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Officer Injured in Hit & Run

APD arrests suspect from Alameda

Sun Staff Reports

Alameda police officer Russell Wise was involved in a hit-and-run accident last Tuesday, May 3, that left him injured and needing medical assistance.

Wise was in a patrol vehicle at the intersection of Fifth Street and Lincoln Avenue when a driver in a speeding vehicle tried to turn and struck his car at around 10:30 p.m. Emmith Delrosario was driving a Toyota Avalon, according to reports, when he tried to turn east-bound on Lincoln from Fifth Street and crashed into Wise's patrol vehicle. Delrosario, an Alameda resident, hit the side of Wise's vehicle near the driver side door, which caused the police vehicle to collide with a utility pole.

The collision caused the patrol car to catch fire and the front door to jam. Wise was incapable of exiting his vehicle, but onlookers

rushed to the vehicle and pulled the officer out through the driver's side window.

While Wise was trying to escape his damaged vehicle, Delrosario, 19, escaped his vehicle and took off on foot leaving behind his car and passenger. He did not get far before officers were able to catch and arrest the suspect on suspicion of felony hit-and-run. Concentrated cannabis was also discovered in the suspect's vehicle, but it is unknown if Delrosario will be charged with possession of the substance.

Before he was taken to jail, he was taken to Highland Hospital to treat his injuries. He was later discharged and then taken to Santa Rita Jail. He has since posted bond.

Wise was also taken to Highland Hospital following the crash. He was discharged Wednesday, May 4.

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Suspect in Murder of Locals Won't Testify

Sun Staff Reports

An Oakland man accused of two counts of murder refused to testify at his own court trial last Wednesday, May 4.

Diantay Powell, is accused of killing two girls, Bobbie Sartain and Rachel Gerstel, on Nov. 25, 2012, on Minna Avenue near Brookdale Park in Oakland. Sartain and Gerstel were 16 and 15 years old, respectively, at the time of their deaths.

Powell, now 21, indicated through his attorney, Darryl Stallworth, that he was willing to testify at his trial. However, when Stallworth tried to call Powell to the witness stand, Powell declined. Stallworth then rested his case.

Stallworth asked jurors to rule Powell be charged with voluntary

manslaughter instead of first-degree murder because Powell acted rashly and in the heat of passion at the time.

The two girls grew up and met in Alameda. According to court reports, Sartain was involved in a romantic relationship with Powell and Gerstel was involved with Powell's friend and co-defendant Antonio Edwards. The four and another male, Quincy Carter, were in a vehicle at the time of the incident. Carter testified that Powell asked the girls to leave, but they refused and an argument ensued. Sartain slapped Powell and Powell knocked her down. Gerstel tried to intervene, that is when Powell shot her. He then shot Sartain.

The prosecution rested its case on Monday, May 9.

Forum Set on Housing for All

Sun Staff Reports

The Alameda Home Team is hosting a community forum during Affordable Housing Week. The event will be held from 2 to 4:30 p.m., next Thursday, May 19, in the Ratskeller at the Alameda Elks Lodge, 2255 Santa Clara Ave.

The forum will cover housing and jobs in terms of competing priorities: topics that must

be addressed as complementary issues. The forum will also present the current developments of new affordable homes critically needed in Alameda.

The panel of experts will include representatives from the Housing Authority, the city of Alameda, and the Alameda Point Collaborative. Refreshments will be provided. RSVP at DevelopmentsAlameda.eventbrite.com.

Today is Bike to Work Day

Sun Staff Reports

May is bicycle month throughout California, and here in Alameda Bike to Work Day is the main celebration. Today is Bike to Work Day with hundreds of commuters turning to two-wheeled transportation. For those riding on their first Bike to Work Day, here are some tips to help prepare.

Plan in advance: Practice riding shorter distances to get comfortable riding a bike. Pre-rides are also a great way to assess if a bike or equipment needs a tune-up.

Plan your route: Use a route finder or pick up a copy of Bike Walk Alameda's Bike and Walking map to find the most bike friendly streets. Be sure to plan a route that goes by an Energizer Station. If including transit in a commute, learn the policies about bikes on transit.

Bike parking: Consider where to park a bike at work. Be sure to bring a lock and know how to use it effectively.

Find a bike buddy: Experienced riders can be a great resource. Ask a bike buddy to share his or her favorite routes, bike gear and advice or to come along on Bike to Work Day.

Visit bikewalkalameda.org for more resources and tips.



Riders on a previous Bike to Work Day in Alameda.



Richard Bangert

A Navy contractor scanned the remnants of an old barge for radiation in January 2012. The barge had to be demolished and removed piece by piece from the northwest corner of Seaplane Lagoon prior to dredging. No radiation was detected. The Navy recycled the metal it recovered.

Testing for Radium Elevated at Lagoon

Alameda Point's Seaplane Lagoon remediation continues

Richard Bangert

The City of Alameda became the new owner of Seaplane Lagoon at Alameda Point on April 13. The lagoon came from the Navy with a new condition that exceeds normal protocols for dredging in San Francisco Bay.

