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## Our Readers Remember

Rick Wood works on an old Ford in 1949 at the Texaco gas station that was across the street from San Leandro High in a photo sent by reader Bob Juntz. For more memories, see "Our Readers Remember," starting on page 7.

## Board Members Forced to Sign Gag Order On Zapata

'Failure to sign will result in immediate removal,' Council woman Cox tells commissioners

By Amy Sylvestri  
San Leandro Times

The City Council has issued a gag order to all the members of the city's board and commissions, preventing them from speaking ill of former City Manager Chris Zapata.

The document is dated July 3 and is addressed to all appointed officials of the city of San Leandro, informing the recipient of a new legal obligation.

Zapata and the city entered into a "mutual separation agreement" last week when Zapata exited the city's top position after having been accused, and subsequently cleared of sexual harassment allegations.

The document sent to the commissioners refers to the separation agreement which says that neither party will "defame, disparage, demean or besmirch the reputation" of the other.

If the commissioners do not sign the agreement, the letter says they will be removed from their appointed positions.

The document also says that the commissioners could face a "legal risk to you personally" for making any defamatory comments about Zapata.

If any commission or board member wishes to make statements in violation of the separation agreement, they would have to resign before doing so.

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## Sex Charge Dropped on Ex SL Cop

By Amy Sylvestri  
San Leandro Times

Charges have been dropped against the San Leandro police officer who had sex with an underage girl in the department's youth Explorers program.

The Alameda County District Attorney's Office has dismissed the case against former San Leandro policeman Marco Becerra, 27, because the young woman involved declined to press charges.

Under California law, alleged victims of sexual misconduct have the right to decide not to

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## Full Report Finds that Accusations Against Zapata Don't Hold Up

By Amy Sylvestri  
San Leandro Times

The City of San Leandro released the full 50-page independent investigator's report on the allegations of sexual harassment made against former City Manager Chris Zapata by Davis Street Family Resource Center CEO Rose Johnson.

The report is the result of an independent investigation by attorney Karen Kramer who found Johnson's accusations to lack credibility. The report includes interviews and documents that weren't included in an earlier summary of Kramer's findings which was released in June.

"The credible evidence presented during the course of the investigation establishes that more likely than not, Mr. Zapata did not make any sexual overtures towards Ms. Padilla Johnson, nor did he express any interest in having a romantic or sexual relationship with her," Kramer wrote in summary.

Zapata has said that Johnson's allegations were designed to undermine his credibility, whether as a distraction from Davis Street's financial issues or in retaliation for the city not

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TIMES FILE PHOTO

At the Fosters Freeze on Alvarado Davis Street CEO Rose Padilla Johnson claimed that City Manager Chris Zapata behaved inappropriately.

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Council meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 7 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



Miss Minion

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are Miss Minion the kitten and Gus the kitten.

Miss Minion is all purrs,



Gus

kisses, and cuddles. At 3 months old, she loves to play with toys and is very interested in cuddling with people.

Three-month-old Gus is a big fan of the "surprise!" He likes to hide under things and pop out to an unsuspecting party. He wants to find a loving family soon.

For more information on Miss Minion or Gus, call the Hayward Animal Shelter at 293-7200.



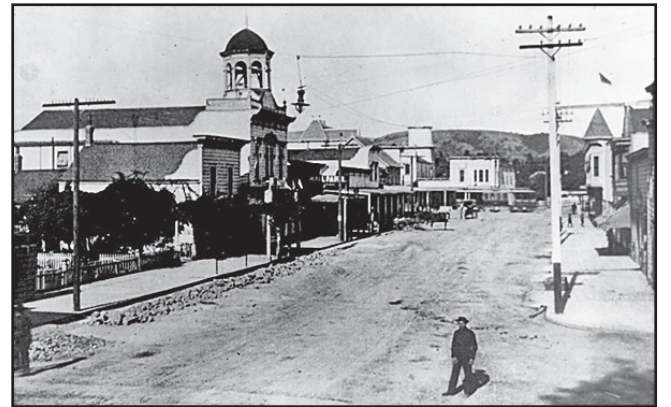
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The history walk on Davis Street this Saturday will take in the sites of the former Caterpillar building, country courthouse and the old City Hall.

## Historic Walk on Saturday To Explore 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



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## Cardboard Cargo Overboard

A truck lost its load of cardboard boxes last Friday afternoon at around 4:30 p.m., causing a mess at the corner of Marina Boulevard and Alvarado Street.

## Town Hall Forum Provides a Chance to Chat with Officials

By Amy Sylvestri  
San Leandro Times

The city held a special town hall forum on Monday night at the Marina community Center to hear from residents of Districts, 3, 4, and 6, represented by Councilmen Lee Thomas, Benny Lee, and Pete Ballew, who talked about their neighborhoods and took questions.

It was a chance to talk to the mayor, City Council members, and other officials in an informal setting.

What was on people's minds? Cars doing donuts, litter, and finding some kind of tenant for the old Dick's restaurant.

Before he took audience questions, Ballew obliquely mentioned the ongoing controversy of former City Manager Chris Zapata.

Ballew thanked acting City Manager Jeff Kay and City Attorney Richard Pio Roda for "working really hard to make sure the city keeps moving forward."

He said that San Leandro's problems are minor in comparison to the issues in some cities, though he didn't elaborate.

"We are lucky to be in San Leandro," said Ballew. "There are a lot of cities dealing with bigger things than what we are dealing with."

The city recently cut down several trees on the Heron Bay trail and one woman asked when

they'd be replaced because now there is a lack of shade while walking.

Public Works Director Debbie Pollart told her that the trees were encroaching on private property, so they had to go. The city is about to remove the stumps and they are working with the Heron Bay Homeowners' Association on what kinds of replacement trees to plant.

School board member Diana Prola told the council that she was disappointed by a sign at the Optimist Club's booth at the Cherry Festival that invited young people to join the Junior Optimist Rifle Club.

Prola said she doesn't have anything against guns but that it was inappropriate to have a big photo of a gun and to appeal to kids when there have been so many school shootings.

The Optimist Club stresses gun safety and responsibility as part of their programs.

One Heron Bay resident asked what the city is doing for disaster preparedness and said there should be more planning at the neighborhood level.

The city has emergency preparedness programs in place including earthquake safety training and in 2017, the city adopted a local hazard mitigation plan.

A woman who lives in Bonaire Park said people constantly drive recklessly and do donuts by

her house and at the marina.

Police Chief Jeff Tudor said that that type of behavior can lead to sideshows and it's something he and his fellow East Bay chiefs take so seriously and that they've formed a task force.

Tudor said that his officers have been called to the marina for stunt drivers and other calls 428 times so far in 2018, including a large party in late June where a gun shot was fired.

"It's a big topic," said Tudor. "It's a phenomenon we are seeing throughout the area."

