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A Look Back: 2016 In a Nutshell

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

As the year draws to a close, it's time to take a look at what happened in San Leandro in 2016.

The election, a housing shortage, a nepotism controversy, and a large naked woman who came to town on a wave of public relations buzz – here's what defined this year in San Leandro

January

- PG&E raised electricity rates by about 7 percent on the first of the year. That was on top of another 6 percent rise that kicked in on Jan. 1, 2015... and another rate hike of about \$3 per month will go into effect Jan. 1, 2017.

- San Lorenzo teachers voted to "strike if necessary" after contact negotiations stalled with the district. Eventually, the teachers received a 7 percent pay increase over a two-year period.

- The East Bay Regional Park District nixed a plan to build new offices on the old Nike missile site at the top of the hill in Lake Chabot Park after hundreds out people protested that the design would mar the views of the Fairmont Ridge.

February

- The City Council passed a change to the San Leandro's Rent Review Board policies that allowed tenants to bring disputes to the board if they have their rent increased by more than 7 percent in a single year. Dozens of renters told the council that they are worried about becoming homeless. Affordable housing remains one of the city's most pressing problems. The rising cost of rent caused worry that the residents of

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Rise and Shine

The morning sun shines on the Truth Is Beauty statue at the OSIssoft office building by the San Leandro BART station. The inscription on the base of the statue by artist Marco Cochran reads, "What would the world be like if women were safe?"

New State Laws Address Cell Phones, DUIs

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

In 2016, Governor Jerry Brown signed nearly 900 bills into law and voters approved dozens more. Here's a look at some of the new laws which will go into effect on Jan. 1.

One big change comes from AB 1785, a bill authored by Assemblyman Bill Quirk that makes it illegal to hold a cell-phone while driving a car. The device must now be mounted to specified areas of the windshield or dashboard.

Under the law, the driver can use only a single swipe or tap to operate the phone, no typing even to get directions. The phone cannot be in a driver's hand, even if it's in speaker phone mode.

Critics of the bill say that it is designed not with safety in mind, but rather to increase ticket revenue from drivers who get caught with their phones in their hands.

In other driving legislation, SB 1046 will require people convicted of driving under the influence to install an ignition interlock device on their cars for six months in order to get their driver's license back. This law was already in place in four counties in California, including Alameda County.

And as of Jan. 1, children under 2 years of age must now ride in rear-facing car seats. Previously, they could ride front-facing after one year.

AB 2888, a response to outcry over convicted Stanford rapist Brock Turner's light sentence,

makes it so sexually assaulting an unconscious person carries a mandatory prison sentence. And SB 813 makes rape and other

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Traffic Cops To Step Up New Year's Enforcement

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

In the past year, 150 motor vehicle accidents in the East Bay involved utility poles, according to PG&E. Not a good way to start the year.

So the public utility and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) join forces to promote safe driving this time of year.

The CHP will step up traffic enforcement during a 78-hour period, beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday through the 3-day weekend until midnight on Monday. All available personnel will be on duty, says the Highway Patrol. Officers will be looking for impaired drivers, as well as distracted driving, speeding and seat belt violations.

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Open Call for City-wide Talent Show

San Leandro's city-wide teen talent show, San Leandro's Got Talent, is looking for local San Leandro and Bay Area residents to participate in this year's show as a celebrity guest judge.

The contest is looking for energetic, positive, and talented

judges to take part in this year's show. Previous judges have included radio DJs, authors, teachers, and council members. If you believe you qualify, please fill out an online application by Wednesday, Jan. 11. The application can be found here: <http://tinyurl.com/SLGTJudge2017>

or by visiting www.sanleandrolibrary.org.

Performer applications for San Leandro's Got Talent show are available online now for teens between 13 and 18 who live in San Leandro. For more information, visit <http://tinyurl.com/SLGTPerformer2017>

or www.sanleandrolibrary.org. Auditions will take place on Monday, Jan. 23, at the Main Library; and Tuesday, Jan. 24, at the Marina Community Center.

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CITY COUNCIL

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

SAN LEANDRO SCHOOL BOARD

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



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can't be composted. Place them in the garbage, or schedule a special collection.

For more information, call Alameda County Industries at 357-7282, or Waste Management of Alameda County at 613-8710.

Pets of the Week



Katya



Goofy

The Pets of the Week from the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, are Katya the cat, and Goofy the dog.

Katya is a 13-year-old who is full of gentleness and affection. She loves chin and cheek scratches and leans into your hand, looking at you with her soulful blue eyes.

Goofy is a young pup who's active, social, and friendly.

He enjoys playing, hanging out with other dogs, and is eager to please. He's a fast learner. OK with kids 5 and older.

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



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Ambrosia will play two shows at the Bal Theatre on New Year's Eve.

'70s Hit Makers Ambrosia to Play Bal on New Year's Eve

Legendary hit-makers Ambrosia will perform live at the Bal Theatre, 14808 East 14th St. in San Leandro, on New Year's Eve with two shows – 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

Ambrosia is five-time Grammy nominee with five hit singles

and sold out concerts around the world. Their hits include "Biggest Part Of Me," "How Much I Feel," "You're The Only Woman (You and I)," "Holdin' On To Yesterday" and more.

Tickets available online at baltheatre.com.

Talent: Judges wanted

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Got Talent will take place at the Marina Community Center on Saturday, Feb. 18, from 7 to 10 p.m. Tickets for the public will go on sale Monday, Jan. 30, at noon. Purchase tickets at the San Leandro Main Library (300 Estudillo Ave.) or the Marina Community Center (15301 Wicks Blvd.). Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth, 17 and under.

San Leandro's Got Talent is a collaboration of the San Leandro Public Library's Teen Advisory Group (TAG) and the Youth Advisory Commission (YAC). TAG and YAC are joining together to offer a fun new event for the community while raising money

for teen programs. Proceeds from ticket sales and sponsorships will be used for teen programs at the library as well as YAC's mini-grant program for youth-serving organizations.

