Your Home for a Move

By Jim Miller
Special to the Times

The process of weeding through a house full of stuff and parting with old possessions is difficult and overwhelming for most people.

A good place to start is to see if your kids, grandkids or other family members would like any of your unused possessions. Whatever they don't want, here are a few tips and services that may help you.

• Sell It

Selling your stuff is one way to get rid of your possessions and pad your pocketbook at the same time. Selling options may include consignment shops, a garage sale, estate sale and selling online.

Consignment shops are good for selling old clothing, household furnishings and decorative items – they typically get 30 to 40 percent of the sale price.

A good old-fashioned garage sale is another option, or for large-scale downsizing you could hire an estate sale company to come in and sell your items. See EstateSales.net and EstateSales.org to locate options in your area.

Some estate companies will even pick up your stuff and sell it at their own location – they typically take about 35 percent of the profits.

Selling online is also a great option and opens you up to a wider audience. The OfferUp app (OfferUp.com), Facebook Marketplace (Facebook.com/marketplace), Craigslist (Craigslist.org) and the CPlus for Craigslist app (Yanflex.com) are great options for selling locally, which can eliminate the packing and shipping costs

and hassle.

These websites and apps also don't take a cut of your sales, but you're responsible for connecting with your buyer and making the exchange of money and goods.

• Donate It

If you itemize on your tax returns, donating your belongings to charitable organizations is another way to downsize and get a tax deduction. The Salvation Army (SAtruck.org, 800-728-7825) will actually come to your house and pick up a variety of household items, including furnishings and clothing. Goodwill (Goodwill.org) is another good option to donate to but they don't offer pickup services.

If your deductions exceed \$500, you'll need to file Form 8283, "Noncash Charitable Contributions" (IRS.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8283.pdf). You'll also need a receipt from the organization for every batch of items you donate and will need to create an itemized list of the items donated. To calculate fair market value for your stuff, use the Salvation Army's donation guide at SAtruck.org/home/donationvalueguide.

• Toss It

If you have a lot of junk you want to get rid of, contact your municipal trash service to see if they provide bulk curbside pickup services. Or, depending on where you live, you could hire a company like 1-800-Got-Junk (1800gotjunk.com, 800-468-5865) or Junk-King (Junk-King.com, 888-888-5865) to come in and haul it off for a moderate fee.

• Get Help

If you want or need some help, consider hiring a senior move manager. These are professional organizers who help older adults and their families with the daunting process of downsizing and moving to a new residence.

To locate one in your area, visit the National Association of Senior Move Managers at NASMM.org or call 877-606-2766. You can also search at Caring Transitions (CaringTransitions.com), which is a large senior relocation and transition services franchise company that has more than 200 franchises nationwide.

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

Resources to Get Discounted High-Speed Internet Services

By Jim Miller
Special to the Times

There are two new resources available today that can help you save money on Internet services, but what's available to you will depend on your income level and where you live. Here's where to begin.

Internet Discounts

Depending on your financial situation, a good first step to reducing your home Internet costs is through the new Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) program.

This is a temporary federal benefit that provides a discount of up to \$50 per month towards broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on tribal lands.

Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers if they contribute \$10 to \$50 toward the purchase price.

To qualify, you'll need to show that your annual household income is at or below 135 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, which is \$17,388 for one person or \$23,517 for two. Or, if you're receiving certain types of government benefits such as Medicaid, food stamps (SNAP), SSI, public housing assistance, veterans' pension or survivors pension benefit, or live on federally recognized tribal lands.

Households that experienced a substantial loss of income since February 29, 2020 due to job loss or furlough can also qualify for the EBB program, as long as their household income for 2020 was at or below \$99,000 for single filers and \$198,000 for joint filers.

To apply, go to GetEmergencyBroadband.org where you can apply online or print an application and mail it in.

