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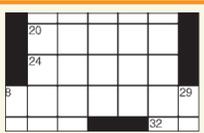


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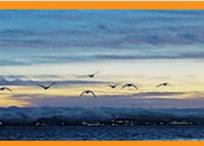
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US Navy

Workers sample the contents of an old disposal site called Site 2 in this October 2011 photograph. Cleanup plans at Alameda Point are the subject of controversy. Despite the work that the Navy has done so far cleaning up the Point, many think the Navy must do more. The city is questioning the Navy's proposed plan to address the risks that radioactive paint and other toxic chemicals still pose at the Point.

## City, Citizen Group Probe Point Cleanup

**Michele Ellison**  
*The Alamedan*

City officials and a citizen group are questioning the Navy's proposed plan to address the risks posed by radioactive paint and other toxic chemicals that lie under a group of buildings at the heart of Alameda Point, saying the Navy focused too much on cleanup costs in creating its plan and questioning whether they know enough about what contaminants are in the ground to move forward with it.

Both the city and the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) overseeing Point cleanup efforts want the Navy to undertake a more extensive cleanup of the industrial center of the Navy's former operation, a 53-acre site that includes a 910,382-square-foot building on West Tower Avenue where the Navy cleaned and maintained its airplanes; a missile rework facility; and a former power plant.

"The city wants the Navy to conduct further investigation to better

design the specifics of removal — bottom line: the city wishes to remove radiological contamination irrespective of cost," said Dina Tasini, the city's acting chief operating officer for Alameda Point. "Removal of radiological material will insure no human health risk."

A Navy representative denied putting cost ahead of safety.

"The process requires any selective remedial response is protective of human health and the environment," said Derek Robinson, the civilian Navy employee managing cleanup efforts at Alameda Point. He said that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the state Department of Toxic Substances Control and the California Water Board — all of which oversee the Navy's cleanup efforts — determined all of the remediation proposals protect human health; EPA, DTSC and the San Francisco Bay Regional Quality Control Board all concurred with the plan.

City leaders have pinned high

hopes on Alameda Point, which they would like to redevelop into a community with about 1,400 homes, a strong commercial base and parks. They'd like to build an employment base in the buildings on the site.

Meanwhile, the Navy has spent more than \$500 million cleaning up the Point, far more than they ever envisioned cleanup efforts there would cost.

The Navy's cleanup budget for 2013 is \$12 million, about a third of its budget this year. On a recent tour highlighting cleanup efforts at the Point, Robinson said he thought the Navy's cleanup efforts would be complete in 2016.

In a 2011 letter signed by all but one RAB member, RAB requested the Navy perform a more extensive cleanup of the site. They said they wanted the Navy to remove contaminated soil from the site and perform more extensive treatment of groundwater, and that they want

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## Reports Shed Favorable Light

Studies show AFD fire services more than meeting expectations

**Ekene Ikeme**

Findings from three independent studies gave the Alameda Fire Department (AFD) favorable reviews for its fire-suppression and emergency-response services.

AFD has been the subject of four separate studies over the last five years analyzing emergency response capabilities, fire station location and personnel deployment. The results of the four reviews were detailed in a memo from AFD Fire Chief Mike D'Orazi to City Manager John Russo last month.

The purpose of the four surveys was to evaluate the current model of operations used by AFD. The four studies were conducted by Citygate Associates, a general manager consulting firm that reviewed AFD's public safety, fire protection and emergency medical services; SPC/TriData, an EMS and fire service consulting firm that analyzed and gave recommendations to AFD regarding its EMS delivery service; the Insurance Services Office (ISO) study detailed the city's fire suppression services; and the International City Managers Association (ICMA) Consulting Services, which looked at staffing levels.

The Citygate study, performed in 2007, states AFD's "first unit on scene performance as measured by the National Fire Protection Standard was very good citywide," and "the department has been well served by its staffing capabilities." The study also warned "closing a

**"Both private, for profit, ambulance companies ... have stated they do not want to take over this service in Alameda."**

— SPC/Tri Data Report

fire station would significantly increase first response times."

The SPC/TriData study was commissioned in June 2010. "Response times are acceptable and patient care is superior," stated one of the findings in the report. Another finding states numerous EMS companies want the city to keep its service. "Both private, for profit, ambulance companies which contracted with Alameda County for emergency transport services have stated they do not want to take over this service in Alameda."

The ISO survey, completed in February 2012, gave AFD a score of 82.83 out of 100 on a criteria based on equipment, training, staffing and geographic distribution of fire companies. That led ISO to give AFD to its most favorable review stating, "Alameda's score places it in the top 6.6 percent of the 958 fire departments rated in California."