Alta Mira to Host Annual Crab Feed

The Alta Mira Club, 561 Lafayette Ave. in San Leandro, will have a crab feed on Friday, Jan. 27, with all-you-can-eat crab (or order chicken), pasta, salad, bread and ice cream. The social hour starts at 6 p.m. and dinner begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$50. The Alta Mira Club is in the historic Ygnacio Peralta Home, built in 1860.

St. Felicitas CYO Girls Basketball Taking Sign-Ups Through Jan. 20

St. Felicitas CYO girls basketball is taking sign-ups online through Jan. 20 for players in the second through eighth grades. Players must live in the St. Felicitas parish. All skill levels welcome. Cost is \$175. Teams are forming so sign up online now at stfelicitascatholicyouthorganization.silplay.com/site/. For more information, email Jerry DeLos Reyes at nbk54t@sbcglobal.net.

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Wall Heater Sparks Fire

A 95-year-old woman was able to escape a fire that broke out in her home on the 15000 block of Thoits Street in Washington Manor last week. The one-alarm fire began just after 10 p.m. on Dec. 22, according to the Alameda County Fire Department. The elderly resident was able to get out of the home on her own before firefighters arrived and was taken to the hospital for treatment of first- and second-degree burns to her head and hands. The cause of the fire is under investigation, but the origin has been traced to a wall heater in the entryway of the home.

Deputies and Volunteers Make the Holidays Merry for Children of Inmates

Earlier this month, Alameda County Sheriff's deputies and volunteers gave away toys at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin and the Dyer Detention Facility in Oakland. The toys were given to chil-

dren who were at the jails to visit their incarcerated family members. Major donations for this event were received from the Inmate Services Unit religious

volunteers, Toys For Tots, Sroptimist International, Catholic Detentions Ministry, Survivors motorcycle club, and the Spectrum Church. The sheriff's office thanks all who were involved.



Suspect in Alleged Robbery Attempt Fatally Stabbed by Intended Victim

The suspect in an alleged armed robbery attempt was stabbed and killed last week by the victim, in what police say was an act of self-defense.

Just before 1 a.m. on Dec. 22, police were called to the 1200 block of 143rd Avenue following reports of a fight in progress.

When the officers arrived on the scene near Heath Park, they found two men with stab wounds, according to the San Leandro

police department.

Police say the incident began when the intended robbery victim parked his car near his apartment and a 22-year-old suspect approached him demanding his wallet and phone and wielding a 10-inch knife.

The victim said the suspect then stabbed him. The victim threw his wallet in one direction and ran about 100 yards in another direction, but the suspect

followed and caught him.

In the ensuing struggle, the victim got the knife away from the suspect and stabbed the man several times, police said.

The 22-year-old suspect died at the hospital and the victim was also hospitalized and reported to be in serious but stable condition.

The police say that preliminarily they believe the victim acted in self defense and will be submitting the case to the district attorney's office, but don't expect charges to be filed.

The suspect's name has not yet been released but police say he lived in the area. The suspect and victim did not know each other prior to the incident.

Anyone with information about the case is asked to call the San Leandro police criminal investigation unit at 577-3230.

Man Injured in Suspected Gang Shooting on Monday

A man was shot Monday afternoon near the Oakland/ San Leandro city line and driven to San Leandro Hospital.

There was an exchange of gunfire at around 2:30 p.m. on Dec. 26 in the area of San Leandro and Stone streets, according to the Oakland police department.

The man who was shot was taken to the hospital by another man who was not injured and is in stable condition.

Oakland police are investigating whether the shooting was related to another shooting that occurred 10 minutes earlier on the 1100 block of 87th Avenue in Oakland. No one was injured in that incident. Police believe both crimes may be gang related.

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Oakland are offering up to \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest of suspects. Anyone with information is asked to call police at 238-3821 or Crime Stoppers at 777-8572.

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Julia Peinado Celebrates 90th Birthday

Julia Peinado (second from left) of San Leandro turned 90 on Dec. 20 and celebrated her birthday at Elio's restaurant in San Leandro. Julia was born in Oakland and has lived in San Leandro for 13 years. She has eight children, 20 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. She dines with friends at Elio's every Friday night. Sitting with Julia are (left to right) Paul Villalobos, Jacqueline Zaragoza, Betty Wallin, Cougar Fry and Larry Wallin.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

❖ Monster Concert

Witness the excitement as 24 young pianists, many from Castro Valley, perform together on 12 Yamaha pianos on Saturday, Jan. 7, at 2 p.m. at the Center for the Arts, 19501 Redwood Road in Castro Valley. The concert is presented by the Southern Alameda County Branch of the Music Teachers Association of California. Purchase tickets

online \$10 (\$15 at the door) at: www.eventbrite.com/ (search "Monster Concert"). All proceeds from this concert will go towards student scholarships.

❖ Rhythm of the North

A celebration of the 50th State – Alaska – will be presented on Saturday, Jan. 28, at 7:30 p.m. at the Center for the Arts, 19501 Redwood Road in Castro

Valley. Take this boogie-woogie joy ride with John Bushell (Bishop O'Dowd Class of '70) when he presents this fast-paced, multi-media sensation, with stunning images, sizzling piano and hilarious stories to fill out the evening. (Audiences know him as "Johnny B.") Tickets are \$20 are available online at www.cvartsfoundation.org; or at the Center Box Office, 19501 Redwood Road, Thursdays and Fridays 3-5 p.m. phone 889-8961; or at the CV Adult School, 4430 Alma Ave.

❖ John O'Lague Galleria

A Woman's View of the World, a variety of artistic techniques including watercolors, acrylics, pencil, ink and mixed media by the Diablo/Alameda Chapter of the National League of American Pen Women, continues through Jan. 27 at the John O'Lague Galleria in Hayward City Hall, 777 B Street at Watkins, open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): With the new year's opportunities almost within reach, the Arian's courageous aspects are raring to go. And don't be surprised if a lot of people follow the zodiac's most trusted leader.



TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Change lies ahead for the brave Bovine who is ready to shuck off the tried and true to try something new. But appearances can be deceptive. Check it all out before you charge into anything.



GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): This week promises a peek into what the new year holds for the Gemini Twins, both in love and careers. Family matters continue to be a factor in decisions you're going to be facing.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): As you move into the new year, your travel aspects grow stronger, and you might find yourself making decisions about a destination and a traveling companion sooner than you'd expected.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): The new year holds both glitter and gold. This means Leos and Leonas should begin getting the facts they'll need to separate the real thing from the sham in order to make important decisions next year.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): A good way to start the new year might be to arrange for a visit to someone you haven't seen in a long time. You also might want to pick up that project you put off a while back.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): As you contemplate the new year's potential, you might want to talk things over with people who are or have been where you want to go. Their experience and advice can be helpful.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): Someone close to you might feel like you have no more room for him or her in your life. This calls for immediate reassurance of your love so you can start the new year on a high note.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): The coming year will bring more people into your life. Some situations might not work out as well as others. But overall, everyone earns something, and that's always a good thing.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): The new year could find you indulging in one or more of the hobbies you've always wanted to take up. And don't be surprised if they ultimately direct you toward a new career.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): The artistic Aquarian should find more opportunities in the new year. You might even make some potentially helpful contacts as you gather to ring in the year 2017.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): The new year offers challenges for Pisceans who want to make better use of the skills they now have and learn new ones. Personal relationships show stronger positive aspects.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

❖ Hayward Area Historical Society

The Hayward Area Historical Society, 22380 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward, presents *Local Botanical Beauties, Then and Now* guest curated by Mary L. Harden School of Botanical Illustration in the Community Gallery through Jan. 8, during the museum's hours, Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This exhibit of watercolors shows the variety of plant life that once dominated the landscape of the Hayward area as well as plants that are still seen in the foothills and gardens.

❖ Castro Valley Center for the Arts

A comedy show *Lighten Up New Year's Eve with Brian Copeland and Friends* will be presented at the Castro Valley Center for the Arts, 19501 Redwood Road in Castro Valley, on Saturday, Dec. 31, at 7 p.m. An all-star lineup of comedians including David Alan Moss, Joe Klosee, Steve Barkley, Mickey Joseph, Irene Tu, Roon Vigh and Maureen Langan, will be part of the line-up. Tickets are \$45 and can be purchased online at www.cvartsfoundation.org, at the Center Box Office or at the CV Adult School, 4430 Alma Ave. Purchase tickets in advance. Prices go up when tickets are purchased at the door.

❖ Ambrosia New Year's Eve Concert

Welcome in the New Year with the six members of '70s rockers *Ambrosia*, well-known for their radio hits and multiple Grammy nominations, presented by Curtain Call Performing Arts at San Leandro's Historic BAL Theatre, 14808 E. 14th St. in San Leandro, on Saturday, Dec. 31. There will be two shows at 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Smash Hits include *Biggest Part Of Me*, *How Much I Feel*, and *Holdin' On To Yesterday*. Purchase tickets (\$50, \$60, \$100) online at www.BALTheatre.com or call 614-1224. VIP tickets include a meet and greet.

❖ Parkinson's Support Group

The San Leandro Parkinson's Support Group will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, Jan. 5, at 10 a.m. at the San Lorenzo Community Church, 945 Paseo Grande. There will be an open discussion. For more information, call Lona White at 27-3119.

❖ Selma at San Leandro History Museum

The San Leandro History Museum, 320 West Estudillo Ave., will screen *Selma* (2014) on Saturday, Jan. 7, at 11:30 a.m. and again at 2 p.m. The powerful film chronicles the tumultuous three-month period in 1965, when Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. led a campaign to secure equal voting rights in the face of violent opposition. The epic march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama culminated in President Johnson signing the Voting Rights Act of 1965, one of the most significant victories for the civil rights movement. The film was nominated for Best Picture and won Best Original Song at the 87th Academy Awards. (2014, PG-13, 2:08) Free admission. Bring your own popcorn.

❖ I.D.E.S. of Saint John Crab Feed

I.D.E.S. of Saint John, 1670 Orchard Ave. in San Leandro, will have a crab feed on Saturday, Jan. 7. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. and raffle at 8 p.m. Cost is \$50 for adults, \$25 for children under 12. Meal includes hot and cold crab, pasta, salad, garlic bread and desert. For more information and tickets call Mr. Helder at 357-5846.

❖ All Saints Episcopal Church

All Saints Episcopal Church, 911 Dowling Blvd. in San Leandro, will commemorate the birthday of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

on Sunday, Jan. 15, at 10:15 a.m. with a special mass including African American spirituals and a mass setting drawing from the African American tradition. All are invited to this festive service. For more information, visit www.saintsalive.net.

❖ I.D.E.S. of Alvarado St. Crab Feed

I.D.E.S. of Alvarado St. will have its annual crab feed on Saturday, Jan. 14, at the hall on 790 Antonio St. in San Leandro. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person. Dinner will include crab, pasta, salad, garlic bread and wine. For tickets call 385-8247 or 635-3580. Make check payable to I.D.E.S. and mail to P.O. Box 781 San Leandro, 94577.

❖ Celebration for Dr. Martin Luther King

The City of San Leandro's annual celebration in honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., featuring entertainment and a student oratorical contest, will be on Monday, Jan. 16, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Community Center, 13909 East 14th St. Students enrolled in grades 3rd through 12th and attend San Leandro schools are invited to enter in the oratorical contest and poetry slam. Entry forms are available online at www.sanleandro.org and are due by Friday, Jan. 13. For more information, call the Recreation and Human Services Department at 577-3462.

❖ Auditions for *The Maltese Bodkin*

The San Leandro Players will hold auditions for *The Maltese Bodkin* by David Belke on Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 16 and 17, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the San Leandro Museum Auditorium, 320 W. Estudillo Ave. in San Leandro. Open call, appointments possible. Contact Sage Hindley at bhindley11@gmail.com, or call 895-2573. No pay; non-Equity. Male and female, all ages, ethnicities encouraged. Rehearsals begin Jan. 24, Monday through Thursday evenings. Performances are March 3 through April 9 on Fridays and Saturdays and Sunday matinees. The SLPlayers website is www.splayers.org.

