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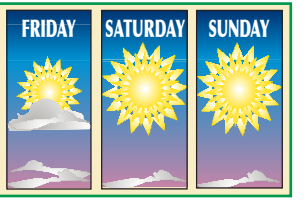
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PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Hundreds of people came to rally against the Trump administration's policy on immigration in front of City Hall and at Root Park in San Leandro on Saturday.

Big Crowd Protests Immigration Policy

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

Hundreds of people turned out for the "Families Belong Together" rally in San Leandro on Saturday morning to protest the Trump administration's policy on immigration.

Some people brought signs, some made

them on the front steps of City Hall, and then the crowd marched down the street to Root Park where the rally continued.

Drivers passing by on East 14th Street honked as people chanted and held up signs reading "No Border, No Walls," "Families Together," "No One Is Illegal," "Abolish ICE," "Babies Need Their Mommies, and

"Make America Kind Again."

Mayor Pauline Cutter found the opportunity to use her patented catch phrase, "San Leandro is a city where kindness matters," over a portable PA, and a poet spoke as well.

City Councilwoman Deborah Cox said there's a movement going on since
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Zapata to Leave; Council Doesn't Give a Reason

City manager to get \$350,000 'severance pay' in what is called a 'mutual separation agreement'

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

Despite being cleared of sexual harassment allegations by an independent investigator last month, San Leandro City Manager Chris Zapata will no longer work for the city as of next week.

After a closed session meeting Monday night, the City Council did not say whether Zapata was fired or quit but instead said they had unanimously approved a "mutual separation agreement."

Under the agreement, Zapata will receive a \$350,000 severance package and neither party admits any wrongdoing or gave a reason for the separation. Zapata also agreed not to file a lawsuit against the city.

Also in the agreement, both Zapata and the city agree not to "defame, disparage, demean, or besmirch the reputation, character, image or services of the other party."

Assistant City Manager Jeff Kay will once again serve as acting city manager, just as he did throughout Zapata's nearly six month paid leave of absence earlier this year during the investigation.

The City Council offered no comment on why Zapata, who has been the city manager since 2012, was separating from the city.

Instead, the city sent out a press release where both parties compliment each other.

"Chris has been a valued
see ZAPATA, page 14

How to Run For City Council, School Board

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

The nomination period for this year's election opens later this month and running for office may be easier than you think.

In fact, winning may be easier than you think.

During the 2016 general election five out of six San Leandro races were unopposed. Two out of three council races had no competition and all four of the San Leandro School board elections were one-candidate races.

This year, the mayor's seat and City Council seats in Districts 1, 3, and 5 and school board trustee in Areas 2, 4, and 6 are all up
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81-Year Resident Faces Eviction

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

John Busch grew up in San Leandro where he was a Boy Scout and got his picture in the *San Leandro Observer* playing the acting police chief for a day.

Busch, 81, who worked as an engineer most of his career, has to move out of his home at the Estudillo Trailer Park by July 11. He's been in a dispute with the new owners of the trailer park on Grand Avenue who've raised his rent from \$560 a month to nearly \$900.

For the past five months, Busch has given the landlord a check for \$560 plus an additional 7-and-a-half percent, an amount

he thinks is fair. He says he can't afford any more.

But the landlord hasn't accepted the checks because it's far less than the current rent.

So Busch went to the courthouse in Hayward last Wednesday. He said they have legal aid people in the hallway to help people who can't afford a lawyer. Busch said he should have talked to them first, but the landlord's lawyer caught him and proposed a deal that Busch accepted.

Busch agreed to move out by July 11, and he wouldn't have to pay the back rent for the past
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PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

John Busch, who has lived in San Leandro his whole life, is getting evicted from his trailer home.

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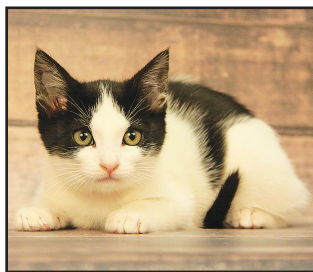
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Pets of the Week



Ellie



Spatz

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter are Ellie the kitten and Spatz the kitten. Kitten season is in full swing and the shelter is bursting at the seams.

Ellie is a stunning, feisty and adorable 3-month-old girl. She is just one of many cuties hoping to

find forever homes soon.

Spatz is a 2-month-old who's playful and super cute! She goes full speed chasing a toy mouse around, plops down for a nap and then starts over again.

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

Senior Lunch Program
Looking for Volunteers

Spectrum Community Services is in need of volunteers to assist with meal service at senior centers around the East Bay on Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Volunteers play a critical role in Spectrum's Senior Meals Program, which provides nutritious and affordable meals to seniors

60 and older at 26 meal sites in Alameda County. The program also provides a site where seniors can socialize.

The seniors frequently express their appreciation for the volunteers who make the meals possible.

For more information, call 881-0300, ext. 242.

Join the Happy Stampers

If you like crafts, join the Happy Stampers who use rubber stamps to make greeting cards. The club meets on the second

Monday of each month at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. For more information, call Janie at 483-0389.

Woodminster Opens Summer
Musical Season with *Oklahoma*

Summer theater
at the outdoor
amphitheater in
the Oakland hills

The opening show of the 52nd season of the Woodminster Summer Musicals is *Oklahoma*, with nearly 50 in the cast plus a live professional orchestra, running July 6 through 15 at Woodminster Amphitheater in Joaquin Miller Park in the Oakland hills.

Tickets range from \$32 to 69 and are available by phone, at 531-9597, online at www.woodminster.com, or in person at Woodminster Amphitheater from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekends, or at the box office two hours before any performance.

Performances are July 6 (opening), July 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, and 15, all at 8 p.m.

Oklahoma, which opened on Broadway 75 years ago, was the first collaboration for Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein, arguably the greatest writing partnership in the history of American Musical Theater

Oklahoma is set in a Western territory just after the turn of the 20th century, where the high-spirited rivalry between the local farmers and cowboys provides the colorful background



Oscar Tsukayama as Will Parker and Gina Velez as Ado Annie provide some comedy in *Oklahoma* at Woodminster Summer Musicals.

against which Curly, a handsome cowboy, and Laurey, a headstrong farm girl, play out their love story. Rodgers and Hammerstein's first collaboration is also one of their most memorable scores, with

songs like "Oh What A Beautiful Morning," "Surrey With the Fringe On Top," "People Will Say We're In Love," "Kansas City," and the triumphant title song, "Oklahoma"

Breakthrough treatment for
peripheral neuropathy

Peripheral neuropathy is a condition that many people have never heard of – yet it affects around 1 in 50 people, and almost 1 in every 10 people who are 55 or over.

It causes weakness, numbness and stabbing, tingling, buzzing and sometimes even pain, usually in the hands and feet, and is a result of damage to the peripheral nerves.

It is usually treated with prescription pain medication, but this does not address the underlying condition, which is a problem with the nervous system.

The peripheral nervous system connects your body to your spinal cord and brain. It allows the transfer of important information that keeps you alive and well. But mechanical problems of the body. These could have been caused by repetitive strains and other physical causes.

When potential causes like infection, alcoholism or diabetes have been ruled out it is possible to treat peripheral neuropathy without any lifestyle changes or medication.

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Jerry, D.C. and his team of fully trained spinal care team have helped thousands of patients improve their peripheral nerve health and alleviate many of the health problems it causes. According to Jerry, D.C. "It is surprising

that natural treatments for peripheral neuropathy are not taken more seriously by the medical establishment.

"It always amazes my patients how many of their other health problems are connected to their poor nerve health. Using a combination of ultra-advanced technology not found elsewhere in Pleasanton, we precisely diagnose the problem and develop a unique program to that brings superior long-term results for most people."

Elisa L. from Castro Valley says "My work requires a lot of walking and I started to limp and have severe leg cramps at night. I couldn't even put my bare feet on the floor. My doctor told me to stretch....I tried icing....Also, I had to take Ibuprofen every 6 hours.

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Dr. Hsieh, D.C. and his crew are awesome, very accommodating to my crazy schedule as a single mom with working at almost two full time jobs."

Many patients have enjoyed not only lasting relief of peripheral nerve problems, but alleviation of pain from other problems too.

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The Castro Valley Forum has teamed up with the nerve therapy team at Intero Chiropractic to help readers improve their peripheral nerve health.

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G4S Secure Integration on Teagarden Street captured footage of a guy stealing gas from one of their company vans.

