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Marijuana dispensary sales light up in Josephine County

Medical and recreational markets have flourished since Oct. 1

By Jules Rogers
of the Daily Courier

Despite predictions that the medical market would flounder now that recreational use of marijuana has been legalized, both markets continue to flourish.

Here in Southern Oregon, which has a natural climate for growing outdoor marijuana, dispensaries report sales have nearly tripled since recreational sales began on Oct. 1.

"Recreational sales peaked about a week and a half to two weeks (into legal sales), and then they're kind of at a steady plateau," said Kit Doyle, owner of Nature Scripts in Murphy. "The first two weeks of recreational was way out of whack. We had medical patients who stayed away for awhile because

it was just too crowded."

Nature Scripts has 1,050 medical patients and 1,300 recreational customers.

It has two clinics in an annex across the street, and two doctors who are now completely dealing with 20 new patients. Doyle says it takes up to eight weeks to get the medical card now.

"Medical by no means has been knocked out," he said.

While medical cardholders may be staying away for a while, it's a luxury they can afford: recreational customers are limited to buying 7 grams a day per dispensary, or about a quarter of an ounce. Medical patients are allowed to possess 24 ounces at a time.

"The average (recreational) purchase is a lot less than medical, who are coming maybe

once a month to stock up on what they see as their medications for the month," said Brie Malarkey, owner of Breeze Botanicals in Gold Hill. "We have a greater volume being purchased by medical patients."

Medical patients are also allowed to purchase goodies such as tinctures, edibles and infused products that are currently off-limits to recreational buyers.

Breeze Botanicals also has a line of infused herbal products aimed at providing targeted relief.

The infusion products, Sun God Medicinals, are already in 60 dispensaries around the state — but these products are sold to medical patients only.

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Nature Scripts in Murphy, owned by Kit Doyle, has 1,050 medical marijuana patients and 1,300 recreation customers.

WALKING CAN BE BAD FOR YOUR HEALTH



County has one of the highest pedestrian fatality rates in Oregon

By Eder Campuzano
of the Daily Courier

It may not sound like it, but Alyssa Novak was lucky that morning.

Struck last Monday by two cars as she tried to scurry across the Grants Pass Parkway on her way to meet her boyfriend at the Josephine County Jail, the 25-year-old Novak now has a rod and screws in her leg to go with a fractured rib and two missing front teeth.

But she survived. Last February, Danny Gerald Berg was crossing the Parkway a block away at Terry Lane when he was struck and killed. He was 50. Six years before that, Heriberto Alvarado died after he was hit by a car 250 away from the same spot. There's no crosswalk painted at the intersection.

A 10-year study by advocacy group Oregon Walks listed Josephine County as having the third highest rate of pedestrian fatalities in the state, with an average of 2.7 incidents per 100,000 residents annually.

However, the statistics require clarification: Sparsely populated Sherman County in eastern Oregon topped the list despite having had exactly one fatality in 10 years. Throw away the outlier, and Josephine County is second only to neighbor-



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Robert Swogger, Alyssa Novak's stepfather, crosses the intersection at G and Third Streets. He and Novak's mother, Tara Powell, were in town to pick up the 25-year-old traffic victim's boyfriend from Grants Pass.

ing Curry County, which averages 3.2 pedestrian fatalities per 100,000 residents.

According to preliminary data from the Oregon Department of Transportation, the county is on track to maintain that average. Two pedestrians have been struck and killed this year — one at Rogue River Highway and Cloverlawn Drive in Grants Pass, the other near the Wolf Creek General Store.

ODOT Spokesman Jared Castle said it's difficult to rely on preliminary results to determine whether this year will fall in line with others. It's not uncommon for an incident that's originally logged as a pedestrian injury to turn into a fatality weeks or even months after the fact. That's because injuries suffered during an accident can turn lethal, particularly in high-speed incidents that tend to occur on highways.

Arterial roads like the Parkway accounted for more than 63 percent of Oregon's pedestrian fatalities, according to data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

In Grants Pass, however, slower city roads such as Southwest G Street were a major concern when two pedestrians and a bicyclist were struck crossing the road in the span of five years.