❖ St. Felicitas Young at Heart Luncheon

St. Felicitas Parish, 1662 Manor Blvd. in San Leandro, hosts its monthly Young at Heart luncheon on Wednesday, Jan. 18, with homemade meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, dessert, coffee or apple cider. Doors open at 11 a.m. and lunch is served at noon. Tickets are \$6. Entertainment and door prizes at each luncheon. Tickets must be purchased no later than the Monday before the luncheon. Tickets available at the parish office Monday through Thursday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

❖ St. Felicitas CYO Girls Basketball

St. Felicitas CYO girls basketball is taking sign-ups online through Jan. 20 for players in the second through eighth grades. Players must live in the St. Felicitas parish. All skill levels welcome. Cost is \$175. Teams are forming so sign up online now at stfelicitascatholicyouthorganization.siplay.com/site/. For more information, email Jerry DeLos Reyes at nbk54t@sbcglobal.net.

❖ Cherry City Toastmasters

The Cherry City Toastmasters meet every Tuesday from 12:05 to 1:05 p.m., at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Cherry City Toastmasters provides a supportive and positive environment where members have the opportunity to develop their communication and leadership skills, build self-confidence and promote personal growth. Visitors are welcomed to the meetings. For more information about the club, visit www.cherrycitytoastmasters.org.

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.

REAL ESTATE GALLERY



Rough Out Maintenance Calendar

By Samantha Mazzotta
Special to the Forum

While many home maintenance tasks are better performed at specific times of the year, damage should be repaired as soon as possible, particularly to a home's exterior.

That certainly means a DIYer may find himself or herself tacking down a replacement shingle in frosty weather.

But, say that several damaged shingles need to be replaced, or the gutter is in good shape but just needs some cleaning and a patch or two. More extensive main-

tenance and repairs should take place in warm months, so that patching material and roofing cement can cure properly.

That's why now, at the start of the new year, is a good time to rough out a home maintenance calendar. It doesn't have to be precise — you don't have to block out exact days (unless you want to) — but breaking down certain tasks by month, quarter or season can really keep your maintenance on track.

January and February, with cold temperatures, dormant plants and few holiday get-togethers to worry about, are good months



January and February are good months to reorganize your workshop or garage.

to reorganize the workroom or garage, sharpen tools and mower blades, and draw up a budget for maintenance or improvement projects.

March through early May gets busier. Late pruning of shrubs and trees needs to be done before the last frost. Garden soil needs to be turned, fertilizer put down and lawns' bare spots reseeded. Exterior damage that didn't need immediate attention should be repaired now. Air-conditioning systems need their annual check-up by a professional.

The hot summer months, June through early September, are prime time for both exterior and interior maintenance and repair. Painting and remodeling are easier with the windows thrown open to allow fresh air in. Roofing cement cures properly. Balance all this with regular lawn care, and it's a busy time.

By late September, heating-system inspection and chimney cleaning need to be scheduled or completed — ahead of the inevitable rush that comes during the first big cold snap. Gardens are harvested and lawns prepared for the cold months. Up north, it's time to put away lawn-care tools and set out marker stakes to keep plow trucks from churning up the lawn edges.

So, while you're making more detailed resolutions to take care of yourself and your family as the year begins, remember to make plans to take care of your home, too.

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Top 7 Bay Area Real Estate Trends for 2017

By Carl Medford, CRS
Special to the Times

Beginning with Brexit, followed with our own surprise at the polls, 2016 has been a ride for the record books.

As we end the fifth-consecutive year of pricing gains and with the Fed finally raising rates, pundits are scratching their heads trying to figure out how to predict where real estate will go in 2017.

Here are our thoughts based on information coming from a number of sources:

1. A Continued Seller's Market

Seller's will continue to be in the driver's seat, but will not see the rampant gains they've enjoyed for the past five years. Inventory is expected to be higher, loosening upward volatility and out-of-control, multiple-offer scenarios, and keeping market gains moderate.

2. Higher Interest Rates

This should be no surprise, as the Fed has already begun raising rates. Anticipate a gradual upward

pressure on rates that will help keep the market in check.

3. More Millennials Will Enter The Market

Finally getting off their parent's sofas, expect Millennials to make their presence known in 2017.

4. Lenders Will Continue Tightening Parameters

Expect the degree of difficulty to increase for borrowers in 2017. This will lengthen the average time it takes to get a transaction closed. Sellers need to prepare to be in escrow longer.

5. Transaction Failure Rates Will Increase

Since many buyers will need help from a variety of sources to push the envelope enough to qualify for loans, anticipate that the transaction failure rate, already high in 2016, will increase in 2017.

6. More Middle-class Buyers Will Depart the Bay Area

Unable to buy in the overpriced local market, increasing groups of middle class will depart looking for lower housing prices.

States like Texas will benefit greatly from this California migration. This is going to have a long-term negative impact on the Bay Area as skilled labor departs, leaving a huge vacuum in their wake. Expect the quality of the labor pool to decrease while the cost of labor increases.

7. Builders Will Hit Their Stride

Decimated by the market collapse a few short years ago, builders have slowly been regaining momentum. While it's now possible to see new construction increasing across the Bay Area, new housing will not meet demand. Additionally, expect traffic to continue to worsen as municipalities struggle to keep pace with increased housing.

Combined with the Trump factor, where we go is anyone's guess. Time to strap in and hang on.

Carl Medford is a licensed Realtor with Keller Williams Realty and a licensed general contractor. This article is sponsored by the Central County Marketing Association at www.ccmgtoday.com.

