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Postal district manager Jagdeep Grewal, left, presents a 40-year service certificate to San Leandro letter carrier Celia Jasso as fellow letter carrier Mario Sandoval awaits his at right, on Friday, March 7 at the San Leandro Main Post Office on Abram Court. Below are Postmaster Tracy Tan, area supervisor Katrina Unpingco, mail carriers Celia Jasso and Mario Sandoval, district manager Jagdeep Grewal, and manager Ted DeWitt.

Post Office Honors Longtime Carriers

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

You'd have to go back a while to get to a time before Mario Sandoval and Celia Jasso were delivering mail in San Leandro. It would be 40 years, in fact.

Their fellow postal workers and supervisors celebrated the two longtime letter carriers for their 40

years of service at the Main Post Office on Abram Court on March 7, in a ceremony early in the morning before the letter carriers start out on their routes.

Their managers took turns singing their praises and thanking Sandoval and Celia.

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Chan Named VP of EBMUD Board

East Bay Municipal District director also on fire advisory commission

East Bay Municipal Utility District Director April Chan was elected vice president of the board as its new term that started in January.

Chan represents Ward 7, which covers San Leandro

east of I-880, along with Castro Valley.

Chan also was elected chair of the DSRSD-EBMUD Recycled Water Authority (DERWA), a joint operation of EBMUD and the



Dublin-San Ramon Services District, that provides recycled water to the Dublin-San Ramon area.

Chan continues to serve on the Alameda County Fire Advisory Commission, with the county Board of Supervisors reappointing her on Feb. 4 to another four-year term.

— By Mike McGuire

Mayor: Great Things Happening, but We're Going Broke

Mayor Gonzalez leads with the sweet, follows with the sour financial facts in annual address

By Mike McGuire
San Leandro Times

"We have momentum!" San Leandro Mayor Juan Gonzales III exclaimed several times during his State of the City address on March 18 at the San Leandro Senior Center.

But, he said, the city won't be able to pay all its bills a few years from now if an infrastructure bond is not passed in the near future.

Gonzalez told a packed audience at the Senior Center at 13909 East 14th Street that

the city is doing well in the City Council's chosen priority areas of public safety, quality of life, housing and homelessness, economic development and infrastructure, particularly given the recent pandemic.

The city made progress in all five areas, the mayor said. Public safety made gains after the downturns of the pandemic years. While violent crime was down 10 percent nationally last year, it was down 25 percent

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Bowen Accuses Council Member of Violating Her

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

City Councilwoman Xouhoa Bowen said she was physically violated at a National League of Cities Summit meeting in Tampa, Florida last November.

Bowen made the announcement at the end of the City Council's March 17 meeting when council members are

given a minute to comment. Bowen said the person she's accusing is a City Councilman in the city of Fowler in the San Joaquin Valley, Daniel Parra.

"On Nov. 13, while attending the Nation League of Cities in Tampa, Florida, Daniel Parra, a member in the City of

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MEETING SCHEDULES

CITY COUNCIL

Council meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, City Hall, 835 E. 14th St., San Leandro. For more information, call the City Clerk at 577-3367.

SAN LEANDRO SCHOOL BOARD

Board meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 835 E. 14th St., San Leandro. For more information, call Zaira Duncan at 667-3522.



Terry Guillory and Ben Yuen appear in *Count Dracula*. SL Players Present *Count Dracula*

The San Leandro Players are currently presenting *Count Dracula* at the San Leandro Museum/Auditorium 320 W. Estudillo Ave. The show will run through April 13 on Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m., plus Fridays, April 4 and April 11, at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$25 general; \$20 seniors and under 12 (other discounts may apply). For more reservations or more information, visit www.slplayers.org or call 510-895-2573. Masking is recommended.



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Dr. Kenneth Job, orthopedist from Kaiser San Jose, welcomes a mother and daughter to Kaiser Permanente's annual Black Men in White Coats Youth Summit on March 1.

Youths Attend Black Men In White Coats Summit

Some 600 East Bay youths of all cultural backgrounds learned about the path to becoming medical doctors at Kaiser Permanente's annual Black Men in White Coats Youth Summit held March 1 at Las Positas College in Livermore. Middle school and high school students, including some from San Leandro, engaged in activities. There were CPR and suturing demonstrations, robotics and virtual reality simulations, and workshops with physicians of diverse backgrounds who shared tips about preparing for and applying to medical school.

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Late Night Fire Smokes Out Hickory Pit

The Alameda County Fire Department put out a fire at Emil Villa's Hickory Pit in San Leandro just after midnight on March 21.

The building at 1800 East 14th Street was filled with heavy smoke and the fire was spreading into the attic as firefighters arrived, according to fire department spokeswoman Cheryl Hurd. This made access to the building challenging. Most of the firefighting took place from the roof of the building. There were no injuries. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

— By Jim Knowles

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Community Calendar

SL Adult School Job and Resource Fair

Join the San Leandro Adult & Career Education Center, sponsored by Rubicon Programs, at the Community Job & Resource Fair Friday, March 28, from 10 a.m. to noon on the campus at 1448 Williams St. in San Leandro. Meet local employers, connect with career experts, and access essential community resources – all in one place. On-the-spot job opportunities, interviews, free career and financial resources, and networking with local businesses. Bring several copies of your resume.

Books Inc. Warehouse Sale

Books Inc., 2483 Washington Ave. in San Leandro, will hold a Warehouse Sale on Saturday and Sunday, March 29 and 30, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. New books for \$5 to \$10, and lots of other gifts and goods at slashed prices.

California Brain Waves Community Art

California Brain Waves will host a free community art event at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., on the first Wednesday of each month from 5 to 7 p.m. In March: Create Your Own Vision Board. April to October: Art/Craft Swap, Adult Coloring, Kid Crafting. November and December: #CardsForKindness Grab some cards, doodle, write puns, share quotes, or tell a silly story.

