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Arroyo quarterback Jonah Shelton scrambles for a 29-yard gain against crosstown rival San Lorenzo on Saturday in the annual Helmet Game.

## Arroyo Hangs onto The Helmet

Dons sink rival San Lorenzo ,46-7, in annual Helmet Game

By Daryl Yalung  
Special to the Times

The Arroyo Dons outplayed their crosstown rival San Lorenzo Grizzlies this past Saturday with a 46-7 win.

The Grizzlies appeared eager to compete, after scoring the game's first points on a touchdown run by Juan

Sepulveda. Kicker Daniel Gonazalez scored the extra point and San Lorenzo went up 7-0 as the first quarter ended.

But it was all Arroyo from that point on, as the Dons scored 46 unanswered points over the course of the game.

In the second quarter, Arroyo quarterback Jonah Shelton ran a bootleg

and found room down the sideline for a 29-yard gain to the Grizzlies 3 yard line. The Dons found pay dirt on the next play when Gabe Flores ran the ball into the end zone for six points. He followed that up moments later with a successful two-point conversion run,

see **HELMET**, page 10

## Suspect Arrested For Two Murders In Parking Lot

23-year-old San Leandro man charged with murder, attempted carjacking-robbery

By Michael Singer  
San Leandro Times

A 23-year-old man from San Leandro has been charged with the shooting murders of two people on two separate days last month outside the 24 Hour Fitness gym at Bay Fair Mall, San Leandro police announced last Thursday.

Joshua Ballard was arrested on October 17 just after 2 p.m. while walking near the intersection of Hesperian Boulevard and Halcyon Drive. A patrol officer noticed Ballard's clothing matched the description of a suspect wanted in

the investigations. During the arrest, police said they found an 9-millimeter semi-automatic handgun with no serial number in his possession.

Ballard was arraigned on Monday and is expected to enter a plea at a hearing on November 9. He has been charged by the Alameda County District Attorney of two counts of murder, attempted carjacking robbery, assault on a person with a firearm, and other weapons violations.

see **MURDERS**, page 5

## Woman Hit and Killed By Car on Springlake

By Michael Singer  
San Leandro Times

A 74-year-old woman from San Leandro died last Saturday after a vehicle struck her as she was crossing Springlake Drive near Poolside Place.

Paramedics and police were dispatched to the site after a report of a woman hit by

a car at 10:15 a.m. on October 21. First responders quickly tried to save the woman, but she unfortunately succumbed to her injuries, according to San Leandro Police Lieutenant Abe Teng.

Police have not releasing the name of the woman.

Lt. Teng added that the see **WOMAN**, page 12

## Download a Horror Story for Halloween

San Leandro writer Ben Monroe joins horror literary event

By Mike McGuire  
San Leandro Times

San Leandro horror novelist Ben Monroe will be among over 200 horror writers participating in a Halloween event meant to spread appreciation of that literary style.

Starting Sunday, Oct. 29,

"Terrify Your Tablet" will let readers download as many horror e-books as they want onto their electronic devices, through Halloween. The event showcases "indie" horror writers, those independent of major publishers with major publicity budgets. Any do-

nations made by readers will go to help with the sky-high medical expenses of one of he writers, Sammy Scott, who is fighting cancer.

"Horror has been having a renaissance of sorts in the last 10 years after fighting years of less interest among readers,"

Monroe said. "Maybe it's that the world is scary, and horror lets you work through your fears in a safe way."

The novelist and short story writer said he likes taking fairly ordinary people readers can relate to, and putting them see **HORROR**, page 11

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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 Michelle Mayfield at 667-3522.



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## Pets of the Week



Groot



Gina

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are a German shepherd and a pit bull mix.

**Groot** is a 3-year-old German shepherd. He's looking for a family that can tame his wild side and give him a job to do. Groot is loyal and will love to be with that special person

who gives him attention.

**Gina** is a 4-year-old pit bull mix. She is a compact, little sweetheart who wants love and attention. Gina is a little wall flower so she would do best in a home with teens and up.

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



PHOTO COURTESY SLUSD

San Leandro High students displayed their winning robots.

## San Leandro High Takes First Place in Robotics Competition

The San Leandro High School Robotics team took first place at the 2023 Pioneers in Engineering (PiE) robotics competition, held at the Hearst Mining Memorial Building on the UC Berkeley campus on Oct. 14.

The competition brought together 14 local Bay Area schools to showcase their engineering and programming skills.

Student-created robots had to complete pre-programmed tasks during a 3-minute match, including placing objects in a bucket and navigating autonomously. Student-operated robots then played carnival games to earn tickets, with the winner determined by total tickets at the end of each match.

This victory was the culmination of hard work for the winning team, including the following students: Jocelyn Avalos and Rafael Zapien, mechanical team leads; Angel Khehra, logistics lead; Selmir Dizdarevic, mechanical team; Mateo Torres-Cohen, programming lead and club president.

The following adults also supported the team: Martín Martinez, programming mentor and SLHS alumni; Daniel Gomez, mechanical mentor and SLHS alumni; Quanina Quan, SLHS Chemistry teacher and STREAM academy director.

The team's motivation to participate in PiE competitions stemmed from their desire to honor the memory of their mentor, Eduardo Nava. Mr. Nava was a dedicated teacher and advocate for STEM education at San

Leandro High School. Unfortunately, he passed away shortly before last year's final competition.

Despite this, the students united and worked tirelessly to complete the robot in his honor. Mr. Nava's legacy continues to inspire their educational, professional, and leadership pursuits.

Pioneers in Engineering (PiE) played a significant role in making this competition possible. A UC Berkeley-run non-profit, PiE provides an accessible platform for San Leandro High School and other Bay Area schools to engage in robotics competitions that foster technical skills in STEM pathways.

Over the course of two PiE competitions, the team expanded their knowledge in programming, engineering, and leadership skills.

The team believes promoting opportunities like their club throughout San Leandro and the East Bay is vital for creating an inclusive educational environment. By demonstrating that students from all backgrounds can participate and excel in STEM activities, they aim to inspire others to pursue their passions in STEM and contribute to a more diverse and equitable future.

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## Huynh Makes Dean's List at Oregon State University

Names of students who have made the Scholastic Honor Roll for Summer 2023 have been announced by Oregon State University.

Students on the Honor Roll include: **Milton T. Huynh**, post baccalaureate in computer science from San Leandro, California.

A total of 3,385 students earned a B-plus (3.5) or better to make the listing. To be on the Honor Roll, students must carry at least 6 graded hours of course work.

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# Community Calendar

## San Lorenzo Adult School Classes

San Lorenzo Adult School offers morning and evening classes and services for all levels of English as a Second Language, High School Diploma, Adult Basic Education (GED/ HiSet prep), Conversation skills, Citizenship, Financial Literacy, and Computer skills. Career Technical Education classes are offered during evening classes. They also offer classes in sewing/fashion design, quilting, and knitting/crochet. Register now online at the school's website: [adu.slzsd.org](http://adu.slzsd.org) or register in person Thursday, Oct. 26, from 9 to 11 a.m. or from 5 to 7 p.m.; and on Friday, Oct. 27, from 9 to 11 a.m. For more information, call 510-317-4201.

