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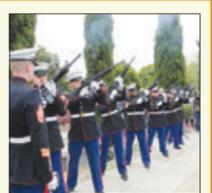
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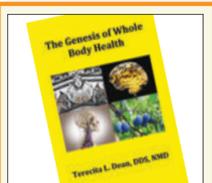
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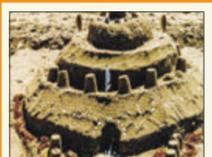
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## Teen Athlete Dies Suddenly

### Sun Staff Reports

Many in the Alameda community were left confused last Tuesday, May 17, following the sudden death of an Encinal High School student.

Giovanni Pulido, 15, collapsed following Encinal High's spring football conditioning drills on the Encinal campus. Pulido, who was a month away from completing his freshman year, was rushed to the hospital where he was pronounced dead around 7 p.m. that evening.

Pulido's teammates said they witnessed the athlete fall to the ground. Numerous teammates said Pulido expressed he was uncomfortable due to the heat and was not drinking water before he collapsed.

The exact cause of death is still unknown. It can take up to 30 days for the Alameda County Coroner's Office to learn the exact cause, according to a spokesperson. However, members of Pulido's family believe dehydration was the cause.

"We were informed by several people that he kept asking for water," his family said in a statement issued by Pulido's uncle, Sergio

Mejia-Navarro, to the *East Bay Times*. "And I guess the team only gets one water break. Which if it's true, it's not right. They could have prevented this."

The statement also said Pulido had no previous health issues or heart problems.

The Alameda Unified School District Superintendent Sean McPhetridge released a statement last Wednesday.

"Our thoughts and our hearts are very much with this young man's family, friends, teammates and classmates," said McPhetridge in the statement. "This is a deep loss to the Encinal community and our Alameda community at large."

Encinal Principal Kirsten Zazo said grief counselors were made available to help students at Encinal get through the unfortunate tragedy.

Many family, friends and teammates described Pulido as a well-liked person with a great sense of humor. The family has set up a GoFundMe page at [www.gofundme.com/24xbewvs](http://www.gofundme.com/24xbewvs) to help with funeral expenses.



Richard Bangert

Keynote speaker Matthew Dolan, executive chef at Twenty Five Lusk in San Francisco, spoke at the Urban Farm Table fundraiser for the Alameda Point Collaborative (APC). Guests took their seats between crop rows at APC's farm located not far from the Main Street Ferry Terminal.

## Dining on the Farm at Alameda Point

Crop of supporters attends farm event

### Richard Bangert

The Alameda Point Collaborative (APC) served up gourmet meals at its annual Urban Farm Table fundraising event on Sunday, May 15. About 100 guests were seated under a canopy squarely in the middle of crops growing on the Alameda Point farm.

This year's menu was again created by Jeff Rosen, executive chef at Blue Heron Catering of Oakland. Some of the salad and entrée ingredients, such as arugula, strawberries and onions were grown within a few steps of the table.

APC is the largest supportive housing provider for homeless families in Alameda County. Adults in the community can acquire new job skills and self-confidence in APC's various enterprises — Ploughshares Nursery, Farm2Market farm production, and commercial kitchen. The Farm2Market program sells produce through a subscription service.

Matthew Dolan, executive chef at Twenty Five Lusk in San Francisco, gave the keynote address. His message centered on food choices. Food that is bad for your health is often bad for the environment because of the way it is produced, according to Dolan.

Dolan singled out Monsanto Corporation for manipulation of agricultural seed production

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geared to boost production at the expense of the environment. He also said that some hamburger meat used in fast food restaurants was a grade below the meat used in dog food.

Dolan praised the kind of positive changes in food choices that are being made possible by community farms like APC's.

Guest speaker and APC resident Jamie Sneed exemplified the value of the Collaborative's programs. Her story began on the floor of the emergency room at John George Psychiatric Hospital as victim of a suicide attempt in 2011. She went from the hospital to a shelter in Hayward, sharing a windowless room with nine other women, and then moved to transitional housing before landing a spot at APC.

Sneed credits APC's career center and its on-the-job training program with motivating her. "It

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was such a transformative experience," said Sneed. "I will never be the same. The six-month program gave my life structure when I needed it most."

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## Primary Pointers Registrar office open for early voting soon

### Sun Staff Reports

#### Weekend Voting Hours

The Alameda County Registrar of Voters (ROV) will be open for weekend voting. Voters will be allowed to visit the ROV office to vote early for the June 7 Presidential Primary Election on Saturday, May 28, and Sunday, May 29, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and also on Saturday, June 4, and Sunday, June 5, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

ROV staff will also be outside of 1225 Fallon St., Oakland, at the corner of 13th and Fallon Streets, to assist voters who choose to drop off their completed Vote by Mail ballots.

