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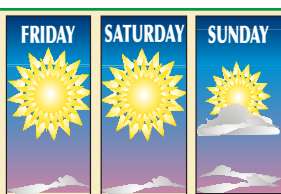
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## A Little to the Left

Pat Webster (driving the forklift) and Jeff Kimbell of Martin Steel lift a steel frame for a roof of a gazebo to install behind the South Offices Building at San Leandro City Hall. The building is undergoing a \$9.4 million remodeling for an expanded police station and meeting room.

## SLHS Neighbors Complain About Student Traffic

Two separate high school campuses causing traffic jams, safety hazard, they say

By Mike McGuire  
San Leandro Times

Some neighbors of San Leandro High School's Fred Korematsu Campus at Bancroft and 136th avenues are worried about students' safety walking two blocks down heavily trafficked Bancroft going to and from classes, and worried about their own homes and cars being safe from some of the students as well.

The school district insists both the students and the neighbors are quite safe.

Tom Baker and some neighbors on 137th Avenue have engaged in a running dialogue with Superintendent Mike McLaughlin for well over a year.

They complain that students going between classes at Korematsu and the main San Leandro High School campus two blocks away often walk in traffic along Bancroft, endangering themselves and drivers. He also said they have taken neighborhood parking spaces while not using the high school's half-empty parking lot, and have damaged residents' cars parked on nearby streets.

There have also been burglaries during school hours, Baker said, as well as damage to parked cars, and an injury to one resident who jumped out of the way of a speeding car while putting out garbage cans. That driver did

turn out to be a student, according to him.

Baker also believes that some students park close to Korematsu for a quick exit when they cut

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## Sheridan Urges Passage of School Bond

By Mike McGuire  
San Leandro Times

San Leandro school board president Leo Sheridan is urging San Leandro voters to pass the \$198 million school bond that will be on the March 2020 ballot.

"We need to continue the momentum we have in the district," he said.

Measure J-1, a \$104 million bond issue passed in 2016, was geared to elementary schools, and involved such things as electrical upgrades, he said.

"Maintenance, maintenance, maintenance," Sheridan sighed.

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## Bike Giveaway Going for Record

By Jim Knowles  
San Leandro Times

The annual Bikes for Tykes bicycle giveaway program is aiming for a record year.

The program is being led this year by Jason Jower who is promising to deliver 1,000 bicycles to needy kids at the giveaway on Dec. 14 at the Davis Street Family Resource Center.

Jower is joined by City Councilman Ed Hernandez and the City of San Leandro in an effort to continue this annual program. For the past eight years, San Leandro police officer Louie Brandt led the program, but Brandt has retired in the past year.

Now the baton has been picked up by Jower of Abbott Diabetes Care Division.

Half the bicycles have already been assembled by volunteers at Abbot, said Hernandez. The remaining 500 bikes will be

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PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

The Bikes for Tykes program held a fundraiser at the Sons of Liberty in downtown San Leandro on Tuesday night where 20 percent of the proceeds went to buy bicycle helmets. City Councilman Ed Hernandez is behind the bicycle, his daughter Rachel is at right and Jennifer Bergschneider of Abbot Diabetes Care is on the left.

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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



**Taz**

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are Taz the Guinea Pig and Mr. Handsome the cat.

**Taz** is a sweet and social Guinea Pig who enjoys being held. He has warm brown fur sprinkled with lighter fur and deep brown eyes. The bulk of his diet is fresh hay and leafy greens with an occasional piece of fruit.

**Mr. Handsome** is a super mellow, 3-year-old brown tiger. A bit of a couch potato, he'll love to spend the evening watching TV



**Mr. Handsome**

with you. This affectionate boy is neutered, up to date on vaccinations and ready to go home.

For more information on Taz or Mr. Handsome, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at 510-293-7200.

## Senior Lunch Menu

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. 25 to Nov. 27, is:

Monday – Butternut squash with chicken and penne pasta, tossed vegetable salad, garlic bread, oranges.

Tuesday – Cod over arugula with lemon yogurt sauce, vegetable bean soup, carrots, whole wheat roll, fruit mix.

Wednesday – Holiday meal. Braised turkey in gravy, roasted rosemary potatoes, green beans, fresh cranberry sauce, sweet potato pie.

Thursday and Friday – Closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.



Thrift Town's San Leandro store at 16160 East 14th St. will close on Friday.

## Thrift Town Closing Friday

Owner says business in San Leandro has become unsustainable due to changing retail climate and cost of doing business

By Mike McGuire  
San Leandro Times

San Leandro's Thrift Town, a fixture on the south end of town for 47 years, will be permanently closing on Friday, Nov. 22.

The store at 16160 East 14th St. is selling its merchandise for 75 percent off this week.

Other stores in the small chain – in El Sobrante and Sacramento – will remain open. San Leandro employees are being encouraged to apply for any open positions at the one remaining Bay Area store in El Sobrante, the company said in a press release.

Company President Jeff Norquist called the decision to close the store very difficult. He said business at the San Leandro location had become unsustainable due to a changing retail climate and rising costs of doing business.

"We salute our amazing crew for their hard work, dedication and commitment to making a dif-

ference every day," he said. "And we thank our loyal customers and the community for many years of great support."

Norquist founded the business with his wife La Vey and her brother Steve Moore in 1972.

They originally used a circus theme in the store. While the theme has been updated, bright red is still the primary color used in their stores.

The recycling area adjacent

to the store closed last week. The store suggests bringing household items for recycling to the ARC of the East Bay/Alameda County drop-off boxes at 14700 Doolittle Drive in San Leandro and 1101 Walpert St. in Hayward, or to other area thrift stores.

The store site at 16160 East 14th St. will be extensively remodeled with plans to reopen in Spring 2020 with a Dollar Tree store as the lead tenant.

## Badarikashrama to Host 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.

For more information, call 510-278-2444.

## All Invited to Assumption Tree Lighting, Caroling

The community is invited to the Church of the Assumption for the second annual Tree Lighting and Caroling Night on Sunday, Dec. 1, from 5 to 6 p.m. outside of the parish at 1100 Fulton Ave. in San Leandro.

Caroling music will be provided by guitarist Michael Denton. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served at the "Apres Ski Chalet" set up outside in the Mary Sees Plaza.

No need to RSVP to this free event – just come and enjoy. The entire community is welcome.

For more information about the tree lighting or Assumption Catholic Parish, call the parish office at 510-352-1537 or visit [www.assumptionsanleandro.org](http://www.assumptionsanleandro.org).

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# POLICE & FIRE

## Suspects Arrested In Thefts And Robberies Targeting Asian Elders

Four men and one juvenile female have been arrested for a series of thefts and strong-arm robberies that primarily targeted elderly Asian residents of San Leandro.

Links to similar crimes in other nearby areas are also being investigated, according to a San Leandro Police Department statement.

The crimes, involving two different sets of suspects, occurred at the New Sang Chong Market at 13756 Doolittle Dr. and at Costco at 1900 Davis St. in late October and early November.

Police arrested 19-year-old Noah Moreno of San Leandro, 20-year-old Elijah Henry of Oakland and a 17-year-old female juvenile whose city of residence was not released, on Nov. 7 after they allegedly robbed an elderly woman at the New Sang Chong Market.

Police say that Henry pushed the woman to the ground and took her purse, while the other two suspects waited in a silver getaway SUV before fleeing.

The victim received a notification that credit cards taken from her were used soon afterwards at a Hayward gas station.

This helped detectives get information on the juvenile and a detailed description of the vehicle, which had been reported as stolen, according to police.

Detectives set up surveillance at both Bayfair Mall and Southland Mall, where stolen credit cards had been used at sporting goods stores following earlier, similar crimes.

Police said the detectives saw the suspects exiting the vehicle at Southland and entering the mall.

When they returned, police arrested the juvenile without incident and attempted to arrest the two men, who fled on foot. They were captured and arrested after a short chase.

A search of the vehicle revealed evidence that linked the three to the Nov. 7 robbery, other robberies in San Leandro and to additional robberies in other communities, police said.

They did not release details of ongoing investigations outside of San Leandro.

The San Leandro Police investigation showed that the same three suspects are believed



PHOTO BY MIKE MCGUIRE

**Police arrested suspects in several thefts and robberies at the New Sang Chong Market at 13756 Doolittle Dr. Different suspects were arrested for similar crimes at Costco.**

responsible for three earlier robberies at the New Sang Chong Market, police said.

On Oct. 28, a 47-year-old Asian female was loading groceries into her car when a suspect jumped out of a silver SUV, took her purse, and sped off.

