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District Bond Director Aaron Kerrigan speaks at the October 23 opening of the new San Leandro High School gym. To his right, schools superintendent Dr. Mike McLaughlin and members of the school board hold portable gym seats presented to them by volleyball team members in appreciation of their efforts to get the gym built.

New Gym Opens at San Leandro High

By Mike McGuire San Leandro Times

San Leandro High School opened its new \$67 million gymnasium on Oct. 23 with residents and students filling most of its 3,000 seats on what was also this school year's Senior Day.

"The new San Leandro High School gym represents more than just a physical space—it's a testament to our community's commitment to providing top-tier facilities where our students can grow, excel, and feel a deep sense of pride in their school," said Dr. Mike McLaughlin, San Leandro Unified School District superintendent. "This gym will be



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State Grant to **SLPD** for Traffic **Enforcement**

\$60,000 to go to police overtime to help restore traffic enforcement

By Mike McGuire

will be boosted by a \$60,000 everyone."

grant from the state's Oflast week.

this grant, which will strength- the Traffic Divisions patrols as en our traffic enforcement ef- well as investigates, and it also forts and improve road safety," conducts proactive enforce-Sgt. Ryan Gill said.

"By increasing enforce- and concerns. ment of traffic laws and focusing on high-risk areas, we aim of complaints with the availto reduce dangerous driving

Traffic safety for drivers, behaviors, prevent crashes, pedestrians and bicyclists alike and make our roads safer for

Gill said he is one of two fice of Traffic Safety (OTS), officers who comprise the the San Leandro Police De- Traffic Division, which has partment (SLPD) announced been short-staffed since the pandemic. He said that unlike "We are grateful to receive other divisions of the SLPD, ment around traffic complains

> Addressing the numbers see GRANT, page 11

Jury Convicts Man for Shooting Outside Cunha's

By Michael Singer San Leandro Times

outside Cunha's Cocktails in downtown San Leandro.

hancement" on Nov. 26.

Woods faces 25 years to life in state prison. He is scheduled A jury last Tuesday confor a sentencing hearing on victed an Oakland man in the January 24 at the East County 2022 shooting death of Brian Hall of Justice in Dublin, Antonio "Marquis" Moore according to court documents.

Testimony and evidence during the trial revealed that Louis Woods III, 35, was Woods arrived at the bar found guilty of "second-de- around 11:38 p.m. on Friday, gree murder with a gun en- March 25, 2022, with an AR-

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Tree Lighting, Santa Claus, Carriage Rides on the Bill at Downtown Festival

By Mike McGuire San Leandro Times

27th annual "It's A Wonderful Benefit District. Night" this Friday, Dec. 6, in the Downtown Plaza.

San Leandro kicks off the from nearby communities Juana Avenue run from 4:30 said Morgan Mack-Rose, ex-Christmas season with the for the event, sponsored by to 9 p.m. Christmas tree lighting and the the San Leandro Downtown

ing will be held at 5:30 p.m. Thousands of San Lean- at Estudillo Avenue and East Claus will also be working

by family, friends and visitors the Main Stage near West be a holiday brass quintet,"

The Holiday Train will be town benefit district. back this year, with rides and

drans are expected to be joined 14th Street. Festivities on with the crowd, and there will ecutive director of the down-

Last year saw nearly as The Christmas tree light- free printed photos with Santa. many children trying to get a "Both the Grinch and Mrs. photo with the Grinch as with see FESTIVAL, page 12

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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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Jordan Pallen Returns – Wins Two Gold Medals

Grandmaster Jordan Palships in Greece.

len, a well-known business as both a martial arts student continues to uphold a legacy owner in San Leandro for and competitor. He last won a started by his father in 1968. over 25 years, triumphantly re-championship in 1998 when turned to the competitive stage he secured a stickfighting Pallen's journey back to comat the WKU World Champion- world championship title. His recent participation marks



Jordan and Felipa Ortiz-Pallen have been teaching martial arts in San Leandro for years.

Pallen has spent a lifetime a full-circle moment as he

After shoulder surgery, petition began in May 2023. Through months of rehabilitation, he re-entered the competition circuit with relentless determination. His hard work paid off when he was offered the opportunity to try out and represent Team USA at the World Kickboxing and Karate Union (WKU) Championships.

Pallen achieved remarkable success competing in multiple events. He won two gold medals: one in the 18+ Kenpo Traditional Forms Division and another in the 55+ heavyweight sparring division, as well as a silver medal in the 45+ middleweight sparring division and a bronze medal in the 45+ Hard Style Traditional Forms Division. These achievements demonstrate his unparalleled



Jordan Pallen recently won two gold medals at the World Kickboxing and Karate Union Championships.

different disciplines.

Jordan's two brothers also dojo where all are welcome. owning and operating their location and have since been

versatility and skill across pillars of the community, offering martial arts training to The Pallen family has deep students of all ages and estabroots in martial arts, with lishing a safe, family-friendly

"I am deeply impressed by own schools. In 2000, Jordan Grandmaster Jordan Pallen's and his wife, Felipa Ortiz-Pal- incredible World Championlen, took over the San Leandro ship win," said Anna Gruver, see PALLEN, page 11



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Community Calendar

16th Annual Women's Advent by Candlelight

The Church of the Assumption, 1100 Fulton Ave. in San Leandro, will hold its 16th Annual Women's Advent by Candlelight, "Calling All Angels," on Thursday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. Usher in the Advent Season with a prayer service in the church this year. Come for a solemn and reflective evening. Women of other denominations are always welcome to gather for a pause of prayer, song, and reflections. Take time for an intentional time out to make room, renew your heart and refresh your soul. Refreshments will be served immediately after in the small hall.

