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Arroyo High running back Joseph Estes broke away for a touchdown on the Dons' first play from scrimmage on the way to a 44-19 win over Mt. Eden on Friday.

Arroyo Wins Homecoming Game

By Daryl Yalung
Special to the Times

The home bleachers at Arroyo were filled to capacity for homecoming, as the Dons won their first WACC league game of the year, beating Mt. Eden, 44-19. Arroyo improves to a 5-1 record for the season.

On Arroyo's first play from scrimmage, junior running back Joseph Estes used his breakneck speed to get to the right sideline, then sprinted to the end-zone for a 40-yard touchdown.

Earlier this season, Estes was named "49ers Prep Player of The Week" in a 41-13 win against St. Mary's after rush-

ing for 353 yards and 5 touchdowns. He was also nominated for Player of The Week honors from West Coast Preps and The Bay Area News Group.

The Dons defense have been relentless all year, and this game was no different. On first-and-10 from the

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Candidates Loading Up The Coffers

City Council candidate Boldt takes in over \$100,000, Hernandez has received \$77,000

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

Some candidates for San Leandro City Council in November got much more in campaign contributions than others, official campaign finance documents show.

Labor union groups and real estate interests made most of the larger contributions to City Council candidates.

The City Council election has two contested races, and two candidates running unopposed.

In District 2, incumbent

Bryan Azevedo is running against challenger Ed Hernandez, in a repeat contest. In 2020, challenger Azevedo unseated then-incumbent Hernandez, and Hernandez is running to get his old seat back.

In District 6, the seat is open following Pete Ballew being termed out. Former Planning Commissioner Dylan Boldt is running against community activist Robert Bulatao.

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Council OKs New Street Sweeper, Utility Box Art

By Michael Singer
San Leandro Times

Washington Plaza downtown might look a little brighter soon thanks to action by the City Council at its October 7 meeting.

The council unanimously approved a \$24,500 contract to design and install new artwork to cover six utility boxes in the downtown area. Five of the utility boxes are owned

by the city. One is owned by CalTrans.

The agreement applies only to the utility boxes located underneath the oak tree in Washington Plaza, adjacent to East 14th Street. Created by artist Casey Rickey, the artwork incorporates photographic images of Washington

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Vice Presidential Candidate Speaks in SL

Socialist Workers' Party VP candidate speaks at Senior Center

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

San Leandrans got to see and talk to a vice presidential candidate up close recently, but it wasn't Tim Walz or J.D. Vance.

It was instead Dennis Richter of the Socialist Workers Party, whose views differ quite a bit from those Democratic or Republican candidates.

A few dozen people came out to see and talk with Richter who spoke at the San Leandro Senior Center, 13909

East 14th St., at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 5. The talk followed a buffet reception that was \$5, but only \$1 if you were unemployed.

Richter said the wrong people, or the wrong class of people, run things in America.

"One class does all the work — the working class — and the other America is the wealthy capitalist families," he said.

Richter accused both major political parties of "doing the bidding" of the richest

Americans, to the detriment of most Americans whose means are much more modest.

The event was close to the anniversary of the deadly October 7, 2023 Hamas attack on Israel, and Richter spoke about the Middle East at some length.

His party, unlike some on the political left, is fully supportive of Israel in its war with Hamas, and more recently other allies of Iran. Though its sympathies are much more with working people in the

entire region than with its governments.

Richter said, "Only the decisive defeat of Hamas, Hezbollah and the clerical regime in Iran, and the dismantling of their military and leadership structures can create conditions where Jewish, Arab and other working people can come together to defend their interests against the capitalist rulers in Israel, the Palestinian territories and more broadly in the region.

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CITY COUNCIL

Council meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, City Hall, 835 E. 14th St., San Leandro. For more information, call the City Clerk at 577-3367.

SAN LEANDRO SCHOOL BOARD

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

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Adopt-A-Pet

Brutus

Brutus is a young pit bull terrier that is full of laughs, and energy. He loves to go on adventures, and play every moment he gets. Brutus will need some training, and would do well with agility training. He's appropriate for families with teens and up.

Beebee

Beebee is a 10-month old German shepherd. She would do well in a home where she has someone that can guide her to be an ambassador for all young German shepherds. Beebee would benefit from a home that can establish a routine quickly and give her lots of love and exercise. She is appropriate for families with teens and up.

To meet or adopt Brutus or Beebee, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at 510-293-7200.

Actors Wanted for Movie Comedy to Film this Saturday

Aspiring actors, Raider fans, here's a chance for your big break.

Film director and San Leandro police officer Kenny Shedd is working on an upcoming short film project, "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun," which is set to shoot on October 19 out in San Ramon.

"Our nonprofit mental health support group - Always Dreaming Society Corporation - felt the need to do this film project after hearing that an aspiring Bay Area actress, 10-year-old Charlotte Rendez, was struggling to cope with the hardships that came after she was diagnosed with Type-1 Diabetes last year," Shedd said.

So Shedd and his team wrote a comedy script for Charlotte, cast as the lead.

The film had to be pushed back a month and lost a few actors due to scheduling conflicts.

"So we're looking for several adult actors of all genders and races who have a knack for being funny and entertaining," said Shedd. "We're also looking for a true, hardcore Raider fan who can act to play an important role in our film as well," said Shedd.

For those interested, send a link to view their film reel or video audition to - kshed-duncuffed@gmail.com or call 510-333-8478.



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The film is inspired by Bay Area actress Charlotte Rendez and her struggle to cope with diabetes.

