



ProBono Photo Mishaa Degraw

Hundreds of Alamedans took part in the Alameda Women's March Saturday, Oct. 2. Marchers traveled from Washington Park to City Hall. The march comes after the Texas Senate passed a bill that makes abortions after the detection of a heartbeat illegal in the state. The bill was enacted on Sept. 1.

## Alamedans March for Women's Rights

### Sun Staff Reports

Hundreds of Alamedans and other local residents gathered at Washington Park, Saturday, Oct. 2, for the Alameda Women's March.

Approximately 200 Alamedans joined 120,000 other Americans at 650 marches across all 50 states demanding abortion justice and access to reproductive freedom for all. Marchers began the day at Washington Park, 740 Central Ave., at around 9 a.m. and made their way to City Hall to close out the event. Hundreds of signs proclaiming pro-choice statements were present at the march. These signs read "My Body My Choice," "Women's Rights are Human Rights" and many more.

There were tons of entertainment at the event. The Musicians Action Group marching band performed at the march and there was live music from Betsy Rose and the Occupellas and Kash Mejia of Youth Activists of Alameda. Vice Mayor Malia Vella, Assemblymember Mia Bonta and high school student Nairobi Taylor spoke at the event.

The march was motivated by the recently passed Senate bill in Texas that prohibits abortions after the detection of an unborn child's heartbeat, which typically happens after six weeks. Senate Bill 8 (SB8), or the Texas Heartbeat Act, was signed into law by Texas Governor Greg Abbott on May 19 and went into effect on Sept. 1. What makes

this bill unique is that it places the responsibility of enforcement on private individuals rather than law enforcement. According to the bill, "any person, other than an officer or employee of a state or local governmental entity in this state, may bring a civil action against any person who performs or induces an abortion or knowingly engages in conduct that aids or abets the performance or inducement of an abortion." Under this act, members of the public can sue anyone who performs or facilitates an illegal abortion for a minimum of \$10,000 in damages.

Many legal challenges of this bill were filed after its inception. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled 5-4, block-

ing the Center for Reproductive Rights motion to block the act on Aug. 30. However, U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland announced that the Department of Justice filed a lawsuit to prevent the State of Texas from enforcing SB 8. According to the complaint, "Texas enacted SB8 in open defiance of the Constitution." The law violates individuals' rights to have an abortion procedure prior to viability, which is usually around 24 weeks.

The first Alameda Women's March was held the day after the inauguration of President Donald Trump on Jan. 21, 2017.

Ashley Lorden contributed to this story.



ProBono Photo Mishaa Degraw

Almost every protester held a pro-choice sign at the Alameda Women's March.

## City of Alameda Offers Free COVID-19 Testing

### Sun Staff Reports

The City of Alameda is partnering with NextGen Laboratories to provide free COVID-19 testing. Both walk-ups and appointments will be available.

If you have signs or symptoms of COVID-19, get tested as soon as possible. Many people who have COVID-19 do not show symptoms, and testing is one way Alameda residents and workers will stop the spread of this disease. A positive test may tell you if you are infected and contagious now, and you can take preventative steps to stop the spread.

Anyone over two years old may be tested. Individuals do not need to experience symptoms to be tested, and testing is done at no cost. If you have insurance, enter your plan information when you schedule your appointment. If you do not have insurance, government funding will cover all costs.

Testing takes place at 851 W Midway Ave. in the parking lot behind the building, on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., and Wednesdays 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Schedule an appointment online: <http://appointments.nextgenlabs.com>. You will complete a brief COVID-19 assessment and schedule a time to come in. You can also drop in during regular hours of operation and get tested.

For additional Alameda County community testing sites nearby, visit <https://covid-19.acgov.org/testing>. Find a drop-in site or make an appointment to receive a vaccine at [www.alamedaca.gov/getvaccinated](http://www.alamedaca.gov/getvaccinated). For more information about how the city is responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, visit [www.alamedaca.gov/covid](http://www.alamedaca.gov/covid).

## Financial Aid Resources Available for Renters

### Sun Staff Reports

As the California statewide eviction moratorium expires, the City of Alameda urges eligible tenants and landlords to apply for financial assistance. Throughout the COVID-19 emergency, the State of California has protected tenants from eviction if they were negatively affected by COVID-19.

The eviction moratorium expired Sept. 30, but Alameda tenants can still be protected from eviction if they apply for rental assistance and utility payment relief from the Alameda County Housing Secure program. To date, more than 92 Alameda tenants and landlords have had their Housing Secure program applications approved, receiving more than \$1,540,528 in funding for rental assistance and utility payments.

Renters with household incomes not more than 80 percent of the adjusted median income (e.g., up to \$109,600 for a household of four) are eligible. The program covers 100 percent of past rent owed on or after April 1, 2020. Qualifying

## Farewell, Ash

### Sun Staff Reports

Ashley O. Jones III passed away from cardiac arrest on Sept. 25 shortly after doing his morning swim — one of his favorite activities.

Ash, as he was known to many, was born Sept. 2, 1931. He was a history teacher and swim and water polo coach at Alameda High School (AHS) for several decades. He remained a substitute teacher at AHS until recently. He also taught at Haight Elementary and ran programs at Island High School.

