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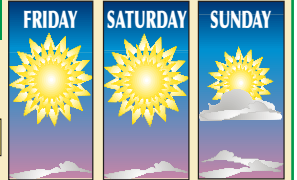
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Ashley Adams found her dream job, pointing out the sights in the East Bay Regional Parks.

## She Found Right Career Path

By Jim Knowles  
San Leandro Times

When she was a kid, Ashley Adams liked to go hiking at Lake Chabot, and one day she saw a notice on a bulletin board.

The park district was looking for high school and college students who wanted to be an interpreter aide. She went for it, and

that's taken her down a path that's become her dream job.

Adams is a naturalist with the East Bay Regional Park District, mainly working at Sunol and other parks in that area. She takes people on walks and explains the terrain, geology and wildlife – all the things she enjoys.

Adams majored in geology with a minor in theater, and both fields come in handy in her work.

"It's like I'm on stage all the time on the trail, instead of a theater," Adams said. "I feel I have the best job in the world."

On the walks, Adams has shown people

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## City Council Gives Mayor Cutter Raise

By Mike McGuire  
San Leandro Times

The San Leandro City Council voted, 6-0, to give Mayor Pauline Cutter a substantial raise at its Nov. 4 meeting. The mayor recused herself from the discussion and the vote.

Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter, serving her second term, will now be paid \$3,780 a month (\$45,360 annually), up from \$2,520 a month (\$30,240 a year) previously. The new pay rate is triple City Council members' pay of \$1,260 a month or \$15,120 annually, while the old one had been double Council members' pay.

The only comment from Council members at the meeting came from Benny Lee, who said he had supported giving the mayor the raise before her re-election last year. He said she works diligently and hard for San Leandro.

California cities are divided between those with "strong mayors," such as Oakland, where the mayor runs city departments day-to-day, and those like San Leandro where a city manager fills that function. Cities with strong mayors and no city manager usually pay their mayor more, while the mayor's pay is more modest where there is a city manager.

A 2006 city ordinance allows the mayor to be paid three times what a Council member is, but the mayor has to request this. Cutter had not done so up until now.

"I probably wouldn't have asked for a raise without the

ordinance," Cutter told the San Leandro Times. But she said the City definitely gets full-time work from her and she feels the

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## SF Mayor Campaigns Come to SL

By Mike McGuire  
San Leandro Times

San Leandro had a quiet election day Tuesday, with no candidates or measures on the ballot here, but San Francisco livened things up for us by sending two mayoral candidates to campaign here last Friday, Nov. 1.

The Friday morning regulars at the Englander Pub on Parrott Street might have been a little surprised to see a full-scale press conference and campaign rally held there by controversial mayoral candidate Ellen Zhou. She brought along her billboard-sized poster condemned by some as racist, showing incumbent San Francisco Mayor London Breed counting the money she allegedly made off homeless people.

That evening, the Socialist Worker Party's Joel Britton, also running for mayor of San Francisco

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## Tree Limb Makes a Close Call at Park

By Jim Knowles  
San Leandro Times

Mary Minor sat down on a bench at Memorial Park on Bancroft Avenue on her way home from the library.

She wanted to take a little break from walking and began looking at the books she had just checked out. And then something happened.

"I heard a loud crack," Minor said. "It scared the heck out of me. I thought, 'What's that noise?'"

The noise was a big tree limb that snapped off, and it landed right beside her.

"It was a 30-foot long limb, a foot thick," said Mary's husband Gary Minor. "It just brushed her, but if it had been a foot over, she

would be dead."

Luckily, the main branch missed her and she just got brushed by the smaller branches.

The odd thing was that there was no wind that day, the limb just broke. The limb also knocked over a utility box, which shows what force it landed with.

Mary said a kid who was walking down the street from Bancroft Middle School came over to her to make sure she was all right.

"Basically, I just scraped my knee and elbow," she said.

But she decided to call the police just to let them know. The

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PHOTO COURTESY OF MARY MINOR

The evergreen tree branch broke off and landed on the bench where Mary Minor was sitting.

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## MEETING SCHEDULES

### 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



**Sir Winston**



**Pickles**

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are Sir Winston the teen-aged kitten and Pickles the cat.

**Sir Winston**, who is 9 months old, was a shy little boy when he arrived at the shelter. Now, after getting lots of attention and TLC from staff and volunteers, he's blossomed into a sweetie who gives kisses and meows for attention.

**Pickles** is a handsome and outgoing 3-year-old boy who

loves to meet new people. He was a little timid when he first arrived at the shelter but has since blossomed into a very affable and social boy.

For more information on Sir Winston or Pickles, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at 510-293-7200.

## 991 Club to Kick Off Holidays with Food Drive

Meet friends and neighbors and kick off the holiday season at the 991 Club at 991 Manor Blvd. on Thursday, Nov. 7, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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Set builders prepare for the San Leandro High drama department's production of *Twelfth Night*.

## Twelfth Night at San Leandro High

The drama program at San Leandro High will present *Twelfth Night* at the Performing Arts Center, 2250 Bancroft Ave.

The show continues for one more weekend with performances on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., and a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m.

Tickets are available at the

door.

The student actors and crew have been working hard on this

show since mid September, and all are invited to see a rollicking funny show.

## Lunch Menu at The Senior Center

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, Nov. 11 to Nov. 15, is:

Monday – Veterans Day. No lunch.

Tuesday – Apricot glazed chicken, minestrone soup, carrots, brown rice, oranges.

Wednesday – Albondigas soup as entrée, garden salad, tortilla chips, apples.

Thursday – Black bean chipotle patty on whole wheat bun with lettuce, tomato and onion, roasted sweet potatoes, strawberries.

Friday – Moroccan chicken, garden salad, brown rice, pineapple fruit cup.

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# Candidates: Two very different forums here for S.F. Mayor hopefuls

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cisco, told a roomful of people at the Marina Community Center that while winning that office would be nice, building toward a socialist America was his campaign's wider point. About two dozen people attended.

We asked both campaigns what brought them to San Leandro when the election was in San Francisco.

Britton said that his party had their regional office nearby, on Hegenberger Road in Oakland, but needed a bigger room for the event.

A leading Zhou volunteer (she has no official campaign staff), former Republican U.S. Senate candidate Paul Stanley, said "safety" after the billboard controversy and backlash against it, and difficulty finding someone to rent them a room in San Francisco.

Zhou claims to have been harassed and her property attacked since she put up the billboard. Not only did a man come by her house to bang on her door in the middle of the night, she said, but a car even ran into her car, which was in her garage at the time.

Britton gave a broad view of how local labor struggles, and issues facing working people more generally, links them to developments across the country and overseas. He spoke of San Leandro Walmart workers refusing to work unsafely in the dark, using the bicycle rider headlamps managers suggested, during the recent power shutoffs. He is a Walmart worker himself, he said, though he did not disclose where.

He also talked about a strike of sheet metal workers in Stockton to preserve health care coverage, of coal miners in West Virginia who blocked a train carrying coal away from the mine until they were paid wages they were owed, and of a strike against Asarco Copper in Texas and New Mexico. While multinational corporations commonly own mines, he said, this particular one was owned by a Mexican multinational and located in the U.S., rather than the other way around.

He also reported on developments among working people in Iran, Lebanon, where local residents dislike the Hezbollah terror group almost as much as U.S. policymakers do, and Iraq, where he said people do not want domination either by the U.S. or



Ellen Zhou, running for mayor of San Francisco, speaks at the Englander Pub on Friday, Nov. 1. Her controversial billboard is partly visible behind her.

neighboring Iran. "Iran out!", he said, was a popular slogan there.

He and the SWP denounced Turkey's recent invasion of Kurdish areas in Syria, saying that the Kurdish people are the world's biggest nationality without their own country. The U.S. has never backed self-determination for the Kurds, he added. His party, though, supports Kurdish struggles for a nation of their own.

His own party's slogan is "U.S. out of the Middle East." He said that our presence there is not in the interest of most people either in the U.S. or in the Middle East.

Ellen Zhou's rally, though, was more focused on the perceived ills of San Francisco and California governance. San Francisco, she said, was run by a "Mafia government" and controlled by four families, which she did not name. Moreover, she said, communists were fully in charge of setting city policies. She came to the U.S. from communist China, she said, and many others who came from communist countries appreciate their new country and do not miss the policies they left behind.

