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Robbery Escalates into Year's First Homicide

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The City of Alameda recorded 2018's first homicide after a 61-year-old woman died of injuries she sustained outside the Pho Anh Dao restaurant, 1919 Webster St. The Alameda County Coroner identified the victim as Cindy Le, 61, of Alameda.

According to the Alameda Police Department (APD), Le and a 28-year-old man suffered injuries during a robbery attempt about 11 p.m. on Friday, April

6. Le passed away on Tuesday, April 10.

APD Lt. Wayland Gee said that when police officers arrived on scene, they learned that there had been a robbery attempt at the restaurant and that the suspects had fled. No arrests have been made.

APD asks anyone with information about this case call 337-8340 or the anonymous tip line at 337-8450.

Contact Sun staff at editor@alamedasun.com.

Navy Shows Final Cleanup Plan

Richard Bangert

The Navy will present its proposed cleanup plan for Site 32, a 60-acre site on the northwest corner of the former runway area at Alameda Point at a meeting next week at Alameda Main Library. Site 32 is the last of the Navy's cleanup sites at the Point awaiting a certified plan, or remedy. The site, which will one day become part of a regional park, consists of buildings, a concrete bunker, roads, runways, a parking lot and open grassland, including more than nine acres of seasonal wetlands.

The primary contamination at the site is Radium-226 that the Navy used in luminescent paint for aircraft instruments and markers. Radium is a radioactive metal found in trace amounts in the natural environment in virtually all rock, soil, plants and animals. Trace amounts are permitted in public drinking water. Chronic exposure to elevated levels of the metal through ingestion, however,

can lead to serious health risks. Radium in large underground rock formations can produce hazardous radon gas, but this is not the source of radium at Alameda Point.

The contamination is presumed to have occurred during the expansion of the aircraft runway in the early 1950s. The adjacent cleanup site, Site 1, served as a waste disposal site until the runways were expanded. It is believed that grading of the soil for the runway expansion spread radium paint waste from the old dump to what is now Site 32.

Although the number of spots with elevated readings for radium on the 60-acre site is small, the testing equipment only provided data to a depth of one foot. Thus, the true extent of the random waste material is unknown.

The Navy, along with federal and state regulators, considered three alternatives to address the contamination. One alternative

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Dennis Evanovsky

(From left to right) Mayor Trish Spencer, Vice Mayor Malia Vella, Councilmember Jim Oddie and City Attorney Janet Kern listen as Jill Keimach addresses the City Council before the closed-door meeting on Monday.

City Manager Tapes Head to District Atty.

Ekene Ikeme

Alameda City Manager Jill Keimach will remain on paid administrative leave after the City Council did not take any further action against her at its closed session Monday, April 16.

The closed-door session concluded just before 11 p.m. after more than four hours. The Council voted unanimously on three items, none of which involved Keimach's job status. Vice Mayor Malia Vella and Councilmember Jim Oddie were absent from voting on the items.

The Council voted 3-0 to release

Michael Jenkins' investigative report detailing the hiring process of the Alameda Fire Chief to the public on Wednesday, May 2. The Council also voted unanimously to direct City Attorney Janet Kern to hand over the secret audio recording made by Keimach of a meeting she had with Vella and Oddie to the Alameda County District Attorney. Finally, Council voted to give direction to staff on one item. The description of the item was not revealed.

Keimach was elated after the Council decided not to fire her as many believed would happen, including Keimach.

"I believe they will fire me," said Keimach in a phone interview Friday, April 13.

Keimach's attorney Karl Olson was confident Keimach would not be relieved of her job.

"I did not expect them to terminate Jill's employment," said Olson in a phone interview on Tuesday,

April 17. "There was no ground for the Council to take that action."

Keimach spoke at the meeting during the public comment portion.

"I was given two choices," said Keimach. "Take the easy road and maintain past practices, or take the more difficult road by exposing unethical behavior. I chose the latter."

Keimach was initially placed on paid leave on March 9 after it was discovered she made a secret audio recording of a meeting she had with Vella and Oddie. The revelation came after the Jenkins report was given to the council in January, according to Keimach. The City Council commissioned Jenkins, from the law firm Jenkins and Hugin, LLC, to look into allegations that Keimach was pressured by Councilmembers — later identified as Oddie and Vella — to hire former

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Drama Department Shines in Chorus Line

Jeff Smith

The Encinal High School Drama Department is currently performing the Tony Award-winning *A Chorus Line*. The show takes the stage tomorrow, Friday, April 20, and Saturday, April 21, at 7:30 p.m. To paraphrase John F. Kennedy, "the director's chair has been passed to a new generation."

Although nominally directed by stage-veteran Gene Kahane, he has handed the megaphone and *le beret noir* to Marjorie Ortiz. She more than measures up to the standards Kahane and his predecessor Bob Moorhead have established.

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conceding toward chorus line dancers; he tells Cassie that she is "dancing down" to be a part of the line, to which she defensively retorts "I'd be proud to be one of them. They're wonderful!" and they are.

Addie is simply marvelous as Cassie; she stands at the border of dreams and reality; her dance to "The Music and the Mirror" achieves a dreamlike quality; entering into a fugue she momentarily slips the surly bonds of the mundane and enters into the magical realm of dance, and we get it.

