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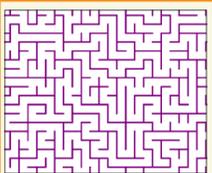
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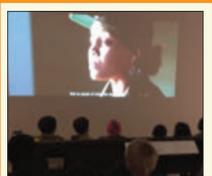
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Local Group Seeks to Impeach

Sun Staff Reports

Some members of the community are concerned that President Donald Trump's temperament, behavior and leadership are so faulty that they threaten this country's democracy. AlamedaImpeachment is calling for a Congressional investigation into Trump's behavior. They hope that such an investigation would determine whether sufficient grounds exist for Trump's impeachment.

Last Tuesday, Feb. 21, AlamedaImpeachment briefly demonstrated in front of City Hall to focus public attention on the rationale for impeaching Trump. The group planned to present the City Council a resolution calling on the U.S. Congress to conduct an impeachment investigation.

The group stated in a press release that its members worry that news reports and social media demonstrate growing national resistance to Trump's performance as president and that critical issues have led to the discussion of impeachment.

AlamedaImpeachment is part of "Impeach Donald Trump Now" led by Free Speech for People and Roots Action.org. According to AlamedaImpeachment, leading constitutional scholars and government ethics experts have warned Trump that his vast business enterprises present conflicts of interest. These conflicts may violate the Constitution, U.S. law and the public trust, the group stated in a press release. "Numerous legal challenges are already underway regarding these violations."

"Information has become public alleging that Trump and his associates have colluded with Russian government officials to coordinate illegal efforts to influence the outcome of the 2016 presidential election," the group stated in its press release. "Such collusion may include undermining U.S. government policy regarding sanctions associated with Russian interference in that election."

The group pointed out that a second group in the Bay Area presented a similar resolution to the Richmond City Council on Feb. 21.

Brief Bomb Scare at AHS

Sun Staff Reports

Alameda Police Department (APD) place faculty and students at Alameda High School under a shelter-in-place order Tuesday, Feb. 21. The order came after the school received a bomb threat, according to Susan Davis, Alameda Unified School District senior manager of community affairs. Davis said the school received the threat via telephone.

"Teachers kept instructing," said Davis. "Everyone did what they were supposed to do. Everyone was safe." The shelter-in-place order came around 8:20 a.m. and lasted about 40 minutes. APD said the threat was not credible, according to Davis.

The threat is now a criminal matter and APD is continuing its investigation.



Hands Join Across Alameda

Photo and Story by Maurice Ramirez

As part of the "Hands Across Alameda" protest of the immigration policies of President Donald Trump, a group of several hundred people gathered on Alameda's Crown Memorial Beach and along Alameda's shoreline. The group joined hands in heavy rain and wind while singing "This Land is Your Land" on Presidents Day, Monday, Feb. 20.

Sitting Trustee Passes

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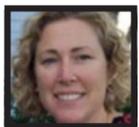
Alameda Unified School District (AUSD) and the Board of Education have announced that Board Member Solana Henneberry died on Tuesday, Feb. 14, after battling a serious illness for more than a year.

Henneberry, 44, taught special education in West Contra Costa Unified School District and specialized in assistive technology. She was elected to AUSD's Board of Education in 2014 and served as its president in 2016. She was devoted to public education and especially committed to supporting early childhood education and children with special needs. She served as co-chair of the Alameda Collaborative for Children, Youth and their Families and was an active representative on the Measure B1 campaign committee last fall.

"Board Member Henneberry was stalwart in her fight against this illness," said AUSD Superintendent Sean McPhetridge. "As president, she did not miss a single Board of Education meeting, even when she was undergoing treatment. Her commitment and leadership were truly inspiring. We will remember her as someone who dedicated her life to public education, her community, and her family. Our thoughts are with her friends and family now as we all grapple with this great loss to the Alameda community."

A GoFundMe page has been set up for Henneberry's three children. If you'd like to help visit www.gofundme.com/7gwna-fund-for-the-henneberry-kids

Contact Sun staff at editor@alamedasun.com.