The ISO study said they did not give AFD a score of 90 or better

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## Pot Bust Nets Alamedan

**Dennis Ewanosky**

San Leandro police arrested three men, including an Alameda resident the morning of Oct. 10 for allegedly running "an elaborate clandestine marijuana cultivation operation," according to a San Leandro Police Department (SLPD) press release.

SLPD executed search warrants on three warehouses where the suspects were allegedly growing marijuana, the release stated: two in San Leandro and one in Hayward. Police also executed a search warrant at a building on the 1600 block of Eighth Avenue in Oakland.

Laikuan Liang of Alameda was among three men San Leandro police arrested and charged with marijuana cultivation.



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execution of the search warrants, followed an investigation by SLPD's narcotics squad.

In addition to 5,414 marijuana plants, the bust netted police 68 pounds of processed pot and \$77,440 in cash.

According to police, the seized plants had the capability of producing marijuana with a street value of more than \$2 million. SFPD placed a value of \$150,000 on the processed pot. Police also arrested Howard Wong of Oakland and Shuqin Cai from San Francisco.

"This was an elaborate clandestine marijuana cultivation operation," said SLPD department spokesman Lt. Jeff Tudor. "Detectives did an excellent job developing information and safely executing these dangerous search warrants."

Farm," as well as other homegrown treats.

Children will have the opportunity to visit the pumpkin patch to select pumpkins to carve with their parents. They can also enjoy carnival games and activities hosted by Live Oak Unitarian Church, as well as performances by the Bean

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## News in Brief

**Bikeway meeting tonight**

The Public Works Department will host a meeting about the proposed bikeway along Shore Line and Westline drives. The meeting will be held 7 p.m., this evening, Thursday, Oct. 18, at Lum Elementary School, 1801 Sandcreek Way (at Otis Drive).

Public Works representatives will discuss modified striping on Shore Line and Westline drives; the bikeway installation; the reduction of travel lanes, as well as the installation of bicycle racks, bus shelters and crosswalks.

Documents concerning the project are available at [www.cityofalameda.ca.gov/City-Hall/Traffic-and-Transportation](http://www.cityofalameda.ca.gov/City-Hall/Traffic-and-Transportation).

Residents unable to attend the meeting can submit written comments by 5 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 25 to Gail Payne, Transportation Coordinator, City Hall West, 950 West Mall Square, Room 110, Alameda, CA 94501 or by email at [gpayne@ci.alameda.ca.us](mailto:gpayne@ci.alameda.ca.us).

**Kiwanis offers grants**

Kiwanis of Alameda is offering grants to 501(c)(3) community organizations in Alameda. Kiwanis will award grants primarily to organizations that serve the Island City.

In addition, Kiwanis could award grants to support Alameda High School Key Club, Encinal High School Key Club, Kiwanis International Foundation, Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha District Foundation and any other organization the Alameda Kiwanis sponsors.

The grants must comply with applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations and must not jeopardize the tax-exempt status of the Alameda Kiwanis Foundation.

Grants are not available to polit-

ical or profit-making organizations; grants are available to individuals only as scholarships.

Applications are available [www.alamedakiwanis.org](http://www.alamedakiwanis.org). The deadline is Friday, Oct. 26.

**Deadline approaching**

The deadline to register to vote in the Nov. 6 General Election is next Monday, Oct. 22. Alameda County residents must be citizens, 18 years old and not in prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony to be eligible to register to vote.

Voter registration affidavits are available at the Registrar of Voters office, at the offices of the Department of Motor Vehicles, all city clerks offices, public libraries and post offices. Completed affidavits must be delivered or mailed to the Registrar of Voters, 1225 Fallon St. Room G-1, Oakland, CA 94612. Affidavits must be postmarked by Oct. 22 to be valid for this election. Online applications are on the Secretary of State's website at <http://RegisterToVote.ca.gov>.

Voters can call the Registrar of Voters office at 272-6973 or 267-8683 or visit [www.acgov.org/rov](http://www.acgov.org/rov) to check their voter-registration status. Last-minute registrations will be accepted at the registrar's Oakland office during a special "Midnight Madness" drive from 5 p.m. to midnight on Oct. 22.

**Harvest Fest on Tap**

Alameda Point Collaborative (APC) will host its third annual Harvest Festival from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., this Saturday Oct. 20. The event is both a traditional celebration of the harvest and an opportunity for APC residents to introduce newcomers to their community.

Guests will enjoy a light lunch featuring produce grown on "The



## Car Show Draws Throngs

**Dennis Ewanosky**

A warm, sunny Saturday and rows upon rows of vintage automobiles made the perfect mix for the 19th annual Park Street Classic Car Show. Car aficionados could admire cars like this 1956 Chevrolet. The car stood among the more than 400 show cars that included roadsters, coupes, hot rods and muscle cars.