If the show veers close to PG-13, blame it on the sizzle power of Val (played to the max and then some by Charlie Kleinman. With Liza Minelli style, Kleinman unabashedly belts out the tawdry "T and A" number; she is brazen, brassy, sassy and unapologetically proud of her (ahem) investments — we were shocked!

Writers James Kirkwood and Nicholas Dante inexplicably include one character who seemingly enjoyed a quasi-normal childhood — that would be Sheilah, played demurely by Rasarea Chan.

Chan crafts a Sheilah that loves dancing but has not surrendered herself to the world of dancing, with good acting, she convinces us that for her, dancing is the expression of an artform; it is not a lifestyle — perhaps Miss Chan has a handle on this because she will be attending Yale in the fall (sincerest congratulations, Miss Chan).

Card dealers are sometimes accused of stacking the deck or holding an ace up their sleeve and so it is with director Ortiz. Just when you're thoroughly enjoying the show, Ortiz trots out an amazing singer that knocks you over in your folding chair: Isabella

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Citizens' Task Force to Meet

The Alameda Citizens Task Force (ACT) will host a public meeting on Wednesday, April 25, at 7 p.m. at the Alameda Hospital, 2070 Clinton Ave., in the second-floor conference room. The meeting will discuss the current City Council decisions and what ACT feels is the outsized influence of public employee unions and developers on almost every aspect of city government. The meeting will explore the formation of an independent political action committee to support candidates in the November election.

Rotary Hands out Scholarships

The Alameda Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Scholarship committee recently met to award scholarships to stu-

dents from Alameda high schools for the annual RYLA program in the Santa Cruz mountains this summer.

Young men and women spend a week in a challenging program of discussions, inspirational addresses, leadership training and social activities designed to enhance personal development, leadership skills and good citizenship.

Fully funded scholarships were awarded to: Sara Wheeler and Juliana Holmes of St. Joseph Notre Dame High; Katie Hung of Alameda High School; Lauryn Nakamura of Alameda Community Learning Center and O'Phelia Le of Alameda Science & Technology Institute.

Join Reading for Poetry Month

Gene Kahane

Poetic Alamedans come celebrate, Wednesday, April 25, is the date.

At Books Inc., at 7 p.m.,

You're invited to read a beloved poem!

So bring your Chaucer, Angelou and Plath.

Read some Walt Whitman, (the polymath),

Some Gluck, or Haas, Dickinson or Brooks.

Share from your head, Or read from books!

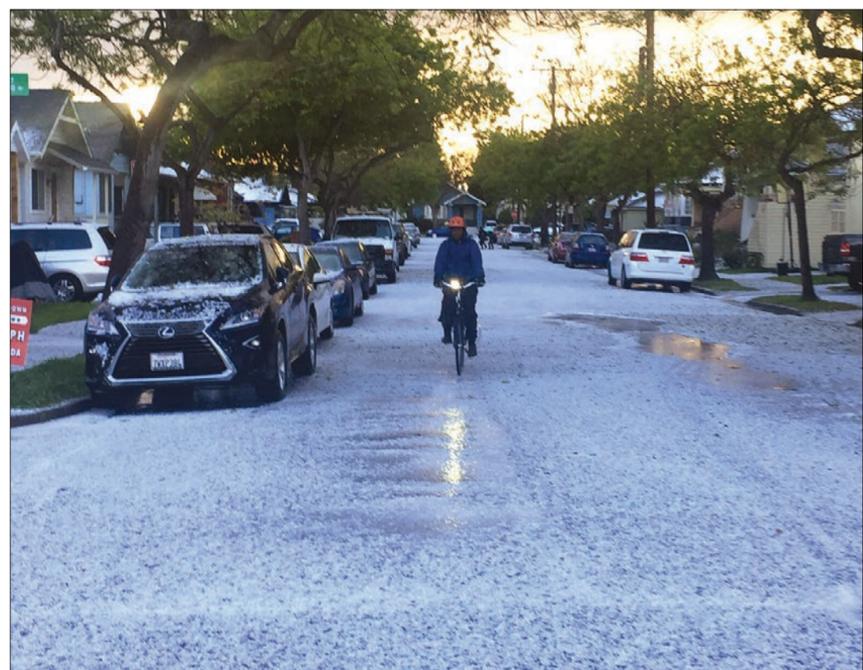
Silverstein, Bob Frost, Cathy Dana, Amos White, Sappho, and Gene Kahana,

For 'tis our month, It's designated,

And why blessed words, Were first created!

Books Inc. is located at 1344 Park St. For more information, call 522-2226 or visit www.booksinc.net.

Gene Kahane is one of Alameda's poets laureate.



Zachary Turner

Hailstorm Pelts Island

A bicyclist pedals down Eagle Avenue Monday morning after a hailstorm pelted Alameda. The street in front of the rider is covered with bits of ice that measured approximately the diameter of a dime. The intense storm struck during the morning commute and lasted a good 20 minutes or so. Intense rain and some claps of thunder followed. News outlets reported the storm cell delivered nearly four inches per hour of precipitation. Natives of Alameda expressed awe at the storm, with some more senior residents reporting never having seen a storm this intense hit the Island City. Patches of the ice remained on lawns, cars and in other places until about noon when they rapidly melted away.