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PHOTO BY AMY SYLVESTRI

Fourth grader Nasir Banner took his turn on teacher Luan Truong's Tour of California last week.

McKinley Students 'Tour' California

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

The fourth graders in teacher Luan Truong's class at McKinley Elementary school will be going on a field trip every day this school year — they are traveling a virtual Tour of

California by riding a stationary bike in the classroom.

It's what educators call "project-based learning." The kids do something tangible in order to help them understand bigger concepts.

While one student rides,

Truong teaches the class about all the places they are visiting around the state and they use their imagination as they learn. Then they keep track of the miles traveled, calories burned, and other statistics.

Truong is guiding them on a

virtual route through the state and they learn about the landmarks, history and geography of each place. They use Google Maps to check out their route and do their own research into the places they are "visiting."

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City Reveals Bay Fair TOD Future Plans

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

The public got a chance to see a complete draft of the city's plan for the Bay Fair Transit Oriented Development project at a meeting at the senior community center on Oct. 18.

The plan outlines several possibilities for the future of the mall and the area about a half-mile radius around it, but that doesn't mean that any of them will actually come to fruition.

The city is just plotting out contingencies for if and when the area is developed, according to Tom Liao, the city's deputy community development director.

"This is a vision plan, this is a 20-year long-range plan, not a development project per se," said Liao.

Liao went on to call the plan "aspirational" and said that the development will depend on the economy of the next 10 to 20 years.

The city received a \$440,000 grant from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to make a draft plan back in 2014 and the final draft was completed in late September.

"We don't know what will happen with the mall, but we are trying to have a plan in place no matter what happens," said Liao.

So, while nothing is set in stone, the city has released a 150-page document about a project which would dramatically change the look of the southern end of San Leandro.

A "mall to village" transfor-

mation would include mixed-use development and about 2,500 apartments in buildings up to eight stories tall.

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City Council Revisits Pot, Tobacco

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

The San Leandro City Council made minor decisions about two ongoing issues at its meeting last week.

The council changed the flavored tobacco ordinance they passed earlier this month to start at a later date. And, they also granted an extension to the Davis Street Wellness Center so it can continue its permitting process to open a marijuana dispensary.

Back on Oct. 2, the council heard from over 30 speakers including convenience store owners and anti-cancer advocates before voting to ban flavored tobacco products in San Leandro.

Last week, another dozen speakers addressed the council on the same issue, nearly all against the ban for economic reasons.

Emily Griego, CEO of the Chamber of Commerce, argued that simply making the flavored

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Rettig Builds a Bookstore on 'B'

By Linda Sandmark
San Leandro Times

Longtime San Leandro resident Renee Rettig opened a cozy new shop, "Books on B," in Hayward last month, hoping to keep the tradition of independent bookstores alive.

"In earlier generations we had our choice of bookstores, like World of Books in Pelton Center and Roskie & Wallace on East 14th Street," she says. "But the internet happened, and they all closed."

Rettig grew up in San Leandro, attending McKinley Elementary, Bancroft Middle and San Leandro High schools.

She worked for over 21 years at another independent bookstore,

The Book Shop, on B Street in downtown Hayward, which lost its lease and closed up earlier this year.

But Rettig had an idea.

"I took the temperature of the community, and found they had been craving something like this for so long," she says. "I have never built anything like this from scratch before, but when an empty storefront opened up across the street from The Book Shop, I got brave and developed some new skills."

Rettig says that starting a new store was like "Stone Soup," a story in which everyone contributes what they can and the outcome is extraordinary.

Cus- tomers who were contractors,



PHOTO BY LINDA SANDMARK

Renee Rettig of San Leandro recently opened her bookshop, "Books on B" in Hayward.

electricians, lawyers and accountants stepped in to volunteer their time and skills.

Others set up online

crowd-funding (which is still ongoing through Indiegogo) to help with expenses. The result

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CITY COUNCIL

Council meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in City Council Chambers, City Hall, 835 E. 14th St., San Leandro. For more information, call the City Clerk at 577-3367.

SAN LEANDRO SCHOOL BOARD

Board meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 835 E. 14th St., San Leandro. For more information, call Michelle Mayfield at 667-3522.



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Tom Fleming wants to build tiny houses for the homeless.

Tiny Houses; Big Plans

By Bruce Roberts
Special to the Times

Tom Fleming has a mission in life.

He's always been bothered by the plight of the homeless, so he began building tiny but functional houses.

Problem solving requires action, and to Fleming, that means house-building in his large backyard in Hayward.

In just 135 square feet, the first of these homes — set on something akin to a boat trailer — includes a fold-out bed, storage cabinets, a clothes closet, a sink and stove, a TV, and a heater.

The first edition also has a working toilet and shower, with insulation in the ceiling and walls.

As he perfects his art, subsequent editions will have fewer features, but be better suited to group

gatherings of such homes. The plan could be for a central bathing house, thus no showers needed in each one.

The expensive trailer will likely be replaced by skids, or some adaptation whereby the home could be set directly on the ground. Reduced costs would make such homes more attractive to non-profit organizations and city governments.

There is much talk today that all people matter, and that is the motivation here, says Fleming. He believes that if people are given a safe place where they can retreat and live, given a sense of community, and that they're not alone, then their problems can be calmed down, and worked on.

His homes even include a 9-foot vaulted ceiling so no one feels claustrophobic.

Non-profits such as Abode see HOUSES, page 8

Digital Athletes Premieres at Bal Theatre

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

Filmmaker Josh Hale lives in Australia these days, but he was born in San Leandro and is having the U.S. premiere of his mockumentary film *Digital Athletes: The Road to the Seat League* at the Bal Theatre next week.

Hale says he was inspired by films like *This is Spinal Tap* and *Best in Show* to create the film, which focuses on the burgeoning world of E-Sports — otherwise known as competitive video game playing.

"I find E-Sports fascinating," says Hale. "I'm not a very big 'gamer,' though. I grew up with Super Mario Bros. and Zelda. I just wanted to make a silly comedy film that people can watch to forget about their woes for 90 minutes and have a laugh at these rather mediocre and strangely odd characters on a quest for pixelated glory."

Hale cast unknown actors from the Gold Coast of Australia to play his quirky characters. At a budget of just \$5,000, Hale jokes that the film should be called "no budget" rather than "low budget."

"We made a fun film that never takes itself too seriously and is not scared to be silly," said Hale. "I'm proud of our entire cast and crew and what was achieved on this film."

Hale moved to Australia in



Josh Hale will premiere his mockumentary film *Digital Athletes: The Road to the Seat League* at the Bal Theatre on Friday, Nov. 3.

1992 at age 14, but visits the Bay Area frequently and will be in town for his film's premiere next week.

"I love the Bay Area and I spend most of my time in San Leandro when I come back to the Bay," said Hale. "I enjoy riding my skateboard down at the marina, I always hit up Harry's Hofbrau for some open face turkey dinners, or catch local comedian Chris Storin do a stand-up comedy show. Playing some disc golf at lower Lake Chabot is always a must."

Hale says it means a lot to him to show his film in his hometown.

