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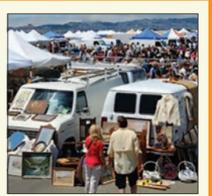
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**Alameda Sun Almanac**

Date	Rise	Set
Today	07:02	18:58
Sept. 29	07:03	18:56
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## Shelter Event on Tap Oct. 5

Grammy Award winner to perform at seventh annual animal shelter gala

**Sun Staff Reports**

By day she cares for homeless pets as kennel supervisor at Friends of the Alameda Animal Shelter (FAAS). By night, Alamedan Chris O'Connell is a Grammy Award-winning singer with the band, the Smart Alecks. On Thursday, Oct. 5, the band will bring its unique blend of American blues, jazz and Western swing to FAAS's seventh annual After the Ball fundraiser and gala held on the USS Hornet. Tickets are \$90 in advance or \$120 at the door and proceeds benefit the shelter pets. Doors will open at 6 p.m.

O'Connell got her start in show business at the tender age of 18 when she joined a "band of scruffs" called Asleep at the Wheel, soon to become one of the best-known country-and-western bands of the 1970s and 1980s. For 15 years she toured with the band from Paw Paw, W. Va., as it churned out hit records and collected industry awards. In 1974, country music legend Willie Nelson asked the band to come to Austin, where O'Connell eventually settled to raise a daughter, perform locally and finally indulge her love for animals with an assortment of pets.

Six years ago she moved to Oakland. In 2016 she began volunteering at FAAS and this year became a full-time employee. Her five-piece band The Smart Alecks includes guitarist Don Margraf, who worked the honky-tonk circuit with Ike and Tina Turner, Kenny Rogers, and Van Morrison, among others. "These guys are all world-class players, but mainly they are wonderful guys," said O'Connell.

During her time with Asleep at the Wheel, Chris received seven Grammy nominations and a win in 1978 for Best Country Instrumental. She remembers fame as a "hard hard time, hammering it out on the road," but also a period when she "worked with the greatest stars of every kind of music," including Merle Haggard, Waylon Jennings and Emmylou Harris.

"Maybe we should have a contest to see if anybody remembers an old song I did called 'Space Buggy,'" said O'Connell. "Seems about right for playing on the Hornet."

For more information, call Carla Thornton, FAAS marketing, communications and development, at 337-8572. Purchase tickets at [www.aftertheball.org](http://www.aftertheball.org).



Dennis Evanosky

Members of the Encinal High School student body knelt or raised their fists during a playing of the national anthem Monday outside the school. The protest, begun by pro footballer Colin Kaepernick, is designed to highlight the inequality in many aspects of American society for people of color.

## Encinal Takes a Knee

Unity Picnic aims to exert solidarity across racial barriers

**Sun Staff Reports**

Students at Encinal High School (EHS) announced during the school day last Monday that they would join the recent protests staged by sports professionals highlighting the inequality people of color confront daily in the United States. As school let out for the day, a large portion of the student body met in front of the school at the flagpole for a rendition of the national anthem.

As the *Star Spangled Banner* played, the students sat, knelt or raised their fists in solidarity with former San Francisco 49er Colin Kaepernick who started the movement last season.

"I am not going to stand up to show pride in a flag for a country that oppresses black people and people of color," Kaepernick said, explaining the movement which has taken on new meaning in light of the president's recent comments.

The students at EHS knelt with more than 200 NFL players who joined the movement this past weekend.

In a somewhat related event last Saturday, the second annual Unity Picnic brought more than



Courtesy Alain McLaughlin

Alamedans gathered for the annual Unity Picnic and took this drone shot this past Saturday. They stood in formation to spell "unity" from above.

100 Alamedans of all backgrounds together to proclaim their solidarity. The locals gathered at the shoreline to illustrate their unity by becoming part of the word itself. (See photo above.)

Following the photo opportunity, the attendees spent several hours eating, listening to poetry and music and enjoying the afternoon together.

## Fire Chief Steps Down

Long retires after almost 30 years

**Sun Staff Reports**

Alameda Fire Department (AFD) Chief Doug Long retired on Friday, Sept. 22. He began his career with AFD on June 16, 1988. He was promoted to lieutenant in 1997, captain in 1999, division chief in 2011, deputy chief in 2014 and chief in 2015.

Long was born and raised in Alameda. He reinstated the AFD Fire Prevention Bureau earlier this year.

"Chief Long provided solid leadership for our department throughout his career, and especially as chief," said Captain Jeff DelBono, IAFF Local 689 president. "His knowledge of our community was key in keeping our department in line with the needs of Alameda."