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Alyssa Novak, 25, was struck by two vehicles on Grants Pass Parkway early Monday morning en route to pick up her boyfriend at the Josephine County Jail. She was released from Sacred Heart Medical Center at Riverbend in Springfield Friday afternoon.

Lawmakers say Oregon agency, OSU resisting hemp

By Taylor W. Anderson
of the Bend Bulletin

SALEM — There's a quiet battle playing out between Oregon State University, the Oregon Department of Agriculture and Democrats in the state's congressional delegation who say the school and agency have fumbled a chance to make Oregon a hemp leader.

Oregon's Democrats have publicly and privately criticized the agency and university for their apparent resistance to hemp. OSU and the Department of Agriculture responded for months with silence.

The lawmakers are trying to figure out why, despite a united and successful effort in Congress to open a pathway for farmers to grow the crop widespread for the first time since World War II, Oregon is failing to take steps to encourage the industry.

"It's insane that we're having this conversation today," said U.S. Rep. Earl Blumenauer, a Portland Democrat who is among Congress' most outspoken cannabis supporters.

Blumenauer was a leading supporter of the 2014 Farm Bill, which included a provision that made it legal for state departments of agriculture or universities to set up hemp research pilot programs ahead of full hemp legalization Congress is working toward.

Since the bill's passage, farmers in other states are growing hemp, a nonpsychoactive cannabis plant, for fiber, edible seeds, topical oils, biofuels, building materials and its flowers' purported medicinal benefits. But a variety of setbacks led to just nine farmers getting plants into the ground this year despite wider interest in making the plant viable — and potentially highly profitable — for Oregon farmers.

The Farm Bill opened the floodgates in Colorado, where the Department of Agriculture has essentially used its authority to license hemp farmers, protecting them from U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration interference. The agency's efforts led to thousands of acres harvested.

Other state departments of agriculture are moving to establish programs that will allow researchers and farmers to plant and grow hemp, which is a member of the cannabis family that by law must have no more than 0.3 percent THC, the psychoactive ingredient in hemp's cousin, marijuana.

But that hasn't happened in Oregon, where the Department of Agriculture and Oregon State University never explicitly set up a research pilot program.

State agriculture officials say the 2009 state law that legalized hemp in Oregon before congressional action didn't lay out a way for them to create a hemp pilot program as later allowed by the Farm Bill.

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Met One Instruments is a local export leader



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Courtney Conley assembles a carbon monitor at Met One Instruments. The company is Grants Pass' largest exporter.

Tech manufacturer main reason GP's numbers were up 2.2% in 2014

By Jules Rogers
of the Daily Courier

Thanks largely to tech manufacturer Met One Instruments, exports by companies in the Grants Pass area are up this year.

In 2014, Grants Pass logged \$36 million in exported goods, a 2.2 percent increase from the previous year, landing the city on the national list of 139 metro areas to achieve record exports last year.

Met One Instruments, which makes air quality and weather monitoring equipment, is responsible for roughly 70 percent of exports from the area, according to extrapolated figures from the U.S. Department of Commerce and statements by company officials. That's about \$25 million in sales.

The other 30 percent is divided among several other companies, none of which are expressly identified by the Department of Commerce. Instead the agency breaks down exports among broad categories: miscellaneous manufacturing, plastics and rubber, food manufacturing and wood product manufacturing.

Met One Instruments appears to come under the

category "all others." The company exports to more than 100 countries including Canada, Mexico, Chile, Singapore, New Zealand, Peru and Malaysia. Its two largest overseas markets are India and China.

"We made the decision many years ago to onshore our production and grow the company here in Grants Pass," said Peter Pomponi, vice president and principal of Met One. "We would not be the market leaders we are today without our terrific, locally-based employees and access to international markets."

Met One Instruments works with government agencies, private industries and research organizations. The company employs 110 people in the Rogue Valley, plus another 20 in the field.

Pomponi said international sales make up about 70 percent of Met One Instruments' revenue.

Other local companies that are believed to export include Alltrax, which builds motor controllers; ESAM, which makes wiring harnesses; ECS Case, which makes specialty shipping containers; Murphy Lumber; Krauss Craft Playgrounds; and fungi producer Mycorrhizal Applications.