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Hill & Valley Club Holiday Boutique

The Hill and Valley Club, 1808 B Street in Hayward, will hold its annual Scholarship Holiday Boutique on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., featuring beautiful handmade items, jewelry, plants, holiday decorations, gift baskets, and homemade jams, candy, and baked goods, as well as opportunity drawings. Proceeds provide scholarships for local students. The indoor sale will be held rain or shine. Accepting cash, checks and credit/debit cards.

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Community Calendar

Coat Drive Hosted by Beats 4 Hope

Beats 4 Hope non-profit is hosting a coat drive to collect clean, gently worn or new coats on Sunday, Oct. 20, between 1 and 6 p.m. at the 21st Amendmnt Brewery, 2010 Williams St. in San Leandro. Residents are invited to make a difference in the bay by donating to the coat drive and helping reach the goal of 1,000 coats for local nonprofits. This family-friendly coat drive is a partnership with the Alameda County Firefighters Association Local 55. The day will be filled with DJs, tasty food, the Street Made SF car show, the Island Thunder California motorcycle show, fire trucks, a kids' zone. Bay Area artist Adrian Marcel be on hand for a featured performance.

Turon Tuesday Crafternoon

Enjoy a turón (a banana filled fried spring roll) and craft a paról (holiday star lantern) in honor of Filipino American History Month on Tuesday, Oct. 22, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Recommended for age 12 to adults. All are welcome to this free event.

Free Wheelchair Marking and Tether Strap Support for Seniors

AC Transit will provide a free service for marking and installing tether straps on your mobility device on Tuesday, Oct. 22, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the San Leandro Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St. To have your mobility aid marked or tethered, call 510-891-7113.

Castro Valley Democratic Club

The Castro Valley Democratic Club will hold a general meeting at the Castro Valley Women's Club, 18330 Redwood Road in Castro Valley, on Tuesday, Oct. 22, at 6 p.m. Join in person or on Zoom. To join Zoom meeting go to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83819684514>

Ribbon Cutting for San Leandro High School Gym

The San Leandro Unified School District invites the public to the ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of the new gym at San Leandro High School, 2200 Bancroft Ave., on Wednesday, Oct. 23, at 5:30 p.m. And you're welcome to stay after the ceremony to cheer on the 2024 Girls' Varsity volleyball team.

Silver Screen

Lights, camera, action! Seniors are invited to enjoy an entertaining movie at the Marina Community Center's Thunderbolt Room, 15301 Wicks Blvd., on Thursday, Oct. 31, at 1 p.m., hosted by the City of San Leandro Human Services Department's Senior Services. This month's movie is Beetlejuice (1988, PG-13). No registration needed. Tickets \$2. Popcorn included.

Voter Information Program

The San Leandro History Museum invites you to a Voter Information Program led in collaboration with the Black Women Organized for Political Action (BWOPA) on Saturday, Nov. 2, from noon to 2 p.m. at the San Leandro History Museum, 320 W. Estudillo Ave. The presentation will include information regarding why your vote is important, an overview of elections: national, state, and local, the pros and cons of Assembly and Senate bills, and a Voter information question and answer session. There will also be a button-making station and a small exhibit on the history of Women's Rights. Light refreshments will be provided. This free event is for all ages. For more information, see historymuseum@sanleandro.org or call 510-577-3990.

Castro Valley Orchestra – Free Performance

The Castro Valley Orchestra will present an intriguing selection of pieces at its concert on Sunday, Nov. 3, at 2 p.m. at the Castro Valley Center for the Arts, 19501 Redwood Road in Castro Valley. On the program will be Beethoven's Symphony #7, Fauré "Masques et Bergamasque" and pieces by Thad Jones and George Gershwin performed by the 14-member "3 O'Clock Jump Big Band" with the orchestra, conducted by guest conductor and noted French hornist and trumpeter, Adrienne Chambers. Admission is free. A reception will immediately follow the concert.

Have a Story? Get Started in this Writers' Workshop

Calling all San Leandro writers. Have a story to tell but don't know where to begin?

Start Your Story is a workshop for writers and aspiring writers in San Leandro on Saturday, Oct. 19, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave.

Have a story but don't know where to begin? Join San Leandro Writer Rose Whitmore for the Free Writing Workshop.

Whether it's laying our lives bare on the page, capturing difficult emotions or simply not knowing where to

start, "Start Your Story" will explore ways to create moving scenes, capture people from our lives with honesty, and most importantly, put words to the blank page.

The workshop will arm participants with tools to combat roadblocks, write with conviction, and leave with the creative momentum to keep going. Ages 15 and up are welcome. Pen, paper, and writing prompts will be supplied.

Rose Whitmore is a writer, educator, and a 2024 San Leandro Arts and Culture Grant Recipient.

Homecoming: Shelton connects with McGahee on a corner route

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Monarch's own 24 yard line, Mt. Eden quarterback Isaiah Nunez attempted a pass that was batted down by defensive tackle Henry Lachenmayer, who finished the day with 3.5 sacks and 3 QB hurries. The ball found its way into the hands of Dons defensive back Gabe Flores, who returned the interception 14 yards.

Arroyo drive capped with touchdown pass to Willie Johnson

The ensuing drive was capped off by a touchdown pass from quarterback Jonah Shelton to running Willie Johnson. The Monarchs looked to have defended the play well, but Shelton said he knew where he had to throw.

"My first read was a drag route, and it was covered," Shelton said. "Pressure came up the middle, so I threw the checkdown. They were still in cover 3, so Willie was open and he made three guys miss."

Mt. Eden answered back on their next possession when Nunez threw a 20-yard touchdown pass. The PAT was blocked by Arroyo, making the score 14-6.

With less than two minutes left in the first half, Arroyo marched down the field and scored on a 23-yard corner route from Shelton to receiver Robert McGahee.