The following day, a 61-year-old Asian female was also loading groceries into her car when a 17-year-old juvenile grabbed her purse from the car and also fled in a silver SUV.

On Oct. 31, a 71-year-old Asian female was loading her groceries into her car when a suspect grabbed her purse from her shopping cart and fled, this time in a silver Acura MDX.

Police later learned it was registered to the parents of the 17-year-old female juvenile suspect.

Suspects Moreno and Henry are being held without bail at the Santa Rita jail. The Alameda County district attorney has charged each of them with several felonies.

The juvenile's case has been referred to Juvenile Hall for review and charging.

A Nov. 11 robbery at the San Leandro Costco resulted in the arrest the following day of 20-year-old Aaron Duran and 19-year-old Jamont Baldwin, both of Hayward.

The 66-year-old victim was loading groceries when the suspects came alongside her vehicle and grabbed her purse from the front seat.

The suspects ran to a burgundy SUV and fled, according to the police.

Police quickly identified and located the suspect vehicle at Baldwin's house in Hayward.

Police say they followed the Toyota Rav4 to Alameda. There, police said they saw Baldwin wiping down the vehicle and discarding items in bushes.

When detectives tried to detain Baldwin and Duran, both ran away on foot but were quickly captured.

A search of the vehicle and

the nearby bushes turned up evidence implicating Baldwin in the Costco theft, and also to robberies that had occurred in other communities, according to the San Leandro Police.

San Leandro Police Lt. Ted Henderson said Baldwin had been arrested in 2018 for a series of strong-arm robberies in San Leandro, two of them in the same Costco parking lot.

## Police Recover Guns

San Leandro Police recovered 15 guns in separate incidents in October, with four being recovered just in time for Halloween, according to an SLPD statement.

None of the guns, however, had been used in violent crimes, according to the police.

Eight of those guns were found during traffic stops and the other 7 were found during incidents involving alleged crimes, police said.

One loaded gun was taken on Oct. 25 from a juvenile driving a suspected stolen car on Marina Boulevard who allegedly refused to stop for police, who gave chase.

The juvenile hit a mother and child in a crosswalk by the shopping center at Fairway and Doolittle drives, the police said.

They stopped the chase to render aid to the injured, but radioed ahead to other units.

He was located, arrested after a violent fight with officers, and charged with multiple crimes.

The mother and child sustained major injuries but are now recovering at home.

Another gun was seized Oct. 29 on the 400 block of Nabor Street after the police received a report of a man with a gun.

Officers arrested 40-year-old John Teixeira of San Leandro.

He was charged with multiple firearms violations including being a felon in possession of a gun.

SLPD detectives also found a wanted felon in a car on Edes Avenue in Oakland on Oct. 30.

All three occupants of the car were all arrested without incident. Two guns were found in the vehicle, police say.

Steven Casey, Jr., 29 and from Oakland, and Jorge Garcia, also 29 and from San Leandro, were arrested on multiple firearms violations including being felons in possession of guns and probation violations.

Maria Cabrera, 23 and from Oakland, the other occupant of the car, was arrested on an unrelated felony warrant.

Police also responded on Oct. 31 to Toyon Park to reports of a man brandishing a gun there during an argument. Police arrived as five males ran out of the park.

One of them, identified as 26-year-old Oakland resident Gabriel Veliz-Cortez, allegedly was seen by police discarding a gun under a vehicle.

Police recovered it and arrested Veliz-Cortez for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

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# NEIGHBORS



## Bay Elementary Students See Comic Opera

Bay Elementary School students in San Lorenzo recently enjoyed the performance of "Pirates of Penzance." Singers from the Bay School Choir and three professional singers from the San Francisco Opera performed the abridged version of the well-known comic opera by Gilbert and Sullivan. The student choir and classes were prepared by their music teacher Barbara Barrett. Principal Mrs. Bethanee Witchak said, "It was an amazing experience with our own students singing and per-

forming with such incredible opera singers."

The opera was funded by the Bay School PTA and the SF Opera Guild Scholarship.

For more information about SF Opera A La Carte Education Program, go to SFopera.com.

## ARTS & 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 Productions Fridays through Sundays, through Nov. 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)

### ❖ PhotoCentral Art Display

Eleven diverse artists were invited to make artwork for the 75th anniversary of the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (HARD). The exhibition, "Resonance: Eleven Artists Respond to H.A.R.D. at Seventy-Five," will be on display at PhotoCentral, 1099 E St. in Hayward, through Nov. 28. This eclectic show features works on paper and glass with explorations in paint, wood, fiber, and photography. Join PhotoCentral to continue the celebration of the 75th anniversary of H.A.R.D. with unique artworks created for this occasion. The exhibition was curated by Geir Jordahl and features artists Elin Christopher, Gene Dominique, Glenn Hemanes, Vaughn Hutchins, Kate Jordahl, Geir Jordahl, Oliver Klink, Jackson Nichols, Elizabeth Opalenik, Leah Virsik, and Frederick Watkins. Gallery Hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Upstairs Gallery; and in the Downstairs Gallery on Monday from 5 to 10 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and by appointment. For more information, contact PhotoCentral at 510-881-6721 or [photocentral@haywardrec.org](mailto:photocentral@haywardrec.org).

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**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** While it seems that chaos is taking over, you get everything back to normal, even if it means being more than a little assertive with some people. Expect to hear more job-related news soon.



**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Expect to be able to move ahead with your workplace plans now that you have a good idea of what you might have to face. You also can anticipate a welcome change on the home front.



**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** A quieter period settles in, giving you a chance to catch your breath, as well as allowing for more time to handle some important family matters. The arts dominate this weekend. Enjoy them.



**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** The frustrations of last week have pretty much played themselves out. You should find things going more smoothly, especially with those all-important personal matters.



**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Once again, you find a creative way to resolve a pesky problem in short order. However, a matter involving a possible breach of confidence might need a bit more time to check out.



**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Reuniting with an old friend could lead to the sharing of some great new experiences. But be careful you don't find yourself once again being super-critical or overly judgmental.



**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** You should be seeing some positive results following your move toward repairing that unraveling relationship. There might be some setbacks, but staying with it ultimately pays off.



**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Encouraging a friendlier environment in the home could go a long way to help dissipate anger and resolve problems, especially those affecting children. It won't be easy, but you can do it.



**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** A recent act of kindness is beginning to show some unexpected (but very welcome) results. On another note, expect to hear more about a possible move to another locale.



**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** The good news is that the sure-footed Goat can rely on his or her skill to get around obstacles in the workplace. The not-so-good news is that new impediments could turn up later.



**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** A change of pace is welcome but also confusing. Before you make decisions one way or another, be sure you know precisely what it is you're being asked to do.



**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Don't fret if you don't get the gratitude you think you're owed for doing a nice thing for someone. There might be a good reason for that. In any event, what's important is that you did it.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Deadline for Calendar Items is Friday for the Following Week



### ❖ 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 from 1880 to the present will be on sale. Proceeds will benefit St. Leander's parish and local charities. Door prizes. Admission is \$4, or \$2 for those under 10 or over 65. For more information, call 510-538-6245.

### ❖ Soroptimist Holiday Boutique

Soroptimist of the East Bay will have its 15th Annual Holiday Boutique on Saturday, Nov. 23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hill and Valley Club, 1808 B Street in Hayward. Handcrafted gifts, holiday décor, jewelry, wardrobe accessories, stationary and confections. Lunch and refreshments will be available. For more information, call Donna Whitehouse at 510-924-7622.

### ❖ Christmas Boutique

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 2500 Bermuda Ave. in San Leandro, is having a Christmas boutique on Sunday, Nov. 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Many Christmas and handmade items will be available.

### ❖ Eden Garden Club

The next meeting of the Eden Garden Club will be Monday, Nov. 25, at 9:30 a.m. at the Moose Lodge, 20835 Rutledge Road in Castro Valley. Two members will share their artistic talents. Sandra Wallace will share her creativity with a demonstration of making a rolled paper bowl. Oil and acrylic are the media for Artist Margery Zweigle who will share her passion for painting. Meetings are free and guests are always welcome. For more information, call 510-397-1268.

### ❖ 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.sanleandrorec.org](http://www.sanleandrorec.org). For more information, call Customer Service at 510-577-3462.

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### ❖ Mistletoe Madness Craft Fair

All are welcome to Mistletoe Madness 2019, a true craft event with nothing pre-made or imported, on Saturday, Nov. 30, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd. in San Leandro. Admission is free.