"I have San Leandro pride and that's why it was important to bring *Digital Athletes* to San Leandro, to have our North

American public premiere at the Bal Theatre — it's the only place that matters to me in the U.S.," said Hale. "No matter what happens in my career, I'm always just a kid from Wake Avenue in San Leandro and I wouldn't have it any other way."

Hale says the film has been on the independent film festival circuit for much of 2017 in Australia and they've gotten a lot of interest from distributors in North America and Australia, and are looking at a wide release for the film in early 2018. If you want to watch the trailer for the film, it's available at digitalathletes.net.

Digital Athletes is showing at 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 3 at the Bal Theatre, 14808 East 14th St. Free tickets are available on the Bal website www.baltheatre.com.



Join Castro Valley Sports Foundation & Eden Health District's inaugural run to help raise funds to provide charitable assistance and support for youth sports and athletics in Castro Valley. The scenic course begins at the Chabot Staging Area and continues to the upper San Leandro Reservoir and back. Course is measured and chip timed.

Register at <https://runsignup.com/runtothedam>

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Sunday, October 29, 2017
7:30 am Packet Pickup & Race Day Registration
8:30 am 5K Run/Walk & 10K Run Start Time
Chabot Staging Area
Redwood Road & Miller Road
(just past Redwood Canyon Golf Course by the Castro Valley Tree Farm)

Packet Pick-up:

Bibs and Shirts will be available for pick up on race day at the event location. Shirts are only guaranteed to pre-registered participants. You must register by October 13th, 2017 to be guaranteed a shirt. Race day t-shirts will be "first-come, first-served" basis.

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Placement medals to overall top three Male & Female Winners (5K & 10K)
Awards Ceremony will be held at 10 am.

Registration:

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Remembering Long Gone County Heroes

This week marks the 150th anniversary of the death of Oakland Police Officer Richard Richardson, one of the first Alameda County authorities to be killed in the line of duty.

Richardson was shot and killed while attempting to serve an arrest warrant on an elderly man who vowed not to be taken alive.

Though he died in 1867, Richardson and nine other Alameda County Sheriff's deputies and Oakland police officers were honored at a special graveside ceremony this week.

The Alameda County Heroes Grave Project honors Alameda County officers killed in the line of duty and ensures they will never be forgotten.

When headstones and grave markers fade over time, they need to be replaced and the



PHOTO COURTESY ACSO

One of the first law enforcement officers to be killed in the line of duty in Alameda County was Richard Richardson.

Grave Project takes on the task.

To learn more about the project, visit their website at ACHGP.org.

Lawsuit Dropped Against Housing Project at Mervyn's Headquarters

A community group has dropped its legal challenge to the Lincoln Landing project, which calls for construction of 476 market-rate apartments over 80,500 square feet of retail space at the

site of the former Mervyn's headquarters on Foothill Boulevard, according to a press release from the City of Hayward.

The Hayward Smart Growth Coalition requested dismissal of its Alameda County Superior Court lawsuit on Oct. 11. The suit had contended the city approved Lincoln Landing without adequately studying project impacts.

The request for dismissal followed negotiations between the Coalition and Lincoln Landing developer Dollinger Properties.

The Hayward City Council voted unanimously last April to approve Lincoln Landing.

Earlier in the year, the Council also approved Maple and Main, another project in downtown Hayward that calls for 192 market-rate apartments, 48 apartments priced for very low-income households, 48,000 square feet of rehabilitated medical offices, and 5,500 feet of retail space and Mission Crossings, a re-imagining of the former Hayward Ford automotive dealership at 25501 Mission Boulevard into a

mixed-use development of 142 townhouse-style condominiums, an extended-stay hotel, and retail space.

The three developments are a nearly half-billion dollar private real estate investment in that city.

Sign Up For Emergency Alerts

With the recent fires in the North Bay, the Alameda County Sheriff's Office reminds all residents to subscribe to the "AC Alert" program to receive emergency updates about their area.

You can put in your home phone, work phone, cell numbers, text and emails to make sure you can receive any emergency message at any time of the day or evening. You can also select up to five locations in the county that you want to be notified about.

To sign up for AC Alert, residents can go to www.acalert.org and enter your information.

Man Killed in Front of His SLz Home by Carjacking Suspect

A man was struck and killed by his own truck as he tried to prevent it from being stolen in San Lorenzo last week.

James Figueroa, Jr., 46, was struck down on the street near his home on the 15000 block of Via Del Sol on Oct. 18 at around 5:30 a.m.

When authorities arrived, they found Figueroa suffering from life-threatening injuries and transported him to the hospital where he died 12 hours later.

Figueroa had started his truck in his driveway and went back inside his home briefly. When he returned, the suspect was behind the wheel, authorities say.

Figueroa apparently attempted to stop a suspect – identified as Victor Martinez Alvarez, 42, of

Oakland – from stealing his truck. Alvarez had control of the vehicle and ran over Figueroa, according to Sgt. Ray Kelly of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office.

On Saturday, cops used Figueroa's cell phone which he had left behind at the crime scene to track him to 102nd Avenue in Oakland, where he was found in another stolen car. Sheriff's deputies pursued that car and eventually Alvarez crashed into a pole near the intersection of 92nd Avenue and San Leandro Street where he briefly tried to carjack another passing vehicle before he was arrested.

Alvarez was charged with murder, carjacking, evading an officer and vehicle theft and is currently being held without bail.



San Lorenzo resident James Figueroa, Jr. was killed trying to prevent his truck from being stolen.

Changes to Sex Offender's Registry

A bill to modify the state's sex offender registry that was co-sponsored by Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley has been signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown.

Senate Bill 384 amends the current law that requires all sex offenders to register for life and replaces it with a tiered system of registry. A diverse coalition came together to support this bill, including law enforcement and the ACLU.

"SB 384 fixes an antiquated, ineffective, 70-year old system and provides the essential safeguards for public safety," said O'Malley in a written statement.

Currently, all sex offenders are required to register for life under the Sex Offender Registration Act, regardless of the seriousness of the offense. As a result, California has over 100,000 registrants and that number continues to grow.

SB 384 creates a tiered registry that is based on a person's individual record and risk of re-offending that would allow law enforcement to concentrate their

effort and resources on making sure high-risk and violent offenders comply with the law.

SB 384 will divide the registrants into three tiers based on the seriousness of the underlying offense, criminal history, and risk of re-offending. Tier One would require the offender to register for 10 years; Tier Two would require registration for 20 years; and Tier Three would still require lifetime registration.

The law aims in part to strike people from the list who were

placed there due to discrimination.

"California law and police practices that targeted LGBTQ people with entrapment and discrimination have changed for the better," said Rick Zbur, executive director of Equality California. "But thousands of LGBTQ people still find themselves on California's sex offender registry for behavior that harmed no one, was motivated by discriminatory police enforcement practices, and that would not be prosecuted today."

Couple Who Perished in Fire Were Well Known Around San Lorenzo

The couple who were killed in fire at their mobile home last month has been identified as Judy Souza, 75, and Jerry Souza, 78.

The Souzas had been married for 30 years when they were killed in a one-alarm fire that broke out at around 5:30 a.m. on Sept. 28 at their home in the Mission Bay Mobile Home Community.