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Gas Thief Strikes Business

A man pulled his car up to a company van parked in the lot of G4S Secure Integration, a risk-consulting and security company, last month and helped himself to a few gallons of gas.

G4S is located on a big lot on the 3000 block of Teagarden and

even though the thief struck at around 12:30 p.m. on June 22, a workday, no one noticed until an employee tried to start the van a few days later, according to Rich Guerra, a service manager with the company.

They reviewed their security

footage and sure enough they saw a man back his car into a spot next to the van and then cut a gas line and fill two metal containers before leaving.

G4S hopes someone recognizes the gas bandit and will call the SLPD with the information.

Sheriff's Office Seeks the Public's Help Solving a Pair of Cold Cases

The Alameda County Sheriff's Office is asking for the public's help in solving a pair of cold case homicides in the unincorporated area from 2007.

Gary Wayne Jones, was shot to death on June 28, 2007 while buying gas at the ABE station near the intersection of Lewelling and Mission boulevards in Hayward. Investigators say that Jones, 37, was the victim of a robbery.

The suspect was described as a Hispanic male, about 17 to 20-years-old, 5-foot-8 to 6-feet tall, with long dark hair at the time. The suspect's vehicle was described as a early 1990s model silver Dodge or Plymouth mini-van with tinted rear windows and a luggage rack on the roof.

In a separate incident, Marco Antonio Velásquez, 27, was shot on July 1, 2007 near the corner of A Street and Princeton Avenue in Cherryland.

Velásquez died a short time later on the 300 block of Smalley Avenue, about a block and a half away from where he was shot.

Police believe that Velásquez may have been confronted by two unidentified black males and an argument ensued and one of the men shot Velásquez. Authorities say that several rounds were fired

and Velásquez was hit twice.

Anyone with information about either case is asked to call the sheriff's office at 667-3661 or the anonymous tip line at 667-3622.



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Pair Arrested for Liquor Store Shooting, One Suspect Charged

The two suspects that San Leandro Police detectives were looking for in connection with a liquor store shooting last month were arrested last week, though one was eventually released without charges.

Caesar Browning, 29, and his 28-year-old girlfriend, both of Oakland were wanted by San Leandro police for an incident which took place at the 3-Ring Liquor store on June 15.

Police say that Browning entered the shop on the 15000 block of Hesperian Boulevard at just before 8 p.m. and bought a bottle of booze.

Police say Browning left the store but came back almost right away and got into an argument with the clerk.

Browning left a second time and then came back without his shirt on and brandishing a shotgun.

The girlfriend also entered the store and tried to pull Browning outside, according to Lt. Isaac Benabou of the San Leandro police.

Police say Browning waved the gun around and pointed it at two employees as they tried to hide and then fired once at a clerk, missing him and striking the wall behind him.

The girlfriend then grabbed Browning and pulled him out of the store. Both suspects then fled the scene.

The Alameda County District Attorney's office has charged. Browning was with attempted homicide and two weapon enhancement charges.

The girlfriend was taken into custody at the same time

as Browning near the home they share, but eventually was released from custody with no charges filed.

"This was a violent and unprovoked incident committed by the suspect," said Benabou in a written statement. "Once again our detectives were able to identify the suspect through surveillance video footage. Without this valuable piece of evidence, this case may have gone unsolved."

Browning remains in custody at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin in lieu of \$100,000 bail and is scheduled to enter a plea on July 24.

PG&E Offers Some Tips to Beat the Heat This Summer

Limit exposure to direct sunlight between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., and wear a broad-spectrum sunscreen with a protection factor of at least 15. Reapply sunscreen often.

Drink plenty of water and avoid alcohol or caffeine when temperatures are high.

During hot weather, watch for

signs of heat stroke — hot, red skin; changes in consciousness; rapid, weak pulse; rapid, shallow breathing.

If it's suspected someone is suffering from heat stroke, call 911 and move the person to a cooler place and use cold towels to help lower their body temperature until help arrives.

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NEIGHBORS

Happy 100th Birthday Mary Benitez

Mary D. Benitez, a longtime San Leandro resident, was honored by friends and relatives in June on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

Mary was born in Utopia, Texas in 1918 and married Patri- cio Benitez in 1938. She was blessed with eight children (five sons and three daughters). She has 22 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren. Her daughter, Sal- lie Witt, was an insurance agent on Hays Street in San Leandro for many years.

Now living in Livermore, Mary is a member of Golden Cir- cle at the Livermore Community Center. She's active in a balance class which she attends twice a week, and she takes art classes once a week.

During a long and productive lifetime, Mary has demonstrated in countless ways her dedication to the welfare of others and has earned the respect and affection of people from all walks of life and all ages. She is such an inspi- ration to all that meet her.

Mary has lived during the most eventful century of the world's history, and in her quiet way has been a force for good and a stabilizing influence on those around her during these turbulent years.



Mary D. Benitez is still swinging at 100 years old.

"I'll always remember what she said to me when I began to worry," said daughter Sallie Witt.

"Worrying about tomorrow's troubles, only takes away today's peace."

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

❖ Woodminster Amphitheater

Oklahoma!, Rodgers & Ham- merstein's classic Broadway musical, will be presented by Woodminster Summer Musicals

and Producers Assoc., Inc. at 8 p.m. on July 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14 and 15 at Woodminster Am- phitheater, Joaquin Miller Park, Joaquin Miller Rd. in Oakland. Purchase tickets at 531-9597 or

www.woodminster.com or at the box office before any perfor- mance.

❖ San Leandro Players at San Leandro Museum

The San Leandro Players will present *The Mousetrap* by Agatha Christie from July 21 to Aug. 19 at the San Leandro Museum/ Auditorium, 320 West Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro. Show times are Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m., plus Fridays at 8 p.m. on Aug. 10 and Aug. 17. Tickets are \$20 general, \$15 seniors, TBA members, under 12, students (with ID). For more information or reservations, call 895-2573. Information and tickets online at www.slplayers.org. The longest-running play in history, *The Mousetrap* has been thrilling audiences continuously since its 1952 premiere in Lon- don's West End.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

❖ Boys & Girls Club Fundraiser

The Boys & Girls Club of San Leandro will have its annual fundraiser at Drakes Brewing Company, 1933 Davis St. in San Leandro, on Friday, July 6, from 4 to 9 p.m. with an array of craft brews, food for sale and entertainment by Southern Cross and The Blend, playing a variety of classic rock music. A \$5 donation to the Boys & Girls Club is requested but not required for admission. Brew tasting is \$18 and includes a Drake's logo mug and three tokens. For more information call 483-5581.

❖ Ashland Holy Ghost Annual Festa

The Ashland Holy Ghost Association will have its Annual Festa on Saturday and Sunday, July 7 and 8, at the Ashland Holy Ghost Associa- tion Hall, 16490 Kent Ave. in San Lorenzo. On Saturday, there will be a dance at 8 p.m. with music by Victor Silva and a presentation of the Queens and their court. On Sunday at 10:30 a.m., the parade will line up at the hall and proceed to St. Johns Church for Mass at 11:30 a.m. After Mass the procession will go back to the hall for a meal of Soupa and meat. An auction will follow.

❖ The Eagles Luncheon & Bingo

The Fraternal Order of Eagles Eden Auxiliary 1139 will host its luncheon and bingo on Mon- day, July 9, at noon at the Eagles Hall, 21406 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward. This month's fare will include chicken and rice, vegetables, salad, French bread, dessert, coffee and tea. A donation of \$8 includes lunch and one bingo card. Join in for good food and a fun afternoon for a worthy cause. The chosen charity this month will be Dusty Paws of Castro Valley. For more infor- mation, call Glenda at 584-1568 or 782-8187.

❖ Eden Medical Center Class

A free "Look Good Feel Better" class will be held at the Eden Medical Center Medical Office Building, 20101 Lake Chabot Road, 2nd Floor, in Castro Valley on Monday, July 9, from 10 a.m. to noon. A wonderful class that teaches skin care and make-up tips while undergoing cancer treatment. Learn how to wear scarves, hats and wigs too. Exceptional local instructor. To register, call 1-800-395-5665.

❖ Vacation Bible School

Praises Of Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 1395 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro, will have a Vacation Bible School from July 9 to July 13 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for all ages. Games, arts and crafts, and snacks. For more information, call the church at 483-1811.

