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 Daylight Saving Time Starts
Turn Your Clocks Back One Hour
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A still from "Agape," one of the many short films that will be screened as part of the Alameda International Film Festival.

Alameda Film Festival Attracts Movie Glitterati

Sun Staff Reports
 The third annual Alameda International Film Festival (AIFF) will kick off Friday, Nov. 2, at Veterans' Memorial Hall.
 The three-day festival will open with a celebration of the legacy of Bay Area acting legend Robin Williams. There will be a 25th anniversary screening of *Mrs. Doubtfire* will this Friday, Nov. 2. The film was shot predominantly in San Francisco, with other scenes filmed in different Bay Area locations, and grossed more than \$400 million in the worldwide box office.
 The film won a Golden Globe for best comedy or musical, while Williams himself netted a Golden Globe for best actor in a musical or comedy for his performance. Cast members Scott Capurro, Dick Bright, and Geoff Bolt will attend the screening then take part in a live interview about the film and working with Williams.
 Day two of AIFF will feature a 75th anniversary celebration of Alfred Hitchcock's *Shadow of a Doubt*. The 1943 psychological thriller was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Writing. The film starred Teresa Wright as Charlotte Newton and Joseph Cotten as Charles Oakley. The movie was set and filmed in Santa Rosa.
 Throughout day two and three several documentaries and short films from filmmakers across the world will premiere at AIFF. On Saturday, the documentary film *The Guardians* will be premiered. The film is about elderly people removed from their homes by court-appointed guardians. Day three will showcase documentary *The Limits of My World* about a young man with autism's transition into adulthood.
 Short films to premiere this weekend include "When Kids Meet a Creature" about children exploring their imaginations; "Poppies" about

A Guide to State Propositions

Dennis Evanosky
 Eleven state propositions crowd California's 2018 ballot. There should have been 12, but on July 18, the California Supreme Court blocked Proposition 9, the vote to split California in three.
Prop. 1: Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond
 ✓ A "yes" vote supports authorizing the state to issue \$4 billion in general obligation bonds for housing-related programs, loans, grants and projects, including loans for veterans.
 ✓ A "no" vote opposes authorizing the state to issue these bonds.
Prop. 2: Homeless Housing Bond
 ✓ A "yes" vote supports the state use of existing mental health funds to house homeless people suffering from mental illness.
 ✓ A "no" vote opposes authorizing the state to use these funds to house the mentally ill homeless.
Prop. 3: Water Bond
 ✓ A "yes" vote supports authorizing the state to issue \$8.9 billion in bonds for water infrastructure.
 ✓ A "no" vote opposes authorizing the state to issue these bonds.
Prop. 4: Children's Hospital Bond
 ✓ A "yes" vote supports authorizing the state to issue \$1.5 billion in bonds for the construction, expansion, renovation and equipping of children's hospitals in California. The bonds would cost taxpayers about \$80 million every year over 35 years.
 ✓ A "no" vote opposes authorizing the state to issue these bonds.
Prop. 5: Property Tax Breaks
 ✓ A "yes" vote supports allowing homeowners older than 55 (or those with severe disabilities or affected by a natural disasters) to pay lower

District, Teachers Reach Deadlock

Dennis Evanosky
 The 550-member Alameda Education Association (AEA), the union that represents the city's public school teachers, says that its negotiators have reached an impasse in contract talks with the Alameda Unified School District (AUSD). The union has turned to the Public Employee Relations Board (PERB) to step in and moderate.
 According to the union, after 12 months of bargaining, AUSD has "never budged on its monetary offer, and even refused to settle dental benefits and class-size limits for special-education classes, saying the money for those had to come out of the teachers' pay raises."
 "The district and the union have been negotiating since April 2017. Last spring, (the school district and teachers) ratified a retroactive raise of one-half of 1 percent and a one-time payment of 1 percent for the 2017-18 school year," AUSD stated in a press release.
 According to the school district, the "two bargaining teams are largely in agreement on a 5 percent salary increase for 2018-19. Where they disagree is on the salary increases for 2019-20 and 2020-21. AEA leadership has asked for guaranteed salary increases in those years."
 Based on current projections, the school district "believes it cannot now guarantee raises in the second and third year. In addition, bargaining year-by-year has allowed AUSD to slowly but steadily decrease the gap between AUSD salaries and the county average."
 "AUSD teachers are the lowest