## Pamela Price to Speak at Democratic Club Meeting

Alameda County District Attorney Pamela Price will speak at the meeting of the the San Leandro Democratic Club on Thursday, Oct. 26, at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium/ Lecture Hall at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. This is a free, ticketed event. You must register through Eventbrite to obtain your ticket. Use this link to register: <http://tiny.cc/5ngcvz>. The public is welcome.

## Job and Resource Fair at SL Adult School

San Leandro Adult & Career Education Center, 1448 Williams St., along with Rubicon Programs will host a free in-person Job and Resource Fair on Friday, Oct. 27, at 10 a.m. Join other interested job seekers to meet and discuss career opportunities and resources with over 30 businesses and organizations ready to help you.

## City to Host Meeting on Lake Chabot Road

A community meeting to talk about Lake Chabot Road, San Leandro Creek, and renter protections will be held on Saturday, Oct. 28, at 11 a.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Join City Councilmember Celina Reynes as well as the City Manager, Public Works Director, and Community Development Director to talk about these issues.

## First United Methodist Church Fall Festival

First United Methodist Church, 1600 Bancroft Ave., invites the community to its Fall Family Festival on Sunday, Oct. 29, from noon to 2 p.m. Enjoy a variety of games, a pumpkin roll competition, and a crazy costume photo booth. Cheap eats available. Wear your costume. Games appropriate for ages 3 to 12 and adult family members. For more information contact [office@fumcsf.org](mailto:office@fumcsf.org).

## Food, Games and Treats for Filipino History Month

Church of the Assumption, 1100 Fulton Ave. in San Leandro, celebrates Filipino History Month on Sunday, Oct. 29, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. with free traditional Filipino food and Filipino games for all, and delicious treats. Sponsored by the Filipino Community of Assumption Church. RSVP to Ritz so the team knows how much food to get. Email [maritzzen@hotmail.com](mailto:maritzzen@hotmail.com) or text 510-943-7268.

## SL Church of Christ Trunk or Treat Halloween

San Leandro Church of Christ, 601 MacArthur Blvd. in San Leandro, will host a free Trunk or Treat Halloween night on Sunday, Oct. 31, from 6 to 8 p.m. Come to the parking lot off of Lewis Avenue behind the church. Walk from car to car collecting treats as you go.

## Veterans Resource Center Program on Vietnam War

The Veterans Resource Center at the San Leandro Main Library will host a Veterans' Day event on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 1 to 4 p.m. commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the end of the Viet Nam War, a conflict that greatly affected American society and the lives of millions. It will be an opportunity for the community to come together and demonstrate gratitude for the courageous men and women who have served our nation.

## American Legion Post 649 Monthly Meeting

American Legion Post 649 in Castro Valley meets on the last Monday of every month at 1800 (6 p.m.) for dinner, followed by the meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Moose Lodge, 20385 Rutledge Road in Castro Valley. For more information, call Jim Smith at 510-305-2280.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SAN LEANDRO PLAYERS

Geoffrey Colton and Amy Cook in the San Leandro Players production of *Bloody Jack*, now playing at the San Leandro Museum/Auditorium.

## SL Players *Bloody Jack* Playing at SL Museum

The San Leandro Players will present *Bloody Jack*, at the San Leandro Museum/Auditorium, 320 West Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro, next to the historic Casa Peralta. The show runs Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. from Oct. 21 to Nov. 19; and on two Fridays, Nov. 10 and Nov. 17, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 general, \$15 seniors and under 12. For more information or reservations, visit [www.slplayers.org](http://www.slplayers.org) or call 510-895-2573.

## Raiders Boosters Club Meets at Ricky's

All football fans in the community are invited to attend the Original Oakland Raiders Booster Club meetings on Thursday nights (11/9, 11/30 and 12/14) from 5 to 8:30 p.m. at Rickey's Sports Lounge, 15028 Hesperian Blvd. in San Leandro. No host cocktails at 5 p.m., order dinner as you arrive. \$5 for raffle tickets. All ages welcome. RSVP via Facebook message at <https://www.facebook.com/theORBC>.

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## Announcements

### Manor Library's Halloween Family Fun Fest

Come for super fun games and activities, win prizes, and enter into a raffle drawing for a chance to win a pumpkin on Sunday, Oct. 29, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd. This event is free and best for kids ages 10 and under. Costumes are welcomed.

### Hill and Valley Club Scholarship Bazaar

Hill and Valley Club, 1808 B Street in Hayward, will hold its annual Scholarship Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The sale will feature collectibles, jewelry, beautiful handmade items, holiday decorations, gift baskets, candy and baked goods, plants, books, bargains, and more. Proceeds provide scholarships for local students. Plenty of parking is available. Cash, checks, and credit/debit cards accepted.

### SL Church of Christ Workshop on Anxiety

"Hope for the Anxious Person" is a free workshop put on by Pepperdine University's Boone Center for the Family. It will run from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at the San Leandro Church of Christ, 601 MacArthur Blvd., on Saturday, Nov. 4. This workshop will empower you with tools and strategies to help you understand and grow through anxiety in your own life or in the lives of those you love. (Material is built on a foundation of theology and Restoration Therapy.) Entry is off the back parking lot on Lewis Avenue.

### Bay Area Family Church Talk on Education

The Universal Peace Federation - Northern California Chapter presents "Education for the 21st Century: the Challenges, the Moral Dangers and Innovation with guest speaker Dr. Frank Kaufmann, president of the Settlement Project, on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Bay Area Family Church, 2305 Washington Ave. in San Leandro. Kaufmann is editor in chief of the New World Encyclopedia and president of the Professors World Peace Academy.

### Mistletoe Madness Accepting Vendors

Mistletoe Madness is accepting vendors for the 2023 show of handcrafted items for sale that will be on Saturday, Nov. 25, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd. in San Leandro. To register or for more information, visit [www.mistletoemadness.net](http://www.mistletoemadness.net).

### San Leandro Toastmasters

San Leandro Toastmasters meets every Thursday from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. online through Zoom. Email [sanleandrotm@gmail.com](mailto:sanleandrotm@gmail.com) for more information. Also, the Toastmasters meet in person at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., on the last Thursday of every month from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m.

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1 (18.25-ounce) package yellow cake mix  
2 cups pumpkin puree  
3 large eggs  
2/3 cup orange juice

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**ARIES (March 21 to April 19):** You might be growing impatient with a situation that seems to resist the efforts made to resolve it. But staying with it raises the odds that you'll find a way to a successful resolution eventually.