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Massive mansion

House in Jacksonville area will be one of largest in Oregon

By Damian Mann
of the Medford Mail Tribune

JACKSONVILLE — On a remote hilltop south of Jacksonville, a small army of construction workers is building the largest personal residence in Jackson County and one of the biggest houses in the state.

At 43,718 square feet, the three-story mansion, with a kitchen as large as an average-size house, is twice as large as Jackson County's previous record holder — the Edward Kerwin family chateau near Ashland, which is a more modest 19,000 square feet.

The Jacksonville-area mansion is one of the biggest houses in the state, though whether it tops the list could not be immediately confirmed. It is larger than the new police headquarters being built in downtown Medford at 42,000 square feet. The governor's mansion in Salem, known as Mahonia Hall, is 11,217 square feet.

The rural Jacksonville mansion on 161 acres is so large you could fit 21 average-sized Ameri-



JAIMIE LUSCHI/Mail Tribune

Construction is underway on the largest house in Jackson County south of Jacksonville.

can houses inside it. An average-sized American house is about 2,100 square feet, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. County records put the house's estimated value at \$4 million.

Owned by Courtney Driscoll, who owns Driscoll Property Management in Medford, the mansion features only six bedrooms but 14 full and half-sized bathrooms, according to county records. Her husband Rudolph "Rudy" Driscoll died June 16 at

the age of 47.

Rudy Driscoll's father bought land near La Honda south of San Francisco starting in 1968, according to a 1995 San Francisco Chronicle article. Rudy Driscoll Sr., a member of the Weyerhaeuser family, wanted the almost 4,000-acre La Honda property near the Pacific Ocean for a cattle ranch, according to the Chronicle. In 2002, the Peninsula Open Space Trust purchased the land for \$21 million.

Jackson County Assessor Josh Gibson said the Driscoll property in Jacksonville formerly had a house of almost 5,000 square feet that was torn down to make way for the new building. According to county records, the old house was built in 2004.

The Driscolls purchased the property Dec. 13, 2013, for \$1.375 million, records show. The Driscolls and their extended family in Jackson County own other local properties.

After the Kerwin chateau, the next biggest house in Jackson County, on Manzanita Heights Drive in Medford, is 17,601 square feet, followed by a house on Modoc Drive in White City of 13,869 square feet.

A residence and former church located just outside Ashland known as the Circle of Teran, which has become the Circle of Trust rehabilitation center, is 11,000 square feet.

The Driscoll mansion can be glimpsed from various vantage points around the Jacksonville area but is largely concealed behind trees.

California releases plan to use 1 drug in executions

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — As states deal with a nationwide shortage of execution drugs, California proposed Friday to allow corrections officials to choose one of four types of powerful barbiturates to execute prisoners on death row, depending on which one is available.

The single drug would replace the series of three drugs that were last used when Clarence Ray Allen was executed in 2006,

strapped to a gurney in the old gas chamber of San Quentin State Prison.

The proposal would allow the warden of San Quentin to choose between amobarbital, pentobarbital, secobarbital or thiopental to impose the death penalty.

It also puts the projected cost of an execution at nearly \$187,000 and retains the option for inmates to choose the gas chamber for their execution.

Eight states already have used a single drug for executions, and five others have announced plans to switch to the method, according to the nonprofit Death Penalty Information Center, which opposes executions and tracks the issue. However, law professor Robert Weisberg, co-director of the Stanford Criminal Justice Center, expects many more years of complex legal challenges before anyone is executed in California.

Obituaries

Lloyd Arthur Wiltermood

Lloyd Arthur Wiltermood, 92, of Grants Pass died Thursday, Oct. 29, 2015, at a local adult care home. A memorial service will be held Saturday, Nov. 14, at 2:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge in Grants Pass with Pastor Wes Winn officiating. Hull & Hull Funeral Directors is in charge of arrangements.

Danny Mark Martin

Danny Mark Martin, 65, of Grants Pass passed away October 29, 2015, at his home in Grants Pass, Oregon.

