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Daylight Saving Time Starts
Turn Your Clocks
Back One Hour
2am Sunday Morning
& Check Your Smoke
Detector Batteries!



Coast Guard photo

Crewmembers of the Alameda-based Coast Guard Cutter *Waesche* secure a semi-submersible submarine after seizing the cocaine-laden vessel on the open seas on Sept. 6. The cutter arrived in San Diego on Oct. 27, where crewmembers unloaded 39,000 pounds of cocaine — 5,600 pounds from the submarine pictured here.

Waesche Unloads Tons of Seized Dope

Sun Staff Reports

The crew of the Alameda-based Coast Guard Cutter *Waesche* unloaded some 39,000 pounds of cocaine in San Diego last Wednesday. Among the illicit cargo were more than 5,600 pounds of cocaine that the *Waesche* confiscated on Sept. 6 from a self-propelled semi-submersible submarine in the Pacific Ocean off Central America.

Coast Guard officials reported that *Waesche* crewmembers pursued the semi-submersible using two vessels and an armed helicopter. They apprehended five alleged smugglers and prevented them from filling the vessel with water and destroying the evidence.

This marked the sixth time the Coast Guard has seized a self-propelled semi-submersible in the fis-

cal year that ended Sept. 30. During that time the Coast Guard confiscated a record-setting 208 tons of cocaine worth more than \$5.6 billion, a record for the service.

During that time, ships based at Coast Guard Island seized some 43 tons of cocaine with a street value of an estimated \$1.5 billion.

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ASTI Students Hold Mock Election

Junlin "William" Chen

As the official election approaches, many schools across Alameda, including ASTI (Alameda Science and Technology Institute) are holding mock elections to familiarize students with the voting process. Last Wednesday Oct. 26, ASTI held a mock election in which students voted for their desired presidential candidate, California propositions, and had the opportunity to dress as their favorite candidate.

According to ASTI counselor and Advisory (Leadership) instructor, Kristen Jurkovich, the mock election is a cross-curricular activity that helps students understand how the election is related to different subject areas. It was implemented as a component of Spirit Week, a school-wide event in which students can earn points for their



Terry Chau

ASTI students participated in a mock election recently to familiarize themselves with the voting process.

corresponding grade levels by participating in various activities. To emulate the setting and ambiance of a voting poll, advisory students established voting booths and distributed sample ballots to students

prior to the voting process. All students participated in the mock election.

Several of the students involved said this was a unique learning

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Candidates' Remarks

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Candidates are listed first according to the office sought, then in alphabetical order by last name. City Council candidates first, followed by City Auditor, City Treasurer and, finally, the Alameda Unified School District board.

City Council Candidates

Tony Daysog

Perhaps the most pressing matter facing our city is how we develop key parts of our Island, since what happens in those areas affects everyone. I voted against two developments along the estuary because I was dissatisfied with their transit plan ("bus passes").



Tony Daysog

On the other hand, I voted for the Alameda Point "Site A" project because of that project's three-pronged commitment to transit: new ferry terminal, bus rapid transit and a morning shuttle that commuters will wait on average 7.5 minutes for.

Thus, I'm running to continue using my master's degree in urban planning from UC Berkeley and my professional city planning work experience to move our city forward in a sustainable manner, and, in so doing, make decisions on a fair and impartial basis.

To underscore the importance in making fair and impartial decisions, I refuse campaign contributions from special interests such as developers. I am independent. Thank you.

Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft

As your City Councilmember for the last four years, I've worked to create good jobs and housing opportunities, achieve a sustainable budget, protect our environ-

ment, promote ethical city government and ensure Alameda remains a vibrant, livable community.

I've championed quality development at Alameda Point to help eradicate blight and am working to reduce traffic congestion and preserve our environment by expanding AC Transit, BART shuttles, ferry service and bicycle infrastructure.

I am proud to be endorsed by Alameda's firefighters and police officers, numerous residents and local business owners and more than three dozen public officials.