**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20):** Travel and kinship are strong in the Bovine's aspect this week. This would be a good time to combine the two and take a trip to see family members for a preholiday get-together.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20):** A colleague could make a request you're uncomfortable with. If this is the case, say so. Better to disappoint someone by sticking to your principles than disappointing yourself if you don't.

**CANCER (June 21 - July 22):** The Moon Child's ability to adapt to life's ebbs and flows helps you deal with changes that you might confront at work or at home -- or both. Things settle down by the weekend.

**LEO (July 23 - August 22):** It's a good week for Leos and Leonas to get some long-outstanding business matters resolved. Then go ahead and plan a fun-filled family getaway weekend with your mate and the cubs.

**VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22):** A possible workplace change seems promising. If you decide to look into it, try not to form an opinion based on a small part of the picture. Wait for the full image to develop.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22):** A newcomer helps keep things moving. There might be some bumpy moments along the way, but at least you're headed in the right direction. You win praise for your choices.

**SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21):** You could be pleasantly surprised by how a decision about something opens up an unexpected new option. Also, assistance on a project could come from a surprising source.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):** With more information to work with, you might now be able to start the process that could lead to a major change. Reserve the weekend for family and friends.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):** This could be a good time to gather information that will help you turn a long-held idea into something substantive. Meanwhile, a personal matter might need attention.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18):** A new challenge might carry some surprises, but you should be able to handle them using what you already know. That new supporter should be there to lend assistance.

**PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20):** Someone might try to disguise their true motives. But the perceptive and perspicacious Pisces should have little to no problem finding the truth in all that foggy rhetoric.

1/4 cup poppy seeds Glaze

Preheat oven to 350° F. Grease and flour 12-cup bundt pan.

Combine cake mix, pumpkin, eggs and orange juice in large mixer bowl. Beat on low speed until moistened. Beat on medium speed for 2 minutes. Add poppy seeds; mix until blended. Pour into prepared bundt pan.

Bake for 35 to 40 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in cake comes out clean. Cool in pan on wire rack for 10 minutes; remove to wire rack to cool completely. Drizzle with Glaze.

To make Glaze, stir 1-1/2 cups sifted powdered sugar with 3 tablespoons orange juice until smooth.

**GLUTEN-FREE PUMPKIN BREAD**

- 1 stick butter, at room temperature, plus more for pan  
1-3/4 cups gluten-free flour (spooned and leveled)  
1-1/2 teaspoons gluten-free baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
1-1/4 cups sugar  
3 large eggs  
2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
1-1/4 cups pumpkin puree  
3/4 cup buttermilk

Preheat oven to 350°F. utter a 4-1/2 by 8-1/2-inch loaf pan.

Whisk together flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, and nutmeg.

In a large bowl, using a mixer, beat butter and sugar on medium-high until light and fluffy, 7 minutes. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition

and scraping down bowl as needed. Beat in vanilla. With mixer on low, gradually add flour mixture and beat until just combined. Add pumpkin and buttermilk and beat until just combined.

Transfer batter to pan, smooth top, and bake until a toothpick inserted in center comes out with a few moist crumbs attached, about 1 hour 15 minutes (cover with foil if overbrowning). Let cool in pan on a wire rack, 15 minutes. Turn out onto rack and let cool completely. Serves 8.

**PUMPKIN CHEESECAKE**

- 2 pounds cream cheese  
1-1/2 cups sugar  
3 eggs  
1 cup whipping cream  
2 (1-pound) cans pumpkin  
2 teaspoons vanilla  
1 tablespoon pumpkin pie spice  
Graham Cracker Crust (recipe below)  
Sour Cream Topping (below)

Blend cream cheese with sugar until smooth. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating until blended. Add whipping cream, pumpkin, vanilla and spice, blending thoroughly.

Pour into Graham Cracker Crust. Bake at 300°F for 1-1/2 hours or until cake sets.

Remove and let rest 10 minutes, then pour Sour Cream Topping over cheesecake. Cool thoroughly before removing from pan. Chill. Makes 1 (10-inch) cheesecake.

**Graham Cracker Crust**

- 1 teaspoon soft butter  
1-1/4 cups graham cracker crumb  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/4 cup sugar  
1/4 cup melted butter

Brush 10-inch springform pan with soft butter. Mix crumbs, cinnamon, sugar and melted butter. Press onto bottom of pan.

**Sour Cream Topping**

- 1 pound sour cream  
1/2 cup sugar  
2 teaspoon vanilla

Blend sour cream, sugar and

vanilla until smooth.

**CHOCOLATE-STRIPED PUMPKIN COOKIES**

- 2 cups flour, spooned and leveled  
1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon pumpkin-pie spice  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1 stick butter at room temperature  
1 cup sugar  
1 large egg  
1 (15-ounce) can pumpkin puree  
4 ounces semisweet chocolate, chopped

Preheat oven to 375°F. In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, baking soda, baking powder, pumpkin-pie spice, and salt; set aside.

Using an electric mixer, beat together butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add egg; beat until smooth. With mixer on low speed, alternately add flour mixture in two parts and pumpkin puree in one, beginning and ending with flour mixture; mix just until combined (do not overmix).

Drop dough by heaping tablespoons onto two baking sheets, about 1 1/2 inches apart. Bake until puffed and edges are golden, 15 to 20 minutes, rotating sheets once during baking. Immediately transfer cookies to wire racks, and cool completely.

When cookies have cooled, set them (still on rack) over a baking sheet or waxed paper. Place chocolate in a medium heatproof bowl set over (not in) a saucepan of simmering water; stir until almost melted. Remove from heat; stir until completely melted. Pour chocolate into a resealable plastic bag. Snip off a corner with scissors or a knife to make an 1/8-inch hole; pipe chocolate over cookies. Refrigerate until chocolate is firm, about 20 minutes. Yields about 42 cookies.

**PUMPKIN-RAISIN MUFFINS**

- 1 cup pumpkin puree  
3-1/2 cups flour  
1 cup sugar  
2 eggs  
1-1/4 cup 2% milk  
1/4 cup soft butter or margarine  
1 cup raisins  
4 teaspoons baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg  
1/2 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 400°F and grease muffin tins

Cream butter and sugar until fluffy. Beat in pumpkin and eggs. Dredge raisins in 1/2 cup of flour.

Sift remaining flour and spices together. Pour milk into a mixing bowl. Mix in dry ingredients by hand until just mixed, then stir in raisins. Spoon mix into muffin tin.

Bake at 400°F for 20 - 25 minutes. Serve warm or cool.

**CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS**

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PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

A sheriff's department coroner truck arrived at the scene of a shooting at a barber shop on East 14th Street on Wednesday afternoon.

## Shooting Leaves One Man Dead Another Injured at Barber Shop

By Jim Knowles  
San Leandro Times

One person was shot and another injured in a barber shop in the 2200 block of East 14th Street in San Leandro on Wednesday afternoon.

Two men were shot and one died at the scene, according to San Leandro police.