Danny was born on September 14, 1950, in Magee, Mississippi to Joseph and Ethel Martin. He was raised in Eureka, California, and graduated from Eureka High School in 1968. After graduating he attended College of the Redwoods. Danny then went on to join the Marine Corps with a tour of duty as the 2nd Marine Division in the Vietnam War. He was proud of his service.

He married and had two sons. He lived in California, Oregon, Washington, Colorado and Minnesota. Danny worked as a flight attendant for Northwest and Delta Airlines for many years. In later years he managed Stonebroke Golf Course in Minneapolis.

In 2011 he moved to Southern Oregon from Minnetonka, Minnesota, to be closer to his family. On March 30, 2013 he married Mary Phillips in Grants Pass, OR. He enjoyed traveling, golfing, rockhounding, beachcombing, backpacking and coin collecting.

In addition to his wife he is survived by his sons, Christopher Martin and Jerome Martin both of Portland, Oregon; sisters, June Wickberg of Grants Pass, Oregon, and Dianna

Melton of Eureka, California; and 4 grandsons.

He was preceded in death by his father, J.B. Martin in 2008; mother, Ethel Martin in 1997 and sister, Connie Swarts Clements in 2013.

A Celebration of Life will be held Sunday, November 15, 2015, 3:00 p.m. at Redwood Christian Church in Grants Pass.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to The American Cancer Society.

For online condolences and tributes please visit stephensfc.com.

Arrangements by Stephens Family Chapel, Grants Pass, Oregon.

Carolyn Bradford Bird

Carolyn Bradford Bird of Hays, Kansas, died Oct. 28, 2015, a day short of her 65th birthday.

Wife of John T. Bird, she was the sister-in-law of Michael (Kathy) Bird and Martha Bird Roberts of Grants Pass, David (Lori) Bird of Draper, Utah, and Susan Bird of Washington, D.C. Her beloved mother-in-law, Agnes T. Bird of Grants Pass, predeceased her. Oregon has long been a second home to John and Carolyn's family of four children and several grandchildren.

Carolyn was a notable presence for 30 years at Fort Hays State University as a student, instructor, and administrator, including 23 years as Assistant Athletic Director, Academic Coordinator, and NCAA Liaison. The study center she established in the Athletic Department was renamed this year as the Carolyn Bird Technology and Learning Center. She was especially pleased that during her tenure the graduation rate for student athletes grew to exceed that of the general student population. She earned bachelor's

and master's degrees in history at the university. Upon her retirement last year, Carolyn was honored at a half-time ceremony at FHSU Homecoming by the University President, colleagues, spectators, and students.

Her funeral mass was held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Hays, where members of the Bird Family have worshipped since 1906. A reception followed in the Fort Hays State Indoor Athletic Training Facility, part of the sports complex that for years was Carolyn's "home away from home."

Carolyn and the family have established the Carolyn B. Bird Fort Hays State University Scholarship Fund to sustain her love of education. A full obituary appears at <http://www.keithley-funeralchapel.com/notices/CarolynB-Bird/guest-book>

Thomas H. Hathaway

Tom Henry Hathaway, age 72, passed peacefully in Springfield, Oregon on October 28, 2015, after battling brain cancer for twenty years.

Born to parents Henry (Hank) and Margaret Hathaway in 1943.

Growing up in Grants Pass through his high school years, Tom graduated Grants Pass High School in 1961. He was very active in A Capella Quartet, Student Body Vice President, Varsity Football, Varsity Track and Wrestling. He made many lifetime friends that kept in touch through the years.

Tom always loved to read. He toured Europe in 1964 and met Johanna Francisca Hakkaart in Amsterdam and they had a son, Johnny Contini. Later he worked for Pan American Airlines in southeast Asia where he met and married his first wife, Helen Hathaway, and

had two children, Kieron and Kimberly. Tom worked for Merrill Lynch and married his second wife, Marie Rados Hathaway.

Tom was a kind and loving father, grandfather, son and brother.

He is preceded in death by his parents and a brother Michael Hathaway.

He is survived by his children, Johnny (Jetja) Contini of Amsterdam, Kieron (Teresa) Hathaway of GA and Kimberly (Jose) Macon of GA; grandchildren Sean and Jana Macon, Caroline Morales, Jodi le Bars and Jesse Jaileela Contini.