Another woman said that she wants the city to do more about blight downtown like litter and dead landscaping.

"I just think we can up our game a little aesthetically," she said.

Mayor Pauline Cutter said that everyone should download the MySL app which lets you report any spots of blight directly to the city; it's available for iOS or Android and more information is on the city's website, www.sanleandro.org.

The city holds these town halls for different districts periodically and held one for Districts 1, 2, and 5 in May.

If you couldn't make the meeting to have your voice heard, don't forget you can always send a letter to the editor of this paper by emailing letters@ebpublishing.com

## Fire Breaks Out During I-880 Commute

Alameda County Firefighters extinguished a car fire that turned into a grass fire on Monday evening.

A car traveling on northbound I-880 at around 6:30 p.m. caught fire on the shoulder at the Marina Boulevard west exit.

The fire spread to the vegetation. The fire was put out before it spread to any structures and no one was injured.

The Marina Boulevard west exit was closed until around 8 p.m.



Smoke from the car fire that spread to the grass was visible from Marina Boulevard

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See website for more info about...  
**Sequoians' Annual Luau - Saturday, July 28th**  
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**LIVE MUSIC** in the evening - dance to Bay Area favorite, Marilyn's Ghost. (http://marilynsghost.com)  
Luau meal and dance = \$25 per person. / After July 15th = \$30 per person. Get your tickets soon!  
Sequoians, Inc. is a private social membership club. When visiting, ask about membership options or check out the website for more info.



## NEIGHBORS



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## Laying a New Line

Workers recently installed a new fiber-optic line under the intersection of East 14th and Davis streets in downtown San Leandro, as traffic was held up briefly.

## ARTS &amp; ENTERTAINMENT

❖ **Woodminster Amphitheater**  
*Oklahoma!*, Rodgers & Hammerstein's classic Broadway musical, will be presented by Woodminster Summer Musicals and Producers Assoc., Inc. at 8 p.m. on July 12, 13, 14 and 15 at Woodminster Amphitheater, Joaquin Miller Park, Joaquin Miller Rd. in Oakland. Purchase tickets at 531-9597 or [www.woodminster.com](http://www.woodminster.com) or at the box office before any performance.

❖ **Douglas Morrisson Theatre**  
The Morrisson Theatre Chorus, under the musical direction of César Cancino, will present its Summer Concert: Six Continents of Music on Friday and Saturday, July 20 and July 21, at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, July 22, at 2 p.m. The summer concert will feature the lively, tropical, and romantic rhythms from around the world. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for adult H.A.R.D. resident, \$15

for under 30/over 60 and \$12 for youth/student. Douglas Morrisson Theatre, 22311 N. Third St. in Hayward. For information or tickets, call 881-6777 or visit [www.dmtonline.org](http://www.dmtonline.org).

❖ **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](http://www.slplayers.org). In this who-done-it, a group of strangers trapped by a snowstorm discovers that a murderer is among them, and you'll never guess who it is. The *The Mousetrap* has been thrilling audiences continuously since its 1952 premiere in London's West End.

## HOROSCOPE by Salomé

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**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Your zeal for challenges usually works well for you. But this week it's best to avoid jumping into new situations without more information. Vital news emerges by the weekend.



**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Once again, the Bovine's patience pays off as that pesky problem works itself out without taking too much of your valuable time. A new task opens interesting possibilities.



**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Those suggestions you want to share need to be set aside for a while so you can focus on the job at hand. There'll be time later to put your ideas into a workable format.



**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Be sure about your sources before you use the information in any decision you reach about your new project. Some of the data might be out of date or misinterpreted.



**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** A sudden challenge might rattle you at first. But pump up that strong Lion's heart with a full measure of courage, and face it with the continuing support of family and friends.



**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Watch your expenses this week so you can have a financial cushion to fall back on should things tighten up later this month. Money matters ease by the 1st.



**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Uncertainty over workplace policy creates anxiety and confusion among your colleagues. Don't be surprised if you're asked, once again, to help work things out.



**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** The workweek keeps you busy tying up loose ends and checking data that needs to be verified. The weekend offers a chance to relax and restore your spent energies.



**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** This is not the best time to go to extremes to prove a point. Better to set a sensible goal now and move forward. There'll be time later to take the bolder course.



**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** A step-by-step progression is the better way to move ahead. Taking shortcuts could be risky at this time. Important news arrives on the 1st.



**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Avoid getting drawn into workplace disputes that should be handled by those directly involved. Instead, spend your energy developing those new ideas.



**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** You still need to be prudent about money matters. But things start to ease by the end of the week. A weekend encounter with an old friend brings welcome news.

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❖ **Amateur Boxing Event & Outdoor Festival**  
The Alameda County Deputy Sheriffs Activities League (DSAL) and boxer Andre Ward will host an amateur boxing event and outdoor festival entitled The Generation NEXT Showdown outdoor boxing event and festival on Saturday, July 14, at the Hayward Adult School gymnasium, 22100 Princeton St. in Hayward. Meet Andre Ward at the festival with rock climbing and entertainment from noon to 1:30 p.m., and the boxing matches start at 2 p.m. General admission is \$15, ringside seats are \$25. Tickets can be purchased at the event or online at <http://www.acdsal.org/boxingdetails.html>.

❖ **Fix-It Clinic at San Leandro Library**

The San Leandro Library and Public Works Office 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.

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❖ **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 Canceled**

The East Bay Chapter of the Hearing Loss Association will cancel the family picnic on Saturday, July 14 due to poor response. For more information, 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 Marketplace). 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](http://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 professional and personal life. Come explore what Toastmasters is all about.

❖ **The Philatelic Society of San Leandro**

The Philatelic Society of San Leandro Inc. meets the third Tuesday of each month in the Trustee room and the San Leandro Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Doors open at 6 p.m. with the meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call Gayle at 638-8765.

❖ **E.T. Playing at the San Leandro Museum**

The San Leandro Museum, 320 W. Estudillo Ave., will show the movie *E.T.* on Wednesday, July 25, at 1:30 p.m. Follow the earthly journey of lovable E.T. when a group of aliens visit Earth E.T. is accidentally left behind. He is discovered by 10-year-old Elliott and the two become friends. (1982, PG, 2 hours) Free admission. Bring your favorite movie snacks.

❖ **Elders Take the Mic**

Elders will take the mic and share their personal and poignant life stories on Saturday, July 28, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Hayward Senior Center, 22325 North Third St. in Hayward. No charge for admission. Hear stories about childhood mischief, moments of hardship and triumph, or reflections on the retired life. Get inspired to join the class and write your own story. RSVP is appreciated by calling the Hayward Area Senior Center at 881-6766.