If you're already receiving assistance through the federal Lifeline benefit (see LifelineSupport.org), which is a \$9.25 monthly subsidy for phone or internet costs, you automatically qualify for the EBB program, and you can receive both benefits at the same time. You can apply your EBB and your Lifeline benefit to the same or separate services.

Or, if your broadband provider already has its own low-income or COVID-19 relief program, you may be able to qualify through this program as well. Talk to your broadband provider for more information.

Low-Cost Internet

If you're not eligible for the EBB program, another resource for locating cheaper high-speed Internet is Aging Connected, which has a higher income qualification.

Created by Older Adults Technology Services (OATS) from AARP and the Humana Foundation, Aging Connected is a nationwide campaign created to help lower-income seniors find low-cost, in-home broadband options in their area.

Partnering with telecommunications companies, nonprofits and public entities, Aging Connected will

help you search for services in your area that provide high-speed Internet at a very low cost. Most participating companies charge around \$10 to \$15 per month, with no contract and no equipment fee.

Aging Connected also provides referrals to affordable desktop and laptop computers for under \$160.

To qualify, you'll need to show that your annual household income is at or below 185 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, which is \$23,800 for one person or \$32,200 for two. Or, if you're receiving certain types of government benefits similar to the EBB program.

To search, go to AgingConnected.org and type in your ZIP code, name and email address, or you can call 877-745-1930.

Other Search Options

If you find that you're not eligible for either of the previously listed resources, you may still be able to save on your Internet by shopping and comparing. The best way to do this is at websites like InMyArea.com and BroadbandNow.com, both of which provide a list of internet providers in your area, along with pricing and download speeds.

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GUEST COMMENTARY



Buyers Beware When Removing Contingencies

With the housing market on fire, buyers are scrambling to determine what they must do to land a home. Consequently, at this juncture, many offers are arriving either fully non-contingent or with most contingencies removed.

To "prime the pump" for offers, sellers are doing what they can to facilitate non-contingent offers, including providing disclosure packages, inspection reports and more.

A normal offer contains three contingencies: loan, appraisal and inspections. A contingency is simply a condition that must be met and then removed in writing for the contract to proceed to a close.

In a normal market, you

could expect to see offers with all contingencies in place. A buyer would have somewhere between 10-17 days to ensure their loan was approved, the home appraised at the contract price and there were no significant property issues.

Put another way, a contingency is a bit like Monopoly's "Get Out of Jail Free" card – if something negative happens to the loan, appraisal or an inspection reveals a significant issue, the buyer can back out of the transaction and get their deposit returned.

Therein lies the problem: with buyers currently expected to submit offers with most or all contingencies removed, there is no margin for error. Buyers who allow the excitement of the market to override common sense can end up in a heap of hurt that can have significant financial ramifications for years to come.

With lenders today following federal guidelines to ensure buyers meet the

stringent loan requirements, we often see buyers able to remove the loan contingency with little or no effect. The bigger issues come with removing the other contingencies.

If a property does not appraise at the contract price, a seller (in the current market) will not likely be willing to lower the price to the appraised value. Therefore, a buyer must have enough cash on reserve to meet the deficit. I have seen buyers recently who have not had enough cash to make up the difference. This can have serious financial ramifications.

I have also seen buyers willing to remove their inspection contingency even though the seller did not provide upfront inspection reports. In my opinion, this is extremely risky. With all contingencies removed, if issues appear, the buyer is on the hook.

It is a case of "buyer beware:" if you are going to remove contingencies, make sure you are prepared to deal with the potential consequences.

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Use Hot Manure as Amendment, not Mulch

By Buzz Bertolero
Special to the Times

My neighbor is raising chickens for the eggs and offered me some chicken manure. I've been advised to wait two to four weeks before using it because the chicken manure is considered "hot manure." I'm not familiar with the term "hot manure."

"Hot manure" refers to animal waste by-products that have not been aged or composted.

