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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dangerous chess players

AFTER READING The Tribune article on Aug. 27 regarding the recent chess wars at Lake Merritt I see an easy answer to this form of hooliganism: arrest the perpetrators and lock up their chess pieces for evidence.

For some reason, though, the Oakland police don't seem to be that concerned with this lawlessness. I'm surprised. Can't they see that this sort of thing can get out of hand? It may only be chess on the sidewalk today but it may lead to tournaments in the future and next thing you know Oakland will get a reputation for this sort of thing. Then what?

Gene Hazzard, owner of Thrift N' Things, is not just an ordinary businessman. He seems to be auspiciously interested in education and community affairs. On more than one occasion, he has even gone so far as to run for City Council.

Can you imagine having a chess advocate who likes to talk to his neighbors in City Hall? I'm just not sure that Oakland can tolerate this man or his games.

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