Courtesy AFD

Fire Chief Doug Long



Clayton J. Mitchell Photography

State Assembly Member Rob Bonta interacted with a panel of cannabis experts during the Alameda Chamber of Commerce Business Expo & Conference last Wednesday.

## Chamber Expo a Hit for Business Owners, Locals

**Eric J. Kos**

Local businesspeople had the unique opportunity to connect, learn and promote themselves at the Chamber of Commerce Business Expo and Conference held last Wednesday at the College of Alameda gymnasium. A major theme of the event was cannabis-related businesses with several merchant booths dedicated to educating locals about their products.

The keynote speech by State Assemblyman Rob Bonta also focused on the cannabis industry and a question-and-answer session with a panel of experts was well-attended with local residents engaged in the conversation.

Billed as the largest business showcase in Alameda, everyone from the State of California to Wells Fargo to local businesses unique to Alameda presented the best their

organizations had to offer, which typically translated into free pens, candy and informative brochures.



## Police Seek Peeping Tom

**Sun Staff Reports**

The Alameda Police Department (APD) is asking for the public's help identifying a man suspected of peeping into the windows of Alameda homes. Residents have spotted the same man several times from Sept. 8 to 14 between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.

According to witnesses the alleged Peeping Tom is in his 20s or 30s. He stands between 5 feet, 8 inches tall and 5 feet, 10 inches tall and weighs between 160 and 180 pounds. Anyone with information is asked to call APD at 337-8340.

Left, APD released this photograph of an alleged peeping Tom taken by a security camera on Santa Clara Avenue.

## City News Briefs

**Sun Staff Reports**

**City Updates Climate Plan**

Alameda is vulnerable to climate change, which could bring about sea level rise, drought, flooding and extreme heat. These could result in epidemics or food shortages. The City of Alameda is updating its Climate Action Plan to show how its residents can reduce greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to this climate change. This update would include identifying climate risks, assessing options such as wetlands and levees and implementing the most sustainable course of action as climate change impacts evolve.

The city has teamed up with Community Action for a Sustainable Alameda (CASA) to co-sponsor a workshop to brainstorm the next steps for updating the plan and for making Alameda a more sustainable city. The workshop will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m., next Thursday, Oct. 5, at the Main Library, 1550 Oak St.

The city will also address updating the plan at the following meetings, each held at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 2263 Santa Clara Ave.

- Public Utilities Board, Monday, Oct. 16
- Planning Board, Monday, Oct. 23

Transportation Commission Wednesday, Nov. 15

City Council, Tuesday, Dec. 5.

The city invites the public to:

Complete the web survey at [www.peakdemocracy.com/5414](http://www.peakdemocracy.com/5414)

Sign Up for email updates by emailing [gpayne@alamedaca.gov](mailto:gpayne@alamedaca.gov)

Follow the plan on its web page: [www.alamedaca.gov/green-public-works/local-action-plan-climate-protection](http://www.alamedaca.gov/green-public-works/local-action-plan-climate-protection)

**City Seeks Proposals for Public Art**

Artists have a fantastic new opportunity to propose a public art project to the City of Alameda. City staff has released two new requests for proposals (RFPs) for public art, one for physical public art, and another for cultural arts and programming. The awards range from \$12,500 to \$150,000 for the physical art piece and \$5,000 to \$35,000 to support a publically accessible event located in Alameda.

Download RFP applications at <https://alamedaca.gov/business/bids/5406> or [www.callforentry.org](http://www.callforentry.org). Information on restrictions and potential locations owned by the City of Alameda is also available on the city's website.

An orientation will be held Monday, Oct. 2, at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 2263

Santa Clara Ave. Proposals are due by Sunday, Dec. 19, and the selection process is expected to take place in the early part of 2018.

Artwork can be located on private property, and interested property owners are encouraged to coordinate with artists to submit proposals. Property owners will be responsible for the maintenance and insurance costs of any artwork on their property, for the lifetime of the artwork. All physical artwork commissioned through the Public Art Fund will remain the property of the City of Alameda.

For more information call Amanda Gehrke, management analyst, at 747-6896.

**Residents Weigh in**

A recent quality-of-life community survey showed residents in the City of Alameda highly value their quality of life. Some 77 percent of respondents indicated their neighborhood is headed in the right direction. By a nearly 3-to-1 margin, residents approve of the job city government is doing.

The survey, conducted this summer by opinion research firm FM3 Research, was commissioned to assess resident perspectives on their quality of life, including community priorities and needs.