❖ **Coyote Hills Community Bike Ride**

Join the Cherry City Cyclists and Bike Walk San Leandro for a community bike ride on Sunday, July 29. 18 miles with +/- options. Meet at the Union City BART station (west side) at 9:30 a.m. We'll stop at Sno-Crave for an ice cream treat. For more information, see facebook for details: <https://www.facebook.com/events/204289922705189/>

❖ **Legos On Display**

A Legos city is on display Friday through Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m., through Aug. 16, on the second floor of the Bay Area Family Church, 2305 Washington Ave. in San Leandro. See, build or buy Legos. Admission is \$5, cash only at the door, or tickets online at: [brickshow2018.eventbrite.com](http://brickshow2018.eventbrite.com).

❖ **Kiwanis Club of San Leandro**

Join the Kiwanis Club of San Leandro for weekly lunch meetings on Tuesday, from 12:10 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Englander Sports Pub and Restaurant, 101 Parrot Street, San Leandro.

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# Gag Order: Deadline to sign is this Friday

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The non-disparagement clause is two-way street, so Zapata also can't say anything bad about the city and city officials and employees.

The gag order only applies to the commissioners and board members when they are acting in their official capacity, according to deputy city manager Eric Engelbart.

Engelbart said that the agreement is "fairly standard" and that

**“An effort to silence negative comments displays a shocking lack of understanding of the right to free speech.”**

— Former Mayor Stephen Cassidy

it does not force the officials to abandon their First Amendment rights to express their opinions when acting as an individual.

Engelbart said that the agreement also applies to all San Leandro employees when acting in their official capacities, but city employees are not being asked to formally acknowledge the agreement in writing.

None of the commissioners who were reached wished to be identified, but one who is planning to sign the document said she is doing so because she doesn't want to lose her spot on



Mayor Pauline Cutter and City Councilwoman Deborah Cox sent letters to their commissioners advising them to sign the document, or be removed from their position.

the board.

Another was on the fence about signing and said he was considering getting his own lawyer to look at the document before he made a decision.

Another said he did feel that the letter violated his First Amendment rights and questioned the city's authority to make him resign if he didn't comply. He called the City Council's handling of Zapata's case "filthy."

In a cover letter sent with the gag order to the commissioners she appointed, Councilwoman Deborah Cox said she was saddened by Zapata's loss and said he was "falsely accused of sexual misconduct."

Cox's letter also told her commissioners: "Failure to sign

though at first glance this letter may appear to be strongly worded, please know we are doing our best to protect the best interests of all parties involved and appreciate your cooperation."

Former Mayor Stephen Cassidy has criticized the city's decision to issue the gag order to the commissioners. It should be noted that Cassidy now works for Bloom Innovations, a marijuana-related business whose CEO is also the CEO of the Davis Street Wellness Center, where Zapata's accuser Rose Johnson is the director of community benefits.

Cassidy said he was "shocked" that the city was trying to limit the speech of the commissioners and wrote:

"Threatening the service see GAG ORDER, page 14

## Weatherford and Vallar Throw No-Hitter; Dodgers Post Winning Week

The San Leandro Dodgers youth baseball team beat APS last Tuesday, 3-0, as Cam Weatherford and Matt Vallar combined for a no-hitter.

Fidel Sanchez singled and walked, scored two runs and stole two bases. Enrique Batz contributed a single and walked twice.

The Dodgers broke out the bats on Thursday with a 22-5 win over Alameda as Gordon Reed hit a pair of doubles, scored 4 runs, and drove in 2 runs.

Cam Weatherford hit three singles, a double, scored 3 runs and drove in 2 runs. Victor Hernandez pitched two innings and struck out all six batters that he faced. James Cardera had a double and scored twice, and Devin Castro had a double, scored once and drove in a run.

On Friday evening, the Dodgers beat All Pro, 4-2, with Noah Amaral pitching a complete game, allowing just three hits, and striking out eight batters. Adrian Enriquez had a single, got hit by a pitch, scored once and stole a base. Danny Mendoza singled, stole a base, scored once and had an RBI. Daniel Pasillas walked once, stole a base and got

hit by a pitch.

Saturday morning, the Dodgers beat the Bay Area Bombers, 9-0, with Matt Vallar pitching a complete game, giving up only two hits and striking out five.

Freddie Ramos had two singles and stole two bases. David Greene had two singles, a walk, scored twice and stole a base. Sammy Hadley singled, scored once, stole two bases and had an RBI sacrifice fly. Tyler Finamore singled twice, scored two and had an RBI.

In the second game Saturday, the Dodgers lost, 6-2, to Pace Legion from Nebraska coached by Gene Felise, a former San Leandro High outstanding player. David Greene had a double, a walk and an RBI and Vic Hernandez singled, scored a run and stole a base.

On Sunday, the Dodgers lost, 9-2, to Watsonville. Noah Amaral tripled, single and scored a run. Josh Valenzuela singled and stole a base, plus he caught a great game and threw out two runners trying to steal a base.

The San Leandro Dodgers record now stand at 23-7 on the season.

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# Our Readers Remember

## A Young Cowboy Poses for a Photographer at Thrasher Park

By Sam Jason  
Special to the Times

Back in the early 1960s my dad and grandfather had a shoe repair shop on Davis Street near Douglas Drive where my brother and I would spend many afternoons after school.

One day as my dad drove us down Davis Street, we noticed that there was a guy with a pony at Thrasher Park taking photos. I remember what a thrill it was for my 5-year-old self to get all decked out into full cowboy gear for this photo.

My parents, Benny and Sarah Jason, who still live in the same house they bought in San Leandro 63 years ago, still have this photo, and the matching one of my brother, proudly displayed in my old bedroom.

Five-year-old Sam Jason got decked out in his cowboy gear to have his picture taken on a pony at Thrasher Park in the early '60s.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE JASON FAMILY

## Hank Solis Takes Ride In a New Radio Flyer

Hank Solis will have many years to remember his first ride in a Radio Flyer wagon.

Hank is the son of Mike and Kate Solis, and nephew of Jeannie Powers who took the picture.

Good thing there's room for two - he's expecting a little brother or sister in December.

Though this is a recent photo, it's sure to bring memories for years to come.



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## The Heyday of Peabody Motors

By John Quintell  
Special to the Times

I remember when San Leandro had a first class Chrysler-Plymouth dealer at 200 East 14th Street.

Peabody Motors in the 1950s and '60s, was owned by Van Peabody, Jr. and Bob White. San Leandro police

patrol cars were 1957 Plymouths.

Bill Almeida was the auto service manager, Vic Canto was the assistant manager, and Gene Mederious (my cousin) was the parts manager.

Ted Montague of Hayward was a master mechanic and

a hardtop race car driver at the old Oakland Speedway at 150th and East 14th Street, and a part-time bartender at Sherry's on Mission Boulevard in Hayward.

I remember because I was the lubrication mechanic during this time, 1957 to 1961.