"We practiced that play during the week because we had a good idea that it would be open," Shelton said.

Shelton then completed a 2-point conversion pass to

Thomas Adkins, putting the Dons up 22-6 at the half.

The Dons didn't slow down after halftime, as Arroyo scored three more touchdowns before subbing out their starters: a 41-yard run on fourth and short by Gabe Flores, a 5-yard TD run by Thomas Adkins, and a 6-yard run by Joseph Estes.

Estes finished the day with 115 yards and two touchdowns, and is currently leading the league with 949 yards and 9 touchdowns through six weeks of the season.

Arroyo will play its next game at Encinal on Thompson Field in Alameda on Friday, Oct. 18, at 7 p.m.

More Events at The Library

Free Classic Horror Film Double Feature

Come to a spine-tingling double feature of classic horror films on Saturday, Oct. 19, beginning at 1 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Watch Dracula (1931, NR, 75 mins. at 1 p.m.) and Frankenstein (1931, NR, 71 mins. at 2:45 p.m.) back-to-back and experience these iconic Halloween favorites and learn a little bit about the books that inspired them. No charge for admission. Costumes are welcome, so feel free to dress up and embrace the spooky spirit.

Homework Center at San Leandro Public Library's Manor Branch

Starting Oct. 1, students in grades 1 through 5 can get help with their homework every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd. in San Leandro. Volunteers are here to assist with homework and support your child's learning needs. Registration is required. For more information, contact Samira Habibi at shabibi@sanleandro.org or call 510-577-7971.

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- For the crust
- 1-1/4 cups graham-cracker crumbs (from 10 whole crackers)
 - 1/4 cup sugar
 - 4 tablespoons butter, melted
- For the filling:
- 4 packages (8 ounces each) bar cream cheese, very soft
 - 1-1/4 cups sugar
 - 3 tablespoons flour
 - 1 cup canned pumpkin purée
 - 2 tablespoons pumpkin-pie spice
 - 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 4 large eggs, at room temperature

Preheat oven to 350°F, with rack in center.

Assemble a 9-inch nonstick springform pan, with the raised side of the bottom part facing up.

Make the crust: In a medium bowl, mix cracker crumbs, sugar, and butter until moistened; press firmly into bottom of pan. Bake until golden around edges, 10 to 12 minutes.

Make the filling: With an electric mixer, beat cream cheese and sugar on low speed until smooth; mix in flour (do not overmix). Add pumpkin purée, pie spice, vanilla, and salt; mix just until smooth. Add eggs one at a time, mixing until each is incorporated before adding the next.

Place springform pan on a rimmed baking sheet. Pour filling into springform, and gently smooth top. Transfer to oven; reduce oven heat to 300°F. Bake 45 minutes. Turn off oven; let cheesecake stay in oven 2 hours more (without opening).

Remove from oven; cool completely. Cover with plastic wrap; refrigerate until firm, at least 4 hours. Unmold before serving.

PUMPKIN FUDGE

- 3 cups sugar

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

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

Remove from heat and stir in butterscotch morsels. Add marshmallow creme, nuts and vanilla, mixing until well-blended. Quickly pour into greased 13-by-9-inch baking pan, spreading just until even. Cool at room temperature; cut into squares. Store tightly wrapped in refrigerator.

LATTICE PUMPKIN TART

- 2 9-inch refrigerated pie dough discs
- 1 cup pumpkin puree, unsweetened
- 3/4 cup heavy cream
- 1 egg, large, lightly beaten
- 1/2 cup dark brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon

Preheat oven to 425°F.

Roll out 1 pie dough disc on a lightly floured surface to 1/8-inch thick. Press crust into tart pan and prick bottom several times with a fork.

Bake for 10 to 15 minutes, or until lightly golden. Allow to cool.

Combine pumpkin, cream, egg, brown sugar, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg and salt until completely blended. Pour into cooled tart shell.


To make lattice -- roll out remaining dough disc 1/8-inch thick. Using a pastry wheel or knife, cut ten 3/4-inch wide strips (the number of strips required will vary depending on your spacing). Weave strips on top of pumpkin filling. Sprinkle with sugar and cinn-

- mon.
- Bake tart for 15 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 350°F and bake an additional 30 to 35 minutes or until filling is set.
- Allow tart to completely cool before serving.
- PUMPKIN-CRANBERRY BREAD**
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
 - 5 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
 - 2 teaspoons baking soda
 - 1-1/2 teaspoons salt
 - 3 cups granulated sugar
 - 1 (15-ounce) can pumpkin
 - 4 eggs
 - 1 cup vegetable oil
 - 1/2 cup orange juice
 - 1 cup fresh or frozen cranberries (thawed)
- Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease and flour two 9x5-inch loaf pans.
- Combine flour, pumpkin pie spice, baking soda and salt in large bowl. Combine sugar, pumpkin, eggs, vegetable oil and orange juice in large mixer bowl; beat until just blended. Add pumpkin mixture to flour mixture; stir just until moistened. Fold in cranberries. Spoon batter into prepared loaf pans.
- Bake for 60 to 65 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center

- comes out clean. Cool in pans on wire racks for 10 minutes; remove to wire racks to cool completely. Yields two 9x5-inch loaves.
- PUMPKIN GINGERBREAD**
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
 - 1 cup whole-wheat flour
 - 1 cup sugar
 - 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 - 1 teaspoon ginger
 - 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
 - 3/4 cup butter or margarine
 - 2 large eggs
 - 1 can (1 pound) pumpkin
 - 1/2 cup light molasses
 - 1/4 cup milk
 - 1-1/2 teaspoons baking soda
- In a large bowl, stir together flours, sugar and spices. With a pastry blender or your fingers, cut or rub in butter until mixture resembles coarse meal. Set aside 2/3 cup of the mixture.
- In a small bowl, beat eggs, pumpkin, molasses, milk and baking soda to blend. Add to dry ingredients and stir until just evenly moistened. Pour into a greased 8- by 12-inch baking pan. Sprinkle with reserved flour mixture.
- Bake in a 350°F oven until top is firm to touch, about 50 minutes. Serve warm, adding whipped cream to taste. Serves 8 to 10.