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| 1400 Carpenter St #217 | 94577 | \$347,000 | 2 BD - 968 SF - 1983 |
| 716 Dolores Avenue | 94577 | \$590,000 | 3 BD - 1,443 SF - 1954 |
| 981 Dowling Boulevard | 94577 | \$680,000 | 3 BD - 1,217 SF - 1927 |
| 2472 Harborview Drive | 94577 | \$791,000 | 3 BD - 2,169 SF - 1961 |
| 1409 Pearson Avenue | 94577 | \$581,500 | 3 BD - 1,484 SF - 1943 |
| 1380 Wainwright Avenue | 94577 | \$575,000 | 2 BD - 1,403 SF - 1943 |
| 1299 144th Avenue | 94578 | \$380,000 | 2 BD - 820 SF - 1944 |
| 1470 153rd Avenue | 94578 | \$423,000 | 1 BD - 616 SF - 1939 |
| 1176 Elgin Street | 94578 | \$464,000 | 3 BD - 1,168 SF - 1996 |
| 14991 Portofino Circle | 94578 | \$620,000 | 3 BD - 1,582 SF - 1984 |
| 2019 Orion Court | 94579 | \$888,000 | 4 BD - 2,820 SF - 1998 |
| 995 Purdue Street | 94579 | \$570,000 | 3 BD - 1,376 SF - 1951 |

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AVERAGE AMOUNT:

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| 1741 Knox Street | 94546 | \$675,000 | 3 BD - 1,520 SF - 1948 |
| 3492 Northwood Drive | 94546 | \$800,000 | 3 BD - 1,918 SF - 1952 |
| 3669 Parsons Court | 94546 | \$754,000 | 4 BD - 2,000 SF - 1956 |
| 4807 Proctor Road | 94546 | \$495,000 | 2 BD - 988 SF - 1941 |
| 17073 Sabina Court | 94546 | \$680,000 | 3 BD - 1,242 SF - 1960 |
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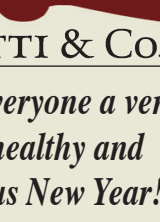
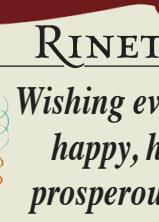
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BART Parking Fines to Rise in the New Year

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

Parking illegally in a BART parking lot will cost more in the new year.

A ticket for parking without paying in the daily fee section will go up from \$35 to \$55 on Jan. 2. The fine for parking illegally in the section reserved for monthly permits will go up from

\$40 to \$75.

The BART board of directors okayed the higher fines at a meeting in February, but the new fines don't take effect until after the new year.

Monthly parking passes vary at BART stations from \$84 to \$105, except West Oakland where it's \$220 per month. Monthly passes at the

San Leandro and Bayfair stations is \$105.

Single-day reserved parking at San Leandro and Bayfair stations is \$6 per day. And the daily fee parking is \$3. You have to be taking BART to park in a BART lot. BART has about 47,000 parking spaces in its entire system, and 12,000 of those are monthly or daily permit spots.



PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

This week between Christmas and New Year's is about the only time of year when you see a few empty spaces in a BART parking lot.

See the Movie *Selma* on Jan. 7 at the San Leandro History Museum

The San Leandro History Museum, 320 West Estudillo Ave., will screen *Selma* (2014) on Saturday, Jan. 7, at 11:30 a.m. and again at 2 p.m.

The powerful film chronicles the tumultuous three-month

period in 1965, when Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. led a campaign to secure equal voting rights in the face of violent opposition.

The epic march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama culminated in President Johnson

signing the Voting Rights Act of 1965, one of the most significant victories for the civil rights movement. The film was nominated for Best Picture and won Best Original Song at the 87th Academy Awards. Free admission.

2016: Board puts cops in schools; man shot at First Communion

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Trailer Haven being priced out of their homes.

- The City Council announced a \$50,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the killer of Joel Ramirez. Ramirez, 21, was murdered in December 2014 in what police call a tragic case of mistaken identity.

- After she was the only person to to apply, 19-year-old college student Ashley Vo was selected to fill an empty spot on the San Leandro School Board after trustee Ron Carey quit because he needed to spend more time at his job.

March

- The Chabot Gun Club was ordered to close by the East Bay Regional Park District after operating for more than 50 years at Anthony Chabot Regional Park. The district said the park was an environmental hazard and voted to not renew the range's lease,

so the last shots were fired at the club on Labor Day.

- The San Leandro school board voted to expand a program that has San Leandro police officers teach kids about gangs and drugs at the elementary schools. The program caused controversy, with some parents and teachers saying it wasn't a good use of class time and that teachers, not cops, should be teaching students.

- The San Lorenzo School Board unanimously voted to eliminate the "Rebel" mascot depicting a Old-West frontiersman at San Lorenzo High, saying it had racist connotations.

April

- Mayor Pauline Cutter's daughter Jessica left her job with the city's recreation department after people pointed out that it violated the City Charter's law against nepotism. Relatives of City Council members can't work for the city, except in the case of

temporary jobs – for example, as a summer lifeguard at a city pool.

- The Marea Alta affordable housing project across from the downtown BART station began accepting applications for tenants. Over 18,000 people from all over the state applied for 115 apartments.

- BART announced that it struck an agreement with labor unions that prevents the possibility of another traffic-snarling strike until 2021 by offering raises totaling 10.5 percent. Many people felt that BART employees were already generously paid and State Senator Steve Glazer called the BART raises "exorbitant."

May

- A man was shot and killed while attending a First Communion party at the Senior Center. Police say the shooting was gang related. Three people, including two teenagers were later arrested

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PHOTO BY JIM KNOWLES

Luckily nobody was injured when an elderly man crashed into a post in Pelton Center in May and the roof collapsed on his car. The fire department had to lift up the roof with jacks in order to pull out the car.



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A worker used a custom-made lawnmower to cut the tall grass in a vacant lot on Washington Avenue last summer.

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BY GREG BENSON • SAN LEANDRO TIMES • 11-10-16

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

A rallying Raider Nation was all abuzz, displaying the civic pride signs of "Stay in Oakland" and "If they build it, we won't come!" All in an effort to keep the team in

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2016: Voters okay new taxes and city spends \$253,000 on musical chairs

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for the crime. There were a total of three murders in San Leandro in 2016.

- Two Alameda County sheriff's deputies who were caught on tape beating an unarmed car theft suspect were charged with assault with a deadly weapon in the case.

- A year-long construction project to shore up the Chabot dam began. The seismic upgrades have made it necessary to close down Chabot Park and parts of Lake Chabot until 2017.

June

- One man was killed and other seriously wounded following an argument at a bar on 150th Avenue in unincorporated San Leandro.