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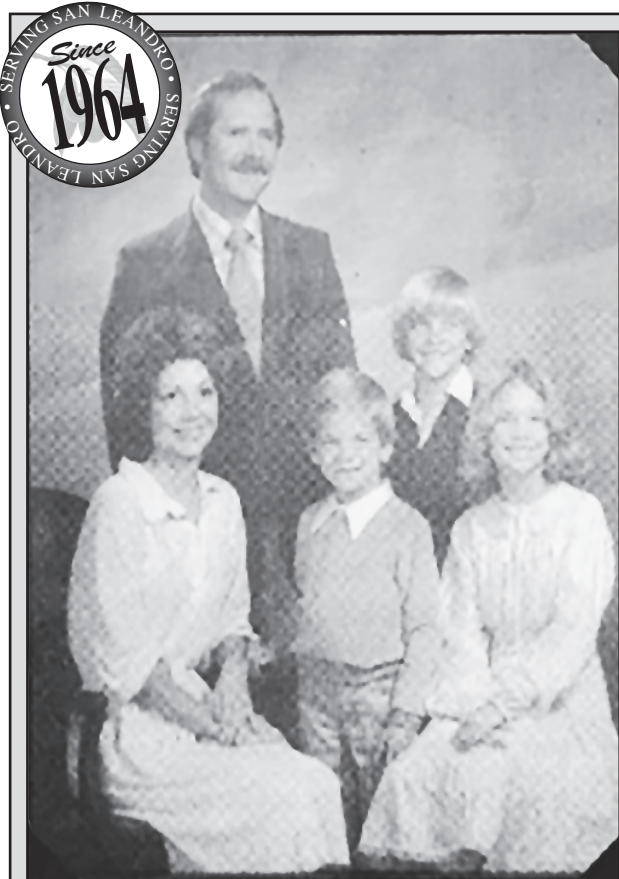


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Sharon, Bob, Matt, Rob and Kristin Jones in a family photo taken in 1980.

## Jones, Jr. Recupers from Head Injury, Joins Family Real Estate Business

By Maggie Sharpe  
San Leandro Times • July 24, 2003

Bob Jones has been in the real estate business in San Leandro since 1964. Now his son, Matt, has joined the family business on Joaquin Avenue.

Bob didn't imagine that he would one day be working alongside his son. In May, 1991, Matt sustained a serious head injury in a car accident. He came within an inch of his life, spending 35 days in a coma, breathing through a tube in his throat, before slowly starting to recuperate. It took months of rehabilitation for Matt to make a comeback.

"I knew words but I had to learn how to talk again," said Matt. "I didn't know how to put sentences together."

He says he's lucky because a lot of head injury victims lose large chunks of memory, but his

memory is intact.

He still has double vision which glasses are able to correct and he never regained the full use of his right arm. But that wasn't for lack of trying.

"When Matt was in rehabilitation, he swam 50 laps every day in an Olympic-size pool, using just one arm and one leg," said his dad. "I think that really helped him to recover."

Matt, who is now 30, is the youngster of the family. He and his brother, Rob, 34, and sister, Kristin, 33, all went through Roosevelt, Bancroft and San Leandro High schools.

Rob graduated from Cal State Hayward and now lives in Sacramento; Kristin is a graduate of Chico State and lives in Beaverton, Oregon. Their mother, Sharon, died of lung cancer in 1981 when she was just 36.

Slowly recovering from the

car accident, Matt maintained a positive attitude.

"I got a second chance at life," he said. "I just take it one day at a time."

He went back to school at Los Positas College, earning an A.A. degree and getting his Realtor's license.

"He didn't pass the real estate

test the first time," said his dad, "but he didn't give up. He studied some more, took the test a second time and this time he passed."

Bob describes Matt as "inspirational."

"When Matt goes to the Bay-O-Vista club to work out every morning, the whole place just lights up."

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## Earl Likes to Cruise in Style In His 1971 Lincoln Mark III

When the time came to buy a new car Earl Cava headed down to what was Auto Row at the time, Broadway in Oakland. "I was going to buy a Ford and then I saw this," Earl said. "A 1971 Lincoln Mark III. I sat in it and said, 'This is it.' Earl still drives the '71 Mark III. Sometimes people ask how much he wants for it. "It's not for sale," Earl says.

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## The Picture that Became Picazo Family Treasure

Mama couldn't afford three pictures but one did the job

By Ester Picazo  
Special to the Times

In the 1940s there were men who made a living with a pony and a camera, traveling all over Texas documenting wide-eyed children atop a tired horse.

Mama couldn't afford three pictures, so the photographer willingly eliminated the pony. He gave our grandparents copies of this photo, and through the years a copy has surfaced at unexpected times.

Our clothes were home-sewn and the pose reflects the era – the older sister in charge of the younger ones. Being poor did not mean being hungry or on public assistance. The war erased many barriers and our mother worked as a Rosie the Riveter at a shipyard in Galveston.

Our memories are of an unfettered childhood, playing outside until dusk, falling in love with movie cowboys



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE PICAZO FAMILY

Esther Picazo (right) poses in a photograph taken in Texas in the 1940s that became a family heirloom with her sisters Adelina (left) and Rebecca.

(I never recovered from loving Gene Autry), learning to read from hymn books, and having no activity more high-tech than playing cards with our grandparents and learning to count in the bargain. It was a sunnier world then, less threatening and safer, because in our neighborhood a kid was everybody's child.

### What to Do with All that Garbage

Smoke from burning garbage fires are endangering naval air transports and other planes at the Oakland Airport. One fire was reported to have burned continuously during a whole year. From *A Garden Grows in Eden* by Harry E. Shaffer, about 1944.

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# Our Readers Remember

## Young Actors Hit The Stage at SLHS

By Margaret Dambley  
Special to the Times

Back in the day, schools had plays that were presented to the students at an assembly during school hours. They were always fun to be in them, or to watch.

In 1939, at McKinley School, our class put on a play where a few classmates and I were flowers. I cannot recall what the play was about, but it was fun preparing for it and making our flower costumes.

In the picture, the three girls kneeling are (left to right) Leah Godwin, Mimi Fithian, and me, Margaret Castro (Dambley). Standing is my best friend Midori Ogo.

Years later, in 1945 at San Leandro High School, our Spanish Club put on a play for the Junior assembly, and then for the Senior assembly. It was directed by our Spanish teacher, Annie Tedeschi.

Left to right in the high school picture are Mary Castro (Hicks), John Behymer, Margaret Castro (Dambley), Joe Torres, and Marie Vigal-lon (Rodriguez).



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MARGARET DAMBLEY

Leah Godwin, Mimi Fithian and Margaret Castro (Dambley) kneeling, and Midori Oro standing, are in their flower costumes for a play at McKinley School in 1939. At right members of the Spanish Club are in costume for a play at San Leandro High in 1945.