### ❖ Buon Tempo Club Family Dinner

The Buon Tempo Club is having a family dinner on Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. at Mt. Tabor Hall,

Transfiguration Church, 4000 E. Castro Valley Blvd. in Castro Valley. Everyone is welcome. Chef Jessica Pacheco and crew will serve a five-course family style dinner of chicken picata. Red and white wine and soda are included. Happy hour is at 6 p.m. The dinner is \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members. Make reservations by Friday, Nov. 29, by calling the Buon Tempo dinner line at 510-483-6929. For more information, see the club's website at [www.buontempoclub.org](http://www.buontempoclub.org).

### ❖ Bayfair Center Holiday Strolls

Bayfair Center, 15555 East 14th St. in San Leandro, will host a series of festive strolling musical performances this holiday season beginning Friday, Nov. 29. Additional performances will take place on four consecutive Saturdays from Nov. 30 through Dec. 21, with one final performance on Tuesday, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve). During each event, the performers will begin near Center Court and stroll through the center from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., sharing their happy holiday sounds along the way. These performances are free and open to the public.

### ❖ Drake's First Friday Fundraiser

It's going to be an epic block party you won't want to miss! All donations and net proceeds from beer sales will benefit Wilson Elementary School and John Muir Middle School. It's all happening at Drake's Barrel House, 1933 Davis St. in the West Gate Center, on Friday, Dec. 6 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. There will be 32+ beers on tap and great food from local food trucks available for purchase. Feel free to bring your own lawn chair or other tailgate seating to make yourself comfortable. \$5 suggested donation per person at the gate. This event is for 21 and over, children 16 and under allowed if accompanied by parents.

### ❖ Teacher Holiday Boutique

California Retired Teachers Division 59 invites current or retired teachers to its Holiday Boutique at the Castro Valley Masonic Center, 4521 Crow Canyon Road, on Tuesday, Dec. 3 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Gift Baskets will be raffled; gently-used items and home-baked goods brought by attendees will be available for purchase. Proceeds go to the Scholarship Fund, which is distributed to qualified Cal State East Bay Education students in June. Fabulous musical entertainment by Stage Bridge's "The Dreamers" will be enjoyed from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Luncheon cost is \$12. Contact Marilyn at 510-828-9650 or Ruth at 510-247-1039 for more information and/or for making a required reservation.

### ❖ Kiwanis Club of San Leandro

Join the Kiwanis Club of San Leandro for weekly meetings. The first Tuesday is for socializing. Dinner is open menu and starts at 5:30 p.m. The following Tuesdays, second through the fourth or fifth, are luncheons and are from 12:10 to 1:30 p.m. and will have a speaker. All meetings are held at The Englander, 101 Parrott Street in San Leandro.

### ❖ Child Actors Needed

Child actors needed for Christmas pageant. Rehearsals will run for about an hour for the first three Sundays in December at noon on stage at the San Leandro Church of Christ building. All ages are welcome. Contact Woody and Judy with questions and to sign up: [woodysquare@sbcglobal.net](mailto:woodysquare@sbcglobal.net). Pageant is during worship service on Sunday, Dec. 22, from 10:15 to 11:45 a.m. San Leandro Church of Christ, 601 MacArthur Blvd. in San Leandro.

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# Bond: Trustee says buildings need upgrade

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The upcoming bond issue, though, focuses more on the high school and the two middle schools. There's a planned replacement of an aging gymnasium at the high school, along with several needed buildings being added.

"We need classrooms capable of hosting modern STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) classes as well as academy-style classes," Sheridan said.

"The high school gym was in bad shape when I went there," said Sheridan, who was in the SLHS Class of 1991, after attending San Leandro schools starting in elementary school.

"We've had a problem retaining teachers in the recent past," he said, "and physically comfortable surroundings help. So does teachers feeling wanted and supported."

Sheridan noted that some of the Bay Area's more affluent districts are able to pay teachers more than San Leandro, making it important that the district do what it can to improve retention.

The district estimates the

bond will cost a household an added \$45 per \$100,000 assessed value in property taxes if the measure passes.

The school district has put on its website a school-by-school breakdown of what it plans to spend the bond money on, at <https://www.sanleandro.k12.ca.us/Page/11542>.

At the high school, it plans to use the money to build a new gym, locker rooms, weight room and practice facility. A new classroom facility, oriented toward STEM and academy classes, would be built. Classrooms would be upgraded and technology added. Several portables would be converted to permanent classrooms.

The high school would also get new blacktop surfaces for recreation and gathering areas, along with new turf for the baseball field.

At the high school and both middle schools, aging school kitchens would be remodeled and air-conditioned. All three schools would get new intercom and bell systems.

Both Muir and Bancroft middle schools would get new roofs.

Classrooms would be upgraded and portables replaced by permanent classrooms at both schools. Both schools would get an additional lunch area, according to the website.

Muir is proposed to get security fencing from the bond issue, while Bancroft would get a redesigned school entry.

The improvements include the elementary schools where new roofs are planned, along with drinking stations, classroom upgrades, additional classroom technology and new lunch areas.

Garfield Elementary is set to get new restrooms, along with a redesigned drop-off area.

Several elementary schools would get new blacktop play areas, and some with older kitchens will have their kitchens remodeled. HVAC (heating, ventilation, air conditioning) systems will be added to kitchens at schools where this has not already occurred.

New signage will go up at schools throughout the district, and many windows will be replaced at all schools.

## Corvallis School to Host Holiday Boutique

Corvallis Elementary School, 14790 Corvallis St. in San Leandro, will have a holiday boutique on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Bring a toy, canned food item

or a clean used coat for a donation to the Davis Street Family Resource Center.

Receive a raffle ticket for every item you bring for a chance at a prize drawing.

## SL Demo Club Plans Christmas Party

The San Leandro Democratic Club will have a Christmas party on Thursday, Dec. 12, at 6:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Senior

Community Center, 13909 East 14th St.

Sing Christmas carols, tell political jokes and line dance.



Nate Miley receives award from Mike O'Donnell.

## Miley Awarded for Anti-Dumping Campaign

Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley (District 4) was honored recently as a recipient of the 2019 Environmental Stewardship Award by the Mattress Recycling Council (MRC).

Miley was recognized last month for his outstanding commitment and leadership of community initiatives to combat illegal dumping, including the Illegal Dumping Pilot Team and Communities United to Remove Blight.

MRC's Environmental Stewardship Award recognizes and commends California elected of-

ficials who have made significant contributions toward protecting California's environment.

"Sup. Miley has demonstrated a tireless commitment to reducing blight in Alameda County communities through clean-up efforts and enforcement," said MRC Managing Director Mike O'Donnell. "We are proud to be part of those efforts and applaud Sup. Miley for his leadership."

The award was presented during an Oct. 24 ceremony at the supervisor's office in Oakland.

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/s/ Tonya Kelly

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/s/ Alfredo Gutierrez Medina

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/s/ Magdalena Quintero

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 17900-17930

The name of the businesses:

Tacos El Diablitto located at 1024 75th Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94577, in Alameda County, mailing address 1024 75th Avenue, Oakland, CA 94621 in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Mario Gomez, 1024 75th Avenue, Oakland, CA 94621. This business is conducted by an individual. This business commenced 11/05/19.

/s/ Mario Gomez

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## LEGAL NOTICES

### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF

**Ruth Dahl**  
**Case Number:**  
**RP19042988**

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

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 12/18/2019, 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  
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/s/ Scott Rubenstein

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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

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The name of the businesses:

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/s/ Jose Coto, Lucy Jouel

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The Main Event: *Tackling the Turkey*

The best method of roasting a turkey is also the simplest. Here, step by step, is how to prepare, stuff and carve the bird, and make a delicious and traditional turkey gravy.

If you haven't yet purchased a frozen turkey, you should do that before the weekend. The general rule is to allow at least one and a half pounds of turkey per person.

You can start thawing your turkey soon after you get it home by putting it—still in its wrapper and breast-side up—on the lowest shelf of the refrigerator (so it won't drip on other food items). Figure thawing time at one day for every four pounds.

If you buy your turkey late or forget to thaw it, stick the frozen bird, breast side down (and still in its wrapper), in cold water to cover. Change the water every 30 minutes. Figure on this method taking about 30 minutes a pound. Thawing time depends on the size. (Never thaw a turkey on the counter at room temperature.)

To prepare the turkey for roasting, remove the wrapper, release the legs from the clamps and pull neck and giblets from cavities. Rinse turkey inside and out with cold water. Pat dry.

If you stuff your bird, do it just before putting it in the oven. Fill the cavities lightly with the mixture; don't press it in because the stuffing will expand as it cooks. (Stuffing should reach 165°F.)

Place turkey, breast up, on a rack in shallow roasting pan 1 to 2 inches deep.

