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PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Tow-truck driver Moises Reyes-Morales won the Driver of the Year award for coming to the aid of drivers stranded on the freeway.

## The Guardian Angel of the Freeway

By Jim Knowles  
San Leandro Times

Moises Reyes-Morales didn't know what was happening when he heard his name called at the Oakland Coliseum before an A's game last month.

The tow-truck driver was invited to

the game and he was watching the awards ceremony but he didn't know he was going to be a part of it.

"I heard my name and I said, 'What?'" Reyes-Morales said.

He had just won the Driver of the Year Award, an honor for the providing the best

service bestowed by the the California Highway Patrol and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

Reyes-Morales says he knows people appreciate his work. He patrols the freeways and when somebody's car breaks down

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## County Plans East 14th St. Improvements

Tuesday meeting first in series to address East 14th problems

By Mike McGuire  
San Leandro Times

The Alameda County Transportation Commission held the first of five public meetings Tuesday night to gather public views on making it much easier to travel along the East 14th Street - Mission Boulevard - Fremont Boulevard "corridor" from San Leandro to Fremont.

The Commission's goal is to provide seamless connections between multiple modes of transport so that fewer local trips need to be made by automobile.

Meeting at the San Leandro Senior Center at 13909 East 14th St., commission staff members were joined by San Leandro city officials to share facts and figures for how the corridor functions now, and seek the public's help in having it meet their needs better in the near future.

People coming to the meeting were asked to fill out an online survey, and were able to talk face-to-face with key people working on the project, including San Leandro Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter and Chief Engineer Keith Cooke.

In addition to providing alternatives to driving everywhere along the corridor, the commission hopes to decrease current traffic congestion. They also want to plan for expected future increases in traffic as economic development occurs along the

road. The modes of transportation the commission is looking into are walking, biking and mass transit, both BART and bus. They see EAST 14th, page 14

## City Buys Back House On Bloom St.

By Mike McGuire  
San Leandro Times

New housing construction approved by the city typically sets aside some portion, usually 15 percent, to be sold as affordable.

Normally, this results in one or more families becoming homeowners who might not have otherwise, and they welcome the opportunity.

Sometimes, though, it doesn't work out that way.

City officials recently took steps to buy back an affordable unit at 713 Bloom St., in the Cherrywood neighborhood, because it wasn't being used for its intended purpose. Now, the property will be resold to a family or individual who meet the guidelines and plan to live there.

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## PACE Center Eases Elderly Challenges

By Mike McGuire  
San Leandro Times

Older people wanting to stay in their homes rather than get care in a residential facility have a relatively new option in town through the PACE program at the

Center for Elders Independence at 1850 Fairway Drive, across the street from San Leandro Kaiser Hospital.

PACE, which stands for Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly, provides a full range of

services that serves seniors' needs while letting them stay in their own homes. People are picked up by a van each weekday and taken to the center, where there are friends, activities, meals, and medical care.

"Your life just got better," reads the sign in front of the center's building that opened in 2018.

One participant who agrees is Edward Barnett, who just turned

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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



Raven



Humo

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter are Raven the puppy and Humo the dog.

**Raven** is a rambunctious, happy-go-lucky, 9-month-old pup. He's looking for an active family to take him on walks and fun adventures. He likes other dogs. Okay with teens. Neutered.

**Humo** is a sweet, energetic 3-year-old Husky. He needs an active family who will help him burn off energy by taking him on walks and playing with him. Okay with older kids. Neutered.

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

## Kiwanis to Host Texas Hold 'em Tournament

Kiwanis Club of San Leandro invites you to a Charitable Poker Tournament on Saturday, Nov. 9, at the The Englander (Comedy Club Room) 101 Parrott St. in San Leandro.

Check-in and free lessons is at 5:30 p.m. The tournament begins at 6:30 p.m. Cost varies: \$60 Buy-in, \$20 Re-buy, and

\$40 Add-on. Includes delicious appetizers.

Beverages available for purchase. Must be 21 or older. All proceeds benefit the charitable projects supported by the Kiwanis club of San Leandro. Tickets are limited to 50. For tickets or for more information, call Mary Grodin at 510-562-1029.



PHOTO COURTESY SAN LEANDRO PLAYERS

Bruce Kaplan, Terry Guillory and Ben Yuen appear in the San Leandro Players production of *Nineteen Eighty-Four*, now playing at the San Leandro Museum/Auditorium.

## SL Players Present Orwell's *Nineteen Eighty-Four* at SL Museum

The San Leandro Players present George Orwell's *1984*, running through Nov. 17, at the San Leandro Museum/Auditorium, 320 West Estudillo Ave.

Show times are Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Two Friday shows at 8 p.m. are scheduled for Nov. 8 and Nov. 15.

Tickets are \$20 general; \$15 seniors, TBA members, under 12, students. For more information or reservations, call 510-895-2573 or visit at [www.slplayers.org](http://www.slplayers.org).

Big Brother is watching in this frighteningly relevant dystopian drama, where the government insists that reality is not "something objective, external,

existing in its own right" but rather, "Whatever Big Brother and The Party holds to be truth."

The show features Ben Yuen, Rosella Bearden, Ron Cook, Bruce Kaplan, Robyn Werk, Terry Guillory, Karen Barbera, Amy Cook, Paul Pedersen, Rob Mueller, Polina Litvak and Trent Beals.

## Run with SLHS Students To Fight Against Vaping

The Multiplying Good Service Club at San Leandro High School will host a 2-mile run on Saturday, Oct. 26, at 10 a.m. starting at the Marina Park, 40 Mulford Point Drive in San Leandro.

The run will raise awareness about the danger of vaping and to promote healthy and fun activities.

Vaping is being marketed to

kids and young adults and the dangers of this addictive product are being concealed.

Runners can buy a T-shirt at the run, designed by San Leandro High students, for \$25 that will go to ALS research and help fight vaping, or just come and run. It's not a requirement to buy the T-shirt.

You can RSVP for the run at <https://cgarciya979.wixsite.com/attackthevape>.

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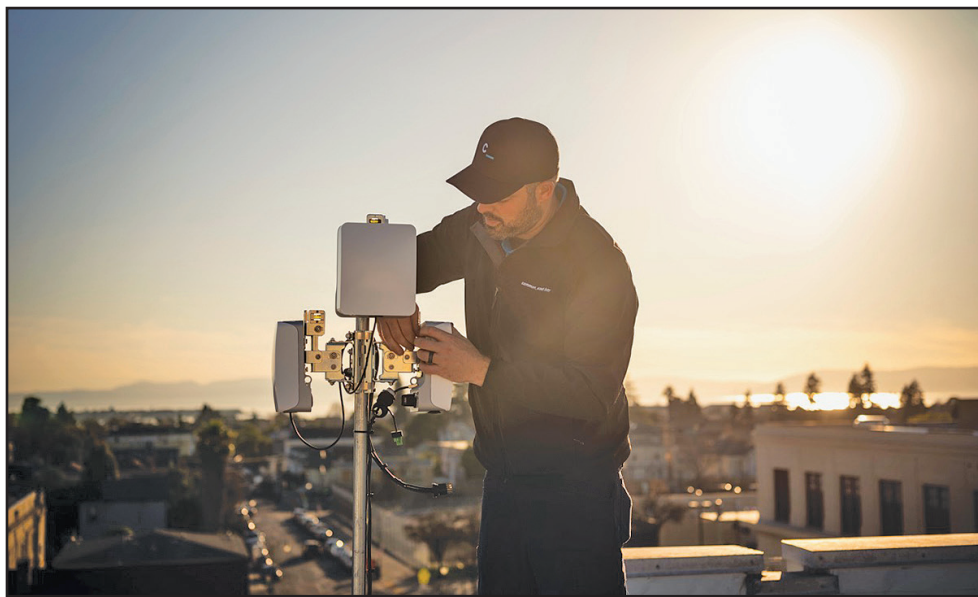


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## City Joins with Common Networks 5G Company

By Jessica Caballero  
San Leandro Times

The City of San Leandro had a press conference on Sept. 25, celebrating its partnership with San Francisco-based internet service provider Common Networks, bringing citywide 5G wireless access to San Leandro residents.

The residential launch at the San Leandro Tech Campus featured Common Networks' CEO and co-founder Zach Brock, San Leandro Mayor Pauline Cutter, the city Chief Technology Officer Tony Battala, and state Senator Nancy Skinner.

The city of San Leandro was named a Top 10 Digital City by the Center for Digital Government in 2017, attracting Common Networks as part of San Leandro's Smart City Strategy, accessible to the public through the City of San Leandro's website.

Senator Skinner wanted to support this private/public partnership, "that has the promise of addressing this digital divide which we still have."

That digital divide is the difference in access to the internet where many cannot fill out forms for jobs, college, or government assistance that are not mobile-friendly because of the lack of always accessible internet in their homes and communities.

