

‘Extremely Annoyed’ Over Prospects of Pot Shops

Editor:

□ I am extremely annoyed and concerned in reading Corey Anderson’s letter (*“Not Happy About Prospects Of Pot Shops in San Leandro,” Letters, Dec. 15*) in response to the previous week’s page 1 story, *“City Council Might Allow Pot Shops.”*

□ This idea of allowing two pot shops in the city of San Leandro is totally unacceptable and unpleasant not even to mention the serious threat that it would impose on our fellow citizens.

□ I support and agree unanimously with Corey Anderson’s remarks that more crimes will increase in our city just like the two burglary cases that happened on Sept. 5 in the Bay-O-Vista area and on Dec. 17 on Cape Cod Street.

□ I would appreciate if the City Councilman would advise me that this is just an idea and will never turn into a nightmare.

—**Alfred Kwok**, *San Leandro*

Asks: Who Benefited from County's Tree Removal Plan?

Editor:

□ It is a fact, in the 2001 URS hazardous tree report, several eucalyptus trees in the area of 796

Cary were found to be hazardous. Those trees were not part of the 2010 ACPWA tree removal plan.

□ Those that opposed the 2009 and 2010 plan, questioned the facts and cherry-picked records that were use to justify the removal of healthy trees. We never opposed the removal of hazardous trees.

□ That 2011 plan was not designed to address the long standing homeowner issues with the ACPWA lack of creek maintenance although there is over \$8-million in San Leandro taxpayer dollars sitting in a Zone 13 Flood Control account.

□ The 2011 plan (\$589,968.00) removed 17 trees at an average cost of \$10,970 per tree. That cost-per-tree does not include replanting, pruning, site preparation and restoration. In addition the County Board of Supervisors paid \$691,453 (Contract No. 5007) to “Mackay and Soms Civil Engineers to Provide Tree Management Services on Flood Control District Zone 13, Line P (San Leandro Creek)” for a total cost of \$1,281,421 or in gross terms \$75,377 per tree removed.

□ I think the real question is, who really benefited from the County’s Hazardous Tree Removal

Plan?

□ For reference one may take a stroll across the foot bridge between Haas and Cary to see ACPWA vision for the San Leandro Creek.

—**Gary William Molitor**, *San Leandro*

Student's Advice: Think About What You Are Going to Say

Editor:

□ Have you ever been bullied before? If so, did you tell someone about it or just continue to let him or her bully you?

□ You should never let anyone make you feel unworthy or useless, because you are important to everyone and, most of all, to your family. No one should ever take their life because of the words that someone says, because you are not only hurting yourself, but you're hurting your family and the people who love you.

□ Bullying is not acceptable. If you feel like you are being bullied by someone then you should tell an adult that you trust.

□ Everyone has the right to say how they feel about someone, but no one has the right to make you feel useless or unwanted. You should never judge someone on how they look, how they talk, how they dress, their weight, or their race. Everyone is created equal.

□ Like my grandma told me, "Sticks and stones may break your bones but words will never hurt you." But that may not always be the case.

□ There are different types of bullying, there is verbal, physical and sexual abuse. But the one that is commonly taking people's lives is verbal. Words can hurt someone even though you're just joking or you think it's cool. You should still think about what you're going to say before you say it, because you can really hurt someone's feelings.

□ If you or someone is being bullied, call the teen hotline at 212-709-3222. They can help you, so don't take your life away.

□ Stopping Bullying Day By Day.

—**Johnisha Walls-Harbor**

SLHS freshman

Thinks Police 'Hats Off' Sign Needs a Rewrite

Editor:

□ Recently I have noticed new signs posted in the windows at Maya's Hallmark Shop and Nation's Giant Hamburgers in San Leandro which say: "Crime free business. Please remove your hat, hoodie or helmet before entering these premises. Hats Off to Beat Crime."

□ There is a picture of a menacing person wearing a hoodie. I immediately thought of Trayvon Martin who went to the store, bought a drink and some candy, wore a hoodie and was shot dead.

□ I googled the wording of this sign and learned this is a police "hats off" program. It is

considered an effective tool to help businesses be proactive in crime and perhaps alert them to anyone suspicious.

□ I googled the etiquette of when to wear a hat, when not to. I think a more appropriate sign would be to remind people about the etiquette of this and not that if you wear a hat, hoodie or helmet you are profiled as a suspicious person and can be refused service.

—**Kathy Starzenski**, *San Leandro*

Warns Gun Controllers Would Ban All Civilians' Guns

Editor:

□ Elie Parker (*“Believes It’s Time to Get Rid Of the 2nd Amendment,” Letters, Dece. 27*) shows the real nature of the gun-controllers by counting the dead in the United States, but not the millions killed by the U.S. in the Middle East, Africa, etc.

□ To top it all, she distorts history by blaming the “Indians” for resisting the stealing of their lands. Mel Lavine, for his part, is putting his faith in a murderous president.

□ Hell *no*. What’s needed is to train “safety teams” of school employees to respond to these emergencies. In each of these incidents the police have proven to be inept to prevent any of them. A single bullet by a school official could have stopped this nut, but the school is a “gun free zone” except for criminals who don’t obey laws.

□ The police come after the fact to pick up the dead and to write a report. The temporary solution is to allow citizens to carry guns, concealed or otherwise.

□ The gun-controllers talk about “assault rifle ban” but they’re actually aiming at gradually banning all guns except of course for police and the military.

□ You’re the supporters of a hypocrite president who presides over Attorney General Eric Holder’s “Fast and Furious” gun sales to Mexican cartels that resulted in the killing of unknown number of Mexicans and even a couple of Border Patrol agents.

□ This is also the same president who presides over executive assassinations by drones of entire families in Afghanistan, Pakistan, etc. You actually don’t want to have anybody who would object to your disinformation; like for example, the fact that the nut in Connecticut didn’t actually use the assault rifle, he used two 9mm pistols and left the rifle in his car. Facts are irrelevant to you.

—**Leo T. West**, *San Leandro*