"It's a Wonderful Night" **Downtown Holiday Celebration**

Ring in the holidays at San Leandro's annual downtown festival, It's a Wonderful Night, on Friday, Dec. 6, from 4:30 to 9 p.m. See the tree lighting, holiday performances, photos with Santa, holiday train rides, crafts for kids, holiday market, and more. The holiday tree lighting will be at 5:30 p.m. in at Estudillo Ave at E. 14th Street, and the main event will be centered around W. Juana Avenue between E. 14th St. and Washington Avenue.

Friends of the San Leandro Library Cookbook Sale

The Friends of the San Leandro Library will host a Cookbook Sale on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Hundreds of beautiful books featuring cuisines from around the world will be featured. These books originally sold for as much as \$50 but will be sale-priced for much less. Start your holiday shopping with quality cookbooks at bargain prices. All proceeds benefit the San Leandro Library's programs and services. Now accepting credit cards.

SLHS Wind Ensemble Concert

Everyone is invited to the San Leandro High School Wind Ensemble Concert on Monday, Dec. 9, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Performing Arts Center, 2250 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro. Tickets are \$5 at the door. All proceeds go to support the San Leandro High School Instrumental Music Program.

Raiders Boosters Club Toy Drive

The Oakland Raider Booster Club will hold its annual toy drive on Thursday, Dec. 12, at 6 p.m. at Rickey's Sports Bar, 15028 Hesperian Blvd. in San Leandro. Bring new, unwrapped toys and they will be donated to the Davis Street Community Center.

Lucille Kline Holiday Tea At the Alta Mira Club

The Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette St. in San Leandro, invites everyone to the Lucille Kline Holiday Tea on Saturday, Dec. 14, at noon. Tickets are \$30 per person. For reservations, call Linda Klass at 510-914-5684 or Isabel Polvorosa at 510-955-7155.

Free Winter Holiday Concert and **Community Sing-Along**

Join Chorus Eclectic for a free concert on Sunday, Dec, 15 at 4 p.m. at the San Leandro Church of Christ, 601 MacArthur Blvd. The chorus will sing Christmas songs and invite the audience to sing along with several holiday favorites. Entry is off of the back parking lot. Snacks, desserts, hot chocolate, and raffle tickets for themed baskets will be available for purchase during intermission.

Sign Up for Davis Street **Holiday Basket Giveaway**

Davis Street will hold its Annual Holiday Food and Toy Basket Giveaway on Dec. 23. Registration for families, seniors, and singles in need is now underway. If you or someone you know is need – head over to www.davisstreet. org or call 510-347-4620 to see if you qualify. In-person sign-up hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Wednesday from noon to 6 p.m.

Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon

A Thanksgiving Luncheon for older adults was held at the Senior **Community Center on** Wednesday, Nov. 27, hosted by the City of San Leandro's Human Services Department, in partnership with **Spectrum Community** Services. Approximately 250 people celebrated the holiday with delicious food, friendly



company, and raffle prizes donated by individuals and community groups. This event could some 30 volunteers, not have been possible without the support of

many of them from local service organizations.

Events and Announcements

DIY Casa Peralta Art Creation Workship

Unleash your creativity at the DIY Casa Peralta Art Creation Workshop on Saturday, Dec. 7, from noon to 2 p.m. at the San Leandro History Museum, 320 W. Estudillo Ave. In a hands-on experience you'll craft faux-stained glass and terracotta tile designs, inspired by the history of the Casa Peralta and the Little Brown Church. No experience required, just bring your imagination. All materials provided, and you'll leave with your own beautiful piece

Paintings on Memories, Moments and Meals At the SL History Museum

Experience OrderUp! San Leandro, an exhibition of vibrant paintings by fine artist Eric Shea, celebrating the local memories, moments, and meals of our community, on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the San Leandro History Museum, 320 W. Estudillo Ave. You'll have the opportunity to share your own memories about the restaurants in San Leandro. Enjoy light refreshments while you take in stunning works that bring to life the stories behind our favorite eateries, both past and present.

St. Gerard Women's Club **Christmas Baked Goods Sale**

St. Gerard Women's Club will host a Christmas Baked Goods Sale fundraiser at St. John's Church Community Meeting Room, 264 East Lewelling Blvd. in San Lorenzo. It will begin on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 4 to 6 p.m.; and again on Sunday, Dec. 8, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a continental breakfast, raffle tickets, religious items, miscellaneous goods and lots of fun.

Aviation Museum Holly Jolly Playtime for Kids

Oakland Aviation Museum, 8252 Earhart Road in Oakland, is hosting a Holly Jolly Playtime for Kids, along with the regular museum viewing, on Sunday, Dec. 8, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Holly Jolly Playtime includs crafts, games, story time, and snacks. Normal admission rates apply. Adults \$18, Seniors \$15, Teens/Military \$13, Kids 5-12 years old \$10, no charge for kids 4 and under and members.

Tickets on Sale for Holiday Classic, The Jewelry Box

Award-winning playwright Thursday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m. and actor Brian Copeland's brary, 300 Estudillo Ave., on approximately one hour.

