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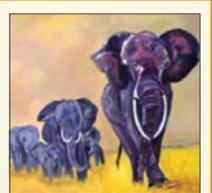
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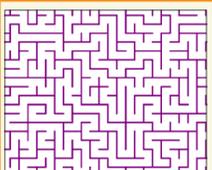
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## Vandals Get Political on L1

**Ekene Ikeme**

An Alameda man believes his home was vandalized due to his stance on the city's rent control issue. Alameda resident Dean McPhee's house suffered damage caused by a rock.

"Shortly before 1 a.m. Friday, Sept. 23, an unknown vandal threw a raw egg at the window of our 115-year-old Victorian," wrote McPhee in a letter to the *Alameda Sun*. "The egg broke, but the window did not, so a second effort entailed a rock, which was effective in breaking the 2' by 3' pane of the double-hung window."

McPhee believes the reason for the vandalism is due to his support of Measure L1, which supports the city's solution to the rising rent crisis in Alameda.

"Earlier that day, I had taped to the inside of the window a sign urging a 'No' vote on Measure 'M1', which is, in my opinion as a lawyer, a wildly inappropriate and probably illegal rent control ordinance. The sign also urged a 'Yes' vote on Measure 'L1', which again in my opinion, is a more reasonable approach to the issues involved." McPhee would later file a police report.

It is not certain if the vandalism has any connection to McPhee's support for Measure L1, but it would not be the first time the rising rent issue has caused a commotion in Alameda. Back in

Nov. 2015, two people, Bob Davis and John Klein, were arrested at a City Council meeting when tempers flared and the Alameda Renters Coalition (ARC) stormed the council chambers. Interim Assistant City Manager at the time Bob Haun was injured in the melee.

The rising rent issue has created a firestorm in Alameda for well over two years now. The issue has created lots of opinions, protests, council meeting topics and two rent measures that will appear on the November ballot will bring some finality to the issue.

A yes vote for Measure L1 will formally adopt the city's "Rent Stabilization Ordinance," which has temporarily been in place since March. The measure limits residential rent increases to once annually, requires mediation for all rent increases above 5 percent, restricts reasons for "no fault" evictions, requires landlords to pay relocation fees when terminating certain tenancies and permits the City Council to amend the ordinance to address changing concerns and conditions.

Most Alameda landlords have supported this measure as a lesser of two evils. A landlord-backed initiative, "Alameda Homeowners and Private Property Rights Act," was blocked from appearing on the November ballot after the

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## Students Gather for Presidential Debate

*Photo by Lily Ariunbold and Deanna Chu*

On Monday evening, Sept. 26, 110 Encinal High School students in Kevin Gorham's Advanced Placement Government and Politics class convened at Wescafe for dinner and to watch the first presidential debate of the 2016 election. The students watched intently as presidential candidates Hilary Clinton and Donald Trump went at it for 90 minutes. After the debate the students overwhelmingly thought that Hilary Clinton had won the debate. According to major news sources, more than 80 million people watched the event Monday, setting a record for the most-viewed debate in the 60-year history of televised debates.

## City Mulls Point Enterprise District

**Dennis Evanosky**

At its Tuesday, Oct. 4, meeting the City Council will discuss the development of Alameda Point's Enterprise District, also noted as Area B on some maps. The district lies south of Area A, which is centered on West Atlantic Avenue and primed for residential development.

City staff has divided the district into four zones.

**Zone 1** occupies most of the district. The city hopes to use this land for employment and business uses. This includes offices, research and development companies and bio-technology companies. The city would also welcome businesses that deal in high-tech manufacturing and sales, light and heavy industrial manufacturing and maritime interests.

**Zone 2** abuts Site A and would focus on office uses compatible with the Waterfront Town Center, which is part of Site A.

**Zone 3** would serve as a buffer along Main Street and the residential neighborhoods to the east. The city plans lower intensity here to create a more seamless integration between the Enterprise District and the existing neighborhood and allows the possibility for some residential uses.

**Zone 4** abuts the piers and Seaplane Lagoon. The city would



City of Alameda

The city plans to promote the development of Alameda Point's Enterprise Zone, shown here as Area B, with a campaign to attract developers.

Staff members are working on identifying appropriate tenants for the site, the staff report states.