Typically, animals whose diet contains no red meat, such as chicken, horse, sheep, and rabbits, produce high nitrogen waste. The raw manure releases

nitrogen compounds and ammonia, which burn plant roots and young plants and interfere with seed germination. That's why it needs to be aged or composted.

Composting mellows the nitrogen and makes the manure suitable for the gardens. In other words, don't put raw manure directly on garden soils.

Also, no matter what kind of 'hot manure' you use, use it as a soil amendment, not a mulch. It can be added to your compost pile or mixed with the native soil.

When amending the soil for root crops, apply about one cubic foot per hundred square feet. If you overdo it, you'll get lush top growth and few carrots, beets, radishes, etc.

Chicken fertilizer is desirable for the nitrogen, but it also contains a good amount of potassium and phosphorus, but use it in moderation. Chicken manure can be used after four to six weeks, but you should wait six months with that from other animals.

There is one exception.

Many gardeners spread fresh manure in the fall and turn it into the top six inches of soil a month before spring planting. This is assuming you're not planting a fall garden..

Note: Raising chickens for egg products is one of the growing gardening trends of today. Another is raising bees for their honey.

Most municipalities will allow chickens in residential areas, but they can limit the number of chickens you can have. Roosters are banned in all cases because of the noise issue.

You need to have a secure hen house to protect them from nightly predators such as raccoons.

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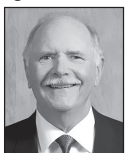


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Japanese Maple: Where's the Red?

By Buzz Bertolero
Special to the Times

Q I have a Japanese maple tree purchased and planted two years ago. My concern is that all of the new growth of this tree is green instead of the red variety I bought.

A Red-leafed Japanese Maples are grafted or budded and are not growing on their roots. The rootstock for these varieties is the common Acer Palmatum, the green leaf maple.

It's typical for the red leaf varieties to send up green, rogue shoots, or suckers during the growing season. They're an aggressive grower and will dominate

the canopy, disturbing the tree's symmetry if you don't remove them.

To encourage the new growth, don't use a high nitrogen fertilizer. They are not heavy feeders, so apply a slow-release organic fertilizer such as Happy Frog Japanese Maples Food or similar fertilizer. Also, your first application should be made after the new growth has emerged in the spring.

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Mortgage Rates Drop Below Three Percent

Long-term mortgage interest rates were back down below 3 percent last week, according to Freddie Mac's weekly nationwide survey.

The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 2.95 percent for the week ending May 27, down from the previous week when it averaged 3.00 percent. A year ago at this time, the 30-year FRM averaged 3.15 percent.

Fifteen-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 2.27 percent, down from 2.29 percent.

Five-year hybrid adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 2.59 percent, un-

changed from last week.

"Mortgage rates are down below three percent, continuing to offer many homeowners the potential to refinance and increase their monthly cash flow," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's Chief Economist. "In fact, homeowners who refinanced their 30-year fixed-rate mortgage in 2020 saved more than \$2,800 dollars annually. Substantial opportunity continues to exist today, as nearly \$2 trillion in conforming mortgages have the ability to refinance and reduce their interest rate by at least half a percentage point."



Using Shade

Hot weather is on its way, so when transplanting, space seedlings so that the leaves of the mature plant will shade the soil between plants. This keeps the soil cooler and cuts down on evaporation. When transplanting, gently loosen the rootballs of the seedlings before planting them so roots can quickly reach out into surrounding soil to establish themselves.

Flowers

Everything that's in bloom at your garden center is a good buy this week. Look for annuals, including marigolds, petunias, impatiens (good for color in shady spots) and zinnias in jumbo packs.

