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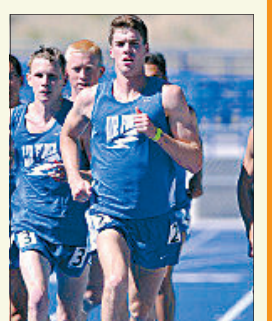
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Dennis Evanosky

Sculptor Lawrence Nobel discusses the bust of fallen APD Officer Robert Davey Jr. with Davey's widow, Sue Davey. Nobel created bronze busts of Davey and Officer Deward Burton Gresham for the memorial at APD headquarters.

APD Unveils Police Officers' Memorial

Dennis Evanosky

The Alameda Police Department (APD) unveiled the memorial to fallen APD officers Robert Davey Jr. and Deward Burton Gresham on Tuesday.

East Bay police officers joined Alameda County and city of Alameda officials, Davey's widow Sue, her children and members of the public at the ceremony.

The memorial is on Oak Street near Lincoln Avenue next to APD headquarters. Four granite seats allow visitors to pause and reflect on the bronze

busts of the two officers. A pair of grieving angels and a quote from a Roman historian complement the memorial.

In 109 A.D., one hundred years after the fact, Publius Cornelius Tacitus wrote of the defeat

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Dennis Evanosky

Beachgoers enjoy their Saturday at Crab Cove. The pair of palm trees on the left in the distance marks the foot of McKay Avenue, where the city hopes to see homes built and the East Bay Regional Park District hopes to preserve as parkland.

Crab Cove Homes Come Before Planning Board

**Michele Ellison
The Alamedan**

East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) representatives and their supporters voiced their continued opposition Wednesday to a proposed housing development on property the park district had hoped to purchase for an expansion of Crab Cove. And a city staffer acknowledged the park district may have found a way to stop the project in its tracks.

The Planning Board met Wednesday, June 5, to gather public input on what should be included in an environmental study of the potential impacts that could be created by developing 48 new, single-family homes on the 3.89-acre property that once housed government offices along McKay Avenue.

Representatives of the East Bay Regional Park District told the Planning Board they think voters said they wanted the park district to expand Crab Cove when they OK'd a 2008 regional park bond that includes \$6.5 million for purchasing the property and expanding the park. An attorney representing the park district extended the argument it has made in court, claiming the city should have conducted an environmental review before rezoning the property to allow homes.

"This is the only property left for expansion of Crown Beach," said Brian Holt, a senior planner for the park district. "It's our belief the project will provide minimal benefits to the public and impact the park. The (environmental impact report) will need to thoroughly evaluate these impacts."

EBRPD suffered a setback in February when a judge upheld an earlier city motion claiming the park district filed its lawsuit too late for a court to consider it. The district has since filed an amended complaint. But another issue they've raised could make their legal case moot.

A representative with the California Department of Parks and Recreation wrote a letter on May 22. The letter states that the department agrees with EBRPD's position. McKay Avenue and an additional right of way along Robert W. Crown Memorial Beach cannot be used to provide access to a private development, nor can the developer lay utilities on these rights of way.

"Because the property would no longer be government-owned, the easement would terminate upon transfer of the federal property to the private developer," Danita Rodriguez wrote. Rodriguez is the acting Diablo Vista District

superintendent for California State Parks.

City Planner Andrew Thomas said state and federal officials are disputing the access issue; he said the federal government, which awarded the property to developer Tim Lewis Communities through a public auction, claims the rights belong to whoever owns the property.

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Yacht Thief, Kidnapper Accepts Plea Deal

Dennis Evanosky

The courts have sentenced the man who stole the 41-foot yacht *Endeavor* from Ballena Isle Marina on Sept. 4, 2012, with his two abducted children aboard.

San Mateo County Superior Court Judge Jonathan Karesh sentenced Christopher Maffei, 43, to three years in jail and 16 months of mandatory supervision. Karesh ordered Maffei to stay away from his three-year-old son and four-year-old daughter until the entire sentence is complete.

The children's mother, Jennifer Hippon, was in court trying to win custody of the children the day Maffei abducted them, court records show.