She wants to see an end to San Francisco being a sanctuary city for, as she put it, felons and illegal activities. In 1996, she said, sanctuary was for immigrants and families, but since 2015 has been for felons, she said.

She defended her much-criticized billboard, which served as

students," she declared. She said that while one finds needles everywhere in San Francisco, partly because the city hands them out for free, homeless people are not treated with the compassion they need to help them heal.

What homeless people need, she said, is a place to sleep indoors; safety from drug dealers; help to heal them; and jobs to reintegrate them into society once they are healed.

Britton said that politicians had made much of the state unlivable for working people. He said that while Governor Newsom might denounce PG&E for power shutoffs, he got elected with \$208,000 in PG&E campaign contributions just last year. As for PG&E itself, he noted that they haven't done their job in providing power safely. In fact, after the Rough And Ready Fire in 1994, they were found guilty of diverting millions of ratepayer dollars from needed tree-trimming around power lines to executive salaries.

He called both the Republicans and the Democrats "capitalist parties" and said "We have no interests in common with those who exploit our labor, get rich off our work."

He said the recent uptick in labor activity made this a good time to be bold in pressing for political change. "Not crazy, not ultra-left," he added quickly, "but bold."

Interestingly, the Socialist Workers Party opposes the impeachment of President Trump, saying Democrats are trying to nullify the votes of working people who elected him "fair and square."

The SWP supports amnesty for undocumented workers, Britton said, so that there would be a "level playing field" for workers in the U.S. However, he said, unlike some Democrats, the SP does not support open borders.

Zhou and other speakers at her event made no secret of their support for President Trump and of their opposition to impeach-



Joel Britton, Socialist Workers Party candidate for mayor of San Francisco, at San Leandro's Marina Community Center on Friday, Nov. 1.

ment efforts. Marco Gutierrez of Discovery Bay-based Latinos For Trump said many people falsely assume that all Latinos are Democrats, and liberal Democrats at that.

Zhou supporter Scott Bennett, retired counterintelligence officer who has researched Benghazi and the Clinton Foundation, said of her controversial billboard, "If you want to have a poster child for what's happening to Trump now, this poster is it."

The poster itself, last seen on TV apparently being destroyed,

was actually "pulled from the jaws of the baler" at the billboard company by himself and others, Bennett said. Leading Zhou supporters signed it at the event, and it will be soon auctioned off to raise funds for future political efforts.

Bennett vowed, "We're going to develop more and more posters." He pledged to deliver them to many seats of power in America.

He also accused the Chinese Communist Party of meddling with our election.

## SLPD 2019 Report Is Released

San Leandro Police Chief Jeff Tudor, along with other Police Department officials, gave the department's annual report to the City Council at its Nov. 4 meeting. Violent crime is down, while some property crimes, notably auto burglaries, are up. Organized criminal crews are involved in some of these.

Home burglaries, however, are down.

There's been a big rise in shoplifting involving a weapon from last year. And national trends continue to affect San Leandro: the opioid epidemic which has bedeviled the East Coast and Midwest has arrived

on the west coast, Tudor said.

We will have a full analysis of the annual report in our next issue.

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## NEIGHBORS



## Let The Kids Play

Lou's Dugout donated \$1,800 of equipment to the Redwood Christian High School for their softball and baseball programs. Left to Right: Ben Warner, Principal RCHS; Jim Cleveland, athletic director RCHS; Lou's Dugout board members Mike Carvalho and Mike Munoz; Mike Kady director of advancement RCHS and board member Lou Profumo.

## ARTS &amp; ENTERTAINMENT

## ❖ Smalltown Society

*Next to Normal*, the award-winning Broadway rock musical about depression, anxiety and the mental health industry, will be presented by Plethos Produc-

tions Fridays through Sundays, Nov. 8 through the 24, at Smalltown Society, 22222 Redwood Road in Castro Valley, Fridays and Saturdays at 7 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. Seating is limited.

To purchase tickets visit [plethos.org](http://plethos.org)

## ❖ Chanticleers Theatre

*Cabaret*, the Broadway hit musical set in a Berlin nightclub in the late 1920s, continues through Nov. 17 at Chanticleers Theatre, 3683 Quail Ave. in the Castro Valley Community Center Park. *Cabaret* explores the dark, heady, and tumultuous life of Berlin's natives and expatriates as Germany slowly yields to the emerging Third Reich. Musical numbers include *Willkommen*, *Cabaret*, *Don't Tell Mama* and *Two Ladies*. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are from \$18 to \$25. You can purchase tickets on line at [chanticleers.org/](http://chanticleers.org/) or by calling 510-733-5483.

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**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** A rejection of your attempt to be friendly leaves you with two choices: Try again, or give up. If you want to make another effort, go slowly. Let things develop without pressure.



**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** It could be a problem dealing with unfamiliar people who do things differently from what you're used to. But rely on that strong sense of purpose to get you through this difficult period.



**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** To avoid neglecting a personal matter because of a demanding new workplace schedule, start prioritizing immediately. Knowing how to apportion your time takes a little while to set up.



**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** It won't be easy to avoid some of the pressures that come with change. Best advice: Take things a step at a time, and you'll be less likely to trip up while things are in a chaotic state.



**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** A much-talked-about workplace change could be coming soon. Be sure to get all the details involved in the process, and once you have them, you can decide how you want to deal with it.



**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** You might still believe that your trust was betrayed, although the facts would appear to prove the opposite. But by the week's end you should learn something that will help set the record straight.



**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Holiday plans could be a challenge because of shifting circumstances. But a more settled period starts by midweek, allowing you to firm up your plan-making once and for all.



**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** The facts continue to be on your side. So make use of them in dealing with any challenge to your stated position. Also, open your mind to the offer of help from an unlikely source.



**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** There could still be a communication problem holding up the resolution of a troublesome situation. Stay with it, and eventually your message will get through and be understood.



**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** A possible change in your workplace schedule might create a chaotic situation for a while. But once things begin to settle down, you might find that this could work to your advantage.



**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** A recent job-linked decision might need to be reassessed because of the possibility of finding benefits you might have overlooked. Check out all related data to help in the search.



**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** A personal situation you agreed to might not be as acceptable to the other person involved in the matter. Avoid pressuring and bullying. Instead, seek common ground by talking things through.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Deadline for Calendar Items is Friday for the Following Week



## ❖ Nutrition Class &amp; Cooking Demonstration

The San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. invites residents to attend Fresh Approach's VeggieRX nutrition class and cooking demonstration today, 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.

## ❖ Parkinson Support Group Meeting

The Parkinson Support Group will hold its monthly meeting today, Nov. 7, at 10:30 a.m. at the San Lorenzo Community Church, 945 Paseo Grande in San Lorenzo. The talk will be on community resources for independent living. For more information, call Lorna White 510-276-3119.

## ❖ Alta Mira Club Annual Boutique

The Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave. in San Leandro, will have its annual community boutique on Friday, Nov. 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturday, Nov. 9, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunches sold from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. White elephant stage tables, drawings, gift table, and unique handmade items by many vendors and Alta Mira members.

## ❖ Hearing Loss Association Meeting

The Hearing Loss Association Meeting will be on Saturday, Nov. 9, at the Oakland Kaiser Hospital, Fabiola Bldg., 3801 Howe St., lower level, room G26. Refreshments at 9:30 a.m. with the program beginning at 10 a.m. The speaker, Dr. Sharik Mobin, PhD will talk about how you can get the most out of Blue Tooth technology, and also about his recent research projects. Parking is free on Saturdays at the garage on Howe St. For more information, call 510-221-6080 or email [info@hearinglosseeb.org](mailto:info@hearinglosseeb.org).

## ❖ Saturday Social at Cleophus Quealy Beer Co.

Family Paths is the proud community partner for the month of November with the San Leandro local brewery, Cleophus Quealy (CQ), 448 Hester St., which is culminating with a Saturday Social on Saturday, Nov. 9. This a free day-long event starts at noon, with programs and raffle prizes from 2 to 4 p.m. Family Paths is a non-profit that serves San Leandro clients with mental health treatments, parent education classes, and more.

## ❖ Lavender Seniors Anniversary Celebration

The Lavender Seniors of the East Bay will have a Silver Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, Nov. 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Eve's Waterfront Restaurant, 15 Embarcadero West in Oakland. Peggy Moore will emcee the lunch. \$25 per person. For tickets or more information, contact [gwen@lavenderseniors.org](mailto:gwen@lavenderseniors.org) or call 510-839-3100.