❖ Art Demonstration at SL Main Library

The San Leandro Art Association will hold a free demonstration on Tuesday, July 10, at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Social time at 6:30 p.m., the meeting begins at 7 p.m., and the demonstration starts at 7:35 p.m. Arentino Lucero experiments in "abstraction of order" with charcoal and will share his new ideas. To join the Art Association and share your art, memberships are \$40 a year. For more information, call Molly Dolly at 483-1208.

❖ Fix-It Clinic at San Leandro Library

The San Leandro Library and Public Works Of- fice of Sustainability invites the public to a Fix- It Clinic on Saturday, July 14, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Items for repair might include bikes, skateboards, clothing and fabrics, computers, phones, toys, kitchen equipment, and small devices. This event is a family-friendly, do-it-together repair

shop for the community. Interested volunteers with any fixing expertise may sign up at <http://goo.gl/xS1MRK> or call 577-3975.

❖ A Davis Street History Walk

The San Leandro Historical Society and the San Leandro Historical Railway Society invite the public to a Davis Street History Walk on Saturday, July 14, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Stroll along Davis Street and discover the past. Find out about William Heath Davis, see his- torical photographs and hear about buildings and industries that once lined the street – the old city hall site, former county courthouse site, the Catepillar Tractor site, and more. The walk will end at the San Leandro Historical Railway Society in the old Southern Pacific depot in Thrasher Park where you can see the working model railroad while light refreshments will be served. Pre-registration required by July 12. \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members. An optional deli lunch is available for an additional \$10. To register, visit www.sanleandrohistory.org or call 969-0975 and leave a message with your name and phone number.

❖ I.D.E.S. St. John Lunch & Bingo

I.D.E.S. St. John, 1670 Orchard Ave. in San Leandro, will host a barbecue ribs lunch and bingo on Saturday, July 14, at noon. Tickets are \$15 and include lunch and four bingo cards. Extra cards are 25 cents each. For tickets, call Willie Cavo at 635-6326 or Frances Leite at 886-1568.

❖ Hearing Loss Association Picnic

The East Bay Chapter of the Hearing Loss Association will have a free family picnic on Saturday, July 14, at Crab Cove, Neptune Picnic Area, 1252 McKay Ave. in Alameda from 10 a.m to 2 p.m. Come for grilled barbecue chicken, baked beans, and all the trimmings, plus water and paper goods. All members and families are invited. Guests are asked to bring salad, dessert, or a side dish for 8 to 12. Go to the Neptune picnic site closest to the parking lot on McKay St. near the Crab Cove visitor center. There is easy and safe access to the site from the parking lot, plus tables, seating and BBQ pits. Sign up early so we know how much food to buy. There will be activities and games at the Visitor Center for all ages. Dogs on a leash. To reserve your space, call 221-6080.

❖ Buon Tempo Club Family Dinner

The Buon Tempo Italian American club is having a family dinner on Tuesday, July 17, at 7 p.m. in the Mt. Tabor Hall, Transfiguration Church, 4000 E. Castro Valley Blvd. in Castro Valley (located across from the 580 Market- place). Chef Craig Durao and his team will serve a five course family style dinner of Pork Spare Ribs. Red and white wine and soda are also included. Everyone is welcome to attend. Happy hour is at 6:30. This dinner is \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members. Make res- ervations by Friday, July 13th, by calling the Buon Tempo dinner line at 483-6929. For more information about events or membership, go to www.buontempo.org.

❖ Cherry City Toastmasters Meetings

The Cherry City Toastmasters Club meets every Tuesday from 12:05 to 1:05 p.m. in the Trustees Room on the first floor of the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Learn how to speak effectively in a safe and supportive environment. Build confidence and effectiveness in your pro- fessional and personal life. Come explore what Toastmasters is all about.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your persistence pays off as the information you demanded starts to come through. The pace is slow at first, but it begins to speed up as the week draws to a close.



TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) An unwelcome bit of news jolts the Bovine, who would prefer that things proceed smoothly. But it's at most a momentary setback. A Leo brings more welcome tidings.



GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You need to pay close attention to the details before making a commitment. Don't accept anything that seems questionable, unless you get an answer that can be backed up.



CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Congratulations on getting that project up and running. But as exciting as it is, don't let it carry you away. Make sure you set aside time to spend with family and friends.



LEO (July 23 to August 22) Be sure you are part of the discussion involving your suggestions. Your presence ensures that you can defend your work, if necessary. It also helps gain your colleagues' support.



VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A misunderstanding needs to be dealt with, or it can grow and cause more problems later on. Be the bigger person and take the first step to clear the air.



LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Set some strict guidelines for yourself so your heavier-than-usual work schedule doesn't overwhelm the time you need to spend relaxing with loved ones.



SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might feel a little uncomfortable being among people you hardly know. But remember that today's strangers can become tomorrow's valuable contacts.



SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Reward yourself for all that you've accomplished despite some annoying situations that got in your way. Enjoy a well-earned getaway with someone special.



CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Realizing that someone else is taking credit for what you did is bound to get anyone's goat, but especially yours. Be patient. The truth soon comes out.



AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Forget about opposites attracting. What you need is to find someone who thinks like you and will support your ideas, even if others say they're too radical.



PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Workplace problems can affect your financial plans. Be prudent and avoid running up bills or making commitments until things begin to ease up by the 27th.

Rally: Marchers give cold shoulder to ICE

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Women's March in Washington, D.C., and added, "and I haven't stopped, and we won't stop."

Immigration Policy Isn't the American Way, Marchers Say

One person in attendance said she came to the march for a simple reason.

"Because taking children away from their parents is not what America is about," said Pam Streitfeld, who mentioned that her family had to leave Poland to escape the Nazis just before World War II, even changing their family name to avoid getting captured by the Germans.

Our country should open the door for people who are escaping terrorism in other countries, Streitfeld said. There's a way to keep out those who would do harm to the country, while letting in the vast majority of immigrants who would contribute to the country, she added.

The crowd protested the stricter immigration policy that began in April and has resulted in separating over 2,000 kids from their parents apprehended for entering the country illegally. Many are families fleeing turmoil in Central America.

The Trump administration said there is no policy to separate kids from their parents. But the



PHOTOS BY JIM KNOWLES

Marchers got their message across on Saturday, and at Root Park people found a shady tree to get out of the hot sun.

stricter enforcement that started in April, holding the parents for a criminal offense, inevitably leads to separating parents from their kids when they enter the country together.

Last week, Trump signed an executive order stopping the separation of families, and a federal court ordered immigration to place the children back with their parents within a month. But it still remains unclear how many families have been reunited.



Run: Signing up to run for office isn't as difficult as you might think

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for election. The nomination period runs from July 16 to Aug. 10.

Anyone is eligible to hold office as an elected council member if they are a registered voter in San Leandro and a resident of the district where they are seeking office for at least 30 days prior to the filing date. A district map is on the city's website.

Nomination packets are available at City Hall. San Leandro City Clerk Tamika Greenwood can set up an appointment to go over the paperwork and answer questions.

Greenwood said it might seem intimidating at first but she works with the candidates and hasn't had anyone send in an incomplete packet yet.

The next step for a candidate is getting at least 20 but no more than 30 signatures from residents of their district.

Then, there's the optional candidate statement which is up to 200-words and is published on the sample ballot and mailed to all registered voters. Candidates have to pay for the cost of printing, which is \$900.

Greenwood says she's more than willing to walk people through the required financial con-

tribution statements, guidelines about posting campaign signs, and everything else involved in running for office.

If you decide to run and wind up getting cold feet about actually representing the people of San

Leandro in office, you have until Aug. 10 withdraw your nomination papers.

For more information, visit the city's website at www.sanleandro.org and click on the "How Do I" tab.

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Workshop to Rediscover Your Passion in the Workplace

Celebrate You Coaching will host a free, empowering career workshop series for adults at the San Leandro Public Library, 300 Estudillo Ave this summer. The interactive workshops for men and women on rediscovering your passion in the workplace will be on the following dates:

- Tuesday, July 10, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. (Time & Talents)
- Tuesday, Aug. 7, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. (Career Management)
- Tuesday Aug. 21, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. (Career Planning)

For more information, call 577-3971.

SLAA to Host Art Demonstration

The San Leandro Art Association will hold a free demonstration on Tuesday, July 10, at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Social time at 6:30 p.m., the meeting begins at 7 p.m., and the demonstration starts at 7:35 p.m. Arentino Lucero experiments in "abstraction of order" with charcoal and will share his new ideas. To join the Art Association and share your art, memberships are \$40 a year. For more information, call Molly Dolly at 483-1208.