The office is currently open for voting Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Voting will take place there and at polling places throughout Alameda on Election Day, Tuesday, June 7, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The ROV office is located inside the René C. Davidson Courthouse at 1225 Fallon St. Room G-1, Oakland. Voters wishing to cast ballots during weekend hours will be able to access the office by using the 12th Street entrance of the courthouse.

For more information about early voting, visit [acvote.org](http://acvote.org) or call the ROV office at 272-6973.

#### Vote By Mail Deadline is Tuesday, May 31

The period for requesting vote-by-mail ballots for this election ends on Tuesday, May 31. Applications to vote by mail must be received by the ROV office no later than 5 p.m. on May 31.

Voters who are ill or will be away on Election Day may also designate, in writing, another person to pick up their ballot before the election.

Voters with questions concerning Vote by Mail voting should call the Registrar of Voters, Vote by Mail Section at 272-6973.

## Renter's Coalition Submits Petition

Charter amendment moves ahead

### Sun Staff Reports

The Alameda Renters Coalition (ARC) submitted its signatures for its rent adjustment ordinance the "Alameda Renter Protection and Community Stabilization Charter Amendment" to city officials on Tuesday, May 24.

The ARC says it has collected enough valid signatures to get the amendment on the November ballot.

"This is a moment of great celebration and gratitude to Alamedans for their support in putting this initiative on the ballot," said ARC spokesperson Catherine Pauling in a press release. "It will establish the much needed renter protections city hall has been reluctant to provide."

According to Alameda city laws, once an initiative is filed with the Alameda city clerk's office, the author has 180 days to collect 6,461 signatures, or 15 percent of Alameda's voter population, according to the city clerk's office. ARC filed its amendment on Feb. 29. ARC officials said they hoped to collect 9,000 signatures by April 23, just in case some of the signatures were disallowed by the city ("Renters Turn Up Heat," March 3).

Once the petition is returned to the city clerk's office, the petition is under a 30-day review to make sure everything is accurate and all signatures are from Alameda residents.

To obtain the signatures ARC members roamed the Is-

land to find displeased Alameda renters.

"Alamedans are stressed about how much their rents are rising," said Monty Heying, a signature gather. "They need to feel secure in their homes and are looking to ARC's ballot initiative establishing rent control and for cause evictions to make this happen."

*We are excited to get started on voter registration, our next step towards winning the November election.*

— Eric Strimling

Once the city approves the amendment filing, ARC will turn its attention to getting enough votes to pass the amendment on Election Day.

"Training the volunteers and collecting the signatures was an amazing experience," said Eric Strimling, ARC's communications director. "We are excited to get started on voter registration, our next step towards winning the November election. More than half of all Alameda residents are renters, and we need to get them registered and out to the polls."

ARC members held a rally on May 24 at the City Hall lawn to make people aware of ARC complaints. ARC objects to the current rent ordinance that has no rent increase cap. The charter should cap increases at 65 percent of the Consumer Price Index. They also want more limitations on landlords' right to evict on "no cause" evictions.

The city should announce whether or not ARC's amendment was approved by June 23.

## News in Brief

### Local Church to Host Spring Concert

The music department at First Congregational Church Alameda, United Church of Christ will present its Annual Spring Concert entitled, "Anything Goes!" on Saturday, June 4, at 7 p.m. in the church sanctuary. The evening will feature performances of the church's choral and bell choirs. Performances will include a dance mix, Lady Gaga's "Born This Way" and, of course, "Anything Goes!"

Janice Peterson, music director, will conduct the Chancel Choir and Resounding Joy Hand Bells with Ron Jones on percussion. Joining the choirs will be guest vocals and instrumental soloists.

Tickets for the concert cost \$15 at the door. Following the concert, there will be a wine and cheese reception. The church is located at 1912 Central Ave. (at Chestnut) and is wheelchair accessible.

### Harding Skate Tournament Slated for June 4

On Saturday, June 4, Alameda Point Partners, Alameda Recreation and Parks Department and Patty Harding will celebrate the second annual Clay "C-Bone" Harding skate tournament at City View Skate Park.

The park is located at 1101 W. Red Line Ave. on Alameda Point. The tournament will take place 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and will allow 50 entrants divided into three age groups. Cost to enter is \$5. Registration starts at 10 a.m. and will be on-site only with all proceeds going toward maintaining the skate park. A free, all-ages, after-party event will take place from 3 to 6 p.m.

The public is invited to cheer on their favorite skater, enjoy local bands, live paintings and food trucks. For more information, call 747-7529 or visit [www.facebook.com/thepointalameda](http://www.facebook.com/thepointalameda).



Jillian Strahler

## Waterways Walk Was Way Cool

### Sun Staff Reports

More than 1,000 people enjoyed three days of waterfront tours along the Oakland Estuary this past weekend as part of Rhythmix Cultural Works' Island City Waterways event. The walking tour turned performance art happening was extremely well received and well organized, selling out each performance. Above, tour guide Julie Baron of Julie's Coffee & Tea Garden leads a group through the series of dance, music and spoken word performances behind Bridgeside Shopping Center on Sunday.