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Rev. Michael Wilson, working on the lighting last week at Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church in San Lorenzo, says the county is illegally trying to make the church pay taxes.

Tax Bill Lands on Church Door

County says church renting out hall as business; pastor says church fund-raisers don't make it a business

By Jim Knowles
San Leandro Times

A San Lorenzo Baptist Church says the county is trying to take away its tax-exempt status and shut it down to build housing or shops that produce more tax revenue.

Rev. Michael Wilson of Cornerstone Fellowship on Lewelling Boulevard says the county has been harassing him and threaten-

ing to take away the church's tax-exemption. He said he believes that his church has been targeted with inspections by the county's health and building departments as part of a county plan to force out the church.

"What Alameda County is doing is illegal. Under our Constitution we are allowed to worship freely and at a place of our choice, especially one that has been a place

of worship for seven decades," Wilson said.

Wilson said he now has two tax bills, totaling \$17,000 on his desk. And the county has threatened to sue the church if the bills aren't paid.

But Wilson maintains a church should be tax exempt. Besides that, the church only has 21 members and could never afford to

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Pot to Wreak Havoc on Roads, Say Experts

Whether a driver is stoned on cannabis is hard to nail down, unlike the test for alcohol

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

Recreational marijuana use has been legal in California since the first of the year and the effects are being seen out on the roads.

The California Highway Patrol (CHP) estimates that the Bay Area will experience a 70 percent increase in pot DUI arrests in 2018 over the previous year when recreation use wasn't yet legal.

The CHP hosted a special marijuana traffic safety summit Monday at the county's Office of Emergency Services in Dublin, in conjunction with Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

Speakers included Golden Gate CHP Chief Ernie Sanchez, Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley and Lori Ajax, the chief of the state Bureau of Cannabis Control.

Complicating matters, there is no breathalyzer equivalent to measure marijuana intoxication like there is for drivers suspected of being drunk. And there's no "legal limit" on marijuana intoxication like the .08 blood alcohol threshold.

For now, officers must use their observation skills during field sobriety tests and find probable cause for an arrest. At the station, an officer with specific training as a "drug recognition expert" can request a blood test

which can determine levels of THC present.

An oral swab and breath test are in the research stages, according to Dr. Philip Drum, a see STONED, page 12

Orchard Supply Closing Shop

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

The Orchard Supply Hardware (OSH) at 300 Floresta Boulevard will be closing its doors by the end of the year, along with all 99 stores in the chain.

The move will cost 4,300 jobs nationwide, 3,900 of which are in California.

The announcement that OSH stores are closing came suddenly last week when they were closed for one day last Tuesday to inform employees that the stores would be going out of business. When stores reopened on Wednesday morning, the "everything must go" signs were up.

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Whatever Happened to SL's Pot Shops?

By Amy Sylvestri
San Leandro Times

Three years after the first medical cannabis dispensary was given a permit to operate by the San Leandro City Council, none of the three permitted shops have opened yet.

The pot dispensaries were given a permit with a sense of urgency. Speakers at meetings urged the City Council to issue the permits, some with tears in their eyes, because the drug would relieve the pain of people undergoing chemotherapy for

cancer.

All three who have been issued licenses - Harborside, the Davis Street Wellness Center, and Blum - have their marijuana retailers permits and conditional use permits in place with the city, according to Eric Engelbart, San Leandro's deputy city manager.

Engelbart says that Harborside and Blum will likely open in the fall and Davis Street before the end of the year.

So why the delay?

The first clinic to receive a city dispensary permit was

“It's so curious that we issued the permits and nothing happened.

— San Leandro Mayor Pauline Cutter

Harborside back in September of 2015. Last summer, Harborside said they would open up before Christmas 2017.

Construction delays were a hindrance in opening Harborside's dispensary at 1965 Marina Boulevard, according to Harborside government relations manager Conrad Gregory.

Gregory said that after the Ghost Ship fire, Harborside wanted their sprinkler system to be completely redone.

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Thrift Shop: Bargains for Public, Skills to Special Needs Adults

Whether you're looking for a table lamp, a set of dishes or almost anything for your home, you'll likely find a special treasure at a bargain price at the Treasure Chest Thrift Shop.

Tucked away in the Sorensdale Center for Adults with Special Needs in Hayward, the shop opened four years ago as part of a larger operation that offers vocational training for persons 22 years and older who have intellectual disabilities.

Here, special-need adults from San Leandro, Castro Valley, Hayward and San Lorenzo get real life experience working in the store, restocking shelves, helping customers with purchases and donations, and even ringing up sales at the cash register.

Some 100 participants learn and practice recreational, educational, daily living and com-

munity skills, including raising vegetables in the center's gardens and harvesting fruit from the orchard that borders the store.

Other program activities include literacy, math, computer skills, job preparation skills, communication skills, personal health skills, physical fitness, arts and crafts, performing arts and music. Life skills learned in the classroom are practiced in the community.

The Treasure Chest Thrift Shop is open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at 275 Goodwin St. in Hayward.

Donations of gently used items are always welcome. Items can be dropped off from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, at the Sorensdale Recreation Center, Room 9.

For directions or more information call 881-6778 or visit: haywardrec.org/SpecialNeeds.



PHOTO BY FRED ZEHNDER

Instructor Laura Stull and student Jeanne Rosenblum oversee operations at the Treasure Chest Thrift Shop, part of the Sorensdale Center for Adults with Special Needs in Hayward.

Summer Music Series Comes To Marina Park

The City of San Leandro invites the community to the free summer music concert series, Hot August Thursdays, at Marina Park that takes place every other Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. in the month of August.

3Day Weekend Band will play on Aug. 30. Chuy Gomez

from Q102.1 will be hosting.

Food and beverages are available for purchase during the event from Habana's Cuban Cuisine and the San Leandro Scholarship Foundation.

For more information, contact Lydia Rodriguez, Recreation Supervisor at 577-3477 or lrodriguez@sanleandro.org.