Take a Historic Walk on Davis Street

The San Leandro Historical Society and the San Leandro Historical Railway Society invite the public to a Davis Street History Walk on Saturday, July 14, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Stroll along Davis Street and discover the past. Find out about William Heath Davis, see historical photographs and hear about buildings and industries that once lined the street – the old city hall site, former county courthouse site, the Caterpillar Tractor site, and more.

The walk will end at the San Leandro Historical Railway Society in the old Southern Pacific depot in Thrasher Park where you can see the working model railroad while light refreshments will be served.

Pre-registration required by July 12. \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members. An optional deli lunch is available for an additional \$10.

To register, visit www.sanleandrohistory.org or call 969-0975 and leave a message with your name and phone number.

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AUTOMOTIVE

Lexus Increases Hybrid Efficiency

By Steve Schaefer
San Leandro Times

The Lexus NX 300h brings Toyota's famous hybrid technology to a compact crossover shape. That's good for about a 25 percent improvement in fuel economy and substantially improved emissions over the standard NX 300, in a luxurious package.

The secret to any hybrid is that it uses less fuel because it's running electrically part of the time. In this case, instead of the NX 300's 275-horsepower 2.0-liter turbocharged four-cylinder, the NX 300h gets a non-turbo 2.5-liter four, with just 154 horsepower (152 lb.-ft. of torque). However, it's the addition of three electric motor generators and a 204-cell nickel metal hydride battery that make the difference. This car has no plug, so all energy is generated by regeneration when braking.

The three motor generators have different locations and functions. One, up front, serves as the

engine's generator and starter and charges the hybrid battery. A second front-mounted unit drives the front wheels and regenerates energy during braking. The third motor generator lives in the rear and also regenerates electricity, as well as allowing "all-weather-drive." Combined, the system puts out 194 horsepower, which is significantly less than the NX 300, but still enough to move the two-ton machine down the road respectably. Interestingly, the all-wheel-drive 300 and the 300h weigh within 30 pounds of each other.

Interaction between the drivetrain components is invisible to the driver. Because electric motors have torque from the moment they engage, there's no hesitation when you start out. Sometimes, that means silent EV motoring, but when the engine kicks in, you just keep on going.

The NX 300h pulls in EPA mileage figures of 33 City, 30 Highway, and 31 Combined. Compare this to the gas-only NX 300's 22 City, 28 Highway,

and 24 respectively and you see a nice improvement. Naturally, if you drive primarily in slower suburban situations you may be able to get more regeneration and shift the electric/gasoline ratio for better numbers. I averaged 29.0 mpg in a week of mostly freeway commuting (a mix of 70 mph cruising and crawling).

EPA Green numbers tell another happy tale. The NX 300h receives a pair of lucky 7's for Smog and Greenhouse Gas, while the NX 300 earns a 3 and a 5 respectively. Emissions are 283 grams of CO₂ per mile for the hybrid vs. 363 for the gas-only model.

Numbers aside, the NX is a typical Lexus, with bold, slashing designs in the sheet metal and a luxuriously appointed interior. The huge grille has become a Lexus hallmark, even if it still looks a bit frightening. The sides are aggressively sculpted to match. Although this is the smallest Lexus crossover (for now), it fits right in with its larger sibling, the popular RX.

Inside, the design features layered surfaces and materials. A "blade" of wood trim pops out in a few spots, keeping your eye moving. The edginess continues onto the steering wheel, where beveled edges make the buttons easy to find. The user experience is heavy on buttons and lights, so at night you may feel a bit like a pilot.

The comfy seats provide that above-the-fray crossover feeling that today's buyers covet. Commuting is pleasant, and I expect that longer road trips would be as well.

As a luxury model, you ex-



The hybrid features the Lexus E-Four proactive AWD system with an electric motor to drive the rear axle, while the front axle is propelled by gasoline or electric power, or a mixture of both.

pect the NX to deliver certain features. However, my test car contained some significant upgrades, which drove the price up substantially. The base price, not including delivery, started at \$38,335, but the final sticker for my Atomic Silver test car came to \$49,770. How did we get there?

Nearly half of the upgrade came from the Luxury Package (\$4,705), with 18-inch alloy wheels, fancier wood trim, heated and cooled leather front seats, rain-sensing wipers, a moonroof, blind-spot monitor with cross-traffic alert, and more. My car also came with the Navigation package (\$1,800), panoramic-view backup monitor (\$800), Intuitive Parking Assist (\$535), power rear door (\$400), power folding rear seats (\$400), and a towing package (\$160). It makes me wonder if a vehicle without these things would deliver the



For passenger comfort, the couple distance between the front and rear hip points is 37.9 inches, and the high-roof design provides ample headroom.

same experience.

I had a few nitpicks. The left front wheel well intrudes above the dead pedal. The heated steering wheel only heats in the 3 and 9 areas, so when you're turning it on a cold morning it's a little disconcerting. But otherwise the NX provides a very pleasant experience, and with its commodious rear cargo area, serves as a

perfect hauler as well.

Lexus offers seven hybrids, including four sedans, a coupe, and the NX and RX crossovers. Each features a proven, highly developed system that can save you money and lower your carbon footprint incrementally. The brand doesn't offer a pure electric vehicle yet, but this model would be a great place to start.

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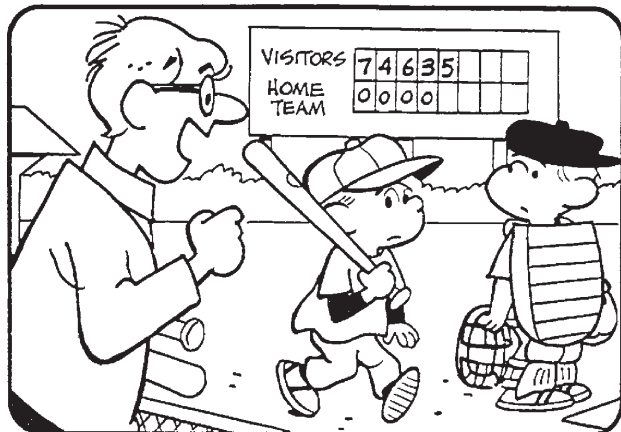
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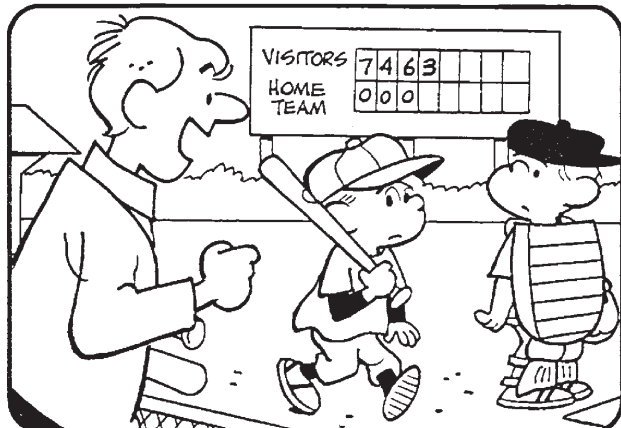


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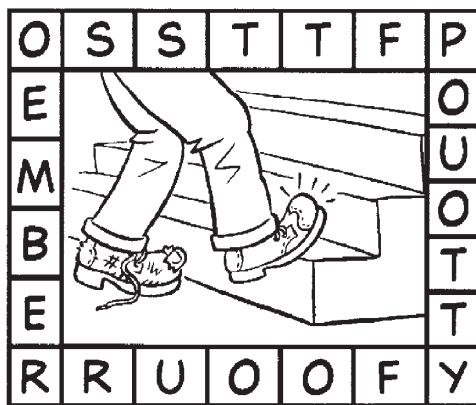
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Glasses are missing. 2. Arm is missing. 3. Bat is shorter. 4. Pants are shorter. 5. Scoreboard numbers are missing. 6. Mask is missing.



HIDDEN IN THE ABOVE FRAME is a famous proverb. Find it by reading every other letter as you go around it clockwise. The trick is finding the right first letter.

corner of the frame: "Put your best foot foremost." Answer: Starting with the "P" in the upper right-hand

ODD MAN OUT! To the right is a list of five words. Can you figure out which word doesn't belong on the list?

(1. Red. 2. Tan. 4. Umber. 5. Teal.) Answer: Letter. The other words all contain the name of a color.