The condition of the other man wasn't known as of

Wednesday afternoon. Police said he suffered minor injuries.

Police taped off the street as they worked on the crime scene and spoke with people at the shop. A sheriff's department coroner's truck was parked nearby.

A police chaplain was on hand and people were consoling each other.

There was no word yet about whether police had made an arrest.

The San Leandro Police department asks anyone with information to contact them via the following methods: Detective T. Perry at 510-577-3235, anonymous tip line at 510-577-3278, or text-a-tip at 888777 (keyword: TipSL-Police).

## Murders: Same suspect charged for another shooting in Oakland

continued from front page

"We understand that this case garnered a lot of community attention and generated an understandably high level of concern for public safety, particularly at 24 Hour Fitness," said Lieutenant Abe Teng of the San Leandro Police Department. "Our detectives worked tirelessly to sift through numerous leads, evidence, and surveillance footage to connect the homicides and ultimately identify the suspect."

San Leandro Police Department had been investigating the two homicides that occurred separately in the early morning hours of September 14 and September 24. The homicides both took place in the parking lot of the gym.

Both victims were found dead from gunshot wounds while seated inside their respective vehicles. Teng said that similar bullet casings were found at each scene, connecting the two shootings.

Earlier this month, police identified the victims as Sebahattin Ciftci, age 46, found on September 14, and Emre Bozkurt, 21, found on September 24. There is evidence both victims were living in their cars, Teng told the Times. One victim was found in a Gold Toyota Camry he owned, while the other was found in a

rented gray Toyota Prius.

During the investigation, detectives poured over surveillance footage collected from nearby businesses. They were able to isolate a person of interest and possible suspect seen coming to and from the scenes of both homicides.

Video footage showed someone wearing black work boots with a distinctive metallic shoelace keeper and a red, Nike-branded backpack. Ballard wore the same boots and backpack when he was arrested last week.

A subsequent search at Ballard's residence yielded more evidence connecting him with the homicides, Teng said, adding that the crimes were not directly related to 24 Hour Fitness.

Ballard didn't have a criminal record, according to police.

"Ballard has no criminal history to our knowledge and minimal police contact previously," Teng said. "He is not part of a criminal gang. This is not a hate crime as there is no indication he specifically targeted either victim for anything other than the fact they were present in their cars in the parking lot."

Teng said the San Leandro Police were aided by the Alameda County Sheriff's Office and the US Bureau of Alcohol

Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives in the investigation.

While criminal charges have been filed, detectives continue to follow up on leads and urge anyone with additional information regarding these incidents to contact the San Leandro police.

### Ballard Also Charged in Restaurant Shooting

Ballard was also charged by District Attorney Pamala Price for a shooting at a restaurant in Oakland.

Ballard got into a fight with two patrons at a crowded In-N-Out Burger in Oakland on Sept. 3 at about 10 p.m., according to Oakland police. Ballard pulled a gun and fired two rounds in the restaurant, one bullet hitting a bystander in the ankle. Ballard fled and an unregistered gun was found at the scene.

"There are too many guns in Alameda County and too easy access to guns," said Price in a statement issued by the District Attorney's office. "My office is committed to reducing the easy access to guns, particularly ghost guns, and working with young people to prevent the kind of reckless disregard for life that we see in this case. This case of deadly violence traumatizes our whole community and will not be tolerated."

## HEALTH & FITNESS

### Three Powerful but Basic Principles for Relieving Pain

By Mitch Rothbardt  
Special to the Times

#### 3 Powerful (But Basic) Principles for Pain

Last week I received the best compliment a personal trainer can get.

One of our clients, we'll call her Bethany, mentioned that last weekend she was able to pick her grandson - pain-free - for the first time in months.

This is the kind of thing that really matters.

The cool thing is that she didn't have to do any crazy workouts or diets to do it. She just followed three powerful but basic principles. Here they are:

1. Consistency. If you know me, you know how much I value consistency. It's pretty simple. If you don't show up, nothing else matters.

Bethany shows up. On

time and ready to go.

2. Good posture and movement. In today's sedentary world of cell phones and computers, poor posture and movement have affected almost everyone.

Here's a little secret (it's not really a secret). If you have chronic pain, it's not about your age, it's not about the piece of paper you bent down to pick up, it's about your posture and movement.

Poor posture puts your body into compromised positions and that leads to pain. Poor movement does the same thing.

Do you have back pain? Check your hips. Do they move or do you round your back?

Have shoulder pain? Check your shoulder blades. Are you in a constant shrug?

3. Engagement. Two to

three hours is the most I'll see someone in a given week. That means I don't see them 165 to 166 hours in that same week.

That means Bethany can follow every cue and perform each exercise immaculately in the gym, but if she forgets all that stuff when she leaves?

#### Nothing Really Changes

Bethany has been relentlessly engaged in what she's doing in the gym and has paid extra attention to her posture outside the gym.

There's nothing fancy here. When trying to get through chronic pain, the basics are what will get you results, not fancy exercises. And even if these things aren't the complete answer, they are absolutely going to be a huge part of it.

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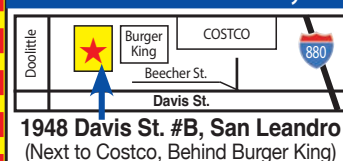


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## REAL ESTATE REALITY

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GUEST COMMENTARY



## Top 6 Ways to Avoid Buyer Fright This Halloween

By Carl Medford, CRS  
Special to the Forum

**F**all is here with two distinctive features: lower temperatures and costumed individuals popping up everywhere. As we head towards Halloween, while it is great to get in on the fun, if you are looking to sell your home, you might consider avoiding ghoulish experiences that could chill potential buyers. Here are our top 6 things to avoid:

1. Halloween Decorations  
While you might want to embrace the season by turning

your house into a Chamber of Horrors, just remember there are buyers out there who do not resonate with Halloween like you might. When looking to sell, leave the decorations down.

2. Zombie Sellers  
These are homeowners who insist on hovering around buyers during showings. Buyers HATE having owner(s) present: they prefer the freedom to examine and discuss properties without being overheard. This cannot happen if a seller is stalking close by. This also applies to homeowners who may want to monitor

their properties electronically and observe buyers while in the home.

3. Pet Cemeteries  
Anyone who has had a beloved pet understands that some may wish to honor the memory of their deceased pet by immortalizing their remains in the rear yard. Unfortunately, this can cause issues for prospective purchasers who cannot imagine what they will do with the headstone or other memorials once the sellers depart.

4. Deathly Colors  
Over the years I've seen bizarre colors in bedrooms. While some can be expected, such as varying shades of pink, I have observed CalTrans orange, firetruck red, Barney purple, fluorescent lime green and more. The worst color, however, is black. Your teens may love their Goth environment, but if you want to sell, it is best to remove hair-raising paint schemes with more traditional colors.