Roast the turkey at 325°F until temperature reaches 170°F in the breast and 180°F in the thigh. The cooking times in the chart

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are for planning purposes only. *Always* use a meat thermometer to determine doneness.

Pop-up timers are helpful as a preliminary step, but a meat thermometer is the best final authority to determine doneness. The drumstick should twist easily in its socket, and juices should run clear, with no traces of pink when pierced with a fork.

After the first hour of roasting, baste the turkey every 30 minutes or so with drippings (add a little chicken stock, water or wine to the drippings if they evaporate too quickly). When skin is golden brown, shield breast loosely with light foil to prevent overbrowning.

**Grilling:** To cook whole turkeys and turkey breasts on the grill, use the indirect method in a kettle grill.

Use a drip pan larger than the turkey. Place 25 to 30 briquettes on each lengthwise side of the pan. Burn coals for about 30 minutes to a gray ash. Place rack in grill. Brush turkey with oil and place on top rack over drip pan. Cover grill, leaving vents open. Add 5 to 8 briquettes to each side every hour to maintain grill temperature near 325°F. A 12-pound unstuffed turkey will take about 3 hours.

To save time and ensure safe,

complete cooking without the risk of overcooking your turkey, consider baking your stuffing in a covered casserole, instead of inside the bird.

**Casserole Method**

Bake stuffing covered at 325°F for 30 minutes. Uncover; bake 10 minutes longer. Drizzle with juices from the turkey roasting pan for additional flavor and moistness. Makes 8-10 cups stuffing after baking.

If you don't stuff your turkey, the addition of 2 cups of coarsely chopped celery, onion and carrots to the turkey cavity will enhance the fragrance and add to the flavor of the pan juices.

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1-1/2 pound loaf day-old bread  
3 cups chopped onion  
2-1/2 cups chopped celery  
1/2 cup butter or margarine

1 teaspoon salt  
1-1/2 teaspoons poultry seasoning  
1/4 cup chopped parsley

Tear bread into 1/2-inch pieces, or use 3 quarts plain dry stuffing; set aside.

Sauté onion and celery in butter or margarine just until tender. Add to bread along with salt, poultry seasoning, and parsley. Toss lightly until well mixed.

Place in two buttered, covered casserole dishes or stuff loosely into neck and body cavities of turkey.

Skewer cavity openings to secure stuffing. Tie legs together and twist wing tips under the back.

**GIBLET GRAVY**

Turkey drippings  
Giblet broth  
Cooked giblets, chopped  
1/2 cups flour  
Salt and pepper to taste

Cover giblets and neck with 3 cups water in a small saucepan. Bring to boil, cover, reduce heat and simmer for an hour or until giblets are tender. Drain, reserving broth and discarding neck. Chop giblets.

Pour turkey drippings from roasting pan into 4-cup measure. Remove 1/4 cup fat from the drippings and place in a pan. Skim off and discard remaining fat from drippings. Add giblet broth to drippings to make 4 cups. Blend flour into the pan with the fat until smooth, then add drippings and broth mixture. Cook and stir over medium heat until gravy comes to a boil and thickens. Stir in salt and pepper to taste and add giblets.

**To carve turkey:** Once the bird is removed from the oven, it should stand for at least 20 minutes to allow the juices to redistribute throughout the bird, resulting in succulent slices

of meat.

Have a warm serving platter ready. Arrange the turkey, breast side up, on a cutting board. Steady the turkey with a carving fork. Using a sharp knife, slice through the meat between the breast and the leg.

Next, using the knife, press the thigh outward to find the hip joint. Slice down through the joint and remove the leg. Cut between the thigh bone and drumstick bone to divide the leg into one thigh piece and one drumstick.

To carve the drumstick, cut a thick slice of meat from one side, along the bone, then turn the drumstick over so that the cut side faces

down. Cut off another thick slice of meat. Repeat, turning the drumstick onto a flat side and cutting off meat, carving a total of four thick slices.

To slice the thigh, place it flat side down on a cutting board. Cut parallel to the bone and slice off the meat.

Remove the wings by slicing diagonally down through the edge of the breast toward the wing. To carve the breast, hold the back of the carving fork against the breastbone. Starting parallel to the breastbone, slice diagonally. Lift off each slice, holding it between the knife and fork, and layer them on the warm serving platter.

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8 to 12 lbs.: 1-2 days  
12 to 16 lbs.: 2-3 days  
16 to 20 lbs.: 3-4 days  
20 to 24 lbs.: 4-5 days

**In cold water**

8 to 12 lbs.: 4-6 hours  
12 to 16 lbs.: 6-9 hours  
16 to 20 lbs.: 9-11 hours  
20 to 24 lbs.: 11-12 hours

**ROASTING FRESH OR THAWED TURKEY  
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| Weight        | Unstuffed           | Stuffed             |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 4 to 6 lbs.   | 1-1/2 to 2-1/4 hrs. | NA.                 |
| 6 to 8 lbs.   | 2-1/4 to 3-1/4 hrs. | 3 to 3-1/2 hrs.     |
| 8 to 12 lbs.  | 3-1/4 to 4 hrs.     | 3-1/2 to 4-1/2 hrs. |
| 12 to 16 lbs. | 4 to 4-1/2 hrs.     | 4-1/2 to 5-1/2 hrs. |
| 16 to 20 lbs. | 4-1/2 to 5 hrs.     | 5-1/2 to 6-1/2 hrs. |
| 20 to 24 lbs. | 5 to 5-1/2 hrs.     | 6-1/2 to 7 hrs.     |
| 24 to 28 lbs. | 5-1/2 to 6 hrs.     | 7 to 8-1/2 hrs.     |

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# Complain: Separate, nearby campuses not that unusual, district says

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classes. "They may not be the district's very best students," he said.

District spokeswoman Keziah Moss replies that students who do drive are told to park in the high school lot and that students going between classes are kept on one side of Bancroft going to Korematsu and the other side coming back.

She added that the district is also on the lookout for some of the same students that Baker is concerned about, those who keep cars handy for making a quick getaway instead of attending class.

The problem arose when Korematsu, originally built as a ninth-grade-only campus, was opened to students in all grades, Baker said. Not only were there many more students old enough to drive, but students who had previously been on one campus or the other now often had to go back and forth between the two campuses, he said. Baker wonders if students would have been better off had it remained a ninth-grade-only campus.

According to Moss, that changed for a reason. Educators had hoped that keeping ninth-grade students together and separate would help ease their transition to high school. Instead, they found that it delayed students learning more

mature ways to deal with the larger numbers of people in high school and deprived them of older students who might model such behavior.

School leaders also had hoped for academic improvements to follow when the ninth graders got their own campus, but that did not happen, Moss said.

School officials then decided to repurpose the Korematsu campus in 2014 for teaching math and language classes to students of all grade levels, Moss said. However, that involved having students take their other classes back at the main campus, and students going back and forth between the two campuses.

An advantage, though, is that the school was then able to organize along departmental lines, so all teachers of related subjects could more easily coordinate their efforts.

According to Moss, having students take classes on separate but nearby campuses is not that unusual in schools across the country, even if it may not be ideal.

The district has assigned campus supervisors to safely guide the students from one campus to the other, and some other administrators help as well, Moss said. She added that the high school laid down the rules at the start of the school

year: west side of Bancroft going to Korematsu, east side coming back, park in the high school lot. The district has studied parking around Korematsu, she said, and doesn't think the "extra" cars are coming from students or staff.

The school would be notified by the San Leandro police of any students connected to crimes, Moss said, and they haven't been in the recent past.

Baker and his neighbors are not convinced. He believes the district is trying to pretend the problems they have identified do not exist.

One partial solution the district has suggested to the neighbors is a residential parking permit that would bar parking for more than two hours to non-residents of the area, according to Moss. Baker and his neighbors, however, have rejected that idea, saying it should be up to the district to enforce its own parking policy.

While the district says it is continuing to look into the matter and solve problems it uncovers, Baker said he is taking his complaints to the state level. He has written state schools superintendent Tony Thurmond and other officials asking they intervene on grounds of both student safety and the safety of neighborhood residents.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL MCGUIRE

Students arrive at the Fred Korematsu campus, coming from the main campus of San Leandro High School. The school district says students walk the two blocks along the busy streets from the main campus safely. Some neighbors disagree.

## City to Host Film and Discussion During 'Unite Against Hate' Week

The City of San Leandro invites the community to attend the documentary film "Not in Our Town: Northern California," followed by a discussion on Saturday, Nov. 23, at 2 p.m. at the Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave.

Guest moderator Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter will lead a discussion of community leaders. Refreshments will be available.

The 60-minute documentary takes a look at five Northern California communities dealing with deadly hate violence over a five-year period. Californians are finding innovative ways to respond when hate happens in cities.