## ❖ Sons in Retirement Meeting

SIR Branch #26 meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the Fairview Event Center at Metropolitan Golf Course, 10051 Doolittle Drive in Oakland. Social Hour starts at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at noon. Reverend Jayson Landeza will be the speaker Wednesday, Nov. 13. To become a sponsored guest and attend, call Ken at 510-537-480 for details. The cost for the November luncheon is \$25, payable in advance. Checks should be made payable to SIR Branch #26. To receive a refund, the last

day to cancel is by noon on Sunday, Nov 10.

## ❖ Family Science Night Bancroft School

The Bancroft Middle School science department invites the public to its Family Science Night on Thursday, Nov. 14, from 6 to 8 p.m. Science demonstrations and interactive fun will include topics on energy, chemistry, engineering, experimentation, and invention. See the science magic show and enjoy liquid nitrogen ice cream. There will be food for sale on the Bancroft Campus for your convenience. This event is co-sponsored by Xtreme Science Magic, The Lawrence Hall of Science, The American Chemical Society and the Bancroft PTA.

## ❖ Meeting of the Libertarian Party

The Libertarian Party of Alameda County will have its monthly meeting on Thursday, Nov. 14, at 7:15 p.m. at The Englander Pub, 101 Parrot St. in San Leandro. No charge for admission, membership not required. For more information, visit [lpac.us](http://lpac.us).

## ❖ Cancer Workshop at Eden Medical Center

Eden Medical Center will be hosting the last free cancer workshop of 2019. Nutrients for an Anti-Cancer Life will be held on Thursday, Nov. 14, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Medical Office Building of Eden Medical Center, second floor conference rooms, 20101 Lake Chabot Road in Castro Valley. Learn how good nutrition can be one of your best allies in recovering from cancer treatment and preventing recurrence. Susie White is board-certified in holistic nutrition. For more information or to register, call Cancer Support Community at 925-933-0107. Cancer support groups meet every first and third Wednesday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m.

## ❖ Indian Basketweaving Workshop

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. 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.

## ❖ Badarikashrama's Thanksgiving Dinner

Badarikashrama, 15602 Maubert Ave. in San Leandro, will host its Annual Thanksgiving International Vegetarian Dinner & Concert on Thursday, Nov. 28, at 3 p.m., free and open to all. Hear a Carnatic (South Indian) Concert with the renowned violinist Anuradha Sridhar with accompanying instruments, South Indian percussion and vocals. Reservations recommended but no one turned away. Call 510-278-2444.

## ❖ City of SL Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon

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 Senior Community Center or Marina Community Center, or online at [www.sanleandroec.org](http://www.sanleandroec.org). For more information, call Customer Service at 510-577-3462.



# AUTOMOTIVE

## Bird Flies Sustainably with Sturdy Scooters

By Steve Schaefer  
San Leandro Times

Bird, the two-year-old, San-ta-Monica-based scooter sharing company, has been growing and developing its trademark electric scooters since it was founded in September 2017. One question about scooters, though, is how sustainable they are. I spoke with Head of Sustainability Melinda Hanson at VERGE 19 in Oakland to find out.

Hanson has two facets to her role: One is promoting the carbon mitigation potential of electric vehicles while helping cities meet their clean energy transportation goals. The other is working to make sure Bird itself is a more sustainable company.

Hanson is focused on developing climate policy that gets people into EVs, including the small scooters that are Bird's mainstay. She's concerned emissions are still going up despite the rise of EVs and scooters.

As anyone who lives in a city

can attest, the scooter sharing business is booming.

"The main growth in EVs in 2018 was in scooters," said Hanson.

Hanson told me that Bird's goal is to get people out of their cars for short trips, especially in



Head of Sustainability Melinda Hanson.

crowded cities.

"The data shows that many car trips are less than three miles," said Hanson. "They

should be riding scooters."

I asked if people were really replacing car trips with scooters and Hanson said that one third to one half of scooter trips were replacing personal car trips—and much of the rest was in place of using ridesharing services, such as Uber and Lyft—which are not environmentally positive if they're internal combustion engines—and contribute to traffic congestion.

Bird takes its scooters seriously. They have developed and refined them over the last two years to be more robust, so they last longer.

"Our first scooters were consumer models, not rugged enough for many trips a day by multiple people," said Hanson. Bird has built its own custom models now, which they test for

ruggedness. They have learned a lot from the last two years.

"We used to have screws come loose, and shock absorbers wore out," Hanson said. "We have increased frame density and put on better kickstands," she said. The Bird 2 model—the newest one—is much improved. The company wants riding a Bird to be a great experience, so customers will come back and ride them regularly.

Bird has doubled the battery capacity of the latest scooters. This means that they can be used by more customers before needing to come in to be recharged. To facilitate local charging, Bird has a distributed charging program where gig workers can pick up the scooters and charge them at home and put them back on the street. These folks are



PHOTO COURTESY OF VERGE 19 WEBSITE

Bird has doubled the battery capacity of the latest scooters, meaning they can be used more before charging.

called "chargers."

"We want to reduce friction," Hanson said. That means making not only the riding experience fun and easy but also

signup and payment.

Bird has started collaborating with Scoot to bring out other types of two-wheel transportation. *see BIRD, page 14*

## LEGAL NOTICES

### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF

Kenneth George Jensen  
Case Number:  
RP19040016

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

A Petition for Probate has been filed by **Stonecrest Acquisitions, LLC: Denise Hill, Manager** in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda. The Petition for Probate requests that **Stonecrest Acquisitions, LLC: Denise Hill, Manager** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

**A HEARING on the petition will be held on 12/03/2019, 9:31 a.m., Dept. 202, 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: Heather Ledgerwood, Esq  
2400 Professional Drive Suite 100, Roseville, CA 95661 800-835-2634  
**LEGAL 0176-SLT RP19040016 10/31, 11/07, 11/14/2019**

## LEGAL NOTICES

### 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  
0170-SLT**

FILED  
OCTOBER 11, 2019  
MELISSA WILK  
County Clerk  
ALAMEDA COUNTY  
By-----, Deputy  
FILE NO. 564363

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 17900-17930

The name of the businesses:  
Bay Area Hearing Aids located at 13847 E. 14th Street #200, San Leandro, CA 94578, in Alameda County; mailing address 3170 Plymouth Road, Lafayette, CA 94549 in Contra Costa County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Scott Rubenstein, 3170 Plymouth Road, Lafayette, CA 94579. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced N/A.

/s/ Scott Rubenstein

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on date indicated by file stamp above.

Expires October 11, 2024

**OCT 31, NOV 07, 14, 21, 2019  
0174-SLT**

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SEPTEMBER 20, 2019  
MELISSA WILK  
County Clerk  
ALAMEDA COUNTY  
By-----, Deputy  
FILE NO. 563672

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code 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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on date indicated by file stamp above.

Expires SEPTEMBER 20, 2024

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

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SEPTEMBER 30, 2019  
MELISSA WILK  
County Clerk  
ALAMEDA COUNTY  
By-----, Deputy  
FILE NO. 563984

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code 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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on date indicated by file stamp above.

Expires SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

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0172-SLT**

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OCTOBER 14, 2019  
MELISSA WILK  
County Clerk  
ALAMEDA COUNTY  
By-----, Deputy  
FILE NO. 564394

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code 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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on date indicated by file stamp above.

Expires October 14, 2024

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OCTOBER 07, 2019  
MELISSA WILK  
County Clerk  
ALAMEDA COUNTY  
By-----, Deputy  
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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on date indicated by file stamp above.

Expires OCTOBER 07, 2024

**OCT 17, 24, 31, NOV 07, 2019  
0168-SLT**

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OCTOBER 18, 2019  
MELISSA WILK  
County Clerk  
ALAMEDA COUNTY  
By-----, Deputy  
FILE NO. 564556

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 17900-17930

The name of the businesses:  
MellRose located at 5850 Owens Dr. #101, Pleasanton, CA 94588, in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Melissa Robinson, 5850 Owens Dr. #101, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced January 1, 2014.

/s/ Melissa Robinson

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on date indicated by file stamp above.

Expires October 18, 2024

**OCT 31, NOV 07, 14, 21, 2019  
0177-SLT**



## Limb: City has over 20,000 street trees to keep an eye on

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police arrived, and then the paramedics came and checked her out. They offered to take her to the hospital, but Mary said there was no need for that.