5. Undisclosed Deaths  
It is not uncommon for people to pass away in their home, and, when death occurs, the sellers have a legal obligation to disclose. While some die of natural causes, some sellers must contend with suicides and, in extreme cases, homicides. Failure to correctly disclose can lead to serious legal issues.

6. Unwanted Residents  
Massive accumulations of spiderwebs, rats scurrying about, mouse traps complete with deceased victims and unsavory insects are a massive turnoff. If you have critter issues, hire a pest abatement company to rid the home of unwanted occupants.

Buying a home can be scary all by itself: avoid these six issues and celebrate the holidays with a sale.

## Mortgage Rates Approach Eight Percent

Mortgage rates continued to approach eight percent this week, further impacting affordability. In this environment, it's important that borrowers shop around with multiple lenders for the best mortgage rate. With research showing down payment is the single largest barrier to first-time homebuyers attaining homeownership, borrowers should also ask their lender about down payment assistance. Launched this week, Freddie Mac's DPA One® tool helps lenders and homebuyers identify and take advantage of down payment assistance programs nationwide.

Not only are homebuyers feeling the impact of rising rates, but home builders are as well. Incoming data shows that the construction of new homes rebounded in September but as rates keep rising, home builders appear to be losing confidence. As a result, construction could trend down in the short-term.

## Empty Homes Need Additional Insurance

By Jason Alderman  
Special to the Forum

There are many reasons why someone might leave their home unoccupied for weeks at a time: Maybe you moved to another state and your old house is languishing on the market; or you can no longer afford your mortgage so you're working out a short sale and couch-surfing at your sister's house; or you struck it rich and are taking a round-the-world cruise.

In each case, there's one very important person you should call well before locking the door that last time – your insurance agent.

"Many people don't realize that their standard homeowners policy won't provide full coverage if their home sits unoccupied for a certain amount of time," says a Farmers Insurance Group agent in Oakland.

"The timeframe varies by state and insurance carrier, but typically it's 30 or 60 days. After that, you could be liable for losses related to theft or vandalism."

Unoccupied or vacant homes are considered a higher risk by insurers because no one lives on site to maintain and protect the property. We've all seen news reports of aban-

doned or foreclosed homes that have been stripped of their fixtures, overrun by squatters or simply vandalized.

Also, if you're hoping that your insurer simply won't notice your house is unoccupied, think again. Stroup points out, "Insurance companies increasingly are doing routine inspections at policy renewal time. If they find that the property is unoccupied, chances are your policy won't be renewed."

So what should you do if you find yourself in this situation? First, check your homeowners policy for language regarding unoccupied or vacant homes.

Once you know that your house will be empty for more than the allowable time – and before the deadline passes – contact your insurer to find out whether they offer vacant home insurance. They may be willing to make special provisions depending on the projected duration of vacancy. If your carrier doesn't offer such coverage, find one that does.

Foreclosure or short sale. This is grim but critical information to know if you're losing your home through a foreclosure or short sale: Even if you've already moved out, you're still responsible for insuring the property until you no longer officially own it.

"If a prospective buyer slipped and fell, you'd be liable

for damages since you're still technically the owner," says Stroup.

Landlord insurance. Many homeowners prefer to rent out their property until the real estate market rebounds. From the insurer's perspective, this is preferable to leaving the house vacant, although it's still considered riskier coverage because tenants are less likely than owners to protect and maintain the property.

Landlord insurance covers the structure of the building as well as any personal belongings you leave on the premises against hazards such as fire, water damage, lightening, etc. It will reimburse you for lost rental income if the home becomes uninhabitable.

"Landlord policies are structured differently than homeowners coverage but often cost about the same," says Stroup. "Homeowners policies typically provide considerable coverage for personal property, which you probably wouldn't need here because your renters are responsible for insuring their own things."

To protect your current and future assets, always have sufficient loss and liability insurance on all your property and possessions. Better safe than sorry.

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High: \$1,900,000 – Low: \$515,000

2505 Miramar Avenue #119 94546: \$515,000 [2 BD - 871 SF - 1988  
2305 Pomar Vista Avenue 94546: \$900,000 [3 BD - 1,100 SF - 1942  
18461 Carlton Avenue 94546: \$950,000 [2 BD - 944 SF - 1954  
4720 Hillside Drive 94546: \$980,000 [3 BD - 1,570 SF - 1942  
19580 Stanton Avenue 94546: \$1,100,000 [4 BD - 2,097 SF - 1966  
21185 Justco Lane 94552: \$1,255,000 [4 BD - 1,741 SF - 1994  
6241 Mount Olympus Drive 94552: \$1,500,000 [4 BD - 2,125 SF - 1988  
4591 James Avenue 94546: \$1,900,000 [4 BD - 2,400 SF - 1954

HAYWARD

Total: 22 – Average Price: \$919,409  
High: \$1,710,000 – Low: \$400,000

260 Industrial Parkway #36 94544: \$400,000 [1 BD - 686 SF - 1973  
705 Canonbury Way #383 94544: \$526,000 [2 BD - 900 SF - 1988  
3206 Baumberg Court 94545: \$550,000 [2 BD - 890 SF - 1930  
2469 Arf Avenue 94545: \$572,000 [2 BD - 988 SF - 1970

21239 Gary Drive #403d 94546: \$580,000 [2 BD - 1,025 SF - 1992  
20833 Hathaway Avenue 94541: \$650,000 [2 BD - 786 SF - 1948  
2019 E Street 94541: \$750,000 [2 BD - 1,102 SF - 1947  
100 Old Oak Lane #3 94541: \$769,000 [3 BD - 1,542 SF - 2010  
2532 East Avenue 94541: \$835,000 [3 BD - 1,136 SF - 1954  
24536 Autumn Mist Way 94544: \$840,000 [3 BD - 1,591 SF - 2019  
24877 Broadmore Avenue 94544: \$860,000 [4 BD - 1,446 SF - 1958  
1201 Highland Boulevard 94542: \$885,000 [3 BD - 1,006 SF - 1952  
29393 Lassen Street 94544: \$920,000 [3 BD - 1,132 SF - 1989  
26959 Underwood Avenue 94544: \$920,000 [3 BD - 1,377 SF - 1955  
420 Rivercrest Lane 94544: \$955,000 [3 BD - 1,134 SF - 1955  
151 Spectrum Lane 94544: \$970,000 [3 BD - 1,888 SF - 2021  
3281 Hackamore Drive 94541: \$980,000 [3 BD - 1,461 SF - 1965  
2563 Admiral Circle 94545: \$1,330,000 [3 BD - 2,047 SF - 2020  
29402 Holyoke Avenue 94544:

\$1,350,000 [4 BD - 2,198 SF - 2000  
28087 Dobbel Avenue 94542: \$1,375,000 [2,133 SF - 1978  
2501 Live Oak Terrace 94541: \$1,500,000 [3 BD - 2,578 SF - 2002  
4130 Forest Hill Court 94542: \$1,710,000 [5 BD - 3,653 SF - 1996