CV Senior Center Hosts Pinochle

The Kenneth Aitkens Senior Center, 17800 Redwood Road in Castro Valley, is looking for pinochle players to play on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

You don't need to stay the

whole time, or come both days. Players are accommodated to meet their schedules.

If you haven't played pinochle in years, that's okay, you pick it up again quickly after a couple of hands.

The group has lots of fun, there is no money involved, just the \$1 a day for the center. If you are interested in getting back into the game, stop by during those times and see how much fun you will have.



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If you suffer with neck problems like tension, stiffness or even pain it's likely by now that you've also felt the heavy head, sluggishness and maybe even headaches that go with it.

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San Leandro High students have been told to follow the new pedestrian commute rules between the two San Leandro High campuses.

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SL High Tries Controlling Campus-to-Campus Commute

Anyone who has ever driven down Bancroft Avenue during the school day has probably encountered a large group of San Leandro High students virtually taking over the road by walking down the middle of the street as they go between the main campus and the Fred. T. Korematsu campus.

The school district says they are working on finding a solution to that problem during the new school year.

Administrators and campus supervisors met during the summer to address ongoing concerns with student travel between campuses during passing periods.

"Our scholars are very diligent in their efforts to be on time for their classes, which led to unsafe crossing habits," said SLHS principal Dr. Reginald Richardson in a press release. "We wanted to make sure we started this school year strong with clear expectations

so everyone could be successful."

Students are now being directed to use both sides of Bancroft Avenue during passing period, with pedestrian traffic moving in a counter-clockwise direction.

Campus guards are now posted at the crosswalk on Bancroft and 136th Avenue during the passing periods. For more information about safety and security work happening in the school district, visit slusd.us.

Pair Arrested for Burglary, Chase

A couple has been arrested and charged with a residential burglary which took place at a home in San Leandro.

Gerardo Ortega, 21, and his girlfriend Jennifer Martinez, 20, both from Oakland have been charged following an incident on Friday, Aug. 17 at around 9:30 a.m. in the 1200 block of Castro St.

Once officers arrived at the scene a man later identified as Ortega was seen fleeing from the house as witnesses pointed to the suspect, according to the San Leandro police.

Other officers attempted to stop Ortega and his girlfriend passenger who was the "lookout," but he failed to stop and led police

on a high-speed chase. Officers canceled the pursuit due to public safety concerns.

Minutes later Ortega's vehicle was found at the scene of a traffic collision in Oakland and both were found and arrested.

In addition to the burglary, Ortega was charged with evading and other felony enhancements.

Fire Breaks Out in Castro Valley Hills

The Alameda County Fire Department and CAL FIRE responded to a report of a vegetation fire in the area of the 6500 block of Palo Verde Road in Castro Valley on Sunday at 12:20 p.m.

The fire burned 48 acres of unincorporated state-owned land and was 100 percent contained that afternoon.

There were no reports of injuries to firefighters or community members. No structures sustained any damage.

The cause of the fire is under investigation by CAL FIRE.



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The Alameda County Fire Department and CAL FIRE teamed up to stop a grass fire in the Castro Valley hills last weekend.

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Carlton Plaza Hosts Its Annual First Responder Barbecue

Carlton Senior Living held its annual First Responder Barbecue earlier this month for members of the San Leandro Police Department and the Alameda County Fire Department who enjoyed lunch on the patio with the staff and residents of Carlton.



Alameda County Department of Environmental Health

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Alameda County Industries Transfer/Processing Facility Solid Waste Facility Permit Revision

DATE AND TIME: Thursday September 6, 2018, 4pm - 6pm

LOCATION: San Leandro Public Library (Estudillo Room), 300 Estudillo Ave., San Leandro, CA 94577

PROJECT TYPE/NUMBER: Application for Revised Solid Waste Facility Permit(SWIS # 01-AA-0290)

PROJECT NAME: Alameda County Industries - Material Recovery Facility & Transfer Facility Expansion Project

PROJECT LOCATION: Alameda County Industries Transfer/Processing Facility, 610 Aladdin Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94577

FACILITY CONTACT: Chris Valbuja, General Manager • (510) 346-8147

APPLICANT: Alameda County Industries

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3

LEA CONTACT: Arthur Surdilla, Senior Registered Environmental Health Specialist, Alameda County Department of Environmental Health, Office of Solid/Medical Waste Management, Local Enforcement Agency (LEA). (510) 567-6868 • arthur.surdilla@acgov.org

The Alameda County Department of Environmental Health, Office of Solid/Medical Waste Management, Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) for the Department of Resources, Recycling, and Recovery (CalRecycle), has received an application for a Revised Solid Waste Facility Permit (SWFP) for the transfer station expansion of Alameda County Industries (ACI). The LEA has determined that the proposed change is a significant change as defined in §21563(d)(6) and requires a revised solid waste facilities permit. The application was deemed complete and correct and acceptable for filing on July 13, 2018. This informational meeting (in compliance with Public Resources Code Section 44004) is for all interested parties to ask questions and provide comments on the proposed Revised SWFP. Comments may be submitted prior to the meeting, directly to Mr. Arthur Surdilla by postal mail, email, or fax. The meeting is strictly informational, and no official decision will be made at the meeting regarding the formal determination on the SWFP application.

PERMIT DESCRIPTION: Alameda County Industries submitted a Revised SWFP for an expansion to the existing Transfer/Processing Facility that will accept and process up to 620 Tons Per Day (TPD) of waste materials that include food material, green waste, construction and demolition (C&D) debris and municipal solid waste (MSW). The days and hours of operation will be 7 days per week, 24 hours per day and is not open to the general public. The operating area of the solid waste facility boundary encompasses the entire 2.82-acre parcel (APN 77B-800-15) at 610 Aladdin Avenue in the City of San Leandro. ACI has applied to the City of San Leandro for a modification of the existing Conditional Use Permit (CUP). In conjunction with the CUP, an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) were completed, assessing the potential environmental impacts of the project which have been fully evaluated under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The City of San Leandro approved the CUP and MND on October 5, 2017. The LEA has provided a finding that the terms and conditions in the proposed Revised SWFP are consistent with and supported by the environmental document cited above, and information contained in the Report of Facility Information for this facility.

