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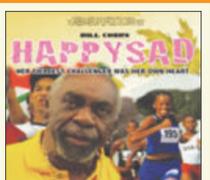
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Know Your Props: The June 7 Primary Election

Dennis Evanosky

Next Tuesday, June 7, California voters will decide how their delegates are pledged at both the Democratic and Republican conventions. The media and the candidates themselves are sharpening the voters' focus on these important outcomes.

The state of California is also asking voters to approve a state constitutional amendment that would allow legislators to suspend the pay and benefits of any member of the state Senate or Assembly who loses his or her seat. In addition voters must decide on a parcel tax that supporters say would help protect and preserve San Francisco Bay.

On March 28, 2014, for the first time in its history, the state Senate voted to suspend three of its members for alleged misconduct. Ron Calderon, Roderick Wright and Leland Yee lost their seats until such time the courts dismissed all criminal proceedings against them. However, the senate's legislative counsel noted that while the senators could suspend their colleagues, they had no authority to suspend salaries or benefits.

By August 2014 the members of the state Senate and Assembly passed a resolution, introduced by State Senator Darrel Steinberg, "to propose to the people of the State of California an amendment to the Constitution of the State, by amending Section 5 of Article IV. This amendment will appear on the June 7 ballot as Proposition 50.

If Prop 50 passes with the required two-thirds majority, the constitutional amendment would:

- Authorize each house of the Legislature to suspend one of its members by two-thirds vote, and require members to forfeit salary and benefits while suspended.

- Prohibit a suspended member from exercising rights, privileges, duties or powers of office, or using any legislative resources.

- Provide that said suspension may end on specified date, or upon two-thirds vote of the suspended member's house.

According to Ballotpedia, the League of Women Voters supports Prop 50 as a measure that promotes "an open governmental system that

is representative, accountable and responsive." *The Sacramento Bee* calls Prop 50 a measure "worth supporting as a step to help keep California's legislators in line."

On the other hand, the *Los Angeles Times* points out that Prop 50 "would violate citizens' right to due process and that its language was too vague." Republican Senator Joel Anderson views Prop 50 a clever way to use a crisis to gain power, as it "would allow the majority party to use suspension as a tool for political retribution to punish members who question authority."

Voters in the nine counties that surround San Francisco Bay will also decide if they wish to open their wallets for the next 20 years for a \$12 per year parcel tax with the money set aside to restore the bay's wetlands.

On the ballot the "San Francisco Bay Clean Water, Pollution Prevention and Habitat Restoration Program" will ask voters to decide if they wish "to protect San Francisco Bay for future generations by reducing trash, pollution and harmful toxins, improving water quality, restoring habitat for fish, birds and wildlife." Further the measure points out that with its passage by a two-thirds majority the measure would be "protecting communities from floods, and increasing shoreline public access."

Ballotpedia points out that supporters of the measure claim that "restoring the bay would have beneficial effects on the environment, recreation around the bay, and the

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BCDC to Discuss Ferry

Ekene Ikeme

A representative from the city of Alameda will discuss details of the proposed Seaplane Lagoon Ferry Terminal plan in front of the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) next Tuesday, June 7.

Alameda Point CEO Jennifer Ott will lead a collaborative that includes a representative from the Water Emergency Transportation Authority and two marine design



City of Alameda

Artist rendering of the Alameda Landing promenade and park atop the old Navy supply center wharf. The promenade will be 100 feet wide and more than 1,000 feet long and feature waterfront activities. Jack London Square is directly across the Estuary to the right. San Francisco skyline is visible in the background.

Plans Change for Alameda Landing

Developer proposes housing, hotel, plaza for final phase

Richard Bangert

Alameda Landing is about to enter its final phase of development. A 2006 plan that called for all commercial on the 41-acre waterfront parcel behind Target is being replaced with a new plan. It

includes an additional 375 housing units, a 124-room hotel, restaurants and a small amount of commercial space. An eight-acre waterfront park and promenade remain as the centerpiece.

The developer, Catellus, decid-

ed to shelve the all-commercial plan due to lack of demand, coupled with high costs to develop the seismically challenged site. Sean Whiskeman, senior vice president of development for Catellus, points out that no new office construction is underway along the Interstate 880 and Interstate 80 office corridors.

"The lack of demand "is a very compelling statistic in our opinion," he said, "especially given the alternative office sites available within Alameda."

He also pointed out that current rents would not support the upfront investment of \$90 million in land preparation costs. "Rents on the island are approximately \$16.50 per square foot," said Whiskeman. "Rents would have to be close to \$55 per square foot to justify building the office park on our waterfront site." Assuming a 3 percent average annual growth rate of commercial rents, it would only pencil out if construction began 41 years from now, according to Whiskeman.

Another challenge is the seismic stability of the massive concrete wharf and the soft shoreline. The park and waterfront promenade will be built on the wharf. There is currently a warehouse on the wharf, but it will be demolished to make way for the public open space.