SAN LEANDRO

Total: 8 – Average Price: \$784,687  
High: \$1,100,000 – Low: \$500,000

855 Williams Street 94577: \$500,000 [2 BD - 544 SF - 1920  
2135 Altamont Road 94578: \$675,000 [2 BD - 800 SF - 1940  
2398 Croyden Place 94577: \$725,000 [1,371 SF - 1977  
1572 152nd Avenue 94578: \$730,000 [2 BD - 832 SF - 1940  
258 Leo Avenue 94577: \$792,500 [2 BD - 1,288 SF - 1946  
16129 Carolyn Street 94578: \$835,000 [3 BD - 1,718 SF - 1949  
1319 Sayre Street 94579: \$920,000 [3 BD - 1,125 SF - 1957  
739 Arbor Drive 94577: \$1,100,000 [5 BD - 2,480 SF - 1930

SAN LORENZO

Total: 2 – Average Price: \$810,000  
High: \$890,000 – Low: \$730,000

16146 Via Walter 94580: \$730,000 [3 BD - 1,212 SF - 1956  
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The following person has abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: **Direct Parts Imaging,** at 17640 Via Arriba San Lorenzo, CA 94580.  
Full name of registrant is: **Zhong Yuan Liang,** at 17640 Via Arriba San Lorenzo, CA 94580.  
The Fictitious Business Name Statement **Direct Parts Imaging,** was filed on 02/09/2022 in the county of Alameda. Original File Number 586411. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.  
(A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) This statement was filed with the County clerk of Alameda County on: top right stamp date **NOTICE** - This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed on, in the office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14400, et seq., B&P Code.) This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda County on 10/16/2023  
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The name of the business(es):  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
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The name of the business(es):  
1. Cunningham Ventures LLC, 2. John  
Jay Associates located at 1333 Morgan  
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The name of the business(es):  
(1) Villa Lobos Corporation, (2) Jav Financial  
(3) Wolf Motors located at 1250 A Fairmont  
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The name of the business(es):  
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/s/Rodrigo Garcia  
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The name of the business(es):  
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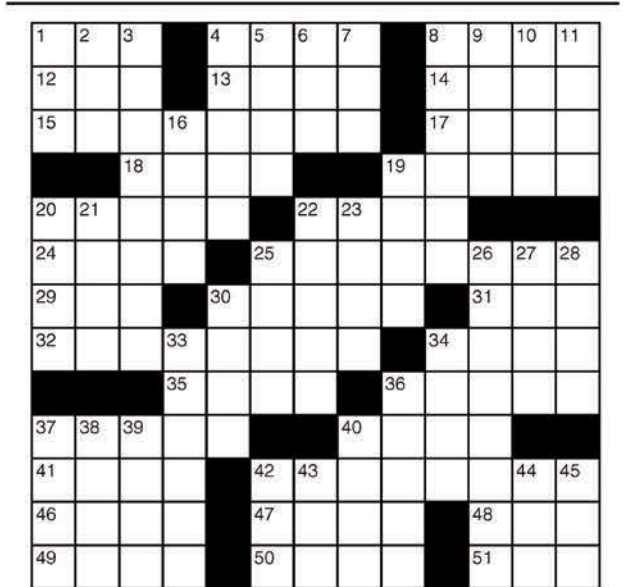
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# Helmet: 56-yard touchdown pass swings the momentum for Arroyo

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putting Arroyo up 8-7.

With 19 seconds to go in the first half, Jonah Shelton threw a high-arching 56-yard touchdown pass to Landon Bothello on a post route.

"It was cover zero most of the game, and the clock was running out so they didn't change it," Shelton said. "I checked the running back

to block the edge rusher, so everyone (on the blitz) was picked up, so I just had to put the ball in the right spot. It was an easy touchdown that swung the momentum to our side going into the half."

Arroyo held the at half-time, 14-7.

The second half was a scoring bonanza for the Dons.

In the Dons first offensive

possession of the second half, running back Joseph Estes scored on an 8-yard jet-sweep. Shelton converted for two points with a completion to Bothello making the score 22-7.

After the ensuing kick-off, the Dons defense forced the Grizzlies deep into their own territory, setting up Gabe Flores to record a sack in the end zone for a safety. Dons up 24-7.

Arroyo scored on that turnover with a 10-yard, play-action touchdown pass from Shelton to Will Targett, and it was 32-7 Dons after a two-point conversion.

The next score was a 1-yard touchdown run by fan-favorite, 5-foot-5, 127-pound senior Raymond Wong. The 2 point conversion run by Jorge Bolanos put the Dons ahead, 40-7.

With the game clock expiring, San Lorenzo tried to score, but Arroyo's Franklin Lachenmeyer forced a fumble that was returned by Owen Thomason for a touchdown making the final score 46-7.



PHOTOS BY GEROME WRIGHT

**San Lorenzo receiver Juan Sepulveda scored the first touchdown of the game. At left, Landon Bothello makes a catch for Arroyo.**



Other notable performances include: Will Targett, forced fumble, interception, and a touchdown. Gabe Flores, two sacks, a safety, pass batted down, and a fumble recovery. Owen Thomason, three tack-

les for a loss, a sack, 3 QB hurries, forced fumble fumble recovery and a defensive TD. Franklin Lachenmeyer had three tackles, .5 sacks, two fumble recoveries, and two pass breakups.

The Dons have now outscored their last three opponents 126-21, and they prepare to play the regular season finale at home against Newark Memorial at 2 on Saturday, Oct. 28.

## OPINION

### LETTERS to the EDITOR

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#### Cars with Darkened Windows a Hazard to Cyclists And Pedestrians

Editor,

I was pleased to read the article in the Oct. 19 issue of the San Leandro Times about the crosswalk safety check done by the Hayward CHP on Redwood Road in Castro Valley that focused on drivers not yielding to pedestrians in the crosswalk. As an avid cyclist, I would like to see the CHP do another neighborhood safety check to stop vehicles that have darkly tinted windows on their drivers and passengers sides.

These windows are extremely hazardous in that they don't allow cyclists and pedestrians to make eye contact with the driver at an intersection. Cyclists and pedestrians have no protection between themselves and a car when they proceed into an intersection.

Front side tinted windows are

illegal in California, but recently they have become more prevalent. It doesn't seem like the law is enforced. I would hope that any shops that provide illegal tinting would be fined too.

**Gail Husson**  
San Leandro

#### Checking the Dictionary

One of letters-to-the-editor writers likes to call the current U.S. administration "fascist." According to Webster's New 20th Century Dictionary, fascism is a system of government characterized by rigid one-party dictatorship, forcible suppression of the opposition (unions, other, especially leftist parties, minority groups, etc.) the retention of private ownership of the means of production under centralized government control, belligerent nationalism and racism, glorification of war, etc. first insti-

tuted in Italy in 1922.