Brock was working at mobile payments startup Square with co-founder Mark Jen and other colleagues when they also saw that even with the Bay Area being at the pinnacle of technology, most people were not happy with their internet and paid a lot for it. He and his partners decided to tackle that problem.

Using the 22 miles of fiber optic cable installed by the city in 2011, the Common Networks' grid is strengthened by its surrounding connections. The foundation transmitters were placed in commercial buildings, schools, and public parks. That coverage area enabled the expansion into residential areas.

"We call them 'first hot homes'," Brock said, "Places that are directly connected back to that fiber and those homes, in turn, rebroadcast the signal for other people."

"To get it out as many places as we can," said Mayor Cutter, "It's the redundancy – if you're blocked from this way, you're still getting it from other places."

Common Networks installs with a simple antenna on the roof

and looks similar to other cable hardware, "except instead of pointing up at a satellite in space, we're connecting you to other homes in the neighborhood," explained Brock.

It is this community aspect of the system that separates it from major internet companies like AT&T and Comcast, who are also pushing the change to a 5G fiber internet connection for its speed and reliability.

"With most traditional systems, the more people you add to them – typically the worse they get – and with us, it's actually the better it gets," stated Brock.

Currently, Common Networks offers three speed tiers of service and is pushing to provide even faster speeds in the future throughout the Bay Area.



The 5G system uses a network of transmitters.

## Tips for Riding Out Quake If You Move a Little Slower

The Ground is Shaking... Drop, Cover and Hold On!

But what should you do if you can't drop? LIFE ElderCare has some tips.

"I remember what it felt like when the Big One hit" Aretha Johnson said. "30 years ago I was able to drop down and take cover when my house started shaking; just the way Emergency Services tells us to do. But now I'm 75 and use a walker. What will I do when the next one comes?"

If you, like Aretha, have difficulty getting onto the ground, or cannot get back up again without help, do this when you feel an earthquake:

- If you are in a recliner or bed: Cover your head and neck with your arms or a pillow until the shaking stops.

- If you use a cane or a walker: Drop, Cover, and Hold On or sit on a chair, bed, etc. and cover your head and neck with both hands. Keep your cane near you so it can be used when the shaking stops.

- If you use a walker or wheelchair: Lock your wheels (if able). If using a walker get as low as possible. Bend over and cover your head/neck with your arms, a book, or a pillow. Then hold on during shaking.

And what about supplies? Aretha gets help to go shopping through LIFE ElderCare's assisted transportation services. Eligible adults (age 80+ or disabled) get two trips per week.

Now through the end of the year, in honor of the 2019 Great California ShakeOut, they can get an extra trip to shop for emergency supplies. During the trip, the driver will also chat about ways to keep as safe as possible during an earthquake and distribute ShakeOut brochures.

If you – or a family member, friend, or neighbor – do not have someone to help and cannot navigate the community alone, give LIFE ElderCare a call at



Aretha Johnson is now prepared for the big quake.

510-894-0370.

And please call LIFE ElderCare if you can be one of these amazing drivers. Take an older adult out to an appointment or shopping once or twice a month. It is one of the best things you can do for your community and for yourself.

Take time to learn how to stay safe. The Great California Shakeout website ([www.shakeout.org](http://www.shakeout.org)) has an enormous

amount of easy-to-understand information and resources in various languages on earthquake readiness.

LIFE ElderCare is an Alameda County non-profit that provides free services and support to help older adults get access to nutritious food, transportation, safety, socialization, and other resources to help them age at home with optimal health and connection.

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# NEIGHBORS

## Thank You Gloria for Years of Service

Once a year the volunteers at San Leandro Hospital are recognized at a luncheon hosted by Jason Pokorny, program manager of Alameda County Hospital Services.

The volunteer who went above and beyond over many years was Gloria Pineo of San Leandro who began volunteering for the San Leandro Hospital in 1973.

Gloria has been active during all these 47 years holding office of past president for many years, and is currently the treasurer, overseeing the scholarships that are awarded to San Leandro students who plan to go into the medical field.

There are over 40 men and women volunteers, age 18 to 93, who give their time assisting the nurses and working in the gift shop.

"Volunteering is so rewarding," said Gloria, and that is one reason she has continued

her tenure. She was born in San Leandro where she raised her son with her husband Jim.

One of her fondest memories she shared was when she was 16 years old. During her school years she volunteered for the county at Fairmont Hospital. She would visit polio patients who were in iron lungs, taking dictation from them to write their stories for a local newspaper.

She traveled to Europe in the 1970s to visit her dad's home town in Italy when women didn't usually travel alone. She has always been a trial blazer.

When San Leandro Hospital was known as Doctor's Hospital many years ago, they had maternity wards. The volunteers would sew large Christmas stockings during the month of December for the new moms taking their newborns home. The babies would fit inside the beautifully decorated large



**The San Leandro Hospital volunteers honored Gloria Pineo for her many years of service.**

stockings. The "Bootie Brigade" volunteers would knit little booties for the newborns.

Congratulations, Gloria, for a job well done. Everybody thanks you for your time and endless energy.

## San Leandro's Annual Pumpkin Splash

The City of San Leandro invites youth to the Annual Pumpkin Splash, on Friday, Oct. 25, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Family Aquatic Center located at 14900 Zelma St.

The annual Pumpkin Splash will transform the San Leandro Family Aquatic Center pool into a floating pumpkin patch where youth ages five to 17

and pick pumpkins. Children under the age of six must be accompanied by an adult. A cash bar will be available. The event is free and open to all. The event is a community fundraiser for the San Leandro Family Aquatic Center. Tickets are \$15. Early bird tickets are \$15.

Before Services Department's website at [www.sanleandrorec.org](http://www.sanleandrorec.org). Register in-person at the San Leandro Senior Community Center located at 13909 East 14th Street or Marina Community Center at 15301 Wicks Boulevard. For more information, contact Lydia Rodriguez, Recreation Supervisor at 510-577-3477 or [lrdriguez@sanleandro.org](mailto:lrdriguez@sanleandro.org).

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Deadline for Calendar Items is Friday for the Following Week



### ❖ Halloween Festival

The Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd., will host a Halloween Festival on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 3 to 5 p.m. Come dressed in your Halloween costume to play games and win prizes. Featuring Mister Q's Music show. Don't miss this annual Manor Halloween event for all ages.

### ❖ Psychic Fair

You won't want to miss the second local Psychic Fair on Saturday, Oct. 26, from noon to 5 p.m., at the Historic Peralta House, 561 Lafayette Ave. in San Leandro. Admission is free, free classes/sound healing, and free tours of the house. Magical offerings include: psychics, mediums, tarot & oracle card readings, aura photos, Ayurvedic healing, CBD products, beautiful jewelry, Orgonite products, crystals, and much, much more. Adult fun for everyone. For more information, contact Marion Oldenhage at [MysticPortalAcademy@gmail.com](mailto:MysticPortalAcademy@gmail.com).

### ❖ 4th Sunday Breakfast for Veterans

American Legion Post 117 will host breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 27, from 8 to 11 a.m. at the San Leandro Veterans Memorial Bldg., 1105 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro. The menu will be eggs-to-order, bacon/sausage, hash browns, toast and coffee. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$5 for veterans, and all others. All donations benefit American Legion veteran programs. No breakfast in November or December.

### ❖ Eden Garden Club

The next meeting of the Eden Garden Club will be Monday, Oct. 28, at 9:30 a.m. at the Moose Lodge, 20835 Rutledge Road in Castro Valley, with plants, gardening items, books, crafts, household items, baked goods and more. Silent Auction for special items. Exchange will be from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Funds raised will benefit local school gardening programs, reforestation and other environmental programs. Meetings are free and guests are welcome. For more information, call 510-397-1268.

### ❖ Halloween Party at 1st Presbyterian

The First Presbyterian Church, 180 Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro, invites you to a Halloween Party Wednesday, Oct. 30, at 6 p.m. All ages are welcome. Fun activities for elementary school kids. Costumes encouraged. No masks or weapons please. For more information, call 510-483-2772 or email: [office@firstpresbyterianchurchsl.org](mailto:office@firstpresbyterianchurchsl.org)

### ❖ Apply for the Live Your Dream Award

Soroptimist International of the East Bay invites applications for the annual \$1,000 Live Your Dream Award. If you are a woman with financial responsibility for yourself and a dependent and enrolled in an undergraduate or technical training program please apply at: [bit.ly/LYDA-apply](mailto:bit.ly/LYDA-apply) or contact Donna Whitehouse at 510-924-7622 or [rambosmom@comcast.net](mailto:rambosmom@comcast.net) for more information. The deadline for applications is November 15.