Tickets are \$40 cash at the

family-friendly holiday show door general admission and The Jewelry Box will return \$20 for those under 15. The for one special performance show is recommended for at the San Leandro Main Liages 12 and up. The show runs

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The Secret to Baking Perfect Christmas Cookies? Follow the Instructions!

ookies are not demanding. They can be made in a few easy steps. But since many of us only bake them during the holidays, it's important to brush up on a few basics.

- Use the ingredients called for in the recipe. Substitutions — like using margarine instead of butter may present problems.
- Make the cookies the shape and thickness that the recipe calls for.
- Measure carefully. If you add too much flour, the cookies will be dry and crumbly; too little and they will spread and be thin.

Spoon ingredients into measuring cups, then remove the excess by scraping off the top with a straight edge.

- 15 minutes before baking.
- Only grease the pans if specified in the recipe. Many cookie doughs have enough butter to keep the cookies from sticking.
- Don't overbake. Watch the timing carefully; cookies bake in 1 cup unsalted butter minutes. (Underbaking is better 1 cup dark-brown sugar, than overbaking.) Remove cookies from baking sheets as soon as 2 large eggs they are firm enough to transfer. 1 cup unsulfured molasses Cool them on racks so they will 6 cups sifted all-purpose remain crisp.
- Let the cookie sheets cool 1 teaspoon baking soda before adding another batch.

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 Cool cookies completely • Preheat the oven for at least before storing them in an airtight container. Never store crispy and chewy cookies together.

SPICY GINGERBREAD COOKIES

- packed
- flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder

4 teaspoons ground ginger

- 4 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1-1/2 teaspoons cloves 1/2 teaspoon finely ground black pepper
- 1-1/2 teaspoons salt

In a large bowl, beat together butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs and molasses.

In another bowl, sift together flour, baking soda, baking powder, spices and salt. Stir flour mixture into butter mixture. Divide dough into thirds and wrap each third in plastic wrap. Chill for about 1 hour.

Preheat oven to 350°F. Roll dough 1/8-inch thick between two pieces of waxed paper. Cut into shapes with cookie cutters. Transfer shapes to ungreased cookie sheets.

If desired, decorate with raisins, dragées, or red hot candies. Refrigerate about 15 minutes. Bake for 8-10 minutes or until crisp but not edges. dark. Allow to cool on the cookie

sheet for 1 minute, then remove to wire rack. Cool completely. wire racks to cool completely.

CHOCOLATE-PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES

- (8-ounce) bag Hershey's **Kisses**
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup shortening 2 tablespoons milk
- 3/4 cup peanut butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour

1 teaspoon baking soda 1/3 cup packed light brown

sugar 1/2 teaspoon salt Additional sugar

Heat oven to 375°F. Remove foil candy wrappers.

In large bowl, beat shortening and peanut butter until well blended. Add the 1/3 cup of granulated sugar and all of the brown sugar; beat until light and fluffy. Add egg, milk and vanilla; beat well.

Stir together flour, baking soda and salt; gradually add to peanut butter mixture. Shape dough into 1-inch balls. Roll in the additional granulated sugar; place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 8-10 minutes or until lightly browned. Immediately place chocolate kiss on top of each cookie, pressing down so cookie cracks around

Remove from cookie sheet to

CREAM-CHEESE COOKIES

- 8 ounces cream cheese 1/2 cup shortening
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 egg yolk
- 1 cup flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg 1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Preheat oven to 375°.

Cream together cream cheese and shortening. Add sugar and egg yolk to the cream cheese mixture and cream together until light and fluffy. Sift flour, salt and nutmeg together and work into cream cheese mixture. Add vanilla and

Chill several hours in the refrigerator, then roll out part of the dough on a floured surface (leave the rest in the refrigerator until you need it).

Cut with cookie cutters. Continue to roll out dough and cut shapes until all dough is used.

It's important to keep the dough chilled. If it gets too warm as you're working with it, put it back in the refrigerator for a

while. Sprinkle on decorations, optional.

Bake on a greased cookie sheet for ten minutes or until light brown

CHOCOLATE SHORTBREAD

1 cup flour

2/3 cup powdered sugar

1/2 cup cornstarch 3 tablespoons unsweetened

cocoa powder cup cold butter, cut in chunks

Pecan halves, optional

Place flour, powdered sugar, cornstarch and cocoa in the work bowl of a food processor. Process to blend. Add chunks of butter to dry ingredients and process with on/off turns just until dough is well mixed and begins to gather together in a ball.

Shape into small balls and flatten with a floured fork or press a pecan half in the center and place on an ungreased baking sheet. Bake at 300°F for 20 to 25 minutes. Cookies will still be soft, but will harden as they cool. Makes about 3 dozen.

BASIC HOLIDAY **BUTTER COOKIES**

2-1/2 cups flour

1/4 cup cornstarch

2 teaspoons baking powder Pinch of salt

2 egg yolks

3 tablespoons light cream

1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla

1 cup sugar

12 tablespoons

unsalted butter, softened tablespoons vegetable

shortening

Heat oven to 350°F. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment.

Mix flour, cornstarch, baking powder and salt in a medium bowl. Mix yolks, cream, and vanilla together in a measuring cup.