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Michelle Miller is a Broker Associate with Vanguard Properties and is celebrating her 35th year in the real estate industry. She has represented clients all over the East Bay in hundreds of transactions. Michelle has built a large foundation of clients through her professionalism, integrity, and unwavering commitment to always put her clients first.

Michelle says, "When you love what you do, it doesn't feel like work. Even though it's stressful at times, helping buyers and sellers with their real estate needs is very satisfying." Over the years, Michelle has acquired invaluable problem-solving skills that are critical in today's rapidly evolving market. These skills allow her to successfully guide clients through complex transactions and find effective solutions to any challenges that arise.

Michelle lives in San Leandro where she serves on her neighborhood association board (EENA), is a monthly supporter of local schools, and contributes part of every transaction to a variety of organizations. RealTrends voted Michelle onto the list of America's Best Real Estate Agents, which represents the top 1.5% of Realtors in the country.

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65 or Older? It's Time to Get Your Shot

By Jim Miller

Special to the Times

I recently turned 65. Am I supposed to get the pneumonia vaccine? And if so, which type of vaccine do I need and is it covered by Medicare?

Yes, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) does indeed recommend the "pneumococcal vaccines" for pneumonia for adults age 65

and older. They're also recommended for younger people with long-term health issues or weak immune systems, as well as children under 5 and people who smoke.

Pneumonia, which can happen anytime – not just during the cold months – can be a serious and even life-threatening condition. Each year, pneumonia causes 1.5 million people to visit medical emergency de-

partments in the U.S. and causes roughly 50,000 deaths.

A recent study found that the use of pneumonia vaccines is associated with a 24 percent decreased risk of death, but vaccination rates aren't that high. Around 67 percent of adults over the age of 65 are vaccinated against pneumonia, and just 24 percent of younger people (19-64 years old) at risk for pneumonia are vaccinated. The

main reasons for this are because many people are unsure whether they need the vaccine, while others aren't even aware a vaccine exists.

Types of Vaccines

There are three different vaccines available, some more appropriate for certain people than others. They are the pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine PPSV23 (Pneumovax23), the pneumococcal conjugate

vaccine PCV15 (Vaxneuvance) and PCV20 (Pneumnar 20). The numbers indicate how many strains, or serotypes, of streptococcus pneumoniae are included in the vaccine.

So, which vaccine should you get?

If you've never been vaccinated for pneumonia, the newer PCV20 is the top choice – it covers the 20 most common serotypes now.

If that vaccine is not available in your area, you can get the PCV15 vaccine, followed one year later by PPSV23.

If you had the earlier PCV13 (but not PCV15), or the PPSV23 at or after age 65, you're likely eligible to get the PCV20 for increased protection.

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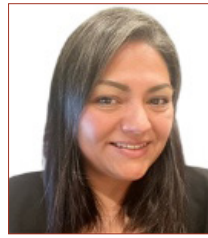
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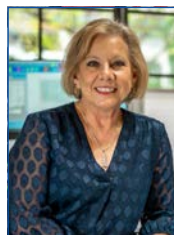
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California's Fair Plan May Be The Only Option for Some Buyers

By Carl Medford, CRS
Special to the Forum

With another series of disasters on the East coast, our hearts and prayers go out to those who have lost their homes, businesses and even loved ones. As everyone, once the storms have subsided, will be focusing on the costs of rebuilding, there is one cost that, while often overlooked, is becoming increasingly difficult to measure.

Insurance.

Anyone who has recently purchased a home in California is aware of the issue. Insuring a property has become exceed-

ingly difficult, with diminishing available options and costs soaring for those who can actually find coverage.

There are a number of factors involved: escalating numbers of natural disasters, soaring costs of rebuilding due to inflation, municipalities allowing developers to push developments into wildland urban interfacing areas and more. Additionally, insurance companies are claiming that outdated state regulations are making it impossible for insurers to set rates high enough to operate in the black. As a result, many major insurance companies are no longer insuring homes in California and,

as existing policies become due for renewal, homeowners are receiving notices that their insurer will not renew their policy.

Of particular concern are homes in areas designated as a Very High Fire Hazard Zone or a Wildland Fire Area. Obtaining insurance for homes in these regions is becoming increasingly difficult, and for many, the only option available is the California Fair Plan.

Information on the California Department of Insurance website states, "The FAIR Plan is available to California residents and businesses in urban and rural areas who cannot obtain insurance through a regular insurance company. As of 2020, the FAIR Plan covers less than 3% of residents, meaning more than 97% of Californians have a competitive option for insurance."*

For those running into difficulties either finding homeowner's insurance on a purchase or reinsuring a home after receiving a notice of cancellation, the California Fair Plan may be the only option left. This includes properties that have items considered an insurance risk, such as outdated wiring. To check out the California Fair Plan, go to www.cfpnet.com.

If you are looking to purchase a home and want to know if it is in a risky area, the seller must provide a Natural Hazard Disclosure which will highlight potential issues. Additionally, we recommend you find an insurance company to underwrite your purchase BEFORE you get into contract: deals are falling apart due to a lack of insurance availability.