### ❖ Marine Corps Birthday Breakfast

The annual Birthday Breakfast honoring the 244th birthday of the Marine Corps. will be on Saturday, Nov. 2, at 8 a.m. at the San Leandro Veterans Hall, 1105 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro. The cost for the breakfast is \$20 at the door.

### ❖ Bingo Night at the Carpenters Hall

The Goodie Bag Lady is hosting a bingo night fundraiser on Saturday, Nov. 2, at 6 p.m. at Carpenters Hall, 1050 Mattox Road in Hayward. Cost starts at \$30. Adults only. Snack

bar, enter to win prizes. No alcohol. The Baggie Lady makes goodie bags for needy children at local shelters.

### ❖ Hill & Valley Club Scholarship Bazaar

The Hill and Valley Club will hold its annual scholarship bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the clubhouse, 1808 B St. in Hayward. Featured items include jewelry, homemade jams, jellies, candy, baked goods, gift baskets, handcrafted items, holiday decorations, collectibles, plants, books, and more. Box lunches are available for \$5. To reserve your box lunch, call 510-785-2053 by Oct. 25th. This event funds scholarships for graduating seniors from local high schools and assists nursing students with the cost of State tests.

### ❖ SL Readers Roundtable

The San Leandro Readers Roundtable meets on Saturday, Nov. 2, at 2 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., to discuss *One Station Away*, Olaf Olafsson's story of a neurologist and the three women who influence his life. All are welcome, and all books discussed are available for purchase in the Library's Book-tique bookstore.

### ❖ I.D.E.S. Lunch & Bingo

I.D.E.S. St. John, 1670 Orchard Ave. in San Leandro, will have a Turkey & Bingo lunch on Saturday, Nov. 2, at noon. Tickets are \$15 per person. Lunch includes 4 bingo cards. Additional cards may be purchased for 25¢ each. For more information or tickets, call Darlene at 510-972-0366, Willie at 510-635-6326 or Frances at 510-886-1568.

### ❖ Buon Tempo Club Family Dinner

The Buon Tempo Club is having a family dinner on Tuesday, Nov. 5, at 7 p.m. at Mt. Tabor Hall, Transfiguration Church, 4000 E. Castro Valley Blvd. in Castro Valley. Everyone is welcome. Chef Joseph Sotello will be serving a five course family style of Italian Roast Beef dinner. Red and white wine and soda are included. Happy hour is at 6 p.m. Cost is \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members. Make reservations by Friday, Nov. 1, by calling 510-483-6929 (option 1). For more information, visit our website at [www.buontempoclub.org](http://www.buontempoclub.org).

### ❖ C.V. Women's Club Holiday Fundraiser

The Castro Valley Women's Club invites you to its 7th annual Holiday Fundraiser for SOS Meals On Wheels on Friday, Nov. 1, from 5 to 8:pm and Saturday, Nov. 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the clubhouse, 18330 Redwood Road in Castro Valley. Local artists and their unique handmade crafts will be on display. Food prepared by Chef Eric will be sold for eating in or take-out. The popular Pick-Your-Prize is filled with great gifts from local business, including the grand prize from the Claremont Hotel. There will be musical entertainment on Friday evening.

### ❖ Nutrition Class & Cooking Demonstration

The San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. invites residents to attend Fresh Approach's VeggieRX nutrition class and cooking demonstration on Thursday, Nov. 7, from 6 to 7 p.m. The class will include a cooking demonstration, where participants can taste delicious, tasty and healthy recipes made with seasonal fruits and vegetables. Learn a new recipe just in time for the holidays. Space is limited. Please register in-person or call the Main Library at 510-577-3971 to sign up for the class. For more information, call the Main Library Information Desk at 510-577-3971.

## HOROSCOPE by Salomé

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**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Caution dominates the Sheep's monetary aspect this week. Rams and Ewes might want to shear their big spending plans until a more favorable financial picture begins to emerge by week's end.



**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Thrift counts both at home and at work. So you might want to rethink major purchases or investments. Also, be wary of a so-called revelation about a previous decision.



**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Both household budgets and workplace accounts might benefit from some judicious trimming of unnecessary expenses. A partnership could lead to an unexpected challenge.



**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** A previously overlooked opportunity could re-emerge with a new travel-related matter. Check this out carefully to see if it's what you really want before you decide one way or another.



**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** This could be the start of a new career-changing phase, so start marking down your many accomplishments for those who need to know how much you have to offer. Good luck.



**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** It's not too early for the sometimes procrastinating Virgo to start making those long-distance travel plans. The sooner you decide where to go, when to go and how to go, the better.



**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Financial matters once again figure in any major action you might take regarding career, travel or other endeavors. You'll want a ready reserve to help you back up those moves.



**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Trying to resolve a problem in a personal relationship could be more difficult than you'd expected. Look into the possibility that someone might be interfering for his or her own reasons.



**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** A project you once rejected might be more attractive because of changes that you feel you can now work with. The weekend is especially favorable to family matters.



**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** This is a good week for the gregarious Goat to enjoy being with people you care for. You might even want to show off those creative kitchen skills you're so adept at.



**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** A colleague might think your attitude is patronizing or even outright insulting. True. That might be his or her problem. But you might want to take some reassuring steps anyway.



**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** It's a good time to jettison those old concepts about a family matter you might have been holding on to. This will help make room for a new and more enlightened way of dealing with it.

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# House: Agreement not kept

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Neighborhood residents had complained of an illegal Airbnb operation there, and the city investigated, said San Leandro Economic Development Director Tom Liao.

They found that the original owner had refinanced the property several times, which violated her affordable housing agreement

“This situation is not an everyday occurrence.

— Economic Development Director Tom Liao

with the city because it was for more than the original purchase price. Then, she moved out of the county, no longer occupying the house, but tried to rent it out to others.

When the owner tried to sell the property to an investor, the city placed a lien, blocking its sale, Liao said.

The city found the owner, but got more traction dealing with the lender, who effectively owned the property after the owner default-



PHOTO BY MIKE McGUIRE

**The affordable property at 713 Bloom St. that the city repurchased and will sell to an eligible first-time home-buyer.**

ed on the loans, Liao said.

The lender, LoanStream, cooperated fully with the city in the buyback, according to Liao. The city paid the purchase price, corrected for inflation since then.

Liao said that the city does check on whether the buyers of affordable housing are actually living at the property, about once a year. Almost always, he said, they are.

“This situation is not an everyday occurrence, not the norm,” he said.

His department took the situ-

ation to the City Council, which approved the repurchase at its Oct. 7 meeting.

It was good to get the council’s permission to repurchase, Liao said. We’ll eventually get back most of it when the house is resold to an eligible first-time homebuyer, he added.

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
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Pursuant to Business and  
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Sections 17900-17930

The name of the businesses:  
Alexis Robert located at 1350 Estudillo Ave., San Leandro, CA 94577, in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): OnClimate LLC, 1350 Estudillo Ave., San Leandro, CA 94577. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. This business commenced N/A.  
/s/ OnClimate LLC

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**OCT 17, 24, 31, NOV 07, 2019  
0169-SLT**

**NOTICE OF PETITION  
TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF**

**Harold Andrade  
Case Number:  
RP19-036475**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **Harold Andrade.**

A Petition for Probate has been filed by **Donald B. Fraga** in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda. The Petition for Probate requests that **Donald B. Fraga** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

**A HEARING on the petition will be held on 11/25/2019, 9:31 a.m., Dept. 201, at 2120 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA 94704.**

**IF YOU OBJECT** to the granting of the petition you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

**IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent**, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the **later** of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

**YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court.** If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner: Marlene P. Getchell  
790 Mission Avenue, San Rafael, CA 94901 (415) 457-8830 x 578  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
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Pursuant to Business and  
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Sections 17900-17930

The name of the businesses:  
Fast Lane Security located at PO Box 663, San Leandro, CA 94577, in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Akram Morrar, PO Box 663, San Leandro, CA 94577. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced N/A.  
/s/ Akram Morrar

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
Pursuant to Business and  
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Sections 17900-17930

The name of the businesses:  
Alameda County Equestrian located at 6671 Ebensburg Lane, Dublin, CA 94568, in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1) Dawn L. Benson (2) Greg Benson, 6671 Ebensburg Lane, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a married couple. This business commenced N/A.  
/s/ Dawn L. Benson, Greg Benson

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
Pursuant to Business and  
Professions Code  
Sections 17900-17930

The name of the businesses:  
Registration Express Services located at 2835 Miller St., San Leandro, CA 94577, in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Nhung Thanh Cao, 2835 Miller St., San Leandro, CA 94577. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced 10/03/2019.  
/s/ Nhung Thanh Cao

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
Pursuant to Business and  
Professions Code  
Sections 17900-17930

The name of the businesses:  
One Way Legal Administrative Solutions located at 320 Best Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94577, in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Walter Lee Hill Jr., 320 Best Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94577. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced N/A.  
/s/ Walter Lee Hill Jr.