There are over 20,000 trees in the city of San Leandro and the park staff report anything they notice, and a tree crew will take a look at it, said Public Works Director Debbie Pollart.

More limbs have come down recently due to the several years of drought, Pollart said.

"We're seeing more limbs come down than in the past," she said. "Also, trees are a city infrastructure that's getting older. And with older trees the likelihood of failure can increase."

The city trees that line the streets are inspected as each area comes up for maintenance. But anytime somebody notices something wrong with a tree, they can call and a city tree crew will come over and look at it, Pollart said.

The city will take care of any tree problem, other than with pests – like ants, which just go along with having trees.

About 20 years ago, the city planted Bradford pear trees, but it turned out that those trees would split open during hot spells, so the city took them out, Pollart said.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MARY MINOR

**The limb that broke off of an evergreen tree at Memorial Park on Bancroft Avenue also knocked over a utility box when it landed. City park crews check trees and report problems so that a tree crew can come out and take a look.**

## Raise: Mayor working full time

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higher amount is fair compensation.

The raise had earlier been approved by the Council's Rules Committee. While Cutter is a member, she recused herself from both the committee's discussion and its 2-0 vote.

According to Cutter, pay for the mayor and council treats the officeholders as part-time employees. While some members of the council and some mayors have held down full-time outside jobs, she said, others have not, and have thus worked essentially full-time for the city for part-time pay.

Cutter retired as a San Leandro teacher when she was elected, in effect taking a pay cut, but the mayor's job has proven to be full-time or more, she said.

Cutter prepares for and attends City Council meetings, along with the committee meetings. She often meets with individual Council members on matters of interest, and has set up regular meeting times with each Council member as well, she said.

She also is a member of regional boards and committees, and serves as an officer of some. She said she participates in those to give San Leandro a voice in regional issues and sometimes national ones.

"I'm particularly proud of



**Mayor Pauline Cutter joined the pride parade in Washington, D.C. when she was at the capital for the United States Conference of Mayors.**

the work I've done with the U.S. Conference of Mayors," she said, adding that it gives the city national visibility.

Cutter is the vice-chair of the Alameda County Transportation Commission, which is overseeing such regional issues as a redesign of the East 14th transit corridor from Oakland to Fremont.

"It's really the main street of the East Bay," she said, "a bit like El Camino Real on the other side of the Bay. And we're right in the middle of it."

Travel to those regional meetings takes time, Cutter said, as they are usually held in Oakland or, for the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, San Francisco.

"And it's the reading," she added.

The city needs to keep abreast of developments such as the coming expiration of a 20-year-old Joint Powers Agency (JPA) agreement on discharges into San Francisco Bay, and its proposed replacement with a 40-year agreement, Cutter said.

"I was in a good position to try to make sure San Leandro will get what it needs from its JPA," she said.

Closer to home, she is frequently also asked to sit in on city department meetings, often when local business people or attorneys are involved.

Cutter also fields many re-  
*see RAISE, page 14*



## FLOOD ZONE

### IS YOUR HOME IN THE FLOOD ZONE?



The City of San Leandro continues to participate in the FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) Flood Insurance Rating System and achieved a Class 8 designation that enables residents in FEMA-designated flood zones or Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) to receive discounts of up to 10 percent on flood insurance.

Properties in the flood zone that have federally backed loans are required to have flood insurance. If you are unsure whether your home is in the flood zone, we will gladly provide you with flood zone information. Please send your name, email address, phone number and the site address you are inquiring about by:

- Email to: [jsmithjr@sanleandro.org](mailto:jsmithjr@sanleandro.org) -or-
- Phone: City's Flood Zone Information Hotline at 510-577-3413

Flood zone maps can be viewed at <https://msc.fema.gov/portal> or at the City's Division of Building & Safety Services located on the 1st Floor, City Hall at 835 E. 14th Street.

### Ways to Reduce Flood Risks

There are approximately 3,000 homes that are in San Leandro's flood zone, the following are steps all residents can take to reduce flood risks.

- Residents are encouraged to assist in maintaining the flood control channels in their areas by removing or reporting obstructions (such as shopping carts, leaves, debris, trash, etc.). To report obstructions or illegal dumping, or for questions regarding flood control channels, please contact Alameda County Public Works Agency's Maintenance and Operations Department at (510) 670-5500.
- Keeping storm drains free of obstructions reduces flooding in the event of heavy rains. To report obstructions or illegal dumping, or for questions regarding the City's drainage system maintenance, please contact Public Works – Water Pollution Control Plant at (510) 577-3434.
- Do not drive or walk around road barriers where roads or pathways may be flooded or washed out.
- Stay away from downed power lines and electrical wires.
- In the event of home flooding, turn off electricity.
- Do not use appliances or motors that get wet unless they are taken apart, cleaned and dried.
- Elevate or relocate electrical panels, furnaces, water heaters, washers and dryers.

### Building in the Flood Zone

Though all development within the city requires a permit, there are very specific requirements when building in the flood zone. Always check and fulfill permitting requirements with the Division of Building & Safety Services at (510) 577-3405 and/or the Engineering Division at (510) 577-3428 before you build on, alter, fill, or re-grade on any portion of your property and/or within any easement or right-of-way. To report any suspected permitting violations, please contact Division of Building & Safety at (510) 577-3405.





## LIFESTYLE



The Green Bean Casserole has been a family favorite for Thanksgiving for years.

## Picking the Winning Sides

There's more to Thanksgiving than just the big bird! For many, the traditional side dishes are just as important as the turkey itself.

With the big event just three weeks away, it's time to start the annual countdown.

### GREEN BEAN HOLIDAY CASSEROLE

- 1 (10-3/4 oz) can condensed cream of mushroom soup
- 4 cups cooked green beans
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1-1/3 cups french fried onions

Mix soup, milk and pepper in a 1-1/2 quart casserole dish. Stir in beans and 2/3 cup of the fried onions.

Bake for 25 minutes at 350°F. Top with the remaining 2/3 cup fried onions and bake about 5 more minutes, until onions are lightly browned. Serves 6.

### EXTRA CREAMY MASHED POTATOES

- 3-1/2 cups chicken broth
- 5 large potatoes, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1/2 cup light cream
- 2 tablespoons butter
- Generous dash black pepper

Heat broth and potatoes in 3-quart saucepan over high heat to a boil.

Reduce heat to medium. Cover and cook 10 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Drain, reserving broth.

Mash potatoes with 1/4 cup broth, cream, butter and black pepper. Add additional broth, if needed, until desired consistency.

For an interesting twist: Stir 1/2 cup sour cream, 3 slices bacon cooked and crumbled (reserve some for garnish), and 1/4 cup chopped fresh chives into hot mashed potatoes. Sprinkle with remaining bacon. Serves 6.

### CANDIED YAMS

- 3 yams, about 2-1/2 pounds
- 1 cup sugar
- 1-1/2 cups water
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- Peel of 1/4 lemon
- 1/4 cup butter
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Scrub yams and place in large pot. Cover with boiling water and cook, covered, over medium heat 25 to 30 minutes, until potatoes are tender but firm. Drain and cool potatoes. Peel and slice into thick pieces. Butter shallow baking dish and arrange yam slices in single layer in dish.

Heat sugar, water, nutmeg and lemon peel in saucepan. Add 1/4 cup butter and lemon juice. When butter melts, remove from heat and add vanilla. Stir syrup and pour over potatoes in dish. Bake

at 425°F until bubbly, about 30 minutes.

### CRANBERRY RELISH

- 1-1/2 cups sugar
- 3/4 cup water
- 3 whole cloves
- 3 whole allspice
- 2 (3-inch) cinnamon sticks
- 1 (12-ounce) bag fresh cranberries
- Zest of 1 orange

Combine sugar, water, cloves, allspice and cinnamon sticks in 4-quart saucepan. Bring to a boil. Cook, stirring, until syrup is clear, about 3 minutes. Add cranberries and cook just until they begin to pop, about 5 minutes.

Remove from heat, add orange zest and cool. Keep in refrigerator at least 3 days before using. Yields about 2-1/2 cups relish, about 10 servings.

