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Camelo Perez works as a painter part time but doesn't make enough money for a place to live. He says he's glad for the April Showers program.

Church Group Provides a Respite for Homeless

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

Reyes Ram used to live in his car but he no longer has a vehicle, so now he's camping out.

He's doing part-time jobs here and there, which isn't enough to afford a place to live. But he's working on getting a better job.

"I may be homeless, but I try not to look

like it," Ram said.

Ram is able to not look homeless because of a program called April Showers, run by volunteers from several churches in San Leandro. Homeless people can come and get a shower and fresh clothing every first, third or fifth Sunday of the month.

It's all run on donations, said volunteer Bob Kraut.

The program is run at the San Leandro Boys & Girls Club where lunch is served and everybody gets a bag lunch to go.

The thoughtful people who run the program have come up with the essential things that people need – toothbrushes and toothpaste, socks, underwear, clothing, soap, washcloths and towels.

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Government Sees Cash Cow In Legal Weed

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

Californians voted to legalize recreational marijuana use in last week's election, but it remains to be seen how the sale of legal pot will impact cannabis regulations in San Leandro and Alameda County.

While issues including federal prohibition and the enforcement of cannabis DUIs are still largely up in the air, it's clear that state and local authorities see marijuana as a cash crop.

Proposition 64 created two new taxes – a per-ounce cultivation tax which will range from \$2.75 to \$9.25, and a 15 percent sales tax on the retail price. The state estimates up to \$1 billion in tax revenue annually from marijuana.

Local governments can levy their own taxes as well, and on Nov. 8, voters in San Leandro approved a 10 percent tax on medical marijuana sales.

And the City Council also shot down a proposed moratorium which would have limited the number of dispensaries in town.

As it stands, three medical medical dispensaries have been approved so far. If another dispensary (recreational or medical) wanted to open for business, it would need approval from the City Council for a permit.

"There may be more than three, it depends on what the market dictates," said Councilman Benny Lee at the Oct. 17 City Council meeting.

Mayor Pauline Cutter said

that she is aware that the city drew criticism for their dispensary permitting process. They were accused of cronyism for giving the lucrative permits to operators with ties to the city.

"Maybe we've been seen as see POT, page 14

Local Family To Appear On 'Feud'

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

Lots of people are getting together with family for turkey and pumpkin pie next week, but the Gates family will be gathering around the television to watch themselves on the *Family Feud*.

Jayne Gates Duran, her sons Tiger and Justin, her sister Launi, and her niece Joelle will be on the "feud" next Tuesday, Nov. 22, and Wednesday, Nov. 23, airing at 7 p.m. on CBS.

Gates Duran lives in Castro Valley now but raised her family in San Lorenzo, where three of her kids attended St. John's school and her granddaughter is currently a student at Roosevelt Elementary in San Leandro.

Gates Duran said she was see FEUD, page 16

City to Pay \$175,000 for Cops Use of Force

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

The City of San Leandro has settled an excessive force lawsuit brought against the police department by Douglas Babbitt, a man who was put in a chokehold by San Leandro police officers during an arrest which caused him to lose consciousness.

According to the terms of the settlement Babbitt will receive \$175,000 and the police admit no wrongdoing, said Babbitt's attorney Stanley Goff.

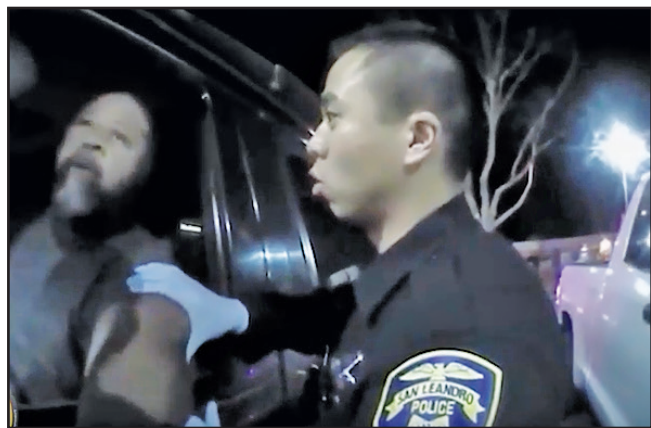
The entire San Leandro police force will also be retrained on the use of force. However, the

attorney who represented the police department said that training was already planned before the suit was settled.

"That the training was already scheduled, I think it shows the San Leandro police were being proactive," said attorney Gregory Fox.

Fox said that the San Leandro police began planning "critical incident training" for all officers in August 2015, which was after the incident with Babbitt.

The confrontation with Babbitt see FORCE, page 14



YOUTUBE

San Leandro police dragged Douglas Babbitt out of his car and put him in a hold that left him unconscious after falsely accusing him of being intoxicated.

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Soldiers Honored at City's Annual Veterans Day Tribute

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

Nicole Cheshire sang the "Star Spangled Banner" beautifully while holding her baby at the same time at the annual Veterans Day observance, hosted by American Legion Post 117 and the City of San Leandro.

Cheshire's baby even hit the high notes with a couple of little wails as mom carried the song right through to the end.

Scout troops helped fill the room at the San Leandro Senior Center to make it an event for all ages. Mayor Pauline Cutter spoke on the veterans service to all of us, defending the country 365 days a year.

The chaplain of the American Legion Riders gave a eulogy for John R. Adams, who served with the Coast Guard and who died this past year, passing on to "Post Everlasting."

The crowd moved outside where Ed Wells played "Taps" on his trumpet as veterans raised the flag. Wells, a 20-year navy veteran, used the same trumpet he's played since he was a kid.

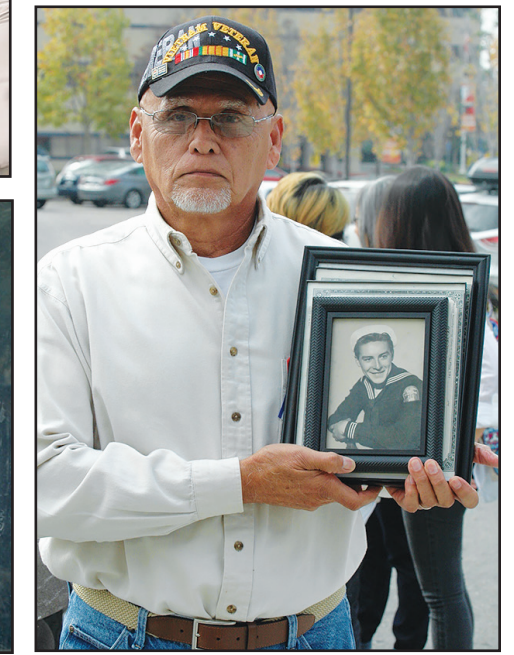
Veterans Day began as Armistice Day, marking the end of World War I, a day to commemorate peace after the terrible destruction of that war. After World War II the name was changed to



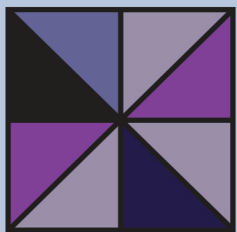
Veterans raised the flag at the Senior Center last Friday, Nov. 11. Top right, Nicole Cheshire sings the Star Spangled Banner while holding her baby.



Navy veteran Ed Wells plays 'Taps' as the flag is raised. At right, army veteran Joe Flores holds a picture of his brother-in-law John Adams who passed away this year.



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Local San Leandro Measures: OO, PP and NN

On November 8, 2016, San Leandro voters passed three local measures that will reduce taxes for small businesses while providing important new funding that could be used by the City to support a range of activities, including expanded social safety net programs, street repair, and public safety. City staff is working with the business community to inform them of the changes to business license tax rates and the hotel tax. For more information, please visit: sanleandro.org/localmeasures

Measure OO

This measure modifies the ongoing business license tax to reduce taxes for approximately 2,500 small businesses, charge 10% of gross receipts for parking lot businesses, and charge \$100 per 1,000 square feet of warehouse and distribution space.

Measure PP

This measure increases the transient occupancy tax that is charged to hotel guests from 10% to 14%.

Measure NN

This measure creates an ongoing tax of up to 10% of gross receipts on cannabis businesses in the City.