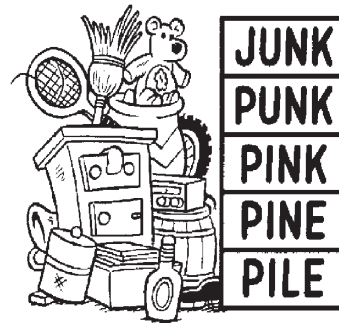
LITTLE 'PITCHERS' HAVE BIG EARS! In this puzzle, all of the words get progressively longer, and they all begin with EAR. The following hints should help.

1. Ear (in place).
2. British nobleman.
3. Everybody lives here.
4. Brings home the bacon.
5. A winter warmer.
6. Identifying characteristics.

Answers: 1. Ear. 2. Earl. 3. Earth. 4. Earner. 5. Earlap. 6. Earmarks.

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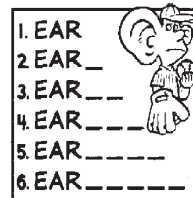
by Charles Barry Townsend



HERE'S A 'SCRAPPY' PROBLEM!

In this type of puzzle you are given a word that must be changed into another word in a series of moves. During each move, you must change one letter in the previous word so as to form a new word. In our example, we changed JUNK to PILE in four moves. See if you can change the following five words in four moves

1. CENT to DIME
2. BIRD to CAGE
3. MILD to DARE
4. HURT to WELL
5. WILL to DEED



Answers: 1. CENT, DENT, DINT, DINE, DIME. 2. BIRD, BARD, CARD, CAGE. 3. MILD, MILE, MALE, MARE, DARE. 4. HURT, HURL, HULL, HELL, WELL. 5. WILL, WILD, WELD, WEED, DEED.

Team USA Wrestler, Arroyo Grad, Holds Clinic

By Andrew Joseph
San Leandro Times

Arroyo High lady wrestling alumni and Team USA member Jacara Winchester held a youth skills clinic last Wednesday at San Leandro High for local boy and girl wrestlers.

The two clinics that day, comprised of local high school and middle school boys and girls, began with Winchester's introduction – she's a national champion in women's wrestling who got her start in the sport her junior year at Arroyo High.

"It makes me happy to know that what I'm doing is inspiring somebody else," said Winchester. "It means a lot to me to represent San Leandro on a national level. I'm not going to stop until I win a world and Olympic gold medal."

The introduction was followed with a group stretching routine, then a training of one-on-one key match moves. Jacara had the wrestlers practice each move with a partner as she walked around to check their progress.

"They're picking up on it fast," said San Leandro wrestling

coach Yubini Barrea. "Nobody had trouble learning what she was teaching. They now know that some of the basic movements that can make you really good."

Winchester Earned Spot On Team USA

Winchester graduated from Arroyo High School in 2010, then went on to wrestle at Missouri Valley College. She has now earned a spot on Team USA, an accomplishment that no other Arroyo High graduate has ever achieved.

"It is incredibly significant for our young wrestlers to see someone who was once like them and is now achieving great awards at the highest level of the sport," said Bancroft Middle School coach Dave D'Antonio. "It is motivational and inspiring and helps them on the road to achieving their goals."

Winchester's path to success has not been easy, tearing her ACL and meniscus just one week into her U.S. Olympic training three years ago.



PHOTO BY ANDREW JOSEPH

Team USA women's wrestler and Arroyo alumni Jacara Winchester (far right in black) together with local athletes at the first of two skills clinics held last Wednesday.

"I think everything happens for a reason," commented Winchester when asked about her injury. "I had to learn how to walk again during the recovery. I took everything for granted

before that."

She has worked hard to get back to where she wants to be feeling, overjoyed now not just making Team USA, but in her greatest accomplishment yet in winning the 55-kilogram match at the Final X meet in June.

During the Final X meet, Winchester went in as the underdog to Becka Leathers from the Titan-Mercury Wrestling Club in Oklahoma. She won by a score of 10-6 in the first set and 5-1 in the second set, proving the critics wrong.

"It felt awesome to win the Final X this year," added Winchester. "I was the underdog and they didn't believe in me because they didn't see how much hard work I put in, instead they only saw how good Leathers was. I wanted to be number one so I pushed myself to the point where I felt no one worked harder than me."

Winchester also won the 2014 University World Tournament, prior to her injury in 2016. The athletes were all inspired by the clinic, having

a local star that competes on the greatest stage of the sport come back home to help aspiring youth.

"It shows kids that no matter where you're from you can accomplish great things," added Barrea. "For Jacara to be a local girl and also be a world champion wrestler shows these local boys and girls that it's possible."

In October, Winchester will compete as a member of Team USA at the World Championships in Budapest, Hungary.



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Dodgers Come Out Ahead in Reno

The San Leandro Dodgers youth baseball team started off the week by beating the Bay Area Bombers, 3-1, before heading to the Reno Tournament.

Noah Amaral pitched four innings without allowing a run and only one hit. Fidel Sanchez got hit by a pitch and scored a run.

Up at the Reno Tournament,

the Dodgers went 3-2, winning their first game, 6-1, against the CG River Bandits. Gordon Reed singled, scored a run and stole a base. James Rogge pitched a complete game 2-hitter and gave up a run. Cam Weatherford hit a home run.

Game 2 in Reno was a 16-5 loss to the Muckdogs. James

Cardera had a pair of singles, while Devin Castro and Freddie Ramos both hit home runs. Ramos also singled and stole a base.

Reno game 3 was a 12-4 loss to Hardtke Baseball. Home runs were hit by the Dodgers Adrian Enriquez, Noah Amaral, and another by Devin Castro. Daniel Pasillas had two singles and scored a run.

In Reno game 4, The Dodgers beat Galena, 19-1. Danny Mendoza pitched four innings with five strikeouts. David Greene had three singles, scored 2 runs, and had 3 RBI's. Sammy Hadley had two doubles, scored 3 runs and got hit by a pitch.

Reno game 5 was an 11-1 Dodger win as Tyler Finamore had a single, got hit by a pitch, had a stolen base and scored a run. Victor Hernandez singled, scored a run and stole a base. Adrian Enriquez had two singles, a double, scored 3 runs and stole two bases.

The Dodgers had a successful 3-2 record in Reno and all the parents had a super time.

The Dodgers currently have a 19-5 record and will play Alameda Thursday, July 5, and play an American Legion team from Nebraska on the weekend with game times to be determined.

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Medicare Dishes Out Enrollment Penalties

By Gene L. Osofsky, Esq.

Special to the Times

Q My wife and I mistakenly signed up late for Medicare Part B and were assessed late enrollment penalties, which continue for life. Is there any way to request that they be eliminated?

A Possibly, if you meet the criteria for forgiveness and apply by the new deadline of Sept. 30, 2018. Some background may be helpful.

Medicare generally requires that all persons turning age 65 sign up for Medicare Part B during their Initial Enrollment Period which is 3 months before and 3 months after their 65th birthday. If they fail to do so, Medicare assesses a 10%

penalty for each year of delay, and the penalty continues for life. Its rationale: to encourage younger and usually healthier seniors to enroll promptly and help stabilize the cost of the Part B program.

By way of example, if you turned 65 in 2010 and delayed signing up for Part B until the year 2017, your monthly premium would be 70% higher.

The standard base Part B premium of \$134, boosted by this additional penalty, would now be \$227.80 per month, which tallies to over \$1,125 per year, and to almost \$34,000 per person over the next 30 years. In a word, the cumulative effect of the late filing penalty is significant.

Medicare has recognized that the reason many persons delayed

enrolling was due to a misunderstanding about the enrollment requirement.

Specifically, seniors who enrolled in marketplace health insurance plans through Covered California believed that they were in full compliance with the need to enroll, or that enrollment in Part B was unnecessary since they had private insurance coverage. This was especially true for those who received government subsidies to help with the premium cost, as the subsidies sometimes made their premiums cheaper than the basic Medicare Part B premium.

Medicare also became aware that seniors who inquired about this issue, or asked about the elimination of penalties, were given inaccurate information by the staff at

many social security offices.

As a result, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS") created an opportunity whereby seniors could seek equitable relief from their inadvertent late enrollment.

Applicants seeking relief were originally required to apply by Sept. 30, 2017. Just recently, that deadline was extended to September 30, 2018.

As before, Seniors seeking relief must be able to show that they were enrolled in a marketplace health insurance plan during their Initial Enrollment Period which began after April 1, 2013 (or their Special enrollment Period if they were working or disabled), that they actually enrolled in Part B during the General Enrollment Pe-

riods in 2015, 2016, 2017, or 2018, and are entitled to premium-free Part A Medicare Coverage.