"Since being elected as Mayor, I am proud of my Community Conversations series that has brought speakers to San Leandro. These speakers have provided thought-provoking discussions on a variety of contemporary topics facing our nation," said Mayor Cutter. "This event will provide yet another opportunity to break down barriers and learn from one another's life experiences."

The Unite Against Hate movement began after members of white supremacist groups began a campaign to hold rallies in Berkeley and Oakland in the fall of 2017. A group of community leaders came up with a way to

make a statement that neo-nazis, their hatred and their ideas were not welcome in the East Bay.

United Against Hate Week (November 17 to 23) is a call for local civic action by people in every Bay Area community to stop the hate and implicit biases that are a dangerous threat to the safety and civility of neighborhoods, towns, and cities.

United Against Hate was created by civic leaders in direct response to the sharp rise in expressions of hate in communities, and to empower local residents to take action and alter the course of growing intolerance. For more information and to find a list of other Bay Area events, visit [www.unitedagainsthateweek.org](http://www.unitedagainsthateweek.org).

This event is free and open to all San Leandro residents. San Leandro Stands United Against Hate posters and kindness bookmark merchandise will be available to participants.

For more information, contact the San Leandro Main Library Information Desk at 510-577-3971.

## Eden Garden Club to Meet

The next meeting of the Eden Garden Club will be Monday, Nov. 25, at 9:30 a.m. at the Moose Lodge, 20835 Rutledge Road in Castro Valley.

Sandra Wallace will share her creativity with a demonstration of making a rolled paper bowl. Oil and acrylic are the media for Artist Margery Zweigle who will share her passion for painting. Meetings are free and guests are always welcome. For more information, call 510-397-1268.



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# SENIORS



There are a number of reasons why seniors can be vulnerable to gambling problems.

## How to Know When an Older Parent Has a Gambling Problem

**Q** I'm worried that my 76-year-old father has become addicted to gambling. He spends at least two days a week at an Indian casino about a half-hour's drive from his house playing slot machines. What Can I do?

By Jim Miller  
Special to the Times

**A** Problem gambling among older adults is unfortunately on the rise. Studies suggest that more than 4 million Americans, age 65 and older, could have a gambling problem.

The reasons behind this growing problem are because seniors have time and money on their hands and the influx of casinos that have cropped up around the country have made access to gambling much more convenient.

Here's what you should know, along with some tips and resources that can help your dad if he does indeed have a problem.

For most older adults, gambling is simply a fun recreational activity. But for those who become addicted to it, it can be a devastating disease that can financially wipe them out.

There are a number of reasons why seniors can be vulnerable to gambling problems.

For starters, seniors are often catered to by casinos with free bus transportation, free drinks, discounted meals, special rewards and other prizes as a way to entice them.

In addition, many seniors use gambling as a way to distract or escape feelings of loneliness, depression or even a chronic health condition.

Some may have financial problems they are seeking to overcome. And some may have cognitive impairment that interferes with their ability to make sound decisions.

Adding to the problem is that many seniors may not understand addiction, making them less likely to identify a gambling problem.

Or they may be confused or embarrassed that they can't control their urges to gamble and reluctant to seek help because they think that at their age, they should know better. And even if they recognize that they have a problem, they may not know that help is available or where to get it.

You should also know that while there are many gambling options for people to get hooked on today, casino slot machines are far and away the most popular among seniors.

Slot machines are much more addictive than the old machines of yesteryear with spinning lemons, cherries and melons. Many of today's slot machines offer intense sensory stimulation with large video screens, music and vibrating, ergonomic chairs.

### Get Help

How can you know if your dad has a gambling problem?

Gamblers Anonymous offers a 20-question online test at GamblersAnonymous.org that he can take to help determine if he has a problem. In the meantime, here are some questions you can ask to help evaluate his

situation.

- Is he preoccupied with gambling, constantly talking about it, or planning to gamble versus doing his normal activities?

- Is he gambling more and more money to get the same level of excitement?

- Is he using his retirement funds or other savings to gamble, or is he pawning or selling personal items to get money to gamble with?

- Has he lost control to the point that he can't set a limit of time and money to spend in the casino, and stick to it?

- Does he become uncomfortable, angry or lie when you ask him about his gambling activities?

If your dad answers yes to any of these questions, he may have a problem.

To find help, contact the National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPgambling.org), a non-profit organization that operates a 24-hour national hotline at 800-522-4700. They can direct you to resources in your area, including counselors who have been trained through the National Certified Gambler Counseling Program.

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

## Take Advantage of Medicare Open Enrollment to Reexamine Options

**Q** Do you have any thoughts on taking a look at our insurance plans during Medicare's Open Enrollment Period?

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

**A** Yes. My recommendation is to be pro-active and reexamine your options.

As you know, Medicare's Open Enrollment Period, during which you can freely enroll in or switch plans, runs from October 15 to December 7. My recommendation is to take a good look at your existing plan, and any changes your plan proposes for 2020, and decide whether it still is the best option for you.

In a word: Don't let this period slip by without taking a good look to see whether your current choices are the best ones for you and your spouse.

During this period you may enroll in a Medicare Part D (prescription drug) plan or, if you currently have a plan, you may change plans.

In addition, during the seven-week period you can return to traditional Medicare (Parts A and B) from a Medicare Advantage (Part C, managed care) plan, enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan, or change Advantage plans.

Beneficiaries can go to [www.Medicare.gov](http://www.Medicare.gov), or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) to make changes in their Medicare prescription drug and health plan coverage.

According to the the New York Times, few Medicare beneficiaries take advantage of open enrollment, but of those that do, nearly half cut their premiums by at least 5 percent. Even beneficiaries who have been satisfied with their plans in 2019 should review their choices for 2020, as both premiums and plan coverage can change from year to year.

Ask the doctors you use if they will still be a part of your Medicare Advantage plan's provider network?

Have any of the prescriptions

you take been dropped from your prescription plan's list of covered drugs (the "formulary")? Could you save money with the same coverage by switching to a different plan?

For answers to questions like these, carefully look over your plan's "Annual Notice of Change" letter to you. Prescription drug plans can change their premiums, deductibles, the list of drugs they cover, and their

Also, remember that fraud perpetrators may try to use the Open Enrollment Period to try to gain access to your personal financial information, so be alert.

Medicare beneficiaries should never give their personal information out to anyone making unsolicited phone calls selling Medicare-related products or services, or showing up on their

doorstep uninvited. If you think you have been a victim of fraud or identity theft, contact Medicare.

For more resources for navigating the Open Enrollment Period, visit the [Medicare.gov](http://Medicare.gov) website and have a look around. Also check the 2020 "Medicare & You" handbook, which you probably have already received in the mail.

In addition, your own doctors and medical providers may recommend resources to assist you. Remember, with some exceptions, the decision you make now about your Plan will be with you for at least another year.

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## REAL ESTATE REALITY

By Carl Medford, CRS  
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GUEST COMMENTARY



## Inspection Guidelines When Buying a Home

**B**uying a home can be intimidating, with many questions about potential issues. We recommend you thoroughly inspect any property before buying. Here are our guidelines:

*Order inspections from qualified, reasonable inspectors.*

I am occasionally shocked by derogatory comments in inspections. The goal of inspectors is to simply convey a home's current condition, not make inflammatory comments.

I have seen transactions blow up when reports cast such a negative light on a property buyers are scared. When interviewing inspectors, ask for past copies of reports so you can see the type of dialogue they use.

*Start with the basics.*

The three fundamental inspections include Home (plumbing, electrical, HVAC, structure and so on), Pest (damage resulting from insects or fungus) and Roof. If the property is in an HOA responsible for the roof and exterior, you may choose to limit your inspections to the interior.

*Inspections based on amenities.*

If the home has amenities falling outside the normal inspection reports, I recommend getting specific inspections such as pool and spa, well, septic and others as applicable.

*Supplemental inspections.*

A careful reading of the Home Inspection Report may highlight issues requiring further inspections, including:

- Foundation: If the Home

Inspection calls out foundation cracks, I will frequently (depending on the severity) recommend a Foundation Inspection from a qualified foundation inspection company.

- Drainage: If extensive water is noted in the crawlspace, a drainage inspection would be a



good idea.

- Electrical: If hazardous electrical issues are noted, I would ask a qualified electrician to provide a dedicated electrical inspection along with a quote for remedies. The same applies to plumbing.

- Sewer: Some sections of Alameda County have sewer lateral regulations requiring Sewer Lateral Inspections for residential sales. If the home inspector suggests that the drains are not working correctly, I would recommend a sewer lateral inspection even if it is not required by the municipality.
- Furnace: If the primary inspection casts doubt on the furnace condition, PG&E will examine it at no charge.