PHOTO COURTESY OF GIN MURPHEY

## The Bush Girls Take a Picture at the Fountain

Gin Murphey and her sisters had their picture taken in front of the old fountain in downtown San Leandro in 1949. The family moved to San Leandro in the late '40s and lived on Gardner Boulevard for a few years and then bought a new house on Leonard Drive in 1954. Shown in the picture is Kathy Bush Kenslow, Mary Bush Leoni and Gin Bush Murphey.

## Goldt Drives First Car Around Backyard

Amanda Goldt drives her pedal car in her backyard in Floresta Gardens in October 1970. Amanda, who is a real estate broker today, says, "I still like white cars but now it's a Mercedes."



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## REAL ESTATE REALITY

By Carl Medford, CRS  
Special to the Times

GUEST COMMENTARY



### Peak of the 2018 Market Behind Us?

It's no secret the 2018 Bay Area housing market is in a league of its own.

Record low inventory, a hot economy, strong wages and rising interest rates are just a few of the metrics driving the record-breaking market upwards. But have we peaked?

2018 began normally enough with home prices in Alameda County reversing themselves from December's slide and heading upward. Although upward market gains at the beginning of the year is old news (we've seen strong property value increases the past 6 Januarys), the strength of 2018's surge caught everyone off guard.

Starting with a December 2017 average price in Alameda County of \$956,000, we just ended June at \$1,128,000 – an incredible 6-month increase of 17.99%.

While this good news for sell-

ers, it further compounds the issue for those trying to buy. 17.99% is a massive increase and dramatically outpaces same period average wage increases. Additionally, increasing mortgage rates are whittling away at affordability, making the effective increase in home prices higher yet.

There may be good news on the horizon for buyers, however. June average prices have represented the peak of the yearly market cycle the past 4 years in a row, and early indicators seem to suggest this year may be no different.

It is a historical pattern worth watching.

The first five months of our local market are typically the strongest, with the highest number of transactions going pending every May and then closing in June.

Not only is June the peak of the market with the highest num-

ber of closed transactions, it also represents the yearly pinnacle for prices. While June posts the highest number of closings, it also shows a decrease in number of homes going pending. With fewer homes entering escrow, July closings are always lower and, typically, prices decline as well.

Over the past 4 years, closings and prices have eased from July to the end of the year, and then, in classic "lather, rinse and repeat" fashion, shot up again the following January.

If that pattern holds true, then the market has peaked for 2018 and we can expect lower prices and fewer transactions for the remainder of the year.

Currently the trend is holding, as pending sales dipped in June as anticipated and contract prices lowered as well. While good news for buyers, it's a frustrating time

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## Discourage Spiders from Building Webs at Windows

By Buzz Bertolero  
Special to the Times

Despite my best efforts, I have a stubborn spider, that continues to build spider webs in the corners of my kitchen window. I don't have anything against spiders, but I do like to have this window open. What can I do to make this spot unattractive to spiders?

I'm not sure that I have an excellent answer to the spider problem. There are over 3,000 varieties of garden spiders. As a group, they are pretty shy, so they tend to run away and steer clear of humans. Spiders are, believe it or not, very beneficial in controlling garden insects, so we don't want to remove them with pesticides. Yes, there are some poisonous spiders (the Black Widow spider poses the only threat in the Bay Area). Spiders trap their food in the cobweb they produce which is formed mostly at night. They continue to revisit this area because it's an excellent source of

food for them. Night-flying bugs are also attracted to the windows because of the light. If possible, install a yellow porch light to discourage the insects. Also move any ripening fruit away from the opening, as fruit flies are one of the favorite foods of spiders. I hope this helps.

Buzz Bertolero is an Advance California Certified Nursery Professional.



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# Pesky Oxalis Hard to Control in Lawn

By Buzz Bertolero  
Special to the Times

**Q** This is the time of year that the stubborn, yellow flowering Oxalis insists on spreading throughout our lawn. My attempts at pulling or digging out the main roots seem only to result in spreading the problem. How do I go about getting rid of it?



**A** Oxalis, also known as the common yellow wood-sorrel, is a common perennial weed in lawns and gardens. Both the green and red leaf varieties have a clover-like shape while the bulbous type has white flowers with long, green strap leaves.

The bulbous oxalis is particularly difficult to control while the cloverleaf type is easier. You can be successful in manually removing Oxalis from containers; however, it's a tedious and frustrating task in turf, and frankly, you're not all that successful.

Oxalis reproduces itself from seed as well as above and underground stems or rhizomes. After flowering a capsule form

that contains several seeds. The seed is difficult to identify and is spread by mowing. So, you'll need to use a herbicide to rid yourself of oxalis in the turf.

Turflon Ester from Monterey Lawn and Garden does the best job in removing the actively growing plants. One application with a tank sprayer should control the actively growing oxalis. Reapply it as necessary to control those plants

from the germinating seeds. I'm not aware of any organic herbicide that will selectively control the oxalis without damaging the desirable grass. It's a war of attrition.

Note: Oxalis is a large genus of flowering plants in the wood-sorrel family comprising about 570 species. Many of the varieties are cultivated and planted in gardens. The flowers are usually white,

pink or yellow, and the foliage can be green, purple or red. The traditional Irish shamrock is a variety of oxalis.

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# Making Minor Gutter Repairs

By Samantha Mazzotta  
Special to the Times

**S**mall holes that are less than a half inch in diameter in rain gutters should be patched as quickly as possible so that they don't get bigger.

It's important to do it correctly so that the patch material doesn't sit too high and cause a new rough patch for debris to jam up on.

A safety note: Work from a ladder, rather than from the roof, when fixing gutters, and always have a helper to steady the ladder and hand up tools as needed.

If you have metal gutters, buy a small tube of roofing cement and more than enough metal repair patches that are the same type of metal as your gutters. For example, if your gutters are aluminum, buy aluminum patches; if they're steel, buy steel. For fiberglass gutters, use fiberglass patching material and gutter repair cement or caulk. Using two different metals could cause corrosion between them.

Scrub the area around the spot to be patched with a wire brush. Any rust around the leak should be cut away with metal or aviation snips. Glue the metal patch in place by

dabbing roofing cement around the bottom and pressing firmly over the leaky area, then coat the edges of the patch with cement and smooth so the cement feathers out into the gutter area.

If leaks are occurring around the joints, check to make sure the gutter isn't loose or uneven at the joint. If it is you'll probably need to adjust the nearest hanger(s) or, if these components are damaged or rusted, replace them. Once the gutters on each side are secure, then pipe roofing cement along the joint and smooth down.

To prevent buildup of leaves and debris in the gutters, consider investing in gutter screens. These are placed over the top of the gutter runs and discourage larger debris from getting in.

Gutter guards should be installed along the entire run. Prices vary depending on how much you need and the type or brand you need to buy, and of course, whether you install them yourself or hire a contractor to do it.