Tom is also survived by his brothers and sisters, Daniel Hathaway, Margo Wells, Andi Stiles, Mark Frizzell, Layne Ashford, Brian Hathaway and Jena Hathaway.

A special thank you to cousin Janet Pence who has watched over us all.

Arrangements entrusted to Musgrove Family Mortuary. Please access the obituary and you are invited to sign the guest-book at musgroves.com.

To place an obituary, call Tamara Stuebing or Caroline Pitts at 541-471-7702 or email obits@thedailycourier.com

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Most of those companies declined to comment for this story other than Alltrax, which said it ships about 15 percent of its products indirectly to China. The company mostly ships to distribution centers in Florida and California.

"We have customers in China, but (the distribution centers in Florida and California) are the ones that handle all of it," Richard Csuk, vice president of operations at Alltrax. "We do business with them, but ship to U.S. facilities."

In 2014, Oregon exported nearly \$21 billion in total goods. Thanks to Intel, the state's largest employer, technology ranks as the state's largest export category.

Roughly 44 percent, or \$9.2 billion, of Oregon's exports went to countries in the newly inked Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP), a far-reaching trade agreement between the U.S. and 11 other Pacific Rim countries, including Japan and Mexico.

Of Grants Pass' \$36 million in 2014 exports, \$16.9 million went to countries in the controversial TPP, which critics fear could gut protections for the environment, public health and labor.

Scott Goddin, the Portland director of U.S. & Foreign Commercial Service in the U.S. Department of Commerce, said

In 2014, Oregon exported nearly \$21 billion in total goods. Grants Pass accounted for \$36 million.

the trade deal should position companies to do even more business in new markets.

"Or make it easier," he added. "Japan is a very good market for Oregon particularly for high-quality food products. It should provide more opportunities."

Pomponi, the Met One vice president, said the company maintains longstanding technology exchange partnerships with several Japan-based companies.

The company has not had a lot of direct activity in some of the new TPP countries, including tiny Brunei (located near Malaysia), but is exploring markets in another new TPP member — Vietnam.

Said Pomponi: "Vietnam is a targeted and growing market."

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Roseann Amaranthus-Henderson

1921 - 2015

Roseann passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Oct. 31, 2015 at the age of 94.

She was born in Pueblo, CO to Italian immigrant parents Salvatore and Maria Prutch. One of nine siblings, she was the last to pass away. Raised on the family farm, she joined the Navy during WWII and proudly served as a Wave in Norman, OK. After the War she married Pete Amaranthus and raised a family in Long Beach and Buena Park, CA. During those years she was devoted to her four children.

Later in life she married Sam Henderson and moved to Grants Pass, OR to be close to her son Mike and his family, and to be near her daughter Cece and her husband Mike Boyer. There for over 30 years she enjoyed a wonderful life filled with family, friends, gardening and outdoor adventures. In her later years she moved back to CA to be close to her daughter Cindy and her family.

Compassionate caregivers and loving attention from family filled her final years with love and joy. Her sense of humor, wit, and determination shape the memories and stories that she leaves behind.

Roseann is survived by her 3 children and their spouses: Cece and Mike Boyer, Cindy and Marc Eagan, and Michael and Eileen Amaranthus. Her love and devotion to family will live on in her 9 grandchildren and her 3 great-grandchildren: Josh, Tim, Gina and Jim Eagan and Nick, Zack, Melissa, Brianna Amaranthus and Jessica (Grant) Amaranthus Jantzer and their children Landon, Briggs and Evie Jantzer.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Pete and Sam, and her son, Tim.

On Tue., Nov. 10th a Rosary and Funeral Mass will be held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church in Newport Beach, CA. Arrangements by Saddleback Chapel, Tustin, CA (714) 544-1450.



Violet Alice Singler

March 30, 1935 ~ November 1, 2015

Violet "Vi" Singler, 80, born in Medford and a longtime resident of the Rogue Valley passed away Sunday, November 1st, 2015 at the Bartlett House memory care facility following a battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Violet was born March 30, 1935 to Max and Hazel Overstreet of Medford. She graduated from the Medford High School and married James D. Singler on February 1st, 1953.