Prepare San Leandro

Residents from all over the City are gearing up for the winter storms by adopting storm drains near their home or work. "Prepare San Leandro", the City's adopt-a-drain initiative, is a new program that aims to reduce localized flooding during the rainy season by harnessing the power of community! Your monthly commitment to check your drain and remove debris goes a long way in helping the City's Public Works staff maintain drains and reduce flooding. For detailed information or to adopt a drain near your home or work, please visit: preparesanleandro.org



COMING SOON!

Save-the-Date: Speaker Series Featuring Tim Wise

The City of San Leandro is launching a speaker series that aims to bring thought-provoking, nationally-recognized speakers to San Leandro as a way to engage the community through communication and dialogue. On Tuesday December 13th, Tim Wise, a prominent writer and educator, will be in San Leandro discussing views on race, privilege and racial bias. Wise has authored seven books and appears regularly on CNN and MSNBC to discuss race issues. The event is free and open to the public.

What: Speaker Series Kick Off Featured Speaker: Tim Wise
When: Tues., Dec. 13th, 7:00 – 8:00 PM (Doors open at 6:30 PM)
Where: Main Library Auditorium, 300 Estudillo Ave.

Special Deliveries

To help promote a safe sleeping environment for newborns delivered by the Alameda County Fire Department and EMS, they will now have "Baby Boxes" out in the field. The boxes are functioning bassinets filled with educational materials, a onesie and baby products. The boxes will increase awareness about the risk of SIDS. Captain Adria Aslanian is pictured at right with baby Dane and one of the Baby Boxes.



Man Shot in Fremont Drives to San Leandro Hospital for Help

A man who was apparently shot in a gun fight at a marijuana growing operation in Fremont drove himself to San Leandro Hospital for treatment early Monday morning.

The incident began just after 1:30 a.m. on Nov. 14, according to Fremont police. A 911 caller reported hearing gunshots, yelling, and a car speeding away in the area of Fremont Boulevard and Mahoney Street in that city.

About 45 minutes later, a man showed up at San Leandro Hospital saying he'd received a gunshot wound in a home inva-

sion robbery.

Back at the scene where gunshots were reported, police found a blood trail in the driveway of a home on Fremont Boulevard and a parked car with a bullet hole in the window.

Inside the home, police found a marijuana growing operation with over 450 plants.

Police believe that residents of the home also removed several marijuana plants before officers arrived.

The windows of the house were boarded up and there was an extensive ventilation and lighting

system in the home.

Fremont police say that the man who was shot and some others were tending their crops when two or three masked men entered which triggered an exchange of gunfire.

Evidence showed at least two different weapons were used and at least eight shots were fired.

The other suspects remain at large. The man who was shot is expected to recover. The investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information is asked to call 790-6963 or email JBlass@fremont.gov.

Watch Out for Utility Scams

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is making customers aware of telephone, mail, email and door-to-door/in-person scams that involve criminals posing as utility company representatives and demanding immediate payment or personal information.

To date in 2016, PG&E has received more than 2,400 scam reports. Scammers continue to

employ increasingly more sophisticated tactics to exploit customers. Here are some tips to avoid them.

- PG&E never requires a customer to purchase a prepaid debit card to avoid disconnection.

- Hang up on suspicious calls. Contact local police on their non-emergency number and then call PG&E.

- If someone is at your door claiming to represent PG&E and is unwilling to show their ID or is otherwise making you uncomfortable, don't let them in and call local law enforcement immediately.

- Expect to receive an automated call from PG&E 48 hours before a scheduled visit.

- Beware of emails requesting your personal information.

For more information visit www.pge.com.

Thieves Halt BART Trains

BART trains were stopped for about a half hour around 9 a.m. Monday morning after a woman was robbed on board a train at the Bayfair station.

Three male suspects approached a woman in her 30s who was riding BART and snatched her laptop, according to Lt. Kevin Franklin of the BART police.

The suspects ran off, but police thought they still might be on the train or around the station, so they stopped the trains to search them.

One of the suspects was located a few minutes later at Bayfair mall. The other two are still at large. Franklin said no other details could be released at this time because the investigation is ongoing.

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SL Author's Novel Wins Award

San Leandro author JoAnn Smith Ainsworth achieved runner-up status in the 2016 Shelf Unbound Best Indie Book Competition for her WWII paranormal suspense novel entitled *Expect Trouble*. A story about the U.S. government recruiting psychics to hunt down Nazi spies. Shelf Unbound independent book review magazine hosts this yearly competition. The review magazine features the best of small press

and self-published books. Each issue reaches 125,000 avid readers in more than 70 countries. Ms. Ainsworth is a member of the California Writers Club, BAIPA, and Sisters in Crime—Northern California. To learn more about JoAnn Smith Ainsworth, visit <http://www.joannsmithainsworth.com> or Twitter @JoAnnAinsworth or her Facebook JoAnnSmithAinsworthAuthor Fan Page.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

❖ Chanticleers Theatre

A *Christmas Carol*, a classic holiday favorite will be presented at the Chanticleers Theatre, 3683 Quail Ave. in Castro Valley from Nov. 19 to Dec. 11. The whole family will enjoy this Christmas classic told in a unique way, along with music of the season. Friday and Saturday shows begin at 8 p.m., Sundays shows begin at 2 p.m. General admission tickets

are \$25, \$20 for seniors and students, and \$10 for children 12 and under. To purchase tickets or for more information, call 733-5483.

❖ San Leandro Museum Auditorium

The San Leandro Players present *Trouble Bubbles at the Hot Springs*, by Gary McCarver and directed by Catherine Heck, on Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays

at 2 p.m. through Nov. 20 at the San Leandro Museum/Auditorium, 320 West Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro. Professor Thaddeus Snavelly Mack returns to do dastardly deeds with a colorful cast in this rollicking musical. Tickets are \$20, \$15 for seniors, TBA members, and students. Information and tickets available online at www.slplayers.org.

❖ Douglas Morrisson Theatre

It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play will be presented by the Douglas Morrisson Theatre at 8 p.m. on Dec. 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, and at 2 p.m. on Dec. 3, 4, and 11, at the DMT Theatre, 22311 North 3rd Street in Hayward. An Opening Reception will be held on Thursday, Dec. 1. For tickets (\$27-\$29), visit www.dmtonline.org or call 881-6777. Enjoy the holiday classic that puts the "heart" in heartwarming.



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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Some changes might seem confusing at first, especially to an Aries whose impatience levels are pretty shaky this week. Take it one step at a time, Lamb, and soon all will be made clear.



TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): That difficult situation you've been dealing with continues to call for careful handling. Avoid quickly made choices that might not stand up when they're finally put to the test.



GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): You still have lots of evaluating to do before you can consider making a commitment. It's better to move cautiously than to risk stumbling into a major misunderstanding.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): A previously peevish partner offers to be more helpful with your problems. But remember: The final choice is yours. Be guided by what you feel is the right thing to do.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): As the Big Cat, you sometimes can be pretty rough on those you suspect of betrayal. The best advice is to pull in those claws and listen to the explanation. It might surprise you.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): Your inner voice usually guides you well. But a note of caution: This is a period of mixed signals for you, so be careful that you don't misunderstand the messages you're getting.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): Cupid's call beckons both single Librans looking for a new love, as well as couples hoping to strengthen their relationships. A workplace problem is quickly resolved.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): It's been a hectic time for you, and you might want to take a break to restore both body and soul. You'll then be set to face new challenges later this month.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): It's a good idea to take a more conservative approach to your financial situation right now. Some plans made earlier this year might need readjusting.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): This is a fine time to move boldly into those new opportunities I promised would open up for you. Check them over, and then choose the best one for you.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Congratulations. Your self-assurance is growing stronger, and you should now feel more confident about making that long-deferred decision about a possible commitment.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): You're very close to reaching your goal. But be wary of distractions that can lure you off-course and leave you stranded far away from where you really want to be.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

❖ Artful Steps Holiday Art Auction

Artful Steps will hold an art auction presenting the works of over 50 local artists with disabilities, on Friday, Nov. 18, from 6 to 8 p.m. at 21st Amendment Brewery, 2010 Williams St. in San Leandro. Hors d'oeuvres will be served and craft beers will be available on tap. Art by adults with developmental disabilities, including ceramic mosaics, multi-media collages, drawings, paintings, and prints, will be on display and available for purchase at this holiday auction.