- A woman entered the Wells Fargo bank downtown and stabbed a 12-year-old boy with a pair of scissor in a random attack before robbing a customer and fleeing the scene. She was caught moments later and the boy survived his injuries

- There were cries of "not in my back yard" in the north area after a developer announced plans for an apartment building

near the corner of Estudillo and Bancroft avenues. The city eventually altered rezoning plans so five-story buildings won't be allowed in the area.

July

- Former Arroyo track stand-out Young-Sung Leal stopped a woman from being abducted while she was walking along Washington Avenue. An assailant attempted to grab the victim and pull her into his car. Leal wrestled her away from the suspect.

- The David Street Wellness Center was selected for the city's second medical marijuana dispensary permit. Eventually, the city approved three pot clinics, but the council was accused of cronyism for choosing operators with close ties to City Hall to receive the lucrative permits.

- A woman was struck and killed by a train on Halcyon Avenue. There were four train deaths in San Leandro this year, including a mother and her 3-year-old daughter killed at the same intersection.

August

- The San Leandro City Council

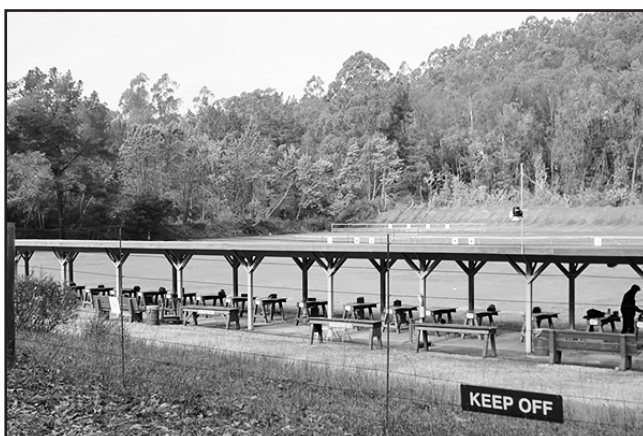


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The East Bay Regional Park District board of directors gave in to opponents of the gun range and closed it.

cil announced that the minimum wage in town will be raised to \$15 in a series of annual increments. Most were in favor of the raise, but small business owners in town said they were scared that they would have to raise prices to cover the cost and risk going out of business.

- The deadline to file to run for the City Council and school board elections passed and not many candidates applied to represent San Leandro – candidates ran unopposed in seven of eight

local races.

- A \$253,000 interactive musical exhibit debuted in the downtown plaza. The public art project was a partnership between the city and the Exploratorium in San Francisco.

September

- The first stages of a new plan for the area around Bayfair mall were discussed. The city says that over the next five years or so the area will have more high-density apartments and

shops in what they call a "transit village."

- The Alameda County Board of Supervisors announced they were considering an ordinance that would double the amount of medical marijuana shops in the unincorporated area. Supervisor Nate Miley was accused of being influenced by medical cannabis purveyors after he received \$60,000 in campaign donations from dispensary owners.

- After more than a year of discussion and several public protests, the San Leandro police received their armored "BearCat", a tank-like vehicle equipped with a battering ram and port holes for weapons. The police say it'll save lives but critics said it's part of a trend toward militarizing cops.

October

- The "Truth is Beauty" statue arrived in town with much public-relations fanfare. The 55-foot statue of a nude woman was installed at the tech building next to the San Leandro BART station.

- The first group of legendary San Leandro athletes were inducted in the San Leandro Sports Hall of Fame. Inductees included

former NFL quarterback Dennis Dixon and championship golfers Pat Hurst and Tony Lema.

- Sitting San Leandro School Board President Vince Rosato passed away suddenly from a heart attack. Rosato, 62, was a former Catholic priest and retired elementary school teacher.

November

- On Election Night, Ed Hernandez beat out Bryan Azevedo in the District 2 City Council race. Former San Leandro policemen Pete Ballew took the District 6 seat after running unopposed, and District 4 incumbent Benny Lee won another term after also running unopposed.

- Voters approved a whole bunch of bonds and tax measures, including a \$104 million bond from the San Leandro school district, three separate City of San Leandro taxes, and bonds from the county, BART, AC Transit, and the Hayward Area Recreation District.

- The City of San Leandro settled an excessive force lawsuit for \$175,000, brought by a man who says San Leandro police

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LOCAL DEATHS

BERTONI, Frank L.
BROTHERSON, Graham
MEEKS, Laura
SANCHES, Joseph M.
SURANO, Flora "Flo"
TOCCI, Edward F.
VANCE, Gary D.

■ **BERTONI, Frank L.**, passed away on December 25, 2016 at age 91. Visitation will be held at

Santos-Robinson Mortuary on Tuesday, Jan. 3, from noon to 8 p.m. with a vigil service beginning at 6 p.m. A Funeral Procession will leave the Mortuary on Wednesday, Jan. 4, at 10 a.m., going to St. Felicitas Catholic Church for the Funeral Mass beginning at 10:30 a.m. Interment to follow at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward. Arrange-

ments made by Santos-Robinson Mortuary in San Leandro (510-483-0123, santos-robinson.com).

■ **MEEKS, Laura**, passed on December 27, 2016. She is survived by her daughter, Carla King (Bob) of Reedley, California. She is preceded in death by her son, Allan Meeks; and sister, Enez Ponzo. No services will be held at her request.

■ **SANCHES, Joseph M.**, passed away peacefully on December 27, 2016. Visitation will be held at Santos-Robinson Mortuary, 160 Estudillo Ave., in San Leandro on Thursday, Dec. 29, from noon to 8 p.m. with a vigil service beginning at 6 p.m. The Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, Dec. 30, at St. Felicitas Catholic Church beginning at 10 a.m. Burial will be at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon on Tuesday, Jan. 3. Arrangements made by Santos-Robinson Mortuary in San Leandro (510-483-0123, santos-robinson.com).

■ **SURANO, Flora "Flo"**, passed away on December 25, 2016 at the age of 85. A Funeral Mass will be held at Church

of the Assumption, 1100 Fulton Ave., in San Leandro on Tuesday, Jan. 3, beginning at 10:30 a.m. A private burial will be held at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward. Arrangements made by Santos-Robinson Mortuary in San Leandro (510-483-0123, santos-robinson.com).