Friends of the San Leandro Library Spring Book Sale

The Friends of the San Leandro Library will host its semi-annual spring book sale on Saturday and Sunday, April 5 and 6, at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. – Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. is the Bag Sale Day, just \$3 for a grocery-size bag of books. Thousands of quality books, CDs, DVDs, and LPs, as well as collectible and rare books are available at rock-bottom prices. Come early for the best selection. Become a member of Friends of the Library and get early access on Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. All proceeds benefit San Leandro Library programs and services. Credit cards accepted.

Umpires Needed For HARD Recreation Softball

Hayward Softball Umpires Assoc. is recruiting year round, to work paid HARD Recreation Softball games – men's and women's and co-ed slow pitch. We train all age groups in fast and slow pitch. Call Educational Director at 510-586-8592 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. or email umpire500.61@gmail.com for more information.

Alta Mira Club Great Gatsby Shrimp Fest

The Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave. in San Leandro, will host The Great Gatsby Shrimp Fest on Saturday, April 12. Social hour at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. \$55 per person, dine in or take out. Includes all-you-can-eat shrimp, pasta, salad, bread and dessert. For tickets and information, call 510-562-7144.

Apply for a Rotary Club Grant

The Rotary Club of San Leandro provides grants to local non-profit organizations that make a difference in San Leandro. Applications are now being accepted. The application can be found under the “grants” section of the Rotary Club's website - <https://sanleandrorotary.org> Make sure to read the instructions carefully and answer all questions thoroughly. Applications are due by March 26.

Senior Lunch Program at First Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian Church of San Leandro, 180 Estudillo Ave., will offer a senior “Young at Heart” lunch program the third Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m., beginning on March 20. Each lunch will be followed by a program ranging from musical groups to information about local charities. On March 20, Peter Small will present an entertaining program about legendary inventor Thomas Edison. Space is limited. Call 510-483-2772 to reserve your spot. A \$5 donation is suggested to help cover the cost of lunch.

Landscaping with Nature – Native Trees for The Urban Forest Presentation on Saturday

California native trees and their use in the urban landscape will be the topic of a free presentation and discussion at the Manor Branch Public Library, 1241 Manor Blvd, in San Leandro on Saturday, March 29, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Elizabeth Lanham, a consulting arborist with the International Society of Arboriculture will explore the importance of integrating native tree species into the “urban forest” including street trees, park trees, city landscapes and home gardens.

The talk will highlight the

ecological and aesthetic benefits of using native species, while addressing the practical considerations necessary to create a resilient and thriving urban tree ecosystem.

Following the presentation and Q&A, tour the native plant container garden on the library's patio and pick up free native plants and seeds for your home garden.

The talk is organized by Homegrown Habitats, a program sponsored by the City of San Leandro, in collaboration with the Manor Branch Library.



City street trees are part of the “urban forest.” A talk at the Manor Library on Saturday will explore the role of California native trees in the urban forest.

SL Scholarship Foundation Dinner and Silent Auction

The San Leandro Scholarship Foundation will hold its Annual Dinner & Silent Auction on Thursday, April 10, at the San Leandro Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St.

Silent auction and live entertainment at 6 p.m. Dinner at 7 p.m. with alumni speaker Charles Leno, NFL Washington Commanders offensive lineman and SLHS Class of 2009. For tickets, visit Bit.ly/SLSF2025.

For more information, email Sanleandrosf@gmail.com.

Missing Crosswalk Sign Replaced on Parrott Street

Sign had been missing for months as pedestrians dodged cars

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

There's a little crosswalk on Parrott Street downtown, right next to Pelton Center, that seems to make it real safe to cross the street.

The crosswalk extends out from the “bulb outs” where the curb juts out into the street, making it a shorter distance to walk across the street.

Still, you have to watch out because some drivers don't pay attention or don't notice the crosswalk. But in the past few months, it was even worse – cars shooting by, eastbound on Parrott, as if there is no crosswalk at all.

It turned out that the “Pedestrian Crossing” sign facing the eastbound traffic was missing.



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Drivers going eastbound Parrott Street seemed to not know there was a crosswalk there for several months. But this new sign was put up recently.

But two weeks ago, a city crew was working near the crosswalk on Parrott. The missing sign was pointed out

and said they would get the new sign installed. And there's a noticeable difference now, as more drivers are aware of the crosswalk.

By the following week a

Women's History Month Tiny Art Show at the Library

Come view the Women's History Month Tiny Art Show at the Main library. Enjoy patron submitted art pieces inspired by women artists to highlight and celebrate women creatives.

Get inspired, learn about women's history and enjoy the talent in our community. Art work will be on display through April 1 at the Main Library.



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Going Bananas

It's no surprise that bananas are the world's most widely consumed fruit. Available year-round, they're delicious, nutritious and easy to eat raw.

But if all you ever do is slice them up over your corn flakes for breakfast, you're missing out on a world of flavors. Bananas can be

cooked as a vegetable and used in salads and sauces, though they're most often used in a variety of drinks and desserts.

Bananas are picked and shipped green. They are the only fruit that develops a better color, aroma, texture and sweetness when ripened after harvest.

They ripen quickly—often too quickly—and also hasten the ripening of other fruits that may be stored nearby. So, when selecting bananas, consider when you plan to use them. If that won't be for a couple of days, select those that are slightly green. Avoid those with bruises.

OLD-FASHIONED BANANA CREAM PIE

- 1 (9 inch) pie crust, baked
- 3 cups whole milk
- 3/4 cup white sugar
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3 egg yolks, slightly beaten
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3 bananas

Have the baked 9-inch pie shell ready.

In a large saucepan, scald the milk. In another saucepan, combine the sugar, flour and salt; gradually stir in the scalded milk. Over medium heat, stirring constantly, cook until thickened.

Cover and, stirring occasionally, cook for two minutes longer.

In a small bowl, have the 3 egg yolks, slightly beaten, ready; stir a small amount of the hot mixture into beaten yolks; when thoroughly combined, stir yolks into hot mixture.

Cook for one minute longer, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and blend in the butter and vanilla. Let sit until lukewarm.

