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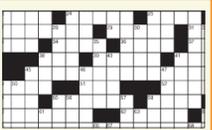
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Marina Paves Way for Redo

Dennis Evanosky

Bill Poland is the majority owner of Pacific Shops Inc. (PSI) that leases the land from the city where the Alameda Marina stands. He is moving forward with his plans to redevelop the site.

According to Poland, the city "specifically designated (the marina) for mixed-use redevelopment and as a multifamily housing site to fulfill Alameda's Housing Element commitments." Not everyone agrees with Poland's interpretation of "redevelopment." Some fear that redevelopment could spell the end for all the marina-oriented businesses at the site.

In 2006, Poland and the late Svend Svendsen purchased the marina from John Bentzen. The following year, Poland and Svendsen began meeting with the city to execute a new tidelands lease for the portion of the marina owned by the state but managed by the city.

On the Alameda Marina website (www.alamedamarina.com) Poland explains that in May 2012 Svend and Sean Svendsen signed a new tidelands lease with the city. The lease requires a master plan for "demolition and/or replacement and/or comprehensive rehabilitation of existing improvements on the property and for construction of a new, higher-value project," Poland states.

On Tuesday Poland announced that the marina's harbormaster Brock De Lappe had left the company and that the president of PSI's board of directors Sean Svendsen had resigned. Svendsen was not available for comment.

When contacted for comment, de Lappe told the Sun that he did not leave the company willingly, he was fired for what he called a "perceived lack of support for (Poland's) development plans." De Lappe said that he was concerned about the tenants who could no longer afford to stay (at the marina). He also said he was worried about the impact development at Alameda Marina would have on the city's sailing community.

De Lappe played a key role in getting the 2013 estuary cleanup underway. He got the ball rolling in 2008, when he gathered the harbormasters and representatives from a laundry list of government and law enforcement agencies to discuss the growing number of unregistered boats, or anchor-outs, in the estuary.

"Our vision is Alameda's vision," Poland states on the Alameda Marina website. The Alameda Sun has learned from its readers that not everyone agrees with Poland's assessment.

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Cost Plus World Market has signed a lease to occupy this building on Marina Village Parkway.

Retailer Relocating HQ to Marina Village

Cost Plus expected to complete move late this year

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Home decor company Cost Plus World Market announced last week that it signed a lease with Brookfield Property Partners for 107,000 square feet of office space at 1201 Marina Village Parkway.

Cost Plus has been searching for new digs for its headquarters after it learned that Carmel Partners purchased the property where its headquarters currently sit at property bounded by Fourth, Fifth, Madison and Jackson streets just south of Interstate 880 in Oakland. Carmel Properties has plans

in the works to build an apartment building on the site.

To sweeten the deal for Cost Plus, Brookfield will include a 25,000-square-foot mock retail display store at the site to show off the Cost Plus product line. The company has been in Oakland since 1998. The move, which is scheduled for completion in the fall, will bring 400 jobs to Alameda.

Brookfield purchased the Marina Village office complex in May 2014 from Legacy Partners. The complex comprises 30 one- to five-story buildings at 1001 to 1300 Marina Village Parkway. Terms of the sale were not disclosed. Legacy had purchased the complex from Vintage Properties in 2006 for \$191 million.

Joseph Seiger and Michael Humphreys founded Vintage Prop-

erties in 1973. The pair built the Marina Village complex on land Bethlehem Steel had occupied from 1916 to 1948. Tynan Avenue, which leads into the parking lot at Cost Plus' new home recalls Joseph T. Tynan, Bethlehem Steel's shipbuilding general manager.

Cost Plus traces its history to 1958 San Francisco, when William Amthor opened his first store at Fisherman's Wharf. Amthor was already in business selling rattan furniture in San Francisco when he opened a 4,000-square-foot warehouse at the popular wharf.

The store was so successful that Amthor began importing other merchandise, including wicker by the shipload. According to its website, Cost Plus now has more than 250 stores in 30 states.

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Buildings along Clement Avenue that once housed the Pacific Bridge Co. are being demolished this week to make room for a new condominium complex.

Demolition Will Erase History

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The workers pictured above have been busy this week taking down a set of non-descript graffiti-ridden buildings at 2100 Clement Ave. They are making way for a condominium complex. The buildings on the site once housed workshops for Pacific Bridge Company, one of the prestigious "Six Companies" that built the Hoover Dam.

During World War II, "Six Companies" rolled up their collective sleeves and helped restore Pearl Harbor after the Japanese attack. They built airstrips and held a majority own-

ership interest in the Joshua Hendy Iron Works in Sunnyvale whose assembly line built reciprocating steam engines for 754 Liberty ships. The companies teamed up with one of its members, Henry J. Kaiser (from the Hoover Dam days years earlier) to take over shipbuilding on San Francisco Bay.

On his website "Shipbuilding History," naval historian Tim Colton reports that the Portland Ore.-based Pacific Bridge Company came to Alameda in 1942. Its Clement Avenue shipyard included the Oakland Estuary shoreline where the Navy

operations center now stands.

This is not the first time history has been erased at the site. Alameda builder Joseph A. Leonard, famous for Alameda's Leonardville, built four of the homes that currently stand on Eagle Avenue, just across the street from the site.