Judy was known by many as the "San Lorenzo Hugger" because she would hug everyone she met as she went about her errands in San Leandro and San Lorenzo.

Judy Souza was memorialized in a service at the Chapel of the Chimes in Hayward earlier this week and a service for Jerry is being planned for a later date.

A fundraiser for the Souzas has been set up at www.gofundme.com/slz-facebook-hugger-judy-souza.

The cause of the fire that killed the Souzas is undetermined, according to Aisha Knowles, spokeswoman for the Alameda County Fire Department.

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Wednesday, November 1, 6:30 p.m.
at the Marina Community Center
Tuesday, December 5, 6:30 p.m.
at Garfield Elementary School

The City of San Leandro is seeking community input on the design and use of the park land associated with the Shoreline Development. The Shoreline Development is a master plan for the San Leandro Shoreline, which includes a hotel, restaurants, housing, parking structure, and other community amenities.

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NEIGHBORS



Jack Jones singing to his wife Hilda on their 75th wedding anniversary.

Jack & Hilda Celebrate 75th Anniversary

Jack and Hilda Jones married just before Jack went to Europe with the army in 1942. But Jack wanted to make sure he married Hilda “before somebody else would have got her.” He came back after World War II and worked several jobs before settling on a career with a utility company. Jack and Hilda spent most of their lives in San Leandro where they raised their four children.

Today the couple live in a retirement home in Bakersfield where they had their anniversary party, and got a big write-up in the Bakersfield Californian. The story described how they re-created their wedding day with a 3-tier cake and Hilda smudged a bit of icing on Jack’s nose. Jack is 101 and still sings to Hilda who is 96. Jack still gets sentimental and got choked up as he sang “When Your Wedding Ring Was New.”

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

❖ Chanticleers Theatre The Addams Family

The Addams Family, a magnificently macabre musical comedy, now at the Chanticleers Theatre, 3683 Quail Avenue in Castro Valley. In the kooky, upside-down world of the Addams Family, a grave crisis is brewing. It is every father’s worst nightmare but in reverse. Curtain time for Friday and Saturday evenings

is 8 p.m., and Sunday matinees start at 2 p.m. runs through Nov. 5. For tickets (general-\$25, seniors and students-\$20, call Seelive at 733-5483 or visit chanticleers.org.

❖ Singer Rhonda Benin Music Workshop

Rhonda Benin presents *There’s a Message in The Music* tonight, Oct. 26, from 7 to 10 p.m. at The

Space 22222 Redwood Road in Castro Valley. Award winning singer, producer and music historian Rhonda Benin conducts an interactive workshop that explores the lyrics of 7 popular “message songs” written by Black American singer/songwriters and investigates the relationship between popular music and the issues of the times. For more information, visit www.smalltownsociety.com.

❖ San Leandro Players The Broken Badge

The San Leandro Players present *The Broken Badge*, on Saturdays, through Nov. 19, at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. at the San Leandro Museum/Auditorium, 320 West Estudillo Ave. Tickets are \$20 general, \$15 seniors, TBA members (with ID), under 12, students. The play melds old-time radio and melodrama in a turn-of-the century San Leandro story of lost love, a rehabilitated villain, a jilted woman, and a famed sheriff. For information or reservations, call 895-2573, or online at www.slplayers.org.

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❖ Shrouded Tales of the Paranormal

Explore true tales of tragic ends on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 27 and 28, at the Meek Mansion, 240 Hampton Road in Hayward. Two tours per night at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Learn about Victorian death traditions and superstitions all sprinkled with a touch of the paranormal. General Admission is \$15 for HAHS members, seniors and students is \$10. To purchase tickets, call 581-0223 or visit www.haywardareahistory.org/shrouded-tales.

❖ Bay Area Family Church Breakfast

The Bay Area Family Church, 2305 Washington Ave. in San Leandro will hold its monthly Community of Faith Breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 28, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. The featured speaker will be Bishop Rene Buelos Sotero, senior pastor in Roseville and Sacramento City. All are welcome.

❖ SL Parkinson’s Support Group

The San Leandro Parkinson’s Support Group will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, Nov. 2, at 10:30 a.m. at the San Lorenzo Community Church at 945 Paseo Grande. The speaker will be Carol Evans a nurse practitioner. For more information, call Lona White at 276-3119.

❖ Harvest Party at Bethel Church

Bethel Community Presbyterian Church, 14235 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro, will host a Harvest Party on Saturday, Oct. 28, from 1 to 6 p.m. with music, games, food, karaoke, jump house and fun for everyone.

❖ A Haunting in the History Room

For those who love a spooky Halloween, visit the library’s Haunted History Room on Saturday, Oct. 28, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Visitors will encounter the ghosts of some of San Leandro’s more famous residents and learn their fascinating histories, and then receive a coupon for a small bag of treats, while supplies last. The library’s fantastic history researchers will be on hand to encourage and assist visitors during their walk to The Other Side. Admission is free. For more information, call 577-3971.

❖ Walk/Run Benefit for People with Asthma

Students at the Jefferson Service Club at San Leandro High are organizing a walk/run to benefit people with asthma on Saturday, Oct. 28, from 9 to 11 a.m. at Marina Park, 14001 Monarch Bay Drive. Registration is \$20 for students and \$25 for adults, and includes a T-shirt. Proceeds go to the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America. San Francisco Giants memorabilia will be auctioned and Giants mascot Lou Seal will be on hand. Register for the run/walk online at tinyurl.com/AttachAsthma or register at the day of the run at 8:30 a.m. Questions can be sent to sljeffersonservice@gmail.com.

❖ Castro Valley Run to the Dam 2017

The inaugural Run to the Dam 2017, sponsored by Castro Valley Sports Foundation and Eden Health District, a 5K Walk/Run and 10K Trail Run, will be on Sunday, Oct. 29, at 8:30 a.m. The run starts at the Chabot Staging Area, just past the Redwood Canyon Golf Course, at the corner of Redwood Road and Miller Road. The run will help to raise funds to provide charitable assistance and support youth sports and the health and well-being of school-age Castro Valley athletes. Register for the run at <https://runsignup.com/runtothedam>

❖ 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 Parrett Street in San Leandro.

❖ Marine Corps Birthday Breakfast

The Lt. Frank Reasoner Detachment, Marine Corps League will host a breakfast celebrating the 242nd Marine Corps birthday on Saturday, Nov. 4., at 8 a.m. at the San Leandro Veterans Building, 1103 Bancroft Ave. Tickets are \$20 at the door. For more information, call Ron Saunders at 489-4186.

❖ Dia de los Muertos Celebration

The San Leandro History Museum, 320 W. Estudillo Ave., will celebrate the end Dia de los Muertos on Nov. 4, by screening short documentaries about the history and traditions of Dia de los Muertos. This will also be the last day to view the ofrendas (objects placed on a ritual altar) to Jose Joaquin Estudillo, the founding father of San Leandro, that have been on display at the Museum during the month of October. The set of films will be shown at 11:15 a.m. and again at 2 p.m. There will be family craft activities after the 11:15 a.m. screening until 4 p.m. The film and activities are free of charge and open to the public.