When ready to pour, slice bananas and scatter in pie shell; pour warm mixture over bananas. Let the pie cool and serve.

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup butter, softened
- 2 large eggs
- 3 ripe bananas, mashed
- 1/3 cup plain low-fat yogurt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Cooking spray

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Lightly spoon flour into dry measuring cups; level with a knife. Combine the flour, baking soda, and salt, stirring with a whisk.

Place sugar and butter in a large bowl, and beat with a mixer at medium speed until well blended (about 1 minute). Add the eggs, 1 at a time, beating well after each addition. Add banana, yogurt, and vanilla; beat until blended. Add flour mixture; beat at low speed just until moist. Spoon batter into an 8-1/2 by 4-1/2-inch loaf pan coated with cooking spray.

Bake at 350°F for 1 hour or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes in pan on a wire rack; remove from pan. Cool completely on wire rack. Yields 1 loaf, about 12 servings.

BANANA NUT CAKE

- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup sugar

- 2 eggs
- 1 cup mashed, very ripe bananas
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon mace
- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- 2/3 cup chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease and flour two 8- or 9-inch cake pans.

Cream butter and sugar with an electric beater for 2 minutes. Add eggs, banana and vanilla; beat for 3 minutes.

Mix together the flour, baking soda, baking powder, salt and mace.

Add to banana mixture alternately with buttermilk, beating until no trace of flour remains. Fold in the nuts and pour batter into prepared pans.

Bake for 30 minutes, or until the cakes test done. Cool completely.

Cream Cheese Frosting

- 1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 2/3 cup powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3 tablespoons cream or milk

Beat the cream cheese with about 1/2 cup of powdered sugar until light and smooth, adding more sugar as needed.

Add vanilla and thin to spreadable consistency with cream or milk. Use to fill and frost cake.

If desired, add banana slices to the frosting between the layers. Serves 6 to 8.

BANANA PUDDING

- 1 cup sugar
- 3 eggs, beaten
- Dash salt
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 2 cups milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3-4 ripe bananas, sliced
- vanilla wafer

Mix sugar and eggs together. Add salt, cornstarch, and milk. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat, stirring constantly; cook until thickened.

Remove from heat; add vanilla and mix well.

In serving bowl, layer the wafers, bananas, and the pudding. Serves 6

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19): The week promises a calmer aspect. Although there might be some lingering effects from a recent job problem, things should continue to ease up. Also expect a change in a home-based situation.



TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): If you feel uneasy about a colleague's suggestion, it might be that your wise inner Taurean guide is alerting you to a potential problem. Stepping away could turn out to be the right thing to do.



GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): A family get-together opens up new opportunities for renewing ties. It can be especially effective in dealing with disagreements that should have been resolved but never fully were.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): You might be surprised at the response you get to a recent decision. You might be even more surprised by the reasons behind it. In any event, you'll learn something important.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): Your aspects favor resolving any tensions left over from a recent incident. You might want to consider having a "clear the air" talk as soon as you can. A call can lead to a change of plans.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): Avoid repeating yourself. If your first few efforts fail to connect, maybe it's because you haven't found the right way to get your message across. Try changing your approach.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): Good intentions plus a strong resolve to succeed can take you where you want to go. Don't give up just because someone suggests you might be pursuing an impossible cause.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): An unexpected setback can be a blessing in disguise. Use it to recheck your facts and how you've presented them. Meanwhile, look for ways to expand your contacts.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): You should finally be seeing a positive change in a recent personal situation. However, an on-the-job matter might need more attention than you realized. Stay with it!



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): While you should be close to completing an important matter, you still need to maintain your focus. Things will ease up in time for weekend fun with family and friends.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): A certain matter might take an unexpected turn. Don't simply accept it; ask for an explanation. What you learn might be helpful in shifting the situation around to your benefit.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Projecting a positive attitude helps restore calm, even when you're confronting some pretty stormy situations. Stay the course! The outcome will be well worth your efforts.

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By Carl Medford, CRS
Special to the Times

GUEST COMMENTARY



Bay Area to Ban Natural Gas Hot Water Heaters

By Carl Medford, CRS
Special to the Times

A The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) on March 15/23 implemented laws banning the sale and installation of natural gas water heaters in 2027 and natural gas furnaces in 2029. Starting January 1/27, natural gas-powered hot water heaters will no longer be sold in California and January 1/29 halts purchases of natural gas-powered furnaces in the state.

This will not be an issue for homes built after January, 2027 because new electric-based systems will be integrated in the design. It will, however, cause significant heartburn for those homeowners with existing natural gas-powered units. If an existing hot water heater

or furnace fails after the cutoff dates, homeowners will no longer be able to by similar replacements and will need to upgrade to electrically powered systems.

If a new electrical water heater is replacing a gas-powered unit, it can be accomplished fairly easily. A new, dedicated 30A 240V circuit will need to be run to the new heater and the existing vent must be sealed off. If it is a tankless unit, the power requirements could be as high as 60A. In both cases, the plumbing connections will remain the same.

The problem, however, is that many homes do not currently have the capacity to handle these extra power requirements. Many older East Bay

homes do not even have a minimum 100 Amp service. This will mean substantial upgrades, not only to the service feed to the home from the utility company, but to the main breaker panel as well. Upgrading older homes to current electrical standards can be extremely costly.

The larger issue, pushed to 2029, will be upgrading older homes to new electrically-powered heating and cooling systems. The changes required to upgrade will be substantial and could be very costly. The question many are beginning to ask is, "Who will pay for all of this?"

The truly significant irony here is that 47.6% of California's current electrical production comes from ... natural gas-powered facilities. Solar accounts for 19%, wind 6%, geothermal, biomass and miscellaneous others combined produce 7%, hydro 13% and nuclear 8%. This is a case of swapping out one 'problem' for another.

There is yet another issue: California's electrical grid is not currently capable of handling projected load increases once these laws are enacted. Even worse, the push for electric vehicles is also increasing load requirements which are already at the breaking point.