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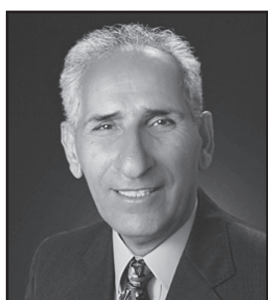
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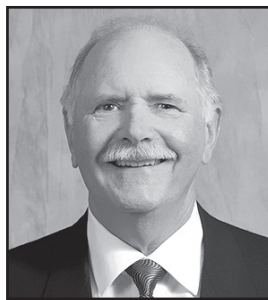
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FBI Raids House on Washington Avenue for Drugs

Agents say 42 pounds of fentanyl hidden, being sold; San Leandro man arrested

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

A San Leandro man is in custody after FBI agents connected him to a drug operation that included trafficking fentanyl out of his home on Washington Avenue.

Authorities call it the largest ever seizure of fentanyl in Northern California.

According to an FBI statement, Keny Romero-Lopez was one of six East Bay residents and one Oregon resident arrested on the morning of May 25. The FBI with the help of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency entered Romero-Lopez's home and found approximately 42 pounds (19 kilograms) of fentanyl, much of it hidden in fence posts surrounding one of the residences.

Law enforcement also discovered dyes likely used to color the fentanyl prior to sale, and approximately \$36,000 in cash. Fentanyl, a highly potent drug, is often referred to by the color emitted when the drug is burnt. In this case, the complaint alleges the operation sold blue, pink, purple, green, and yellow varieties of fentanyl.

The complaints and doc-

uments filed in the cases describe numerous deals that occurred between April and May 2021. A federal judge authorized a monthlong wiretap of phones, which led to the arrests of Romero-Lopez and Javier Castro Banegas-Medina

“Fentanyl was kept in stash houses in Oakland and San Leandro and it flowed throughout the Bay Area.”

who lived together. The wiretaps also revealed that four of the defendants discussed plans to flee to Honduras if they were released.

The documents also charge Castro with conspiracy along with Elmer Rosales-Montes, 28, and Jose Ivan Cruz-Caceres, 31, to distribute fentanyl to others to re-distribute and resell. The re-distributors charged are Jihad Jad Ta-

washa, 34, William Joseph Laughren, 25, and Heather Borges, 33.

According to documents filed in these cases, the fentanyl distributed was kept in stash houses in Oakland and San Leandro, and its distribution chain flowed throughout the Bay Area, including San Francisco, Concord, and Oakland, and beyond to re-distributors outside of Northern California.

“For example, the complaints describe how after intercepting wire communications in which Castro stated that ‘guys’ would transport drugs ordered by a re-distributor, investigators observed Rosales-Montes or Cruz-Caceres, or both, leave one of Castro’s residences. On one such occasion, investigators intercepted approximately eight ounces of fentanyl being transported from Rosales-Montes and Cruz-Caceres to a re-distributor.”

Authorities are charging Romero-Lopez under federal law for the attempted sale and conspiracy to sell illegal drugs. He was booked into Santa Rita Jail without bail. If convicted, Romero-Lopez faces a maximum prison term of 40 years, with a mandatory minimum of 5 years.



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(when the pandemic lockdown began) everything had to be online in a hurry.”

Sherwood is proud of the quick pivot the library was able to make.

“It was like trying to change a tire on a car while you’re rolling down the road,”

he said

Sherwood took over the top job at the library during the pandemic when Theresa Mallon retired on Jan. 14 after more than a decade in the position. He has been the library manager and is in his 20th year working at the library.

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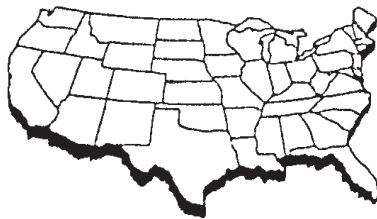
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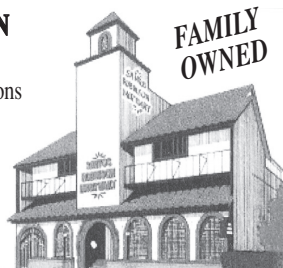
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Earlier in her life, Theresa was a Den Mother in the Cub Scouts, Blue Bird Leader, was active in her church, and also active in her children’s schools.

