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Colin Sterner

Sunset Offers Ideal Backdrop for Concert

Courtesy photo

The Lincoln Middle School Band put on a "Westward Bound" performance on Wednesday, Oct. 22, to a packed crowd of families and community members. Those in attendance not only delighted in the musical performances of the talented young players but also feasted on a delicious barbecue dinner. A beautiful sunset treated the crowd just as the students struck up the first notes of the evening.

Out-of-Towners Finance Campaigns

Dennis Evanosky

A powerful political action group (PAC) has decided to invest in Alameda's future. The Golden State Leadership Fund with its Southern California address has poured tens of thousands of dollars into the races for a seat on the Alameda City Council, allowing incumbent Stewart Chen to outspend his rival, Frank Matarrese.

A slick mailer with a more local origin allows Chen and his fellow city council candidate, Jim Oddie, to share in the out-of-town bounty.

This is not the first time that this PAC has made its presence felt in Alameda. In 2012 journalist Steve Tavares — who with Michele Ellison broke the story about Chen's past misdemeanor convictions for fraud — reported that during his successful run for the 18th District Assembly seat, Assemblyman Rob Bonta was "on the receiving end of \$34,392 in independent expenditures from a group calling itself the Golden State Leadership Fund PAC."

Tavares pointed out that the connection between Bonta and Golden State "is likely Bonta's campaign consultant, Duffy & Capitolo," which has donated to this PAC in the past.

Golden State's name came up in recent disclosures filed by Chen in his race for reelection. In a second story on the Alameda Sun's front page in today's edition, Ellison reports that Vince Duffy and Mark Capitolo have earned close to

\$100,000 from clients that include not only Chen and Oddie, but Mayor Marie Gilmore, Alameda Firefighters Local 689, and the Alameda Unified School District's Yes on I campaign.

In reporting its most recent contribution to Chen, Golden State revealed that, over time, it has contributed \$21,611.08 to the city councilman's campaign. On this same disclosure Golden State gave its address at 1527 South Sepulveda Ave. in Los Angeles. The Sun found no trace of Golden State at this address, but did learn that one of the PAC's affiliates, the accounting firm Sed Quaere, LP, has its offices there.

(The firm takes its moniker from a piece of advice expressed in Latin to the legal community. "You may be fully aware of the facts in a statement," the advice runs, "but inquire (sed quaere) anyway, as these facts may be in doubt.")

The Alameda Sun discovered Sed Quaere, LP on Golden State Leadership Fund's payroll. Golden State is likely using Sed Quaere LP's address on the disclosure forms. Sed Quaere, LP, did not return the Alameda Sun's phone calls to confirm this.

An accounting firm with a more local address is apparently paying for a mailer that tells Alameda voters not to vote for Matarrese. Alamedans found this missive in their mailboxes on Monday. The slick featured both Chen and Oddie's photographs on both sides, saying, "We cannot elect someone who is termed out and is now trying to run again. Say 'no' to a termed-out candidate."

For the record, Frank Matarrese is not termed out, as the mailer implies. He was elected to sit on the city council in 2002 and again in 2006. He termed out to 2010 and, today, has as much right to run for city council as either Chen or Oddie. In fact, Matarrese has far more council experience than the incumbent Chen, who was appointed, not elected, to fill Bonta's seat on the city council less than two years ago, when Bonta went to Sacramento. Oddie has never sat on the city council.

The organization on the mailer disparaging Matarrese the "Alameda County Business and Technology

Local Man Confesses to Wife's Murder

Ekene Ikeme

An Alameda man is in custody after confessing to Alameda police officers that he murdered his wife.

Jerry Canfield entered APD offices at 1555 Oak St. on Sunday, Oct. 26, and told the front desk clerks that he wanted to confess to the murder of his spouse. The admission came just after 6 p.m.

"He said that he killed his wife with a single gunshot," said APD Sgt. Rick Bradley, who would not reveal the type of firearm that was used. Bradley said Canfield, 72, shot his wife because she suffered from numerous ailments.

The sergeant would not confirm if the suspect was asked by the victim to shoot her, as that is still part of APD's ongoing investigation. Bradley also did not release the name of the victim or what ailments she suffered from.

Officers rushed over to the Canfield home immediately after the confession. Coroners were called to the scene after the body was discovered.

Canfield was arrested at the police station soon after. He was taken to Santa Rita Jail in Dublin and booked at 3:23 a.m. Monday, Oct. 27, and charged with one count of murder. His arraignment took place Tuesday, Oct. 28, at 2 p.m. at the Wiley W. Manuel Courthouse. He is being held without bail.