* <https://www.insurance.ca.gov/01-consumers/200-wrr/California-FAIR-Plan.cfm>

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Dead man's fingers

If these fungal growths are found in mulch or dirt, they are likely not of much concern and can be removed easily; but make sure that as you do so you remove all the soil or mulch around them, and then sanitize any tools, gloves or shoes that come in contact.

If they are found at the base of trees such as apple or crabapple trees, the growth may be infecting the tree, causing black root rot. Any tree thus infected should be carefully removed, including the stump, the surrounding soil and as much of the root system as possible. — Brenda Weaver

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Fertilize in the Fall for Spring Blossoms

By Buzz Bertolero
The Dirt Gardener

Q Will dividing clumps of Bearded Iris increase the flowering? Currently, they flower sparsely along the edge of the clumps, while the center has none. What do I need to do before re-planting?

A It is beneficial to divide Bearded Iris periodically. However, you can increase the flower production by leaving the clumps alone. The decline in the production of flowers is a nutrient deficiency. The primary elements necessary for plant growth are Nitrogen, Phosphorus, and Potassium (N-P-K). Nitrogen (N) keeps plants green, while Phosphorus (P) and Potassium (K) are for flower, fruit, and har-

diness. Bearded Iris stops blooming when the soil is depleted of Phosphorus (P) and Potassium (K). Unlike Nitrogen, Phosphorus, and Potassium remain fixed in place and have little movement through the soil. Bearded Irises are shallow-rooted and will deplete the surface nutrients over time. Hence, all the flowering occurs at the outer edges because the new roots are expanding into areas that haven't been depleted. Fertilizing in the fall and winter months is critical for the spring blooms. This is when Bearded Iris flowers are forming for next year. Monthly applications of a granular 0-10-10 (N-P-K) such as EB Stone Ultra Bloom or similar fertilizer now through March is recommended to replace the depleted nutrients. Also, any liquid 'bloom type'

fertilizers, such as Max-sea Bloom, are acceptable. Do not be concerned that the winter rains will leach the nutrients out of the root zone. Soil erosion is the only way the nutrients would be displaced. Bearded Iris is divided starting in the fall through March. After dividing the Bearded Iris, there isn't anything special one needs to do to the Iris roots/tubers before planting. Although, I'd remove any brown leaves and trim the remaining ones back to eight inches. You would prepare the soil by adding organic matter like soil conditioner or homemade compost and sprinkle a starter fertilizer on the ground. The fertilizer is cultivated into the



soil or covered with a layer of soil. The key to planting Bearded Iris is not to bury the tubers. The tubers must be visible, with half or more roots exposed above the soil line. It's now a judgment call on your part whether to divide or not.

Q How would I save the seeds from my Sunflowers for planting next year? The plants produced beautiful blooms on short stalks. I want to cover a large area

with them.

A Seed saving is a popular activity; however, it's only recommended with open-pollinated varieties, not hybrids. Plant characteristics such as flower form, color, height, leaf color, etc., from saved seeds are always unknown. The DNA or the plant genetics will not be revealed until the seed germinates. Unfortunately for seed savers, most varieties are

hybrid crosses. You can double-check this online. In the variety description, any reference to an F-1 would indicate that it was a hybrid. Hence, duplicating this year's success will require purchasing a new seed, as the saved seed would be unpredictable. Hence, I'd skip saving the seed and avoid being disappointed.

Buzz Bertolero is an Advanced California Certified Nursery Professional. The Dirt Gardener's website is www.dirtgardener.com, and questions can be sent by email to buzz@dirtgardener.com.

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Environmental Review: The Port of Oakland (Port), as the Lead Agency, has completed a Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that evaluates the potential environmental impacts associated with the Proposed Project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

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Community involvement is essential to the CEQA process. From July 17, 2023, through October 16, 2023, the Port held a public comment period to receive comments on the environmental analysis presented in the Draft EIR and held four public meetings to share information on the Proposed Project and receive comments. The Final EIR includes responses to the public comments received during the Draft EIR public review and comment period.

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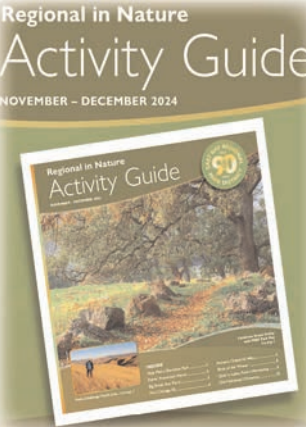
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Vote for Hernandez

Editor,

Ed Hernandez is a collaborative, responsible leader. As a council member, Ed will focus on addressing the people's priorities, starting with public safety.

For nearly 20 years, Ed has served the San Leandro community as a volunteer and as a leader. In his role as president of the San Leandro Community Food Pantry, Ed helped thousands of families in need. As president of San Leandro's local chapter of the Rotary Club, Ed helped lead service projects helping families both inside and outside San Leandro.

Ed has represented San Leandro well in regional activities. He's currently an elected director on the Eden Health District Board, where he supported the awarding of over \$1 million in grants to local nonprofits that provide vital services to the community.

As a member of the Ava Community Energy board of directors, I personally observed Ed, who serves as Chair of the Community Advisory Committee, clearly and concisely report key perspectives to the board.

It is my privilege and honor to serve the residents of San Leandro as your Mayor. Respectfully, I encourage you to vote for Ed Hernandez in the upcoming election.

Mayor Juan Gonzalez
San Leandro

Azevedo Walked Away

Editor,

Over the last month we've seen a lot of back and forth about the incident at the San Leandro Democratic Club debate at the Main Library. Some described it as a melee while others described it as a yelling match. My family, team, and I were outside taking pictures when it occurred.

