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Grizzlies varsity boys basketball team, coaching staff, and cheerleaders during the school rally on Friday celebrating the school's league championship.

## San Lorenzo Basketball Wins League Title

By Andrew Joseph  
San Leandro Times

The San Lorenzo Grizzlies boys basketball team won the Western Alameda County Conference (WACC) Shoreline League title – going undefeated in league play – for the first time in

school history while advancing to the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) State playoffs with a 62-60 win over Albany High on Saturday.

“Coming into this job I had the mindset of changing the basketball culture here and upping the ante, holding

these kids to a higher standard,” said Grizzlies head coach Toby Merchant, Sr. “None of us thought we would be this good, this fast and it’s beautiful to see it happening right now.”

The school held a rally on campus  
see BASKETBALL, page 8

## City Council Votes to Conduct Poll on New Tax

City considering an additional business license tax or parcel tax measure for the November ballot

By Ruben Banuelos  
San Leandro Times

The San Leandro City Council voted unanimously at its Feb. 17 meeting to conduct polling on a potential revenue measure for the November ballot.

This is in light of years of structural shortcomings, most notably chronic poor road conditions—San Leandro’s streets in 2024 had a 3-year average Pavement Condition Index (PCI) of 57 according to Metropolitan Transportation Commission data, one of the lowest in Alameda County and representing significant deterioration in need of urgent repairs.

City officials say the city needs an addition \$15 over three years.

Deputy City Manager Eric Inglebart discussed five potential tax scenarios, although just two are considered feasible.

The two types of taxes being considered for an increase are the business license tax and the parcel tax.

Business License Tax Modernization: Currently \$6.9 million is generated by the

business license tax, Englebart said. The change would move from a flat-rate approach to a gross receipts tax rate (in the \$1.25 per \$1,000 revenue range) bringing in an additional \$3.8 to \$4.3 million annually.

Approval would require a simple majority vote. The plan replicates a model in Union City.

### Parcel Tax

The city does not currently have a property tax. A new tax for parcels or square footage could generate an additional \$5 million to \$7 million annually. It would require a two-thirds supermajority.

“And that is a very difficult threshold to surpass, in general,” Englebart said.

Previous polls suggested about 58 percent support a parcel tax.

### Other Taxes Are Less Feasible

The utility users tax brought in \$14 million last  
see TAX, page 5

## April Chan Supporters Rally At Lunar New Year Celebration

By Jim Knowles  
San Leandro Times

Asian community leaders held a rally at Saturday’s Lunar New Year celebration in Chinatown in Oakland in support of EBMUD board member April Chan.

Chan’s supporters said that she was unfairly treated and removed from positions

on the board. They said this fits a pattern of silencing Asian-American voices and representatives.

The controversy started as a small dispute about a parking spot at the EBMUD office between Chan and an artist doing work for the district. Both parties accused the other of harassment and threats.

But an EBMUD investigation concluded that Chan did not make a threat and her interaction was not racially motivated.

Although Chan was exonerated, she was removed from her position of vice president of the board. And she was also removed from reading a proclamation honoring Asians

during Asian Pacific Heritage Month by board president Marguerite Young, and the reading was assigned to a non-Asian board member.

Young acknowledged in a statement that she understood that in handling the situation that her actions felt disrespectful to AAPI voices, but  
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### CITY COUNCIL

Council meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 7:00 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. at 2600 Teagarden St., San Leandro. For more information, call Zaira Duncan at 667-3522.



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## Inner Wheel Club Donates to T.A.G.S.

Inner Wheel Club of San Leandro selected Teens Advocacy Going Strong (TAGS) as the recipient of a \$500 District 517 donation.

Under the leadership of Lynn Drogo this non-profit creative reuse hub empowers youth through creative expression. Art, sustainability and entrepreneurship is combined to help young people through

hands-on experience.

At TAGS teens and young adults build confidence, resilience and real-world skills. Their motto "Create More, Stress Less" reflects their mission.

TAGS thrift store and workspace is located at 1711 East 14th St. in San Leandro.

The website is: www.teenadvocacy.org

## View the Women's History Month Tiny Art Show

View the Women's History Month Tiny Art Show at the Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave.