❖ SOS Meals on Wheels

SOS Meals on Wheels will have its 3rd Annual Boutique Fundraiser on Friday, Nov. 18, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Hill and Valley Women's Club, 1808 "B" St. in Hayward. Early bird shopping on Saturday, Nov. 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Great handmade items and an exciting pick-your-prize raffle. For more information, call Gerry at 483-8156 or if you would like to make a donation send your check to SOS Meals on Wheels, 2235 Polvorosa #260, San Leandro 94577.

❖ International Games Day

Join in the fun on International Game Day Saturday, Nov. 19, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd. Great board games and video games for all ages. The event is free and no registration is required. Refreshments served. For more information, call 577-7971.

❖ Panel on Gun Violence

A panel on gun violence will be held on Sunday, Nov. 20, starting at 1:30 p.m. at the Castro Valley Library, 3600 Norbridge Ave. The panel will include a gun owner, a representative of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, U.S. Representative Eric Swalwell or a member of his staff, and Lorrain Taylor, founder of 1000Mothers.org, which serves families and friends who have been directly impacted by violence. The panel is sponsored by Eden Area Interfaith Council, Castro Valley Library, and the local League of Women Voters. For more information, call 276.1631 or email frank.burton.now@gmail.com.

❖ Hands-On History for Kids

The San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., will offer a free hands-on history workshop for kids in grades 2 and up on Tuesday, Nov. 22, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Learn how ancient ways are preserved today. Touch real artifacts, then practice using knot tying, weaving and make a traditional boat that actually floats. Register by calling the children's desk at 577-3960.

❖ San Leandro Democratic Club

The San Leandro Democratic Club will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 29, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Trustees Room of the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. The club will have a Christmas party on Thursday, Dec. 15, from 6 to 8 p.m., also at the Main Library.

❖ Holidays with Lenny Williams

Keep Music Rockin' Foundation will host the annual "Holidays with Lenny Williams" on Thursday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. at the San Leandro High School Arts Education Theater, 2250 Bancroft Ave. to benefit the San Leandro public school's music programs. This year the program will feature a tribute to Rick Richards, founder of Keep Music Rockin' Foundation, who died last year. Tickets are \$15 general ad-

mission, or \$30 for VIP tickets that includes the reception at 5:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased in advance at www.brownpapertickets.com.

❖ Thanksgiving Dinner at Badarikashrama

Badarikashrama, a spiritual and cultural center at 15602 Maubert Ave. in the foothills of San Leandro, will offer a concert and international vegetarian dinner for Thanksgiving on Thursday, Nov. 24, at 3 p.m. This year's dinner will include a South Indian Veena concert. For reservations, call 278-2444. The dinner and concert is free and open to all. No one turned away.

❖ Annual Sports Collectors Show

The Meridians of St. Leander's host its 32nd Annual Sports Collectors Show on Saturday, Nov. 26, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Ryan O'Connell Hall, 575 Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro. A variety of sports memorabilia from 1880 to the present will be for sale. Proceeds benefit St. Leander's parish and local charities. Admission is \$4, or \$2 for under 10 or over 65. For more information, call Mark at 538-6245.

❖ Corvallis School Holiday Boutique

Corvallis Elementary School, 14790 Corvallis St. in San Leandro will have its annual Holiday Boutique on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lots of homemade crafts and goodies at reasonable prices by local artists. Receive one free ticket at the door and additional free tickets for every toy, canned food item, or clean used coat you bring to our holiday boutique. Door prize drawings every half hour. Door prize drawing tickets will be on sale the day of the boutique. Admission is free. Food and drinks for sale. Proceeds benefit Corvallis Elementary School. New vendors are welcome. For booth information or additional information regarding our boutique, call Karen Webb at 461-2290.

❖ Soroptimist Holiday Boutique

Soroptimist of the East Bay will have its 12th Annual Holiday Boutique, Saturday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hill and Valley Club House, 1808 B St. in Hayward. Crafts, jewelry, hats, wardrobe accessories, garden items, stained glass, soaps and lotions and much more will be on sale. Lunch and refreshments will also be available. All proceeds help support the goal of Soroptimist - improving the lives of women and girls. For more information, call Donna Whitehouse at 924-7622 or at: rambosmom@comcast.net.

❖ Bancroft School Family Science Night

Bancroft Middle School, 1150 Bancroft Ave., is having its annual family science night on Thursday, Dec. 8, from 6 to 8 p.m. See science demonstrations and interactive fun on topics of energy, chemistry, engineering, experimentation and invention. See the science magic show and enjoy liquid nitrogen ice cream. This free event is co-sponsored by Xtreme Science Magic, The Lawrence Hall of Science, and The American Chemical Society.

❖ All Saints Winter Wine & Dine

All Saints Episcopal Church, 911 Dowling Blvd. in San Leandro, will have its Winter Wine & Dine fundraiser on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 5 to 9 p.m. Foods from around the world will be featured including Scottish, Japanese, Nigerian, Italian, and more. Fine Russian River Valley wines, and other tasty beverages will be offered. Fabulous prizes will be raffled off. Enjoy both a live and silent auction, and live entertainment. Tickets are available online at tinyurl.com/Dec10WineDine.

Calendar items should be submitted at least one week prior to the desired edition of the Times, which is published Thursdays. Space limitations require we print items of the most general interest.

AUTOMOTIVE

Smaller Renegade Fills Some Big Shoes

By Steve Schaefer
San Leandro Times

Jeep is an iconic American brand that requires no introduction or explanation. Now at 75, Jeep is selling a smaller model that's in a real sweet spot — the subcompact crossover Renegade.

The Renegade has big shoes to fill, and customers have expectations. Does it look and drive like a Jeep? Can I take it off-road? The Renegade does the job, bringing Jeep qualities to this growing market segment.

Jeep is part of Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, and the Renegade shares its platform with the Fiat 500x. You'd never know it from looking at it or driving it. Assembled in Melfi, Italy, it uses an engine and transmission built in the good old U.S.A.

The Renegade wears Jeep body styling, like the flowing lines on the Jeep Cherokee, its big brother. The Renegade blends upright angles with sculpted forms, with the unmistakable Jeep fender lines and grille.

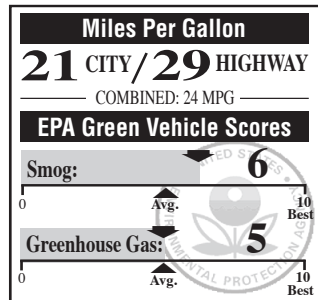
Jeep designers employed the Tek-Tonic theme inside, where smooth surfaces meet chunkier sections, emphasizing the ruggedness. For example, the dash has a prominent grip on the passenger side, and the doors are beefy.

Jeep has had fun adding "Easter eggs" around the cabin. Look close, and you'll see a tiny Wrangler climbing up the windshield trim. There's "Since 1941" on the dash and Jeep grille designs on the door speaker grilles.

Realistically, most Renegade buyers won't take their cars off-road into rocks and rough dirt trails. For them, there are three ascending levels — Sport, Latitude and Limited. You can order Jeep Active Drive, and get full-

time 4x4 all-wheel drive or even opt for two-wheel drive. The latter is a fine option for increasing efficiency if you're just driving on highways and around town.

However, if you're serious about offroading, grab the Trail Rated Trailhawk. It's got Jeep



Active Drive Low, which features a 20:1 crawl gear — perfect for picking your way over boulders. The ride height is increased 0.8 inches, and skid plates protect the underbody. The special 17-inch wheels flaunt offroad suitable rubber. There's Hill Descent Control and up to 19 inches of water fording. You also get up to 2,000 pounds of towing capability.

The Jeep Selec-Terrain System makes it easy to adjust the four-wheel-drive system for different conditions. There are five modes: Auto, Snow, Sand and Mud, with Rock available only with the Trailhawk, the only Renegade likely to need it.