PROPOSED TRANSFER STATION EXPANSION OF PERMITTED OPERATIONS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- A revised permit will be issued for the Expansion of Permitted Operations;
- Increase the overall permitted tonnage for the facility from 412 TPD to 620 TPD and

remove the Direct Transfer Facility's current maximum limit of 280 TPD.

- Extend the waste acceptance, transfer and processing hours to 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. This facility is not open to the general public.
- Accept Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) from all jurisdictions serviced by ACI and accept food waste / organics and other materials from third party waste haulers and jurisdictions for transfer and offsite processing.
- There will be no additional increase in vehicle trips per day from the maximum allowance of 193 vehicle round trips per day.
- Increase material storage holding time from eight (8) hours for MSW, food waste, green waste co-collected with food material (from 8 hours) and from twenty-four (24) hours for green waste without co-collected food waste to 48 hours.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: This Public Informational Meeting is for any interested parties to learn more about the proposed permit and to provide comments to the LEA regarding the proposed action. The decision to issue or not to issue the Revised SWFP must be made by the LEA within 120 days of the date the application was deemed complete as required by Statute. Prior to the issuance of the SWFP, the LEA must request and receive concurrence from the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle). If you wish to be notified of the CalRecycle meeting, please notify the LEA in writing no later than September 11, 2018.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Additional information about the application is available for public review at the Alameda County Department of Environmental Health located at 1131 Harbor Bay Parkway, Alameda, CA 94502. To review a copy of the application and supporting documents, please contact Arthur Surdilla.

WRITTEN COMMENTS: If you would like to comment on this project you may do so at the meeting, but if you are unable to attend the meeting, you may send your written comments via email (Arthur.Surdilla@acgov.org) or fax (510) 337-9234) to Arthur Surdilla no later than September 11, 2018.

AVAILABILITY OF APPEALS: Any appeal will be processed in accordance and pursuant to Public Resource Code sections 44307 and 44310. For additional information, you may contact the LEA or review regulations on-line at http://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=PRC§ionNum=44307. This public notice was prepared pursuant to Title 27, CCR, Section 21660.3.

SPECIAL NEEDS: This information will be made available in alternative formats upon request. To request an agenda in an alternative format or to request translation services during the meeting, please contact Alameda County LEA at least five (5) working days prior to the meeting to ensure availability.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

❖ Food Pantry at All Saints Church

All Saints Episcopal Church, 911 Dowling Blvd. in San Leandro will have an open food pantry on Saturday, Sept. 1. Food distribution is from 1 to 2 p.m. Food is available to residents of Alameda County and volunteers are always welcome. Volunteers report at 11:30 a.m. in the Hospitality Room with snacks for guests opened at noon.

❖ Season of Creation

All Saints Episcopal Church, 911 Dowling Blvd. in San Leandro, will observe a Season of Creation from Sunday, Sept. 2, through Sunday, Oct. 7. On each Sunday there will be a different theme: Sept. 2 - Planet Earth Sunday, Sept. 9 - Humanity Sunday, Sept. 16 - Sky Sunday, Sept. 23 - Mountain Sunday, Sept. 30 - Heavenly Hosts, and Oct. 7 - All Creatures. All Saints' services start at 10:15 a.m. with liturgy which includes readings, songs, and sermons elevating each theme. All are welcome to attend.

❖ Buon Tempo Club Family Dinner

The Buon Tempo Italian American Club is having a family dinner on Tuesday, Sept. 4, at 7 p.m. at Mt. Tabor Hall, Transfiguration Church, 4000 E. Castro Valley Blvd. in Castro Valley (located across from the 580 Marketplace). Chef Rich Goram and crew will serve a 5-course family style dinner of tri-tip. Red and white wine and soda are included. Everyone is welcome. Happy hour begins at 6:30 p.m. The dinner is \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members. Make reservations by Friday, Aug. 31, by calling the Buon Tempo dinner line at 483-6929 (option 1).

❖ San Leandro Parkinson's Support Group

The San Leandro Parkinson's Support Group will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, Sept. 6, at 10:30 a.m. at the San Lorenzo Community Church at 945 Paseo Grande. There will be an open discussion. For more information, call Lona White at 276-3119.

❖ SL Scholarship Foundation Benefit

The San Leandro Scholarship Foundation will benefit from the First Friday event with live music and food trucks on Friday, Sept. 7, from 4 to 9 p.m. at Drake's Brewing Co. 1933 Davis St., behind Walmart in the Westgate Center. A \$5 donation at the entry will support scholarships for San Leandro High School graduates. Open to anyone over age 21 or children under 16 accompanied by parents, but no pets, please.

❖ SL High School Baseball Fundraiser

The 8th Annual San Leandro High School Baseball Fundraiser will be on Friday, Sept. 7, at the Redwood Canyon Golf Course, 17007 Redwood Road in Castro Valley. Shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. \$120 per golfer which includes putting contest, 18 holes of golf, driving range balls, golf cart, raffle prizes, awards, and dinner at the golf course. Register this week by calling coach Mike Bungarz at 449-2383 or email bungarz@comcast.net.

❖ San Leandro Readers Roundtable

The San Leandro Readers Roundtable meets Saturday, Sept. 8, at 2 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. The group will discuss *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee, the multigenerational saga of a Korean family in Japan. All are welcome, and all books discussed are available for purchase in the Library's Book-tique bookstore.

❖ Hearing Loss Association Meeting

The Hearing Loss Association will meet on

Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Oakland Kaiser Permanente Hospital, Fabiola Bldg., 3801 Howe St., lower level, room G26. Refreshments are at 9:30 a.m. with the program starting at 10 a.m. Are there activities you avoid because you can't hear well enough? Steve Sells is a hard of hearing engineer who will share tips and technologies that have helped him make these activities enjoyable. Parking is free in the old garage across from Howe Street. For more information, email info@hearinglosseeb.org or call 221-6080.