❖ Job Search Skills Training

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❖ Cherry City Toastmasters Meetings

The Cherry City Toastmasters Club meets every Tuesday from 12:05 to 1:05 p.m. in the Trustees Room on the first floor at the San Leandro Main Library at 300 Estudillo Ave. Public speaking is said to be the number one fear in America. If this sounds familiar, you are not alone. We offer a safe supportive environment to grow your public speaking and leadership skills. Come explore what Toastmasters is all about.

❖ Sons In Retirement Meetings

Sons In Retirement (SIRs), an organization of retired men, meets on the second Wednesday of each month. Meetings are held at the Wedgewood Center at Metropolitan Golf Links, 10051 Doolittle Dr. in Oakland. Happy Hour starts at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at noon. Great guest speakers. Guests are welcome. Come and meet new friends. For more information, call MEL at 357-0601.

❖ St. Felicitas November Luncheon

Tickets are now on sale for St. Felicitas Parish, 1662 Manor Blvd. in San Leandro for the Young at Heart luncheon on Wednesday, Nov. 15, serving lasagna rollup, salad and all the fixings plus dessert and beverage. Doors open at 11:45 a.m. and lunch is served at noon. Tickets are \$7. Entertainment and door prizes at each luncheon. Tickets must be purchased no later than Thursday, Nov. 9 before the luncheon. Tickets are available at the parish office Monday through Thursday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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HEALTH & FITNESS

Focus on Your Next Eye Exam

People are constantly reminded to eat right and exercise to stay healthy. But what about eye health?

Dozens of eye diseases and conditions, such as diabetes, high blood pressure and some cancers, can be diagnosed and detected during a simple eye exam.

This is because the eye is actually part of the nervous system. An eye physician can detect abnormalities in the fine blood vessels at

the back of the eye before they're seen in other parts of the body.

Trouble spotted in the eye may signal health-related changes that may otherwise go undetected.

Here are the facts on a few common myths about eye exams:

• **Myth:** Eye exams only provide a prescription for eyeglasses.

• **Fact:** There are two different types of eye examinations:

1. A comprehensive medical eye exam is typically performed

by an ophthalmologist, a physician who specializes in medical and surgical eye care.

Your ophthalmologist will dilate your eyes with drops. This lets them thoroughly examine your retina and optic nerve, located at the back of your eye, for signs of damage from disease.

2. A routine eye exam determines whether you need glasses or contact lenses to see clearly. You will be asked to read a standard-

ized chart to determine how well you see at different distances. This exam is typically performed by an optometrist.

• **Myth:** An eye exam is unnecessary unless you have a vision problem.

• **Fact:** Don't wait to notice a vision problem before you get an eye exam. Some eye diseases and conditions have no early warning signs until vision is lost. If they're detected early, however, vision can usually be saved.

• Eye Exam Recommendations

The American Academy of Ophthalmology recommends that people get a baseline eye examination at age 40, the time when early signs of disease or changes in vision may occur.

This exam is just as important as a baseline screening for diabetes or certain cancers. If you're age 65 or older, have your eyes checked every year or two for signs of age-related eye diseases such as cataracts, macular degeneration and glaucoma.

• Sight-Saving Care

If you are 65 or older and worry about the cost of an exam, the American Academy of Ophthalmology's EyeCare America program may be able to help.

EyeCare America provides



It's wise to have a professional check your eyes regularly.

medical eye exams, often at no out-of-pocket cost, to eligible people through a network of approximately 6,000 volunteer ophthalmologists. Nearly 2 million people have been helped through EyeCare America's two programs.

The Seniors program connects eligible seniors with a volunteer ophthalmologist for a medical eye exam at no out-of-pocket cost for up to one year, while the Glaucoma program offers a glaucoma eye exam to eligible individuals who are at increased risk for glaucoma, determined by their age, race and family history.

Program Eligibility (Seniors):

• Must be a U.S. citizen or legal resident, age 65 or older
• Cannot have an HMO or eye care benefits through the VA

• Have not seen an ophthalmologist in three or more years
Glaucoma Program:

• Must be a U.S. citizen or legal resident

• Cannot have an HMO or eye care benefits through the VA

• Cannot have had an eye exam in the past 12 months or more

• At increased risk for glaucoma, determined by your age, race and family history

• Learn More

For further information about the program and to see if you, a family member or anyone else you know may be eligible, visit www.aao.org/eyecareamerica.

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Free Yoga Workshop Teaches Self-care Strategies

By Joanne Sexton

Special to the Times

The emotional and physical toll of fighting cancer — whether you're the patient or a caregiver — can strain even the most resilient person.

In my job, I routinely meet patients, and their caregivers, who are challenged by the daily demands of life with cancer. Sleep patterns are affected, eating habits are altered, and the normalcy of everyday life is forever changed.

Being able to offer patients tools to manage stress and physical hindrances of daily life is extremely important. Simple things like moving, not necessarily exercise, but basic arm movements or leg lifts, can make a huge difference in fighting fatigue, for example.

■ Yoga for Self-Care

Many people find yoga, aromatherapy, reiki and mindfulness comforting in times of overwhelming stress. It is that movement which can help alleviate feelings of exhaustion so you do not miss your numerous doctor's appointments or treatments, which can have a negative effect on fighting your disease.

Madelyn Kimball, certified yoga trainer, is scheduled to share these self-care strategies during a free public workshop titled "Yoga for Self-Care" which will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 8, from 6 to 8 p.m. on the second floor at

the Eden Medical Center, Medical Office Building, 20101 Lake Chabot Road, in Castro Valley.

Caregivers are often so focused on their loved one that they don't realize their own health and well-being are suffering.

I'd like to emphasize that caregivers are also welcome to attend, and all are encouraged to register by calling 925-933-0107.

■ Come Prepared to Learn

This workshop is different from a support group. It will focus on teaching participants practices that help re-connect you with your sense of self and help you relax.

Participants will be led through very gentle chair yoga, breath work techniques and mindfulness practices for dealing with the stress of cancer.

Finally, this workshop will connect participants to community resources, including Eden Medical Center's Cancer Support Group, held on the 1st and 3rd Wednes-

day of each month from 6 to 8 p.m. This drop-in group is free and available to people with cancer and their loved ones, regardless of where they receive treatment.

Eden Medical Center's Oncology Rehabilitation Program is staffed by therapists with a thorough understanding of the unique rehabilitation needs of cancer survivors and techniques to help patients increase strength and energy, alleviate pain and fatigue, and improve daily function and quality of life.

Rehab can help with balance and gait problems, limited range of motion affecting the spine or extremities, speech, cognitive, or swallowing disorders, lymphedema and pain.

For information, contact the Outpatient Rehab Facility at 510-727-2800.

Joanne Sexton is manager of tumor registry and cancer data services at Eden Medical Center.

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Pets of the Week



Curly



Singer

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Ct., in Hayward, are Curly the kitten and Singer the kitten.

Curly is a sweet 5-month-old kitten who's been waiting patiently for a forever home since June. He'd love a home where he can sit in the sun, and have a comfy

lap to lounge on.

Singer is a 7-month-old sweetheart who's loving and outgoing. He's also a wonderful vocalist (hence the name). Looking for a conversationalist? He's your love bug.