Alameda has been my home for most of my life. My husband and I raised our children here. I care deeply about our community and would be honored to have your vote for re-election on Nov. 8.

To learn more about me and my campaign, please visit www.Marilyn4Alameda.org



Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft

Jennifer Roloff

City Council decisions haven't come from the people. They seem to prioritize outside interests and Councilmembers' personal agendas instead. The symptoms are the frustrations Alamedans tell me about: unsustainable development, traffic and other congestion, fiscal irresponsibility; all in the name of "progress." This isn't progress. Progress is simply the difference between the way things are and the way things should be.



Jennifer Roloff

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Follow the Money

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The second round of pre-election campaign disclosure filings was recently released and it shows several Alameda candidates have obtained significantly more monetary contributions than other candidates during the election cycle.

The first round of pre-election filings span from July 1 to Sept. 24, while the second round was from Sept. 25 to Oct. 22. The deadline for the second round filings to be turned into the Alameda city clerk's office was last Thursday, Oct. 27.

According to the filings, union political action committees contributed \$61,485.69 to a total of five candidates. No one benefited more from these outside sources than City Council-hopeful Malia Vella who received \$31,985.67 from unions. Those contributions

include \$1,000 from the Teamsters Local Union Political Action Committee (PAC) on Aug. 29 and \$500 from the Unite Here TIP State & Local Fund, which supports low-wage workers in several industries including hotels, airports, food service and more according to its website. She also received 1,000 from the Construction & General Laborers Local Union on July 4 and \$500 dollars from the United Food & Commercial Workers (UFCW) Local 5 PAC on Sept. 20.

Vella's \$31,985.67 from union contributions account for more than 66 percent of the total contribution dollars she received at \$48,355.67.

The only other City Council candidate to receive union PAC contributions is incumbent Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft. Ashcraft received a

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Rapist, Arsonist Faces Sentence

Dennis Ewanosky

On Monday, Oct. 24, Andrew Gutierrez, 24, learned that a jury had found him guilty of raping a woman on Sept. 19, 2014, in Alameda. Before he went on trial for the rape, Gutierrez offered to plead guilty to six counts of arson for the fires he set nine days later in Alameda.

Although he committed the rape on the same woman, special circumstances allowed the Alameda County District Attorney (DA) to charge Gutierrez with two counts of rape because the woman was both intoxicated and unconscious during the act.

Testimony at the trial revealed that the woman was sleeping in her car on Park Street when Gutierrez approached her vehicle. He got into the car with her and drove to nearby Park Avenue and the relative seclusion of Jackson Park. There he had intercourse with the woman.

Alameda County Deputy DA Matt Gaidos told the jury that the woman awoke during the act and told Gutierrez to stop. The woman

later called police and members of the Alameda Police Department dusted her car for fingerprints.

Nine days after the rape, in the early morning hours of Sept. 28, 2014, Gutierrez busied himself in Alameda setting a number of fires. APD arrested Gutierrez that same day. The DA charged him with arson. While investigating these charges, Alameda Police Department investigators discovered that Gutierrez's fingerprints matched those recovered from the rape victim's car. The DA then charged Gutierrez with rape.

Gutierrez is scheduled to be sentenced by Alameda County Superior Court Judge Gloria Rhynes at 9 a.m., Jan. 5, 2017, in Department 3 at the Rene C. Davidson Courthouse in Oakland. He faces sentencing for both the arson and rape cases. According to Gaidos, Gutierrez could serve as much as 23 years and four months in prison. Once released Gutierrez would have to register as both a sex offender and an offender.



HALLOWEEN HAUNTINGS

Photos & Story by Eric J. Kos

In typical Alameda form, the streets were stormed by ghosts and goblins in the vicinity of Grand Street on Halloween. Glowing jellyfish were definitely a theme this year (above). Of particular note was one little girl dressed as "presidential" candidate Donald Trump (left). She was said to be determined to "make Halloween great again." According to her dad, they were letting her stock up on candy to help her deal with her upcoming loss next Tuesday.