### CREAMED PEAS & ONIONS

- 3 tablespoons butter
- 2 cups peeled pear onions
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1 cup whipping cream
- 1-1/2 cups milk
- Salt and pepper
- 1 (2-pound) package frozen peas, thawed and drained
- Freshly grated nutmeg

Melt 1 tablespoon butter in saucepan. Add and sauté onions until lightly browned. Remove and reserve.

Melt remaining 2 tablespoons butter in same saucepan over medium heat. Stir in flour and cook 1 minute. Slowly add whipping cream and milk, heating and stirring until smooth and thickened. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Add peas and simmer 5 to 10 minutes until tender, stirring frequently. Stir in 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg. Serves 6.

bine flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Using your fingertips, rub butter and shortening into dry ingredients until mixture looks like crumbs. (The faster the better, you don't want the fats to melt.) Make a well in the center and pour in the chilled buttermilk. Stir just until the dough comes together. The dough will be very sticky.

Turn dough onto floured surface, dust top with flour and gently fold dough over on itself 5 or 6 times. Press into a 1-inch thick round. Cut out biscuits with a 2-inch cutter, being sure to push straight down through the dough.

Place biscuits on baking sheet so that they just touch.

Reform scrap dough, working it as little as possible and continue cutting.

Bake until biscuits are tall and golden on top, 15 to 20 minutes. Yields 1 dozen biscuits.

### CORN PUDDING

- 3 tablespoons butter, melted, plus more for dish
- 2 large eggs
- 2 cups whole milk
- Pinch of cayenne pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley



## COUNTDOWN TO THANKSGIVING

### Next Week: Desserts

- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh thyme
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 2 cups fresh corn kernels, cut from the cob (or frozen and thawed)

Heat oven to 350°F.

Butter a 1-1/2 -quart casserole dish. In a large bowl whisk together eggs. Add milk, pouring in a steady stream while whisking. Add melted butter, cayenne, nutmeg, parsley, thyme, salt, sugar, and corn. Mix to combine.

Pour mixture into prepared dish. Place casserole dish in a deep roasting pan, and fill with boiling water until it reaches halfway up the sides.

Place in oven, and bake, until set, 35 to 40 minutes.

Serve immediately, or let set for up to 30 minutes at room temperature.

Yields 8 servings.



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## City to Host Recycling Event Next Wednesday

In recognition of America Recycles Day, the City of San Leandro is hosting a special event on Wednesday, Nov. 13, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd. This year's campaign theme "Be Recycled" is aimed

at motivating residents to recycle 365 days per year and to reuse materials to give goods a second, third or even a fourth life.

America Recycles Day is a national campaign aimed at encouraging reuse, recycling and buying recycled products. The

event is open to San Leandro residents only.

"#BeRecycled" encourages residents to properly dispose of pharmaceuticals, household batteries and electronic media, such as floppy disks, DVDs, and CD cases. Residents also may

drop-off mercury-containing items including thermometers, thermostats and fluorescent lights.

For more information, visit [www.RecycleSanLeandro.org](http://www.RecycleSanLeandro.org) or call the City's Recycling Hotline at 510-577-6026.

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**Ashley Adams found her dream job showing people the variety of wildlife and terrain in the East Bay Regional Parks.**



## Path: Performing on stage and on the trail

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the Hayward Fault, the history of the dam that created Lake Chabot, and fossils on Mt. Diablo.

"Before the hills rose up, this used to be all under water and the Sierra Nevada was the coastline," she said.

This month, Adams will be on hand at the National Association of Interpretation (NAI) conference in Denver to receive an award for Best New Interpreter.

The NIA says that Adams has energy and dedication and can relate to any group or topic.

Growing up, Adams attended Roosevelt Elementary School, Bancroft Middle School and San Leandro High School. She graduated from Humboldt State in 2013.

You know those signs along some paths in the parks that explain the surroundings or the wildlife – that's one of the things Adams is working on now. She writes them. Another project that is going well is a new app that she's helping develop that takes

you on a virtual reality tour of the parks.

Adams goes out and films segments using a special 3D camera, and then a tech company makes the app that can be downloaded to a phone. It will give viewers a 360-degree, 3D virtual reality tour of the parks, and an Ohlone village. Through the app, she can bring the parks to schools or to a hospital.

But Adams doesn't just limit her performances to the trail, she's on the stage, too. She will be playing Gracella, a member of the Jets, in *West Side Story* at the Pacific Coast Repertory Theater in Pleasanton, opening in January.

"I did theater all through San Leandro High and Bancroft," she said.

But after the stage, it's back on the trail where Adams is creating new programs, leading bird walks and field trips.

"So I'm pretty busy," she said.

## Sports Collectors Show

The Meridians of St. Leander's will have their 35th Annual Sports Collectors Show on Saturday, Nov. 23, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Ryan O'Connell Hall, 575 W. Estudillo Ave in San Leandro. Vintage sports memorabilia

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# SENIORS

## Settling a Small Estate Without Probate

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

**Q** My father recently died, leaving his home in a Living Trust. He also left several bank accounts, which together total about \$100,000. Our problem: the accounts were never actually transferred into his trust. Is there a way to deal with them without going through probate?

**A** Yes, there is. And, by the way, your question suggests that you know that a probate is a court proceeding supervised by a judge, usually requires the assistance of an attorney, involves lots of paper-work and compliance with procedural rules, and typically takes at least one year or more for completion, even where everything proceeds smoothly.

In our experience, most families prefer to avoid a probate proceeding whenever possible.

So, in your situation, there may be two approaches to settling your father's estate without probate:

1) Petition Court to Transfer Accounts To Trust: One approach would depend upon whether there is written proof that he intended to make his bank accounts part of his trust, but just never got around to doing it.

Example: he may have listed them in his description of assets appended to his trust, but perhaps never formally re-titled them into the trust.

If so, then it might be possible to Petition the Superior Court for an order transferring them into his trust, so that they can then be handled — like the home — as part of the trust and without probate.

This is sometimes called a "Heggstad" Petition, so named because of the leading court case approving this procedure. However, even this Petition would involve a court proceeding, require that you engage an attorney to prepare a written petition to the court, and would involve a short hearing before a judge. So, at best it would involve what I call a "mini-probate".

2) Small Estate Affidavit: An even simpler process would involve using the "Affidavit Procedure" for collection of assets that do not exceed \$150,000 in value.

This procedure, set out in California Probate Code § 13100, requires only the completion of an affidavit by the Successor(s)-In-Interest of your father, reciting the nature of the assets sought to be collected, the right of the Successor to receive them, and certain other recitals.

Many banks even have forms for this purpose. Here, the successor(s) would typically be the named beneficiaries in your father's Last Will (if he had one), or — if no Will — then the family members who would inherit his estate under the California law of Intestate Succession, i.e. the law which determines rights of inheritance where a decedent dies without a will.

This law designates family members in a certain order of preference.

Of special note is that certain assets are excluded from the tally when determining whether this Small Estate Affidavit procedure may be used.

They include: assets held in a Living Trust, those titled in Joint Tenancy form, multi-party accounts with a designated surviving party (i.e. a Pay-On-Death Account), all vehicles and boats registered under the Vehicle Code, a mobile home, and earnings due from employment (up to \$15,000).

New law: By the way, lawmakers in California just passed a law which bumps up the \$150,000 Small Estate threshold to \$166,250 for persons dying after January 1, 2020, and provides for a further adjustment in this threshold every three years thereafter based upon an inflation factor.

In your case, it would seem that the Small Estate Affidavit procedure might be your best approach.

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## Check Medicare List of Doctors

By Gene L. Osofsky, Esq.  
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**Q** My wife and I are covered by a Medicare Advantage Plan, but we often find that doctors listed in our plan's directory turn out not be in the Plan. This makes it difficult for us to rely upon the list to seek care from doctors in the network. Any comment upon this?

**A** Yes, and you are not alone. As you know, Medicare Advantage plans are a popular alternative to regular Medicare because the MA plans typically offer lower out-of-pocket costs and the same basic coverage as original Medicare, plus some additional benefits and services that original Medicare doesn't offer. However, seniors need to make sure they know how their plans work.

Medicare Advantage plans rely upon members seeking care from In-Network providers and

they typically have different coverage rules for out-of-network care. It is therefore important to know which doctors and hospitals are in a plan's network when you seek care.

Reliance solely upon your plan's provider directory could lead to surprises and unexpected medical bills.

A recent government review of Medicare Advantage plans revealed that their provider directories were often riddled with errors. The most egregious errors were the frequent identification of doctors as being in the Plan Network, who actually were not.