Cream sugar with butter and shortening until lightened and pasty. Beat yolk mixture into creamed butter until just combined. Add dry ingredients and beat until mixture begins to clump together (about 18 to 20 seconds on the lowest speed of an electric mixer).

Turn dough out onto a lightly floured board and knead gently to shape into a soft dough. Shape and bake 10-12 minutes until lightly brown. Yields about 72.

CROSSWORD







ARIES (March 21 to April 19): TA project benefits from your organizational skills that get it up and running. Your success leaves a highly favorable impression. Don't be surprised if you get some positive feedback soon. TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Spend time on practical matters throughout the



GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): Restarting those creative projects you had set aside for a while will help provide a much-needed soothing balance to your hectic life. Besides, it will be like meeting old friends again!

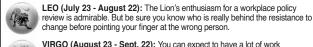
ek, then shift your focus to more artistic pursuits. Resist being overly self

critical. Just allow yourself to feel free to create

vour plans in case some need to be adjusted.



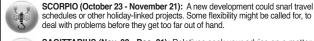
CANCER (June 21 - July 22): A change in plans could make it tough to keep a commitment. But stay with it. You'll get an A-plus for making the effort to do what's right and not taking the easy way out by running off.



change before pointing your finger at the wrong person VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): You can expect to have a lot of work throughout the first half of the week. Devote the rest of the week to checking



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): Try to avoid signing on the dotted line during the early part of the week. You need time to study issues that weren't fully explored. The latter part of the week might be more favorable for decision-making.



schedules or other holiday-linked projects. Some flexibility might be called for, to deal with problems before they get too far out of hand. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Relatives seek your advice on a matter



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): A shift in your planning direction might help you speed up your progress toward achieving a long-planned goal. Trusted colleagues are ready to offer valuable support.

you'd rather not be involved in. If so, use your sage Sagittarian tact to decline the "offer" so that no one's feelings are needlessly hurt.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): An unexpected demand for the settlement of an old loan could create some preholiday anxiety. But you might not really owe it. Check your records thoroughly before remitting payment.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): It's a good time to get involved with your social circle. Enjoy some well-earned fun and games with those closest to you before you have to resume more serious activities next week.

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Convicts: 'Ghost gun' used in 2022 murder outside downtown bar

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15 style assault rifle in his dead. backpack and shot Moore outside the bar in Pelton Center. murder weapon (deemed a gation. Prosecutors claim Woods was bar earlier that night.

In court, Woods claimed showed evidence that Moore arately for hiding a fugitive. was unarmed and he was shot in the back.

"ghost gun") at Woods' home 30, from Antioch.

Moore had a gun and that he after the shooting and hid at have solved this homicide,' (Woods) only fired warning a nearby motel with Glaze's Barajas said. shots. But prosecutors later help. She was charged sep-

San Leandro police re- according to San Leandro the assigned Victim-Witness sponded to the shooting and Police Lieutenant Matthew advocate. found Moore outside the Barajas, who thanked the bar with multiple gunshots Antioch Police Department, edy that might have been wounds to his torso. After be-Oakland Police Department, avoided if Mr. Woods did ing transported to a local hos- Alameda County Sheriff's not have a gun in his back-

Detectives located the assistance with the investi- are a deadly epidemic in our man leaves the community act of violence."

"On behalf of the SLPD motivated to violence follow- in Oakland later that weekend and City of San Leandro, we ing a fight between Woods' and arrested him along with would like to offer our condofather and Moore inside the his girlfriend, Jennifer Glaze, lences to the victim's family and friends of this senseless Woods had fled the bar shooting. We are pleased to

> District Attorney Pamela Price thanked the jury for It was the first homicide its work as well as her team, of 2022 in San Leandro, including the inspector and

"This is another trag-

Police Department for their statement. "Too many guns attack against an unarmed devastated by a thoughtless

pital, Moore was pronounced Office, and the Hayward pack," Price said in a written community and this brutal traumatized, and families

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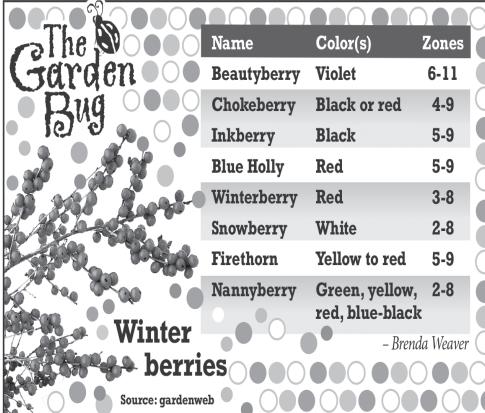
By Carl Medford, CRS Special to the Times

ith Thanksgiving behind us and bay area refrigerators laden with leftovers, thoughts now

turn to the rest of the Holiday Season. It will not be hard to find decorations and gifts: many stores put their lights and other decorator items out before Halloween. At this rate, it will not be too long before

we will be able to buy BBQ briquettes for our 4th of July celebrations and Christmas tree lights on the same day.

As we head into holidays, I would be remiss if I did not point out that this is the abso-



WEEKEND GARDENER

Freezing nighttime temperatures have already hit most parts of the East Bay. The coldest time is from 4 a.m. to sun-up. If you haven't already done so, here's what to do right away:

Move tender container plants under the eaves of a roof, on the porch, or even in the house if necessary. Cover anything you can't move with an old sheet, a tarp or cardboard boxes. The covering should be anchored by stakes above the plant so there is an air gap between the plant and the covering. Cloth gives more protection than plastic. Remove the covering in the morning.