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FILE NO. 564198

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
Pursuant to Business and  
Professions Code  
Sections 17900-17930

The name of the businesses:  
MYT Janitor Service located at 26775 Tyrrell Ave., Hayward, CA 94544, in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Melvin A. Aguilera Sanchez, 26775 Tyrrell Ave., Hayward, CA 94544. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced 10/07/2019.  
/s/ Melvin A. Aguilera Sanchez

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FILE NO. 563835

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
Pursuant to Business and  
Professions Code  
Sections 17900-17930

The name of the businesses:  
Rose Rosary located at 41 Astrida Drive, Hayward, CA 94544, in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Cathrine Cosmiano, 41 Astrida Drive, Hayward, CA 94544. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced N/A.  
/s/ Cathrine Cosmiano

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Expires SEPTEMBER 25, 2024

**OCT 03, 10, 17, 24, 2019  
0159-SLT**

Honorable Robert G. Olson  
Ninth Judicial District Court  
Pondera County, Montana  
226 – 1st Street South  
PO Box 822  
Shelby, MT 59474  
(406) 424-8360

**MONTANA NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, PONDERA COUNTY**

In the Matter of	)	
J. W. M.	)	Case No. DN-18-02
YOUTH IN NEED OF CARE	)	

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**

**TO: ROBERT HENRY MATOS**

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that Petitions have been filed in the above-entitled Court by the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, Child and Family Services Division (hereinafter DPHHS), 300 North Virginia Street, Suite 320, Conrad, MT 59425, requesting termination of Parental Rights with the DPHHS’s right to consent to adoption.

**NOW, THEREFORE, YOU ARE HEREBY DIRECTED** to appear on the **4th day of November, 2019 at 11:00 o’clock a.m.**, Mountain Standard Time, in the courtroom of the Pondera County Courthouse, 20 4th Avenue SW, Conrad, Montana, then and there to show cause, if any you may have, why DPHHS’s request for relief should not be granted.

The Youth, J.W.M., was born in 2015. The Youth’s Birth Mother is Catherine Annette Tuell, a/k/a Catherine Annette Brown and his Birth Father is Robert Henry Matos.

You have the right to be represented by an attorney in these proceedings. If you are unable to afford an attorney, the Court will appoint an attorney to represent you.

Your failure to appear at the Hearing will constitute a denial of interest in the Child, which denial may result in, without further notice of this proceeding or any subsequent proceeding, a judgment by default being entered for the relief requested in the Petition.

A copy of the Petition hereinbefore referred to is filed with the Clerk of District Court for Pondera County, (406) 271-4026, and is hereby served upon you at this time.

WITNESS the Honorable Robert G. Olson, Judge of the above-entitled Court and the Seal of this Court this 30th day of September, 2019.

(SEAL) **Laurie Eisenzimer**

Laurie Eisenzimer  
Clerk of District Court

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

**OCT 10, 17, 24, 2019  
0160-SLT**

## ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No: RG19031417

Superior Court of California, County of Alameda. In the matter of the petition to change the name(s) of **Martin Torres**. Petitioner(s) **Martin Torres** has/have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name(s) as follows: **MARTIN LUIS TORRES** to **MARTIN JOSEPH TORRES**. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. **1221 Oak Street Dept. 17, Oakland, CA 94612 on NOVEMBER 11, 2019 at 11:00 o’clock am.** A copy of this order to show cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county The San Leandro Times. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter are directed to make known any objection that they may have to the granting of the petition for change of name by filing a written objection, which includes the reasons for the objection, with the court at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and by appearing in court at the hearing to show cause why the petition for change of name should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

**Dated: OCTOBER 11, 2019**

**Wynne Carvill - Judge of the Superior Court**

**OCT 17, 24, 31, NOV 07, 2019  
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## LIFESTYLE



## A Passion for Pumpkin

From October to December, everything — bagels, bread, cookies, ice cream, scones — seems to contain pumpkin. And for good reason.

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**PUMPKIN GINGERBREAD**

2 cups all-purpose flour  
1 cup whole-wheat flour  
1 cup sugar  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1 teaspoon ginger  
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg  
3/4 cup butter or margarine  
2 large eggs  
1 can (1 pound) pumpkin  
1/2 cup light molasses  
1/4 cup milk  
1-1/2 teaspoons baking soda  
Whipped cream

In a large bowl, stir together flours, sugar and spices. With a pastry blender or your fingers, cut or rub in butter until mixture resembles coarse meal. Set aside 2/3 cup of the mixture.

In a small bowl, beat eggs, pumpkin, molasses, milk and baking soda to blend. Add to dry ingredients and stir until just evenly moistened. Pour into a greased 8- by 12-inch baking pan. Sprinkle with reserved flour mixture.

Bake in a 350°F oven until top is firm to touch, about 50 minutes. Cool slightly. Serve gingerbread warm, adding whipped cream to taste. Serves 8 to 10.

**PUMPKIN CHEESECAKE**

2 pounds cream cheese  
1-1/2 cups sugar  
3 eggs

1 cup whipping cream  
2 (1-pound) cans pumpkin  
2 teaspoons vanilla  
1 tablespoon pumpkin pie spice

**Graham Cracker Crust Sour Cream Topping**

Blend cream cheese with sugar until smooth. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating until blended. Add whipping cream, pumpkin, vanilla and spice, blending thoroughly.

Pour into Graham Cracker Crust. Bake at 300°F for 1-1/2 hours or until cake sets. Remove and let rest 10 minutes, then pour Sour Cream Topping over cheesecake. Cool thoroughly before removing from pan. Chill. Makes 1 (10-inch) cheesecake.

**Graham Cracker Crust**

1 teaspoon soft butter  
1-1/4 cups graham cracker crumbs  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/4 cup sugar

1/4 cup melted butter

Brush 10-inch springform pan with soft butter. Mix crumbs, cinnamon, sugar and melted butter. Press onto bottom of pan.

**Sour Cream Topping**

1 pound sour cream  
1/2 cup sugar  
2 teaspoon vanilla

Blend sour cream, sugar and vanilla until smooth.

**PUMPKIN-ORANGE BREAD PUDDING**

2 cups bread cubes  
1/2 cup raisins  
1 cup orange juice  
2 tablespoons butter  
1/3 cup sugar  
1 tablespoon grated orange zest  
1/4 teaspoon orange extract, plus a few drops  
1 cup scalded milk (see note)  
3 eggs, lightly beaten  
1 cup pumpkin purée

**Whipped cream**

Preheat oven to 325°F. Place the bread cubes in buttered 2-quart 8- by 11-inch baking dish. Sprinkle on raisins. In bowl, blend orange juice, butter, sugar, orange zest, extract and milk.

Blend in the eggs and pumpkin and pour over bread mixture. Bake about 30 minutes, or until set. Serve with whipped cream flavored with the few drops of orange extract.

*Note:* To scald milk, slowly heat it until small bubbles appear around the edges. Do not let milk boil.

**SPICY PUMPKIN BREAD**

2/3 cup vegetable oil, plus extra for greasing pan  
2 eggs  
1 cup sugar  
1 cup canned pumpkin  
1/3 cup dark corn syrup  
1 tablespoon vanilla extract  
1-1/2 cups flour, plus extra for preparing pan  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
2-1/2 teaspoons cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon allspice  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 cup chopped walnuts  
1/2 cup dried currants  
Butter, optional

Beat oil, eggs and sugar with electric mixer until thick and flowing, about 1 minute. Add pumpkin, corn syrup and vanilla and mix well.

Combine flour, baking soda, cinnamon, allspice, salt, walnuts and currants in medium bowl. Add to pumpkin mixture and mix well.

Pour into buttered and floured 9x5-inch loaf pan. Bake at 350 degrees until dark brown and toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, about 1 hour, 10 minutes. Cool in pan 5 minutes. Turn onto wire rack to cool completely. Cut into thin slices and serve with softened butter if desired. Makes 12 to 16 servings.

*Note:* For best flavor and texture, make this bread a day or two ahead, wrapped in foil and

kept at room temperature.

**PUMPKIN-BLUEBERRY MUFFINS**

1-2/3 cups all-purpose flour  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon ground allspice  
1 cup Libby's Pumpkin  
1/4 cup low-fat milk  
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, softened  
1 cup packed light brown sugar  
1 large egg  
1 cup fresh blueberries  
1 tablespoon all-purpose flour  
Streusel topping (see below)

Preheat oven to 350°F. Paper-line or grease 12 regular muffin cups.

Combine 1-2/3 cups flour, baking soda, baking powder, salt, cinnamon and allspice in large bowl. Combine pumpkin and milk in another small bowl. Beat butter and brown sugar in large mixer bowl until creamy. Add egg; beat until fluffy. Alternately add flour and pumpkin mixtures to butter mixture; beating just until blended. Combine blueberries and 1 tablespoon flour in small bowl. Stir gently into mixture.