In this regard, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) conducted a review of online provider directories for Medicare Advantage plans.

It found that there was incorrect information for half of the 5,832 doctors listed in the directories of 54 Medicare Advantage plans, together representing a third of all Medicare Advantage providers and covering approxi-

mately 17 million Americans.

As a result of that review, CMS warned 21 Medicare Advantage insurers to fix the errors by February 6, 2017, or face serious fines.

Before purchasing a plan, you should double check with the doctors and hospitals you use in order to verify that they are part of your Plan's provider network.

Once you are enrolled, and before you arrange for care from a new medical provider listed in your directory, you should first call the provider's office and verify that he or she is actually still part of your plan's network.

Doing so may prevent some unexpected bills for out-of-network medical care and help make your selected plan work for you.

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# REAL ESTATE GALLERY



## REAL ESTATE REALITY

By Carl Medford, CRS  
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GUEST COMMENTARY



## Transaction Failures Up as Market Heads Down

As we enter the end of 2019, the market continues to slow. While part of this is the normal seasonal adjustment, we are also seeing continuing overall reductions in the market pace as it shifts from an overheated seller's market to a more neutral stance.

Two hallmarks of a slow-down are swelling days on the market and accompanying price reductions. A third factor, not as readily apparent, is an increase in failed transactions.

Realtors are reporting an uptick in exploding deals. "We are also seeing a dramatic increase in escrows coming apart," states Krystle Wilson of First American Title. Vicky Guo, also with First American, concurs. "When the market was hot, buyers did everything possible to keep transactions together. Now we get the feeling they are looking for any excuse to cancel."

Why this increase in collapsing transactions? Here are our top three reasons:

### 1. Declining Prices.

In declining markets, some buyers rationalize that if they wait to purchase, they may get a better deal. Some buyers have entered into contracts, taken a look at overall market conditions and concluded it might be

better if they canceled and held back for a better deal.

### 2. Property Condition.

In hot markets, buyers are willing to overlook many property conditions just to secure a home. In our shifting market, with multiple offers down, contracts are coming in under asking price and requests for repairs have returned. In some cases, buyers, unfamiliar with repair protocols, are also asking for upgrades.

One buyer, in contract on a San Lorenzo home, produced a long list of upgrades and then asked for a \$50,000 price reduction. Encountering pushback from the seller, they chose to walk instead of working out a realistic compromise.

### 3. Market Unfamiliarity.

It has been a very long time since agents, buyers and sellers have encountered a shifting market. Eight years of an overheated market inculcated market beliefs that no longer apply. Consequently, players on all sides of the equation do not know the current rules of engagement.

As an example, approximately 1/3 of Alameda County Realtors received their licenses after February 2011, the time the seller's market began. These agents have never seen a shifting market and consequently

are scrambling to learn the new skills.

It always takes time during a shift for everyone to become comfortable with the new realities, and until it happens, we can expect many more failed transactions.

*Carl Medford is a licensed Realtor with Keller Williams Realty and a licensed general contractor. This article is sponsored by the Central County Marketing Association.*



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## 5 Ways to Bring the Outdoors In This Fall

With the weather cooling down and trees changing to vibrant colors, it's no wonder many consider autumn their favorite time of year. Fall draws people outside to apple orchards and pumpkin patches and fills homes with the smells of seasonal baking.

A recent YouGov survey commissioned by VELUX found that most people (over 69%) think exposure to daylight, fresh air and nature has a positive effect on their well-being, including reducing stress. Yet according to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), people today spend 90% of their time indoors. Even houses now are built to be more sealed, trap-

ping bacteria and toxins inside, with many people unaware that indoor air can be up to five times more polluted than outdoor air, according to the EPA.

To enjoy the positive benefits of nature even when spending time indoors, why not open up your house and bring more of the outdoors in? Try these five strategies for bringing more nature into your home this fall.

### 1. Open your windows or skylights

Before cold weather arrives, take advantage of pleasant temps to let in fresh air and sunlight, and even enjoy viewing the beautiful yellows, oranges and reds outside. The fresh air will help you breathe easier, riding the air of toxins, bacteria



and musty odors inside.

Skylights are great options for adding fresh air and natural light, which can help make your indoor living environment healthier. Skylights are a simple home renovation project that can dramatically improve your home's health and have changed

a great deal from those of decades past. The latest skylight models and skylight blinds can open via smartphone app or remote control to bring in fresh air and control light. VELUX No Leak Solar Powered Fresh Air Skylights can be automated see FALL, page 11

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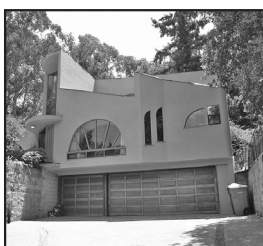
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## Fall: Bring outside in.

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using VELUX Active with NETATMO, an internet-connected control system that compares online weather forecasts to temperatures, humidity and CO2 levels inside the home, automatically opening skylights to bring in fresh air if doing so improves indoor air conditions. In addition, VELUX offers a number of blinds options that can be automated with the VELUX Active with NETATMO system to boost the skylights' thermal performance by blocking intense sunlight or providing an additional layer of insulation during cold nights.

### 2. Fill your home with cozy, natural scents

Use fresh herbs and spices like rosemary, sage, cinnamon sticks and cloves to create your own homemade potpourri. Or you could make a wreath using sprigs of your favorite herbs, including lavender, rosemary, bay and sage. You can add sprigs of similar aromatic dried options to fresh-cut flower arrangements, adding layers of scent, deeper colors and contrasting textures to your floral displays.

### 3. Bring pumpkins indoors

Autumn is not complete without pumpkins, but there's no need to banish them to the front porch. Pick up some smaller pumpkins and other types of gourds, adding dried corn cobs to create a centerpiece for your dining room table or adding a pop of color to a coffee or side table.

Some types of edible squash are almost too pretty to eat, so why not display them for a while before cooking them? Look for visually interesting acorn, delicata and buttercup squash for your displays.

### 4. Leafy bouquets

Rethink your cut-flower bouquets. Take a walk outside to collect branches of colorful leafy fall foliage to add to your floral bouquets, along with flowers of similar autumn hues. Think chrysanthemums, sunflowers, dahlias and daisies in tones of orange, crimson and gold.

### 5. Incorporate fall design elements

Use autumn colors and shapes to inspire new design ideas. Swap decorative elements, from pillows and blankets to throw rugs and tea towels, for new items highlighting earthy tones like brown and orange. Look for items with nature-inspired designs - from leaf or vine patterns to migrating flocks of birds - that bring a feeling of autumn into your home.

Change up your window treatments to reflect the season, too. Swapping out blinds on your skylights is simple; you can easily add fall-colored blinds to match the tones of your new decor.

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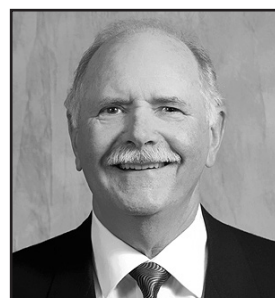
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The observance and ceremony honors and thanks all military veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces. Veteran's Day honors all American veterans, living and dead.

Post 117 legionnaires plan to honor a veteran who passed on to "Post Everlasting" with a special ceremony that includes

the stacking of rifles, placement of an American Legion cap, and a flag raising ceremony.

For more information, contact Susan Criswell, Senior Services Supervisor at 510-577-6079 or Steven Johnson, Commander, American Legion San Leandro Post 117 at 510-828-6762.

## Raise: Cutter eying retirement

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quests from community groups, or even sometimes just a San Leandro family, to come to formal or informal events.

"It's not even always Pauline they want," she said, "It's often the office. Sometimes they just want the mayor."

She goes on Chamber of Commerce visits to local businesses and attractions, she said.

Cutter could have requested the raise before now, but didn't, she said. She did it now due to putting in full-time work while her retirement from city service nears, helped by term limits, Cutter said.

"Three more years and I'm done," Cutter said.

"One always hopes one leaves some accomplishment behind. I might hold the record

for the longest service just in San Leandro elected office without running for office at any other level, like Ellen Corbett did. I started off on the school board, went to the City Council and now I've served two terms as mayor. That will be 24 years when my term ends."

Cutter hopes to fill her retirement with volunteer work in the San Leandro area, she said.

## Bird: "We want to provide a bunch of vehicles."

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tion, such as mopeds.