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Welcome to 2436 Harborview, a beautifully preserved mid-century modern house offering 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, and 1,938 sq. ft.* of single-level living. This stunning, Bay-O-Vista home boasts two fireplaces, a brick fireplace in the den and a stunning stone fireplace in the living room—complemented by gorgeous random-plank hardwood floors. Designed for both comfort and style, the home features newer dual-pane windows, air conditioning, and a spacious en-suite primary bedroom. The eat-in kitchen is perfect for casual dining, while large windows invite in natural light and peek-a-boo views of the Bay. Meticulously maintained and with clean pest inspection reports, this move-in-ready home blends classic charm with modern convenience. Situated on a large, level lot in the highly coveted, Bay-O-Vista neighborhood, the property has drought-tolerant landscaping, a private yard, and a two-car garage.

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Your Japanese Maple is Fine, Don't Worry

By Buzz Bertolero
The Dirt Gardener

Q I have a beautiful ten-year-old red Japanese Maple that was stunning last year. After the leaves turned brown, the maple shed two-thirds of its leaves around mid-December. The remaining brown and curly leaves just hung on the tree. Eventually, I removed them by hand in late January. The branches, stems, and limbs look healthy and show no signs of shriveling. My other Japanese Maples shed all their leaves as they always have. I've been told it may be sick, but the person wasn't sure why. Do you know what is happening or what is wrong with this Maple?

A I wouldn't be overly concerned about your Japanese Maple. While this isn't typical of previous years, the partial leaf drop is not a sign of a problem. A plant's genetic characteristics and climatic conditions influence leaf drop, so something has changed, but it's hard to identify, and you couldn't affect any change anyway. Manually stripping off the old leaves, as you did, does not harm the plant. Your in-

formation source may have alluded to a problem called Verticillium or Fusarium Wilt. These vascular diseases block the major plant arteries for food and water during the growing season. When the water flow is interrupted, we will find leaf curl in sections of the canopy, resembling water stress, windburn, and leaf drop. Another sign of the disease is that small and more significant stems turn black. The decline usually occurs over several growing seasons. Verticillium and Fusarium Wilt are very common in Bay Area soils; unfortunately, we have no chemical controls for them. Susceptible plants and the disease can coexist for many years before it manifests itself. Camphor, Olive, Wisteria, Pistache, tomatoes, and other plants will likely suffer from Verticillium and Fusarium Wilt. Curly or shriveled leaves, especially during the dormant season, do not indicate Verticillium or Fusarium Wilt. But I doubt you have any problem with either from your description.

Q I have so many wonderful Daylilies that I'm consid-

ering giving some away. When is the best time of year to divide them?

A Daylilies are divided in the spring and fall, March through May, and October through November. No special techniques or precautions are required when dividing Daylily clumps. Because Daylilies have a fleshy, tuberous root system, use a round, pointed shovel to dig around the clumps before lifting them out of the ground. Daylily clumps can be divided into as many sections as you wish. Before planting the new divisions, amend the soil with soil conditioner and/or homemade compost, and add a handful of starter fertilizer at the bottom of the hole. You'll find several YouTube videos by googling "Dividing Daylilies".

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Spring Checklist to Put Your House in Order

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of your home. Here's a comprehensive spring home improvement checklist that will help you get your home ready for the new season.

Inspect Roof and Gutters

The first thing you

should do is inspect your roof and gutters for any damage or debris that may have accumulated during the winter months. Check for missing or damaged shingles, and make sure your gutters are clean and free of debris. Clogged gutters can cause water to back up and damage your roof, siding, and foundation, so it's essential to keep them clean and in good working order.

Check Your Home's Exterior

Take a walk around your home's exterior and look for any signs of damage, such as cracks in the

foundation, peeling paint, or rotting wood. Make any necessary repairs as soon as possible to prevent further damage and ensure your home's structural integrity.

Power Wash Home's Exterior

Power washing your home's exterior is an excellent way to remove dirt and mildew that has accumulated over the winter months. It's an easy and cost-effective way to enhance your home's curb appeal and make it look brand new again.

Inspect Windows and Doors

Check your windows and doors for any air leaks or drafts. If you find any, caulk or weatherstrip them to prevent air from escaping. Consider replacing any old or damaged windows and doors with energy-efficient models to save even more money on your energy bills.

Clean and Inspect HVAC System

Spring is the perfect time to clean and inspect your HVAC system to ensure it's running efficiently and effectively. Change your air filters, clean your vents and ducts, and schedule a professional tune-up to keep your

system in good working order.

Check Your Plumbing System

Check your plumbing system for any leaks or drips, and make any necessary repairs as soon as possible. Check your water heater, pipes, and faucets for any signs of damage, and consider upgrading to a more energy-efficient model to save money on your water bills.

Clean & Organize Your Garage

Spring is the perfect time to clean and organize your garage. Sort through your belongings, throw away anything you no longer need, and donate or sell items that are still in good condition. Consider investing in storage solutions, such as shelves or cabinets, to keep your garage organized and clutter-free.

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Clean and Organize Your Closets

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Check Your Home's Insulation

Check your home's insulation to ensure it's adequate and in good condition. Insulation is

essential for keeping your home warm in the winter and cool in the summer, so make sure your attic, walls, and floors are well-insulated to save money on your energy bills.

Clean and Inspect Your Appliances

Clean and inspect your appliances, such as your oven, refrigerator, and dishwasher, to ensure they're running efficiently and effectively. Check for any signs of damage, such as leaks or unusual noises, and make any necessary repairs as soon as possible.

Check Your Home's Security System

Check your home's security system to ensure

it's working properly. Consider upgrading to a newer model with more advanced features, such as motion detectors or video surveillance.

Create a Spring Maintenance Schedule

Create a spring maintenance

schedule to ensure you stay on top of all your home improvement projects. Schedule regular cleanings, inspections, and repairs to keep your home in good condition and prevent any further damage.