Spoon batter gently into prepared muffin cups. Sprinkle Streusel Topping over batter.

Bake for 30 to 35 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center

comes out clean. Cool in pan for 10 minutes; remove to wire rack to cool. Store muffins in covered container.

**For Streusel Topping:** Combine 2 tablespoons flour, 2 tablespoons granulated sugar and 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon in small bowl. Using a fork, cut in 1 tablespoon butter until mixture is crumbly.

**SPICED PUMPKIN FUDGE**

3 cups sugar  
3/4 cup butter  
2/3 cup evaporated milk  
1 cup solid-pack pumpkin  
1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice  
1 (12-ounce) package butterscotch morsels  
1 (7-ounce jar) marshmallow creme  
1 cup chopped almonds, toasted  
1 teaspoon vanilla

In heavy saucepan, combine sugar, butter, milk, pumpkin and spices; bring to boil, stirring constantly. Continue boiling over medium heat, stirring, until mixture reaches 234°F on candy thermometer.

Remove from heat and stir in butterscotch morsels. Add marshmallow creme, nuts and vanilla, mixing until well-blended. Quickly pour into greased 13-by-9-inch baking pan, spreading just until even.

Cool at room temperature; cut into squares. Store tightly wrapped in refrigerator. Makes 3 pounds of fudge.

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# PACE: 'If they were open on weekends, I would be here'

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60 with a party at the center, and who deals with several physical challenges. He had been living in Clear Lake, a two-hour drive from here, when he heard about the program. He moved down here to join, staying with his niece in San Lorenzo, and comes to the center every weekday.

"If they were open on weekends, I'd be here," he said. "It's exactly what I need and want."

Barnett had been treated at various hospitals before coming to the San Leandro center in September 2018. He gets the Hep C meds he needs and gets his teeth checked once a month at another center in East Oakland. "Since I've been here I got new dentures and new glasses," he said.

He also got a new power wheelchair, making him sometimes literally hard to keep up with.

Barnett said he has lots of friends in the program. They gather every day, both men and women, at Table 13 to talk about "everything and anything."

He likes arts, especially woodcraft. He has made several wooden objects located around the center, notably a Statue of Liberty and wooden birds in the center's windows. The Statue of Liberty is a bit smaller than the original, but it's arguably more colorful.

He felt himself getting weak before he came to the program, but now he exercise every day in the center's gym and feels himself getting better and stronger.

Center for Elders Independence CEO Linda Trowbridge

said that PACE programs try to provide a "3-legged stool" providing "everything a person needs, except housing."

In addition to medical care, PACE provides dental, vision, podiatry, home care and case management services that are reimbursed by both Medicare and Medi-Cal.

Center for Elders Independence (CEI) also supports seniors with physical, occupational and massage therapy, transportation to medical appointments and CEI centers, nutritious food served in centers and delivered to homes, other in-home services, social outings and a senior fitness gym.

PACE also handles translation at medical appointments if needed, and manages medications, which are delivered to the patient's home. They also handle all billing and will help patients sign up for Medi-Cal when they first enroll. Transportation is provided to medical appointments.

PACE care teams include 11 professional disciplines. These teams meet in one room to review individual care plans and changes in health, socializing and emotional well-being for each patient.

Trowbridge said they tried to design the San Leandro center around participants' needs and desires, using focus groups to learn the latter.

She said participants wanted to walk into the building, get a cup of coffee and socialize with friends in a place that wasn't a large dining room. So when people arrive at the San Leandro center, they almost immediately pass a coffee area and then see



PHOTO BY MIKE MCGUIRE

**Musicians, from left, Alfred Lisboa and Jesus Arellano (himself a PACE participant) play for a lunchtime audience at the San Leandro's Center for Elders Independence. Yu Zhen (center) was among those enjoying the concert.**

a lounge area where people can meet.

Activity rooms line the hallway near the front door. Participants and their families can also meet with caregivers there, Trowbridge said.

There's both a big dining room, where entertainment is often provided, and a smaller one for those preferring a cozier setting. There is a choice of menu items every day, Trowbridge said.

She added that the foods participants most wanted added were entree salads and sandwiches for lunch.

"We try to create the restaurant experience as much as possible, not only to make it pleasant but because some of our participants might have trouble dining out when they're at home," Trowbridge said. "We make sure

to have bright colors and a choice of items."

Adjacent to the dining room is a demonstration kitchen where participants can prepare meals, perhaps ones they would have made at home. Tools are provided, and cooks and other participants eat what's prepared there.

The center provides foods that appeal to the 27 nationalities and ethnicities represented there, and special dietary needs are met as well. Dieticians are part of the professional staff, Trowbridge said.

Translators are provided for those who need them, whether for medical or social needs, she emphasized.

The focus groups also showed that people wanted a quiet room, spiritual center and computer room, Trowbridge said. The

spiritual center has items from all major faiths included.

Outings are arranged to places like Marina Park for a picnic, and there are special events like the Sweetheart Dance every February. Not only do people make friends at the center, but romance sometimes blooms and there's been at least one marriage between people who met at the center.

On the day this reporter visited, two men entertained the crowd at lunch with Beatles songs, including at least one obscure to all but the most committed Beatles fans. While the guitarist had been invited in for the occasion, his singing partner was a program participant.

There is a big gym, needed for physical therapy but open for patient use at any time and designed to look as appealing as a commercial gym. Outside in the patio, there is a basketball hoop now with plans to add a bocce court and other sports facilities in the near future, said Trowbridge.

Participants can receive home health care services as well, said PACE spokeswoman Dianna Garrett, and this sometimes helps ensure participants' needs are being fully met.

Garrett said she "fell in love with the PACE concept" when a man who had not been visiting the center told a home health worker that he was a big jazz fan. The health worker passed this on to staff back at the center. They arranged for him to not only play jazz at the center, but to give talks on it to others and encourage

them to play. This gave the man a very good reason to visit the center regularly again.

Besides traditional Western medicine, Trowbridge said, the center also provides massage therapy, acupuncture, yoga and t'ai chi. In addition to simply making participants feel better, the alternative therapies also often reduce the need for pain medications that can come with side effects, she said.

The PACE concept was pioneered by the famed On Lok seniors center in San Francisco, where insights about seniors' well being from other countries was mixed with American geriatric medicine.

It has since spread to about 130 PACE centers located across the United States. Center for Elders Independence runs several other PACE centers in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

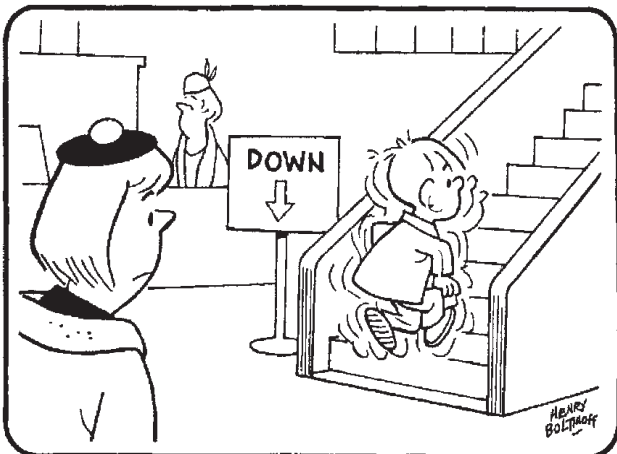
Patients are eligible for PACE if they are over 55 or if they have multiple medical problems, take multiple medications or have trouble with the tasks of everyday living.

The average age is about 78, and participants usually spend about 4½ years in the program. Women make up about 65 percent of the participants in San Leandro, while men make up 35. There's an active effort to encourage more men to join, with programming of particular interest to men being introduced.

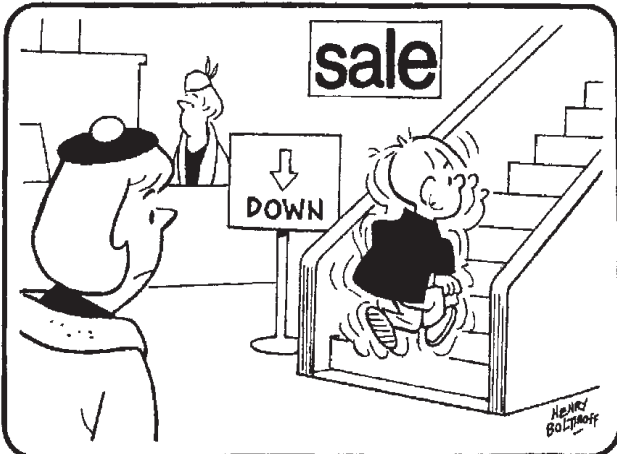
People interested in the PACE program for themselves or family members can contact CEI at 510-433-1150 or online at [cei.elders.org](http://cei.elders.org).