For more information on Curly or Singer, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at 293-7200.

Books: Customers help create a unique space

continued from front page

is a lovely renovated space with vintage touches. It carries a wide variety of books, including new, used and rare books.

"This is a bookstore where people can feel comfortable," says Rettig. "There are so many wonderful volunteers who helped. I just opened the floodgates and they came in. It's turned into the

place I've been dreaming of, and I feel like I've surpassed my goals. I tell everybody, if I can do it, you can too. You just have to try."

Books on B, 1014 B St. in downtown Hayward. Open Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, go to www.BooksOnB.com or call 538-3943.

Houses: Need support

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Services, the Family Emergency Shelter Coalition, and the Hayward Downtown Streets Team, as well as local city governments, are all interested in helping the homeless.

Just banning homeless people, or making them move on, says Flemming, is not the answer. So

he proposes the gathering of tiny homes on vacant lots, operated by a city or non-profit group, so that homeless people have a chance to recover some dignity in their lives.

Flemming wants to change the lives of as many homeless as he can, as soon as he can. With public support, he says it could happen.



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Renee Rettig of San Leandro opened her bookstore "Books On B" last month.

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San Leandro resident Simone Stevens, a senior at Head Royce School in Oakland, has aspirations of getting more involved in local politics.

Intern Spurs Debate on Toplessness, Animal Rights

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

When San Leandro resident Simone Stevens got an internship with a Berkeley City Councilman this summer, the councilman gave her an assignment.

He told Stevens to try to draft a piece of legislation that she cared about. And, if he decided it was strong enough, he'd get it on a council agenda.

A few months later, Stevens' ordinance was number 49 on the agenda at a September Berkeley City Council meeting — a proposal to decriminalize the display of female nipples and equalize nudity laws in Berkeley. In other words, to allow women to go topless as men can.

Just a few moments into the discussion of the ordinance, a nude woman named "Gypsy"

walked across the desks of the City Council chambers and banged a gavel on the dais while lecturing the politicians on repression.

Using the term "free the nipple," celebrities, including Miley Cyrus, have supported similar ordinances around the country, mainly via topless photos on Instagram.

But Stevens says celebrities and people like the nude protestor can sometimes take the focus off the intent of the ordinance.

"I think it further polarizes an issue that's already polarizing," said Stevens. "People see the issue like you'd have to be radical to support it, but that's not the case. I'm

pretty conservative, I don't take off my clothes. I think it's about female bodily autonomy and getting rid of sexism in legislation."

The Berkeley City Council ultimately decided not to vote on the ordinance and it isn't currently rescheduled for further consideration.

Stevens also proposed another piece of legislation that would prohibit giving out goldfish and other live animals as prizes at fairs and festivals — she feels that it is cruel to the animals, many of which are thrown away.

"I'm really interested in animal rights," said Stevens. "I don't eat meat or use animal products, I

volunteer at the SPCA."

Stevens, now a senior at the Head Royce School in Oakland could be a born politician. Her mother, Leah Hall, ran for the San Leandro City Council in 2014 and Stevens says she's interested in majoring in political science or international relations when she enters college next fall.

Stevens said that even though her those two pieces of legislation haven't become law yet, she got a lot out of the experience.

Another item she cowrote passed last month which endorses proposed state legislation that would require pet stores to only sell pets that have been spayed or neutered, and obtained from an animal shelter or rescue group.

"I wanted to see what could be improved upon," said Stevens. "I don't think I'll ever stop getting involved in local politics."

“People see the issue like you’d have to be radical to support it, but that’s not the case.”

— Simone Stevens

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GUEST COMMENTARY



Prepare for Disaster

The rash of wildfires obliterating parts of California are a stark reminder that disaster can strike at any time.

While statistics confirm that most of us will never experience the anguish associated with being a disaster victim, that should not prevent any from being fully prepared.

Natural disasters include earthquakes, tsunamis, floods, hurricanes, tornadoes and fires.

While earthquakes have historically been the primary concern of those living here in the East Bay, we've also had flooding from El Niño related rains, the Oakland Hills fire and a number of storms severe enough to damage roofs, knock down fences and more.

While some disasters come

with enough warning to adequately prepare, others happen very quickly and leave no time to respond in a thoughtful, organized manner.

We recommend that you plan ahead so that if an event occurs, you have a plan ready to go. FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and the Ad Council have partnered together to provide a resource to help you establish a plan.

Named "Ready," it can be accessed at www.ready.gov and provides explanations, checklists and a multitude of practical resources. It is a tremendous place to start.

In the aftermath of the fires in the Northern Bay Area, many who lost their homes found themselves wishing they had done a

few simple things ahead of time to prepare. While some had time to grab computers, clothes and other necessities, others were forced out in the middle of the night and had absolutely no time to think about what to take with them.

Here are two recommendations: **Video your home.** In the event you need to make insurance claims, you might not have the documentation necessary to validate your belongings.

Additionally, some have trouble remembering all their belongings. A video record can be very helpful. Use your phone to make the videos and go to every room, open every door, drawer and other place you house your belongings. Upload the videos to a cloud storage solution such as iCloud, Carbonite, Dropbox, etc.

Scan your important documents. Birth certificates, passports, immigration documents, all insurance policies, vehicle registrations, healthcare documentation — any items you will need to confirm your identity, file insurance claims and so on. Upload the scans to the same location as your videos.

While no one plans to be the victim of a disaster, effective preparation can make any recovery process go a lot smoother.

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Store Garden Tools Properly

By Samantha Mazzotta
Special to the Times

Linseed oil is considered a good medium to protect wooden-handled tools, but there are also other wood-conditioning blends available — some with linseed oil and some without.

The oil protects handles from cracking as the wood expands and contracts from cold to hot temperatures, dryness or humidity.

However, the metal surfaces of your hand tools should not be coated with linseed oil. Instead, clean them well, removing debris and any rust. Some people even sharpen trimming tools one last time for the season. Then,



The quickest and easiest way to designate an area for hanging your garden tools is to use a piece of pegboard and metal hooks. This can then be easily reconfigured if necessary.

put a light coat of protective oil on the metal portions, including the blades and any hinge points. (Some use motor oil, but oils developed for lawn tools are available at hardware stores.)

How you store the tools is up to you. The most important thing is to keep them out of direct weather — in a storage shed, basement or garage — and off the floor.

The next priority is to store them so that the metal blades don't touch each other. If your only option is to place them on a shelf, lay them in opposite directions to minimize metal-to-metal contact.

DIYers with a garage or storage shed often designate a section of the wall for hanging tools. A classic, fast and inexpensive way to get a lot of tools into one section is to put up a piece of pegboard with metal hooks. This can be quickly configured and reconfigured since the hooks can simply be lifted up and repositioned into another peg. Hang tools by their handles.

Long tools, like shovels, can be suspended by placing the shovel head on two hooks with the handle pointing downward.

Home Tip: For garden tools that have a lot of rust, brew up some strong black tea and soak the blades in it for a couple of hours. It should then wipe right off!

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By Buzz Bertolero
The Dirt Gardener

My young apricot and plum trees are planted in the wrong location. They're getting too much water from the other nearby plants. So, I'm looking to move them to another place. When is the proper time to move them?