By following this comprehensive spring home improvement checklist, you can ensure your

home is ready for the new season. Not only will these projects enhance your home's beauty and functionality, but they'll also increase its value and save you money on your energy bills. So roll up your sleeves, grab your tools, and get to work! Your home will thank you.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF Kathleen Mary Andrews. Case Number: 25PR112846 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Kathleen Mary Andrews, aka Kathieen M. Andrews, Kathleen Andrews, fka Kathleen Mary Fahrner, Kathleen M. Fahrner, Kathleen Fahrner.

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(NAPSI)—You may not know it, but chances are you have at least one risk factor that could make you vulnerable for serious complications from flu, COVID-19 and other dangerous diseases.

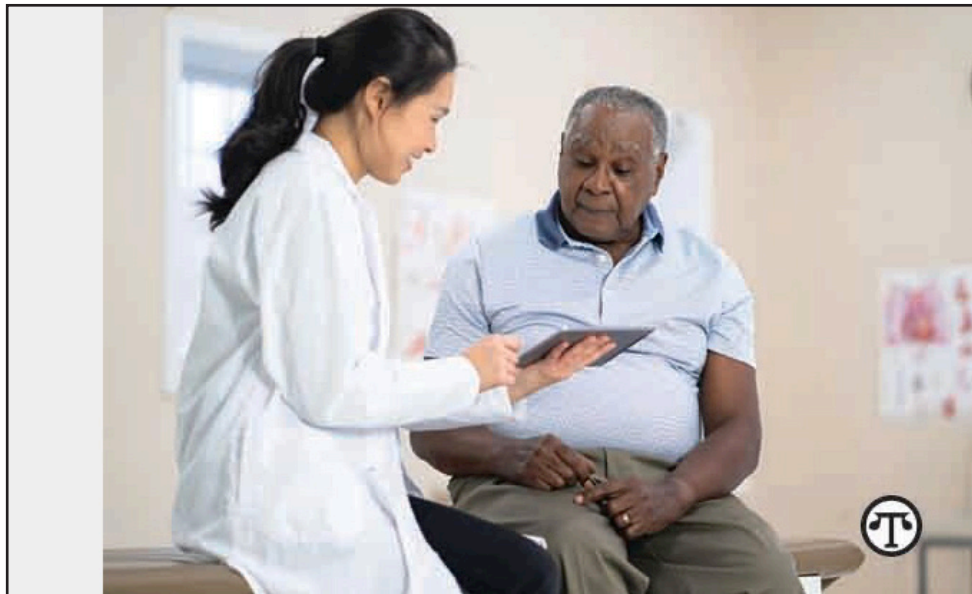
Conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, and lung diseases including asthma and COPD increase your risk. Other common factors including being overweight, obese, pregnant, and even age — being 50 or older — can put you at greater risk for serious illness.

The good news is, you can protect yourself and those you care about.

The bad news is, too many people are not doing everything they can. Doctors say there's been lower-than-optimal vaccination rates this fall.

What Can Be Done

The better news is, while treatments are not a substitute, nor a replacement for vaccines, there are several antiviral treatments approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for people at high risk for serious illness



If you get COVID-19 or the flu, the faster you get proper treatment, the better your chances of a complete recovery.

from COVID-19 and flu.

Antivirals work by preventing the viruses that cause flu and COVID-19 infections from making copies of themselves and spreading through the body. As a result, they can help limit more serious symptoms and reduce the risk of hospitalization and death in high-risk individuals.

Clinical trials have shown

oral antivirals for flu can reduce the risk of hospitalization by 60 percent, and a study from Yale found that the COVID-19 antiviral Paxlovid reduced hospitalization by as much as 89 percent for high-risk individuals.

Antiviral Treatments for COVID-19 and flu are available with a prescription from a healthcare provider or, in

many cases, from a state-licensed pharmacist. And they are most effective when they are started as soon as possible after being infected — within 5 days after symptoms begin for COVID-19 and within the first 2 days for flu.

These life- and lifestyle-saving medicines, however, are also not used as often as they should be for several reasons:

- Gaps in patient and provider awareness.
- Financial barriers, with potential increased out-of-pocket costs post government programs.
- Equity issues, particularly in underserved communities. Black patients are 36 percent less likely to receive an antiviral than are white patients, according to the National Institutes of Health (NIH).
- The digital divide, limiting tele-health access in rural or low-income areas.
- Misconceptions about antiviral effectiveness, delaying treatment.

How To Help Yourself

Don't hesitate. If you have symptoms of COVID-19 or the flu, get tested and get treated. These drugs are most effective when they are started as soon as possible after being infected — within 5 days after the first symptoms of COVID-19 begin and within 2 days after flu symptoms begin.

As for cost and coverage, there are patient assistance programs, co-pay programs,

and other plans to help ensure COVID-19 treatments will continue to be available at no or low cost for most individuals.

Plus, the CDC suggests, to avoid getting or spreading the viruses, in addition to getting the vaccines, that you:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
 - Keep frequently touched surfaces clean.
 - Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
 - Wear a mask.
 - Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. Germs spread this way.
 - Improve air quality at home by bringing in fresh outside air, purifying indoor air, or gathering outdoors. Cleaner air can reduce the risk of exposure to viruses.
- Additional information is available at cveep.org/treatments.

OPINION

LETTERS to the EDITOR

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Steps Needed to Achieve Peace

Editor,
What possible justification can there be for dropping American supplied bombs on civilian infrastructure knowing that non-combatant civilians will die? The appropriate name for this is "murder."

I am ashamed of our country's support for Israel's aerial bombing even though I do support Israel's Defense Force, the IDF, going into Gaza and attacking Hamas fighters one-on-one. The IDF doesn't want to do that since they know they will take more casualties.

If President Trump really wants peace in the Middle East, he should (1) stop providing aerial munitions to Israel, (2) open a U.S. Embassy to Palestine next to the U.S. Embassy to Israel in Jerusalem and (3) recognize a Palestinian government that doesn't contain Hamas.

Don Siefkes
San Leandro

Bravo to SLHS Drama Dept.

Editor,
A friend and I had the wonderful pleasure of attending San Leandro High School's Dramatic Arts production of *The Addams Family*.