The relief will be granted on a case by case basis and the rules are complex. If you believe you may qualify, you should visit your local Social Security Office and bring with you evidence of your enrollment in a marketplace health insurance plan during your Initial Enrollment Period around your 65th birthday, or your Special enrollment Period if you were then working or disabled.

To make sure that the folks at the Social Security office properly evaluate your application, it might be wise to bring along a copy of this article. You might also visit our firm's website, locate this article and print out the hyper-linked



Gene L. Osofsky

references, including, particularly, the "Emergency Message" from Social Security to its own staff.

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Alzheimer's, Dementia: What's the Difference?

By Jim Miller

Special to the Times

Many people use the words "Alzheimer's disease" and "dementia" interchangeably, but they are not the same thing. In fact, you can have a form of dementia that is completely unrelated to Alzheimer's disease. Here's what you should know.

Dementia is a general term for a set of symptoms that includes memory loss, impaired communication skills, a decline in reasoning and changes in behavior. It mostly strikes elderly people and used to be referred to as senility.

Alzheimer's disease is a specific illness that is the most common cause of dementia.

Though many diseases can cause dementia, Alzheimer's — which affects 5.7 million Americans today — accounts for 60 to 80 percent of dementia cases, which is why you often hear the terms used interchangeably.

But there are many other conditions that can cause symptoms of dementia like vascular dementia, which is the second most common cause, accounting for about 10 percent of dementia cases. Vascu-

lar dementia is caused by a stroke or poor blood flow to the brain.

Other degenerative disorders that can cause dementia include Lewy body dementia, Parkinson's disease, Frontotemporal dementia, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE), Huntington's disease and Korsakoff Syndrome. Some patients may also have more than one form known as mixed dementia.

Dementia is caused by damage to brain cells, but the symptoms can vary depending on the cause. In the case of Alzheimer's disease,

protein fragments that accumulate between nerve cells and build up inside cells cause the damage.

In Alzheimer's disease, dementia gets progressively worse to the point where patients cannot carry out daily activities and cannot speak, respond to their environment, swallow or walk. Although some treatments may temporarily ease symptoms, the downward progression of disease continues and it is not curable.

But some forms of dementia are reversible, which is why it's important to be evaluated by a phy-

sician early on.

Vitamin deficiencies, thyroid problems, brain tumors, depression, excessive alcohol use and medication side effects can cause reversible forms of dementia.

Another treatable form of dementia is a condition known as normal pressure hydrocephalus. This type of dementia is often preceded or accompanied by difficulty walking and incontinence.

To learn more about the different types of dementia, visit the Alzheimer's Association at ALZ.org/dementia.



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Property Ownership Rights Eroding

For many, the 4th of July is the official launch of summer. School is out, graduations finished, and many barbecues are firing up for the first time.

For others, the 4th is a celebration of the freedoms we have in the USA. Freedom from tyranny, freedom to worship as we

choose, freedom to orchestrate our own destinies and the freedom to own land.

While it is wonderful to celebrate the birth of our nation, it is sobering to realize that for some, freedoms are actually eroding, especially when it comes to the rights associated with property ownership.

To begin, escalating prices have made the American dream of home ownership a diminishing reality. It is tough to know that while an individual may have the right to own a home, exorbitant prices are locking them out.

For homeowner wannabes precluded from ownership, their only recourse is to relocate to less expensive parts of the country. Unfortunately, job uncertainty in other locales make this improbable for some.

For those priced out of ownership, escalating rents have also become an issue. It is no secret that affordable housing is the No.

1 issue here in the Bay Area with local governments scrambling to find solutions.

It is also tough for landlords as ownership and operating costs are on the rise. Many rental owners struggle to maintain a balance between getting a fair return on their investment and keeping rents affordable.

All of which brings up another loss of freedom – the continuing legislation stripping landlords of their rights to control their properties as they wish. Imbedded in the constitution is the idea that the government cannot supersede landowner's rights – yet that is exactly what happens when rent control legislation dictates to landlords what they may or may not do with their properties.

While it is true there are landlords who have deservedly earned a bad reputation with high rents and/or poor living conditions, numerous other investors are working hard to provide de-



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Outdoor Wildlife Control

By Samantha Mazzotta
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Wildlife often can be an annoying (and sometimes dangerous) presence in your yard, and it can be quite difficult to keep them out.

Deer, for example, can hop fences, and rabbits, moles and other mammals can tunnel underneath or squeeze between damaged or misaligned boards.

Squirrels routinely raid bird feeders, and in some places, bears just meander through, searching for their favorite snack buffet – the trash barrel. Here are some tips:

- To prevent bears and raccoons, keep household trash in tightly covered containers, ideally inside the garage or a shed.
- Turn your compost frequently and cover with dirt to minimize odors, so that rodents don't start tunneling in.
- Deer sometimes can be dismayed by the smell of soap – some homeowners recommend putting bars of soap into old

panty hose, and then tying the hose around tree branches near the areas you want deer to avoid.

- Set up bird feeders at least 5 feet away from trees and walls so it's harder for squirrels to reach them.

- Raised garden beds can discourage rabbits and make it harder for moles to tunnel directly to vegetable roots. Also, intersperse naturally repellent vegetables like onion, garlic and chives throughout the garden, or edge it with flowers like lavender or marigold.
- Place firewood stacks or building materials several feet away from your house or shed, and make sure they're stacked so that air and light can get through them. This will discourage rodents and insects from taking up residence.

Home Tip: Remove unnecessary debris, junk or excess lawn ornaments from around your yard. Squirrels and rabbits will have fewer perches and hiding places, so they'll be much more reluctant to hang around.

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Fertilize

Feed plants with a balanced, slow-release fertilizer, such as a 10-10-10 formula. Well-nourished plants develop better and produce flowers and vegetables longer. They are also better protected against insects and diseases.

Feed camellias, azaleas and rhododendrons with an acid-rich fertilizer.

Mortgage Rates Fall Again

Mortgage rates declined again this week and have now retreated in four of the past five weeks, according to Freddie Mac's weekly nationwide survey.

Thirty-year fixed-rate mortgages averaged 4.55 percent last week, down from 4.57 percent. A year ago at this time, the 30-year rate averaged 3.88 percent.

Fifteen-year fixed home loan rates averaged 4.04 percent, unchanged from the previous week.

Five-year hybrid adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 3.87 percent last week, up from 3.83.

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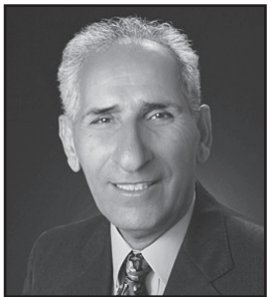
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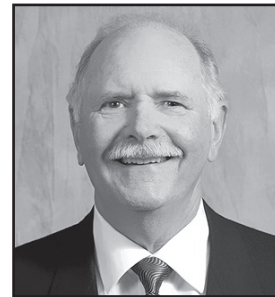
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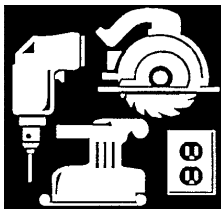
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Zapata: City mum on manager's departure

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leader in our community," said Mayor Pauline Cutter in the press release. "Included in a long list of accomplishments, our city has made advances in technology, has a strong support net in place for those residents who depend on services, and is more diverse financially than ever before in our history."

The statement attributed to Zapata reads: "I want to thank San Leandro and particularly want to thank the city staff and the mayor and the City Council for their work during my time here."

Zapata was recently cleared of accusations after he was accused last December by Davis Street Family Resource Center CEO Rose Padilla Johnson of inappropriate behavior during a series of one-on-one business meetings over a period of several years.

Among Johnson's accusations was that Zapata told her she "held the key" to getting a permit for the Davis Street Wellness Center to get a city permit to open a medical marijuana dispensary.

But Zapata denied there was any sexual meaning behind those words and an independent investigator hired by the city found Zapata to be credible and that Johnson was factually inconsistent in her account.

Zapata was reinstated to work at the city on June 4, but has not attended any City Council meetings which have taken place since then.

The controversy was made public when Zapata sent a 23-page email from his city email address preemptively denying any wrongdoing and accusing Johnson and Davis Street board member Gordon Galvan of trying to influence the decision on the



Davis Street CEO Rose Padilla Johnson toasts with Davis Street board member Gordon Galvan a couple of years ago at a fund-raising event for Davis Street.

medical marijuana permit.