Enjoy patron submitted art inspired by women artists to highlight and celebrate women creatives. Get in-

spired, learn about women's history and enjoy the talent in our community.

Art work will be on display through April 1. Thank you to the San Leandro Art Association for donating the supplies for this year's kits.



PHOTO COURTESY OF INNER WHEEL

Pearl Johnston, publicity for Inner Wheel; Amy Neuman and Kristi Barnes, co-presidents; Sherrie Barnes, vice-president; Lynn Drogo, TAGS founder and executive director; and Jennifer Reed, Inner Wheel secretary.

## San Lorenzo Schools to Hold Enrollment Fair on Saturday

The San Lorenzo Unified School District will hold an open Enrollment Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. this Saturday, March 7, in the district office, 15510 Usher St. in San Lorenzo, for families interested in enrolling new students in the 2026-27 school year.

Staff will assist families whose children are starting in transitional kindergarten or kindergarten, as well as older students who will be new to our district.

Please bring the following documents: 2 proofs of resi-

dency (lease/rental agreement, utility bill, etc.), parent/guardian ID, birth certificate and immunization record. Families can speed up the process by starting their application online at bit.ly/slzusdenrollment.

If you're unable to attend the enrollment fair, the SLZUSD Enrollment Office holds drop-in hours from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday and 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday and Friday, through March 16.

For more information, call 510-317-4630 or email enroll@slzusd.org.

## SLAA Free Art Presentation

The San Leandro Art Association will host a free art presentation at its meeting on Tuesday, March 10, at the First Presbyterian Church of San Leandro, 180 Estudillo Ave.

Refreshments at 5:30 p.m., meeting at 6 p.m., and the presentation at 6:30 p.m. John Wehrle, the official artist for the City of Richmond, will talk about

his 50-year career as an artist, from his time as a photographer documenting the Viet Nam War to painting murals for the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles. Members will also display artwork for the Artist of the Month Contest. All ages are welcome. For more information, email contact@sanleandroart.com or visit SanLeandroArt.org.

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# Community Calendar

### Memorial Service for Carl Fieck

A memorial service to honor Carl Fieck, coach from Pacific High School in San Leandro, will be held at the First Methodist Church of San Leandro, 1600 Bancroft Ave., on Saturday, March 7, at 1 p.m.

### First United Methodist Church Labyrinth Prayer Gathering

First United Methodist Church, 1600 Bancroft Ave., will hold Labyrinth Prayer Gatherings on Thursdays at 10 a.m. through April 2. All are welcome.

### First United Methodist Church Senior Citizens Exercise and Meditation

First United Methodist Church, 1600 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro, invites senior citizens to a free program of seated exercise and meditation, followed by conversation and table activities accompanied by tea and healthy snacks on Tuesday mornings through May 19 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Nurture your body, mind, and spirit while building community. Meet in Hale Hall which is entered from Bancroft Avenue. All are welcome, non-denominational, no charge. For more information, call the church office at 510-483-0606.

### Candidate for Judge to Speak at Big Tent Meeting

Big Tent will meet on Saturday, March 14, at 11 a.m. at Families United, 209 Joaquin Ave. in San Leandro. The agenda will include a redlining resolution, Operation Big Vote, and the Youth Advisory Committee. Spotlight awards will be presented to Anna Edwards and Susan Hughes for outstanding accomplishments. The speaker will be Patricia Miles, candidate for Superior Court judge.

### San Leandro High United Parents Crab Feed

San Leandro High School United Parents will host Crab Feed & More on Saturday, March 21, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the San Leandro Boys & Girls Club, 2200 San Leandro Blvd. Includes Dungeness crab, pasta, meatballs, salad French bread, BYO butter, seasoning, etc. Pre-sold tickets only. No tickets at the door. Visit <https://forms.gle/fXkDzQuaieikPYGE7> for tickets. For questions or to pay by check, email [slhsunitedparents@gmail.com](mailto:slhsunitedparents@gmail.com)

### St. John's Church Easter Bake Sale

St. John's Catholic Church, 264 E. Lewelling Blvd. in San Lorenzo will hold an Easter Bake Sale on Saturday, March 21, from 3 to 7 p.m.; and on Sunday, March 22, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. On Sunday enjoy a continental breakfast. For more information, call the church office at 510-351-5050.