He and his wife Lynn bought their Alameda home in 1955. He was married to Lynn for 48 years, before she passed away in 2003.

Ash also was a big proponent of activism. His activism began more than five decades ago, and his rebellion even earlier. At the age of five he'd already developed an instinctual distrust of

authority, and "since then any authority that has not measured up, I've been rebellious against," said Jones in a 2018 *Alameda Sun* article.

Ash joined the NAACP in 1964 to protest the displacement of residents of the Estuary Housing Projects. Ash and fellow protestors began a three-day camp-out in Franklin Park to protest. They endured the city turning on sprinklers, racist shouts and threats from neighbors. But an ensuing City Council meeting resulted in a positive outcome, and the protest was considered a victory. He served in the Navy, but also protested the Vietnam War and fought for civil rights.

Ash also ran for Alameda City Council twice, forty years apart, first in 1967 and then in 2006.

Ash is survived by his four children, six grandchildren and a great-grandson.



Photo by Marjory Cabutotan

Enceinal receiver Marques Singleton had 4 receptions for 82 yards along with a 95-yard return touchdown. See Pg. 11 for the story on the Jets' victory.

## Friday Fun Day in the Park

### Sun Staff Reports

Alameda Recreation and Parks Department (ARPD) is hosting its Day in the Park event Friday, Oct. 8. The all-day event is from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for kids in kindergarten to fifth grade. Oct. 8 is an Alameda Unified School District non-school day.

There will be two locations, one at Lincoln Park and one at Washington Park. Limited spaces remain at the Washington Park site.

Waitlist only at the Lincoln Park site. Pre-registration is required, so secure your space today! If you have not already registered your child, contact ARPD to see if there are any available spaces before coming.

The event costs \$50 per child for Alameda residents and \$55 for nonresidents. Please bring your own lunch. Masks are required. For more information, contact ARPD at 747-7529 or [arpd@alamedaca.gov](mailto:arpd@alamedaca.gov).

[www.alamedamp.com/175/COVID-19-Financial-Assistance-Project-EA](http://www.alamedamp.com/175/COVID-19-Financial-Assistance-Project-EA).

The City Council funded legal assistance for low-income residential tenants. For households of a certain income, you may receive free legal services and more information on protections by contacting Centro Legal De La Raza at 437-1554.

The City Council prohibited no-fault evictions (*note: non-payment of rent is considered at-fault*) until 30 days after the local emergency expires. As of Sept. 20, the local emergency is still in place.

The City Council barred landlords from shutting off utilities, except in the case of an emergency. This protection also remains in place until 30 days after the local emergency expires.

The City Council adopted a freeze on rent increases for fully regulated, residential rental units until 60 days after the local emergency expires.

## INSIDE



### HOMETOWN NEWS

Fire Wire Page 2

Police Blotter Page 5

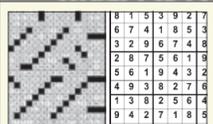
All the doings of Island safety & law personnel



### HAUNT YOUR HOUSE

Fundraiser info Page 3

Register your Halloween House for a good cause.



### PUZZLES

Comics and Kids Page 11

Sharpen your pencils and your wits with puzzles and more.



### QUEEN ANNE STYLE

A Deep Dive Page 12

The Victorian Era style: How it came to be.

## CONTENTS

HOMETOWN NEWS... 2

THE CITY PAGE... 3

OPINION... 4

POLICE BLOTTER... 5

CLASSIFIED... 6

FUN IN THE SUN... 11

ALAMEDA HISTORY... 12

**Alameda Sun** is a publication of Stellar Media Group, Inc. 3215J Encinal Ave. Alameda, CA 94501

**Locally Owned, Community Oriented**

News: (510) 263-1470  
Ads: (510) 263-1471  
Fax: (510) 263-1473

Visit us Online at [www.AlamedaSun.com](http://www.AlamedaSun.com)

Like or Friend us on Facebook

Follow us on Twitter at Alameda\_Sun



## Alameda Sun Almanac

Date	Rise	Set
Today	7:10	18:44
Oct. 8	7:11	18:43
Oct. 9	7:12	18:41
Oct. 10	7:13	18:40
Oct. 11	7:14	18:38
Oct. 12	7:14	18:37
Oct. 13	7:15	18:35

## Victorian-era Architecture in Alameda — Queen Anne

Styles prevalent during the reign of Queen Victoria came to full blossom with the arrival of the Queen Anne style in 1876. Alameda Architect Charles Shaner, whose home in that very style is pictured at the right, played an important role in dressing Alameda in the style's regalia. This included surfaces textured with decorative shingles, patterned masonry, and half-timbering. Ornamental spindles and brackets complement the style's signature porches, while turrets or towers vie to echo another, long-past age. Read more about the Queen Anne style, and see Shaner's Alameda's masterpiece on page 12.



File photo

PRSRST STD  
US POSTAGE  
PAID  
OAKLAND, CA  
PERMIT #789

Alameda Sun  
3215J Encinal Ave.  
Alameda, CA 94501