After we heard the commotion, we rushed to the entrance to see what was happening. Bryan was walking away and Lee Thomas was trying to goad Bryan into a physical fight, throwing his arms up in the air. Bryan turned around to say some things back at Lee but turned back around and left the scene. It was around this time that we started taking video of the incident's aftermath.

This isn't the only time Lee has shown excessive aggression. About one year ago Lee had made a threat about taking legal action against

another San Leandro resident for selling their own "The Dro" shirts. Lee had threatened me with fighting words when I commented, "Trying to copyright the city's nickname for profit ain't a good look, man."

I don't want to take away some of the good Lee has done for the city, such as banning flavored vapes and helping with shoe drives, but he does need to tone this behavior back. Over the last two years that I've known about him I've seen him cyberbully officials and residents alike. It would be hypocritical for me to say that I haven't been crass in my own critiques which is why I'm saying that we all have to do better instead of escalating these tensions.

We're never too old to be better. There's always time to grow and right now is as good as any for us to set that example for everyone.

Robert Bulatao
San Leandro

Thank You

Editor,

I have a restaurant in District 5 that is currently going through repairs caused by a fire. This November will mark 2 years since that fire changed our lives.

We had to think fast and get a food truck and operate in Oakland for the time being while our place is being built back as it was before. We were losing hope in the rebuild because there was a long pause between the landlord, zoning, insurance, and contractors until we reached out to Bryan Azevedo.

We didn't know anything about Bryan, just that he was part of the City Council. He responded immediately to our call and met with us and started making phone calls. He got the ball rolling. We were seeing movements into the building and thanked Bryan for his involvement in getting things back in order with the landlord, contractors and everybody else.

The restaurant means a lot to us, aside from being there for 20+ years, it's been our home. We are thankful for what Bryan did to help despite being a councilman from District 2. I learned so much about his character. He has been everything he is about in his campaign and he really does care for his City.

He checks in on us now and then and when I see him at events he is genuine at heart and greets us as if we're family. My message to Bryan

Azevedo, if he has the time to read this, Thank You for everything - I know it may seem small to others but to our family, to me, getting my home on track in getting rebuilt means the world to us. Mi casa es tu casa.

Adrian Norberto
San Leandro

Road's Available in Emergencies

Editor,

Let me ask the public to take a short jaunt up to the two ends of the road closure on Lake Chabot Road BEFORE you jump on bandwagons based totally on what you read in this section of the San Leandro Times.

You will observe that any vehicle that needed to could easily just drive over the plastic posts demarcating where the road is closed to normal through traffic. The road is totally available for any emergency traffic, should anyone actually choose that route for emergency egress.

You should then realize it would be a strange route to take for emergency egress, rather than driving the other direction to I-580 (perhaps 1/4 mile away from whence you will have come).

Those who are up in arms about how it must be repaired immediately to avoid catastrophe during emergencies are simply coming up with whatever reasons they can think to avoid having to admit one or the other of the following: 1) Those living in the neighborhood don't like the additional traffic or 2) For those not living in the neighborhood but having membership at the swim club, it is a convenient route to avoid driving up a steep hill.

Regarding additional traffic in the neighborhood: Come spend a day watching traffic go by my home on Dowling Boulevard across from Roosevelt Elementary. Then we can go spend the day at your house watching the traffic go by on View Drive. We can then compare and contrast our observations regarding "heavy traffic" and "dangerous traffic."

As others have argued, our very limited funds should be spent on the greater good rather than betterment for a select few.

To be fair and non-biased I risk alienating many friends when I say I feel similarly about the bridge over San Leandro Creek at Hass Avenue.

Danny Hinckley
San Leandro

Compare Biden-Harris Record with Trump's

Editor,

Doug Jones (Letters to the Editor, Oct. 3, 2024) spreads untruths about Donald Trump's alleged racism and misquotes him. A vote for Kamala Harris is to invite more inflation, higher gas prices, more illegals (falsely termed "migrants" by Doug) to overwhelm our country. The Biden-Harris administration is flying illegals into our country now and there is no reviewing them for

additional criminality. Doesn't matter their race.

All we need is look at Donald Trump's record: 1.5 percent inflation, abundant energy, record high employment among all sectors of society, no wars. He is a highly competent negotiator, which is the reason he is so wealthy, and can lead our country.

Compare the Biden-Harris record: Record high inflation, in some sectors more than 100 percent, the wars we are involved in, and the trillions in deficit they have added to our nation's spending, and we are in deep trouble. 4

Four more years will sink many households. Kamala says she has solutions which she was unable to provide for us in the last three years. No details. What makes us think four more years she will do anything?

I am conservative and I am voting for Donald Trump.

Corey Anderson
San Leandro

Need a Better Look at Ranked-Choice Voting

Editor,

Recently New York City installed Ranked-Choice Voting to eliminate the cost and time needed for run-off elections, including the mayor's contest. Now the Mayor of New York is charged with bribery. In similar circumstances, there have been corruption charges against the Mayor of Oakland who was also elected by Ranked-Choice voting.

I would appreciate studies of corruption in cities where Ranked-Choice Voting has been approved.

George Z. Banks
San Leandro

Nonsensical Credit Card Policy

Editor,

At a restaurant in San Leandro recently the waitress told our table of 7 that she couldn't take our orders separately, but that everything had to be put onto one bill. Furthermore, we were told that only up to 3 credit cards would be taken to pay for our combined order total.

And so when it was time to pay, there was the usual rigamarole with us passing around the receipt to figure out who owed what and then calculating each one's tax and tip. This caused difficulty for some who expected to pay with their credit card but now couldn't because of the limit of 3 cards—what if someone had just their credit card and no cash?