Renegades come with one of two inline four-cylinder engines — a 1.4-liter turbo and a 2.4-liter. The 1.4, standard on the Sport and Latitude, puts out 160 horsepower and 184 lb.-ft. of torque, and comes with a manual six-speed for maximum efficiency (and fun).

The 2.4-liter MultiAir engine, standard on the Limited and Trailhawk, boosts that to 180 horsepower and 175 lb.-ft. of torque. The bigger engine is optional on the Sport and Latitude, and I'm guessing it will be on many of them.

The 2.4-liter engine comes with a class-exclusive nine-speed automatic, designed to get the best of both worlds — quick start and high-efficiency cruising.

My tester was a Limited 4x4 in Black (no fancy naming here). It had leather on the seats, steering wheel and shifter, and valuable features like automatic climate control, power seats and more.

It also came with the Advanced Technology Group (\$995), which provided safety features like Lane Departure Warning Plus and Full Speed Forward Collision Warning Plus. The Safety and Security Group (\$645) added a tonneau cover and security alarm, and blind-spot and cross-path detection.

I also got the Navigation Group (\$1,245) and the Beats Premium Audio system (\$695), with nine speakers, 6.5-inch subwoofer and 506 watts of power.

One amusing option was the My Sky roof system (\$1,470). Its honeycomb fiberglass pop-out roof panels are light and you can store them in the back for that open-air, fun-seeking experience. I never popped them out, but in my tester, the front ones slid open when I pushed a button.

The EPA gave my car, with the larger engine and automatic, ratings of 21 mpg City, 29 High-



The Jeep Renegade marks the brand's first entry into the small SUV segment.

way, and 24 Combined. I averaged 19.8 mpg in what I thought was reasonable driving. The Green scores are 6 for Smog and 5 for Greenhouse Gas.

Pricing starts at \$18,990 for the Sport with two-wheel drive, and moves up. My Limited 4x4 started with a base price of \$26,995, but by the time it got its options and \$995 destination charge, it hit \$33,165.

The Renegade is comfortable for daily commuting and errands. The basic Sport, with its manual transmission, is a fine first car, the Limited is a great choice for a small family, while the Trailhawk takes you on

your off-road adventures. In the like the Mazda CX-3, Honda growing small crossover segment, the Renegade dusts cars its capability and personality.



The interior features a rugged and energetic appearance that builds upon Jeep's legendary brand heritage.

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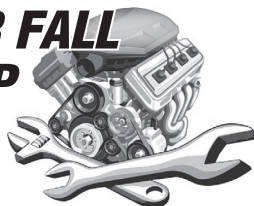
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Showers: ‘I may be homeless but I try not to look like it’

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About a hundred homeless people come through each time, Kraut said.

Kraut estimates that about half the people live in a car, and a few have an RV. Everybody is welcome. Most of the people who come in grew up in San Leandro or Hayward.

April Showers is a program of the Interfaith Homeless Network, a group of local churches that joined to put their faith to practice and do something for the homeless.

Program Inspired by Vietnam Veteran

It began in 2002 when Clement McMenemy, a decorated Vietnam veteran who was living on the streets, was found dead. He had been attending Church at St. Leander's and a cry went out that this shouldn't happen here.

Meetings were called at St. Leander's and at the First United Methodist Church, and an organization formed to begin providing showers for the homeless, which began that April.

The group also runs the Warming Center during the cold

months at First United Methodist to provide a place to sleep on cold nights, with assistance from the City of San Leandro and Building Futures.

Margaret Strem, one of the founding members in 2002, said there will be a dinner for the homeless on Thanksgiving day and the warming center will open the following night.

Hair stylist Ana Lopez donates her time at the April Showers, so that people can get a haircut along with some clothes. The way Lopez sees it, we should help each other because we could all be in the same boat some day.

"A lot of people need help," Lopez said. "The ship can turn around. We never know when we might be at the bottom and need help."

Reyes Ram got a haircut from Lopez and so did Joe Sanchez, who can't do construction work anymore since his surgery.

"I was doing construction work, warehouse work, fixing cars – but I can't work anymore," Sanchez said. "I had three surgeries in two years, but by the grace of God I'm still here."



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Hair stylist Ana Lopez gives Joe Sanchez a haircut at the April Showers program where homeless people can take a shower and get clean clothes and a meal. One homeless man said he wished he had the money to give Lopez a tip and she said a thank-you is enough of a tip.

The April Showers program need help." is a big help, Sanchez said.

"It's wonderful," he said. "It's really helping people that

The April Showers program is run entirely by donations. The Interfaith Homeless Network's

mailing address is 911 Dowling Blvd., San Leandro CA 94577, and its email address is info@ihnashowers.org.

Warming Shelter Needs Donations

For the third year running, the City of San Leandro is providing those in need with an overnight warming shelter, which will open on Nov. 25, operated by Building Futures in partnership with April Showers.

Last winter, the Warming Shelter was open for 55 nights, with 71 people utilizing the service, generally about 15 people come in each open night.

Donated items are needed for homeless San Leandrans served by the warming shelter. New men's and women's sweatshirts, sweatpants, socks, and under-clothes.

Items can be dropped off at donation bins at the San Leandro Police Station, City Hall, the San Leandro Senior Center, and Zocalo Coffeehouse, and Building Futures' office at 1395 Bancroft Ave. For more information, call Kaeleigh at 357-0205, ext. 205 or email kthorpe@bfwc.org.



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LIFESTYLE

Just 7 Days to Go Before Turkey (and We) Get Stuffed



inches deep.

Place turkey in oven and reduce heat to 325°-350°. Roast according to chart and meat thermometer. Roasting times can vary, depending on a number of things. Use a meat thermometer (don't depend on a pop-out indicator) inserted at the thickest part of the thigh, but not touching the bone. It should register 180°F. The stuffing should register 165°F. After the first hour of roasting, baste the turkey every 30 minutes or so with drippings (add a little chicken stock, water or wine to the drippings if they evaporate too quickly). When skin is golden brown, shield breast loosely with light foil to prevent overbrowning.

When the turkey is done, allow it to rest for at least 20-30 minutes before carving.

TRADITIONAL SAVORY STUFFING

1-1/2 pound loaf day-old bread
3 cups chopped onion
2-1/2 cups chopped celery
1/2 cup butter or margarine
1-1/2 teaspoons poultry seasoning

1 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup chopped parsley

Tear bread into 1/2-inch pieces, or use 3 quarts plain dry stuffing; set aside.

Sauté onion and celery in butter just until tender. Add to bread along with salt, seasoning, and parsley. Toss lightly until well mixed. Place in two buttered, covered casserole dishes or stuff loosely into neck and body cavities of turkey.

TURKEY GRAVY

Turkey drippings
Giblet broth
Cooked giblets, chopped
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
Salt to taste

Cover giblets and neck with 3 cups water in a small saucepan. Bring to boil, cover, reduce heat and simmer for an hour or until giblets are tender. Drain, reserving broth and discarding neck. Chop giblets. Pour turkey drippings from roasting pan into 4-cup measure. Remove 1/4 cup fat from the drippings and place in a pan. Skim off and discard remaining fat from drippings.

Add giblet broth to drippings to make 4 cups.

Blend flour into the pan with the fat until smooth, then add drippings and broth mixture. Cook and stir over medium heat until gravy comes to a boil and thickens. Stir in salt and pepper to taste and add giblets.



COUNTDOWN TO THANKSGIVING

Next Week: The Leftovers

If you're cooking a frozen turkey this year and you haven't bought it yet, you should do that first thing. It takes about a week to thaw a turkey in the refrigerator (never thaw in room temperature). When buying, a good rule of thumb is to figure on 1 to 1-1/2 pounds of uncooked turkey per guest.

There are, of course, many ways to cook the bird, but whichever system you use, the results will be pretty much the same. In the end, it will just taste like roast turkey.

You don't need any special equipment other than a roasting pan and a good thermometer. And cooking a turkey is simplicity itself.

If you are going to stuff the turkey, you will need about a cup of prepared stuffing for each pound of bird. Do not stuff the turkey ahead of time. The stuffing goes in just before you put the bird in the oven. Leave some room for the stuffing to expand as it cooks and absorbs juices.