I'm glad you recognized the water problem from the nearby plants before it was too late to correct things.

Apricots and plums, along with cherries, peaches and nectarines, do not like constant water once the rainy season concludes. However, apples, pears and Asian pears thrive with frequent watering. Hence, it's not recommended to plant herbaceous and ornamen-

tal plants under their canopy.

Also, add citrus to the list of those fruits that like frequent summer watering.

The transplanting window for established plants opens up in mid to late November and extends through mid-March. Roses, ornamental shrubs and conifers could be moved after the danger of frost has passed.

Apricots and plums have a branching root system, so the root ball needs to be rectangular, not necessarily square.

I'd also prune the trees first to reduce the canopy to make the move easier.

The planting holes should be twice as wide and eight inches deeper than the root ball. Also, dig the new planting holes ahead of time.



When transplanting trees, make sure not to completely bury the root ball.

Amend your backfill at a 50/50 ratio of soil conditioner or homemade compost and the native soil.

The next and most critical step in transplanting is not to bury the root ball.

I'd remove the excess soil to expose the first root and plant it so that this root is at or above the soil's surface. Remember, the root ball will sink in the amended soil, so pat it down aggressively to set it firmly in place.

After the rainy season concludes, apricots and plums are watered once every two to three weeks from June through mid-September.

Each tree should also have a six-inch-high watering basin that extends from the trunk to the drip line. This watering basin should be filled to the brim several times every time you water.

Since these trees are not showing any stress, the transition to a new location should have a high degree of success.

I had a sod lawn installed four months ago. Is it too late to fertilize it now?

No, it's not too late to feed turf. Ideally, lawns are fed once between Labor Day and Thanksgiving and again in the spring.

I typically only apply a lawn food and skip the "Weed and Feed" products because of the short days.

Contrary to public opinion, fall is the most crucial time of the year to feed turf, not in the spring. It is at this time of year that the new grass plants form.

Another benefit is that the grass remains green during cold temperatures and doesn't turn that ugly yellow/brown color.

In the spring, one or two applications are sufficient, six to eight weeks apart.

Also, you should avoid fertilizing during the hottest period of the year, June through August.

Buzz Bertolero is an Advanced California Certified Nursery Professional and Senior Gardening Professional at Sloat Garden Centers. His web address is www.dirtgardener.com. Email questions to dirtgarden@aol.com or go to Facebook.com/Buzz.Bertolero.

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Council: Davis Street granted extension

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tobacco more expensive would be enough of a deterrent while still giving adults a right to purchase a product that's legal in other cities. "A ban affects a person's freedom of choice," said Griego.

David Alga owns a shop selling flavored vapors, which he says actually help people stop smoking.

"You are wiping out the solution (along) with the problem," said Alga.

Essa Alharbi said that his downtown cigarette shop will lose 60 percent of its business under the ban.

"This isn't helping San Leandro itself — people will just go down the street and buy it there," said Alharbi. "This is income being taken away from us; it will be really bad."

The initial vote was 4-3, with council members Benny Lee, Lee Thomas, and Corina Lopez dissenting because they felt the ordinance should be more strict and include menthol cigarettes.

At the routine second reading of the ordinance this week, the vote changed to 6-1. Councilman Thomas, the staunchest advocate for including menthol in the ban, said he would vote in favor of

the current ordinance this time but hopes to ban menthol down the road.

"We'll fight that fight another day," said Lee. "This is a great step forward."

Benny Lee was the sole dissenting vote this time and he appeared swayed by the plight of

“It seems that 95 percent or more of the (tobacco) retailers are from our immigrant and minority communities.”

— San Leandro City Council Member Benny Lee

the small business owners.

Lee said he wants to work with retailers to prevent youths from smoking, but was empathic to shop owners.

"It seems that 95 percent or more of the retailers are from our immigrant and minority commu-

nities," said Lee. "They are trying to support families and it can be harder for them to find jobs."

But in the end, the ordinance passed the second reading, with the only change being to have the ban begin in June of 2018 rather than March as previously approved.

Davis Street Dispensary Granted Extension

Also on the smokey substance front, the council again heard from the Davis Street Wellness Center about their planned cannabis dispensary.

On Monday night, the City Council voted to grant the Wellness Center an extension to Jan. 30, 2018 in order to obtain BZA approval and to allow time for any potential appeals.

And, an appeal is likely, as Mayor Pauline Cutter has said she doesn't approve opening the dispensary next door to the Resource Center.

The Wellness Center — a partner organization of the Davis Street Family Resource Center — was approved for a medical marijuana dispensary operational permit back in the summer of 2016, with the proviso that they obtain a separate conditional use

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PHOTO BY AMY SYLVESTRI

Students Yaretzi Resendiz and Jayden Price show off the board where the class of "virtual" cyclists keep track of their progress riding on the "Tour of California".

Tour: Students 'travel' to Sierras, San Diego

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The kids just started, so they are still in the Bay Area, but they'll travel to the Sierras, San Diego, and each of California's 58 counties.

"It's fun, we keep on going 10 minutes at a time and take turns," said Jayden Price. "We bike in alphabetical order and the teacher

writes down our miles."

Yaretzi Resendiz said she likes working as a team with her class. "We learn when places became a city or county and about the climate," said Resendiz.

But to get the kids cycling, the first thing they needed was a bike. So Truong started a GoFundMe page asking for dona-

tions and the McKinley parents raised more than the \$300 goal within a week, and a Schwinn upright bike was purchased from Amazon last month.

"This is something I've wanted to do for about 20 years," said Truong. "It's such a fun project, and we've received a lot of parental support."

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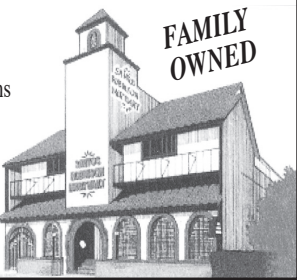
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Concetta Ann "Tina" Piscitello (Scorsonelli)

passed away peacefully at home in Hayward on October 16, 2017 with her loving family and close loving friends at her side.

Loving wife to the late Michaelangelo "Michael" Piscitello Sr. Loving former wife to the late Joseph George Matlin (1964). Loving mother to Yvonne Cinna (Matlin) of Florida. Loving mother to Michael Piscitello Jr. and Marcella Schantz (Piscitello). Loving grandmother to Christy Brittain (Cinna) and Stephanie Cinna. Loving sister to the late Nuncio "Nunzi" Bufardeci, the late Sebastian "Buster" Bufardeci and the late Armando "Mando" Scorsonelli. Loving daughter to the late Concetto Scorsonelli and the late Clementina Scorsonelli (D'Ambra). Loving aunt to many nieces and nephews.

Concetta was born on July 2, 1921 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late Concetto Scorsonelli and the late Clementina Scorsonelli (D'Ambra). She was raised in San Francisco since the age of 4. Concetta graduated from Balboa High School (San Francisco) in 1939 where she played the accordion. Concetta was a very well renowned and prestigious legal secretary in San Francisco from 1940 to 2004. Concetta was well known and outstanding in her field of legal secretarial work and she worked for several very famous and renowned legal firms and corporations in San Francisco during her lengthy and prestigious career. Concetta loved painting in her spare time and her house was adorned with many of her outstanding examples of her work. Concetta loved attending the opera in San Francisco with her late husband, Michaelangelo Piscitello, Sr. She had a very strong attraction and love for the City of San Francisco for all of her very long life.

