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Some Good Old-Fashioned Base Ball

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The Oakland Colonels took the field last Sunday in Washington Park. The Colonels are part of Bay Area Vintage Base Ball, a 15-year-old organization that uses the Spalding 1886 rulebook and strives for historical accuracy.

Notice the umpire dressed to the nines standing behind the pitcher instead of standing behind home plate in protective gear as umpires do today.

Also notice the lack of a pitcher's mound, which wasn't introduced into the game until 1893. The 1886 rulebook allowed for a "pitcher's box" instead.

Bay Area Vintage Base Ball consists of 12-member clubs that play 12-15 games a season in a fun, relaxed atmosphere where true grit is displayed and sportsmanship is the Holy Grail.

Each team is outfitted in repro-

duction uniforms from the 1880s, and the equipment consists of reproduction balls, gloves and bases made to look, feel and perform as they did when the game was still home-grown.

Come out and enjoy the Colonel's next game. The first pitch is at noon on Sunday, July 25 in Washington Park. The Colonels will face the San Francisco Eagles.



Photos by Richard Bangert

White smoke spews from cars "performing" an illegal sideshow on July 4 at Alameda Point.

Sideshows Continue Unabated at Point

Richard Bangert

Sideshow activity and drag racing at Alameda Point has now become a weekend routine. Despite community outrage and being given a host of ideas on how to curb the activity, the city appears to be doing nothing about it. Even the private security detail is absent when needed.

The sounds of screeching tires on the western side of the Seaplane Lagoon can be heard a mile away, as plumes of white tire smoke drift away. And an afternoon of wine tasting at Building 25 on Monarch Street now comes with car-racing ambience. The sight of families riding bikes through the area has given way to cars, whose drivers prefer loud exhaust systems.

The midday weekend group sideshow activity is as predictable as a farmers market, as is the absence of law enforcement or security personnel.

The issue of reckless car activity at Alameda Point was the subject of a discussion at the June 1 City Council meeting, when "solutions to address automobile-relat-

A video of the July 11 sideshow activity, titled "Alameda Point Sunday Sideshow," is available at <https://vimeo.com/574494652> on Vimeo.

ed events at Alameda Point" were considered.

Ideas to combat the activity included strategically placing traffic lane barriers throughout the area, focused police patrols, and parking an unoccupied police vehicle in the area. Barriers of any type on the vast swath of concrete would do the trick. The city has done none of this.

"As a business owner and operator, I am concerned with the effects of the drag racing, peeling out and burned rubber, and constant speeding in the Spirits Alley/ **•SIDESHOWS, Page 9**

City Council Examines Shelters, Sites

Ekene Ikeme

City Council will examine several site locations and structure types for a possible housing community for Alameda's unhoused population at its July 20 meeting.

City staff has listed five possible site locations, and a multi-site option, for the proposed shelter. Staff is also asking the council to choose from five different housing types ranging from temporary shelters to the construction of new permanent structures.

Four of the five poten-

tial locations are owned by the city or the Successor Agency to the Community Improvement Commission (SACIC).

Site 1 is the Alameda Point tennis courts located on Main Street between the Alameda Point main gate and West Midway Avenue. Site 2 is the SACIC-owned bottle parcel at 2350 5th Street, adjacent to the track at the College of Alameda. According to the SACIC's February 2015 Long Range Property Management Plan, the bottle parcel is approximately 0.82 acres in

size. The property was acquired at no cost from the U.S. Navy.

Site 3 is the former Grandview Pavilion at 300 Island Drive adjacent to the Chuck Corica Golf Complex. The commercial property previously held weddings and special events, but is now permanently closed, according to online reports.

There is a park and ride lease in place on this site until Nov. 1, 2021. Site 4 is the Alameda Point campgrounds parking lot located near West Hornet Avenue and Skyhawk Street.

This parking lot is held by the city through the tidelands trust, and therefore, if transitional or supportive housing units are located here, they must be removed in five years, according to the staff report.

Site 5 is the Marina Village Inn, which is the only housing site option that is privately owned. The hotel, located at 1151 Pacific Marina, housed women and children as part of Project Roomkey. Under this program, which Gov. Gavin Newsom announced on April 3, 2020, the state of California gave cities and counties funds to lease hotel and motel rooms for people most vulnerable during the pandemic to help "flatten the curve."

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This is a rendering of the Group Delphi temporary housing the city wants to erect to house a portion of the city homeless population.

Alameda Officers Made or Assisted in Arrests of High-Profile Serial Offenders

Ekene Ikeme

The Alameda Police Department (APD) was involved in arresting suspects in two major cases last week.

Arsonist arrested

First, APD officers arrested a man on Tuesday, July 6, in connection with a string of arsons that took place in April. APD withheld the identity of the suspect but described him as an adult male.

There were six reported arsons between April 19 and 20. The arsons took place in the same general area between Grand Street and Central Avenue. These fires included four outdoor fires, a vehicle fire, and a

building fire at Little John Park.

The first fire was reported at 11:18 p.m. on April 19. Alameda Fire Department personnel responded to the 1400 block of Pacific Avenue after reports of heavy smoke and fire from a single-story commercial building.

"We would like to take a moment to thank the Alameda Fire Department for their swift actions taken that evening to ensure surrounding homes and vehicles were not damaged," stated APD in a press release. "We'd also like to thank all of the community members who provided tips early into our investigation that assisted in providing critical information that

led to yesterday's arrest."

APD asked residents to assist them in finding the culprit.

No additional suspects are being sought in connection to these incidents, and the case has been sent to the District Attorney's Office. APD did not say how much damage was caused by the arsons.

APD helps stop robbery spree

Second, APD's Violent Crimes Unit assisted in the arrest of seven individuals on July 5, for their involvement in a series of robberies throughout the Bay Area. The involved parties are believed to be

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Input on Park, Webster Street Changes Sought

Online survey available through Sunday

Sun Staff Reports

The city invites the public to provide feedback on the Commercial Streets Program to help the city decide what's next for streets transformed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. These changes included the introduction of parklets.

Tabling events will take place on this Saturday, July 17, and an online survey is available through Sunday. The survey, event details, and more about the program are at: www.AlamedaCA.gov/CommercialStreets.

Beginning in April 2020, the City designed and implemented multiple efforts to support our businesses and the community through the pandemic. Collectively, these efforts make up the Commercial Streets program.

Restriping on both Park and Webster streets has meant fewer travel lanes. Pedestrian bulbouts, parklets and short-term parking for pick-up and drop-off have all put a new face on the streets, as has the

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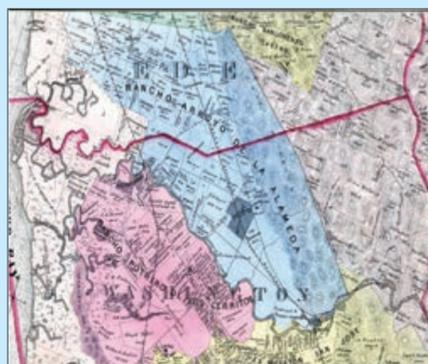
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What's in a name? Alameda



Creek and rancho (pictured in the 1878 map on the left), township, town and city: all with the name "Alameda." So how did our fair city fit into this puzzle? See the story on page 12, and find out even more this Saturday, July 17. Dennis Evanosky's free 60-minute tour begins at 9 a.m. Meet at the fountain at Encinal Avenue and High Street. After the tour, Dennis invites you to visit the Sun's World Headquarters. We have history books for sale, and Dennis will share his plans to create a pair of documentary films that will help the Sun survive.

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