The performance was absolutely golden from beginning to end.

The musical is a story of a weird, ghoulish family that loves all things death, in song and dance. Directed by the legendary Sue Ellen Nelsen, we were transported through a rollicking ride with an amazing and very talented high school cast of actors, singers, and dancers.

Each scene kept us so entertained with superior vocals, whimsical dancing and music, delightful dialogue, incredible set design, and an amazing deck crew.

The performers truly displayed exceptional dedication, hard work, and a wonderful camaraderie. It will be a forever high school memory.

Thank you SL High School Drama Department for our ghoulish evening of sheer perfection. "They're creepy and they're kooky, mysterious and spooky, they're altogether ooky, The Addams Family."

Pearl Johnston
San Leandro

Who Are the Warmongers?

Editor,
An America-hating letter writer who claimed to live in San Leandro vomited out a pile of explicit Russian propaganda on this page last week. It's not worthwhile to debunk all of the misstatements of fact and attempts to claim absolute knowledge of future history that that letter contained. This supposed resident of our city is a bloodthirsty supporter of Russia's imperialistic, genocidal war against Ukraine and its citizens.

What deserves examination in that letter is the outrageous claim that those who oppose Russia's illegal war are agents of "The warmongers in D.C." who are in charge of "The Pentagon." President Trump shares the letter writer's fondness for Russian propaganda and anti-European attacks. President Trump and his hand-picked Secretary of Defense are in thorough control of the Pentagon.

Secretary Hegseth led our bombing of Yemen this weekend which killed 53 Yemenis, including children. President Trump has threatened Canada, Denmark,

Greenland, Mexico, Panama and other historical allies with a military attack by the United States if those allies refuse to acquiesce in advance to his hostile demands. The president has also threatened that he may direct the United States to violate the agreement we signed with European nations in 1949 to provide mutual defense if our nations are attacked militarily.

Vice President Vance said in a televised interview this weekend that "Denmark is not being a good ally. If we need to take Greenland that is what President Trump will do because he doesn't care what Europeans scream at us." The Prime Minister of Greenland said this weekend that the "continuous pressure" from the U.S. is "violating us as a people and our sovereignty...they are increasing the pressure with each passing day, and now the international community... must step in instead of small hesitant declarations of support."

Who are the warmongers in these scenarios?

Doug Jones
San Leandro

Mayor: Gonzalez praises city's volunteers

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cent in San Leandro.

Efforts to hire more police at the short-staffed police department continue, Gonzalez said. And we're returning to being a city where the elderly feel safe walking to their destinations, parents feel safe letting the kids explore, and entrepreneurs feel safe opening and expanding businesses.

Gonzalez praised city beautification efforts during the past year. Some 350 trees and plants were planted, hundreds of gallons of litter hauled away, and over 100 cubic yard of mulch were placed on city lands. A first-ever Age-Friendly Action Plan was adopted. The Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon returned.

Volunteers helped make many of these things possible, Gonzalez said. When he asked for every person in the audience who had volunteered at a city event or program this past year to stand, nearly half the audience stood up.

"On behalf of the entire City of San Leandro, I thank you for making our city a kinder and more closely-knit community," Gonzalez said.

The mayor added that volunteers have also reported 1,760 instances of illegal dumping and helped facilitate 535 graffiti abatements, which has led to cleaner streets, parks, and neighborhoods.

In the area of recreation and parks, the city's summer camp enrollment is up. Some 78 classes were added and nearly 9,000 residents are being served in programs and classes, a rise of 530 from last year.

The libraries hosted almost 700 programs and more than 43,000 people attended. There were over 290,000 visits to libraries, and over 430,000 materials were checked out.

The city's three farmers' markets – downtown on Wednesdays from April through September, and year-round at both Bay Fair on Saturdays and at Kaiser Hospital on Tuesdays – continue to offer residents more fresh food choices and a family friendly atmosphere.

The Arts & Culture Grants Programs is back after a three-year hiatus. It awarded 12 grants supporting several different kinds of artistic expression, the mayor said.

Neighborhood associations, organizations like the San Leandro Improvement Association (which collects an added property tax downtown) and the city continue to put on major public events throughout the year.



PHOTO BY MIKE MCGUIRE

The audience filled the room at the Senior Center for the annual State of the City address on March 18.

Housing and homelessness continue to be a challenge, but progress is being made, Gonzalez said. The navigation center for the homeless at the former Nimitz Motel on Lewelling Boulevard opened recently. Construction of affordable housing continues in several places around the city, and the California Department of Housing and Community Development designated us a "Pro Housing City," one of relatively few cities in the state so named.

The Bay Area Metropoli-

tan Transit Commission noted that San Leandro ranked sixth in affordable housing production out the Bay Area's more than one hundred cities, some of them with much larger populations, Gonzalez said.

"All of these housing-focused efforts are helping keep San Leandro more affordable than neighboring communities," the mayor said. He showed a slide showing San Leandro rents a bit lower than other nearby cities.

Financial Problems Looming

A structural deficit built up in past years, though, interferes with meeting costs in the near future, particularly pensions and maintenance of

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Obituaries

Harold Ray Seibert "Hal"

August 12, 1933 ~ March 16, 2025

Hal was born in Hemet, Calif. and the family moved to Modesto where he graduated from Modesto High School and married his high school sweetheart. He joined the navy during the Korean War, was stationed at Kodiak, Alaska, and then transferred to the Oak Knoll Naval Hospital in Oakland where he continued his civilian career as chief administrator of the pathology labs for 40 years.



His wife Barbara died in 1997, so he went back to work at Kaiser regional lab for 20 years and retired once more. He was a Castro Valley resident for 60 years. He loved flying in his small aircraft, going to Broadway shows in San Francisco, spending time with his son Mike, and talking with friends and neighbors. Hal was a kind, gentle man who will be missed by many.

A celebration of his life will be held on Friday, March 28, 2025 at 10 a.m. at Spencer Mortuary in Castro Valley followed by burial at 1 p.m. at Lakewood Memorial Park in Hughson, Calif., 900 Santa Fe Avenue. Please donate to the VFW.

