

Year: In review as told through the local news stories in the Alameda Sun

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Brickner was given the award at a ceremony on Sept. 26 in San Leandro. "Rabbi Brickner is being recognized for his leadership at Temple Israel and his inspiring commitment to the spiritual, emotional, physical and mental health of both the congregation and the community," said Bonta. Brickner currently serves as the president of the East Bay Council of Rabbis and co-chair of the Alameda Interfaith Coalition. He also is a member of both the Alameda Hospital Ethics Committee and the Interfaith Council of Alameda County. Brickner has worked with the East Bay Jewish Community Relations Council to organize the first East Bay Area annual Halaqa Seder, an evening of sharing Muslim and Jewish perspectives on the Exodus.

October

The month of October witnessed high tensions ahead of the November elections. Three weeks from the election, discourse turned vitriolic against incumbent Councilmember Tony Daysog, as a slate of candidates combined efforts in attempt to unseat him. The slate ran a negative ad campaign, sending out mailers. The mailer had two ads, the first showing excerpts from planning board member David Burton's Sept. 14 letter in the *Alameda Journal*. Burton was critical of Daysog for not supporting the Planning Board's decision to allow an assisted living facility to be built near the Oakland Airport. Despite the factual inaccuracies contained in the mailer, Daysog would go on to lose reelection the next month.

The other hot topic of the election was rent control, which also had its share of election drama. A collection of renters' rights' advo-

ates from six Bay Area cities filed a complaint with the California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) that a political mailer sent out by the California Apartment Association (CAA), in support of Measure M1, contained a misleading statement.

In a disheartening election season, Alameda residents could at least turn to sports for a distraction. Oct. 28 was the 63rd annual Island Bowl played between the Alameda Hornets and Encinal Jets high school teams. This edition of the rivalry lacked much of its historic drama, with Encinal shutting out Alameda 41-0.

November

Alamedans woke up on Nov. 9 to learn that Donald Trump had defeated Hillary Clinton; the Trumps, not the Clintons, will be moving into 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. Jan. 20. The collective non-acceptance of the unexpected victory was immediately felt in Alameda. The Friday after Election Day, hundreds of students hailing from seven Alameda schools marched to City Hall to express their shared concerns about the future. Another demonstration, organized by Susan



File photos

Alameda voters chose to replace Councilmember Tony Daysog, left, with Malia Vella. Vella, the top vote getter, will serve as the new Vice Mayor of Alameda.

Davis, also sent an anti-Trump message, but in a unique format. It was a candlelight vigil to mourn the election results and whatever change that might bring, and was relatively silent compared to other election protests nationwide. The election results were followed by a spike in hate crimes, with Alameda being no exception. A custodian at Edison Elementary School reported racist graffiti spray-painted on campus Nov. 11.

On the local front, Alamedans learned that they had a brand-new City Councilmember and two equally fresh School Board trustees. Voters passed a measure that extended the period that the district could depend on the current parcel tax. Voters confirmed that the city can rely on more money from a utility tax and gave a nod to a city ordinance to help stabilize the rental market. A measure that would have promoted renters' rights from a mere ordinance to inscription in the City Charter failed to pass muster.

City auditor Kevin R. Kearney won reelection and City Treasurer Kevin Kennedy also got to keep his job.

December

December delivered Alameda a much-needed dose of holiday cheer, which played in the backdrop of a local tragedy. In addition to usual Christmas traditions like Christmas Tree Lane, Alamedans started a new one — Dec. 21 was the ceremonial launch of Project Tree, which kickstarted with a donation from the *Alameda Sun*. The idea was to seed a tree planting program in Alameda that would help restore and maintain the city's urban forest.

All the new trees seeded by this project should offset the



File photo

Immediately following the election of Donald Trump to U.S. President in early November, Encinal High School students took to the streets to protest.

loss of a 150-year old oak tree at the Maya Lin School, which was felled in Alameda's first major storm of the season and which many community members were sad to see go.

And speaking of trees, Alameda's famous dance troupe The Dancing Christmas Trees, earned an invitation to the 90th annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City.

On Friday, Dec. 3, the Ghost Ship fire claimed 36 souls, among them a native son of Alameda — Johnny Igaz. Igaz was a DJ at the warehouse party who used the stage name "Nack." Igaz graduated from Alameda High in 1999 and, shortly thereafter, decided on a career in music. Igaz attended Berklee College of Music in Boston and the Ruth

Asawa School of the Arts in San Francisco. He worked house parties, and his talent earned him a spot at Oakland's Ruby Room. He helped found the Deep East party and participated in the eclectic Rare Form undergrounds. His friend Chris Zaldua remembers Igaz not just for his music. In a column he penned for KQED, Zaldua recalls that Igaz had a sense of humor that "never left him without a smile on his face and left him cracking jokes about his own struggles." Zaldua also describes his late friend's support for the causes he believed in. These included veganism, feminism, racial justice, non-violence, as well as fair pay for artists, musicians and creators.

Dec. 7 was the 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl

Harbor, and Alameda honored the fallen, at ceremonies held at the USS Hornet Museum, and on Coast Guard Island. Among the guests of honor were Lawson Sakai, a World War II veteran of E Company, 442nd RCT. He spoke to a packed audience about the origins of his regiment and its role in rescuing the Lost Battalion.

Some Alamedans also went to Hawaii, to march in the Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade in Honolulu, including Duane L. Blackwell, retired Superior Court Justice Chester Richard Bartolini. Also present were active duty Coast Guard officers Cmdr. J. Andrew Williamson and Lt. Ernest "Ernie" Saponara.

Lawrence Kumarasivan is the new Alameda Sun calendar editor.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE #525413
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The following individual is doing business as: **Isomer Media** at 2255 Hearst Ave. #4, Berkeley, Alameda County, CA 94709 is hereby registered by the following owner(s) **Clear Box Productions LLC** at 2255 Hearst Ave. #4, Berkeley, CA 94709. Business conducted as a Limited Liability Company. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business using the fictitious business name listed above. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Alameda County on 12/17/2016. AS 595 12/29, 1/5, 1/12, 1/19

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