❖ I.D.E.S. St. John Lunch & Bingo

I.D.E.S. St. John, 1670 Orchard Ave. in San Leandro, will host a barbecue ribs lunch and bingo on Saturday, Sept. 8, at noon. Tickets are \$15 and include lunch and four bingo cards. Extra cards are 25 cents each. For tickets, call Darlene Cornell at 589-6536, Willie Cavo at 635-6326 or Frances Leite at 886-1568.

❖ San Leandro Dahlia Society

The San Leandro Dahlia Society will hold its annual show on Saturday, Sept. 8, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, Sept. 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Over a thousand blooms will be displayed. Admission is free. The dahlia is the official flower of San Leandro. For more information, visit the Dahlia Society's website at sanleandrodahliasociety.org.

❖ Breakfast Fundraiser at Mission Bay

The Mission Bay Men's and Women's Club will have a biscuits and gravy breakfast fundraiser for the Livermore Veterans Hospital on Sunday, Sept. 9, from 8 to 11 a.m., at the Mission Bay Club House, 15333 Wicks Blvd. in San Leandro. Breakfast is \$6 per person and includes biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, ham, hashbrowns, coffee, tea or juice. Fifty percent of net proceeds will be donated to the Livermore Veterans Hospital.

❖ 9-Mile Run Fundraiser for Homeless

The Jefferson Service Club at San Leandro High will host a 9-mile run to raise money for a homeless rehabilitation center on Monday, Sept. 10, starting at 12:30 p.m. The run will be over the Bay Bridge from Treasure Island to Oakland. Registration for the run is \$100 with a t-shirt included. To register and for more information, call Jack Nelson at 303-2305 or email SLjeffersonservice@gmail.com.

❖ Classic Car Show

A classic car show is held on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 4 to 7 p.m. through October in the parking lot at Elio's Restaurant, 260 Floresta Blvd. in San Leandro. Cars from a 1915 Model T on up through more modern vehicles are on display. Motorcycles and dune buggies have been shown, too. No fees, just park your car and walk around and see the vehicles on display.

❖ Fun Family Pancake Breakfast

The Kiwanis Club of Hayward/Castro Valley will host a pancake breakfast on Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Hayward Area Senior Center, 22325 North Third St. in Hayward from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Bring the entire family to enjoy a delicious breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice and coffee. Sulphur Creek Nature Center will be at the event from 10 to 11 a.m. to share some wild critters. Tickets are available at the door, adults \$5, \$3 for children under 12 and Seniors 60+ are free. For more information, call 881-6766 or visit www.haywardrec.org.

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LIFESTYLE

Appreciation of the Carrot Takes Root

Carrots are perhaps best known for their rich supply of the antioxidant nutrient that was actually named for them: beta-carotene. However, these delicious root vegetables are the source not only of beta-carotene, but also of a wide variety of other health-supporting nutrients.

Aside from being a very nutritious side dish, there may be no vegetable that rivals the carrot when it comes to adding flavor, sweetness and moisture to all manner of baked goods.



Thyme-Roasted Carrots: For a little more elegance and color, garnish with sprigs of fresh thyme or parsley.

CARROT COOKIES

- 1 cup shortening
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 cup cooked, mashed carrots
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Orange Icing:

- Juice of 1/2 orange (3 to 4 tablespoons)
- Grated rind of 1 orange
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1-1/4 cup sifted confectioners' sugar

Beat shortening; gradually add sugar, beating until light and fluffy. Add egg, carrots and vanilla, beating well after each addition. Sift together dry ingredients; stir into carrot mixture and mix well. Stir in chopped nuts, if using.

Drop by tablespoonfuls onto greased baking sheets. Bake at 350° for about 20 minutes. Transfer cookies to racks to cool.

For the icing, combine juice and orange rind with butter; stir in sifted confectioners' sugar until desired spreading consistency is reached. Add more juice or confectioners' sugar as needed.

Ice cookies with Orange Icing while still warm.



OLD-FASHIONED CARROT CAKE

- Butter, for pans
- 2 cups flour, plus more for pans
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 4 eggs
- 1-1/2 cups vegetable oil
- 3 cups grated carrots
- 1-1/2 cups chopped pecans

Frosting:

- 2 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, room temperature
- 1 stick salted butter, room temperature
- 1 (16-ounce) box powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease and flour 3 (9-inch) round pans; Line bottom of the pans with parchment paper.

In a large bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking soda, cinnamon, and salt. Add eggs and vegetable oil. Using a hand mixer, blend until combined. Add carrots and pecans, if using.

Pour into pans. Bake for approximately 40 minutes. Remove from oven and cool for 5 minutes. Remove from pans, place on waxed paper and allow to cool completely before frosting.

For the frosting:

Add all ingredients, except nuts, into a medium bowl and beat until fluffy using a hand mixer. Stir in the nuts. Spread frosting on top of each cake layer. Stack the cakes on a serving plate and serve.

THYME-ROASTED CARROTS

- 3 pounds medium carrots, halved lengthwise
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh thyme or 2 teaspoons dried thyme
- 2 tablespoons canola oil
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 400°F. Divide carrots between two greased 15-by-10-inch baking pans.

In a small bowl, mix thyme, oil, honey and salt; brush over carrots. Roast 20-25 minutes or until tender. Yields about 10 servings.

BUTTERED CARROTS

- 1 pound carrots, trimmed and scraped
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 2 tablespoon chopped parsley

Cut the carrots into very thin slices. Place them in a small skillet and add salt, pepper, sugar, water and butter.

Cover the pan and cook over medium heat, shaking the skillet occasionally. Cook about 8 minutes until the carrots are tender, the liquid has disappeared, and the carrots are slightly glazed. Take care they do not burn. Sprinkle the parsley over them and serve. Yields 4 servings.