*Hazardous materials.*

If there are concerns about whether lead-based paint, asbestos, formaldehyde or other

hazardous materials are present, inspections can be ordered from environmental inspection companies. Inspections can also be performed if mold is a concern.

It is far better to examine thoroughly *before* you buy a home – after escrow has closed, you typically have little recourse. Examine thoroughly first, be grateful later.

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## Get Rid of Harmful Mistletoe Clusters

By Buzz Bertolero  
Special to the Times

**Q** When my backyard shade trees lose their leaves, I've noticed green patches on the branches near the top. I've been told that it's Mistletoe, and it is harmful. How do I go about getting rid of it?

**A** Yes, Mistletoe is harmful to trees; however, the decline occurs slowly.

Mistletoe is a parasitic plant that lives off other plants or a host to survive. For many years, Mistletoe was limited to the foothills around the Central Valley, but today it is commonly found throughout the Bay Area growing in the canopies of mature shade trees.

Birds are the primary means of spreading Mistletoe as they feed on the clusters. The white Mistletoe berries contain many sticky seeds. The birds carry the seeds from tree to tree on their feet, beaks, and in their droppings, as the seeds aren't digestible. Mistletoe is found high in the tree where the birds nest or perched.

There are two methods of controlling this problem.

They're both a bit problematical because Mistletoe is hard to get to because it's so high off the ground.

The obvious solution is to prune it out. You'll need to remove a portion of the branch where it's growing; otherwise, it grows back from the roots that are still attached. You'll need a long ladder.

Mistletoe may reestablish itself depending on the bird activity, so you'll have to repeat the process.

The second method is to spray the clusters with Florel Fruit Eliminator. Florel is the only product registered for controlling Mistletoe. It is a plant growth-regulator, so it has no insecticidal, fungicidal, or herbicidal properties. It's best applied in November or February through April when the temperatures are above sixty degrees.

The entire tree doesn't need to be sprayed, just saturate the Mistletoe clusters. In five to seven days, the Mistletoe should begin to shed its leaves and branches. A second application is only necessary if Mistletoe is still present after three weeks.

After spraying the tree, hose off any of the spray residue on



the plants that are under the trees. You'll need a sprayer that will reach the growth.

The Mistletoe will grow back, so repeat applications are recommended every three to four years.

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# Mortgage Insurance: A Faster Way Into Your First Home

For many Americans, the biggest hurdle in buying a home is the down payment. According to a recent report, 49% of non-homeowners stated that not having enough money for a down payment and closing costs was a major obstacle to purchasing a home. Many people also mistakenly believe lenders require a 20% down payment to qualify for mortgage financing.

Data shows that by using private mortgage insurance (MI), millions of homebuyers with down payments as low as 3% or 5% have been approved for affordable and well-underwritten mortgages.

In the past year alone, MI has helped more than 1.1 million borrowers purchase or refinance a mortgage. Nearly 60% were first-time home-

buyers, and more than 40% had annual incomes below \$75,000.

## How MI works

In addition to the other elements of the mortgage underwriting process - such as verifying employment and determining the borrower's ability to afford the monthly payment - lenders require borrowers to commit some of their own money before approving their mortgage loan. This is where MI entered the system more than 60 years ago, to bridge the down payment gap and help creditworthy borrowers qualify for a mortgage without large down payments.

## Benefits of MI

- It helps you buy a home sooner. On average it could take 20 years for a household earning the national median

income of \$61,372 to save 20%, plus closing costs, for a \$262,250 home, the median sales price for a single-family home. MI helps borrowers qualify with as little as 3% down.

- It is temporary, leading to lower monthly payments down the road. MI can be cancelled once 20% equity is established, either through payments or home price appreciation. Borrowers typically can cancel MI within the first five to seven years. This is not the case for the vast majority of mortgages insured by the Federal Housing Administration. FHA mortgage insurance premiums stay on the loan for the life of the loan.

- It provides several flexible payment options. Your lender can offer several MI



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MI is a stable, cost-effective way to obtain a low down payment mortgage, and offers

distinct benefits to borrowers. It's been a cornerstone of the U.S. housing market since 1957, providing more than 30 million families with the opportunity to own homes despite financial barriers. If you

are considering purchasing a home, it is important to understand your options, including your low down payment options. To learn more, visit [LowDownPaymentFacts.org](http://LowDownPaymentFacts.org).

—Brandpoint

## Warm-Season Squash Likely Won't Survive the Cold

By Buzz Bertolero  
Special to the Times

**Q** I'm curious to know how I could keep my zucchini plants growing all winter long. I could bring them indoors, but that presents a problem as I have cats that like to eat the leaves. Is it safe to leave them on a balcony?

**A** Although it is possible to grow squash through the winter, it is not very practical. They are an annual, warm-season vegetable. They like warm days around 80°F with night

temperatures above 55°F. It is nearly impossible to duplicate these conditions on your balcony without some heated structure. Besides, it may be cost prohibitive to heat this structure during the winter. Therefore, I would enjoy the zucchini while they last and plant new one's next year.

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### ■ Lawn Help

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### ■ New Roses?

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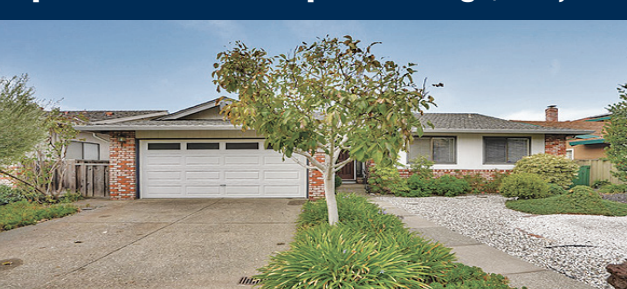
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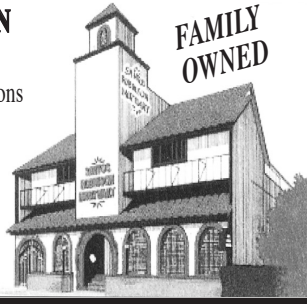


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# This Year's Downtown Holiday Festival Will Celebrate Its 25th Anniversary

By Mike McGuire  
San Leandro Times

San Leandro's 25th annual "It's A Wonderful Night" festival will be held on Friday, Dec. 6 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Downtown Plaza.

The holiday tree will be lit at 5:30 p.m., and carriage rides, holiday entertainment, kids dancing, outdoor movies and games will follow. One can also get a selfie taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Lawrence Allphin, president of the San Leandro Downtown Association that sponsors the festival, remembers back to the first festival, then called "Miracle On East 14th Street." City Hall always had a tree lighting ceremony with caroling, but wanted a bigger celebration to bring more life to downtown.

The first festival had "Santa In A Tent" and a crafts fair, said Allphin.

Horse and carriage rides were

tried as an experiment, going around one block, but were an instant hit. People attending the festival asked for a longer route, and got it, Allphin said. They have been a star attraction ever since, he said.

"We had really generous support from the City of San Leandro for years, though loss of Redevelopment funds made it harder for them to be quite as generous," Allphin said.

"It's always been the Downtown Association's gift to the community, funded by private donations and by the Sausage & Suds Festival. More or less we spent whatever we had made that year on the Sausage & Suds Festival on 'It's A Wonderful Night,'" Allphin added.

"Any time people can walk around and feel safe and see all their neighbors and kids, having fun in cold, clear air, it's great," Allphin said.



## Bikes: 1,000 bicycles

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assembled before the big day of the giveaway.

Buying a thousand bicycle helmets to go with those bikes is the remaining step. To do that, Jower and other volunteers held a fund-raiser at Sons of Liberty

Alehouse in downtown San Leandro on Tuesday evening where 20 percent of sales went to the purchase of the helmets.

According to Hernandez, the Kiwanis Club can get a good rate on helmets to get more bang for the buck.

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### Arthur Lloyd Matthews

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Art was born in Oakland, California in 1927, and was a 64-year resident of San Leandro, spending nearly the past two years in Castro Valley at Baywood Court Senior Facility. He was preceded in death by his wife of 68 years, Barbara Doe Matthews; and his parents, William Lloyd Mathews and Camille Maxine Matthews of Alamo, California.

Art is survived by his son, Mark Dwayne Matthews of San Leandro, California, and his daughter, Marcia Woody Harper (and Larry D. Harper) of Royse City, Texas.