Concetta will be missed by all of her loving family and loving friends.



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Robert Peter Tollefsen

January 28, 1925 – October 20, 2017

Robert passed away peacefully with his family by his side.

Robert was born in Oakland, CA and spent the majority of his life living in the East Bay, the last 65 years or so as a resident of San Leandro.

In the early sixties Robert met his future wife Gudrun while on a trip in Norway to visit his cousins. The couple was married there, on the island of Utsira, in April of 1963. Robert and Gudrun settled in San Leandro to raise their family. Robert was predeceased by his wife of over 50 years in 2016. He is survived by his loving children Katherine, Edmund and Sonja, and his two grandchildren who called him "farfar."

In his youth, Robert was an active member of the Boy Scouts of America and continued in the organization as a troop leader for many years as a young adult. He attended many scout camps around the Bay Area as well as in the Sierras.

Robert worked for Pan American Airways for over 40 years. He would have stayed longer if they had not gone out of business. He enjoyed working for Pan Am, and took advantage of the travel benefits which allowed him and his family to travel in style to many places, especially the numerous family summer trips to Norway to visit relatives.

Friends and family are invited to attend a memorial service today, Oct. 26, at 1 p.m. at Oakland's Mountain View Cemetery, in the Tower Chapel. A private burial will be held there at a later date. He will be interred with his parents and grandparents.

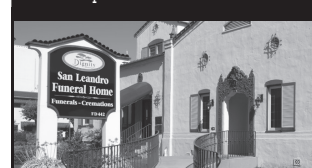


BOYD, Jay Arlen
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TOLLEFSEN, Robert Peter

■ **Jay Arlen Boyd** (May 11, 1931– October 18, 2017), a resident of Castro Valley, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 after living with Parkinson's Disease for many years. He touched many lives through his kind spirit and positive approach to life. Jay was born in Oakland and graduated from Fremont High School. After serving honorably in the Air Force for four years during the Korean Conflict, Jay had successful careers in the furniture business and in real estate. He and his wife, Evelyn, lived in Castro Valley for 57 years, where they enjoyed raising their children and volunteering in the community. He especially loved golf, aviation and big band jazz

music. Wherever he went, Jay always found the time to listen to other veterans talk about their service and was known to quietly lend a hand to those who needed help. Jay is survived by his devoted wife of 62 years, Evelyn; his loving children, Sandra Griffin (Peter) of Edina, Minnesota and Stephen Boyd of Rohnert Park, California; and grandchildren, Sarah and Nicholas Griffin, Casey Boyd, and Elizabeth Boyd-Israel. He is also survived by his sister, Barbara Frederickson (Roy) of Los Gatos, California. His generous and loving spirit will be missed by everyone who knew him. Friends and family are invited to attend the memorial mass on Thursday, Oct. 26, at 10 a.m. at Transfiguration Catholic Church, 4000 E. Castro Valley Blvd., in Castro Valley. Reception to follow in the church hall. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Transfiguration Church (Bread of Life Ministry). Jess C. Spencer Mortuary, Castro Valley, 510-581-9133.

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Reactions to City's Loan of \$400,000 plus \$150,000 Gift to Bal Theatre

Editor:

As Vice President of San Leandro Curtain Call Performing Arts (Curtain Call), and on behalf of our entire board, volunteers and supporters, I want to graciously thank the residents, taxpayers, voters, Mayor and City Council of San Leandro for providing financial support to the BAL Theatre, and our mission at Curtain Call.

We are very honored with the gift and support the City has given us, and we are thrilled to be in partnership with the community to help the BAL Theatre realize its full potential as a generational treasure, expressive platform and economic engine for San Leandro.

Especially, thank you to all those who wrote in letters to the City Council voicing your own support as community members for the BAL Theatre, along with your call to action for more art, culture and entertainment in San Leandro. Also, thank you to Assistant City Manager Jeff Kay and City Manager Chris Zapata, who helped guide us through city hall in a successful manner.

We know there are a lot of competing interests in town, and where the city invests its tax dollars is a decision that should never be taken lightly. Civic support for Curtain Call and the BAL at this juncture gives the theatre the best chance at continuing its remarkable story and growth towards perpetual success.

We will soon be making improvements to the BAL so you can see your tax dollars at work, and so we can enhance our patron experience.

Please come to an event, if you haven't already, and experience the magic that many in the community have come to know. We will continue to offer free and low-cost events, as well as grow our main stage productions, featuring national and international artists.

Curtain Call promises, including my own personal effort, to make you proud of the commitment the City of San Leandro has made to the Historic BAL Theatre. Thank you.

— **Chris Crow**, Vice President
SL Curtain Call Performing Arts

Editor:

San Leandro Council Members, what are you thinking?

Is the city so rich with money to give away that now they bail out a bad business that can't make or want to pay off their loans?

The Bal Theatre is not even in the downtown area, yet the council voted to give Dillman a half million dollars to pay off his loan on his building, part is a forgivable loan, not bad. Please don't forget they already gave him \$50,000 to purchase it years ago, and he still can't make it.

What makes them think he can now pay a bigger loan when he can't pay the one he has now? Let the lender foreclose on him like anyone else. That theatre should have been torn down years ago. It is not a historical landmark as Dillman so claims. It is just an old eyesore on the border of San Leandro. A building for the arts? Really?

Also, look downtown, the SLIA has not

done their job, our sidewalks are dirty, we have not had power washing as promised, street cleaning of papers, garbage everywhere. Look around, look at the plaza sidewalks, we have no money to clean our city. Our business owners' tax dollars were to go to the money we lost in redevelopment. Ha! What a joke — nothing but cardboard signs and cheap plants.

Where is all of our money? In the pockets of San Diego not San Leandro and others? All that money was to stay in San Leandro for our businesses. Well, at least we know where it goes now.

How many of you need money to pay your debts? Call the City; they have so much excess funds, they are giving it away. We need to clean up this city, not throw good hard-earned money after bad. Again, what are you thinking? Disappointed in our city. Time has shown this is not a viable business needed in our city.

— **Dee Kerry**, San Leandro

Editor:

Kudos to the city for supporting the arts.

— **Larry Arnold**, San Leandro

Editor:

Banks make loans based on solid financials and business plans. Apparently, the BAL owners do not qualify, so they came to the city council — a bunch of poor stewards (not business people) with taxpayer money at their disposal. And, the council just opened Pandora's Box to any failing local business with an emotional angle.

I applaud the Dillmans for taking an entrepreneurial risk, and whatever bank funded them the first time. Let them succeed or fail on their own merits. Did nobody learn anything since 2008? The City should stay out of it.

If the BAL is really worth \$1.1 million, they can sell it to pay the loans. The council is implicitly saying that either nobody wants to buy it, or that nobody else could make it successful. Do you think fixing the ambiance is going to bring out an audience? The ambiance was not the issue. Do you even know who Too Short is? Look him up.