Preparing the Turkey

After thawing, remove neck and giblets, and wash the turkey inside and out with cold water. Drain well and pat dry. Brush the skin with olive oil. Mix about 2-1/2 teaspoons of salt with about 1-1/2 teaspoons of black pepper and sprinkle it evenly in turkey cavities and all over the skin. Heat oven to 450°F. If you are going to stuff your turkey, do it now. Skewer cavity openings to secure stuff-

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Know Your Rights Upon Hospital Discharge

By Gene L. Osofsky, Esq.

Special to the Times

Q My husband was recently admitted to the hospital following a stroke. The hospital now wants to discharge him in two days, and I believe he needs to remain longer. What are our rights? We are both on Medicare.

A Unfortunately, hospitals have a strong financial incentive to discharge Medicare patients as soon as possible. Reason: Medicare pays a predetermined flat rate to the hospital based upon the diagnosis assigned at the time of admission. Thus, if the hospital can discharge a patient sooner, the hospital makes money, and if a patient remains longer, the hospital loses money.

However, Medicare patients have rights that can and should be exercised in connection with a hospital discharge:

1) Right to Notice: Within two days of admission, the hospital must give the Medicare patient a formal notice, titled "Important Message from Medicare About Your Rights" ("IM"), and another notice just before discharge.

This notice explains the patient's right to receive Medicare-covered services, including necessary services they may need after discharge, their right to be involved in any decisions about their hospital stay, and their right to appeal the discharge if they believe it to be too soon.

2) Discharge Planning: Medicare-certified hospitals must also help patients arrange care they will need after discharge and provide this information in a written Discharge Plan.

This service is usually provided by the hospital's social worker or discharge planner. However, sometimes the patient must make a specific request to be provided this service.

Upon review of the Discharge Plan, the patient has the

right to ask for changes. As a part of the plan, the hospital must list nearby home health agencies and nursing homes if those services are indicated, and must assist in arranging placement in another health facility if that is necessary.

If a suitable nursing home bed near the patient's home is not available, they have the right to remain in the hospital, covered by Medicare, until one becomes available.

3) Right to Appeal: Once the patient receives the notice advising of their discharge date, they have a right to appeal.

Caution: this right to appeal has a very short time limit and must be exercised by noon of the day before the proposed discharge. There is no exclusion for Saturdays, Sundays or holidays.

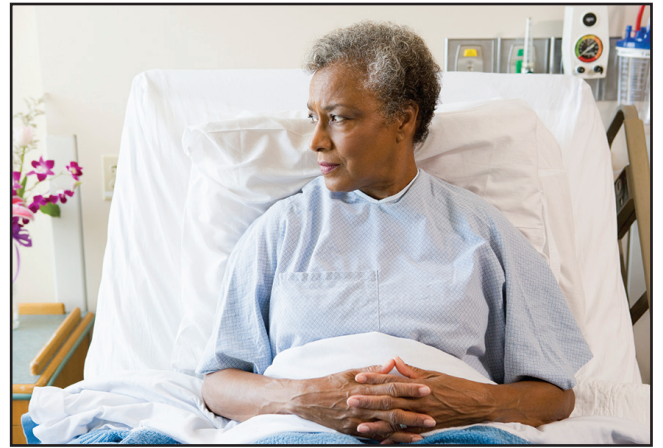
This right is exercised by telephoning the Quality Improvement Organization ("QIO") listed on the "Important Message", and asking for an expedited appeal. For California Medicare patients, the QIO is called Livanta (1-877-758-1123).

Leaving a detailed message is sufficient, but the better practice is to follow that call with a confirming fax (Fax: 1-855-694-2929). Livanta tries to make its appeal decision within a day and will telephone its decision to the patient and the hospital. The patient's best advocate in supporting the appeal

is a letter, or at least written chart notes, from their doctor.

Sometimes, initiating an appeal can earn the patient a few more days in the hospital, which can sometimes be critical. Example: a patient must spend three full days in the hospital as an inpatient, before transfer to a nursing home, in order to trigger Medicare's nursing home coverage (maximum of 100 days).

For more information, visit the website www.MedicareAdvocacy.org and download a copy of its "Self-Help Packet for Hospital Discharge", or telephone 1-860-456-7790. Alternatively,



Medicare allows patients the ability to exercising your right to appeal a hospital's discharge decision.

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Thyroid Disorders Are Difficult To Detect in Older Adults

By Jim Miller

Special to the Times

Unfortunately, thyroid problems are quite common in older adults, but can be tricky to detect because the symptoms often resemble other age-related health problems.

In fact, as many as 30 million Americans have some form of thyroid disorder, but more than half of them aren't aware of it.

Here's a basic overview: The thyroid is a small butter-

fly-shaped gland located at the base of your neck that has a huge job. It produces hormones (called T3 and T4) that help regulate the rate of many of your body's activities, from how quickly you burn calories to how fast your heart beats. It also influences the function of the brain, liver, kidneys and skin.

If the gland is underactive and doesn't produce enough thyroid hormones, it causes body systems to slow down. If it's overactive, and churns out too much thyroid, it has the opposite

effect, speeding up the body's processes.

The symptoms for an underactive thyroid (also known as hypothyroidism) — the most common thyroid disorder in older adults — will vary but may include fatigue, unexplained weight gain, increased sensitivity to cold, constipation, joint pain, muscle stiffness, dry skin and depression.

Some patients may even develop an enlarged thyroid (goiter) at the base of the neck. However, in older adults, it can cause other symptoms like memory impairment, loss of appetite, weight loss, falls or even incontinence.

And, the symptoms of an overactive thyroid (or hyperthyroidism), which is more common in people under age 50, may include a rapid heart rate, anxiety, insomnia, increased appetite, weight loss, diarrhea, excessive perspiration, as well as an enlarged thyroid gland.

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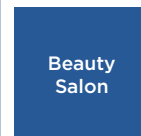


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Thyroid: It's easily treated once diagnosed

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Those with the greatest risk of developing thyroid disorders are women who have a family history of the disease. Other factors that can trigger thyroid problems include: autoimmune diseases like Hashimoto's or Graves disease; thyroid surgery; radiation treatments to the neck or upper chest; and certain medications, including interferon alpha and interleukin-2 cancer medications, amiodarone heart medication and lithium for bipolar disorder.

Get Tested

If you have any of the aforementioned symptoms, or if you've had previous thyroid problems or notice a lump in the base of your neck, ask your doctor to check your thyroid levels. The TSH (thyroid-stimulating hormone) blood test is used to diagnosis thyroid disorders.

Thyroid disease is easily treated once you've been diagnosed. Standard treatment for hypothyroidism involves daily use of the synthetic thyroid hormone levothyroxine (Levothroid, Synthroid and others), which is an oral medication that restores



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adequate hormone levels.

Treatments for hyperthyroidism may include an anti-thyroid medication such as methimazole (Tapazole), which blocks the production of thyroid hormones.

Another option is radioactive iodine, which is taken orally and destroys the overactive thyroid cells and causes the gland to shrink. But this can leave the thyroid unable to produce any hormone and it's likely that you'll eventually become hypothyroid and need to start taking thyroid medication.

For more information on

thyroid disorders, visit the American Thyroid Association at Thyroid.org.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org.



Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior."

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GUEST COMMENTARY



Trump's Effect on the Housing Market

With the election over, it's time to cast our eyes forward to what might lie ahead in real estate, especially since our new President Elect happens to be a real estate broker.

"The last time we had real estate dealmakers as U.S. Presidents," writes Brad Inman, Publisher of Inman News, "(they) were founding fathers Thomas Jefferson and George Washington, who loved their property holdings and made sure the U.S. Constitution protected them." He further states, "That was a big deal."

While many have been extremely nervous about Trump's impact on the economy, early indicators are that the effect may not be negative as presumed.

While interest rates have bumped up a bit since the election, the stock market crash many were predicting has so far failed to materialize. And if we've learned anything from Brexit, while there

was a short-term dip, things have pretty much returned to normal.

Pundits emphasize that since there may be uncertain days ahead in the global economy, the Fed will not likely raise rates any time soon, which means we might be in for a fairly smooth transition.