**Home Tip:** Gutters should be cleaned and inspected twice a year to make sure they're free of debris and to locate any damage or deterioration.

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Trim hedges frequently to encourage new green growth and a full, dense look. Infrequent trimming causes a bare, wood look.

## Mortgage Rates Continue to Decline

Mortgage rates maintained their recent slide over the past week, according to Freddie Mac's nationwide survey.

The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 4.52 percent last week, down from 4.55 percent a

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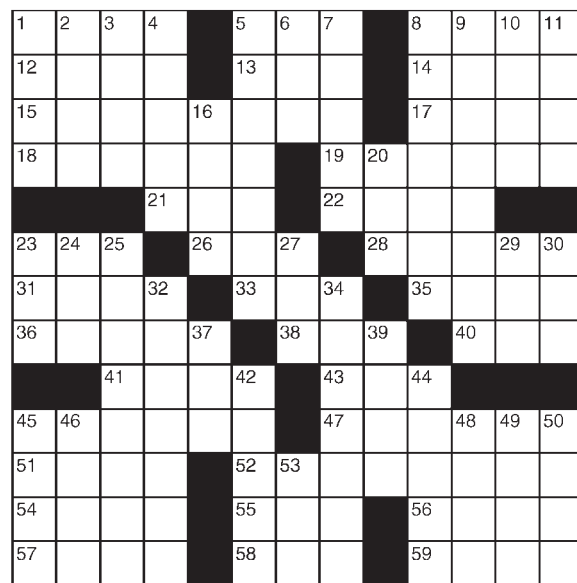
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## Report: Zapata exonerated

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granting the Davis Street Wellness Center a lucrative medical marijuana permit. A few of Kramer's discoveries seem to indicate that someone was trying to dig up dirt on Zapata.

At some point, Zapata learned that Davis Street made a Public Records Act request from his former employer, National City, seeking any complaints made against Zapata while he was employed as city manager there.

Zapata and several other National City officials were named in a lawsuit in 2006 in which a national City employee alleged she was wrongly terminated and harassed for being non-Hispanic.

Zapata told Kramer that on May of 2017, a redacted party told him "I'm not a part of this. It's Rose (and two other redacted names)" who were obtaining "opposition research" against Zapata.

Another part of Kramer's report says that Zapata believed that Johnson or an affiliate of hers had hired a private investigator in an attempt to uncover something to discredit him months before she sent the City Council a letter saying she'd been harassed by Zapata.

The conflict between Johnson and Zapata apparently stemmed from the fact that Zapata made public that in 2016 Davis Street failed to pay back a loan of \$1.5 million in taxpayer money the city gave the non-profit to open a clinic, and missed payment



The independent report found that Chris Zapata did not make any sexual overtures toward Rose Padilla Johnson.

deadlines even after they were extended.

Kramer's report determined that not only did Davis Street not pay back the money in time, Johnson signed papers stating that the loan was unencumbered when she knew the same piece of property was being used as collateral for both the city loan and a separate loan from Wells Fargo.

Zapata's interview with Kramer also suggests that Davis Street did not intend to back the city's loan of taxpayer money immediately, even after they sold

some real estate.

"Mr. Zapata shared that in June 2016, he saw Ms. Padilla Johnson at the Cherry Festival," Kramer wrote. "He had heard from (redacted) that the Davis Street property was for sale, so he asked Ms. Padilla Johnson if the City would be paid back once the property sold. According to Mr. Zapata, Ms. Padilla Johnson told him that Davis Street has other bills."

Kramer's full report is available on the city's website under the "press releases" tab.

## City Council to Vote on \$500 per Year License on Tobacco Stores

By Amy Sylvestri  
San Leandro Times

The City Council is scheduled to vote next Monday on whether to require a special license for tobacco retailers to continue to sell cigarettes, cigars, and other tobacco products in San Leandro.

The new proposed license is set to cost each of the city's 86 stores in town that sell tobacco \$500 per year.

It would be required in addition to the two licenses already required to sell cigarettes in San Leandro – the city business license and state Board of Equalization tobacco license all retailers are already required to have.

And next month the city's new flavored tobacco ban goes into effect. So some retailers have been left feeling like the city is hurting their businesses.

Starting Aug. 15, no one can buy flavored cigarettes, cigars, or vape juice, but menthol is still okay. All cigarettes must be sold in packs of 20 or more, all individual cigars must be sold in packs of five or more and cost at least \$7 but individual cigars can be sold if they cost more than \$5.

The city says the fee is not a money-making effort, but just recoups the cost of running the licensing program and having officers go to stores to make sure no flavored tobacco is being sold.

"We can't charge any more



Flavored tobacco products will be banned in San Leandro starting Aug. 15.

money than what we are going to use to run this program," said Lt. Robert McManus of the San Leandro police at a meeting of tobacco retailers on Wednesday. One retailer asked if the city would consider a buy-back of all the products they won't be able to sell after the flavor ban goes into effect.

"You seem to be saying that cigarettes are more dangerous than guns, and you have gun buy-backs, so why not buy-back some of these products?" he asked. "Are we supposed to just throw

it away? You can't return it and it's expensive."

Deputy city manager Eric Engelbart reminded the store owners that they have known the ban was going to happen since last fall, so they had time to sell their remaining products.

The City Council will discuss whether to impose the new tobacco retailers license at the meeting on July 16 at 7 p.m. at City Hall. There's another information session for retailers about the flavored tobacco ban on July 25 at 5 p.m. at City Hall.

## Dropped: Changes made to Explorers program

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have the right to decide not to proceed with prosecution at any time and the victim, who is now over 18, made that decision.

Becerra was facing three statutory rape charges stemming from having a sexual relationship with the Explorer in late 2017 when she was still 17-years-old.

Becerra was a mentor in the Explorers program that the girl had joined. The program is designed for young people interested in law enforcement careers.

Becerra resigned and confessed last October to having sex with the 17-year-old on three separate occasions while he was off duty.

In November, Becerra was charged with three felony counts of unlawful sexual intercourse.

Becerra had been with the department for three years, was a SWAT team member, and was

formerly a part of the Explorers program himself.

The Explorers program is open to young people ages 14 to 19. The program was temporarily suspended following Becerra's arrest, but started running again in February.

The San Leandro police made changes to the Explorers program policies, including allowing Explorers to go on ride-alongs only with officers of the same gender and adding rules on how instructors can contact Explorers.

Becerra's lawyer Michael Rains said shortly after the arrest "This relationship in every sense was consensual. There were strong emotional feelings by both parties and despite that she as just shy of 18, the law says it was illegal."

The age of consent in California is 18, under California state law.

## Gag Order: Former mayor objects to order

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of city commissioners in an effort to silence any negative comments concerning the job performance of the former City Manager constitutes an abuse of power by the mayor and City Council and displays a shocking

lack of understanding of the value and importance of the First Amendment's right to free speech."

