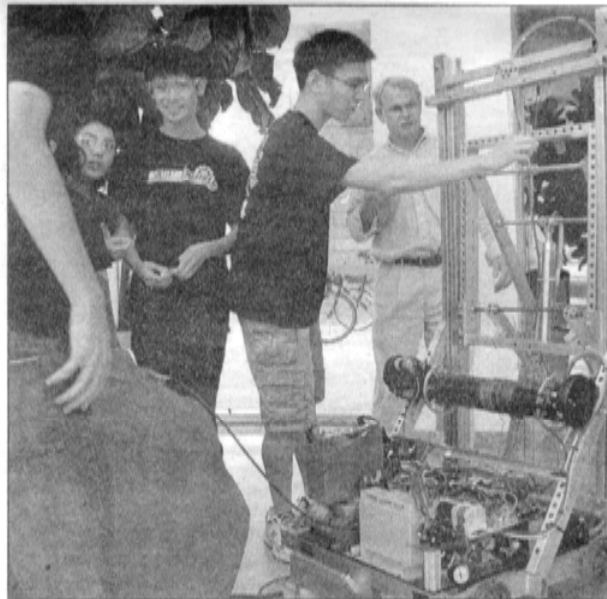
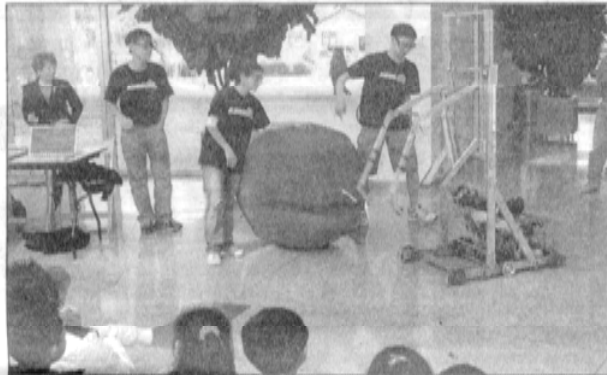


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After beating about 30 teams at the 2008 CalGames Competition in October, members of Leland High School's robotics team Quixilver 604 demonstrate their robot at San Jose City Hall on Dec. 2, when the city council gave the team a commendation for its prize-winning robot. The robot can hoist a ball 6 feet in the air and drop it over objects. Students at Leland are now lobbying for a pre-engineering course at the high school. In the bottom photo, students (from left) Beeta Modarressi, Henrique Chan and Eugene Fang prepare for the demonstration.