CARROT & RAISIN SALAD

- 5 cups of shredded carrots
- 1-1/2 cups of celery, chopped
- 1-1/2 cups of mayonnaise.
- 3/4 cup of raisins.
- 3/4 cup of walnuts, chopped.
- 2 teaspoons of sugar.
- 1 teaspoon of mustard.
- 1/4 teaspoon of salt.

In a bowl, combine the carrots, celery, raisins and walnuts. Add the other ingredients and mix thoroughly. Serve on lettuce leaves. Yields 6 servings.

APPLE & CARROT COLESLAW

- 1 (12-ounce) package shredded coleslaw mix
- 4-1/2 cups shredded red cabbage
- 3 tablespoons coarse salt
- 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 2 large apples, cored
- 2 large carrots, grated
- 1/2 cup fat-free mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup fat free sour cream
- 1 teaspoon celery seed
- Ground black pepper to taste

Place a large colander into the sink. Place the coleslaw mix and red cabbage into the colander. Sprinkle lightly with salt, toss, and

allow to stand 15 minutes.

Pour the vinegar into a large bowl. Grate apples into the bowl and toss with vinegar to keep from turning brown. Stir in the grated carrots, mayonnaise, sour cream, and celery seed until evenly coated. Season with black pepper to taste.

Rinse the coleslaw mix and cabbage with very cold water; drain, pressing out as much water as possible. Taste, and if still too salty, repeat the process. Pat dry with paper towels. Stir coleslaw and cabbage into apple mixture, and toss to coat evenly with dressing. Chill until ready to serve; stir before serving. Serves 6.

BANQUET CARROTS

- 8 to 10 peeled carrots
- 2 beef bouillon cubes
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 1/4 cup brown sugar

Cover carrots with water in medium saucepan; add bouillon cubes and garlic. Boil carrots, covered, until tender, about 20 to 25 minutes.

Add butter and brown sugar. Cover saucepan with lid until butter melts.

Stir carrots in melted margarine and brown sugar until glazed. Transfer to serving dish. Serves 6.

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GUEST COMMENTARY



Needs Versus Your Wants

I received a call from a Realtor representing a buyer. "They like the property," the agent said, "but will need to make many changes to make the house theirs."

They continued, "The buyers must move a few walls, redo the bathrooms, change the landscaping and more. Therefore, they are discounting their offer price to pay for those items."

Occasionally my tongue is faster than my brain, and I blurted, "Need or want? There is a difference, you know."

Listing agents and sellers usually spend a decent amount of time looking at comparables before establishing a list price. In this case, we had remodeled the kitchen including refaced cabinets, stainless-steel appliances and quartz counters, installed

beautiful laminate flooring, painted in and out and performed general repairs around the home.

In a word, it was a very nice house. It had some issues, but nothing out of the ordinary. After examining the comps, we settled on a price that not only made it the lowest priced home in its category, it was lower than other properties that did not show as well.

To hear a buyer state they're discounting the price because they "need" to upgrade doesn't sit well. This wasn't an isolated event; I frequently hear buyers insist they cannot live in a home until they've made substantial upgrades and frequently assume the seller will pay for the improvements. They do not understand that homes are priced for what they currently are, not what the buyer wants them to be.

It's probably just me, but I think we've raised a generation of ingrates.

I'm a part of the Boomer generation that was taught to be self-sufficient. When we bought our first home, we were happy just to be there. It wasn't perfect, but it was ours. We owned the roof over our heads and the front door we walked through.

We could never afford to do many of the upgrades we wanted, but it didn't matter. When given the opportunity, we

moved up to a home that better met our ideals.

My opinion? Many first-time buyers have reversed needs with wants. They believe they have a right to granite counters and new bathrooms. A right to have the property move-in ready before they will darken the door. A right to homes that dramatically exceed anything their parents started with.

Needs versus wants? It's time to get them back in the right order.

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Time Takes Toll on Brick Walkway

By Samantha Mazzotta
Special to the Times

If you have an old walkway in your yard that used old building bricks, you may notice that over time the bricks have become uneven and that some are sinking slightly, creating dips in the walkway.

Walkways built with bricks (also known as pavers) can become uneven due to normal ground movement or a shift in the sand base on which such walkways are typically built, leading to problems.

If the uneven bricks don't present a safety problem, consider delaying a repair on these sections. You can try to move the bricks back into alignment, but that might not work without undertaking more time-consuming or costly repairs.

The depressed bricks can be lifted back into place by repairing the base underneath them. Use a pry bar or other lever to carefully lift up a sunken brick. Then, using one end of a sturdy piece of wood such as a two by four, tamp the existing sand down into place.

Put the brick back into the

tamped-down section, tapping with a mallet if it doesn't go in. Measure the difference in height between the sunken brick and the surrounding bricks.

Remove the sunken brick and fill the section with sand (that has rocks and larger particles screened out of it) up to the height of the measurement you took. Tamp down the new sand and remeasure the height, adding sand if necessary to bring the brick level.

Once the brick is in place and flush with the surrounding bricks, pour sand over and around the repaired brick so that it fills the crevices. Use a broom to sweep sand from the top of the bricks and into the crevices.

Home Tip: Pull or treat weeds that spring up between paving bricks as soon as possible, before their roots have time to spread. This helps keep a brick walkway even over time.

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Delay: Reason for pot shop delays remains a little cloudy

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it really slowed us down," said Gregory. "We hired a contractor for the fire suppression work and we're in the process of getting the design of the system approved by the city."

Gregory said that he couldn't give an exact date as to when Harborside will open its doors in San Leandro, but does believe it will be before the end of the year.

Since the medical marijuana permits were issued, recreational

marijuana use for adults has been made legal in the state, so you don't need a medical reason to buy pot. San Leandro would have to pass a separate city ordinance to allow the sale of recreational pot in the city.

Asked if Harborside is dragging its feet until San Leandro allows adult sales so they can make more money, Conrad says no.

"We are going to open regardless of recreational use," said Gregory. "I don't anticipate that

they'll have adult use on the books any time soon, but I do hope the city moves in that direction."