In the email, Zapata also said Johnson's allegations were retaliatory because his office made public the fact that Davis Street was overdue on a \$1.5 million loan of tax payer money.

The loan issue also revealed that Johnson used the same piece of property as collateral for the loan from the city while concealing that it was also being used as collateral with another loan from Wells Fargo.

Before the council adjourned into closed session Monday night, the public had a chance to speak.

Speaker Peggy Combs said that, if not for the unproven allegations of harassment, Davis Street's financial issues would've made a bigger splash with the public.

"The questionable acts of

Davis Street and their deception with the loan, in any other context, that would've been the news," said Combs. "There have been no explanations and there have been no apologies from Davis Street."

Of the half dozen speakers, only Mike Katz-Lacabe urged the council to terminate Zapata.

"You don't have to consider the results (of the harassment investigation) in order to have cause to get rid of him," said Katz-Lacabe. "That email was a 23-page breach of trust."

But several speakers told the council that Zapata would not have had to write the inflammatory email if he hadn't been falsely accused in the first place, so he shouldn't be punished for trying to defend himself even if the way he did it may have been less than

professional.

"The investigation concluded with no evidence of wrongdoing," said speaker Dale Gregory. "His letter doesn't constitute enough of a violation to cancel out his excellent work. Frustration in defending himself is a human response."

Former City Councilman Jim Prola agreed.

"I worked under four city managers and Chris has been the best one," Prola said. "If someone accused me of sexual harassment, I too would have written a letter."

Prola's wife Diana, who is on the San Leandro school board, also spoke in favor of Zapata.

"I don't want to see the city manager dismissed," said Prola. "Basically, I think this whole thing has made the City Council and Davis Street look bad."

Meetings on Tobacco Retailers Ordinance

Proposed \$500 a year fee

The City of San Leandro invites the public and tobacco retailers to attend information sessions about compliance with the Tobacco Retailers Ordinance, including new requirements related to package sizes, pricing, and restrictions on the sale of flavored products.

Two meetings will be held at City Hall, 835 East 14th St., hosted by the San Leandro Police Department and the City Manager's Office: the first on Wednesday, July 11, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; and the second on Wednesday, July 25, from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

In 2017, the San Leandro City Council adopted a local ordinance that requires tobacco retailers selling tobacco and related products to obtain a Tobacco Retailer's License (TRL) from the City, and established various regulations related to the retail sale of tobacco products and

electronic cigarettes.

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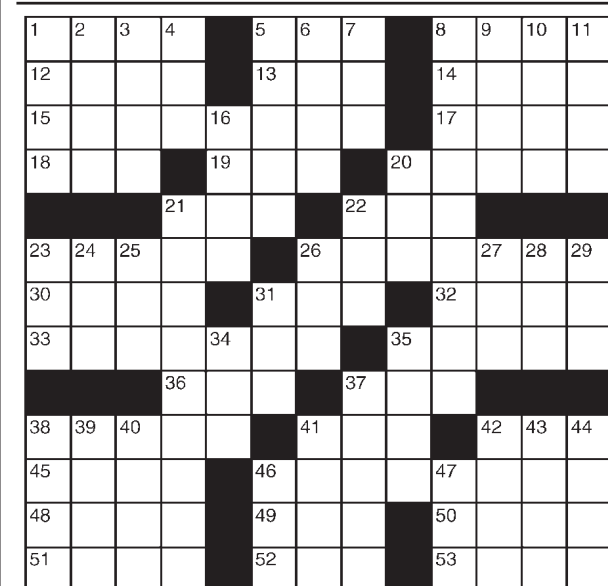
The City Council is also expected to consider a resolution at the July 16, 2018 council meeting that would establish up to a \$500 annual fee per local Tobacco Retail License.

The fee will cover the cost of issuing the licenses, retail inspections, compliance checks, which can include undercover decoys by the police department, and prosecution of violations.

More information about the Tobacco Retailers Ordinance and fees can be found at: www.sanleandro.org/trl.

For more information or questions about the information sessions, contact Alice Kim, Communications Manager at akim@sanleandro.org.

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Edward L. Grace is survived by wife Lois Ann, son Renné, grandson Christopher, sisters Vicky, Jane and Cathy, brothers Ruben Jr., Tomas, and Michael, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Predeceased in death by parents Ruben and Julia and brother Robert (Bobby).

■ Jesse Grajeda, resident of San Leandro, passed away on June 26, 2018. Services will be held Thursday, July 5 at The Church of Assumption in San Leandro beginning at 10:30 a.m. Burial will take place Friday, July 6 at 9:30 a.m. at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery. Services arranged by Santos - Robinson Mortuary, 510-483-0123.

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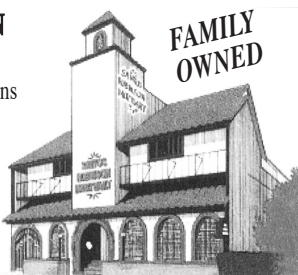
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Summer Reading Program Invites Readers of All Ages

All ages are invited to join the Reading Takes you Everywhere Summer Reading Challenge at the San Leandro Public Library.

Read and complete fun activities to earn prizes and special incentives, like a \$10 voucher for library card fine forgiveness, and more. Complete the Challenge by Aug. 3 to earn an invitation to a special event to celebrate your success.

Sign up starting Saturday, June 2, at any San Leandro public library or participate online at www.sanleandrolibrary.org.

The Summer Reading Challenge is free and open to all ages, from babies to adults, with different incentives for each age group.

Summer Reading isn't just for fun — it helps prevent the "summer slide," the months of summer vacation when many kids lose some of the valuable skills learned during the school year.

"Summer reading loss is cumulative — children don't catch up in the fall," said Library Director Theresa Mallon. "By the end of 6th grade children who lose reading skills over the summer are two years behind

their classmates. Joining the Summer Reading Challenge is a free and easy way to stay engaged in reading and learning over the summer."

Last summer, more than 4,500 people joined the library's summer reading program. This summer, the library hopes to encourage 5,000 or more readers to participate.

Youths participating in the Summer Reading Challenge can earn prizes donated by local businesses and the Recreation and Human Services Department, including a

scoop of Loard's ice cream, free recreational swim, a free Mini Murph pizza from Papa Murphy's, and passes to attractions such as the Oakland Zoo and Lawrence Hall of Science.

Kids who finish the reading challenge by Aug. 3 earn a ticket to the Library's End-of-Summer Carnival on Aug. 4. Adults participating will earn raffle tickets for weekly prize drawings and other prizes.

Library branches will host a range of free programs for children and teens, including puppet and magic shows, craft

programs, movie matinees, STEM programs, and weekly story times. Weekly teen events include movies and DIY craft programs. Adult events include World Cup Soccer and film screenings, green programming, and meditation.

The San Leandro Library will offer a voucher for \$10 in fine forgiveness when you complete the Summer Reading Challenge. For more information, visit your local branch library, call the Main Library Children's Desk at 577-3960, or visit our website at www.sanleandrolibrary.org.

OPINION

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Calls for Tougher Transparency Rules for City Hall Lobbyists

Editor:

The Mayor and City Council have assigned the City Attorney with the task of drafting an ordinance requiring any person paid to lobby City Hall to register with the City and pay an annual fee. The goal is to bring greater transparency to City Hall, which I wholeheartedly support.

However, the Mayor and City Council should not stop at a lobbyist registration ordinance. Other measures should be adopted that would substantially boost transparency and serve as a powerful check on potential corruption and self-dealing at City Hall. After all, lobbyists do not vote. It is the mayor and City Council that possess political power.

The City Council should place before the voters this November a ballot measure limiting the amount of money a person, group or business may donate to a candidate for local office. Unlike many other cities in the Bay Area, San Leandro has no cap on political campaign contributions.

The real influence of developers, businesses, and others comes from the thousands, and tens of thousands, of dollars they donate. In fact, many businesses do not even use lobbyists. The developer or business owner meets with the mayor or City Council member and donates directly to his or her campaign committee.

Finally, the City Council and City staff should disclose all compensation for services that they receive and their business transactions. A business with operations in Oakland seeking favorable treatment for opening a facility in San Leandro could contract with a City Council member or top City employee to serve as its advisor for its Oakland operations, and no one would know.

Presently, the City Council and City staff must disclose their full-time jobs regardless of location and business transactions within San Leandro but not, in most cases, financial deals done outside of San Leandro. We should set a higher standard for our Mayor, City Council members and City staff.