Mist garden plant foliage at night and again in the morning. The thin layer of water on the foliage helps to insulate the leaves. The morning sprinkling washes away the frost before the sun hits it when most of the actual damage is done.

Keep garden soil moist. Dry plants are easy victims of frost.

If a plant is damaged by frost, don't prune away the damage. Wait until the plant begins its spring growing cycle, then prune off any dead parts.

Temperatures have to drop below 26°F to damage hardy, mature plants.

lute best time to buy a home. While inventory is always lower at this time of year as many sellers do not want their homes invaded during the festive season, those who do have their properties on the market are usually motivated to sell, which frequently translates to lower prices and more bargaining power.

The height of the real estate market activity in any year is typically during May, with homes that go pending in May/June typically closing in June/July. Thus we normally see the highest prices in any given year in May/June/July. In 2023, the peak single-family (SFR) home prices in Alameda County were in July,

with an average sales price of \$1,434,000. In contrast, the average price in December, 2023 for SFRs was \$1,337,000 - a decrease of 7.25%. We see the same in 2022, with a high in May of \$1,688,000 and a much lower number in December, coming in at \$1,435,000 – a whopping 17.63% decrease. This trend was also evident in 2021, as June saw a peak of \$1,663,000 and December closed out at \$1,361,000 – a stunning 22.19% decrease.

In a nutshell, I believe it is totally reasonable to expect the same trend in 2024 as well, as June prices averaged \$1,420,000 while prices in October had already sunk to \$1,328,000, a decrease of 6.93%. If past trends are any indicator, we can expect November and December average prices to be lower still.

Ironically, many buyers miss out on these seasonal opportunities as evidenced by the massive bump in market activity every spring. Some have too much going on during the holidays with concerts, parties, and so on. Others simply do not realize the simple fact that home prices are usually the lowest during December and therefore do not act. If you are looking to buy at bargain basement prices, it is now. Data from www.trendgraphix.

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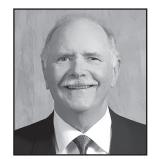
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November 20, 2024 County Clerk ALAMEDA COUNTY --, Deputy FILE NO. 610739

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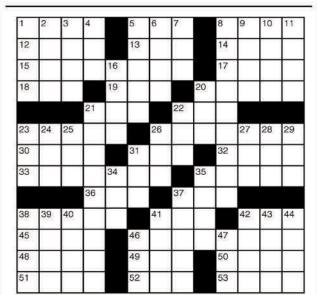
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October 09, 2024 FILED October 25, 2024 **MELISSA WILK** County Clerk ALAMEDA COUNTY

ALAMEDA COUNTY FILE NO. 610264 By-----, Deputy FILE NO. 609822 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT Pursuant to Business and **Professions Code**

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November 19, 2024

MELISSA WILK County Clerk ALAMEDA COUNTY y-----, Deputy FILE NO. 610716 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT Pursuant to Business and

Professions Code Sections 17900-17930 The name of the business(es): Discountland, located at 1369 MacArthur Blvd. San Leandro, CA 94577.Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Wilver Matias located at 1369 MacArthur Blvd. San Leandro, CA 94577. / Maricruz Cuevas, located at 1369 MacArthur Blvd Blvd., Suite 206 Oakland, CA 94603, This This business is conducted by Married business is conducted by An Individual

This business commenced Couple. 11/19/24 /s/Wilver Matias This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on date indicated by file stamp above. Expires November 18, 2029

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October 4, 2024 MELISSA WILK County Clerk ALAMEDA COUNTY Deputy FILE NO. 609752 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT Pursuant to Business and **Professions Code** Sections 17900-17930 The name of the business(es): Amerifloors, located at 551 Grove Way, Hayward, CA 94541 Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Mumin Pajalic, located at 551 Grove Way, Hayward, CA 94541. This

business is conducted by An individual. This business commenced N/A /s/Mumin Pajalic This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on date indicated by file stamp above.

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November 25, 2024

MELISSA WILK County Clerk ALAMEDA COUNTY y-----, Deputy FILE NO. 610836

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT ursuant to Business ar **Professions Code**

Sections 17900-17930 The name of the business(es): Wong's Garden Pavilion, located at 1610 Burkhart Avenue San Leandro, CA

94579 Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kelly Sin, located at 1610 Burkhart Avenue San Leandro, CA 94579. This business is conducted by An Individual. This business commenced N/A /s/Kelly Sin

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SENIORS

Senior Q&A: Will There Be Cost of Living Increases or Tax Changes in New Year?

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

Q. My wife and I were wondering about tax and cost-of-living increases that we will see in 2025. Do you have any information on that?

A. Yes. Here are some of the increases that you will see in 2025:

Annual Exclusion Amount Gifts ("AEA"): Presently, you can make individual gifts in the amount of \$18,000 per person, without the need to file a gift tax return. A married couple, filing a joint return, can double that amount in order to make gifts of \$36,000 per recipient.

As of January 1, 2025, that amount will increase to \$19,000 per recipient, which again may be doubled for a couple filing a joint return. So, if you have 2 children and 4 grandchildren, and you both wish to make an Annual Exclusion Gift to each of them in 2025, together you could then gift them a total of \$228,000 (calculated as follows:

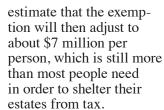
\$19K) X 6 recipients.