— **Richard Brock**, San Leandro

Editor:

My family greatly appreciates the City of San Leandro's support of the BAL Theatre.

We chose to move to San Leandro 12 years ago based on what we saw as "potential" transitional growth, that was overdue in a city that was both undervalued and unknown to the rest of the Bay Area.

The then (2005) SL administration seemed to be interested in leveraging only our waterfront to benefit a small number of wealthy boaters.

Today, giving a historic centerpiece like the BAL an opportunity to help clean up a well-trafficked portion of our community is a wise decision that will benefit us all, attract more updated business and tax revenue.

Having visited the BAL with our kids, has given us a chance to share something special, that must be preserved.

Our community needs these types of cultural investments, just like art murals, the Cherry Festival and our very popular downtown Farmers' Market. They can

only help us grow and develop our City Center like other Bay Area cities have successfully done.

Thank you for this decision and the wise cultural investment into our community. You will be paid back in multiple ways.

— **James Kuenzi**, San Leandro

Editor:

I was very upset and disappointed to read in your paper dated October 19 that the city council voted to provide the bailout money to the owner of the Bal Theatre.

First, why should his business be singled out among all the other struggling businesses in the city? But, more importantly, on the same page of that story was the story of how the Bethel Food Pantry is feeding 250-plus people every week. Food insecurity is a huge issue in our county, one in five people are in need of food support. Shouldn't our city, led by our city council, be spending our valuable and limited dollars on things that really matter to the citizens? \$650,000 can feed an awful lot of needy people.

— **Maureen Sirhall**, San Leandro

What Is the Real Financial Position Of Davis Street Resource Center?

Editor:

Rose Johnson continues her crusade to get Davis Street Wellness Center located inside the same building as the Davis Street Family Resource Center, at the expense of Davis Street Family Resource Center.

At the recent Board of Zoning meeting Rose Johnson, in her own words, indicated that, yes, they are prepared to pay off the \$300,000 forgivable loan they owe the City, if the Davis Street Wellness Center is allowed to go into the building Davis Street Family Resource Center owns.

Really, they have \$300,000 sitting in the bank to pay off a loan the City has agreed to continue to forgive over time, and do not need it to for the programs and services at Davis Street Family Resource Center?

Just within the past year, Rose Johnson pleaded with Eden Township, on behalf of Davis Street Family Resource Center, to give them \$500,000 to help keep their services and programs going.

What is really the financial position and priority of Davis Street Family Resource Center that Rose Johnson leads?

— **Diana Souza**, San Leandro

McCarthy's Thankful for Support On Their Fence Appeal

Editor:

We would like to thank everyone who supported our fence appeal on Monterey Blvd., all who signed our petitions, and especially to those who took the time to not only come to the hearing but also voice their concerns. It meant a lot to us.

Anyone who has ever driven down our street during little league season knows how busy our street is with kids and families, and what a high risk this fence would have caused.

We also want to thank the committee who heard our appeal, which went about five hours with all the speakers. This was a long night for everyone and your dedication was truly appreciated. We met so many great people and made new friends and neighbors as we went through this process. It has renewed our faith in our community which came together for something they believed in.

We really believe the city needs to reevaluate their modification pro-

cess. Only five homes were notified by mail. They need to notify more area residents in the future if it is on a main street that would affect so many. Many of my neighbors felt they should have been notified by mail also. They need to give more than 10 days notice of a hearing. Ten days is not a lot of time to prepare. They need to state or prove why they say it met the standards of approval, not just say it met the standards with nothing to back it up. We also feel that anyone who is asking for a modification be required to erect a temporary mock fence to see how it would really affect the neighboring property. It was not until we built a mock fence that we

realized just how obstructive the fence would be.

We also wanted to clarify what "Compatible with the aesthetics of the neighborhood" meant. It referred to blending in with the look of the neighborhood. All the homes on Monterey Blvd. are set back from the street with front landscaping. This fence would have stuck out past all the homes and would not blend in.

Since the applicant withdrew his application after almost a five-hour hearing we feel that our fee to appeal it, \$792, should be refunded to us. Thus far, the city has not agreed to do so.

— **Dennis & Diane McCarthy**
San Leandro

INQUIRING REPORTER

What do you love to do?

— Asked at the San Leandro BART Station

I love to feed the birds — at the park, in my neighborhood, all over. And I love The Animal Channel. It's amazing how much animals are like human beings and the way they take care of their babies.

Mary Ann Powell
San Leandro



I like to eat. I like all kinds of food — Chinese, Mexican, everything.

Frank Tsai
Oakland

To go to a museum with my kids. The last time, we went to the San Francisco Museum of Natural History. It's awesome. You walk through a tunnel with fish all around. Kids love it.

Vanessa Valdez
San Leandro



To play video games. "Call of Duty." I like the competition. Lots of people play it, maybe millions.

Daniel Villalobos
Union City

Screaming in the rain. It's relaxing. My cats do it a lot. Maybe they're complaining about the rain. I don't know.

Emily Wong
San Leandro



Bay Fair: A Transit Oriented Development

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County Transportation Commission, those are the kinds of buildings you'll soon be seeing in the suburbs all along the BART lines as the county's population of 1.6 million is expected to grow by 30 percent by 2040.

In some versions of the plan, the mall itself is removed in favor of smaller stores and office buildings surrounded by apartments.

But the plan doesn't just include artists renderings of buildings that might not be under construction until 2035. It takes into consideration just what is necessary to make a major addition to the city — everything from open plazas to parking spaces.

For example, there aren't

Alameda County's population of 1.6 million is expected to grow by 30 percent by 2040.

currently any public schools in the plan area, but the zoning there would allow for one.

The Lit San Leandro fibre optic loop could be extended to the area to attract high-tech businesses to a BART-friendly location. And the infrastructure could be built with energy-efficient streetlights, traffic signals

and water pumps.

What about water? Waste water in the area is handled by the Oro Loma Sanitary District and they have told the planners that they have sufficient capacity for growth from new developments. And, the East Bay Municipal Utility District says their water mains have enough capacity to serve potential new residents, but some infrastructure may need to be replaced due to aging pipes.

The next major step for the Bay Fair TOD plan is for the City Council to review the draft at a meeting in January or February.

The entire plan can be found on the city's website, www.sanleandro.org under the community development tab.



The City of San Leandro recently revealed possible plans for the redevelopment of the Bayfair Mall site.

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The age of this lost dog is estimated to be 18 months.

Council: Davis St. dilemma

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permit by July 2017.

They have yet to do so, and the largest obstacle has been objections to the planned dispensary location which is directly next door to the Davis Street Family Resource Center on Teagarden Street.

Earlier this month, the city's Board of Zoning Adjustments (BZA) directed the city's planning department to prepare documents that will allow the Wellness Center to open for business on Teagarden, but did not grant

formal approval yet.

In order to get city approval, the Davis Street Family Resource Center would have to pay off the remaining \$325,000 of a \$500,000 "forgivable loan" the city gave the Resource Center in order to purchase the Teagarden property. The terms of the loan were that the money would not have to be paid back as long the property was not used for anything that violates federal law, and medical marijuana is against federal law.

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