Unfortunately, not much was said by Trump concerning housing during his campaign, so all we can do is speculate.

Ralph McLaughlin, chief economist at Trulia, has an interesting take, suggesting that where you live may be key to your take on the future prospects of housing. If you live in a prosperous blue state, you are more likely to be devastated by the election's outcome and concerned about future economic prospects. This could mean delaying significant purchases (like a home), which could in turn cause a downturn in your local market.

Those in red states, on the other hand, known for less prosper-

ous economies and lower housing prices, could be more confident and begin purchasing right away, thus pushing their market up.

Since I've already had a least one person contact me about canceling a pending transaction due to their perception of future uncertainty, McLaughlin could be correct.

The chief economist at Realtor.com, Jonathan Smoke, mentions, "If you are rooting for the economy to improve, you would hope that his background as a business person, as a real estate developer, would pave the way for more growth, more development and that would be a net beneficial for real estate."

Let's hope. In the meantime, let's put the harsh rhetoric behind and come together as a one nation.

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Bill Brown, a second-gener-

ation Realtor who started his career in Oakland and lives in the East Bay, will serve as the 2017 President of the National Association of Realtors, the largest trade association in the United States.

Sherri Souza, a Livermore-based Realtor, will serve as the 2017 President of the Women's Council of Realtors. Both were installed during the board meetings for their respective organizations recently held in Orlando, Florida.

"We are so proud of everything both Bill and Sherri have accomplished at the local, state and national levels," said Kim Ott, president of the Bay East

Association. "Their service to the real estate profession starting in the East Bay is a great foundation for the important work they will do in 2017."

Brown has been active in organized real estate for more than 35 years and has served as president of the Oakland and California Association of Realtors.

Souza has been a Realtor for 15 years and is a broker/owner with Broker In Trust Real Estate. She was president of the California Women's Council of Realtors and president of the Southern Alameda County Women's Council.

— David Stark

Mortgage Rates Climb Higher

Average fixed mortgage rates moved higher last week, according to Freddie Mac's weekly nationwide survey.

The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 3.57 percent, up from 3.54 percent a week earlier.

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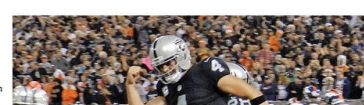
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Raiders Reach Rarefied Air

BY GREG BENSON • SAN LEANDRO TIMES • 11-16-16

You could feel it in the air. The frenetic energy of the fans filling into the concrete confines of the Coliseum swirled in through the parking lot, up Mount Davis and then down to the field.



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Bark on Roses Peels Off; Mealybugs Hit House Plants

By Buzz Bertolero
The Dirt Gardener

Q I have several old roses in planters. The bark on one of them has been peeling off for several years. You can touch it and the bark drops off. Another rose bush near it looks as though it has the same problem. Can this problem be contagious? I can't find any references to this in any of my gardening books.

A This may or may not be a problem at all. The bark on older roses will naturally peel off very easily, especially below the bud union.

The bud union is where a rose is grafted onto a rootstock. As long as the tissue in this area is showing no obvious discoloration other than a dark brown, I wouldn't be overly concerned.

You should closely inspect the canes above the graft for any damage from sunburn on

the side that receives the heat of the day's sun or from a physical injury. Damage from sunburn causes the tissue to turn black.

The current year's growth is usually a green color compared to the brown or tan of the older canes.

The canes are typically protected by the canopy of the rose itself. The leaves or foliage act as a natural sunblock.

Sunburn and peeling bark is a bigger issue with tree roses because of the exposed trunk. Again, the damaged areas will turn black and can be an entry point for flathead borers.

Borers will not attack any healthy tissue. You can locate them by scraping the bark with a knife as they are right under the surface. Borers are white or amber colored, usually linear in shape and are easily seen with the naked eye.

There isn't a simple answer to protecting the trunk(s) other



Rose canes are typically protected from sunburn by the natural shading of its own full canopy.

than the natural shading from a full canopy. You could paint the trunk(s) with a white latex paint or wrap them with a piece of shade cloth when the afternoon temperatures are above 85°F.

Q I have been unsuccessful in controlling mealybugs on my houseplants. I have used sprays, dust and alcohol to get rid of them. What would you suggest?

A Mealybug is a common problem with indoor plants. They're easily recognized by the copious amount of cottony wax material they produce.

An adult female deposits her eggs in the cottony mass that surrounds her body. The eggs hatch within a week or so and the nymphs migrate over to the plant till they find a suitable rest-

ing place, and then start feeding on the plant. Several generations per year are typical.

The Mealybug population thrives on plants with succulent growth sometimes created from over-fertilizing but more likely from the warmth and humidity relative to the amount of light.

I suggest you control them with a systemic granular insecticide that is applied to the soil and is absorbed up into the plant. These granules are reapplied every six weeks. This allows you to effectively manage the problem, instead of having it be a headache.

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Spray

Plan your dormant fruit spraying schedule to coincide approximately with cool-weather holidays, when the rain lets up for a few days. Specific cues are the fall of the last leaves (Thanksgiving), the height of dormancy (New Year's Day) and when buds swell, but before they show color (Valentine's Day). Spraying at the precise period of bud swell is particularly important — after the blossoms open it is too late.

Mulch

Renew mulches under grapes and berries. Strawberries and blueberries benefit from loose, acid mulches such as pine needles or rotted sawdust. Raspberries and blackberries prefer hay or straw mulch. Remove mulch from under trees back to the drip line. Bare soil can more easily absorb the day's warmth. This also discourages overwintering of disease-carrying bacteria and insects.

Wildflowers

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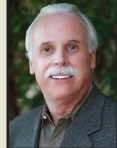
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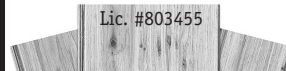
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Pot: City and county waiting to cash in on the drug business

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too controlling, but I know there are a lot of people who don't even want one dispensary," said Cutter. "I can't wait until they open so we can start getting that revenue in for social services."

The money from the marijuana tax is going into the city's general fund where it can be used for anything – social services or salaries and pensions.

The city has more than \$170 million in unfunded liabilities over the next 30 years, largely from employee pensions that will require funding and cities are looking for revenue to pay these unfunded liabilities.

Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley says last week's passage of Proposition 64 is "positive."

Miley has long been outspoken in his support of medical marijuana and says legalizing recreational use will keep California in line with what appears to be national trend of legalization.

"I think the passage of Prop 64 is positive and opens up a new stream of revenue for the state," said Miley in a written statement. "California is in step with many other states that have legalized marijuana for adult and or medical use."

Miley is behind a push from the Alameda County Board of Supervisors to double the number of medical marijuana dispensaries in the county's unincorporated areas.

During the discussion of the county ordinance, Miley has been

accused of being influenced by the marijuana industry, including accepting \$60,000 worth of campaign donations from cannabis-affiliated groups during his June 2016 run for the board.

San Leandro politicians received more modest donations from those in the marijuana industry. Bryan Azevedo, who lost a bid for the City Council District 2 seat, received \$1,000

from Dan Grace, the owner of the Harborside dispensary and \$500 from Salwa Ibrahim, executive director of BLUM, another medical marijuana dispensary.

District 2 winner Ed Hernandez also got \$500 from Ibrahim of Blum and District 4 councilman Pete Ballew received \$500 from Grace, the Harborside dispensary owner who listed his job on

the financial disclosure form as "nurseryman."

The county ordinance to double the number of dispensaries could be approved by the Board of Supervisors before the end of the year. But with the passage of Proposition 64, it's unclear how the ordinance would need to be modified.

Miley said there will be "more to understand" after vot-

ers approved Proposition 64 and the county was in the process of doing "due diligence."

The state estimates that permits for recreational sales would go into effect sometime in 2018, so any dispensaries that have already been permitted for medical use would likely have the jump on recreational pot sales.

Miley added that he believes legalizing recreational use will

benefit those who have been imprisoned for non-violent drug crimes and also create jobs.

"Legalizing marijuana for adult regulated use will also reverse the trend of criminalizing it and sending thousands of people, disproportionately minorities, to jail each year," said Miley. "This new industry will create more jobs and opportunities for people."