She worked packing pears for Harry & David, for Morris Press of Medford, for the Medford and Klamath Falls judicial systems, and Extension Service of Klamath Falls.

Vi loved gardening both for vegetables and flowers, as well as fishing and hunting.

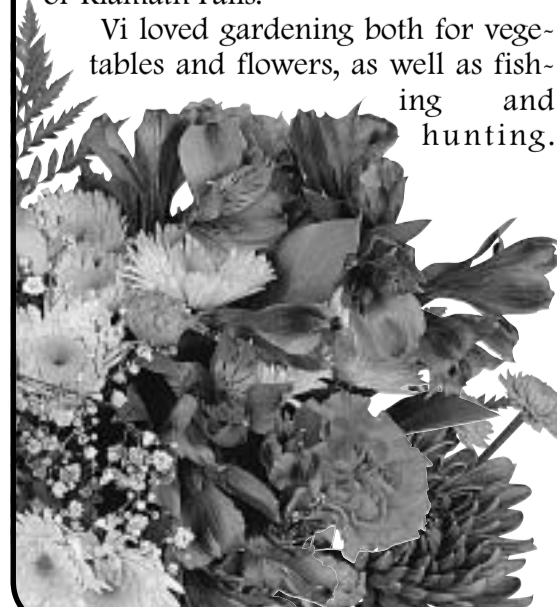
She truly enjoyed good food, music and socializing. She was very active in her garden club on local, state and regional levels and judged floral entries in fairs throughout the state of Oregon.

She adored spending time with her grandchildren. Violet enjoyed the Arizona desert and trips to Mexico. Vi loved the Oregon coast and vacationing in Hawaii and Europe. She was active in her community and volunteered her time at the PTA, Salvation Army and for local political causes.

Violet is survived by her four children: Susan Patterson and her husband Robert of Skamokawa, WA; Steven Singler and his wife Joanne of Medford, OR; Daniel Singler and his wife Carla of Medford, OR; and Kathryn Baxter and her husband Richard of Port Orchard, WA; her siblings: Macy Overstreet of Ft. Meyers, FL; Marilyn Hill of Grants Pass, OR; and Doug Overstreet of Grants Pass, OR; her 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James D. Singler.

A memorial is planned for Saturday, November 14th at 1:00 p.m. at Conger Morris Central Point Chapel, 800 S. Front St., Central Point, OR 97502.



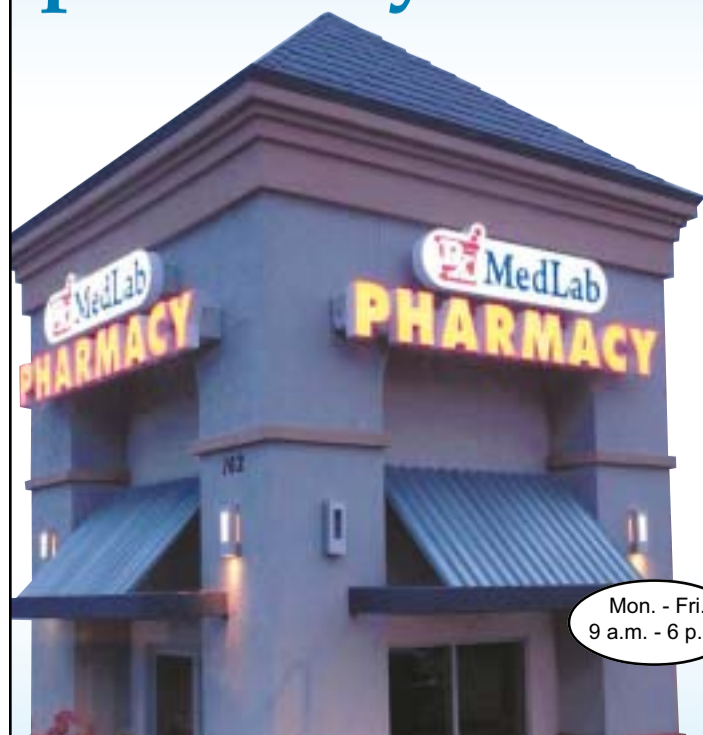
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