He is also survived by his grandchildren: Shelly and Jr. Gaston of Livermore; Robyn and Gary Wilson of Brentwood; Jeff and Allyson Woody of Fate, Texas; and Matthew and Robyn Harper of Royse City, Texas. Great-grandchildren: Joshua Gaston, Jazmine Gaston, Landon Wilson, Haylee Wilson, and Dane Woody.

Art is also survived by his sister, Maxine Matthews Soto (and William T. Soto) of Danville, California, and his brother-in-law Robert Hiatt Doe (and Elizabeth Fey Doe) of Santa Rosa, California. Nieces: Terri Doe Cordell of Santa Rosa, Tracy Repp (and David Repp) of Santa Rosa, and Cheryl Dressler (and Tom Dressler) of Pleasanton.

Art lived briefly in Van Nuys, California, then the family moved to Oakland, California where Art attended Oakland schools: McChesney, Brett Harte, and Fremont High School, where he was quarterback of the football team.

He served 2 years in US Marine Corps after high school graduation and then attended San Mateo Junior College as an Engineering and Science major, where he met his wife Barbara.

Art married Barbara in 1951 and moved to Albany, living in University of California student housing while he majored in Forestry at the University of California, Berkeley. He left Cal in 1952 to work at Melrose Lumber Company in Oakland. While at Melrose Lumber, Art rose through the ranks from yard work, inside sales, outside sales, shipping clerk, credit manager to assistant manager. In 1980 he became the General Manager and President of Melrose Lumber.

Art and Barbara joined Christ Presbyterian Church in Washington Manor in 1960, where Art served as a Deacon, Elder, and Fargo Senior Center Board member. He and Barbara were participants in the Schooners couples group at Christ Presbyterian Church for many years, as well as Presbyterians on Wheels (POWs), in their RV days.

Art was a member of a fishing club and numerous bowling leagues with neighbors and friends. In the 1970s and 1980s, Art was a member of the San Lorenzo Unified School District Scholarship Foundation, determining scholarships for local high school students.

An avid Cal Football supporter, Art was a football season ticket holder for decades and was a Cal Booster. He enjoyed working with wood, carpentry, and traveling with his wife Barbara throughout the US, Mexico, and Europe.

Due to failing health in January 2018, Art moved from San Leandro to Baywood Court in Castro Valley. In his 20 months at Baywood, his health greatly improved. Art was able to attend his wife Barbara's memorial service in September 2019. His strength following her passing was a blessing to their family.

A private Memorial Service for family was held on October 26, 2019, at Christ Presbyterian Church in San Leandro. His interment was held at Skylawn Cemetery in San Mateo on November 7, 2019.

Donations in Art's memory can be made to: Make-A-Wish Foundation (online at wish.org or by phone: 800-722-9474).

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# OPINION

## LETTERS to the EDITOR

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### A Dangerous Intersection

Editor:

On Saturday afternoon, we heard a tremendous crash and ran out to see two cars in the intersection in front of the ninth grade campus. The damage to both cars was great and an ambulance came for the woman driver who was injured.

We have seen many near misses and collisions without injuries. I have written to this paper previously about the dangerous condition at this intersection where stops signs are only on 138th Ave. People are confused by the yellow lines at the crossing and not sure whether to stop or not.

Motorists entering the intersection from 138th Ave. cannot see over the vehicles parked all along Bancroft, if cars are coming on Bancroft. Drivers cannot see pedestrians crossing from behind the parked cars.

Neighbors have complained to City Hall after several of their cars have been hit by cars speeding on Bancroft and losing control. Young people use 138th as a speedway to get to School Street even though speed bumps were installed last year. Instead of giving excuses like the need for more studies, the City traffic dept. should be proactive and put in stop signs on Bancroft at 138th.

Students from the high school and the ninth grade campus are crossing everyday and in danger of being hit by speeders or by a motorist who cannot see traffic on Bancroft.

On Saturday, a lady was injured in an accident; do we have to wait for a fatality, after which public officials will send "thoughts and prayers" before action is taken to remedy this blatant hazard? Is this too much to ask?

—Doris Marx, San Leandro

### Time to Stand for the Homeless

Editor:

As many of us during the holidays spend time in our cozy home we forget about those who spend sleepless nights out on the streets.

Our cities are filled with homeless people sleeping on the streets. We tend to pretend as if they do not exist and our surrounding cities tend to do the same.

We need to take care of our homeless people. These nights are cold; let's open our school gyms, our churches, our community centers for them. Let's find resources that can help them get back on their feet. These people are human, too, they should not have to worry about where they're going to sleep or have to worry about being able to purchase a meal.

We the people need to stand for those who are homeless. Let's put ourselves in their shoes. I know we would all want some sort of help, especially a place for us to stay at night. All we have left is the hope that this social issue will get better.

—Erick Gil, San Leandro

### Preschool Success Story

Editor:

Broadmoor Parent Cooperative Preschool, nearing the end of its 80th celebration year, is an inclusive group of families welcoming the economically underserved.

By intentionally connecting play to learning, children develop a positive attitude and curiosity toward acquiring knowledge. A caring and cooperative learning environment helps children develop self-esteem, social skills and emotional readiness for kindergarten.

Over many years Broadmoor has worked diligently to create a warm inviting environment where families enjoy learning together. The preschool uses its thoughtfully engineered outdoor learning stations to counter the effects of screen time and "nature deficit disorder." The water feature provides sensory integration while teaching the physics of sink and float. The fairy garden encourages make believe and story-telling thereby boosting language acquisition.

The play structures encourage spinning, climbing and balance-critical motions for developing brains. Gardening is an engaging way they introduce the basics of sustainability. Broadmoor parents and children cook together each day. What better way to celebrate each other's cultures than with food!

At Broadmoor, adults attend bi-monthly evening workshops where they are exposed to the latest research on brain development, learning and parenting styles, literacy concepts, math tools and the importance of early childhood intervention. Parents are guided in recognizing and seeking appropriate support for learning difficulties. Parents are involved in community building activities that help forge lifelong friendships that provide a support system for the K-12 journey.

Children come back as volunteers, parents have gone on to be city council members, school board members, graduates of San Leandro leadership, founders of community organizations, PTA presidents, Dad's club presidents, United Parents presidents, block parents, teachers, principals, coaches and small business owners.

Our current mayor is a graduate! For more information on this program visit [www.broadmoorpreschool.org](http://www.broadmoorpreschool.org). For more information about cooperative preschools visit [www.CCPPNS.org](http://www.CCPPNS.org).

—Dale Gregory, San Leandro

### Goodbye to Thrift Town

Editor:

Goodbye to Thrift Town: the store where you could feel rich.

In these days of online shopping with goods arriving in sterile boxes, I am extremely saddened at the passing of the Thrift Town store at 162nd and East 14th Street, which officially closes Nov. 22.

This humble emporium housed a universe of bric-a-brac, kitchenware, clothing brands by the hundreds, books, toys, art, furniture, holiday decor, and stiletto heels. Old school music playing in the background kept you flipping through racks of jeans or sweaters for the right color.

Thrift Town satisfied the human need to touch it, try it on, and wheel your cart to the register, imagining you were rich. If you got home and decided an item wasn't right, you could donate it back, and go inside for more stuff. For me, shopping at Thrift Town was fun.

The best part: though you might enter

with a certain need, you always left with at least one item that caught your fancy and you could not live without.

The familiar and friendly staff would help find a missing price or reach a framed picture on a high shelf. I hope they will secure other employment soon, and know that we appreciated their years of kind service. A sad former customer,

—Stephanie Turner, San Leandro

### Bamboozled by the Council?

Editor:

Do the citizens of San Leandro realize that they have once again been bamboozled by our illustrious City Council?

A couple of weeks ago the band of thieves decided to give their comrade in arms, Mayor Cutter, a 50 percent raise. In the real world, not political la-la land, the only person who would qualify for a 50 percent increase in salary would be someone who could jump over a building in a single bound.

Mayor Cutter was elected to the City Council in 2010 when the city was operating in the black, and elected mayor in 2014 when the city was still in the black. On April 25th, the front page of the San Leandro Times published the report by San Leandro Finance Director David Baum who noted that our city would start operating in the red for the first time starting in 2021.

This means higher taxes are just around the corner.

In 2021, Baum expects us to be in the hole to the tune of \$2.5 million, and every year the hole will get deeper with the expected deficit to hit \$11 million by 2029. Mr. Baum told the City Council that the primary cause of the deficit is rising employee cost and he stated, "We need to control our cost."

So what does the City Council do with this information? They give the mayor a 50 percent raise and she goes along with it...all the way to the bank. This is on par with PG&E declaring bankruptcy and then giving their top dogs a bonus. The Council's actions have once again proven that the foxes are running the hen house.