The city has given the commissioners and board members a deadline of July 13 to return the signed document.

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■ **Mabel M. Gonsalves**, a longtime resident of San Leandro passed away on July 10, 2018. Visitation will be held at Santos-Robinson Mortuary on Thursday, July 19, beginning at 5 p.m. with a vigil service beginning at

7 p.m. The funeral mass will be held on Friday, July 20 at St. Leander Catholic Church beginning at 9:30 a.m. Burial to follow at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward. Arrangements by Santos-Robinson Mortuary, 510 483-0123.

Street in Castro Valley beginning at 11 a.m. Burial will be at Lone Tree Cemetery in Hayward. Arrangements by Santos-Robinson Mortuary, 510 483-0123.

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■ **Peter Tshahlis**, a longtime resident of San Leandro passed away on July 5, 2018. A Trisagion Service was held on July 11. Funeral Services will be held on Thursday July 12, at the Resurrection Greek Orthodox Church, 20104 Center

### Janet Heininge

Nov. 21, 1934 ~ July 5, 2018

Janet Florence (nee Waugh) Heininge, age 83, died peacefully in her San Leandro home on July 5th, 2018, after an extensive battle with leukemia.

Janet was born at East Oakland Hospital on November 21st, 1934, to her father, Emmet Gladstone Waugh, and her mother, Florence Elizabeth Waugh (nee Watters). Janet was raised in San Leandro. She married George Keith Heininge in 1955 and raised their family in San Leandro. Janet enjoyed travelling with her family, and to her death managed difficult challenges in her life with humor and dignity.

She was preceded in death by her aforementioned parents, by her sister, Alice Elizabeth (Waugh) Bawden, and by her eldest daughter, Kathryn Ann (Heininge) Frazier, who was taken from this world at age 52 following her own battle with cancer. Janet is survived by her husband, George Keith Heininge, her son, Kenneth Heininge, her youngest daughter, Elizabeth (Heininge) Yano, by seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A memorial service for Janet will be held at San Leandro First Presbyterian Church, 180 Estudillo Avenue, San Leandro, on July 21st, at 10:30 a.m. A reception at the church will follow.



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# OPINION

## LETTERS to the EDITOR

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### Eviction of 81-Year-Old Is a Community Crisis

Editor:

The front page story of John Busch (*The Times*, July 5) puts a face on what is happening to our residents in our city.

With no Rent Review Ordinance in place for Mobile Home Parks, property owners can do what ever they want to their tenants, including raising rents 60% or use other unethical tactics to get them out. It is impossible now for most renters to ever afford to buy a place to live.

Renters live with the stress and vulnerability of their landlord having free rein to pretty much do whatever they want. Mr. Busch's story is all too familiar, and we need to stop turning away from the problem and make change.

The City Council has been a progressive leader in passing the expedited minimum wage and declaring itself a Sanctuary city, now it's time to look at affordable housing solutions. Especially vulnerable are seniors and others on fixed incomes. I call on the City Council to take notice of Mr. Busch's story, and work to find solutions: more affordable housing, rent protection for our renters, and more programs to help people at risk of becoming homeless like Mr. Busch.

—Carol Habercross, San Leandro

### Blames Negligent Politicians For Failing Tenants

Editor:

Thank you for your coverage of the eviction crisis in San Leandro. Based on your story it seems the absolute worst outcome is really for those people who were told buying a "mobile home" or manufactured home was a smart investment.

Clearly in places like San Leandro, elected leaders have failed tenants time and time again. For people like 81-year-old John Bush, who may soon be living out of his car, it must feel like a slap to the face. I believe that any adverse health effects following the eviction will rest at the feet of negligent politicians, who repeat industry talking points instead of leading boldly.

If Prop. 10 passes (Costa-Hawkins Repeal), the city will have one less excuse to stonewall the needed regulation on rent increases. It may not be too late for San Leandro residents to rally behind a strong rent law to protect tenants. Meanwhile, I urge the readers to please donate to the eviction defense fund for John Bush and other affected elders awaiting removal from their own home. Visit [www.go-fundme.com/81-year-resident-faces-eviction](http://www.go-fundme.com/81-year-resident-faces-eviction) and donate what you can.

This November there will be an election. Will the rent cost be an issue? It will be for John and the many other seniors on a fixed income. But it's not likely to be something Mayor Cutter and her opponents are likely to talk about.

—Guillermo Elenes  
Our Revolution San Leandro

### Fourth of July Explosions Called 'Out of Control'

Editor:

I'm wondering how much more jarring, more explosive, more traumatizing

and dangerous celebrations like the 4th of July can get before something real is done about it.

Each year, millions of people have to sit and cringe as we listen to hours of repetitious loud booms and bomb-like explosions puncture the night air. Windows have to be shut. Animals have to be secured, comforted or drugged to prevent injuries and panic attacks.

Some unlucky, unsupervised animals have no choice but to run away, completely terrified and insane from the noise. They tragically get injured or killed by cars, wires, fences, etc. Wildlife is equally traumatized and displaced. In addition, fires are a real high risk.

I can't even imagine the trauma and stress this level of violent and triggering noise inflicts who fought in battle, serving the very country that is being celebrated.

As I understand, fireworks in San Leandro are illegal, but clearly folks feel a large sense of impunity, huge disregard and complete carelessness. How can citizens help the city cope with this?

Is it too much to ask for more stringent and/or creative policies to ensure everyone can enjoy this holiday without this level of aggravation? Nobody wants to take people's fun away, but there has to be a better way. There are cities that have actually banned loud fireworks, opting for silent ones. Others have used drone light displays.

I am respectfully requesting strong attention to this matter by the city of San Leandro, as these explosions have become more prolific in duration and intensity throughout the years.

They have grown more out of control and they seem to be allowed to take place with zero restrictions in too many of our neighborhoods. They also don't end at a reasonable time, but continue on throughout the night, disturbing the peace of those who are due to work early the next day, or worse, those who are ill.

—Lucia Fatone, Teacher  
San Leandro High School

### Ending City Manager Zapata's Contract Costly to San Leandro

Editor:

So the City Council elected to throw away \$350,000 last week by ending the contract with City Manager Chris Zapata. That now brings the cost of the Rose Padilla's bogus sexual allegation #Me Too Movement up to a whopping \$530,000 (ouch).

The \$530,000 comes from the fact that Zapata was put on five months of paid administrative leave which works out to be \$142,000. He was the highest paid San Leandro employee making \$244,170 per year and when you throw in the employee benefits it works out to be grand total of \$340,653 per annum, which ain't no chicken feed in my book.

On top of the \$142,000 the City also paid outside council \$38,000 to investigate the frivolous caper. Chris Zapata had been employed by the City since 2012 with an unblemished record and his contract was scheduled to end in January of 2020 just a short 18 months from now but the council decided to terminate the contract early even though Zapata did

nothing wrong.