The wharf was constructed in the 1940s to handle train cars and cranes for Navy supply operations.

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Power Rate to Increase in July

Sun Staff Reports

At the April 18 Public Utilities Board (PUB) meeting, members approved a 5 percent overall rate hike to customers of Alameda Municipal Power (AMP). The PUB decided these funds would be used to maintain reliable service while replacing aging infrastructure. The increase will go into effect Friday, July 1.

According to AMP, the increased rates are still 18.6 percent below

the average rate charged by Pacific Gas & Electric Co. in other Bay Area cities.

The amount of the increase will depend on the customer's rate class. A typical residential customer paying \$54 per month can expect an increase of about \$5.

As a community owned and locally operated electric system, AMP does not make a profit from these rates. Instead, the revenue from electricity sales in Alameda

goes directly toward the operation of the system, improving community services and quality of life for residents.

AMP does offer a variety of programs and services for customers who are having trouble paying their utility bills. Energy efficiency programs and rebates are available to customers who reduce their power consumption.

Visit www.alamedamp.com to learn more.

access for persons with disabilities to the maximum feasible extent, an ongoing maintenance program, and be identified with appropriate signs," according to BCDC policy.

- Views, which will look into how the terminal will affect the views of the lagoon for pedestrians.

- Circulation, which asks how the project will affect commuting to and around the project site. There is a proposed 26-foot-wide pedestrian promenade and a 12-foot-wide bicycle path along the project site.

The terminal will be located along Ferry Point Road at the eastern end of Seaplane Lagoon. Along with the terminal, the project includes a waterfront pedestrian promenade, a bike lane, a transit kiosk and a parking lot. This meeting is a pre-application review. Before construction begins on the terminal, BCDC needs to approve the project plans. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2020.

This special meeting of the BCDC takes place at 1 p.m. at Milton Marks Conference Center, San Diego Room, 455 Golden Gate Ave. in San Francisco.

News in Brief

Sun Staff Reports
Experience 'Alameda in the Making'

Alameda Home Team, the Alameda Association of Realtors and the Alameda League of Women Voters will host "Alameda in the Making" tomorrow, June 3, from 9 a.m. to noon. This free forum will address Alameda housing projects currently under construction or in planning phases, include proposed projects at Encinal Terminals and Alameda Marina.

Amy Wooldridge, Alameda Recreation and Parks Department director, will discuss the 27-acre Jean Sweeney Open Space Park. The forum will include an open question-and-answer session.

The forum will be held at the Alameda Elks Lodge, 2244 Santa Clara Ave. and will be followed by a bus tour and lunch.

Reserve a seat at alameda.eventbrite.com.

Documentary Tackles Tough Subject June 15

How can we solve a societal problem that, for most people, is too horrifying to discuss or even contemplate?

That is the central question raised by *Pervert Park*, a film about the people nobody wants as their neighbors — convicted sex offenders. Alameda Free Library will pre-

mier this PBS/Point of View (POV) documentary on Wednesday, June 15, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Main Library meeting room (1550 Oak St.) An informal group discussion will take place after the film and additional resource materials will be available for those who want to continue learning about the issue.

Everyone is welcome to this free event. Due to the nature of the material, parents are advised to use their best judgment about bringing children to the screening.

The film will air on POV July 11, on most PBS stations. A trailer, and additional information about the film, can be found at www.pbs.org/pov/pervertpark.

Discuss Bay Farm Plans

A community conversation about Westmont Harbor Bay's proposed assisted living and memory care facility on Adelphian Way next to the Harbor Bay Ferry terminal has been set for Wednesday, June 8, 1 to 2 p.m., at Mastick Senior Center, 1155 Santa Clara Ave. in dining room 2.

Westmont Harbor Bay will also present its updated site plans for this facility to the Alameda Planning Board on Wednesday, June 22, at 7 p.m.

Email Chris Garwood at cgarwood@pulc.com or Becca Perata at becca@voxpopulipr.net for more information.

Early Morning Blaze Strikes Fountain Street

Sun Staff Reports

An early morning fire last Friday displaced a resident and injured an Alameda Fire Department (AFD) firefighter. The first alarm sounded at 12:25 a.m. The size of the fire prompted crewmembers to quickly sound a second alarm, bringing all on-duty firefighters to the two-story home on the 1500 block of Fountain Street. The home's occupant had been safely evacuated.

In a press release AFD Capt. Jim Colburn stated that firefighters had the fire knocked down by 1 a.m. and fully extinguished at 1:35 a.m. Paramedics transported the injured firefighter to Kaiser Hospital in San Leandro.

Members of the Oakland Fire Department provided mutual aid. The Red Cross helped the displaced resident. Officers from the Alameda Police Department, as well as crews from Pacific Gas & Electric Co., Alameda Municipal Power and the city's Building Department also responded to the fire, Colburn stated.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.



Alameda Fire Department

Alameda firefighters bring a fire on the 1500 block of Fountain Street under control.