The Council didn't approve this raise in an election year since none of them would have been re-elected. When the next election cycle comes up it will be time to take away their keys to the city. It's time to remember that diapers and politicians should be changed often — both for the same reason.

Seeing how our holiday season is just about to start, the City Council reminds me of Christmas lights. They all hang out together, half of them don't work, and the ones who do work aren't very bright.

—Brent Heath, San Leandro

### BART's Beverage Ban

Editor:

A couple of years ago I took BART from the Castro Valley station to Dublin for work. I stopped at the little coffee shop next to the station for a tall half-caf honey soy latte before catching my train.

I was walking on the platform when a BART officer walked by. I nodded but he just shook his head and stopped me with "no drinks or food in BART stations or trains."

I knew I had to think fast and that there were only two possible responses:

1) Go on a 10-minute profanity and homophobic laced rant that questions this wanna-be cop's authority, refuse to cooperate, all while sipping my rapidly cooling (yet still delicious) latte. Or

2) Say "Sorry I completely forgot" and offer to toss out the latte.

Let's see which one should I choose...

which one, which one?

Just then he broke the tension with a big smile and said "I'm just messing with you son, everybody knows that BART policies are only suggestions. You're free to ignore any that you like." And with that he lit a cigarette and walked away.

—Fred Honsal, San Leandro

### Defining Hate

Editor:

In response to Mr. Kellogg's ridiculously verbose missive of Nov. 14 ("So What's Your Real Opinion):

I'm not affiliated with any political party and happily so, since my least favorite words are money, power and greed, but my woefully pathetic educa-

tion at the hands of the California public school system vaguely taught me that the very definition of a democracy must involve give and take and compromise — For the People and By the People, and all that.

So, Mr. Kellogg, without the aid of your thesaurus app, perhaps you can answer just one simple question that's been plaguing me for, oh, about four years now — what gives any elected official the right to refuse to do their job because they don't like the boss?

And by the way, you may want to work on your tolerance level, dude. I thought we were supposed to erase the hate.

—Lisa Anderson, San Leandro

## INQUIRING REPORTER

### Your most interesting relative?

— Asked at Sabino's Coffee Shop and Bancroft Sinclair

My nephew who lives in New Orleans and whose job as a welder involves rescuing sinking boats along the Mississippi River.

**Julie Helmbrecht**  
San Leandro



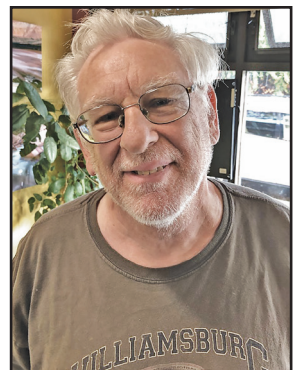
My son-in-law. He is currently a communications major at Cal State East Bay and it's a joy to share in his growth of knowledge. He brings interesting topics to the table.

**Guy Milam**  
Castro Valley



They are all interesting in their own way. As for my immediate family, I live with my wife, our son is in L.A., and our daughter is in Oregon. We keep in touch and they all mean a lot to me.

**Ted Strickland**  
San Leandro



My one-year-old great niece. She's curious, eager to connect, and cute as a button.

**Nancy Brown**  
San Leandro



My sister Joann, who was well traveled, innovative in her thinking, and into all things natural. She was also an Afro-Cuban dancer and an inspiration to me.

**Karen Diaz**  
San Leandro





# Pirates Season Ends in Playoff Loss to Foothill, 41-20

By Andrew Joseph  
San Leandro Times

The San Leandro High football team lost to the Foothill Falcons, 41-20, on Friday night at home in a North Coast Section (NCS) Division 2 non-league playoff matchup.

The Pirates started the game off strong when quarterback DJ Bryant scored a rushing touchdown on the first drive to jump out to a 6-0 lead.

"On that first drive we came out with some good energy running the ball and found some success with it," said San Leandro head coach Brad Bowers.

Foothill responded on its first drive with a touchdown to gain a 7-6 lead. The Falcons offense kept piling on more points from there to end the first half with a 27-6 advantage.

San Leandro's offense just couldn't find a consistent rhythm after the opening scoring drive. Their defense was also exploited by Foothill's star senior tight end and University of Nevada commit Peter Montini, who finished with 198 total yards and two touchdowns. The Falcons scored on

all but one of their possessions on Friday night.

"Foothill didn't do anything special tonight—we should have won this game," said Pirates' starting running back Osaro Aihie.

Coming out after halftime, Foothill's offense marched down the field and scored a rushing touchdown on its first drive.

San Leandro responded on their next possession when Bryant rushed out of the pocket to convert on a fourth down attempt. That play set up an Amari Roberson touchdown catch to cut the Falcons' lead to 34-12. Roberson, a senior, currently has scholarship talks with Sacramento State, Eastern Washington and San Jose State.

"On that touchdown I scored Foothill was playing man-to-man defense and I had an out route then I just beat my man to the ball," said Roberson. "If we came out in the first half the way we did in the second half this game would have turned out very differently."

The Pirates couldn't get their passing game going on Friday because the Falcons' defense

found ways to stop them with their defensive backs disrupting pass plays and too many balls fell incomplete. Roberson and Aihie both suffered dislocated shoulders during the game which caused them to leave early.

The win was sealed for Foothill when they converted on a third down for a touchdown with 1:50 left in the third quarter to make it a 41-12 game.

"We weren't consistent in the passing game tonight in key situations where we needed the yards which put us behind," added coach Bowers.

San Leandro added a touchdown when their backup sophomore quarterback Demetrius Freeney entered the game and ran for 80 yards to the end zone for a touchdown with less than a minute left in the game to create the final score of 41-20.

"My last four years playing for San Leandro has been amazing and I thank coach Bowers for doing a lot for this team," added Aihie. "For our returning players I'm telling them to remember this feeling tonight in this loss to make sure that they don't have to



PHOTO BY ANDREW JOSEPH

San Leandro starting quarterback DJ Bryant scores a touchdown during the first quarter to gain a 6-0 lead.

feel this way again."

Aihie is still undecided on where he will play in college, but has offers from five schools including Dartmouth and Portland State.

The Pirates beat the Falcons in their season opener by a score of 28-20 in overtime. For the San Leandro seniors closing out their

high school career losing for the first time to Foothill in three years in this fashion is tough, though there is a bright future ahead for their returning players.

"It's hard for our 17 seniors to go out this way, but our future is bright," said coach Bowers. "We have a lot of young players in key positions that will be returning

next season which is a plus for us moving forward."

San Leandro falls to 6-4 overall in the season while Foothill improves to 6-5 overall and continues their playoff run. The Falcons advance to play the Clayton Valley Charter Ugly Eagles in the NCS semifinals tomorrow in Concord at 7 p.m.

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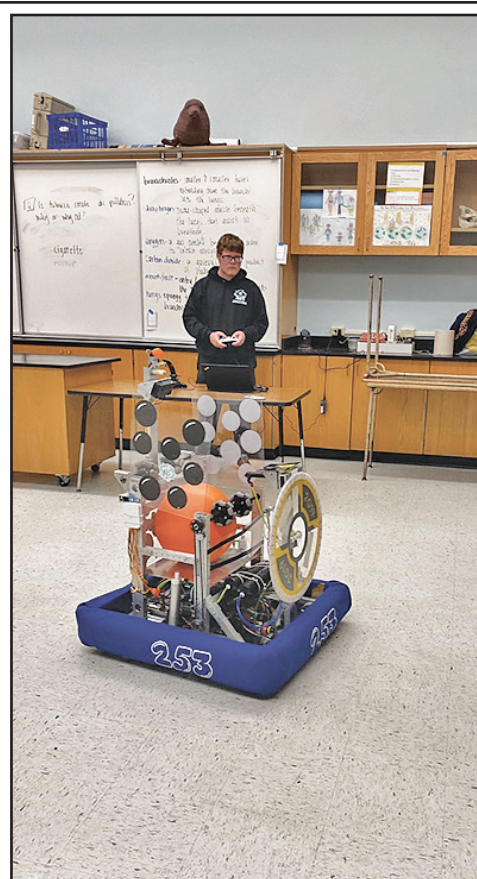
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## Students and Families Practice Science at Bancroft

Students and families came to Bancroft Middle School to practice science the evening of Nov. 14. Families worked together to solve the Mystery Festival hosted by the Lawrence Hall of Science, build a battery, and create slime with the American Chemistry Society. Special guest appearances came from the Robotics Club of Mills High School, Xtreme Science Magic and Rocket Blower. This event could not have happened without the sponsorship of San Leandro Education Foundation (SLED), Bancroft PTA, and the school's science department.