Theresa loved Disneyland, Jazz and Soul music, Country songs, and Rock ‘n’ Roll. She really enjoyed going to Cache Creek and Graton Casinos with her brother and sister-in-law.

For several years she worked for the Davis Street Family Resource Center and the RotaCare Clinic in San Leandro.

Theresa was a big 49er fan and would watch all the games until her disease prevented her from being able to keep focused on them. She has a 49er poster on her wall in her bedroom and she always slept with one of her 49er blankets covering her. She kept looking at that poster daily saying 49ers, go 49ers.

Theresa loved being with her grandchildren and was lucky enough to see her little great-granddaughter being born. She loved her nieces and nephews and cousins. Theresa has three sisters living in Alaska, Washington State and Nevada that she kept in touch with. She would ask about them constantly and would talk to them on the phone often.

We would like to give a very heartfelt thank you to the Alameda County Fire Fighters at Station 10 in San Leandro who responded so many times to help Theresa and her husband. They went above and beyond the call of duty.

Thank you to all the ambulance crews that transported her over the years and thank you to all the medical staff at Kaiser Hospital in San Leandro who helped Theresa get better during all her different medical problems and their wonderful Home Health Care service.

I know she would also want to thank all those that gave our family support; friends and neighbors, and former co-workers of her and her husband.

Theresa was kind, caring, loving and a very giving person. She donated to many charitable organizations and she helped her children out when they needed support. In her own way she was an amazing wife and mother, always taking care of her family.

Theresa will be laid to rest at the Chapel of the Chimes in Hayward.
No service is scheduled at this time.



CV Man Among Nine Victims Of VTA Workplace Shooting

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

A Castro Valley man is being remembered for being a great father and role model following a tragic workplace shooting death last Wednesday.

Abdolvahab Alaghmandan, 63, was one of nine people who died May 26 after a co-worker fired upon employees in two buildings at the Santa Clara Valley Transit Authority (VTA) Light Rail Yard in San Jose.

Alaghmandan, casually known as "Abdi," had moved to Castro Valley with his wife and two sons in the 1990s from Tehran, Iran not knowing anyone or how to speak English.

"He didn't come from a family that could afford to send him abroad," Alaghmandan's nephew Siavash wrote on the family GoFundMe page. "People around him did not share his aspirations to leave downtown Tehran. But he went to night school to get his education as a technician while working multiple jobs to make this dream come true."

The family moved to California and established roots in Castro Valley in a subdivision along Crow Canyon Road. Alaghmandan was often seen tending to his garden with bougainvillea and rose bushes and lending a hand with home maintenance.

Alaghmandan eventually got a job at the VTA and spent the last 20 years working there, most recently as a substation manager.

"He was a no-nonsense guy, he had a great work ethic and worked really hard to have the things he did," Siavash wrote. "He was a guy who made everyone happy. He had an unmatched sense of humor and was effortlessly witty. Not to mention he was so crafty he could build anything. I looked up to him in so many ways."

He often told relatives he was anxious about contracting the disease, but as a transit employee Alaghmandan was an essential worker during the pandemic. Despite having recent surgery, he continued to perform his duties.

"He was so funny and is such a great father and role model and husband. He worked so hard for his family because he wanted them to have a good life. He was such a selfless man, so generous and giving," Alaghmandan's son's girlfriend Megan Staker told People Magazine writer Wendy Grossman Kantor.

Alaghmandan, along with eight other co-workers, was at the Guadalupe yard in San Jose off of Interstate 880 and state Route 87 that morning when police say he was targeted by



Abdolvahab Alaghmandan
the gunman.

"We do not have the words to express the weight of this moment," the VTA posted on its website. "We

are grateful to our community for their love and support as we mourn the loss of nine victims of the horrific event."

Alaghmandan leaves behind his wife, Firoozeh and their two sons, Sina and Soheil. He is also survived by five siblings and numerous nephews and nieces.