paid in Alameda County, a fact the district office acknowledges. Teachers have asked to be brought up to county average across three years, yet AUSD has offered just 4.5 percent for the current school year and nothing guaranteed for the next two years, not even Sacramento's promised cost-of-living adjustments," the union states.
 On Jan. 23, AEA launched a community outreach campaign called "AEAnchors Away!"
 Union president Judith Klinger said at the time that the teachers were pressing the school district to bring teachers' pay at least the average pay that teachers earn in Alameda County. "The union is striving to make teachers' salaries a top priority in the 2018-19 AUSD budget," Klinger said at the inauguration of the union's campaign.
 On March 19, teachers gathered to protest their pay. They carried signs as they made their way down Webster Street and on to Island High School and the school board meeting. School board member Gary Lym told the teachers that school districts that pay higher salaries than AUSD have fewer facilities than AUSD ("AEA Teachers Lead March to Protest Pay," March 22).
 Lym also said that AUSD's average class size is 18. Districts with higher salaries have larger class sizes — 22 on average. He did agree that there is "an imperative to raise teachers' salaries."
 At that same meeting, board member Anne McKereghan blamed the state of California for "not giving school districts enough money to support salaries and programs that are good for students."

In a recently released press release from the union, Klinger stated that the school district is trying to build raises on teachers' backs, something she called "a bad strategy."
 According to Klinger, over the past seven years, AUSD has continued to forecast budget deficits. "Yet at the end of each year, (the district has) millions in unanticipated revenue."
 Klinger says that "it's time to change the budgeting priorities and put employees first. We need the help of an outside mediator to try and find resolution and reach a settlement agreement that can bring Alameda teachers up to average."
 If PERB certifies AEA's request for an impasse determination, the agency will assign a neutral mediator to try to help the two teams come to agreement. Both teams are expected to continue to bargain in good faith during this period.
 If the parties can't come to agreement with the help of a mediator, the two teams will enter into "fact finding" in which a panel reviews the arguments and proposals of both sides and then provides a recommended course of action. Mediation and then fact finding can take several months.
 "As we continue to follow the process for negotiations, we remain hopeful that we can come to agreement with our labor partners," stated Board of Education President Gray Harris. "All of us agree that raising employee salaries is a priority."
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First Responders Pose to Benefit Shelter Animals

Sun Staff Reports
 Friends of the Alameda Animal Shelter (FAAS) has put together a 2019 calendar with some help from Alameda's first responders. Members of both the Alameda Fire and Police departments posed with cats, dogs and one rabbit that were adopted from FAAS. Above, firefighter Mike Navarro shares the frame with his buddy, Squeak. FAAS is asking \$15 per calendar. All proceeds benefit the shelter pets. Stop by and get one at 1590 Fortmann Way or at any of the animal clinics in town. They are also available online at alamedaanimalshelter.org.

property tax rates when they sell their homes and buy new ones.
 ✓ A "no" vote does not support this tax break.
Prop. 6: Gas Tax Repeal
 ✓ A "yes" vote supports the repeal of a 12 cent-per-gallon gasoline sales tax increase and a 4 percent tax increase on diesel fuel.
 ✓ Voting "no" supports keeping the gasoline and diesel taxes in place. The revenue from these increases funds a \$130 billion transportation package enacted in 2017 to repair highways and roads and fund mass transit.
Prop. 7: Year-round Daylight Saving Time
 ✓ A "yes" vote supports year-round Daylight Saving Time, pending legislative and federal government approval.
 ✓ A "no" vote supports keeping daylight and standard time in place.
Prop. 8: Dialysis Clinics' Revenue
 ✓ A "yes" vote supports requiring dialysis clinics to issue refunds to patients or patients' payers, such as insurers, for revenue above 115 percent of the costs.
 ✓ Voting "no" opposes limiting dialysis clinics' revenue.

City Update on East End Public Access

Amy Woolridge
 A few years ago, the Army Corps of Engineers transferred submerged land under the Oakland Estuary to the City of Alameda at no cost, and the city sold that land to adjacent property owners at market value. This allowed property owners to get necessary permits to improve their docks, many of which had been falling apart for decades, and generated \$1 million in revenues that will be invested in our community to improve public access to the water at six nearby public pathways along Ferside Boulevard and Eastshore Drive.
 Over the last two months, the city released an independent feasibility study that offers recommendations for each of these pathways, convened a public walk to engage the community with around 75 participants, held two public meetings with more than 60 participants, gathered data from an online survey with 494 participants and met individually with adjacent property owners and community members.
 As detailed in the feasibility study, these six access points are all a bit different, though over the years all six points have been encroached on in various ways. The three public access points along Ferside include a long pathway between two single-family homes that was originally designed to bulb out at the water's edge.
 Over several decades, property owners encroached on this public land, and today only the pathway to the water's edge is publicly accessible. Two of the access points on Eastshore are similar to each other with limited encroachment and are used frequently by the public with expansive views of San Leandro Bay, but a third access point is not currently publicly accessible due to continued encroachment.
 Our public input process was designed to gather community feedback regarding what is generally possible at each of the access points, including what should be maintained for public access and options for improvement. Throughout this process, we heard a lot of questions from the