Force: Guns found in his car

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bitt happened in January 2015 and was recorded on an officer's body camera. That footage was used as evidence in the settlement, according to San Leandro city attorney Richard Pio Roda.

"Body camera footage was neither used against the City nor for the City in this case or any other; rather, body camera footage is simply evidence that is accessible to both sides when a lawsuit is filed," he said the city in a written statement. The police video is on Youtube under "Douglas Babbitt."

In the footage, Babbitt, 51, is seen sitting in his parked van at the 7-Eleven at 333 East 14th Street talking on his cell phone.

An officer approaches and asks Babbitt if an open beer bottle on the ground near the van's passenger door belongs to him. Babbitt says it's not his and the officer continues to question Babbitt.

During the confrontation, the officer says he believes Babbitt is intoxicated, which Babbitt denies. Toxicology tests after Babbitt's arrest showed nothing in his system.

The officers eventually announce that they are arresting Babbitt because his "aggravated manner" led them to believe he was intoxicated. An officer puts a handcuff around one of Babbitt's hands through his driver-side window and they drag him out of the vehicle, restraining him on the ground.

In the lawsuit, the officers say they subdued Babbitt with a "carotid restraint." That hold cuts off the major blood vessels in the neck that lead to the brain.

Fox said the officers truly believed that Babbitt was intoxicated and a danger to drive.

"In terms of the review of the video footage, It's clear to me that the officers were polite and professional while this was

ongoing," said Fox.

Babbitt was arrested for resisting an officer, driving under the influence, and weapons violations. While searching Babbitt's van after his arrest, police found a knife and four guns.

Ultimately, the district attorney's office did not charge Babbitt with any crime.

Goff said Babbitt lost consciousness during the arrest and suffered a concussion and shoulder injuries.

"It's an atrocity what happened to him," said Goff. "It's just terribly wrong."

Goff said his client was happy with the settlement and that he hopes the training of the officers will prevent another case like Babbitt's.

"We were pleased with the settlement," said Goff. "We would have been successful at trial but Mr. Babbitt is happy he didn't have to go through the stress of a trial."

City to Consider Joining East Bay Energy Group

The San Leandro City Council will consider joining East Bay Community Energy at the Monday, Nov. 21 council meeting at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 835 East 14th St. The public is encouraged to attend the meeting and comment.

On Oct. 4, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors approved the formation of a community choice energy program called East Bay Community Energy (EBCE). The goals of EBCE are to use more renewable energy, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, create local jobs

and offer competitive electricity rates. EBCE will be governed by the EBCE Authority, which will be made up of elected officials from Alameda County and each participating city in the county.

EBCE will purchase electricity for energy customers located in the cities that join EBCE and in unincorporated Alameda County. Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) will continue to provide customer billing, transmission, and distribution services. EBCE plans to begin serving customers in fall 2017.

Pre-Thanksgiving Prayer Service

Praises of Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 1395 Bancroft Ave. in San Leandro, will have a pre-Thanksgiving prayer service on Tuesday, Nov. 22.

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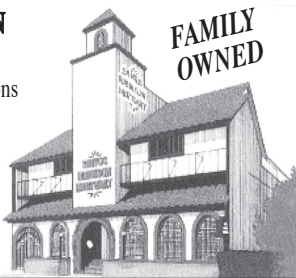
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Jackie lived her entire life radiant and gorgeous, with a flair for style and an incredibly huge heart, who cared deeply for others with her endless kindness and warmth. Her overwhelmingly strong, positive, optimistic zest also defines her legacy as a loving, devoted mother to William Terrance Plunkett, Jeanine Garcia and Geri DeCoito. Her grandchildren, Kimi and Robert DeCoito, and Sean and Dashiell Plunkett, she adored beyond words.

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DOYLE, Leo Francis
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■ **DOYLE, Leo Francis**, a longtime resident of San Leandro, passed away on November 7, 2016 at age 91. A Celebration of his life was held at Santos-Robinson Mortuary on Nov. 13. Arrangements made by Santos-Robinson Mortuary in San Leandro (510-483-0123, santos-robinson.com).

■ **LAWSON, Ira**, a resident of Castro Valley, passed away November 6, 2016 at the age of 94. Ira is survived by his brother,

William (Toby) Lawson; and his 4 sons, Pat and Bill Foley, and Robert and Ed Lawson. There will be a Memorial Service on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 1 p.m. at Chapel of the Chimes, 32992 Mission Blvd., in Hayward.

■ **SIZELOVE, Theodore Leroy** (October 7, 1937 – November 14, 2016), an Oakland native and 50-year resident of San Leandro passed away on November 14, 2016. Service will be held on Monday, Nov. 21, for family at 2 p.m., and at 3 p.m. for friends and coworkers, at Grissom's Chapel & Mortuary, 267 Lewelling Blvd., in San Lorenzo (510-278-2800).

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OPINION

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'Disappointed and Annoyed' by Times' Description of City Hall

Editor:

While I sympathize with the Trailer Haven residents whose rent increases are causing them great distress, I was disappointed and annoyed by part of Editor Jim Knowles' report of the City Council meeting at which some residents sought the Council's intercession (San Leandro Times, Nov. 10).

In what should have been a straight news story, Mr. Knowles' description of the City Council chambers was clearly crafted to rally his readers' sympathies to the residents' cause. He portrayed the facility as "plush" and intimidating for "...a public speaker...a mere mortal facing the Great and Powerful Oz."

Having attended many council meetings, I can attest that the chambers are not plush. The "grand, high-backed chairs" in which the council members sit are designed for the comfort required to get through three- and four-hour meetings. They're positioned on a podium with a wood-paneled front which does raise the council above speakers and the audience. But this is a common arrangement.

The Council's chambers reflect a model used by lawmakers for centuries throughout the western world. Its purpose is to create an environment suitable for the serious work that is undertaken on behalf of the citizenry, and which encourages decorum and respect among all parties. Court rooms, on the other hand, are intimidating.

I suggest that Mr. Knowles write a letter to the editor when he next wishes to express a bias or an opinion in a news story.

—Fred Reicker, San Leandro

On Trump Victory: 'We Have to Undo This Fiasco ASAP'

Editor:

Of babies and bathwater:

President Washington, "I cannot tell a lie."

President Jefferson, "The price of freedom is eternal vigilance."

President Lincoln, "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

President Kennedy, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."

President Ford, "Truth is the glue that holds governments together. Compromise is the oil that makes governments go."

President Clinton, "We need a spirit of community, a sense that we are all in this together. If we have no sense of community, the American dream will wither."

President Trump, "I've got to use some Tic Tacs just in case I start kissing her. You know, I'm automatically attracted to beautiful—I just start kissing them. It's like a magnet. I just kiss. I don't even wait. And when you're a star, they let you do it. You can do anything. Grab 'em by the p***y."

Apparently half the electorate doesn't mind bigotry, misogyny, xenophobia and homophobia. They don't grasp the, "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free" rap.

What government shut-down? They

missed Kevin McCarthy's statement that ruined his bid for Speaker of the House. They never heard of gerrymandering, A.L.E.C. (look it up), or the unconscionable restrictions on voting rights and women's health. And if the Republicans ignore their constitutional duty concerning a Supreme Court appointment, who cares?

These voters didn't realize that the Big Lie ('trickle-down economics') is largely what caused decades of stagnate wages and job loss. So scared and angry, they give all three branches of government to the very same people who caused this quagmire in the first place. Oops.

Search for "Obama's accomplishments." Note those of value to you, your kids and the future of America. Then mark on your calendar when each is gutted, or tossed to Big Business or simply canceled. Now get busy. We have to undo this fiasco asap.

—Sal Capo, San Leandro

Says 'Future Unlikely to be that Shining City on a Hill'

Editor:

Last Monday we lost Leonard Cohen, Canadian poet, singer, songwriter. Tuesday Democrats lost the election and gave us Trump despite him winning only a minority of the popular vote in a low-turnout election.

We had a similar result in 2000 when the, Supreme Court awarded, Bush presidency gave us the Neo Cons, the Afghan and Iraq wars, followed by the Great Recession. Perhaps we will see the same bad actors in a Trump administration.