There's a old saying, "pay me now or pay me later," well in this case Zapata made out like a bandit at the expense of the San Leandro taxpayers, thanks to the recklessness of the City Council.

—Brent Heath, San Leandro

### Calls on Davis Street Directors To Remove Johnson as CEO

Editor:

Every San Leandro citizen should be troubled that City Manager Chris Zapata, has been coerced into leaving. "Coerced" because his credibility has been damaged by the scurrilous, unfounded sexual harassment charges made by Rose Padilla Johnson, CEO of the Davis Street Family Resource Center.

Attorney Karen Kramer, the City-hired independent investigator, found, after five months of intensive investigation, that Mr. Zapata had not behaved inappropriately and that Ms. Johnson's account of events could be proven to be false in several instances.

Damaging a person's reputation should have serious consequences. The Davis Street Family Resource Center's Board of Directors should give very serious consideration to identically removing Ms. Johnson of her position and look for a suitable, ethical and credible CEO.

—Gary Naman, San Leandro

### Suggests City Look Outside U.S. For New City Manager

Editor:

The city is now in the market for a new city manager, a high-priced city manager. The economist Dean Baker has an interesting take on the issue of professional compensation. Baker argues that we don't blink an eye when we outsource Blue collar jobs but practice strict protectionism when it comes to the professional occupations.

Topping the list are the CEOs who make several times what their foreign counterparts make when their counterparts are still very competitive. The GM CEO probably makes at least double what the Japanese and German CEOs make but you can't argue they make better quality autos.

Baker argues this also holds true for doctors and lawyers and other professionals. When the city hired Chris Zapata it was a long, slow process. Maybe the city should consider hiring someone from outside the U.S. We might be able to find a real innovator, maybe with new clean energy and other ideas, who the city might be able to recruit for half of what domestic city managers are demanding.

—Craig Williams, San Leandro

### No Surprise that the City is in Financial Trouble

Editor:

The City of San Leandro is in financial trouble. Is this really a surprise?

The city pays the city manager an obscene amount of money to oversee a civic monopoly that does not have to compete in price, quality or service. One would think this type money would be reserved for someone who did compete and excelled.

The city has now determined police officers have a greater economic value than a skilled trades person. The city has demonstrated its business acumen in real estate speculation. It purchased the former Lucky Stores site only to sell it for \$2 million less than the purchase price. Then they put out a statement that if we all live as long as Methuselah they

will recover the loss in sales and property taxes.

The City Council has initiated a policy where the city will not engage an outside vendor unless it pays its employees a minimum of \$15 per hour. This is not the action of elected officials who are interested in being good stewards of the public treasury. Rather it is the action of those who use the public treasury to advance their own political aspirations and/or are intent on purchasing a voting constituency.

City managers and city councils, both past and present, have agreed to labor agreements where the city and taxpayers have an open ended pension liability. Maybe that is why the city managers get

the big bucks. Do your readers believe this same group would run their own personal affairs in the same manner?

Here are two suggestions. Do an actual cost analysis on every city position, excluding police, and let the data speak for itself. Would it be more cost effective to contract out on an as needed basis or maintain a constant city staff? More importantly, end the defined benefit plans that some employees enjoy and replace it with a defined contribution plan subject to the same limitation of those working in the private sector. If those employees feel abused, they can always exercise their free will and seek employment in the private sector.

—Peter Parker, San Leandro

## INQUIRING REPORTER

### Favorite childhood memory?

— Asked at the Bancroft Safeway

I was in Arkansas visiting my grandmother when I was 10 years old and she got me a go-cart. There was a dirt road with no cars on it and me and my cousins would ride around from sunup to sundown. We really had fun.

**Cassandra Chambers**  
San Leandro



When we went to Pier 39 and our parents would buy us candy-covered apples, and we would see the sea lions and go to the arcade and go on the magic carpet ride where it seemed like you were really flying.

**Andrena Pearson**  
Oakland

Playing in the park with my friends at Brookdale Park. They had a rec center and we had cooking classes, dance classes and trips to Great America, and tennis lessons, swimming lessons, they taught me how to swim, and we went camping.

**Veronica Taylor**  
Oakland



Going to the pool every day at a neighborhood pool in Stockton. We got there when they opened at 11:30 and stayed until they kicked the kids out at 5:30.

**Tracie Kinser**  
San Leandro



My grandfather telling Indian stories that he made up about an Indian who lived in the Grand Canyon. And when he would take me by the hand and be sweet to me and we would go to the Piggly-Wiggly grocery store.

**Victoria McBride**  
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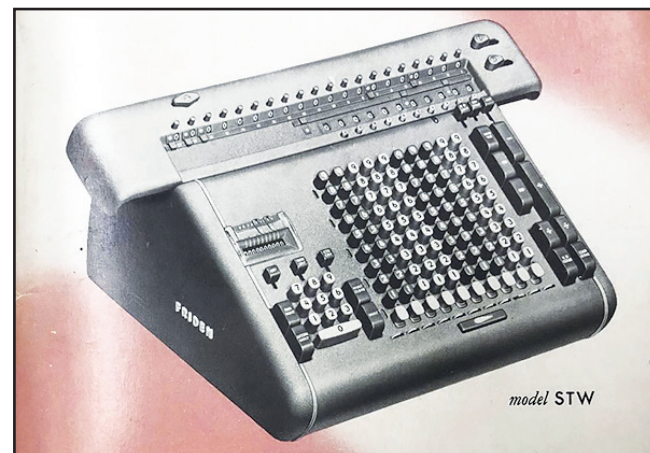
With 123 buttons most of us today are not likely to find a Friden Calculator "easy to use," but during the height of their production they were widely used due to their durability, reliability and ease of use. The average machine weighs 42 pounds and cost approximately \$650 when new.

The 1956 Friden STW10 even had a cameo appearance on film, used by Katherine Johnson in the 2016 film "Hidden Figures"



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mechanical engineering. The Museum is open Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 4 p.m. and the first Saturday of the month from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Museum is currently closed for a short break and will reopen on Wednesday, July 25. For Museum information call 577-3990 or email [asilveira@sanleandro.org](mailto:asilveira@sanleandro.org) or find the museum on Facebook.

## Theater Tours, Crafts And Cars In SLZ

A car show, craft vendors, tours of the Lorenzo Theater, and outdoor movie will be presented at Showtime in San Lorenzo on Saturday, July 21, at 16080 Hesperian Blvd. in San Lorenzo. Tours of the theater, craft vendors and the car show will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Outdoor movie fun with activities runs from 6 to 10 p.m. with the movie "Cars 3" starting at 8:30 p.m. No admission charge. To be a vendor or volunteer go to the website at [www.showtimeinsanlorenzo.org](http://www.showtimeinsanlorenzo.org).

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