Colton says the Pacific Bridge Company either tore down or relocated homes when it built its operations on Clement. These homes likely stood on Eagle Avenue and could have been ones built by Leonard.

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Planning Board Considers Major Projects Monday

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Alameda residents will be able to review Master Plans for two Alameda developments for the first time at the Planning Board meeting this Monday, Jan. 25, at City Hall. The Planning Board will review plans for both the Block 10 area within Alameda Point's Site A project and Encinal Terminals.

After council approved the 68-acre Site A Development Plan in June 2015, the plan stipulated that 14.8-acres will be designated for publicly accessible open space, parks and plazas on "Block 10" of the site. The area will also include a unique urban park with rehabilitated existing Navy buildings across the street from the Waterfront Park.

Four buildings will comprise the retail spaces, with three comprised of existing former buildings constructed by the Navy and one new building that will be facing Ralph Appezatto Memorial Parkway.

According to the agenda memorandum, the new building has been imagined "The Distillery Building" and is designed to house retailers that specialize in beverage manufacture and sale, such as winemakers, coffee roasters, and/or spirits.

Building 98, closest to Block 11, is called the "West Seaplane Shops" and is designed to appeal to a wide range of retailers, perhaps a small grocery store (less than 5,000 square feet), bicycle shop, or other similar neighborhood retailers.

Building 67 "Bauhaus of Foods and Garden" at the rear of the Block is designed to house other food and beverage businesses and/or garden and home decorating or improvement businesses.

Building 112 adjacent to Block 9 is the "Market Hall" building, which is designed for antique stores, home décor, and other similar uses.

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Canfield Receives Sentence

He shot, killed his wife in 2014

Dennis Evanosky

On Jan. 14, Alameda County Superior Court Judge Gloria Rhynes sentenced Jerry Canfield, 73, to three years in prison for fatally shooting his wife, Joann, 72, on Oct. 6, 2014. ("Local Man Confesses to Wife's Killing," Oct. 20, 2014).

According to the Alameda Police Department (APD), Canfield arrived at its offices around 6 p.m. on Oct. 6, 2014, and told the front-desk clerks that he wanted to confess to the murder of his spouse. "He said that he killed his wife with a single gunshot," said APD Sgt. Rick Bradley. Bradley said Canfield told the police that he had shot his wife because she was suffering from numerous ailments.

The DA had originally charged Canfield with murder. On Jan. 16, 2015, Canfield pled not guilty to that charge. Then on Nov. 2, 2015 — more than a year after he shot his wife — Canfield appeared in court and — in return for the three-year sentence — entered a no-contest plea to the reduced

charge of voluntary manslaughter ("Canfield Enters Plea," Nov. 5, 2015).

Canfield did not address the court on Jan. 14. Instead, he listened quietly to a letter written by Lisa Reed, Joann's daughter from a previous marriage, and as Rhynes imposed his sentence. Reed was not in the courtroom. In her stead, DA's victim-witness advocate Dena Aindow read a letter from Reed, which said, in part, that the way Canfield had killed her mother upset her so much that she had to undergo therapy.

The sentencing was a formality. Canfield had already cut a deal with the Alameda County District Attorney's office. He will get credit for the 14 months and 20 days he already spent at Santa Rita Jail waiting for his sentence.

He would become eligible for release after serving 85 percent of the 36-month sentence, or 30.6 months. That means he could serve 16 more months and be eligible for release in mid-March 2017.

News in Brief

Sun Staff Reports

Posey Tube Closed for Maintenance

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announced recently that it will close the Posey Tube this coming week for cleaning and other maintenance. The Posey Tube, leaving Alameda, will be closed as follows:

- Monday, Jan. 25, from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. the following morning,
- Tuesday, Jan. 26, from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. the following morning,
- Wednesday, Jan. 27, from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. the following morning.

Questions or information about the Posey Tube closures should be directed to Tony Padilla, Caltrans, Tunnels & Tubes, at 286-0315.

League Meets Jan. 28

The League of Women Voters of Alameda (LWVA) will hold its general meeting from 7 to 9 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 28, in Conference Room C at Alameda Hospital, 2070 Clinton Ave.

The public is invited to see the LWVA at work and hear about its voter education and advocacy programs for the 2016 election cycle, including election forums and LWV positions on issues such as money in politics.

Everyone is welcome. Learn more at www.LWVAalameda.org.

Library Sponsors Night-Sky Show

On Dec. 28, 2015, the Alameda Free Library screened the PBS documentary *The City Dark*. Inspired by that showing, the library is soliciting entries for a community art project.

Participants should create — in art forms of their choice — a piece for display in the library.

They should use their most-impactful night-sky experience as inspiration. Entries should be smaller than a two-foot square. Artists should bring their creations — each no more than a two-foot square — to the Main Library, 1550 Oak St., by Tuesday, March 1.

All ages and art forms are welcome. If art forms don't easily display, for example, dance, the library asks that the artists make representations of them for the project.

The Main Library will host a reception at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 6, to celebrate the artists.

Alameda Sun readers can familiarize themselves with *The City Dark* at www.pbs.org/pov/citydark.