"We want to provide a bunch of vehicles for different trip modes," said Hanson. But the starter vehicle is still likely to be the little scooter, which is

easy to ride and easy to park.

Safety is a concern, and Bird has worked with cities to try to create bike lanes. They have offered to send riders free helmets (the customer pays only for shipping).

Hanson is looking for a systems impact. She thinks there's room to start converting parking spaces to scooter parking at some point, when there are enough of them out there.

"When scooters become a major aspect of urban mobility the streets will start changing the way they look," said Hanson.

Why will Bird succeed where others falter? Hanson

thinks their emphasis on a great customer experience will lead to winning in the marketplace. And, their major investments in R&D to create better quality scooters will help, too.

Summing up, Bird's goal is to improve the overall efficiency of vehicles, using clean energy; they want to get people out of their cars for all those short trips. And they want to do it sustainably.



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## Welcome, Indian Grill

Local business people welcome the Indian Grill to the city's downtown at the restaurant's opening on Oct. 17. The restaurant, at 1600 Washington Ave. in the space formerly occupied by Ploughman's, is the first fully Indian restaurant in San Leandro's downtown. Pal Singh said, "We specialize in food from northern India, so the food is spicier than food from southern India – but not too spicy." From left, Ranjit Singh of Indian Grill, Chamber of Commerce Pres. Emily Griego, Matt Jones, Hans Mohring, Robert Jones, Indian Grill co-owners Pal Singh and Jaswinder Singh, Linda Nakhai, and Inder Singh of Indian Grill.

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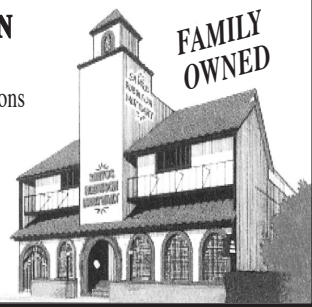
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### Suellen Yvonne Olsen

Suellen Yvonne Olsen (69 years) passed away on Sunday, October 27, 2019 at home. She was the wife of David K Olsen. They shared 48 years of marriage together.

Born on February 3, 1950 in Oakland, CA, she was the daughter of Ariel and Lois Ward.

She is survived by her husband David, her 4 children Becky (Mark) Nielsen, Tim (Joslyn) Olsen, Lindsey (Chris) Caravella, Kristina (Zach) Pennell, her 11 grandchildren, and her brothers Dan (Shirley) Ward and David (Kathy) Ward.

She will be remembered for being an amazing mother and friend.

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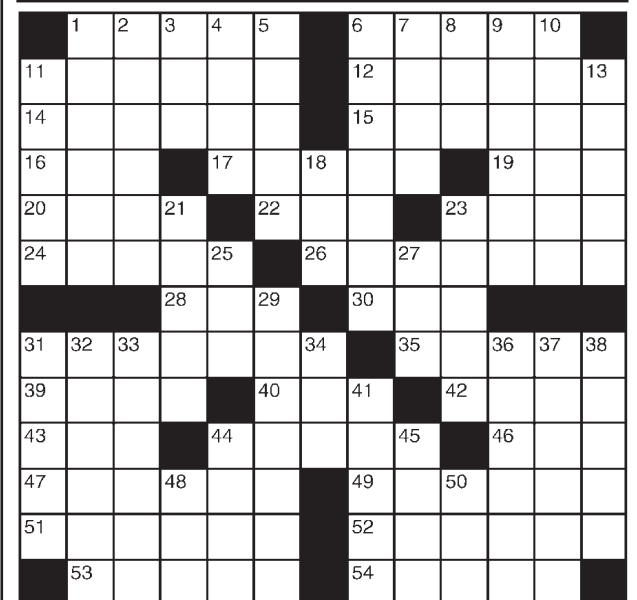
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## OPINION

## LETTERS to the EDITOR

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**A Response to Mahadevan**

Editor:

In response to Dev Mahadevan's confusing letter to the Editor ("Open Letter to Gordon Galvin, President of Eden Township Healthcare District Board of Directors," Letters, Oct. 31) let me say, as the Chair of the Board, I am keenly aware of all issues pertaining to the Eden Healthcare District yet, even I am unclear on the point of your letter.

It may be that your letter was a public way of trying to force the Board of the Eden Healthcare District to issue the new C.E.O. contract to your pal.

On that point, I will say that like any professional organization, the Board does not conduct employee reviews in public.

We respect and follow the privacy laws that protect employees from having details of their work performance becoming public fodder.

I understand your personal friendship and your desire to keep your hand-picked replacement in this position. However, as you pointed out, the CEO serves at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

To that end, the Eden Healthcare District Board has decided that we need to retain a full-time CEO to help us implement some major initiatives we have planned.

The current CEO's contract has expired and he is invited and encouraged to apply for the new, full-time contract position. With his background and experience at the District, he would have an advantage over the competition.

The next time you have a concern, instead of firing off a 2-page missive that leaves us confused and puts the District in the position of having to publicly respond, I encourage you to call me or any member of our board.

In closing, I want to remind you, Mr. Mahadevan, that you and I share the same goal -- to see the Eden Healthcare District thrive! On that front, I'm happy to report that we are in the midst of re-establishing our District and that many exciting new projects and opportunities are being pursued. We are excited to have good news on the horizon -- stay tuned!

—Gordon Galvan, Chair  
Eden Healthcare District

**Critic of Galvan Leadership!**

Editor:

In response to the letter on 10/31/2019 from Dev to Gordon Galvan - I am not surprised by the leadership style Gordon has brought to the Eden Health District board of directors, he probably has one of his friends lined up for the position. Anyone who cast her/his vote for Gordon in hopes of inspiring confidence and acting in a responsible manner to safeguard district assets and its resources, I am sorry, and not surprised you may be disappointed. Look at what Gordon did as President of Davis Street Family Resources and how he left that organization in financial struggles with loss of

community support.

I hope that the rest of the board has the withal to truly consider Dev's comments and work for the good of the district and not be fooled by Gordon.

—Diana Souza  
San Leandro

**A \$2-Million Miss**

Editor:

Smart people scare me! Referring to blacktop repair and pool repair (Farrelly Pool Delayed for Another Summer," Page 1, The Times, Oct. 31), we have a city staff who figure the cost to repair Farrelly Pool at \$4.6 million. The best and only bid comes in at \$6.2 million.

How does the city staff miss it by almost \$2 million?

I got an idea, when you run a red light your ticket comes from Los Angeles to the tune of about \$500. Since everyone in Hollywood has a pool, let's go to Los Angeles and ask for a few bids. Surely they know some good pool people. Heck, we could have a guitar or a cherry-shaped pool.

Now, let's get to asphalt repair. Our city has engineers who spend our money on rubber bumpers for speed bumps that get bolted into the earth, better known as dirt.

When I went camping, we did the same thing with our tents, knowing full well we would be pulling those stakes up because they would only be temporary.

Our city owns an asphalt truck (I'll bet it costs \$100,000). Did we not hire a consultant to show us how to utilize this vehicle, or maybe hire someone in the trade to show our people how to use it most efficiently?

As bad as our streets are getting, our asphalt truck should be running every day. Thank goodness we have shops in town that know how to get your cars back on the road after they hit a pot hole!

—Larry Arnold  
San Leandro

**Five Years to Build a Pool?**

Editor:

I have some very fond memories of taking my children to Farrelly Pool every summer for swimming lessons. I would have a great time socializing with the other parents, while my children became very proficient at swimming. This was very important to me as it was potentially life saving for them and it was an opportunity that I, myself, never had as a child.

When I read in the San Leandro Times (Page 1, Oct. 31) that the pool will be unusable for yet another year, making that 5 years in all, I was somewhat mystified. How can the demolition and rebuilding of one swimming pool take five years to accomplish?

Whole housing tracts have been completed in less time! I feel very sympathetic for the families in the local area that are denied use of the pool every summer, in spite of all the property taxes that they are

paying nowadays.

—Jan Schumann  
San Leandro

**No Raise for the Mayor**

Editor:

I took an informal survey on Nextdoor this weekend regarding the idea of giving Pauline a big raise, since that seems to be the topic at hand. The results speak for themselves. 75 percent of us are against the idea.

After giving the deputy city manager a big raise and then the Farrelly Pool bid coming in 34 percent over budget we question where the money would even come from for yet another raise. Especially since balancing the current budget was only achieved through cuts and not filling staff vacancies according to the city manager.