No Gift Tax Return would be due and

these AEA gifts would not reduce your lifetime federal estate or gift tax exemption.

Federal Estate Tax Exemption: The Federal Estate Tax Exemption is a credit against the value of your estate and is applied upon death to determine if an Estate Tax is due. That credit currently shelters \$13,610,000 per person, but is scheduled to increase to \$13,990,000 for persons dying in 2025.

For most persons, that exemption is more than enough to shelter their entire estates from federal estate tax. However, these exemptions are derived from the Tax Cuts & Jobs Act (TCJA) signed into law on 12/22/2017, and by terms of the law, itself, are scheduled to "sunset" at the end of 2025. Thereafter, the older exemptions will return, updated for inflation. Most observers



Medicare Part B Premiums: For most folks, the Medicare Part B premium will increase from \$174.70 per month to \$185 per month, but the premium could be higher depending upon your incomes.

Medicare Out-Of-Pocket Costs: Beginning in 2025, the out-of-pocket costs for drugs covered by your Part "D" Drug plan will be capped at \$2,000 for the year, but only for those drugs covered under your Part D plan. This cap will be welcome news for seniors with high out-ofpocket drug costs.

Social Security Retirement Benefits: You and your wife's monthly benefits will increase by approximately 2.5% per

Supplemental Security Income ("SSI"): Federal benefits for folks on SSI, who qualify by reason of having very modest resources and low incomes, will increase to \$1,206.94 per month (including the California State Supplement) and to \$2,057.83 per month for a couple (with the California State Supplement). This represents an increase of about \$24 per month for a single individual and \$35 per month for a couple. The resource caps remain unchanged, i.e. \$2,000 for a single person and \$3,000 for a couple on SSI.

Good question and I hope the above helps.

Gene L. Osofsky is an elder law and estate planning attorney who has been helping East Bay families for over 25 years with Trusts, Wills, Powers of Attorney, Probate, Medi-Cal Planning, and related matters. To contact his office, send an email to Gene@Lawyer-ForSeniors.com or call 510-247-2555.

OPINION

LETTERS to the EDITOR

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Thanks to All Who **Provided Thanksgiving** For the Homeless

the San Leandro community who are homeless or unable to be with their families. We received more than 67 guests at our tables. The effort to provide a meaningful and joyous Thanksgiving takes many people and I want to acknowledge and thank those tion rate (CPI) in 2024. who gave time out of their own to make this dinner a "family cooked for this event.

immediately are Noel Morifrom Cross Streets Minis- members. tries, Creekside Church which hosted the cooking crew, and crease the bill credits provided is somewhere in the middle the entire Pallen family who to lower income community where we can do the most always come out to help and members by 75% over last good and least harm. make the event happy.

We want to thank the members of Bethel Community Church who provided funding for the pies and even extra of credits across these San Editor, socks, Kristen Anderson and Leandro customers, and apher wonderful crew from E.F. proximately \$1.5 million in Club donates to the following Anderson Construction who bill credits across Ava Comagain this year, provided our munity Energy's San Leandro guests with big goodie filled customer base. bag lunches to take after the meal, the members of the about CARE/FERA and to Christ of the Latter Day Saints www.pge.com/CARE. who came to the Boys & Girls Club with boxes of decorations, table cloths, gourds, festive placemats, and fresh fruits to take after eating and set up the tables.

Our friends from San Editor, Leandro 1st Presbyterian do throughout the year. If I left ed outright fascist or right

felt throughout the year.

This Thanksgiving, we are Salvador etc." Thanksgiving is a time of grateful the homeless in San families gathering, sharing of Leandro had a place to come true, but it is important to rethanks for the gifts received for this traditional celebration. alize the motivation was fear over the past year, and eating. Our Thanksgiving wish for of communism in the area. The Once again this year, April 2025 is that everyone who is fear of communism was so Showers hosted a Thanks- homeless finds housing so they great that they chose fascism, giving dinner for those in can host their own celebrations. which they considered to be

IHN/April Showers

AVA Increases Bill Credits Editor,

celebrations, provided efforts the full board of directors at learn from our mistakes and Ava Community Energy voted evaluate the past to inform the affair" and both funded and to increase year end bill credits future so we can do a better for both Ava's residential and Those who come to mind non-residential customers.

We also recognize that tz and her crew from April while higher costs impact mind that there is no perfect Showers who come through everyone, these higher costs answer. As in all conflicts, every Thanksgiving, Ken disproportionately impact our there are two opposing per-Miller and his cooking crew lowest income community spectives and neither is willing

> year, i.e., for those customers participating in the CARE and FERA programs.

That's over \$800,000

Finally, to learn more season:

Juan González Mayor, San Leandro 94577

The Lessor of Two Evils

In Richard Mellor's letter showed up with fresh salad suppressed or overthrown Leandro 94578 mixings and drinks. A huge any governments in Central thanks to Kim Pace and the America and Mexico that (Provides for seniors) 2235 folks at the San Leandro Boys tried to control their own re- Polyorosa #260, San Leandro and Girls Club who allowed us sources and develop healthy 94577 to host at their facility as they economies. The US support-

anyone out, I apologize, but wing military dictatorships please know your efforts are throughout the region, from Guatemala, Nicaragua, El

> What Mr. Mellor says is **Moira Fry** the lesser of two evils.