Public Art Program to Restart

Sun Staff Reports

The city of Alameda Community Development Department has restarted its initiative to revamp the city's existing public art program.

A community meeting will be held Wednesday, Nov. 12, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the dining room at Mastick Senior Center, 1155 Santa Clara Ave. City staff will discuss recommendations for use of existing money in the city's public art fund and a community feedback session on numerous topics pertaining to the program.

If unable to attend, provide input or feedback, email econdev@alamedaca.gov.

Election 2014

Lastest details on campaign spending

Michele Ellison

The Alamedan

City Councilman Stewart Chen has taken the lead in Alameda's campaign money race, disclosure documents released on Oct. 23 show.

As of Oct. 18, Chen had pulled in \$46,280.70. A Los Angeles-based political action committee that's received contributions from several labor unions, Pacific Gas & Electric and Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty's top aide independently spent \$21,611.82 backing Chen's re-election bid.

Council candidate Jim Oddie had pulled in \$44,227.27 as of Oct. 18, the filings show, plus another \$8,872.64 from the Alameda Firefighters Association after that date. Close to half the contributions to Oddie's campaign come from labor unions. The numbers for all the candidates include cash contributions and spending on mailers, fundraisers and other support.

Former councilman Frank Matarrese, who is running to return to the dais after a four-year absence, has raised \$12,239.68, all from individuals living in Alameda.

Meanwhile, Mayor Marie Gilmore boosted her fundraising total to \$46,127.11, while her challenger, Trish Spencer, has raised \$9,477. Gilmore's most recent contributions include a \$5,000 check from Perforce founder Christopher Seiwald, while Spencer took in more than a dozen \$100 and \$200 checks from locals.

Oddie, Gilmore and Spencer all had fundraisers scheduled after the last formal filing date for the Nov. 4 election. The latest filing period included contributions and expenditures made between Oct. 1 and Oct. 18; some candidates have also filed forms detailing contributions of \$1,000 or more made after that date.

So far the Alameda firefighters union, the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF), local 689, has spent nearly \$52,000 on local and regional races, disclosure filings show. This includes close to \$11,000 to support Oddie and money to back Assembly candidates Rob Bonta and Tim Sbranti, as well as termed-out Councilwoman Lena Tam, who's making a bid for a seat on the BART board of directors. So far, labor unions have spent more than \$46,000 to support Oddie, Chen, Gilmore and school board trustee Solana Henneberry.

The firefighters and other city workers will be negotiating for new contracts in 2017. The trade

unions, meanwhile, have had some success in pushing for rules requiring union labor on some Alameda Point development jobs. The unions could stand to benefit from additional union-friendly rules as development projects are approved there and elsewhere on the Island.

The Los Angeles-based Golden State Leadership Fund political action committee paid for a mailer supporting Chen's campaign. The mailer lists the firefighters' union and the Alameda Police Department union, the Alameda Police Officers Association, as Chen backers.

Chen was convicted of insurance fraud two decades ago, a conviction made public by two reporters earlier this year. He has since said he didn't commit the crimes he pleaded guilty to and that he was pushed into accepting a plea deal.

So far this year the Golden State Leadership Fund has received \$231,000 in contributions from donors that include labor unions; Pacific Gas & Electric Co.; Oakland-

based construction consultancy Kal Krishnan Consulting Services; San Francisco-based Shorestein Realty Services; and Shawn Wilson, Haggerty's chief of staff, records in the secretary of state's Cal-Access campaign finance database show. Contributors include a pair of Oakland-based donors, ARDA LLC and U.S. Freight Systems, Inc., who have individually contributed to Oddie's and Chen's campaigns, respectively.

The Golden State Leadership Fund is also backing San Francisco Assembly candidate David Chiu and Sacramento Assembly candidate Darrell Fong, Sacramento City Council candidate Julius Cherry, state controller candidate Betty Yee and John Chiang, who's running for state treasurer, records in the database show.

The fund spent \$14,000 to oppose Matarrese's council candidacy, state filings made over the weekend show, though what it spent the money on isn't yet clear.

New filings from Henneberry show she has received \$12,965.74 in contributions so far. This money includes \$4,877.74 in support from the teachers' union, the Alameda Education Association, which has endorsed Henneberry and candidate Gary Lym for school board. Henneberry has also received \$3,868.47 in support from the firefighters' union.

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Dennis Evanosky

Island City Helps Host Halloween Havoc Basketball Tournament

An Alameda Viper races through a pair of Piedmont defenders at last weekend's Halloween Havoc Tournament. This was just one of some 120 games played for the title of champion. For more about the competition that drew more than 1,000 players and spectators to Alameda High School, The Boys & Girls Club and the Alameda Point Gymnasium, turn to page 7.