—Gary Langbehn  
San Leandro

**Newsom's Attack on PG&E**

Editor:

Gavin Newsom fallaciously tries to skirt his responsibility for his lack of forest management and for undermining PG&E by sneaking in another bureaucracy, the Community Energy, that doesn't add a single kilowatt, under the hoax of "Climate change" so, now Newsom is launching an all-out attack on PG&E.

These fires have been happening every year for the 40 years that I've been in California.

The Democrats have converted this state into a big homeless encampment and a sanctuary for criminals; fires are burning all over the state and millions of Californians go without power. Meanwhile, the taxpayers' money is wasted on a legion of lawyers filing dozens of lawsuits against the federal government.

The worst part of all of this is that the Democrats are trying to do to the country what they've done to California. One wonders what kind of sick people vote for this program and then, the answer comes in the form of drivel, written by Bruce Joffe or Kenneth Kellogg.

—Leo T. West  
San Leandro

**A Vote For President Trump**

Editor:

President Trump has done wonders for this country. He eliminated al-Baghdadi, the worst terrorist in history besides bin Laden. He has all but eliminated ISIS.

He has engineered the most employment for all races in this country in decades, withdrawn us from the disastrous Paris Climate Accord which saved thousands of American jobs, and made us energy independent, something many presidents have promised and none have accomplished.

He has made me a proud American again. He has accomplished so much which cannot be squeezed into this space.

But, he has endured a never-ending assault by those who wanted another result in the last election.

An over two-year investigation produced nothing to convict him of a crime, and yet liberals are still trying to throw anything they can at him to tear him down.

He doesn't even get credit for finding and taking out the murderous

monster al-Baghdadi.

Those who so eagerly pursue Donald Trump are spiteful, hateful, and arrogant, and will do anything to besmirch his reputation. This is why I left that party.

I do not wish to be part of a party that dismisses the truth in order to win power. This is all they are doing.

You who value truth, look hard at the national media and their tearing into our president. They cheat, tell half-truths and whole lies, are divisive, and assassinate character to win.

Our nation has greatly benefited because of this president. He must

continue being president for another four years.

—Corey Anderson  
San Leandro

**Block Party a Big Success**

Editor:

I want to thank everyone that came to our first Annual Halloween Block Party on Dillo Street. It was a big success. We had hundreds of people come through and have burgers and hot dogs.

A big thanks to all the volunteers that made this possible.

—Bryan Azevedo  
San Leandro

## INQUIRING REPORTER

## What's your pastime?

— Asked around town

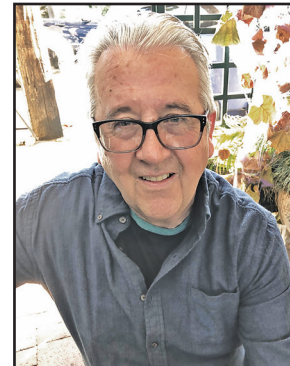
Hiking, because it gives me serenity, peace, and time to unplug.

**Zee Morales**  
with Lacey  
San Leandro



Ideally, bicycling. I also enjoy gardening and even work with plants for a living.

**Bill Gallo**  
San Leandro



I write and self-publish novels because it's creative and I like to feel that. I also do quite a bit of traveling. The only place I haven't been to is Antarctica.

**Mike Dirubio**  
San Leandro



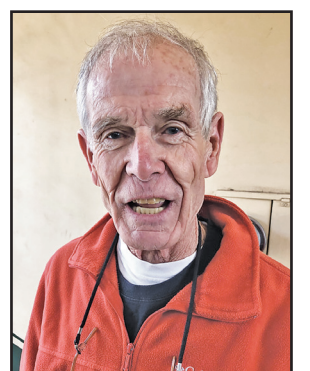
I play soccer, which is my favorite thing to do. I also like reading, traveling, and interacting on social media like Facebook and Twitter.

**Afshin Nori**  
Oakland, works in San Leandro



Reading, always. My other pastime is talking to people. I like to read fiction -- and talk to people.

**George Clarence Brown**  
San Leandro





# San Leandro High Football Shuts Out Berkeley, 40-0



PHOTO BY ANDREW JOSEPH

Pirates' running back Osaro Aihie runs into the end zone for a touchdown in the second quarter to give San Leandro a 16-0 lead.

By Andrew Joseph  
San Leandro Times

The San Leandro Pirates football team beat the Berkeley Yellowjackets, 40-0, in a conference game on senior night at home on Friday to improve to 6-3 overall and 4-1 in the Western Alameda County Conference (WACC) league.

The Pirates' senior running back Osaro Aihie scored his first touchdown of the night on the opening drive to give San Leandro an 8-0 lead after a successful two-point conversion. The tone was set by San Leandro's efficiency on the ground, running the ball spectacularly all night.

## SLHS Still Has Shot At NCS Playoffs

The San Leandro High football team still has a chance at making the North Coast Section playoffs, but the selection committee doesn't meet until this weekend.

The NCS playoffs were pushed back a week this season because of the fires up north.

"The goal coming into tonight was to play a complete game," said San Leandro head coach Brad Bowers. "We knew if we played our brand of football we could get out to an early lead."

Aihie finished the game with a season-high three touchdowns, 11 runs for 133 yards, and an average of just over 12 yards per carry. Aihie has received a total of five college scholarship offers so far including ones from Dartmouth and Portland State University, but has yet to come to a commitment decision. Ismael Sanchez finished with one touchdown on four carries for 88 yards.

"I'm so proud of my offensive line and give them all the credit coming off a tough loss last week and regrouping to block really well for me tonight which gave me the ability to just do what I do," said Aihie.

San Leandro's defense also proved to be a factor, holding the Yellowjackets to zero points the entire evening.

"Our defense has played phenomenal all season long," added coach Bowers. "Amari Roberson's end zone interception was huge for us and he does a phenomenal job of finding the ball — you can expect him to make big plays every week."

Roberson picked off a Berkeley pass at the goal line on Berkeley's 4th down attempt to score in the first quarter. Aihie and Elijah Jackson led the defense with seven tackles each. The defensive line also came up big with three total sacks.

"On that play where I had the interception I saw Berkeley's offense fake the toss then I saw the running back run a wheel route, and I knew we were in man coverage so I had to run with him then I saw the ball thrown and just ran to catch it," said Roberson.

Everything went right in the first two quarters as San Leandro had a comfortable 24-0 lead at halftime.

At the beginning of the third quarter San Leandro turned on the intensity even more, when starting quarterback DJ Bryant found wide receiver Te'ron Nix for a 15-yard touchdown to create a 30-0 advantage. Bryant had no trouble finding his receivers all night, completing 9 of 14 passes for 145 yards to earn a quarterback rating of 122.6 for the game.

"This is our best complete game that we have played all season," said Bryant. "I just stayed calm in the pocket the whole game and played how I have been practicing."

The final scoring drive began as the Pirates' defense recovered a Berkeley fumble midway through the third quarter to set up Aihie's third rushing touchdown to make it 40-0.

"We expected ourselves to perform as well as we did tonight," added Aihie. "That last touchdown that I ran in to make it 40-0 felt really good — this is definitely a moment to cherish."

The Yellowjackets had another chance to score towards the end of the third quarter, but failed to convert on a 4th down attempt in the red zone. The shutout victory was sealed when San Leandro's cornerback Cory Hayes intercepted a Berkeley pass inside the middle of the end zone with just 1:45 left in the game.

For the seniors of the team this game meant a great deal, possibly being the last time for them playing in front of their home crowd on senior night.

"Our main focus coming into this game was to send our seniors out on a high note, bounce back after a tough loss last week that would have had us win the WACC league, and also give a message to the playoff committee that we deserve to earn a playoff spot," added Roberson.

The Pirates are currently awaiting the final league-wide standings and decision from the league playoff committee to find out if they will be entered into this season's playoffs.

"Tonight's game shows everyone what we are capable of and I want to be able to do what we did tonight every week against every team that we play," said coach Bowers. "To do well in the playoffs this year we have to consistently play a smart and complete game."

If San Leandro does clinch a playoff berth, the game will be played on Nov. 15 with the opposing team, time, and location to be announced.

DATE: Wednesday, November 13, 2019  
TIME: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
LOCATION: Marina Community Center  
15301 Wicks Blvd, San Leandro



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