Several online sites have been set up to help Alaghmandan's family and

the other families to help with grief and burial costs.

How to help:
GoFundMe: <https://gofund.me/1cdbda05>

Working Partnerships USA, a nonprofit in San Jose: <https://bit.ly/3hUvPtL>

Amalgamated Transit Union, the workers' labor union: <https://bit.ly/3wxqCvU>

OPINION

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Pleased by Bill in Support of Asian Americans

Editor:

On the morning of May 19, while reading the newspaper, I was so buoyed to come across an article pertaining to "The Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders Hate Crimes Bill."

This bill passed the U.S. Senate by a 94-1 vote in April and was miraculously approved by the House on a 364-62 vote. The bill was subsequently signed into law by President Joe Biden.

We all agree that it is high time to put an end to this long, disturbing violence which caused intensified fears and deaths to many Asian Americans.

From the words of our President Joe Biden, which I am pleased to quote: "Brighter days are ahead as long as we do it together."

Let us all extend our unfailing support to the Asian American community so as to desist this terrifying violence.

—Alfred Kwok
San Leandro

BART Management Unconcerned with Wasting Electricity

Editor:

I know I'm not alone in being concerned about BART just now discovering the lighting problems at various BART locations.

It seems BART and its employees were not concerned about the waste of money and energy until forced to take action by complaints from the community. This casual attitude towards the efficient use of BART funds starts at the top.

Until the BART board and senior managers make personal accountability for the managers of BART systems, we will continue to have failures of this sort. I can't believe that they were unaware of the situation, but I can believe that they were unconcerned about the significance of the systems failures.

—Bill Young
San Leandro

Believes Voting System Allows Fraud

Editor:

As predicted, the "emergency" conditions excuse that was used by Democrats and "progressives" to make mail voting optional to all citizens, due to Covid 19, it is now being institutionalized, as in the next special election of June 19.

It is not enough for Democrats to allow anybody to vote without having to show ID, now anybody can vote without showing their face ever at the precinct.

Democrats and "progressives" want us to believe that nobody will commit fraud by falsifying the signature, this when thousands aren't concerned about the laws and engage in looting and vandalizing cities; they want us to believe that these elements will shrink from forging ballot signatures.

Furthermore, the roster is filled with people who moved out, died or haven't voted for decades. It is never updated and nobody checks the signatures either. Ballots are thrown around in apartment buildings, mailed to people no longer living there; to harvest those ballots and send them in is a simple fraudulent task.

The November presidential

election fraud has become a common practice in the U.S. electoral system; as the greatest U.S. president ever said, "The system is rigged, folks".

—Leo T. West
San Leandro

January 6 Attack Should Be Investigated

Editor:

Our country's Capitol was attacked January 6. Far worse than the attack on our embassy in Benghazi, this was an insurrection against our democracy.

Republicans mounted six Congressional investigations into Benghazi. A majority of 54 Senators voted YES to investigate the Capitol attack. Republican minority voted against investigating.

The Senate's filibuster rule requires a 60-vote majority. 51 Democratic votes could rescind the filibuster, but Senators Manchin and Sinema are holding out for "bipartisanship."

The truth about January 6 must come out. The truth must identify those responsible for the attack. Truth must counter those Republican liars claiming the Capitol terrorists were merely tourists. Democrats negotiated in good faith with Republicans to craft a fair, bipartisan investigating commission. Then, on May 28, Republicans pulled another "Lucy-football" trick, blocking the investigation.

Will Manchin and Sinema now vote to end the filibuster? Or will they continue to seek bipartisanship that doesn't exist?

—Bruce Joffe
Piedmont

Centers: Waiting for okay

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for food bank storage as well as childcare through day camps, pre-K programs and learning pods.

The earliest that the Senior Centers in San Leandro or Castro Valley can expect to fully reopen its doors is June 15, the state's reopening. And then the Alameda County Health Department would have to approve the state's plan and issue its own notification.