Really, none of this should ever have to take place. So I ask restaurants with these policies: Why? What reason is there for such inconvenience to your customers? Sure, there's a fee to restaurants for each credit card used, but what difference does it make whether 7 people each with their own table use a credit card, or one table of 7 people order with each one using their credit card? And nowadays waitstaff don't even need

to trouble themselves with calculating each order total.

They just punch it into a machine, which then rolls it back to the kitchen, and waitstaff are presented with neat, calculated tickets, which they hand over to their customers for payment.

As restaurant establishments and waitstaff, why aren't you also serving the convenience of your customers? That should be for you the bottom line.

Janice Zulaica
Oakland

Keep Democracy Alive

Editor,

To those on the fence during this election cycle: Please be aware that the stakes this November are not just differences in policies of each party. The true stakes are whether this country is able to keep the principles of democracy alive.

Whether or not you trust a woman, a Black and Indian woman, to run the country, there is one certainty: If Trump gets reelected, there will be no more democracy ruling this country. The Project 2025 objectives will be put into place, with no chance to argue about or vote on any of its merits.

Of course, these United States are far from being united in spirit on many things. What is important is that we continue to elect people who are trying to bridge the many gaps, and right the many wrongs that have followed since the country's inception. We need a president who does not try to subvert the workings of the other branches of government, but rather fully cooperates with those other branches to keep our fragile democracy alive.

You may feel too jaded to vote at all. You may disagree with some or all of the Harris/Walz plans and policies. But that is a far safer choice than choosing someone - a 34-time convicted felon, no less - who actively undermines the very fabric of the existence of our country.

Please do your research, get the real facts, and don't go down the rabbit hole of misinformation.

I strongly urge for the support of and votes for Kamala Harris and Tim Walz for President and Vice President.

Laurie Harbeck
San Leandro

Historical Perspective

Editor,

In Mr. Leo T. West's latest vitriol infused rant (Letters to the Editor, Oct. 10, 2024) he refers to Donald Trump as "His Excellency." Is not this a term historically reserved for kings and queens and emperors of foreign countries? Does Leo realize that he might perhaps be living in the wrong country? This could be a watershed moment in our fight to understand him.

Ben Levy
San Leandro

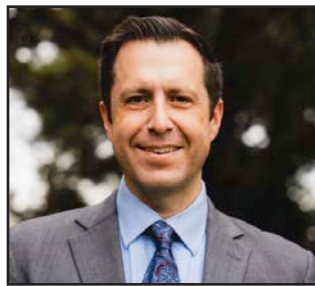
Candidates: Unions and real estate firms funding campaigns



Dylan Boldt



Robert Bulatao



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Sbeydeh Viveros-Walton



Fred Simon

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The fundraising leader so far – by a huge margin – is Boldt, with \$107,651 as of October 9. Rarely, if ever, has a City Council candidate received that much in contributions.

Dylan Boldt

Larger contributions of \$1,000 or more to Boldt's

campaign come almost entirely from labor unions, with individuals making a number of smaller contributions. Boldt works as a business agent for the Sprinkler Fitters union.

Boldt got \$5,500 from the Sprinkler Fitters, along with \$5,000 each from Plumbers Local 447, Plumbers Local 467, the Southern California Pipe Trades District Council,

Plumbers Local 2, and the Plumbers Local 393.

Boldt has spent \$16,269 through September 21, mostly on ordinary campaign expenses like printing, and room rental and catering for events.

Robert Bulatao

Bulatao shows much more modest contributions and expenses, with total contri-

butions of \$6,687.69, mostly small and from individuals, bolstered by \$20,000 he loaned his own campaign. His expenses were \$18,843, mostly on ordinary campaign items and for his campaign manager and campaign treasurer.

Bryan Azevedo

Azevedo shows total campaign contributions of \$39,244.99 through October 9, with most larger contributions coming from labor unions and labor groups. He is a sheet metal worker and member of that union. His expenditures were \$23,798.99, with printing and signs making up much of that.

Azevedo got \$3,000 from the Sheet Metal Workers Local 104 political action committee, along with \$2,000 from Operating Engineers Local 3, \$2,500 from Laborers Local 304 and \$2,500 from Sprinkler Fitters Local 483.

One of his biggest individual supporters was his mother, Kathlene Azevedo. She contributed \$1,793.46 in 2023 and \$2,825 through October 9 of this year.

San Leandrans driving around town probably won't be surprised to find that both Azevedo and opponent Hernandez have bought many lawn signs. Each candidate's supporters have accused the other campaign at some point of removing lawn signs and sometimes replacing them with their own.

Ed Hernandez

Hernandez has taken in total contributions of \$77,302.13 through October 9. A few union groups, notably Firefighters Local 55, contributed, but most large contributions were from individuals and

companies involved in real estate.

Hernandez works as a commercial real estate broker. He got was \$5,500 from the California Real Estate Political Action Committee (CRE-PAC), based in Los Angeles. He also got a \$5,500 contribution from San Leandro resident Daniel Finlay, a manager with ConsenSys Software.

Hernandez received multiple large contributions from Factor Avenue LLC (limited-liability corporation) of Walnut Creek, a real estate investment firm, and the related 1910 Fairway LLC, also based in Walnut Creek, which share CEO Ray Gallagher. That address is for a warehouse they own in San Leandro.

Hernandez got a \$1,000 contribution from Ed Miller, CEO of CalCoast, the developer of the marina shoreline project that declared bankruptcy this year.

Hernandez has spent \$48,810.35, mostly on ordinary campaign expenses such as lawn signs. He also has paid \$4,669.52 to the Cassidy Strategy group, headed by former San Leandro Mayor Stephen Cassidy.