### Hill and Valley Club Bunco Madness

The Hill and Valley Club will present Bunco Madness on Saturday, March 21, starting at 10:30 a.m. at the clubhouse, 1808 B Street in Hayward. Your \$25 ticket includes Bunco and lunch, as well as door prizes and Bunco prizes. Make reservations by March 14. For more information or to make your reservation, email [email:pkeathley@icloud.com](mailto:email:pkeathley@icloud.com) or call Pat Keathley at 510-461-1321. Proceeds from this event benefit the club's Pennies for Kids project, which purchases new school clothes for children in need.

### Lose Weight by Joining TOPS

Resolved to lose weight in 2026? Join TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) for the support you need to start your weight loss journey. TOPS is a non profit weight loss support group that meets on Fridays at 9:30 a.m. (doors open at 8:45 a.m.) at the United Methodist Church, 19806 Wisteria St. in Castro Valley. For more information, contact Linda Brooks at 510-461-3894. Join us for fellowship and support. What do you have to lose?

# At the Library

### Family Fun Night at the Main Library: Reptile Show

Jungle James will present a reptile show at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., on Wednesday, March 18, at 6:30 p.m. See reptiles from around the world up close. Doors open at 6:20 p.m. and the show begins at 6:30 p.m. All ages welcome. For more information, call 510-577-3960.

### Festival of Colors: Holi Craft for Kids

Celebrate the joy of Holi at the Festival of Colors with a fun-filled children's program designed especially for kids ages 11 and under, on Saturday, March 14, from 3 to 4 p.m.. Little artists will enjoy colorful crafts and hands-on activities that share the vibrant traditions and spirit of this beloved holiday.

### Movies at the Main

Celebrate Women's History Month with the a free showing of A League of Their Own, on Saturday, March 14 at 2 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. The movie stars Geena Davis, Madonna, Rosie O'Donnell, and Tom Hanks, a humorous true story of the trailblazing women who formed a professional baseball league during World War II. Rated PG. Runtime 128 minutes. Enjoy theater seating, surround sound, and free movie snacks.

### Spring Celebration & Nowruz Festival

The library will host a Traditional Persian Dance Performance & Dance Workshop, Spring Celebration & Nowruz festival, on Saturday, March 14, at 2 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library 300 Estudillo Ave. Learn about traditions, create crafts, and enjoy treats. A fun cultural experience for all ages.

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### Countdown to College: Mapping Your Path to College

Create a year-by-year plan to stay on target and keep college applications stress-free at this Countdown to College workshop on Tuesday, March 17, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library 300 Estudillo Ave.

# More Events

### Ken Seideman Jazz Trio to Play on Saturdays

The Ken Seideman Jazz Trio will perform on Saturdays in March from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on – March 7, March 14, March 21, and March 28 – at the Cordial Wine Bar & Bottle Shop, 3295 Castro Valley Blvd. in Castro Valley. The trio plays jazz, rock, blues and reggae. Ken Seideman on piano and synthesizer, Ed Molyneaux on bass and vocals, and Tim Caldwell on drums. For reservations, call 510-876-3368.

### San Leandro Library's Game Night

Drop in and enjoy board games, share light snacks, and have cozy fun playing with others at the library's Game Night on Tuesday, March 3, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Try a new board game or bring your own game to share for the night. Free for all capabilities.

### SOUL Line Dancing – New Class Alert

The City of San Leandro's Human Services Department will host a new class with NFL Raiderette Alumni Lori Hurley to teach SOUL Line Dancing for men and women 50+ on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the San Leandro Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St. Drop-in at \$10 per class. Register online at [sanleandrorec.org](http://sanleandrorec.org) or stop by the San Leandro Senior Community Center to register. Use course code 27085 for February classes.

