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America needs illegal aliens

EVER wondered what tomorrow might be like? I have:

Child care centers are filled to capacity at community colleges and universities, not only for the children of the students but also for those of the professors and staff. St. Rose and Kaiser Hospitals are scrambling to build child care centers for the doctors, nurses and even patients.

Law offices have resorted to renting office space for these suddenly very popular child-care centers. Why? As of Dec. 31, 2010, there are no more nannies, no more illegals in the United States, having been outlawed by an act of Congress. Penalties for hiring and/or trafficking illegals are as high as losing one's primary residence. The successful proponents of this new law, along with the USA National Vigilante Brotherhood, the financial backers, are jubilant beyond belief, as they see this as another step toward the eventual blocking of the illegal migration tsunami.

The hotel industry is going through radical changes. In many hotels, guests are given clean linen to change the sheets and towels, which reduces the price of the rooms. However, since the linen is not cleaned by illegal low wagers anymore, the price of the rooms is higher. A cleaning cart is right outside the room for use by the guests, and this is due to the fact that the cheap cleaning-room ladies have just about disappeared. Cart refillers and pushers are no problem, however, as they are handled by assistant managers.

First generation self-cutting lawns and shrubs keep auto-destructing. Self-vacuuming carpets and parquet floors leave dust-filled furniture. Pools are being cemented over due to the mosquito infestations created by the lack of inexpensive pool cleaners.

Experimental self-cleaning windows and window panes keep exerting glass-breaking force, many times leading to costly \$2,500 false alarms, and, at times, actual break-ins.

While certainly amusing, those brand-new automated, bronzed, clone car-wash detailers don't quite have that keen human laborer eye necessary for detailing and are scratching cars.

There are actually fewer, and greener, fruits and vegetables at the supermarkets. The ones that do make it have the teeth marks of the new automated robots working the fields. These tomorrow and innovative machines are mangling the fruit, which must

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Carjacking follows pot club visit

■ Police investigate possible theft of marijuana or cash

By Ricci Graham
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A 24-year-old Garberville woman was the victim of a carjacking just minutes after she left a medical cannabis club in an unincorporated community near San Leandro on Monday afternoon, authorities said Tuesday.

The woman, whose name was withheld by authorities, was four blocks away from The Health Center at 15998 East 14th St. when a Chevy Tahoe with

no license plates pulled up in front of her Volvo, blocking its path, about 4 p.m., Lt. Dale Amaral, spokesman for the Alameda County Sheriff's Department, said on Tuesday.

A man wearing a ski mask and carrying a revolver yanked the woman out of her car, jumped in and sped off, Amaral said. The suspect is described as an African American, he said.

The carjacking was witnessed by several people, some of whom called to report it to the sheriff's department, Amaral said. The woman was found walking back to the cannabis club by investigating deputies. Amaral said she

was reluctant to file a complaint.

The victim's Volvo was found about two blocks away from the club on Liberty Street.

"This woman is lucky to be alive. We were looking for her," Amaral said. "We had police in the area trying to find her, but she walked all the way back to the club." Even though the woman did not report any losses, Amaral said, investigators are trying to determine if any marijuana or cash was taken during the carjacking.

The carjacking on Monday is the latest incident that authorities have linked to area cannabis clubs in recent

weeks.

Earlier this month, burglars broke into the Hayward Fellowship Hall and sawed a 16-by-32-inch hole in the wall to get inside of the Alameda County Resource Center, at 16250 East 14th St. in an unincorporated community near San Leandro.

The burglars nabbed 3½ pounds of marijuana, along with several thousand dollars that had been left inside by the owner.

A few weeks earlier, a security camera captured images of two men

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ARIC CRABB — Staff

TONY HUYNH AND JANNETH CALDERA, top, work on an assignment Tuesday morning at Hayward's new charter school, Leadership Public Schools — Hayward. Below, Rudy Jerez perfects an exercise in English class.

New school in Hayward charts different course

Parents and students praise no-nonsense approach

By Katy Murphy
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HAYWARD — With the air of a conductor, Dean of Students Omar Wandera looked out at a roomful of freshmen from his vantage point on the stage. The students at Hayward's first charter school were rehearsing a chant about respect and scholarship for a ribbon-cutting ceremony later in the week.

By the third run-through, it seemed

like they had mastered it. Then, at the very end, a student made a comical, high-pitched noise. A few students chortled, but Wandera didn't see the humor.

"I don't take miniature steps," he said, his low, stern voice commanding the attention of the room. "I expect perfection."

Principal Brian Greenberg, who stood beside him, seized the opportunity to drive the lesson home. "Ninety-

two people just nailed that. It only takes one to throw it off," he said. "We are a family of 93, and it takes all 93 of us to reach our results."

From the dress code to the code of conduct, the staff at Leadership Public Schools—Hayward is working to infuse its first freshman class with a greater sense of discipline and character. It seems to be working. When winners of class elections were announced during the daily "family meeting," the students

cheered in support. When the meeting was over, they quietly followed their next-period teacher out of the room.

Every morning, Greenberg greets each student as they file into the school, wearing white or black collared shirts and black or khaki pants. He shakes their hands and asks why they came that day. The answer? To learn.

"I guess I like being pushed," said

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U.S. grant aimed at improving county's fire-response times

By Ricci Graham
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A grant to help fund the deployment of Regional Mobile Data Systems was awarded to the Alameda County Fire Department in another technological advance designed to improve fire engine response times.

The \$612,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security — which is funded through its 2005 Assistant to Firefighters Grant Program — will allow the agency to continue its push toward linking all 75 command and first-line emergency vehicles to each other and

into the Alameda County Regional Emergency Communications Dispatch Center.

"We've been working for years to build a comprehensive regional fire . . . dispatching system," Chief Bill McCammon said. "The award of this grant will make it possible to move to the next level, and track and coordinate the response of all the units in the system, which during a major seismic event or fire is essential."

He said the department is proud to have gotten one of the largest grants awarded by the Department of Homeland Security during its latest round of

funding.

The department recently received a grant from the Alameda County Congestion Management Authority to equip nine engines at stations in San Leandro with similar systems.

"We got lucky and got that grant," said Assistant Chief Jim Purchio. "We've been working on it a long time. Once we get it up and running, it should be a pretty good system."

The latest grant, Purchio said, will help fund the implementation of a wireless network system that the agency will use

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Hayward OKs 6 homes on 0.7 acres

■ Neighbors' and one councilman's objections over density put aside

By Matt O'Brien
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HAYWARD — A proposal to fit six homes on a sliver of steep land off Kelly Street won final approval Tuesday night from the Hayward City Council.

Council members voted 6-1 to approve Fremont developer Jamal Rabbani's plans to put six two-story homes on a 0.7-acre parcel near the unincorporated Fairview district.

The proposal is one of many similar housing projects seeking the council's approval this year as developers try to fill in the last pockets of undeveloped land in Hayward.

Some neighbors who live in the area of Kelly Street and Bayview Avenue opposed the project, citing concerns about Kelly Street traffic safety, drainage problems and the number of homes on the lot.

"It wouldn't be different from any other place in the city where we have two-story homes side by side," said Richard Patenaude, the city's principal planner, as he answered questions from council members about the density of the lot.

Councilman Matt Jimenez was primarily concerned with the "busload of strange people" who reportedly lived on the property before Rabbani kicked them out last year for an unidentified violation.

"I'd rather have six lots with six homes rather than unusual characters living on this property," said Jimenez, who voted in favor of the project.

Councilman Kevin Dowling was the only council member to vote against the project. He said the proposed homes appeared to be "just pieced together, like a Lego set."

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