District 4

In District 4, incumbent Fred Simon is unopposed. He reported contributions of \$6,497.39 through October

9, with \$5,942.39 of that left over from his successful 2022 campaign for the Oro Loma Sanitary District board. The other \$555 in contributions came from Firefighters Local 55. Simon's expenses were \$558.24.

District 1

In District 1, Sbeydeh Viveros-Walton is running unopposed for re-election after finishing the term of resigned board member Celina Reyes.

Viveros-Walton's documents show campaign contributions of \$23,909 and expenditures of \$13,428.38. Most of the campaign contributions were under \$1,000. But she did get large contributions from several labor groups, the upcoming state treasurer campaign of termed-out State Senator Nancy Skinner, and \$1,000 from Steve Grau, the CEO of Royal Ambulance. Several former local and state officeholders made small contributions.

Viveros-Walton received contributions of \$5,500 from Plumbers Local 342, \$3,000 from Sprinkler Fitters 483, and \$2,500 from Sheet Metal Workers 104.

Much of Viveros-Walton's spending went to campaign consultants The Next Generation LLC and for professional services, with a small amount being spent on office supplies.



PHOTO BY JACOB PERASSO

Socialist Workers' Party candidate for vice president Dennis Richter spoke at the San Leandro Senior Center.

Vice Presidential: Candidate in SL

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"The Socialist Workers Party defends the right of Israel to exist and to defend itself as a refuge for the Jews."

Richter and campaign supporters joined a rally the following day of supporters of Israel's right to exist and defend itself at Civic Center Plaza in San Francisco, on the anniversary of the October attack.

Closer to home, Richter visited the picket lines of striking San Francisco hotel workers, and called on people

in the Bay Area to support their fight.

Richter said he and SWP presidential candidate Rachele Fruit are calling on workers everywhere to support these workers, the striking Boeing machinists and the International Longshore Association dock workers who have suspended a strike at East Coast and Gulf ports.

Richter visited another picket line in Antioch on October 7, where more than 100 members of the International Longshore and Warehouse

Union Local 6 and Machinist Local 1584 are on strike against Georgia-Pacific Corporation. Drywall is produced by a company owned by the Koch Brothers, who are prominent supporters of conservative causes.

"More workers are in the mood to fight, and broad solidarity is needed to reinforce the strikes," Richter said. "Their fight sets an example to millions of working people facing rising prices, work schedules that destroy family life and unsafe conditions."



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Sweeper: City buying new street-sweeper, replacing fuel tanks

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Plaza throughout history, that creates a visual historic marker for the site.

San Leandro first began adding art to utility boxes in 2013 and has since decorated 84 cabinets in 49 locations around town. The need for maintenance of the utility boxes has been minimal since they are printed on a 3M

vinyl wrap. The staff report estimates maintenance costs will total \$500 or less per year.

In addition to sprucing up the utility boxes, the city is upgrading its street sweeping capabilities. The City Council unanimously approved the purchase of a Schwarze Model A7 Twin Engine Tornado Street Sweeper mounted on a 2025 Freightliner M2 106

Plus chassis at an estimated cost between \$ 421,811 and \$471,811. The new street sweeper will replace the city's 2015 Freightliner M2, which the staff report says would need extensive repairs to continue operating.

Finally, the Council approved a \$534,933 contract with Western States Oil for fuel service. The contract

provides a backup fueling option for the city's vehicles as the Public Works Department replaces four single-walled underground service tanks containing diesel and unleaded fuel. The state water board requires cities to permanently discard all single-walled tanks by December 2025.

Finally, San Leandro has four outdated, underground

service tanks containing diesel and unleaded fuel that need replacing to comply with California Water Board standards. The city's Public Works Department is currently looking for a contractor to remove and replace existing fuel storage tanks. That construction is expected to take up to nine months.

To make sure the city's

fleet will have full tanks during that time, the council approved a \$534,933 contract with Western States Oil to provide a backup fuel option with an additional \$150,000 allocated for the service. The money will come from the city's Equipment Repair and Maintenance Fund.

Western States says it has 10 fueling stations in San Leandro, such as the one near Aladdin Avenue and Teagarden Street that it will make available to city vehicles.

Over the nine or so months it will take to replace the city's fuel tanks, the staff report estimates San Leandro will purchase 117,000 gallons of fuel at a discounted price of \$1.15 to \$1.28 per gallon.

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about the most effective option for you.

Side effects of these vaccines tend to be mild, but may include feeling achy and tired as well as redness, swelling and soreness where the injection was given.

You'll also be happy to know that Medicare Part B covers both single dose and two-dose pneumococcal shots, and you only need to get it once. Unlike the flu shot, which is given annually.

Most local pharmacies and community health clinics offer pneumococcal vaccines, but you may want to call ahead just to be sure.

For more information, visit the CDC's Pneumococcal Vaccination webpage at [CDC.gov/vaccines/vpd/pneumo/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd/pneumo/index.html).

Other Vaccines

To avoid getting pneumonia as a consequence of a viral infection, you should also consider getting a flu shot, RSV shot and a Covid-19 booster in the fall.

While vaccines cannot prevent every case of pneumonia (or other conditions they're given for), those who get them usually have milder infections, a shorter course of illness and fewer serious complications than people who don't get vaccinated.

The flu shot and Covid booster are both covered by Medicare Part B, while the RSV vaccine (which is recommended every other year) is covered under Medicare (Part D) prescription drug plans. All three shots can also be given simultaneously.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit [SavvySenior.org](https://www.SavvySenior.org). Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.



GRAND OPENING

San Leandro Unified invites you to the ribbon cutting to celebrate the opening of the new San Leandro High School gym. Come check out this state-of-the-art facility made possible by Measure N voters and stay to cheer on your 2024 girls' varsity volleyball team - GO PIRATES!



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