So according to this definition, the current U.S. administration is not fascist. Some leaders who fit this definition are Mussolini, Hitler, Franco, Tojo, Stalin, Mao Tse Tung, Putin, and Kim Jong Un. Interestingly, Putin and some others call people fascists when they themselves are fascists.

The writer calls his guy, ex-President Donald J. Trump, His Excellency. I call him His MAGAsty or the Lyin' King. I also think the acronym MAGA stands for Make Autocratic Governance Available, or Mouths Awful Garbage Always. And I think he has fascist tendencies.

The writer stated that Fake News gave plenty of air to "reasonable Republicans" and he also said that to make a good omelet you have to break some eggs. Well, you know, Fox Fake News gives plenty of air time to "unreasonable Republicans" – His MAGAsty Trump, Guiliani, Powell, Stone, Bannon, Greene, Jordan, Gaetz, Gohmert and Co. They just prove it takes some bad eggs to make a bad omelet.

**Wayne Wright**  
San Leandro

#### Leave the Politics to the National Papers

Editor,

The San Leandro Times is a small community style paper, and

as such, news and comments need to be about the local communities, not national politics. Your letters section seems to be an exception. For example, the October 12th issue had another conservative rant.

But enough already. Please stop publishing political rant letters regardless of which side they take. This is just more tearing apart of our community, something you should be building up, not down. Our little paper is not the place for all that garbage and should not be fanning the political flames. It's disgraceful. There are plenty of places for that garbage.

I want to read about local issues and comments, not people ranting about Democrats or Republicans and the typical misrepresentations each of these rants preach. How about keeping the letters section to local issues (and rants) and leave the politics to other national papers.

Please stop publishing that kind of garbage. It has no place in our local paper.

**Owen Rubin**  
San Leandro

#### Will DA Enforce the Law with Thefts?

Editor,

Upon reading about the DA's creation of a new unit to deal with smash-and-grab thefts ("DA earmarks \$4 Million to Fight Retail Theft," Oct. 19, 2023), my first thought was "this is a joke, right?"

I understand that DA Price is interested in bringing a different approach to dealing with crime in our community, but after hearing story upon story of her dropping or reducing murder charges for young offenders and not even charging some of them for serious crimes like car jacking, it is hard for me to believe she will get serious about something like smash-and-grabs. Aren't a lot of these thefts done by young people?

She claims she does not want to ruin a young person's life by holding them accountable for the serious crimes they commit. She doesn't want to charge first-time offenders and wants to give them a chance in life. What does she think is going to happen? That they are going to thank her and go reform themselves? I don't think so.

Now, here is this money to deal with theft. I wholeheartedly agree that the problem of smash-and-grabs needs to be dealt with. The whole community pays the price for this kind of crime. Stores cannot just keep allowing merchandise to be taken at will and it makes us (well, me) feel unsafe. We can't have people running around committing in-your-face crime and not do anything about it. The question is, though, will she really enforce prosecutions when the thieves are caught?

**Sheryl Smith**  
San Leandro

## Horror: Author to read tonight

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into new situations they're really not ready to handle.

In Monroe's latest novel, "The Seething," an ordinary family, living in a small California mountain town, goes on a vacation by a lake, and then things start to go wrong.

Monroe said the story was inspired by trips to Lake Chabot during the pandemic, which also corresponded with a drought. As he saw the lake level drop more and more, putting boat piers on dry land, he thought of a lake with a creature in it getting closer and close to potential victims on land.

"Or what if the creature simply decided his habitat was disappearing and he needed to find a new one?" he wondered.

Monroe said that many horror stories focus on the dark and gloomy, especially around Halloween, and he wanted to set his novel in a bright, seemingly untroubled place in good weather.

"The Seething" is among the books you can download in the event, though Monroe would be very happy if you bought a hard copy, too.

Monroe said as a child in Berkeley he watched Creature Features on KTVU, hosted by Bob Wilkins, and was always fascinated by monsters. He grew up to write horror novels, short stories and magazine articles. He still builds monster models, some close to life-size, and he's a member of the Bay Area chapter of the Horror Writers of America.

He says, however, that he has a perfectly ordinary day job, enjoys hiking in East Bay parks and has a wife and two children, one recent San



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**Writer Ben Monroe reads his work. He will be one of the 200 horror writers sharing their e-books.**

Leandro High School graduate and the other still an SLHS student.

Monroe will be reading tonight, Thursday, October 26, at the annual Halloween horror author night at Martini's bar at 4 Valencia St. in San Francisco, starting at 7 p.m.

You can participate in "Terrify Your Tablet" by going to [www.horrorsmitheditting.com/terrifyyourtablet](http://www.horrorsmitheditting.com/terrifyyourtablet). It had been previously known as Spook Your Kindle, and while many of the books are available on that platform, other e-reader platforms are available as well.

Monroe's website is [www.benmonroe.com](http://www.benmonroe.com).

## PG&E to Host Online Town Hall Meeting Tonight

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) invites Bay Area Region customers to a virtual town hall to discuss tips for safety and energy savings on Thursday, Oct. 26, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

PG&E experts, including Regional Vice President Aaron Johnson, will provide

a brief presentation and there will be a chance to ask questions.

The meeting can be accessed through the below link, by phone or through PG&E's website, [pge.com/webinars](http://pge.com/webinars). Link: <https://bit.ly/46djHdH> or Dial-in: 888-324-8572, Conference ID: 7453351.

## Mary Ellen (Leadholm) Rodriguez

March 16, 1944 ~ October 5, 2023

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved mother, Mary Rodriguez, on October 5th. She is leaving behind a legacy of boundless love for her family, a fierce loyalty to her friends, an impactful teaching career, and a passion for life that touched the hearts of all who were fortunate to know her.

Mary was born on March 16, 1944, to Benjamin Carlton Leadholm and Marion Ella Swenson in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She earned her degree at Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kansas. She married the love of her life, Ron Rodriguez and moved to the Bay Area in 1969 where she began her family and continued her teaching career.

Mary was an incredible Mother to Matthew (Sarah) and Leah (Patrick Schrickel). She was the best Grandma to Amelia, Ronnie, Mateo and Elias. Also an incredible sister to her siblings, Ben, Peter, and Sara. Sister in law to Bob and Jan Seeley, and Don and Rhonda Rodriguez. She was a loved Aunt and Great Aunt to many nieces and nephews. She was a loyal friend to many people and cherished by all.

Mary taught many in the San Leandro Unified School District beginning at Halcyon Elementary, James Monroe Elementary, Washington Elementary, Bancroft Middle School, and finally at Lighthouse, an independent study high school. As a teacher, she not only instilled a love for learning in her students but encouraged them to be their best selves. She knew how to make students feel valued and to value others.