Mary Lou Weinberger

December 17, 1930 ~ March 17, 2025

Mary Louise Vaz was born in Niles, California on December 17, 1930, a few weeks after her mother arrived from Terceira Island, Azores, Portugal via ship and train. Both her parents (August Cotta Vaz and Mary Serpa Vaz) were Azorean Portuguese immigrants from Terceira and they, with her brother August Vaz, settled in San Leandro near other Azorean immigrant friends and family. After attending San Leandro elementary schools where she learned to speak English, the family settled in Alameda where she attended Alameda High School (class of 1948). In Alameda, she met the love of her life, Al Weinberger, on the steps of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Alameda, where they were eventually married.

She attended Willis Business College in Oakland after which she became a legal secretary in the offices of Houlihan & Brown (Oakland) from 1949 to 1954. After Al returned from the Korean War, they started a family and settled in San Leandro where they would live for almost 70 years. At that point she devoted herself to motherhood and raising their three sons. Once her children were old enough, she returned to work for the San Leandro School District in the ESL program as a teacher's aide. She worked with many Portuguese speaking immigrant children, giving them the assistance that she did not have when she started school.

Mary Lou served on Mother's Guilds for her children's schools and countless fundraisers and volunteer work for St. Felicitas School, Assumption School and the San Leandro School District. She was a member of the Church of the Assumption in San Leandro for more than 55 years from 1968 to 2024, rarely missing a Sunday mass during that time. Among other volunteer work, through Assumption Church, she participated in the group that knitted caps, clothing and blankets for the local hospital's neo natal unit. She, like her mother, was devoted to our Lady of Fatima of Portugal, praying to her frequently.

After the passing of her father, Mary Lou's mother and aunt (Tia Connie) became an integral part of her family, bringing them to summer vacations in Lake Tahoe, ferrying them to various appointments and outings, and guiding them through their later life. For many years as her children grew and ventured into their own lives, Mary Lou and Al travelled extensively throughout the US on group tours and cruises with friends and to Europe including trips to Terceira Island to visit her cousins.

In 2024, Mary Lou and Al relocated to Oakmont Gardens in Santa Rosa to be closer to family. There she was a mainstay at the bingo games and attended Star of the Valley Catholic Church. Even through later life, others often commented on her always appearing well dressed, polished and striking.

She is survived by her husband of almost 74 years, Alfred (Al) Weinberger and their three sons: Richard of Fremont, Michael (and Francine) of Houston, TX, and Stephen (and Janet) of Sebastopol; four grandchildren: Christopher of Fremont, Hannah of Carmichael, Hank (and Emily) of Sacramento, and Miles of San Francisco; and three great grandchildren: Colton, Hall and Ida. She is also survived by two first cousins, Orlanda Palma and Cecilia Botelho of Portugal and many second cousins, nieces and nephews.

There will be a celebration of life/funeral mass on Friday, April 4th at 11:00 a.m. at Star of the Valley Catholic Church in Santa Rosa at 545 White Oak Drive, with lunch in the adjacent Fahey Parish Center to follow. For those unable to attend the funeral, all are welcome to also attend the Rite of Committal the following day on Saturday, April 5th at 11:30 a.m., Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward, 26320 Mission Boulevard.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Catholic Charities USA (<https://donate.catholiccharitiesusa.org/>) or your charity of choice.

James (Jim) Johnston

June 14, 1939 ~ March 15, 2025

On March 15, 2025, James (Jim) Johnston of San Leandro, CA passed away at the age of 85.

Jim was born in Greenville, MS to Billie James. He moved around the country with his Mother before settling in San Leandro.

He is survived by his wife Charlotte son Jeffrey (Teresa) and cherished grandsons Zachary and Brock Johnston. Preceded in death by his beloved daughter Debra (Clint) Gomez.

Jim is survived by his sister Cynthia (Chuck) Wright, brothers, Mike Yonke & Dominic (Robin) Pontrelli, brother-in-law David (Jennie) Quezada, sisters-in-law, Judy (Larry) Mohr & Linda (Jon) Duarte, nephew Ryan Duarte along with many other nieces & nephews.

Jim served in the U.S. Army 1958-60. Met his beloved wife Charlotte in 1960 and were married for 63 years.

Jim was always in sales of some type. He retired from Frito-Lay after 25 years. Then decided to work part time for Enterprise Rent a Car for 15 years.

His love was for the game of baseball with young children. During baseball season for 35 years if you wanted to see him he was at Stenzil Park (Washington Manor Jr. League) either coaching or umpiring. Loved to help new umpires. He also coached San Leandro Bobby Sox (girls softball) in the 1970s. He will be remembered as a man who would do anything for his friends and family. He was very witty even when he was very sick in the hospital and made us all laugh.

Thank you to all the wonderful nurses and doctors at Kaiser San Leandro for the wonderful care.

Services will be held on Thursday, April 3, 2025 at Noon in the Chapel of the Chimes Reflection Chapel in Hayward, CA.

In lieu of flowers, please donate in his name to your favorite charity.



The Weather and You

A Little More Rain Heading into April

By Mike Pechner
Special to the Times

One day after the official start of spring temperatures were at least 10 degrees above normal.

The mercury doesn't drop from the current highs until after mid-week. With Daylight Savings Time, mornings are colder because it's an hour later for sunrise.

After a brief stint of spring weather, a wet pattern sets up as early as Thursday extending into the first few days of April. Snow is likely in the Sierra down to 5,500 feet with rain in the Mother Lode country and throughout the Bay Area, including the San Leandro and Tri-Valley areas.

At the Central Sierra Snow Lab near Donner Pass, precipitation has dropped to 88 percent of average for this date in the year. New snowfall this weekend could bring the average up to near normal.