■ **TOCCI, Edward F.**, passed away peacefully on December 20, 2016, surrounded by his loving family, at the age of 89. A Funeral Mass will be held today, Dec. 29, at St. Leander Catholic Church, 550 W. Estudillo Ave., in San Leandro, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Interment on Friday, Dec. 30, at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward at 11 a.m. Arrangements made by Santos-Robinson Mortuary in San Leandro (510-483-0123, santos-robinson.com).

■ **VANCE, Gary D.**, passed away on December 23, 2016 at the age of 70. He was a resident of San Leandro for many years and was an airline mechanic for United Airlines. Per his wishes, no services will be held. Arrangements made by Santos-Robinson Mortuary in San Leandro (510-483-0123, santos-robinson.com).

Graham Brotherson

A resident of San Leandro since 1953, Graham Brotherson passed away. Graham was born December 17, 1918 and passed November 7, 2016.

He served as a Navy pilot in WWII, and had a long engineering career with PG&E.

A memorial service is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 15, at 2 p.m. at Grace Methodist Church, 19901 San Ramon Valley Blvd., in San Ramon.

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Driving: 27 deaths in crashes last New Year's

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CHP officers will also be out to assist the motoring public.

During last year's New Year's holiday, there were 27 fatal collisions in California. During the 78-hour maximum enforcement period, the CHP made 920 arrests for driving under the influence.

In addition to loss of life, motor vehicle crashes caused 1,700 power outages this year in PG&E's service area from Eureka to Bakersfield, according to PG&E. The outages not only disrupt businesses and households, they interrupt electric service to hospitals, schools and

traffic lights.

Distracted driving is easily preventable by not using a phone when behind the wheel.

"We ask our customers to stay off the phone while driving – especially during the busy holiday season – so that together, we can help make the roads safer for everyone," said Pat Hogan, senior vice president, Electric Transmission and Distribution, PG&E.

PG&E gives this advice if your car comes into contact with a downed power line:

- Stay inside. The safest place is in your car. The ground around your car may be energized.

- Honk the horn, roll down your window and yell for help.

- Warn others to stay away. Anyone who touches the equipment or ground around the vehicle may be injured.

- Use your mobile phone to call 911.

- Fire department, police and PG&E workers will tell you when it is safe to get out of the vehicle.

- If there is a fire and you have to exit a vehicle that has come in contact with downed power lines follow these guidelines:

- Remove loose items of clothing.
- Keep your hands at your

sides and jump clear of the vehicle, so you are not touching the car when your feet hit the ground.

- Keep both feet close together and shuffle away from the vehicle without picking up your feet.

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officers used a chokehold that cut off his air supply and forced him to lose consciousness during an arrest. The department will also be retraining its officers on use of force.

December

- There were lots of fun holiday happenings around town, including the annual "It's a Wonderful Night" celebration downtown, featuring a tree-lighting, dancers, and cookie decorating.

- "Santa" Louie Brandt, a San Leandro police officer, once again raised money for the "Bike for Tykes" program and helped 500 disadvantaged kids in San Leandro get a new bike for Christmas.

- The Main Library closed its doors (and they will remain closed until Jan. 22) in order to install new carpeting and furniture.

Senior Center to Throw Birthday Party for Ray

There will be a birthday party for Ray Luciano at noon on Monday, Jan. 9, at the San Leandro Senior Center, 13909 East 14th St. Ray will be turning

96 and Spectrum Community Services, which provides lunch for seniors, will be serving cake for the party along with lunch. All are welcome.

OPINION

LETTERS to the EDITOR

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An Open Letter to the Community From Rose Padilla Johnson

Dear Community,

As you have read, the confidential renegotiation of the terms of Davis Street's loan from the City of San Leandro was reported in the December 22nd Times. The article set forth only the City's position. We were unable to respond because we honor the confidentiality of the negotiations and turned instead to the important work that embodies our mission – the giving away of toys, turkeys, and food for the holidays to 1000 families in need.

In addition to being my calling and my life's work, Davis Street is important to those in our community with the most need and least access. In 2014, we launched a community health clinic to serve that constituency.

We are grateful to the City for the \$1,500,000 bridge loan that assisted with getting the clinic going. Our initial estimate of a two year bridge loan was inaccurate and true to my nature, optimistic. I advised the City of this fact nearly a year ago and explained why an extension was necessary.

The negotiation over the extension is ongoing and *all* loan payments are current. We are also exploring several

ways to pay back the loan and have kept the City informed.

We are struggling to understand why this matter was made public at this time.

The article also mentioned the City's desire to conduct an audit and, by doing so, raised the specter of financial mismanagement.

Davis Street's solid financial record is documented in the annual audits that are required by State and Federal agencies. Of course, when we stretch to add services so that everyone receives food, clothing, medicine, medical and mental health care, the financial situation tightens and, as we are trying to do with the City, we make adjustments.

It is our hope that the City will cooperate in these efforts and that services will not be reduced or eliminated.

—Rose Padilla Johnson, CEO
Davis Street

Appropriate for San Leandro to Modify Its Loan to Davis Street

Editor:

For decades I have been involved in developing and implementing public health policies on local, state and national levels. This includes tenure

as Regional Director for the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, as well as current roles on the boards of the Davis Street Health Center and Eden Health District.

These involvements have strengthened my view of the importance of community-based health approaches, particularly those provided by community health centers to local populations in need of access to care.

Davis Street is one of them, which Eden has supported since its inception. Despite a recent article in the San Leandro Times critical of an outstanding loan from the City of San Leandro to Davis Street, the Eden District continues its strong support, which includes nearly \$250,000 yearly to support important programs, such as diabetes care and behavioral health.

The outstanding loan to Davis Street referenced in the article is due, but needs to be renegotiated or reduced to do no harm to the services being provided to the public. This is particularly important being that the City of San Leandro does not provide medical care or health programs for its citizens. Davis Street helps fill that void.

When St. Rose Hospital in Hayward was saved from closing by a loan from the Eden District, they paid as much as possible in good faith, but could only repay about half of the loan. Recognizing the broader public interest the Eden District transitioned the remaining amount into a grant (which is the same as Davis Street owes – \$1.5 million). By taking this action for the amount owed it enabled St. Rose to continue to operate and serve the public that resides within the Eden District.