A celebration of Mary's life will be held on November 11th. If you would like to join us, please email [marysmemorialcelebration@gmail.com](mailto:marysmemorialcelebration@gmail.com) for more information. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be sent to the Ron and Mary Rodriguez Scholarship Fund, benefitting student athletes at the high school in honor of our parents' lifelong commitment to education, their unwavering love of sports, and their desire to give back to their community. Mail to: SLSF, P.O. Box 1151, San Leandro CA 94577 Or donate directly on the SLSF website at [sanleandrosf.com](http://sanleandrosf.com).



## JoAnn Cornelius

JoAnn Cornelius was born at Alta Bates Hospital in Berkeley, California on June 9, 1941, to her parents Jack and Maxine Marsh. She grew up in San Leandro, California, where she obtained her schooling and graduated from San Leandro High School in 1959. She was friends with Ivan Cornelius in high school and they started dating shortly after graduation. They were married on July 29, 1960. She helped Ivan complete his education by working as a key punch operator at Stokley Van Camp as he finished his Bachelor's Degree at the University of Berkeley, California. In 1962, they became proud parents of Gregory Tyler Cornelius. She continued her career and while working at Granny Goose met Marilyn Borba. They formed a keypunch service business called KPS Inc., which serviced many large corporations in the Bay Area. After approximately ten years, she left her company to return to school and in 1983 received an Associate in Arts Degree in Developmental Disabilities, graduating with the highest honors. While supporting her husband's real estate career and raising their son, she became involved in the HARTs organization that raised funds for Camp Krem, which is a non-profit charitable organization aimed at supporting children and adults with developmental disabilities. In 1989, her family grew when her son married Jeannie Ma. In 1991, JoAnn graduated from California State University Hayward Cum Laude with two Bachelor's Degrees in Human Development, Gerontology and Studio Art. She used her degrees to establish an art program at a skilled nursing facility to enrich the lives of others. Shortly after, she became a joyful grandmother to her grandchildren, Erin and Ian Cornelius, whom she lovingly nurtured throughout their childhood and teenage years. During that time, she was also a dedicated member of both the HARTs and Inner Wheel organizations, where she continued to make a positive impact in her community. She also supported her husband's service through Rotary International.

She was not only a compassionate person but a creative one as well. Throughout her life, she studied and practiced photography, oil and watercolor painting, sculpting, graphic design, printmaking, and knitting, which resulted in the creation of beautiful works of art. Her creativity was also expressed through her projects for fundraisers and in the cards and presents she made for loved ones.

JoAnn and her husband traveled to over 45 countries together, from Europe and Asia to South and Central America to Australia and Africa, which deepened their appreciation for the different cultures of the world. During their travels, they often assisted in distributing wheelchairs to people with disabilities in Central America, helped immunize children of Ghana from Polio, assisted in supporting new schools in Mexico and Honduras, and much more. Their international ties continued to expand as they hosted over 20 different youth exchange students over the years through the Rotary Youth Exchange Student Program, whom they call their international children. JoAnn was also instrumental over the years in hosting up to 500 foreign exchange students and over 400 Rotary Interact Students from San Leandro High School, Arroyo High School, and Kip Academy for weekend ski trips at their home in Arnold, California. Throughout her career, JoAnn and Ivan also hosted more than 100 business and professional people in their homes from various countries through Rotary's Group Study Exchange Program. Moreover, she helped host over 100 Russian business people in conjunction with Rotary and the Center for Citizens Initiative (CCI). She always loved opening her home and heart to people. Everyone who met her said she lit up a room with her bright energy and vibrant smile. She had a special way of making people feel heard and important. She led her life with compassion and kindness, which changed the lives of many people. She was the true definition of service above self. She will be forever missed.

She is survived by her loving husband Ivan, son Greg, daughter-in-law Jeannie, and grandchildren Erin and Ian, who will be laying her to rest in a private interment. There will be a celebration of life for this incredible woman on November 16, 2023. For details, please email her granddaughter, Erin Cornelius at [erinlangcornelius@gmail.com](mailto:erinlangcornelius@gmail.com) before November 3, 2023 as space is limited. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you donate to JoAnn's favorite charity, Camp Krem <https://campingunlimited.org/>, or to a charity of your choice to keep her memory and compassion alive.

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## Veterans Center to Host Program on Vietnam War Era

The Veterans Resource Center at the San Leandro Main Library is hosting a Veterans' Day event on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 1 to 4 p.m. commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the end of the Viet Nam War, a conflict that greatly affected American society and the lives of millions. It will be an opportunity for the community to come together and demon-

strate gratitude for the courageous men and women who have served our nation.

The film, "Dear America: Letters Home from Vietnam," will be shown, plus a slide presentation: Laura Thor's "Vietnam War Postcards." Vietnam era photos, art and posters, curated by Nancy Redden, and music of the era, curated by Bob Smith.

## City Council Meetings to Return to 7 p.m. Starting Time

Regular meetings of the San Leandro City Council will return to a starting time of 7 p.m., beginning with the next council meeting on Monday, Nov. 6.

### Soroptimists Holiday Boutique

Visit the 18th Annual Soroptimist International of the East Bay at the Hill and Valley Club, 1808 B Street in Hayward, on Saturday, Nov. 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The boutique supports women and girls in our community to achieve education and economic independence.

and third Mondays of the month. If a meeting date is a city holiday, the meeting is held on the next business day.

The meeting time had been moved up to 6:30 p.m. the past two years, but the council decided to return to the 7 p.m. starting time to allow both the public and City Council members ample time to arrive at the meeting on time.

## Woman: Tragic collision

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driver continued for a couple of blocks but shortly returned, remained on the scene, and cooperated with officers and investigators from San Leandro's Traffic Unit. Police photos show the car had a dent in the hood and a cracked windshield. They did not confirm if the collision caused the damage.

"Currently, there are no criminal charges pending against the involved driver," Teng said. "However, the investigation is still ongoing."

City Councilman Bryan Azevedo said he saw a neighbor's surveillance camera video that shows the woman crossing the two-lane road divided by greenery when a vehicle collided with her. The woman flipped over the hood of the car, and she landed on the street.

"I was contacted by a neighbor who has a security camera that captured the inci-

“Currently there are no charges pending against the involved driver. However, the investigation is still ongoing.

— Lt. Abe Teng

dent. She showed me the footage so I could see what was going on," Azevedo told the Times. "She was apparently

trying to get to her husband's car. The apartment manager's office is there as well. It's not clear how fast the driver was going in the video, but the posted speed limit is 35 miles an hour."

Azevedo says he stayed on site to console family members including the woman's husband, her niece, and the dozen or so neighbors who came out to see what happened.

"It breaks my heart," Azevedo said. "I just really feel for the family. It's such a tragic way to lose someone's life this way."

Azevedo said he has tried unsuccessfully before to install crosswalks in the area. He added that neighbors are also asking him to include speed bumps or slow the speed limit to 25 miles per hour.

Police ask anyone with more information regarding this collision to contact our Traffic Unit at 510-577-3208.

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