The second dispensary to receive a permit from the city was the Davis Street Wellness Center back in July 2016.

The Wellness Center has had a series of delays, including a debate about whether their location - right next to the Davis Street Family Resource Center on Teagarden Street - was appropriate for a cannabis dispensary.

Davis Street also had to get an extension on their conditional use permit and partner agency Davis Street Family Resource Center had to pay back a \$325,000 loan to the city before they could begin construction.

Wellness Center CEO John Oram could not be reached for comment on when the dispensary will open.

At a May City Council meeting, former mayor Stephen Cassidy said that the hope is that

the dispensary will open in the "fourth-quarter" of this year. He also expressed his desire that the city allow adult recreational use.

Cassidy works as an attorney for Bloom, a cannabis consulting firm affiliated with the Davis Street Wellness Center.

"You're going to put San Leandro dispensaries at a competitive disadvantage if you don't allow adult use," said Cassidy.

Blum was the last dispensary to receive a permit in October 2016, but according to the city, it appears they will be the first to open.

At the beginning of 2018, they estimated they would be open last April. But Mikel Alvarez, Blum's director of retail operations, says that he anticipates the shop at 1911 Fairway Drive will now be open for business in October.

"We're in the middle of a power upgrade to the whole building and we've got some beautification to do on the outside, but we are almost done with construction," said Alvarez.

Alvarez said that Blum has already put out ads for employees

and will soon be hosting a job fair.

The three permitted cannabis shops may not be doing business in San Leandro yet, but that doesn't mean no one is involved in the pot business in town. In March of last year, police discovered a marijuana growing business operating out of a warehouse at 660 Marina Boulevard.

The operator, Daniel Fineman of a company called Justice Grown, did not have a permit to grow pot in San Leandro, but was able to provide documentation proving he was growing the pot for medical sale legally under state law.

After police consulted with the district attorney's office, Fineman was not charged with any criminal offense and the city treated the incident as civil matter of code violation.

As for the permitted dispensaries, Mayor Pauline Cutter said that she's disappointed that none of the dispensaries have been able to open in the years since the permits were issued, but says that she's pleased that progress

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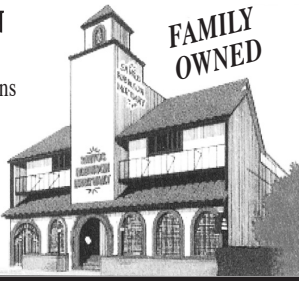
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Bonnie Jean Peterson



Bonnie Jean Peterson, at age 81, passed away peacefully on August 20, 2018 at her home, from chronic health issues. Born in San Francisco in 1937, she had been a long-time resident of San Leandro and attended both Bancroft Junior High and San Leandro High School. She went one year to UC Davis where she met, and then married, Lawrence "Jack" Peterson of Lodi. Bonnie was always busy and active in the community. When her children were young, she participated in Job's Daughters, PTA, Calico Cats and enjoyed attending various sporting events. In her most recent years, she was a member of Questers and was involved in community art and writing classes. For many years she worked as a secretary for various companies in San Francisco and San Leandro which included King's Foods, Parrott Associates and Federighi Realtors. In her spare time she enjoyed entertaining, traveling, reading, writing and spending time with family and friends. For the past several years, both Bonnie and Jack have had home health care providers, whom Bonnie called "her angels". She is preceded in death by her mother Lucille, and her children Mark and Sally. She leaves behind her husband of 62 years Jack Peterson, son Mathew, daughter-in-law Ann, and granddaughters Rebecca and Rachel. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. Bonnie was dearly loved, a good hearted person, and will be sorely missed. A memorial service celebrating her life will be held at Santos-Robinson Mortuary, 160 Estudillo Ave., San Leandro, 510-483-0123, on Thursday, August 30 at 11 a.m.

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(Gino) Gene Frank Antonucci went to be with his Lord on August 21, 2018. Beloved husband of 52 years to Claudia, loving father to Scott, Rick (Andrea) and Lawanda, adoring grandfather to James, Julia, Brittany and Zachary. Survived by his Aunt Emma, sisters Joyce and Mareese Lynn, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Born in Elizabeth, New Jersey on January 23, 1940 to Alfred and Mareese Antonucci and moved to California at the age of 12. He played football, ran track and wrestled at San Lorenzo High and attended San Jose State before serving three years in the Army. Gene joined the Alameda County Sheriff's Deputy Reserve in the 60's. Retired from Aramark as a truck driver and made lifelong friendships with his co-workers.

Gino was very supportive of his wife's parents. He always encouraged his children and grandchildren's activities. He was an avid Bowler and Bocce player who loved to meet with friends for coffee at Rudy Donuts, and Dell's for breakfast and he enjoyed going to Eden Fit. He served as Noble Grand of the Odd Fellows and was a current member of the Buon Tempo and President of Aurora HOA. He loved all animals and his dogs Razzi and Sweetpea are missing his love and attention. Graveside service is Friday, August 31st at 11 a.m. at Roselawn Cemetery, 1240 North Livermore Ave.,

Livermore, California. Gino's son Pastor Rick will officiate.

Reception at Sunset Community Church in Livermore.

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Questions the Purpose of City's 'New Plan' for Downtown Parking

Editor:

This is addressed to whoever city employee came up with this plan.

I often shop downtown but rarely spend more than 30 minutes at Safeway, in Pelton Center or at CVS Pharmacy.

About the only people who will be affected by this "New Plan" are the employees who work in the area. Will they be required to move their cars 1/10 a mile every two hours?

How about people working in City Hall? Are they subject to the same parking lot rules as say Safeway shoppers?

This sure seems to be a new "If you work downtown tax" to pay for San Leandro's two new jeeps! How about a reason why San Leandro needs parking meters anyway? Is it just to pay for our "meter maids" making maybe \$75K a year?