As with all cleanup sites, the Navy, the city and regulators agreed to what areas needed to be cleaned up in Seaplane Lagoon. The cleanup plan, approved in 2006, was based on testing the sediment throughout the 110-acre lagoon. The problem areas were confined to about 10 acres at the northeast and northwest corners of the lagoon where storm drains dumped contaminants prior to 1970s environmental laws. The agreed-upon plan stated that there would be no restrictions on the lagoon when cleanup was done.

After cleanup was completed, two years of discussions between the Navy, state and federal regulators, and the city led to an amendment to the official cleanup decision. The amendment called for a detailed management plan for any future dredging in Seaplane Lagoon. The city led the effort to create a sediment management plan. It stipulates that all dredge sediment brought to the surface will have to be spread out six inches thick on a drying pad and

The Navy used radium in luminescent paint applied to aircraft dials and markers at the Naval Air Station.

scanned for radium-226 radiation at a cost borne by the city.

The special radium testing goes beyond routine sediment sampling required throughout the bay prior to issuance of any dredging permits. Radium scanning will be required even if the pre-dredging sediment samples test clean.

The Navy used radium in luminescent paint applied to aircraft dials and markers at the Naval Air Station. Prior to the federal Clean Water Act in the early 1970s, radium paint residue was poured into storm drains that emptied into the Seaplane Lagoon.

A cleanup effort in 2010 removed and replaced thousands of feet of storm drain that were found to contain unsafe levels of radium in soil deposits within the pipes. The cleanup of contaminants in the lagoon that followed took place where the storm drains end.

During testing of the 100,000 cubic yards of sediment removed near the storm sewer outfalls, 51 small objects with radium were

found, from a compass to a toggle switch and pill-sized items.

As a result, the California Department of Public Health became concerned that the plan agreed to in 2006 overlooked the health risks of random objects that might be dredged up elsewhere in the future. They insisted that there was no way of knowing whether or not more radium objects were scattered around the other areas of the lagoon.

The Navy was not amused by the discussion of last-minute restrictions on a cleanup area it thought was done to everyone's satisfaction, according to the Navy and regulator meeting minutes during the past two years.

At the May 2014 cleanup team meeting, Matt Slack from the Navy's radiological affairs office explained that none of the 51 items recovered from the Seaplane Lagoon sediment "presented any more risk than an old-fashioned wrist watch or clock that used radium in the dials." He argued that the low level of risk did not warrant special restrictions or a deed notice about radium.

Nonetheless, at the November 2014 cleanup team meeting, Karen Toth from the California Department of Toxic Substances Control stood firm in the department's new position and suggested that the city would have to apply

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News in Brief

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Wellness Center Opens

Optimized Wellness Center, Alameda's new premier health and wellness center, will host an open house on Friday, May 20, from 5 to 8 p.m. The center is located at 2381 Mariner Square Dr., Suite 170

Join them for drinks and appetizers and get to know the doctors. Tour the facility and learn about their services. Complimentary screenings and childcare will be available. There's plenty of parking so bring family, friends and neighbors. Learn more at www.optimizedwellnesscenter.com or call 497-4424.

Enjoy Farm-to-Table Lunch This Sunday

Alameda Point Collaborative (APC), 2600 Barbers Point Road, is hosting a farm-to-table luncheon this Sunday, May 15, from 1 to 3 p.m. The luncheon will feature sustainably grown food from APC's Farm-2Market program. Come meet an APC resident who has worked at the farm as part of APC's on-the-job training program. You will also meet chef Matthew Dolan, one of the top Bay Area chefs. He will speak about being green and sustainable in business and in our private lives.

APC will plant a tree and plaque in honor of the late Sam Sause, who was a friend of APC and the Alameda community. Tickets are \$95 and are available at www.brownpaper.com/profile/23655.

Proceeds support APC, a non-profit that uses former military housing and supportive services to help launch formerly homeless individu-

als and families toward a better life. More than half of the people APC serves are young children and teens.

Alameda Women Artists Announce 2016 Art Awards

The local consortium of female artists, Alameda Women Artists (AWA), presents awards to two women artists — one adult and one student — each year. The cash awards are to be used for continuing the selected artists' works in visual media, with the exception of film or video.

Applications are now being accepted for the 2016 AWA Art Awards. One award of \$500 will go to a woman artist and one award of \$500 will go to a student artist in Alameda. The funds for these cash awards are raised through a silent auction at the annual AWA art exhibition at Alameda Museum. The auction is displayed as a "metaphoric" quilt of 12"x12" artworks created by AWA members.

For an art award application and more information about AWA, visit www.alamedawomenartists.org, email alamedawomenartists@gmail.com or call 865-0541.

Don't Miss ICW

Island City Waterways is set for Saturday and Sunday, May 21 and 22. Audiences will be taken on guided journeys along the water's edge to experience art, dance, music and tales with more than two dozen artists connecting them to Alameda's rich maritime past. See www.islandcitywaterways.org for more information and to reserve a spot as tours are filling up fast.