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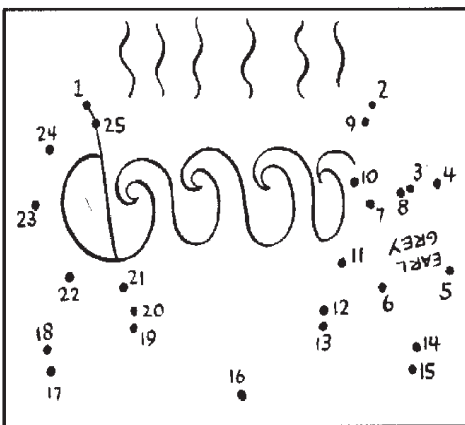
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Boy's jacket is black. 2. "Down" sign is different. 3. Woman's dress is black. 4. "Sale" sign is added. 5. Windows are missing. 6. Woman's hairstyle is different.



**CONNECT THE DOTS!** My name has three letters. Take away two and my name's the same. What am I?

Answers: Tea.

Illustrated by David Coulson

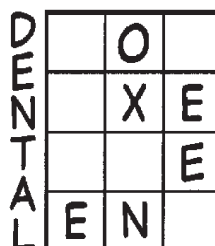
**A TIME TO REFLECT!** Study the four words to the right and see if you can determine what is unique about them.

Answer: The bottom half of each word is a mirror image of the top half. Turn this page upside down and look at it in the mirror. The words look the same.



**FIND THE SEVEN WORDS PUZZLE!** In the Word Square at the right, we've removed six of the letters to spell out the word "DENTAL." See if you can replace these letters in the square so that you will have four three-letter words across and three four-letter words down. The time limit is 90 seconds.

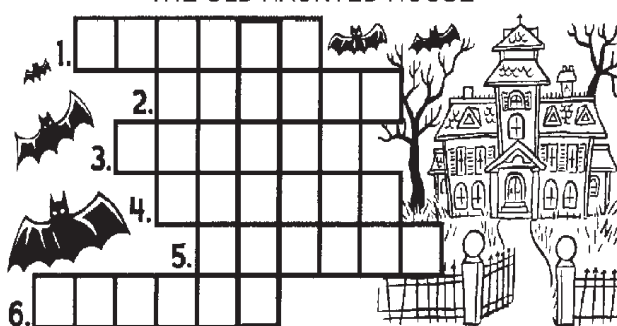
Answers: (Across) Ton, axe, lee, end, (down) Tale, oxen, need.



## Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

### THE OLD HAUNTED HOUSE



In the grid above, there's room for six words pertaining to the haunted house. The following definitions should help:

1. They live in the house.
2. Noises you hear in the house.
3. Type of passages in the house.
4. What you might hear in the house.
5. What might block your way.
6. Coldest, darkest part of the house.

There is a dark frame around one of the columns in our grid. If you correctly solve the puzzle, the letters in the frame, top to bottom, will spell out what you "feel" at midnight in the house.

Answers: 1. Ghosts. 2. Creaks. 3. Secret. 4. Scream. 5. Cobweb. 6. Cellar. The dark frame column spells "Terror."



# REAL ESTATE GALLERY

## REAL ESTATE REALITY

By Carl Medford, CRS  
Special to the Times

GUEST COMMENTARY



## Realtors Introduce Concierge Services To Meet Property Improvement Demands

It is no secret that HGTV-type media has fundamentally changed the way buyers view the home-buying process. Buyer tastes have escalated with many expecting that the home they purchase will be move-in ready.

Traditional real estate markets have three levels of homes: a top-tier featuring "move-in" ready properties, a middle-tier including a range of "outdated" homes and the bottom-tier containing the "fixer-uppers."

Historically, the majority of sales occurred in the middle-tier.

The bottom level has not changed: this space is filled with contractors, investors and flippers who actively seek properties they can purchase, upgrade and flip or add to rental portfolios. These homes typically sell for 60-70% of homes selling in the top-tier.

The upper level, however, has been rapidly expanding. Buyers, lacking the skills and imagination to purchase and upgrade mid-

dle-tier properties, are demonstrating their willingness to pay a premium to purchase top-tier homes.

This means fewer buyers are looking in the middle-tier, consequently pushing mid-level home prices closer to the bottom-tier. If sellers who own a mid-tier home want decent prices, they need to improve their home prior to sale so it moves into the top-tier.

Real estate agents, seeing the shift in buyer behaviors, have risen to the challenge by providing sellers access to qualified designers and contractors to aid in upgrading homes to meet market demand.

Some agents have self-funded improvements knowing they will be repaid at the close of escrow.

Accordingly, a growing number of real estate companies, seeing an increasing need for turnkey home improvement solutions, have established concierge-level programs.

These services completely facilitate the transformation of a home from the middle-tier to the top-tier and can also front the funding for the project and be repaid at the close.

All of which brings up a singular question: "This may work in a hot market, but what happens in a cooling market where homes do not sell as quickly or even, in some cases, at all?"

With more companies bringing concierge-type services to the market, the jury is out as to how this will shake out. Sellers must cooperate by listing at realistic prices and be willing to have liens

placed on their properties should they not sell. Those providing the funding need to work out how they are repaid should a sale not emerge as planned.

Stay tuned: we have interesting days ahead as the market shifts and buyer tastes continue to escalate.

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## Odd-Shaped Buds on Camellias are Really Seeds

By Buzz Bertolero  
Special to the Times

My Sasanqua Camellias are developing buds. But, I've noticed some strange looking buds that are green and pear shape instead of long an elliptical. Are they going to flower like the rest?

These bud-like structures will not bloom as that has already occurred last year. What you are seeing is the seed pod from the previous year's flowers.

Most of the flowers fall off after blooming, but some remain and form seed pods. Some adventurous gardeners and hybridizers will harvest the seed and propagate new plants. They're looking for a seedling(s) that are different from the parents and have commercial value.

To harvest the seed, wait until the seed pods crack open, but

before the seeds fall out. Sasanqua seed pods usually contain three to five seeds, although sometimes just one seed develops.

Place the seeds in a paper bag and sow them in the spring. Once they have germinated, transplant them into individual 4-inch pots and then gallon cans in about a year. You'll need to be patient as it takes five to seven years for the seedling to bloom. That's why most gardeners don't bother and just pick them off and discard them.

Note: Sasanqua Camellias bloom mid-November through February, depending on the variety. They have single and semi-double flowers with a burst of bright, golden yellow stamens in the center.

The blooms are not as large and showy as spring-blooming camellias japonica. They prefer a semi-shade location, although they'll grow in full sun. You'll need to insulate the roots from

the sun with a three-inch layer of mulch and water them frequently.

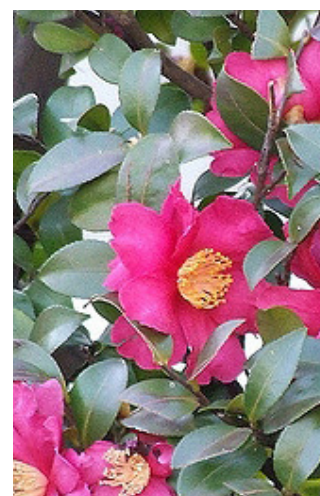
We're fortunate to have three fruiting Asian pears. One of our trees had a few branches that were either dead or dying. The other two were okay.

We cut off the dead branches in 2017 and 2018. This year, to our disappointment, all our Asian pears showed signs of dying branches. How do we get our trees healthy again! The die back in the Asian pears is called fireblight. It's a bacterial disease that enters through the blossoms and travels downward.

You need to prune out the deadwood about a foot below the point where the brown stops. Also, disinfect your pruning equipment with rubbing alcohol after every cut to prevent spreading the disease.

How well do iris, narcissus, and allium flowers survive around deer? I know deer will eat almost anything when they are really hungry.

Deer are not attracted to alliums and narcissus, which includes daffodils. Only members of the amaryllis family, which includes



Sasanqua Camellia

daffodils, snowflakes, and snowdrops, are truly deer-proof and rodent proof. They contain a bitter, poisonous substance called lycorine that no mammal would eat. Unfortunately, Tulips are not on the list. Here are a couple of websites with more information. <https://www.thespruce.com/deer-resistant-bulbs-2131830> [https://www.vanengelen.com/tips\\_g.html](https://www.vanengelen.com/tips_g.html)

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# East 14th: Coordination for better mobility

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are hoping to make it easier to make short trips on foot, bicycle or transit, and make it easier to mix those modes of transport.

Currently according to a slideshow the commission presented, some 87 percent of trips in the “study area” from San Leandro to Fremont are by automobile, with 7 percent being made by walking, 4 percent by transit, and 2 percent by bicycle. They would also like to make

“ 87 percent of trips in the study area are made by automobile.

it easier to travel the “first mile” to BART from people’s homes and the “last mile” from BART. They hope this would encourage more use of the system, which covers the longer distances in between effectively.