San Leandro and H.A.R.D. could follow suit immediately, although a City of San Leandro spokesperson told the Times it would take some additional time to restart any indoor programs, making any reopening plans for senior centers in the area on a phased approach.

It's not that the senior community has been completely locked out during the pandemic, but everything went mostly virtual, says H.A.R.D. spokesperson Adriane Lee Bird.

"We were able to quickly modify programming (2-weeks after the shelter-in-place began) to offer a safety network to our seniors," Lee Bird said. "Those activities included the drive-up senior nutrition program, regular wellness calls, tax preparation assistance, book and puzzle exchange, outdoor walking group, drive-up special events, and a number of fitness classes and virtual opportunities for socialization moved onto the Zoom platform."

H.A.R.D.'s summertime schedule does have classes starting this week for seniors including Senior Guitar Jam, Hawaiian Hula dance,

Tai Chi, Book and Conversation Group, and Laugh Yoga, but these are relegated to outdoor gatherings, which are not always conducive to card play.

"At this time, we do not have drop-in pool or cards currently scheduled, but they are definitely on our radar to be phased in as soon as we can," Lee Bird said. "With our reopening survey we found that the fitness and dance classes were the highest priority amongst our seniors, so we focused on bringing a few of these classes back first. We will be rolling out additional classes as soon as we can accommodate them up at the center with available staff and facility space."

While outdoor programs are the first step in face-to-face interactions, county health department data shows seniors are great candidates for indoor activities given they have the best vaccination rates in the county. More than 74 percent of people aged 65 to 74 have been fully vaccinated, according to the county health department. Of those aged 75 years and older, 68 percent have had the full vaccine against the coronavirus. The seniors have a higher vaccination rate than all the other age groups.

Budget cuts and staff reductions have also made it difficult to inviting seniors back indoors, Lee Bird said adding that there is a "prioritization of participant and staff safety and the need to share facilities (community centers) with those who may be unvaccinated (children)."



Memorial Day Crowd Flocks to Historic Ship

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

Hundreds of people came to the Memorial Day ceremony on Monday at the USS Hornet aircraft carrier and museum in Alameda.

The line stretched down the dock where the de-commissioned war ship is tied up. The holiday crowd came aboard for the ceremony and

to see a part of United States history on the day that honors the nation's soldiers who died in war.

A wreath of flowers was tossed off the fantail of the great ship in remembrance of those who gave their lives to the country, as an ROTC color guard stood by.

Examples of aircraft that once flew off the deck of the

ship are on display in the hangar bay. An Apollo space capsule is available for a close-up view.

The Hornet picked up the astronauts out of the Pacific from Apollo 11 and Apollo 12, the first two missions where astronauts stepped on the moon.

Vintage military vehicles were on display on the dock, including Korean War era Jeeps. The California Historical Radio Society set up a tent on the dock with restored radios from the middle of the 1900s.

The radios use vacuum tubes and are cleaned up, in excellent condition, and they look beautiful. Each radio has a switch added in the back, so it can operate as a regular radio, or it can be connected to a computer or phone and operate as an auxiliary speaker.

The California Historical Radio Society operates a radio museum at 2152 Central Ave. in Alameda.



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The crowd lined up to come aboard the USS Hornet for the Memorial Day ceremony on Monday. Below is a Jeep from the Korean War and a sign marking the 38th parallel.



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Comedy Show In Castro Valley

A lineup of five hilarious comedians, live and interactive will be entertaining in-person at TwiningVine Winery in Castro Valley at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 12.

Headliner, Jacqui Pirl, a Hawaiian Bay Area transplant who started her stand-up career at 50, has performed all over the country. Plethos Productions' host Priya Guyadeen brings us Bay Area performers including Pam Benjamin, Jeff Morris, and Joseph Nguyen.

Seating will be Covid safe, 6 feet apart. Get your tickets at Plethos.org while supplies last. This show is recommended for ages 18+ due to hilariously mature content.