### Wildlife Watercolor Paintings at the CVLibrary

Acclaimed local artist Rita Sklar will have a show of her award-winning watercolor wildlife paintings at the Castro Valley Library, 3600 Norbridge Ave., through March. See Oryx, Iguana, Zebras and more. Included will be two of her ribbon-winning paintings from the Alameda County Fair, on sale for half of the original price. See her paintings at "http://www.ritasklar.com."

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# Key Benefits of Investing in Real Estate

By Carl Medford, CRS  
Special to the Times

As someone with funds invested in both real estate and stocks, I understand the benefits of both. I must

confess, however: I'm preferential to property. There are many reasons – here are a few of my favorites: Appreciation and income. Not only can real estate investments increase in value over time, they can

also generate consistent rental income, even if the property goes down in value for a period of time.

Depreciation. Imagine an investment that you can depreciate on an annual basis and deduct

from your taxes while concurrently increasing in value AND producing cash flow. This allows you to show a paper loss on your tax return, effectively reducing taxes owed.

Cost segregation. The IRS allows residential properties to be depreciated on a straight-line basis for 27.5 years. Cost seg-

regation, however, allows you to break segments of the property into shorter periods (eg. 5 years for items with shorter lifespans such as carpet, appliances, etc.) which can dramatically increase short-term deductions.

1031 exchanges. If you sell your primary residence after living in it for a minimum of two years, you can claim a \$250,000 deduction on the proceeds of the sale. If the home is

owned by a couple who are both on title, their combined deductions add up to \$500,000. If the proceeds exceed that amount, then capital gains taxes will be due on the balance. If, however, you own an investment property and choose to sell, you can transfer the entire tax liability to another property and defer capital gains indefinitely. Additionally, if you die owning the property, your heirs get a stepped-up basis, wiping out capital gains.\*

Live-in flip. If you purchase a home and renovate it for a flip, if you live in it as your primary residence 2 of the last 5 years before selling, you can claim the tax deduction mentioned in #4 above. The bonus is that  
*see MEDFORD, on page 5*

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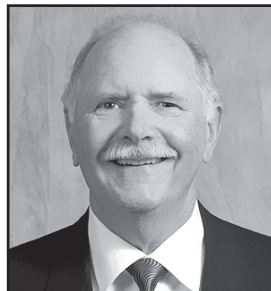
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### Who's Steering this Ship?

San Leandro City Council members, as our elected officials, are tasked with ensuring public safety and maintaining infrastructure, according to our City's web site. This would mandate that it is their duty and responsibility to ensure that Lake Chabot Road (LCR), a major evacuation route for 3,900 people living in Bay-O-Vista, is reopened.

The safety of these citizens must be City Council's top priority. Finding the funding and expertise to get this critical evacuation route reopened for a 60-years-established community of nearly 4,000 San Leandro citizens should be keeping our City Council up at night, and we have received no assurance that this issue is even a priority for them.

Instead, the flexible bollards that were once installed for emergency evacuation in this untenable situation have been replaced with a locked gate – and our City Council and mayor are not aware of this? Who is steering this ship? This should cause us all great concern for how our City is being run.

Additionally, to consider not reopening LCR – and listening to a vocal minority with elite notions that it should be a bicycle and walking path – would be completely irresponsible and neglectful of the City Council given their responsibility for our safety.

Our City Council must communicate clearly – finally, after three years' closure – that it is a top priority to get Lake Chabot Road re-opened. They must immediately put the flexible bollards back in place, and they must swiftly provide a plan for how the road will re-open permanently.

Anything else is unacceptable.

**Robert and Faye Caruso**  
San Leandro

### Re-Open Lake Chabot Road

Editor,  
As a resident in Bay-O-Vista, I am writing to express my profound disappointment regarding the continued closure of Lake Chabot Road (LCR). Over the past three years, this

city has not prioritized public safety or kept the community informed about the status of this vital thoroughfare and critical evacuation route.

The "temporary" closure following the December 2022 storms has stretched into a multi-year ordeal. While the city initially considered alternating one-way traffic—a viable solution for most of the undamaged road—this plan was abandoned without public explanation.

Even more concerning is the recent, unannounced replacement of emergency-passable bollards with locked gates. This change was made without notifying residents or seeking public comment, and it effectively eliminates a critical evacuation route for those of us living in high-wildfire-risk hillside areas.