Our short-term future is unlikely to be that "shining city on a hill" we all yearn for. Instead we can look forward to more bloodshed in the Middle East (Sheldon Adelson, Bibi and Co. are itching for us to take on Iran.), more poor boys coming home maimed, more trillion dollar deficits, more Justices on the Supreme Court in the mold of Thomas, Roberts and Alito, the same old minimum wage job you had before, and climate catastrophe—not exactly the kind of change you had in mind when you voted Trump.

As Leonard Cohen told us years ago: "Everybody knows the fight was fixed, The poor stay poor, the rich get rich, That's how it goes. Everybody knows."

Well, maybe not everybody.

—Jim Mehner, Oakland

Accuses City of Allowing Gentrification to Move Forward

Editor:

Once again, the city's response to the situation at Trailer Haven is reactive, instead of proactive. The city knew back in July that the property was sold; they made \$101,000 in transfer fees. The rents were then raised 29%. They also knew this, because Maxina Ventura contacted the city about the rent increases and the simultaneous increases in the water, garbage, sewer and propane fees.

Once again, the city proved that upper-middle-class house owners are the only people in this city who count, so will the techies who make good salaries who they hope will move here. But of course, even all those people will still place second to the city's unequivocal

commitment to all things "business," which included their commitment to the business sale of the haven itself.

Of course, when all you have are businesses but no one to consume their goods, your city won't fare very well. When too many of your residents are spending their lives working two and three jobs just trying to make ends meet, and have no disposable income to patronize your businesses, then your fiscal model is failing.

And once again, the city – by design – is allowing gentrification to move forward by letting developers and landlords and speculators to raise rents and other associated living costs so high that everyone at the bottom of the economic ladder can no longer afford to live here. Then they'll move away. And when they do, they solve the city's problem of how to get rid of residents they don't consider desirable anyway. And then, hopefully, all the well-paid, largely white, generally single techies with lots of disposable income will move here because they also love the statue, the musical chairs, the graffiti electrical boxes and the flags on the main thoroughfares.

—K. Lee-Figueroa, San Leandro

Questions Women's Response to OSIsoft Statue, Times' Ad

Editor:

Money Talks. This was no more evident than in the Nov. 10 issue of the San Leandro Times. I read with interest the feedback on the Presidential election results. One might ask, "where were all the women voters?" I read with interest the feedback on the OSIsoft naked woman statue. One might ask, "where are all the women employees and council members?"

But what about our own San Leandro Times? I see, again, right under the masthead, a half page full color ad of a naked woman. (Note that the sponsor, Intero Chiropractic, is only listed in the fine print, what does that tell you?) And who is responsible and accountable for such a display in our local family newspaper? Claudette Morrison is the Business Manager and head of Advertising. My question is – Is she really OK with this ad? Did she raise any concerns? Or did her bosses just have a "locker room" talk...

—Richard Brock, San Leandro

Upset with Statue; Asks 'What Can We Do'

Editor:

Yes, that statue should be placed elsewhere and not forced on everyone. Thank you, Mary Durkin ("Wants City to Reconsider 'That Statue' Letters, Nov. 3), for speaking out. You said it well. I am a longtime resident – 51 years – and am sad to see the direction the city leaders are taking our once quiet, comfortable town and I know many others who feel the same. We are just the taxpayers, what can we do?

—Joan Metcalf, San Leandro

Thanks Voters for Passage of School Bond Measure J1

Editor:

Thank you San Leandro voters for your overwhelming support of Measure J1.

Investing in our schools is always a smart decision. It's good for our children and community. Thank you to everyone that assisted on the campaign. Your efforts were indispensable to J1's success.

Proposition 51, the state school construction bond, also passed. With Mea-

sure J1, we have a local match to obtain state funds, allowing the district to undertake further modernization and renovation of our schools.

—Melinda Bradford, Stephen Cassidy
Chairpersons of "Yes on Measure J1"

Mayor Proud that San Leandro Approved Measures OO, PP, NN

Editor:

I want to extend a heartfelt thanks to San Leandro voters who once again voted overwhelmingly to invest in our City. Measures OO, PP, and NN will reduce taxes for small businesses while providing new funding that will be used to support a range of activities such as expanded social safety

net programs, street repair and public safety. These measures ensure that we are able to support and maintain our necessities such as infrastructure and also be able to fund new exciting and innovative projects.

I am proud to be the Mayor of San Leandro! We invest in ourselves, take care of those most in need and nurture the sense of community that is unique to our City.

As our work continues, I look forward to working hand in hand with our City Council, staff and the community to ensure that we continue our positive trajectory in the years to come.

—Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter
San Leandro

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Best holiday of the year?

— Asked at the San Leandro BART Station

Halloween because kids love it and I love it. It's the one night of the year when you can be whatever you want to be. Last year I was a Mario Brothers.

Kagan West
Salt Lake City



Christmas because God showed his love for us by giving us his only begotten son. People are nicer during that time of year, until a day or two after New Year's, and then it's back to the same old rub.

Robert Leonard
San Francisco



Veterans Day because it's a time to remember our service people. They've done a lot for us and I appreciate their service. I know a lot of them.

David Erlich
San Leandro



Thanksgiving because you get together with family and you don't have to worry about getting any presents.

Katey Hasson
Oakland, works in San Lorenzo



Christmas because everyone comes together, family and all the relatives. The season is more relaxing too, when it's rainy and the sky is gray.

Gloria Brown
San Leandro



Feud: Gates family has fun on 'The Feud' with Steve Harvey

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inspired to apply because she watches the show regularly and thought her family would be a hit. It started last spring when she saw an ad to audition on television.

"It's a pretty long process to get on the show," said Gates Duran. "In April I saw they were asking people to audition by sending in a bit about your family and I sent it in and they called back and they told us to come on a Sunday to the Santa Clara Convention Center."

The show's staff asked about

the family's lives and hobbies – niece Joelle is an outgoing college student at St. Mary's and Jayne herself is a former 49ers cheerleader. The show wants personalities that pop on screen.

A few months later, the family got a notice to fly to Atlanta where the game show is taped.

Once they began playing, they grew close to the reigning champion family they were opposing because they shared meals and spent a lot of time together. But that didn't stop the Gates family from doing their best to

come out on top.

Gates Duran says she's not supposed to divulge the outcome of the game, but they did tape for multiple days.

"I'm not supposed to say if we won or not... we did well," said Gates Duran, laughing.

Family Feud has been on the air since 1976 with several different hosts and 50 different versions airing all over the world. The current host is comedian Steve Harvey and Gates said he was funny and friendly.

It's a pretty simple game – you try to match your answers on a given question with those of 100 people who have been previously surveyed.

But that doesn't mean there isn't some strategy to it.

Gates Duran thought she would be the captain of the team and go first since she watches the show so often, but she joked that she got "demoted" when her niece proved to be an adept player. And her sons brought up the rear, anchoring the team by coming up with less common answers when the first picks were already used up.

"I went to Target and bought the Family Feud game and for four Sundays, we practiced," said Gates Duran. "It's different when you are there on the stage, it's like 'boom' answer right now, you don't have as much time as



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE FAMILY FEUD

Jayne Gates Duran, her sons Tiger and Justin, her sister Launi, and her niece Joelle are going to be on the Family Feud with host Steve Harvey next week.

you think you do."

In the theme of family, Gates Duran says she'll be watching with hers – she's one of 13

siblings and they are planning a viewing party when her episodes air next week.

"It was such a great experi-

ence," said Gates Duran. "They really want you to win and I thought that was so great. It was so much fun."

Artful Steps to Present Work of Local Artists

Artful Steps will hold an art auction presenting the works of over 50 local artists with disabilities, on Friday, Nov. 18, from 6 to 8 p.m. at 21st Amendment Brewery, 2010 Williams St. in San Leandro. Hors d'oeuvres will

be served and craft beers will be available on tap.

Art by adults with developmental disabilities, including ceramic mosaics, multi-media collages, drawings, paintings, and prints, will be on display

and available for purchase at this holiday auction.

The event will feature a variety of crafts, including popular adult coloring books containing original art. All make great holiday gift items and support local artists.



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