—Ken Kellogg
San Leandro

Parking Your Car Shouldn't Put You in Police Database

Editor:

Using license plate readers to determine if a parked car is paid up at a meter, and then forwarding this information to a law enforcement agency when no crime has been committed is a shocking abuse of the civil liberties of people who have simply parked their car!

It's also an invasion of privacy, since parking in a public area should not subject someone to law enforcement data mining without their express permission. And, no. If you catch one or two criminals, it's still doesn't make it okay for all those innocent people.

Also take a look at how this plays out in the real world. You promised your kids you'd take them to McDonald's for lunch, you'd stop at the Post Office, and then get to Safeway. But wait! It's Saturday. That means lines at every one of those businesses.

Who can do all that in 2 hours? Now you will either need to make another trip another day or search for parking in another zone while shepherding kids back and forth. Time is running out, so you leave.

How counter-intuitive to make someone not have time for activities, and as a result, businesses will not be patronized. The city has put making a couple of bucks more important than our residents' convenience, and trampled on their rights while doing it. There certainly is no cure for stupid.

Then the city will tell us how this will provide a steady stream of income for the city, but will never admit at the same time that the cost of maintaining it will end up only yielding marginal profits.

It's time to stop complaining about this city administration and put your vote where your mouth is.

I want change, so I'll vote for the "Fresh Clean Slate" in the election.

—K. Lee-Figueroa
San Leandro

City Needs to Maintain High Level Of Local Home Ownership

Editor:

Virginia Madsen's letter on the cost of housing ("Says Non-Resident Investors Buying up San Leandro Homes," August 23) offers much food for thought.

I like living here not only for the affordability and safety, but also for the family-oriented neighborhoods, decent shopping, rich history and diversity, access to nature, and, in some areas, walkability.

After spending most of my life in San Francisco and Oakland, I appreciate the smaller-city feel of San Leandro with its strong sense of community. But I am increasingly concerned about unfair evictions, drastic rent hikes, and the growing lack of affordable housing here.

Absentee landlords and investor-owned properties tend to erode community. Short-term rentals are most alarming — whatever happened to staying in a hotel?

We all need to be aware of these issues. While we should build more housing, we also need to enact enforceable regulations that maintain high levels of local ownership and ample low- and middle-income rental units.

If we don't get involved now, before we know it, the city we love could change beyond recognition — and beyond our own affordability.

—Carol Bardoff
San Leandro

'Crying Shame' if Marina Turns Into Another Emeryville

Editor:

I live down by the Marina, a neighborhood I have loved for more than the 14 years I lived here. If you are upset by the RVs parked down by the Big Empty 20 years of negotiations with a Southern California developer have made it, know that *they are a deterrent to, not a cause of*, the screaming sideshows that have become constant.

Those RVs are mostly inhabited by displaced, long-time San Leandro residents who can't bear to leave a City they call home.

The thought of a five-story luxury apartment building going up on the Marina keeps me awake at night. I have said what I could against it. And frankly, the only benefit I can see to that 200-room Hilton planned for the site of El Torito is that when a major earthquake severs the water lines serving the West Side, the Hilton will be why it doesn't take 6 months to get water service back.

We will all be crying shame when the San Leandro Marina and surrounding neighborhoods are remade into an Emeryville. Maybe that will keep your neighborhood looking more like you want, but it is a price we will all pay.

—Virginia Madsen
San Leandro

Former City Official Warns Against City Takeover of E. 14th Street

Editor:

Regarding the city's interest in paying the state to relinquish their responsibility

for pavement maintenance on East 14th Street, I would strongly recommend against it.

The city cannot afford to assume responsibility for maintenance of East 14th Street. In its July 2017 "Plan Bay Area — Needs Assessment," the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) found that San Leandro's street conditions ranked near the bottom of all roadways in Alameda County. In ranking the condition of roadway surfaces, the MTC uses a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) based on a scale of 1 to 100.

The average PCI score for all streets in San Leandro is currently 59. While 26 percent of our 393 lane miles of roadway were rated "Excellent or Very Good," nearly 40 percent of our pavement was rated "Poor or Failed."

That's 157 lane-miles of roadway that are currently rated "Poor or Failed."

Poor or failed roadways require costly "pavement replacement" or "roadway reconstruction."

The city's "Street Improvement" web page shows a cost of \$335,000 to \$536,000 per lane mile to replace or reconstruct a roadway.

That's a current liability to the city of approximately 68 million dollars in major pavement repairs to existing city streets.

As a retired City of San Leandro Engineering Inspector, I am well aware of the substantial burden associated with maintenance of East 14th Street.

It would seem to me that the city has an overwhelming burden to maintain its current slate of roadways without assuming responsibility for approximately 14 additional lane-miles of East 14th Street plus the maintenance of all the included traffic signals.

If San Leandro pays to assume maintenance responsibility for East 14th Street, I'm sure Caltrans will jump at the opportunity to sell us Davis Street and Doolittle Drive as well.

This would be like having a family member who's struggling to maintain his 1985 Chevy Camaro, and you recommend he add a 1974 Ford Pinto. Don't do it!

—Jerry Maughan
San Leandro

Says Critic of Little Libraries Doesn't Know the City

Editor:

The letter from Fritz Limner ("Those 'Little Libraries' are Nice, But in the Wrong Places, Letters, Aug. 23) calling the Little Libraries "status symbols" and "disingenuous," shows he doesn't know his city, his neighbors, and likely isn't involved in building this community.

What the 30-plus Little Library Stewards have in common is a spirit of generosity and yes, they express that by sharing books.

Each little library has its own story. One is an old birdhouse a father turned into a library for his daughter.

A worn cabinet that has been upcycled. Mine is my 5th wedding anniversary gift - the year of wood. A local ROP class built the one outside of the Davis Street Family Resource Center.

One has books about social justice. In another one find books about various faiths and religious traditions. A family hosts one with an attic where small toys are shared. In another you'll find LGBTQ stories.

Each library guest is just as diverse. A

girl and her siblings pass by the little library on their walk. Her parents work two jobs each. She is so appreciative to have books for all her siblings.