It is unacceptable that, despite the city securing over \$2 million in federal funding, repairs are not projected to be completed until sometime in 2027, with no guarantee of reopening LCR even then.

As a taxpayer and concerned neighbor, I urge the City Council to stop the delay tactics, prioritize public safety, restore transparent communication, and take immediate, good-faith action to repair and reopen Lake Chabot Road. Our community safety depends on it.

**Teri Schlesinger**  
San Leandro

### Good Things Forgotten

Editor,  
The good things you do are quickly forgotten. You can clean up your town, deliver food, advocate for others. No matter how much you do the price can be high if you don't focus.

All you need is one or two bad actors who see you as vulnerable and they take advantage of you. This can happen to anyone. We are all human. Be kind and try to be supportive no matter how much you feel betrayed. We all stumble. There is a price to be paid, and it will be paid at the end of the day. You get up and start over.

You can't defend bad behavior, but you can try to change it. Good luck, Mr. Azevedo.

**Larry Arnold**  
San Leandro

### The Market Has Never Been Free

Editor,

In arguing against implementation of a Rent Stabilization Ordinance, it has been asserted in letters to this publication that the housing market should be left to the free market to determine rents and availability of our housing stock. I offer a response.

The notion of a "free market" is vague and illusive. Throughout the history of the U.S. since colonial times, controls of prices have been an integral part of the economic landscape. Governments have imposed controls on prices of commodities including fuel, petroleum products, metals, food, and housing during times deemed to be emergencies, including wars and economic hardships.

See the Price Control Acts of WWII that included strict rent controls, the Nixon gas and wage freezes, and recently municipalities' efforts to meet the housing crisis by imposing rent stabilization.

Truth is the market has never been free. When regulations eased, in the '50s, '60s, and early '70s rents soared and housing stock did not keep up with demand.

Thus the notion of "Let America be America and let supply and demand set rental rates" and "Renters always have the option to move to a lower priced dwelling" ignores reality and is proven to not work for the vast majority, the less affluent.

Some assert that the new Rent Stabilization Ordinance does not allow rents to rise sufficiently for owners to maintain properties and make profit.

If owners are not receiving a "fair return," this ordinance provides for a petitioning process to ensure owners receive what the constitution requires, that is, a rate of return, or "profit," equal to what they received in the unregulated market prior to enactment.

It also allows tenants to petition to lower rent when they suffer loss of amenities and services they had at the beginning of their tenancies. Fair is fair.

**Marc S. Janowitz**  
San Leandro



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Former San Leandro City Councilmember Benny Lee speaks, with San Jose City Councilmember Vy Dang to his left, at the rally in support of EBMUD director April Chan on Saturday at the Lunar New Year celebration at Wilma Chan Park in Oakland Chinatown.

## Chan: 'Silencing Asian voices'

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said that was not her intention and that she was sorry for any harm anyone experienced.

Nevertheless, Chan's supporters at the rally called her removal from board positions an affront to the Asian community.

Former San Leandro City Councilmember Benny Lee spoke as one of the half dozen speakers at the rally. Lee said the investigation into the parking lot dispute found that there were not threats other than those directed at Chan,

yet it was Chan who was removed from her vice-president position on the EBMUD board of directors.

San Jose City Councilmember Vy Dang spoke after Lee in support of Chan. Dang and other speakers said there is a lack of Asian representatives to begin with, so muting an Asia board member's voice makes it all the worse.

"An EBMUD Asian director was silenced," Dang said. "That sends a powerful message to our community."

Another Chan supporter said that muting Chan's voice on the board came after Chan had brought up

possible wasteful spending, in the millions, in the EBMUD budget.

"After following up on a whistleblower report, raising this concern and requesting an internal financial audit, April Chan became the target of a political witch hunt, including baseless claims and investigations to discredit her, said Tuan Ngo, founder of Asians Unite.

"Somehow a small matter involving her merely asking about a parking spot became false accusations of racism and violence, baseless claims which she was cleared of by the internal EBMUD security investigation, Ngo said.