—Stephen Cassidy
San Leandro

A Good Word for Penaranda's Work on Behalf of SL Tenants

Editor:

I write this letter to acknowledge the

contributions to the cause of tenants made by former Tenant Representative to the San Leandro Rent Review Board María Luisa Penaranda. Ms. Penaranda did more for San Leandro tenants than all of the previous or current representatives combined.

I worked with Ms. Penaranda on improving the Rent Review Board ordinance and in passing the Tenant Relocation Assistance. Even though we didn't always agree on how to move forward, we did agree on the need to move forward.

Unfortunately, the lack of affordable housing in San Leandro has forced María Luisa to move to a senior housing facility in Castro Valley thus, no longer qualifying for the San Leandro Rent Review Board. This is a reality facing most San Leandro senior tenants and is a great loss for us.

Sister María Luisa Penaranda, good luck in your future endeavors; the struggle goes on.

—Leo T. West
San Leandro

Gay Wedding Cake? He Says 'It's None of the Baker's Business'

Editor:

Counter to Ms. Choury's assertions ("Claims It's People of Faith Who Are Being Discriminated Against," *Letters*, June 28), when I buy a cake, I don't care if the baker agrees that my kid deserves to graduate or if my friend is ready for retirement. I don't care about the baker's view on the sin of gluttony when I reveal that I plan on eating the cake all by myself.

It's none of the baker's business. Take the order, make the cake, and leave out the religious judgement and hate. They are not participating in the event.

Our laws are both designed to protect those that have religious beliefs from persecution and, with separation of church and state, to enable the rest of us to be protected from religion. However, while your god can have a say over you it can't rule over me because there is no god.

Ms. Choury says it is not about "refusing to sell a soda," but it is. By expansion, she would support a religious car dealer in refusing to sell me a limo, or tailor to make me a suit, or a beverage dealer in selling me soda if I reveal my plan to use them to support a same-sex wedding. And that's where this goes if a religious (insert business here) can stipulate, based

on their beliefs, what I can do with my purchase after I leave the store.

I urge the good people of San Leandro to reject all forms of discrimination.

Defend your rights to not be ruled by religious beliefs that are not your own. And...Shhhhh...don't tell the baker what you are doing with the cake. Their religion might be making them too fragile to conduct free and fair business in the modern world. Focus on the cake!

—John Clouston
San Leandro

Disgusted by 'Atrocities' at Rowell Ranch Rodeo

Editor:

I am writing to express my disgust regarding the atrocities that took place at Rowell Ranch last month.

The rodeo has a long, incredibly well-documented history of violence and egregious animal abuse.

Anybody can file a CA Public Records Act request with the DCA (department of consumer affairs) for the "rodeo reporting forms." These are the forms that the veterinarians are required to complete for injured or killed rodeo animals.

You can see multiple samples of these reporting forms, posted as photos on Rowell Ranch's Yelp review online.

Actually, when poring over the last five years of such DCA forms, Rowell Ranch had the highest incidence of injuries and fatalities. This is 100% avoidable. These are innocent, docile farm animals. They would never willingly put themselves in harm's way.

These injuries are also documented in great detail by former USDA meat inspectors — injuries that are concealed by the fur coats but are fully visible in all their horror upon necropsy. Broken bones, torn ligaments, ruptured organs, punctured lungs, broken backs, crushed windpipes, torn muscles — these are the unspeakable atrocities that vicious humans are deliberately inflicting upon these creatures.

If we did these things to other animals (i.e. dogs), there would be public outcry! The notion that "large animals do not suffer or feel pain" is completely untrue.

I am a health care professional with nearly 30 years experience in shock-trauma, emergency, and the operating room. I have seen most of these injuries in humans, and been a part of treating them. But when the patients are rodeo animals they are either killed right there in the arena, or they are shipped out to be slaughtered. It is absolutely unconscionable and has to stop.

A growing number of cities, states, municipalities in the US and abroad are finally banning rodeos due to their inherent cruelty and outright violence.

—Heather Hamza
Los Angeles

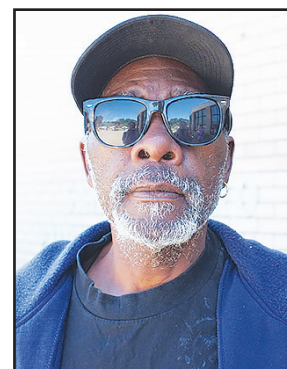
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Best U.S. policy on immigration?

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I think there should be an easier process to come into the country. People who are looking for a better life should be given that opportunity.

David Mason
San Leandro



It's funny, corporate American and the farmers want people to come in and pick lettuce. Americans don't want to work out in the hot sun. And the wealthy want to keep their maids. But when the economy goes down, they blame the immigrants. Trump's going about it wrong. Don't be so aggressive. Set a plan.

Donald Toles
San Leandro

They've got to be able to read, write and speak English. Then they can come into the country and take a citizenship test.

James Meyer
San Leandro



I don't believe in merit-based immigration, which is what Trump believes. We have a crisis, separating children and their parents. Maybe Congress could address that, and then set a good immigration policy.

Sandra Rogers-Hare
San Leandro

People should be here legally but it should be handled better than the way they're doing it now, separating parents and kids. People should be given a chance to earn citizenship.

Kathleen Kelly
San Leandro



Town Hall Meeting for Council Districts 3, 4, 6

The City Council will hold a Town Hall meeting on Monday, July 9, from 6:45 to 8:30 p.m. at the Marina Community Center, 15301 Wicks Blvd., for residents of San Leandro City Council districts 3, 4 and 6 – approximately the council districts west of the

BART tracks.

The event is being hosted by District 3 Council Member Lee Thomas, District 4 Council Member Benny Lee, and District 6 Council Member Pete Ballew.

The council members will give updates on projects and

there will be time for questions from the public on any topics concerning city government.

The meeting agenda is: 6:45 p.m. open house, 7:15 p.m. remarks and updates, 7:30 p.m. question and answer session, 8:15 raffle, door prizes and conclusion.

The open house portion provides an opportunity for casual one-on-one conversations and questions between the public, the council members, and staff. Staff from all city departments will be attending and refreshments will be available.

Eviction: Must move out by next week

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five months. But now he's having second thoughts. The 81-year-old admitted he can sometimes be forgetful.

"I kind of blew it," Busch said. "I got a little confused and agreed with their offer."

Busch said he was planning on going to court, but when the lawyer came up and offered a "compromise," it sounded good at the time.

Now Busch has about a week left before he has to move out, and he can't afford any place else. He's lived in San Leandro his whole life, attending school here from Roosevelt through San Leandro High, and can't fathom living anywhere else.

"I'm going to have to live in my car and get harassed by the cops for being homeless," he said.

Residents were notified of the rent increase in January just after the property was sold. ("Rent Hikes Hit another Trailer Park," *San Leandro Times*, Jan. 18, 2018)

Management at Harmony Communities, the new owner of the property, hadn't yet returned

a phone call this week, but previously said that even though they raised the rent, it's still lower than in other parks in nearby Castro Valley and Hayward.

The increased rent is being

"I kind of blew it. I got a little confused and agreed with their offer."

**— John Busch
on not being legally savvy
when dealing with the
landlord's lawyer**

used to improve the property and make it fit in better with the surrounding neighborhood, said Harmony Communities spokesman Matthew Davies earlier this year. He said the company has budgeted about \$400,000 over the

next year to make improvements.

But Busch says he just doesn't have the money to pay the new rent, an increase of 60 percent.

"I really wanted to make an issue of this because I thought it was immoral, if not illegal," Busch said.

Busch said he will check with legal aid to see if there's anything he can still do, but he just has until July 11. He's always liked

to be an activist, joining protests, including the "Families Belong Together" rally on Saturday at Root Park.

But Busch said the agreement he signed forbids him to make an issue out of his eviction, or he will have to pay his back rent. He acknowledges that he decided to sign the agreement, though.

"I just don't think people should be in my position," he said.

Bayfair Presents Music, Entertainment on Tuesdays

Bayfair Center, 15555 East 14th St. in San Leandro, invites the public to its Tuesday evening weekly performances, discounts, deals and family fun through July 31.

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No Tears for LeBron

Jim Compton of San Leandro bought a LeBron James T-shirt to wear to the Warriors victory parade, but Compton is no fan of the Cleveland Cavaliers forward. He added the words "Sweep" and "Weep" to the picture of LeBron, and says he got lots of compliments from Warriors fans at the parade.

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