Unfortunately, the U.S. San Leandro made a huge mess of things. There is no denying that.

The point is that we need to see world events, and our The cost of electricity rose involvement, with fully open faster than the general inflaeyes, looking at more than just the results or the aspects In response to this, I and we don't like. We need to job with future conflicts and dangers.

It is important to keep in to compromise to find middle As a result, we voted to inground. Yet, the best solution

> **Sheryl Smith** San Leandro

Garden Club Donates

The San Leandro Garden local non profits and urges you to support those located in our city during this holiday

April Showers (Serves the San Leandro Church of Jesus check for eligibility, visit, homeless) P.O. Box 342, San Leandro, 94577

Building Futures (Shelter Ava Community Energy for women & children) 1840 board member Fairway Dr., San Leandro

> Calico Center (Abused children) 524 Estudillo Ave., San Leandro 94577

George Mark Children's Church held a massive coat of November 21, 2024, he Home (Terminally ill children) drive for our guests and also states "The US has violently 2121 George Mark Lane, San

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Gym: Crowd sees volleyball team play in new gym on Senior Day

continued from front page a community hub for student achievement, school spirit, and community gatherings for years to come."

After the opening ceremony at 5:30 p.m., the Pirates varsity girls volleyball team went on to win against visiting San Lorenzo 3-0.

District spokeswoman Keziah Moss said it was actually the third game played in the gleaming new facility, but the district wanted to share the official opening with the big crowd expected for Senior Day, the last home game of the girls volleyball season.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mike McLaughlin thanked district taxpayers for passing Proposition N in 2020. Ground was broken for the gym in November 2022.



Players check out the team Training room at the new San Leandro High School gym, which opened October 23.

Grant: State funds intended to bring about some enforcement of traffic laws

continued from front page help, he said.

often responding to non-traffic East 14th Street, Gill said. calls, and rarely do routine

most dangerous driver behaviors (speeding, running traffic hours are involved.

the city meet specific goals to the pandemic. for use of the money. Among lane changes.

There will also be inten- surroundings. tionally high-visibility distracted driving enforcement er and faster, and marijuana operations targeting driv- and THC edibles/drinkables ers who violate California's have joined alcohol in putting hands-free cell phone law.

Locations will be carefully he said. able staffing is difficult if not chosen, such as those where Police officers that you see pecially hazardous, such as that while the police can do meant to protect them. driving through town are most anywhere pedestrians cross

The grant will also help enforcement of traffic laws, the SLPD collaborate with neighboring agencies on en-The state grant will reim-forcement, and to further burse the SLPD for assigning train officers in such areas officers to do additional traffic as sobriety testing, advanced enforcement, focusing on the impairment enforcement and drug recognition.

Gill said that while stafflights, etc.) - the top violations ing has been short, traffic that cause crashes, he said. hazards have grown in recent Much of the time, overtime years, ironically often due to technological advances or The state grant requires otherwise healthy responses

More people are bicycling these are DUI checkpoints or walking as a primary form to stop suspected impaired of travel, putting them near drivers, motorcycle safety cars and other vehicles. Veenforcement, street racing/ hicles are often the cause of sideshow enforcement, and crashes involving them, but dangerous driver actions such pedestrian and bicyclist inatas speeding, stop sign and/or tention sometimes shares the red light running, failures to blame, Gill said. People may yield, and improper turns or sometimes pay more attention to a cell phone than to their

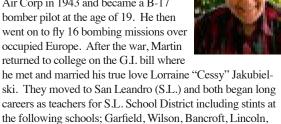
> Vehicles have gotten heavipeople under the influence,

their best to make roads safe State jaywalking laws have for everyone, drivers, pedesimpossible without outside there have been numerous been eased, but it can still be trians and bicyclists alike can crashes, or those that are es- dangerous, Gill said. He added help by following the laws

Martin Agegian

June 27, 1924 ~ July 18, 2024

Martin a long time resident of San Leandro passed away at the age of 100. He was born in Detroit, Michigan to parents who had emigrated to America from Armenia. He joined the U.S. Army Air Corp in 1943 and became a B-17 bomber pilot at the age of 19. He then went on to fly 16 bombing missions over occupied Europe. After the war, Martin returned to college on the G.I. bill where



ceased by his wife, Cessy. Active, alert, and engaging at 100 Martin still drove having lunch daily at his favorite restaurant in El Cerrito, the Natural Food Annex where employees, long time friends treated him like family. This kind and amazing man is remembered by his friends as a patriot, loving husband, teacher, author (God Bless Amerika), successful businessman (owner of Sinbad"s

and S.L. High School. Martin was a favorite teacher among

his students who would regularly contact him and recently

gathered to celebrate his 100th Birthday. Martin was prede-

Hot Dogs, Clancy"s Ice Cream, Cessy"s Pantry), world traveler, and all around friend. A life well lived - RIP.

ers 55,000 square feet, mak- involved when the plaque ing it one of the largest high dedicating the building was school gyms in California. unveiled. All of the high school's 2,700 reach all the students.

a weight room, locker rooms, public. an exercise room, team rooms and a snack bar. An electronic million, of which \$67 million center of the court.

behind passing the bond and replacing portables, a new building the gym thanked the courtyard and a new entrance taxpayers, and got big rounds at Bancroft Middle School, reof applause in return.

were McLaughlin, Moss as School, electronic sign instalemcee, former mayor and lation at 10 of the district's Yes on Measure N chair Ste-schools, shade structures at phen Cassidy, and district several elementary schools, gan. An hour earlier, school way at McKinley Elementary board president Evelyn Gon- School.