## Tax: Council looks at higher tax on utilities


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year. A potential revenue addition would generate another \$6 million to \$7 million annually, and it would be a higher rate than in most areas. It would require a simple majority to pass.


Previous polls show an approval rate of 47 percent by likely voters, which looks unlikely to pass.

Englebart said that there is usually a drop-off in support between when a poll is taken months before an election and voting day.

The current sales tax in San Leandro is 10.75 percent, which is at the state cap, Englebart said. So an increase see *TAX*, page 8



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The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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# Basketball: San Lorenzo makes state playoffs

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Friday during the lunch hour to celebrate the student-athletes, coaches, and staff for making history.

Head coach and San Lorenzo alumni class of 1996 Toby Merchant, Sr. leads a talented and determined young group of players to the CIF State Championship in his first year on the job. He's also able to coach his son Toby

“It's been a great ride this season battling for buckets with my brothers.

— San Lorenzo forward Ronnie Selleaze

Merchant, Jr. on this team. “When we won league I got emotional because I am alumni and it means a lot to come back here and do this,” said coach Merchant. “For me to see my son on the team – I couldn't be more proud of him for the respect he has earned.”

San Lorenzo's state ranking and seeding determines



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**Toby Merchant, Jr. scores a layup for the Grizzlies in the win over Albany.**

whether they play at home in the playoffs or on the road and four of their total five playoff games this season have been on the road.

“It's been a great ride this season battling for buckets with my brothers,” said San Lorenzo forward Ronnie Selleaze. “The greatest moment from this season so far was being in the locker room with my teammates celebrating after we won WACC Shoreline League champions.”

Selleaze had a team high 26 points on 8/13 shooting, and Toby Merchant, Jr. fin-

ished with 10 points in the win over Albany. Selleaze has been the star standout for the Grizzlies in his 12 games for San Lorenzo after sitting out the required first 10 games as a transfer student-athlete from Salesian High.

Selleaze was named WACC Shoreline League unanimous player of the year. He leads the team in and averages of a triple double with 25.8 points and 10.7 rebounds per game to go along with his 3.5 steals average. Enell Kingsley was named to first team all-league.

Jeremiah Oulenoia and Toby Merchant, Jr. were both named second team all-league.

“It is inspiring to younger women who see me at my position that they could do it too if they want to,” said San Lorenzo Athletic Director Seana Flowers. “It's really exciting to me to see how far women in sports has progressed since my time in the 1990's as a collegiate athlete.”

There is more history being made this year at San Lorenzo High School as they have brought on the first female athletic director in school history in Flowers. She is a graduate of Humbolt State University where she played college softball.

“We have a lot of school pride here and this faculty understands my passion for this program,” added coach Merchant.

The Grizzlies beat Venture Academy in Stockton, 76-56, on Tuesday to advance to tonight's (Thursday, March 5) CIF quarterfinal at Natomas High in Sacramento at 7 p.m.

### Kindfulness Meditation

All are welcome to the Kindfulness Meditation on the First and Third Friday of each month from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Wellness Center at All Saints Church, 911 Dowling Blvd. in San Leandro.

# Tax: City Council unanimously passes polling for tax increase

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in the sales tax would require passage by both bodies of the state legislature, which is unlikely.

A potential vacancy tax similar to an Oakland tax produces revenue but poses legal risks. Englebart said the Oakland tax is complicated and a similar tax in San Francisco faced legal challenges.

Council Member Bowen called for informed planning — and Council Member

Simon called out the large budget deficit and the fact that which tax could close it and which tax would meet that need. Inglebart said the budget gap can be addressed by a number of different measures.

The public comments varied as resident Douglas Spalding proposed revenue development, but tempered his case with a wish for fiscal prudence.

The motion was passed unanimously.

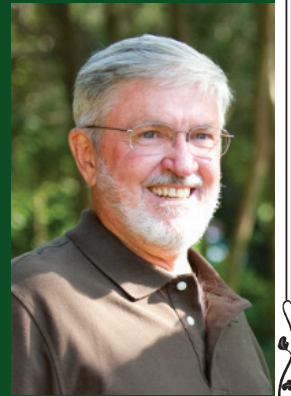
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Candidates must live in District 2 and be registered voters.

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