Hippon and Maffei are not mar-

Suspect Charged in Alamedan's Murder

Oakland native suspected of shooting and killing Francisco Rosas Nov. 28

Ekene Ikeme

An Oakland native who was recently arrested for allegedly threatening a security guard last month, has also been charged for the murder of an Alameda resident in November 2012.

Jaime Alejandre, of Oakland, is accused of allegedly killing Francisco Rosas, 26, on Nov. 28, 2012. According to Oakland police reports, Alejandre, 22, was driving near the intersection of Russet and Moorpark streets in East Oakland, just a few blocks from the San Leandro border, when he allegedly shot and killed Rosas while he was also driving near the same intersection. He is also charged with attempted murder for shooting at another man in the car with Rosas. The man was uninjured.

Oakland police Sgt. Randy Brandwood said the shooting stemmed from a personal dispute between Rosas and Alejandre that involved another member of Alejandre's family. Brandwood said Alejandre has not been cooperative about the murder since he was charged. Rosas moved to Alameda with his wife and two kids before he was shot.

After witnesses identified Alejandre in the Rosas murder soon

after the shooting, Oakland police obtained a probable cause arrest warrant, but Rosas had already left the city.

Alejandre was on the run until he was arrested on May 27 for pointing a gun at a private security guard during a dispute in San Jose. The guard quickly notified San Jose police about the incident. San Jose police later chased and captured him in a stolen pickup truck.

Inside the pickup truck, which was stolen in Oakland, police found a loaded pistol, but it does not appear to match the one used in the Oakland killing.

Alejandre has been charged with one felony count of making a terrorist threat and multiple misdemeanor counts of evading police, carrying a loaded firearm on a person or in a vehicle and resisting police.

He has pleaded not guilty to all charges and is being held without bail at the Santa Clara County Jail. He is due in court there June 28 for a pretrial hearing.

He will be transferred to Oakland to face his murder and attempted murder charges at a later date to be determined.

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EBMUD Looks at Rate Hike

Sun Staff Reports

Alameda residential property owners should expect an increase to their monthly water and sewage bills next month.

The East Bay water and sewage company East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) is expected to approve a rate hike plan that will raise customer rates for the rest of this year and in 2014.

Board members met Tuesday, June 11 to vote on the proposed rate hikes. (The vote took place after press time.) EBMUD is to increase its customers' monthly bills by more than 20 percent over the next two years if the rate increase is approved.

Today, EBMUD charges single-family households an average of \$40.45 a month. In the second year of the plan, customers will pay an average of \$48.60 a month, according to published reports. EBMUD's plan is to increase monthly payments at the start of the next two fiscal years — July 1. Customers will see a 9.75 percent increase starting July 1, 2013, and a 9.5 percent increase starting July 1 2014.

EBMUD said the recession is the cause of the increases.

"What we've been through in the last seven years is a recession, just like the rest of the country," said EBMUD spokesman Charles

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Perforce Pres. Named 2013 Grand Marshall

Sun Staff Reports

Alameda resident Christopher Seiwald has been picked to be the grand marshal at this year's Alameda Mayor's Fourth of July Parade.

Seiwald is a 25-year resident of Alameda and the founder and president of Perforce Software, an Alameda company started in 1995 that now employs 250 people worldwide. Seiwald is also the owner of the popular Little House Café, located at 2300 Blanding Ave., in downtown Alameda.

In addition, Seiwald is active in the Alameda community, having served as president of the Alameda Soccer Club and as chair

of Alameda's America's Cup Committee. He also heads the Perforce Software Foundation, which has sponsored the Little Ice Rink and many other charities. Seiwald lives in the Alameda Gold Coast area with his wife and children.

Last year's grand marshal was Alameda's "mayor of the West End" Nick Cabral. The Alameda Mayor's Fourth of July Parade started in 1976.



Courtesy photo
Seiwald



San Mateo County Sheriff's Department Police arrested Christopher Maffei in September 2012. He was convicted of abducting his two children and stealing a yacht from Ballena Bay.