The Eden District also provided valued services, including funding, to keep San Leandro Hospital open when it faced closure. The hospital was running major deficits and the Eden District is providing funds, ex post facto, for those losses to the hospital operator at that time. The cost is tens of millions of dollars, but the hospital has continued operations because of Eden's advocacy and funding.

Therefore, it is appropriate for the City of San Leandro to take a similar approach. Patience is due, as is modification and mitigation of the particulars of the loan. If the Davis Street Center were not to exist our broad-based approach to health and medical care in the Eden area could be severely jeopardized.

—Thomas E. Lorentzen
Vice Chairman, Eden Health District
Board Member, Davis Street

INQUIRING REPORTER

Your plans for New Year's Eve?

— Asked around town

I'll probably stay home with my dog and watch TV. I'm not even drinking. I finally got smart after 50 years and quit all that stuff.

Steve Nobre
with Barney
San Lorenzo



At midnight we eat 12 types of fruit, all round – apples, oranges, grapes, Asian pears. You take one bite of each. It's a Philippine tradition. Each fruit is for a month in the new year.

Norma de la Cruz and daughter Agatha Leong
Alameda

We're going to see a comedy show. Anjelah Johnson will be at Tommy T's in Pleasanton.

Vicky Balce
Hayward

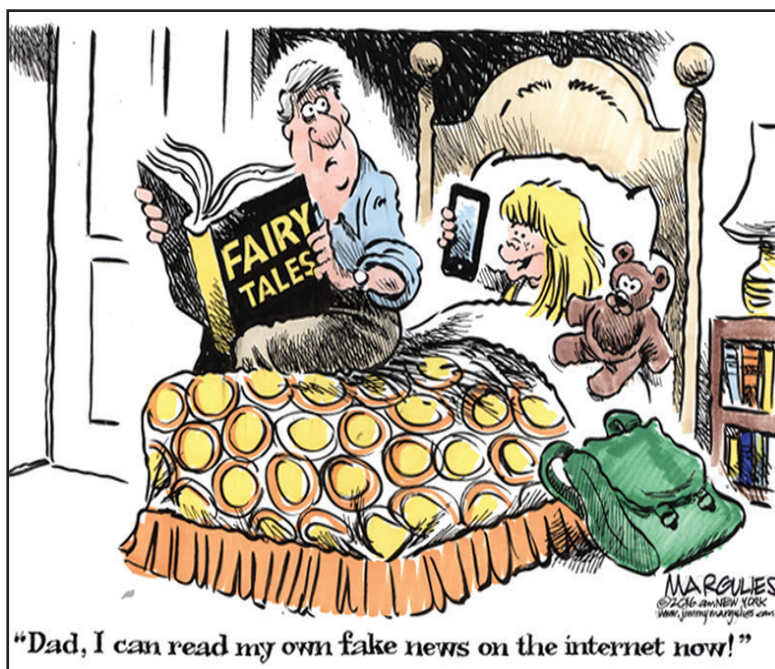


Probably taking care of my dad. Just hanging out with him. He's a pastor and he had a stroke that led to dementia and Alzheimer's. My sister and my aunt might be coming over too. You only get one chance to be a son.

Kenneth Hillard, Jr.
San Leandro

I'll probably be working. I work security at the Coliseum. There might be a show at the Arena but it's not scheduled yet, so I'm not sure.

Alvoy Hives
Oakland



Laws: Barber shops allowed to serve booze

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sexual assaults no longer subject to the statute of limitations.

Car rental operators can no longer rent vehicles that are the subject of a manufacturer's recall until they have been fixed — which you might have thought was already a law.

Landlords will no longer be able to rent units they know have bedbugs, so tenants will be safer from creepy crawlies but not from skyrocketing rents.

You can enjoy a glass of wine or a beer while getting your haircut next year. Barber shops and

beauty salons can provide small amounts of booze to clients as long as it's free and served before 10 p.m.

And Proposition 67 is going into effect statewide on the first of the year.

But the ordinance, which bans plastic shopping bags from grocery stores, is old news to Alameda County residents. Single-use plastic shopping bags have been banned in grocery stores in Alameda County since 2013 and the restriction was expanded to other types of stores this past fall.

Echallas Leads Dons to Win Over Livermore, 69-52

By Chris Peterson
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Arroyo guard Nikko Echallas takes a jump shot against Livermore High School on Friday night on his way to a 27-point game.

Christmas came early for Arroyo boy's basketball team this year as they routed the Livermore Cowboys at home on Friday, 69-52.

But Santa Claus didn't show up in his traditional red suit and black boots. Instead, he wore a home-white Don's jersey with a red number "2" across his chest in the form of Arroyo's own sophomore guard Nikko Echallas.

Shooting a blistering 71 percent from the field, Echallas scored a game high 27 points for the Dons to help extend their winning streak to five games.

Echallas would make three 3-pointers and shoot a perfect four-out-of-four at the free throw line.

But the majority of his scoring came neither from beyond the 3-point line nor the charity stripe.

Instead, Echallas picked apart the Cowboys' defense by shooting seven of nine on midrange jump shots, something Echallas says he's worked on over the off-season.

"I put in a lot of work. I've been in the gym a lot" said Echallas in reference to his midrange success.

Many of Echallas' midrange

shots would come in rhythm as the Dons ran a very high paced offense, utilizing forced turnovers and fast break opportunities to score quickly.

When asked about the pace of the game, Arroyo's head coach,

"We're not the biggest team so we try to push it every possession."

— Arroyo coach Mike Budge

Mike Budge, said, "Our personnel is perfect for it. We're not the biggest (team) so we try to push it every possession."

In addition to Echallas' dominant showing, senior guard, Jordan Firestone, contributed with 14 points and four assists. And senior center Mohammed Abbas snagged a game high 15 rebounds.

Looking ahead, the now 9-2 Dons set their sights on their next game on Friday, Jan. 4, at 7 p.m. as they hope to bring in the new year with a win against the Clayton Valley Charter Ugly Eagles in Concord.

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