Seasonal rainfall at Hayward Airport is 13.80 inches so far this year which is 103 percent of normal. On the other side of Las Trampas Ridge, Livermore rainfall is only 63 percent for this date. But local storage in the EBMUD is 91 percent of normal, reflecting the healthy water years we have enjoyed and up in the Sierra, the the big EBMUD reservoirs, Pardee and Comanche, are 89 percent and 77 percent of capacity.

This will not be a drought year for Northern Californias, but Southern California has had a dry winter and the prospects for the rest of the season are not likely to improve, not good for the upcoming fire season.

The Weather and You by meteorologist Mike Pechner, Golden West Meteorology, former KTVU meteorologist and currently the Weather and Climate Specialist for CBS News Bureau, San Francisco.

Mayor: Infrastructure costs on the rise

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buildings and other city facilities. The past year's contributions to pension costs through CalPERS retirement is equal to 68 percent of the salary bill for current city workers, Gonzalez said.

Battery Tech Hub

In economic development, the mayor said existing businesses such as Torani and Kaiser Hospital continue to expand, while new businesses are being attracted. For instance, the American Red Cross opened its Northern California headquarters here in 2024, and battery technology firms moving in include Lyten, Quino Energy, Inlyte Energy, Zelos Energy and Coreshell Technologies.

Plans for shoreline redevelopment around the former marina continue despite the bankruptcy of one company, Cal Coast, that was in charge of part of the project. Gonzalez emphasized that the city is not exposed financially in that bankruptcy.

The city gained some federal funds to rebuild Lake Chabot Road, and is moving toward a federally required environmental study, the mayor said.

Memorial Park at the corner of Bancroft and Callan avenues has been closed for

construction, but will reopen soon as an all-abilities, fully inclusive playground, Gonzalez said.

Construction will begin soon on a new Mulford Marina Branch Library, after a scare about possible loss of state funding. Funding was preserved through the city's advocacy efforts, and preliminary work needed before construction has been completed.

High Cost of Paving

Paving progress to restore streets to normal continues citywide, and Gonzalez said nearly everyone wishes they could proceed faster. The problem is the cost relative to the city's resources, he said.

Repaving a block of road also requires replacing all four of an intersection's accessibility ramps, adding more to the cost, Gonzalez said.

More than half the roads in town fall below the industry standard for good or excellent, and into one of three categories of at-risk. The bottom of those categories describes "poor or failed" roads which may not even be fixable, and applies to 19 percent of San Leandro's roads.

To bring all the streets out of the at-risk categories and into the healthier "good or excellent" standing would



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Mayor Gonzalez talks about the city's economic development efforts at the State of the City address.

cost \$61 million over the next 5 years, well above what the city has budgeted for road maintenance.

Similar improvements are needed in other city infrastructure, buildings, sewage pipes, the sewage treatment plant, vehicles and parks as those all age and need replacement or repair, Gonzalez said.

City Will Need Millions More

The city needs to come up with \$19 million to meet such needs for city facilities in the next five years, the mayor said. Over the next 10 years, the bill rises to \$92 million for the water pollution control plant, \$76 million for stormwater systems and \$14 million for parks.

Noting that residents voted down a recent bond measure to

replace sewer pipes, Gonzalez said that the fee had last been raised in 1993.

"We simply cannot maintain the same level of service by relying on a fee that was set 32 years ago when a gallon of milk cost \$1.12 and a loaf of bread between 75 cents and a dollar," he said.

A bond is needed to pay for infrastructure that is already wearing out so it doesn't fail and need much more expensive replacement later, Gonzalez said.

Gonzales has suggested this before, and the audience applauded, if not with great enthusiasm.

"I will not pass along this unfunded infrastructure burden onto our children," Gonzalez said. "I will make sure it gets done."

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Carriers: 'There are changes but you adjust'

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The two also had advice for their co-workers, telling them to hang in there and treat change as a given.

"Just keep working, with a positive attitude," said Jasso, who is also retiring soon. "There are changes, but you have to adjust."

Jasso said she's probably delivered on 15 routes over

her career, but for the last 10 years she's been delivering mail along Wicks Boulevard and to Mission Bay Mobile Home Park. She would encounter her customers at Mission Bay in the middle of all sorts of activities, and they invited her back as a guest to join them when they heard she was retiring.

The best part of the job has

been working outdoors, serving her customers, Jasso said.

Jason and Sandoval were presented with 40-year pins adorned with a ruby to mark the occasions.

Sandoval sees retirement approaching, but plans to keep working for at least another year.

Sandoval said his favorite part of the job was seeing

all his different customers in all kinds of different moods doing all kinds of things over the years.

He delivered on a number of routes throughout his career, but currently is working in the vicinity of Adams and 98th avenues, near the Oakland city line and the airport.

"I have great customers," Sandoval said.

Bowen: Parra's attorney: 'He is innocent'

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Fowler City Council physically violated me," Bowen said at the council meeting.

Bowen wasn't more specific on what Fowler allegedly did other than to say she was "physically violated."

Bowen added that the Tampa police investigated her claim and after that the district attorney in Tampa charged Parra with misdemeanor battery.

"I filed a report with the City of Tampa police department. The police department commenced an investigation. Following the investigation of battery the district attorney charged Parra with one count



City Council Xouhoa Bowen accused a City Councilman from Fowler in Fresno County.

of misdemeanor battery," Bowen said.

She added that the National League of Cities is also conducting an investigation.

"It's also important to me during national Women's History Month to address the systemic barriers and biases that women face, both in professional and personal spaces," Bowen said. "I want to send a very clear statement that such reprehensible behavior is absolutely unacceptable. And say to other women in public office that you are not alone and powerless."

KFSN-TV in Fresno reported that Parra's attorney released a statement that reads

in part: "He is innocent. And we intend to prove it. Stay tuned."

At the March 17 meeting, six of the seven City Council members announced they had attended a more recent National League of Cities conference, held in Washington, D.C. earlier this month. The council members who attended that conference included Bowen, along with Dylan Boldt, Victor Aguilar, Jr., Fred Simon, Bryan Azevedo, and Mayor Juan Gonzalez.

City Council members are allowed \$10,000 annually in city funds for travel and training.

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