A neighbor who is disabled stops by and says it was nice to have access to books close to home.

Logistics of getting around town can be hard. One mom was happy to find books in Spanish and English that she and her son can read together.

A woman who struggles with housing and moves often commented that it's been nice to have books available.

These 30-plus libraries are a direct result of the support from City Hall, the Friends of the San Leandro Library

and the Library-Historical Commission.

They have a few grants remaining for anyone who would like to register their Little Library with the national Little Free Library organization.

More information and a grant application can be requested by emailing SLLittleFreeLibrary@gmail.com.

San Leandro is a diverse city and the people who live here aren't just rich white people looking to show off. That cynicism is completely misplaced. Sadly, the only point Fritz got right was that he was offensive.

—Gloria Strohm
San Leandro

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Will Trump be impeached?

— Asked around town

I saw an article today that said impeachment is in progress. The CFO of Trump's company was given immunity by prosecutors. He knows how the money is spent. It's a sign among all the other things that it's likely. But the way Congress has acted so far, I don't think so. Not before the next election, maybe after.

Chris Finn
San Leandro



I don't think he will be impeached, but I think he should be. He's putting children in cages. I hope he just finishes his term and leaves.

Abba Alexander
San Leandro



I don't know. I don't have all the facts. But they have to have all the facts before they make a decision, and they should judge him on his performance as president, not when he was a businessman.

Margaret Oladoja
Oakland



Yes, he thinks he's above the law. He's got his finger in something. But I don't think the Republican Congress will do it.

Mark Kamakea
San Leandro



I definitely think he will be, because of the evidence of crimes he's plausibly connected to and the truth will bear out.

Donna Turner
San Leandro



Delay: No hurry to get started

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has been made.

"It's so curious that we issued those permits and nothing happened," said Cutter. "Right now, I'm happy that hammers are being swung at all three properties. It seems like now it's just a matter of getting these places finished."

Pot stands to be a cash crop both for the dispensary operators and the city, as the city is estimated to make up to \$500,000 annually in tax from the three clinics once they open, more if and when recreational use is allowed.

As for a possible ordinance to allow adult recreational use, Cutter says it's something that's on the council's minds.

"We are going to have to take a look at that," said Cutter. "I plan to get in touch with the (dispensary owners) and see what they think. We will have to see what's best for San Leandro."

Cutter said that before any ordinance is voted on, there will be a series of meetings to gather community comments.



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This week there seems like a lot of work is still left to do, but Blum says they'll open up shop at their dispensary at 1911 Fairview Drive this October.

Dahlia Show Set for Sept. 8

The San Leandro Dahlia Society will hold its annual show on Saturday, Sept. 8, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, Sept. 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Over a thousand blooms will be displayed. Admission is free. The dahlia is the official flower of San Leandro.



A sign reminds drivers that stoned driving can get you a DUI just as it can with alcohol.

Stoned: Hazards of driving on pot

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pharmacist and one of the speakers at the summit.

Drum says driving after ingesting marijuana is also complicated by the fact marijuana potency isn't regulated by the FDA and mitigating factors contribute to how long it stays in the body, so it's difficult to determine how long to wait after consuming pot before being safe to drive.

A lot is still unknown about marijuana DUIs, Drum said. There are joints with the potency of a Bud Light and edibles that are as strong as Everclear. He said that dispensaries label their products, but consumers don't

always follow the "serving size" and may be getting higher than they realize.

Drum said that because the pot growing industry is getting so lucrative and becoming more mainstream, the number of pot-related crashes will only rise.

Drum offered a few humorous pieces of trivia, like the fact that in airports in states where it is legal, pot shops are advertising in the bins where you put your shoes to go through the security screening. And someone is apparently manufacturing pot laced tampons, and fancy restaurants put on multi-course gourmet dinners with marijuana-infused

ingredients.

"Hopefully everyone takes a cab or an Uber to those dinners," said Drum. "But I'd love to see law enforcement parked outside."

But Drum wasn't all jokes and he didn't pretend to be objective during his talk to an audience of over 100 people, mostly law enforcement. Drum's sister was killed by a driver who was high on cannabis in Seattle shortly after Washington state legalized adult use.

"My sister was older than me, but I've now lived longer than she has," said Drum. "Driving is a choice, not a right, and nobody's high is worth a life."



Neighborhood Cleanup Event

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The San Leandro Recycling Program is hosting a **FREE** drop off event for San Leandro residents. Register to receive complete details. Items accepted include:

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Pets of the Week



Coco



King

The Pets of the Week at the Hayward Animal Shelter, 16 Barnes Court in Hayward, Coco the guinea pig and King the dog.

Coco is still getting used to her new surroundings, and will warm up once she gets used to everything. She's a good size and is ready to go home to her own cage.

King is 2 years old and neu-

tered. He has lots of energy and is social with people. He'll lean into your leg for pets and attention. He plays well with dogs when he's off leash. Okay with older teens.

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

Closing: Shop now

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shortly after OSH filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

Lowe's said that some of the OSH locations may be turned into smaller Lowe's stores and that former OSH employees would be giving priority hiring at Lowe's stores.

OSH was founded in 1931 in San Jose when 30 farmers, mostly prune growers, were facing hard times and bought their farm supplies as a cooperative. Each farmer chipped in \$30 to get the equipment they needed. The chain is mostly California-based, but there are locations in Florida and Oregon.

Now, the 87-year-old retailer will go the way of Toys R Us, Radio Shack, and other brick-and-mortar stores that have shuttered entirely.

There's no set date for the San Leandro store's closing, but this week it seemed as busy as ever as customers were eager to take advantage of the up to 70 percent off, going-out-of-business sales.

"I'm getting lightbulbs," said Bill Souza who was stopping by before dinner at Elio's. "I don't need them yet, but I'll need them eventually."

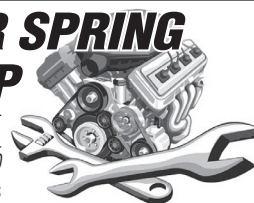
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