Reducing pedestrians and bicyclists being hit by cars is another key concern. There have been 84 fatal or severe injuries over 5 years along the corridor, 32 involving pedestrians and 10 involving bicyclists, according to the commission’s website.

The San Leandro BART station is likely to be a key “Mobility Hub” of the project because the Bus Rapid Transit system connecting to Oakland ends there and many riders will be making onward connections. The Bay Fair BART station may end up being another hub, according



PHOTO BY MIKE MCGUIRE

The county transportation commission is looking at improving East 14th Street where 84 severe or fatal injuries have happened in the last five years.

to commission deputy executive director Tess Lengyel.

The project is designed to coordinate with ongoing projects such as street improvements in San Leandro, Mission Boulevard improvements in Hayward, the Quarry Lakes Parkway in Union City, and BART’s Silicon Valley extension.

Compared to elsewhere in the BART system, relatively few people walk, bike or take transit to BART stations, according to a presentation the committee gave at the meeting. Once they get to BART, it’s much quicker than driving in getting from San Leandro to Fremont during rush hour. However, buses are consid-

erably slower than driving for the same trip, and the commission would like to change that.

The commission has already held some focus groups with local residents, said project manager Lawrence Lewis. Some groups met around the overall needs of specific geographic areas, in the five project communities of San Leandro, Hayward, Union City, Fremont and the unincorporated areas of Ashland and Cherryland. Other groups met on specific topics, like bicycle use.

San Leandro’s meeting Tuesday night was the first public meeting the commission has held, but others will be held in the other four areas.

The public, including anyone who missed the San Leandro meeting, is invited tonight in Fremont at the Main Library at 6:30 p.m.; Monday, Oct. 28, at the Hayward Main library, at 5:30 p.m.; in Union City on Tuesday, Oct. 29, at the Kennedy Community Center, 1333 Decoto Road at 6 p.m.; and at the Ashland/Cherryland meeting, Saturday, Nov. 9, at 10 a.m. at the REACH Community Center, 16335 East 14th St.

The public are also asked to take the commission’s online survey about the corridor at <http://e14missionfremont.outreach.st>. People can also leave feedback and suggestions about the project at that web page.

## Senior Lunch Menu

Lunch provided by Spectrum Community Services

A low-cost senior lunch provided by Spectrum Community Services is served on weekdays at the San Leandro Senior Center, 13909 East 14th Street.

Everyone age 60 and up can have lunch. A suggested donation is \$3.75, but no one is refused for lack of funds. (\$10 for those under 60.)

Call 24 hours ahead to reserve a lunch (1-510-825-9793) or sign up at the Senior Center.

The menu for lunch next week, Oct. 28 to Nov. 1, is:

Monday – Southwestern chicken salad, chips, oranges.

Tuesday – Whole grain macaroni and cheese, garden salad, broccoli, applesauce.

Wednesday – Pork and pineapple relish and Italian seasoned green beans, cabbage, whole wheat roll, honeydew melon.

Thursday – Meat ravioli with marinara and pesto sauces, pumpkin soup, grapes, and a sweet treat for Halloween.

Friday – Turkey sloppy joe on whole wheat bun, garden salad, apples.

## Trunk-or-Treat Halloween Night on MacArthur Blvd.

Free Trunk-or-Treat Halloween night at the San Leandro Church of Christ, 601 MacArthur Blvd. in San Leandro, on Halloween night, Thursday, Oct. 31, from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Enjoy a bounce house, a haunted house, and trick-or-treating from car trunk to car trunk in the parking lot behind the church building right off of Lewis Avenue.

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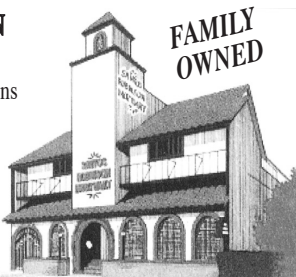
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Amelia was born in 1921 and passed away peacefully in early October at the age of 98. She spent her younger years in Southern California (Imperial Valley) and her later years in San Leandro, where she volunteered at Treasures Hospice Thrift Shop during the 2000s. She is survived by four of her five loving daughters, seven grandchildren and great grandchildren, (but none of her five husbands). She lead a long and eventful life. May she now rest in the peace that seemed to elude her during her final few years.

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# SL Unified Shows Progress, According to State Report

San Leandro Unified students showed Alameda County's biggest rise in math scores on a recently released statewide report, 3.1 percent in one year, the district announced.

English Language Arts score also rose 4 percent in the year, reports school district spokeswoman Keziah Moss.

The annual California Assessment of Students Performance and Progress Summary Report measures the number of

students meeting or exceeding California state standards in several subject areas.

"This growth is encouraging, and I commend our staff and students on this recognition," said SLUSD Superintendent Mike McLaughlin, "However, our scores are not yet where we want them to be, especially for our highest-need students. We will replicate what's working and add that to our analysis of all student success measures.

As we build our next strategic action plan, improved academic performance will continue to be our primary focus."

McLaughlin attributed the rise partly to the district's new standards-aligned math and ELA curriculum from kindergarten to 12th grade, along with focused professional development for school staff.

The district is also finishing a three-year program of targeted initiatives on improving math and

language arts performance.

The public now has access to the 2018-2019 CAASPP reports on the California Department of Education's webpage at the following website: <https://caaspp-elpac.cde.ca.gov/caaspp/>. The webpage displays the state, county, district, and school-level CAASPP reports for the Spring 2019 administration of the tests.

The district will launch a local CAASPP dashboard with

detailed findings at [www.slusd.org](http://www.slusd.org) after the SLUSD School Board meeting on November 5.

## Basket-Weaving Workshop Next Month

In honor of Native American Heritage Month, the San Leandro Public Library will partner with the California Indian Basketweavers' Association (CIBA) to offer a free bear grass weaving workshop on Saturday, Nov. 16, at 1 p.m. at the Main Library, 300

Estudillo Ave.

The program is open to library patrons 12 years and older. All supplies will be provided. Space is limited. Register for the class in advance at the Main Library's information desk, or call 510-577-3971.

## OPINION

### LETTERS to the EDITOR

Letters must include the writer's name, address and phone number, and **must be under 300 words**. We reserve the right to edit as necessary. E-mail letters to: [letters@ebpublishing.com](mailto:letters@ebpublishing.com) or fax to: 510-483-4209, or send by mail to: The Editor, San Leandro Times, 2060 Washington Ave., San Leandro, CA 94577.

#### New School Leadership

Editor:

San Leandro School Superintendent Mike McLaughlin, along with the School Board remains negligent in providing for high school student safety. As school districts across the country address the issue of minimizing potential student casualties in an active shooter scenario, the Superintendent, along with the School Board, require many hundreds of San Leandro High School students to navigate 2 two blocks through heavy traffic hourly to walk between two campuses as they travel hourly from one class to another. There is no way for students to protect themselves in the event of a crisis.

When the citizens of San Leandro voted to fund the FTK campus to be built 2 blocks away from the main high school campus, they voted for a freshman-only campus as presented by the district. Mike and the school board changed that practice several years ago and created a negligent environment for our most valuable youth. Again, in the event of any tragic event, they allow many hundreds of high school students to fend for themselves hourly on the street. Watching this looks like a sea of students navigating through a busy intersection and walking to their next class.

As a 30-year Public Safety and Emergency Medical Service Senior Administrator and a current Public Safety and EMS CEO, I have for 3 school years personally and repeatedly given Mike and the School Board notice of their negligence, along with a reminder of the violation of our citizen vote as well as the public nuisance this creates for San Leandro citizens.

We, the residents of 137th Ave., for several years now post the change from a freshman-only FTK campus, have been faced with reckless student parking and driving. Homeowners on 137th have had a new car totaled by a student who lost control of their car. I have personally witnessed a side show at 11 a.m. on our previously quiet street.

On a daily basis, we face blocked driveways, student loitering, fighting, hit-and-run collisions and trash thrown in yards. Just last week, residents' trash cans moved from the street for pick up were moved onto the sidewalk so vehicles could park! Our street also pro-

vides for a desired retreat area for those students who choose to skip class.

Mike has responded to this hyper critical issue of student safety with arrogance and a blatant unwillingness to return the campus to a freshman only (as voted on by the citizens of San Leandro) and provide any safety for our high school students. He and the school board continue to refuse to initiate or implement or enforce a parking policy as well.

We need to focus on student safety at once. Please join me in calling for the immediate focus on protecting student lives. Let's create a new school board and replace Mike McLaughlin at once!