The new gymnasium cov- zales had thanked everyone

After the short speeches, students, along with teachers members of the high school's and staff, can assemble there girls volleyball teams brought at one time in the 3,000 seats. out portable gym seats to The old gym had required thank those leaders of the several different assemblies to building effort. A few minutes later, they threw commemora-The gym has three full com- tive mini-volleyballs into the petition courts, a dance room, audience for students and the

Measure N raised \$198 display board covers most of went to building the new one wall above the doors, and gym. Proceeds from the bond big scoreboard hangs above the also went to building a new Lincoln High School, a quad Several of the key figures at San Leandro High School, placing portables and security Among those speaking fending at John Muir Middle Bond Director Aaron Kerri- and a new drop-off and entry-

Branka Tisma

July 7, 1938 ~ November 26, 2024

Branka was from Montenegro and came to the United States in May of 1980. She was married to Peter Tisma for 12 wonderful years until his passing away in June of 1992. Branka was the youngest of seven children on a farm. She was very hard-working, generous, and funny. She passed away peacefully at Kaiser Hospital on Tuesday evening, November 26th. The year 2024 was a very difficult year for her in terms of health. She had a stroke in May and went into cardiac arrest on November 4th.



For the last 44 years Branka was a resident of San Leandro. She worked for many years as a housekeeper and home health-care worker. She also babysat several children in her home. She used some of her American Red Cross training in her country and her common sense to help her in taking care of older adults.

Branca liked to watch the evening news a lot and enjoyed gardening in her backyard. Her favorite plants were tomatoes, green onion, figs, lemons, oranges, as well as roses and carnations and gorgeous orchids. Branka was very independent and loved to drive her car. She had beautiful, curly brown hair and was always dressed casually in sportswear.

Branka was the adopted mother to Andrijana Anne Tisma and was the very loving aunt to many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews back home. She enjoyed talking on the telephone on the weekends with her large extended family and friends. She often helped her family financially by sending money back home. Branka was also very social and was a member for many years at St. George Serbian Orthodox Church in Oakland, California. She was a member of the women's auxiliary as well as the Opstina Member Council. She will be missed very, very much.

Please join us for viewing and visitation on Wednesday, December 11th, at Santos Robinson Mortuary in San Leandro from noon to 5 p.m. Please also join us for funeral services and burial at 💽 Serbian Cemetery in Colma on Thursday, December 12th, at 10:30 a.m. A reception will follow.

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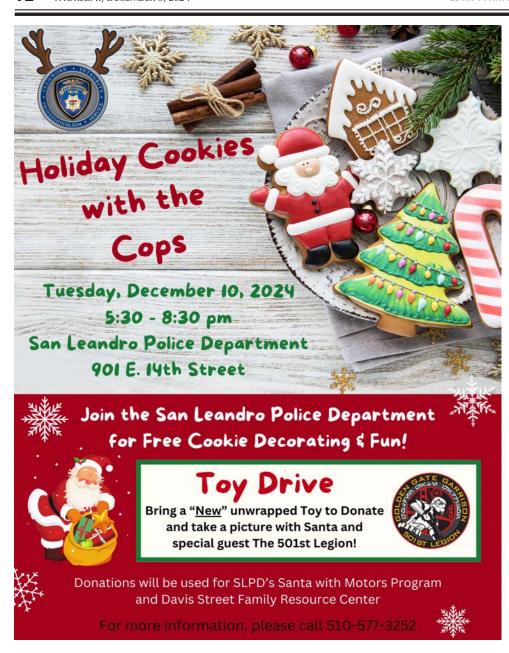


Pallen: 'Honored'

continued from page 2 a long-time karate mom and Jesse. Their guidance has truly parent of student turned staff, meant so much to our family." Julian Gruver-Raymond. "I know Julian feels incredibly be reached at 510-483-6560 honored to be mentored and or at www.pallensmartialarts. coached by him, along with com.

Sifu Star, Jordan, Bianca, and

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2024 San Leandro Times





Children and mom visited Santa Claus at last year's It's A Wonderful Night. The annual holiday festival will get underway on Friday evening.

Festival: Music and dancers

continued from front page Santa, finding the famous- craft area. ly green visitor at both the throughout the event.

gifts and handicrafts near the Gonzalez at 6:10 p.m. and ing on stage at 8:15 p.m.

First up on the Main Stage at 6:15 p.m. Christmas Tree Lighting and is the Assumption Choir at

Main Stage, Santa and the the San Leandro High School Jazz Ensemble will perform

Pallen's Martial Arts will 4:45 p.m., followed by Our demonstrate their moves at A Kids' Craft area will Future Tots at 5 p.m. and the 6:30 p.m., and the DC Dance open at 6 p.m., with ornament Broadmoor Preschool at 5:15 Center takes the stage at 7 making, luminarias, and holi- p.m. After a break, The Tap p.m.. At 7:45 p.m. the Porday frames to make for those Dancing Christmas Trees at tuguese Band will, and the free Santa photos. Over 40 6 p.m. will be followed by program closes with the Ballet vendors will be selling holiday remarks from Mayor Juan Folklorico Costa de Oro, com-

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