The city plans to coordinate the development of the Enterprise Zone with phase 1 of Site A's infrastructure, which could take up to three years. "Once the city transfers ownership of the first

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## Fire Strikes Closed Downtown Business; No One Injured

**Sun Staff Reports**

A Tuesday morning fire at a long-shuttered bar on Park Street sparked an Alameda Fire Department (AFD) investigation. The fire broke out at John Patrick's, an old dive bar at 1813 Park St.

The fire was reported at 7:59 a.m. AFD spokesperson Capt. Jim Colburn said that firefighters made short work of the blaze, which originated in a debris pile outside the building.

The fire spread to three cars parked next to the building. They extinguished it in about 10 minutes.

The bar closed in 2011 after its owners defaulted on their taxes to the tune of \$11,772. The city once expressed an interest in buying the 5,850-square-foot property, which is next door to the now-closed Ron Goode Toyota.

No one was hurt extinguishing the blaze, Colburn said.

## Election Edition Nov. 3

**Dennis Evanosky**

The *Alameda Sun* will publish its election edition on Thursday, Nov. 3. The edition will include information about all candidates and issues that will appear on the Tuesday, Nov. 8, ballot.

The *Sun* welcomes letters and pieces in favor of candidates, but will not publish them until Nov. 3. The *Sun* will not run letters

opposing candidates and will not run any letters that disparage candidates. The *Sun* will also not publish boiler-plate letters. These are letters that come from different writers but say essentially the same thing.

The *Sun* has been publishing, and will continue to publish, letters in favor of and in opposition to measures on the ballot.



Mike Lano

## Live Owls Draw Crowds to Library

**Sun Staff Reports**

The great horned owl pictured above was just one of the live owls that greeted a standing-room-only crowd last Saturday at the Alameda Free Library. Local families and their kids met the live owls free courtesy of the library. In addition to this event, the library is sponsoring an Owl Good Times Night Hike tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 30, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Canyon Meadow Staging Area in Oakland's Redwood Regional Park. This night hike will visit the habitat where owls and other wildlife live. Dress for exploring in dark, warm, quiet clothing and bring flashlights with red covers. For more information, call 544-3187.

## News in Brief

**Sun Staff Reports**

**Fleet Week Kicks Off Sunday**

The Blue Angels, United States Air Force aircraft, other performance teams and aerobatic planes, as well as France's Breitling Jet Team will use Oakland International Airport this year as their base for Fleet Week 2016.

The week-long airshow kicks off with the arrival of the Blue Angels at 6 p.m., this Sunday, Oct. 2 and wraps up with their departure at 10 a.m., Monday, Oct. 10. The Port of Oakland is advising residents about the week's unusual flight activity and possible noise impacts. Key flight activity times include the afternoons of Thursday, Oct. 6 through Sunday, Oct. 9.

**Fleet Week Celebration on Hornet**

The USS Hornet Museum will host several musical performances to welcome the fleet to San Francisco Bay on Friday, Oct. 7. Headlining the event is the USO Show Troupe which presents performers with extensive stage, film and television credits. Other performers include The Swingin' Blue Stars, U.S. Pacific Fleet Band, RockSkool by HFT Rocks, DJ Tom LG and The USS Hornet Band. Doors open at 1 p.m. For ticket prices and more information, visit [www.uss-hornet.org](http://www.uss-hornet.org).

**Public Can Now Apply for Passports at City Hall**

The City Clerk's Office will begin to accept U.S. Passport applications on behalf of the U.S. Department of State beginning on Monday, Oct. 3. U.S. citizens planning international travel may apply for their passports Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 2263 Santa Clara Ave. Room 380.

"The City Clerk's Office is pleased to offer passport and passport photo services in one convenient stop. We look forward to providing exceptional customer service to anyone needing a passport," said Lara Weisiger, City Clerk.

For application forms, information on documentation required, fees and other passport and international travel information, visit the Department of State's official website at [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) or the city's website at [www.alameda.ca.gov/passports](http://www.alameda.ca.gov/passports).

**Women Artist Awards Given**

Each year, the Alameda Women Artists (AWA) give awards to two female artists — one adult and one youth — residing in Alameda. This year's winners are Candace Rowe in the adult category and Jordan Yu in the youth category. Each artist will receive a cash award of \$500.

Their work will be displayed at **BRIEFS: Page 9**