—Tom Baker, San Leandro

#### Change DST for Safety

Editor:

Do you notice how the rising sun at this time of year shines into the eyes of drivers on our way to work? After the Fall Equinox, September 21, when daytime and night are equally long, days get shorter., the sun rises later and sets earlier. You drive eastward and *blam!* Bright sunlight startles the eyes. This is dangerous for our children walking to school at the same time.

The problem is about time, Daylight Savings Time.

We set clocks ahead in the Spring to give us more usable daytime when the sun rises early and sets late. But we don't revert back to Standard Time until long after days have become short.

We should set our clocks back soon after the Equinox ("Fall back") thereby adjusting the time for sunrise an hour earlier. This will save lives as commuters can better see our children on their way to school.

—Bruce Joffe, Piedmont

#### Honoring Veterans

Editor:

As you know, Veteran's Day is Monday, November 11th. As a faith community, we would like to honor our men and women in uniform from past and present services. It is an honor that we recognize the sacrifices they make so that we can live in peace and safety.

Assumption parish is having a special Mass for all veterans in the San Leandro community along with their

families and friends. Everyone in the San Leandro community is invited to join us to honor these men and women.

Each veteran will be blessed at the 5:00 p.m. Mass, Saturday, November 9th, and the Sunday Liturgies at 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m. and noontime Masses. A special prayer will be said over them along with the gratitude of our parish for the services and sacrifices they made for us and our country.

We also would like to recognize their families and the sacrifices they make when their loved ones are on tour.

The families of these men and women spend weeks or months without sons, daughters, husbands or wives who leave for foreign lands to perform their duties; to leave family members behind can be a very difficult time.

The Assumption parish community understands the anxiety and lonesomeness family members experience during such times. That is why Assumption believes it is imperative we gather our brothers and sisters together to celebrate those sacrifices they selflessly give for our way of life and country.

Please join our parish on November 9th or 10th at a mass — all are welcome!

—Fr. Leonard Marrujo

Parochial Administrator,  
Church of the Assumption, San Leandro

#### Making China Great Again

Editor:

Fellow citizens, I applaud the efforts by the NBA, Apple, Google, Disney, Dior, and others to unify China and make it great again.

Mother China wants to welcome little brother (Taiwan), little sister (Hong Kong), and rebellious red-headed stepchild (Tibet) back into the family, and with our help I am sure she will get it done.

Think of the benefits we would reap by a united China:

1) No longer would we need a military with a friendly and united China standing by our side. Imagine a year from now looking up in the sky during fleet week and gazing upon the Red Angles flying overhead.

2) With the trillions of dollars that would be saved we could provide *free* college for all, *free* medical for all, and a guaranteed minimum income and pension for all!

Then perhaps the city council can once again take up the modest proposal of flying the glorious Chinese flag at City Hall...not just for one day, but every day, just above the U.S. flag where it belongs.

So join me, LeBron, and every U.S. and international corporation and open your arms and hearts to welcome our 1.5 billion brothers and sisters.

—Fred Honsal, San Leandro

## INQUIRING REPORTER

### What are your plans for Halloween?

— Asked around town

I'll just be returning from a trip to the Philippines where I'll see friends from our days in the Volunteer Service Overseas (VSO), the British equivalent of the Peace Corps.

**Nick Burn**  
San Leandro



Because we don't have kids, we instead have a tradition of hosting an open house with chili, chocolate chip cookies, and adult beverages. We also hand out candy as our neighborhood gets tons of trick-or-treaters.

**Rich Robeson**  
Castro Valley



While we have a tradition of going trick-or-treating with our three kids, the teen-aged ones want to go out on their own. So that'll be a little different for us. We'll also go to an amazing Halloween party at our friend's home in Castro Valley.

**Hanne Gerardi**  
Sheffield Village



I'll stay at home to give out candy. We live on a busy street and block it off for all the trick-or-treaters in our area.

**Lisa Cook**  
San Leandro



We'll hand out candy even though we don't get too many trick-or-treaters up in the Bay-O-Vista neighborhood.

**Norbert Castro**  
San Leandro





## Guardian: Helps people stranded

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they're glad to see him.

Reyes-Morales works for Palace Garage in San Leandro, one of the 13 tow truck operators that the MTC contracts as part of the Bay Area's Freeway Service Patrol. The fleet has a total of 71 tow trucks that patrol 470 miles of freeways and highways throughout the nine county region.

The MTC and CHP awarded Reyes-Morales as their top driver. He patrols the freeways right in this area.

"I help people in Castro Valley and in San Leandro and San Lorenzo and in Oakland," Reyes-Morales said.

The 20-year veteran driver said people have written to commend him on his service.

"I've helped people who were going to court or going to the immigration office, and they would have been late, but they said they made it because I changed their tire and I got them there on time," he said.

Back in 2016, Reyes-Morales was recognized by the MTC for pulling a driver out of a burning car on I-880 near Hegenberger Road.

Palace Garage driver Darryl Poe first arrived after seeing a car off the road that had hit a concrete embankment. The driver was trapped inside the Mini Cooper and the engine was on fire. Reyes-Morales pulled up next, followed by Waste Management driver David Garcia.

The three men used a fire

extinguisher to hold back the flames, Garcia cut the seatbelt with a knife, and they were able to pull the young woman driver from the car. She was taken to the hospital with serious but survivable injuries.

The Freeway Service Patrol comes to the aid of drivers in distress on the highway – changing flat tires, filling radiators, jump starting cars, providing a gallon of gas, or towing vehicles. The Freeway Service Patrol can be reached by calling 511 and when connected say "Freeway Assist." This system doesn't overload the 911 system in a non-life threatening situation.

"We're here when you need us," said Reyes-Morales. "Just call 511."



Ambrosia will play at the Bal Theatre on Friday night.

## Apply Now for Newly Formed Eden Area Municipal Advisory

Council to cover Ashland, Cherryland, San Lorenzo and Hayward Acres

Supervisor Wilma Chan and Supervisor Nate Miley are accepting applications for appointments to the Eden Area Municipal Advisory Council.

Applications will be accepted through Monday, Nov. 4.

The Council consists of seven members serving four-year terms. Supervisor Chan will have four appointments and Supervisor Miley will have three appointments.

The Council advises the Board of Supervisors on matters concerning Ashland, Cherryland,

San Lorenzo, and Hayward Acres as defined within the boundaries established by the Eden Area General Plan.

There will be one meeting per month at the San Lorenzo Library. The Council may hold special meetings as deemed necessary.

Applicants must be a resident of Ashland, Cherryland, San Lorenzo, or Hayward Acres, or shall have owned or operated a business in these communities for a period of five years prior to their appointment.

Appointees will receive a \$50 stipend per meeting.

Visit <https://www.acgov.org/bnc> to complete an online application.

For more information about the Council for District 3 Supervisor Chan's appointments, contact Jared Savas at 510-278-0731 or at [jared.savas@acgov.org](mailto:jared.savas@acgov.org).

For more information about the Council for District 4 Supervisor Miley's appointments, contact Austin Bruckner at (510) 670-5717 or at [austin.bruckner@acgov.org](mailto:austin.bruckner@acgov.org)

## 'You're the Only Woman' Hit-Maker Ambrosia to Play Bal Theatre on Friday Night

Ambrosia will play Friday night at the Bal Theatre, 14808 East 14th St. in San Leandro.

The five-time Grammy nominees that had five Top 40 singles, including "Biggest Part of Me" and "How Much I Feel" will perform at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$40 and \$60 and are available in advance at [www.baltheatre.com](http://www.baltheatre.com).

The first hit, "Biggest Part of Me," reached number three for three weeks on the Billboard Hot 100 and crossed over to the soul chart, where it peaked at number thirty-five. The second, another

blue-eyed soul hit, "You're the Only Woman (You & I)," reached #13 on the Billboard Hot 100. One Eighty earned the band three Grammy nominations, including Best Pop Vocal Group. Overall, the band has been nominated for five Grammys.

The current lineup features original members drummer Burleigh Drummond and bassist Joe Puerta.

Since the band's heyday of charting singles and albums, the band has continued to maintain a high profile, touring worldwide

while writing and recording new material.

In the band's earlier years, the band fused symphonic art rock with a slick produced pop sound, resulting in a "melodic prog" style as evidenced on the band's first self-titled album, which was released in 1975. It spawned the Top 20 chart single, "Holdin' On to Yesterday." The album was nominated for a Grammy award for Best Engineered Recording. Alan Parsons was the engineer for Ambrosia's first album and the producer for their second.



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## Sign Up for the Senior Thanksgiving Dinner

The City of San Leandro will host the 42nd Annual Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon on Wednesday, Nov.27, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at two sites: the Senior Community Center, 13909 East

14th St.; and the Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd.

All those 50 years or older are invited to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday at this heartwarming annual San Leandro tradition.

Enjoy a traditional turkey dinner and the free raffle. Reservations are \$7 per person for San Leandro residents, and \$9 each for non-residents. Reservations are available in-person at the

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