Courtesy photo
Henneberry



Richard Bangert

Joggers on Mosley Avenue pass by the Navy's "For Sale" sign. The General Services Administration will auction off North Housing on behalf of the Navy on April 12.

Point Acres on Sale

Navy puts 14.9-acre former housing site up for auction

Richard Bangert

On Wednesday, April 12, the Navy will auction off part of its long-vacant property known as North Housing. The opening bid for the 14.9-acre parcel is \$5 million. The federal government's General Services Administration will conduct the auction.

In the coming months, the Navy will turn over another part of the same neighborhood to the Alameda Housing Authority and Habitat for Humanity. In addition, the Alameda Unified School District will receive the nearby former Island High School and Woodstock Child Development Center properties.

A complicated land disposal process for the area began about 10 years ago when the Coast Guard decided not to accept the housing site. Coast Guard personnel had been living in Navy-owned townhouses until they vacated them in 2005. The Coast Guard manages its adjacent Marina Village Family Housing complex between the North Housing and Bayport neighborhoods.

In a deal worked out with the city, 13 acres will go to the city's Housing Authority to provide 90 units of homeless accommodations, along with a community center and park space. A two-acre "self-help parcel" will go to Habitat for Humanity for 30 units. The remaining market-rate parcel, which will be sold at auction, is comprised of 14.9 acres and is authorized for 315 housing units. The land disposal deal became an amendment to the 1996 Community Reuse Plan for the Naval Air Station.

"The Navy expects to close escrow with the successful bidder(s) late in calendar year 2017 or early 2018," said Anthony Megliola, base closure manager for the Navy.

"The Navy is extremely excited to see this property moving into the transfer and redevelopment stages after so many years of effort spent on the environmental cleanup and reuse planning efforts," said Megliola. "It will be especially gratifying to see a revitalized community that includes new school facilities, a park with sports fields and new housing replace the existing site that has stood dormant for many years."

The new owner-developer of the market rate parcel, Admirals Cove, will be required to construct all new infrastructure, and extend Mosley Avenue and Singleton Avenue to their terminus at Alameda Landing. The developer must also create a utility district to fund ongoing maintenance so as not to burden the city's General Fund. It is anticipated that the new developer will demolish all the buildings currently on the site. The developer will also construct a new street grid between Singleton and Mosley avenues. The housing will be a mix of apartments and townhouses.

Moving forward with the homeless and self-help housing and the school facilities depends on the timeline of the new market rate developer and the construction of new infrastructure. The long-shuttered Island High School and the adjacent child development center, for example, will need a new water main along Singleton Avenue.

The homeless and self-help housing sites will depend on new infrastructure. The Housing Authority and Habitat for Humanity parcels are adjacent to the Alameda

Land residential and commercial neighborhood where Target is located.

The total number of housing units that will be built in the market rate area is yet to be known. While the reuse plan amendment stipulates a total of 315 units, with 15 percent as affordable, the developer could apply for a density bonus of up to a 35 percent increase. The density bonus allows for additional market-rate units to be constructed if a certain number of additional affordable units are built, depending on the formula for the percentage increase requested. The maximum increase would be 110 units.

"The Navy thanks the community for its patience as we worked through this multi-faceted land disposal process," said Megliola.

Estuary Park in the North Housing area was given to the city about two years ago. New all-weather lighted sports fields are already under construction.

Richard Bangert posts stories and photos about Alameda Point on his blog at alamedapointenviro.com.

Help Fill Role on Park & Rec Commission

Sun Staff Reports

The City Council is seeking residents interested in serving on the Recreation and Park Commission. To apply, obtain application forms from the City Clerk's office, City Hall, 2263 Santa Clara Ave., Room 380, by phone at 747-4800, or on the City's website at <https://alamedaca.gov>. Applications are due to the City Clerk's office today, Thursday, Feb. 23. Call the City Clerk's office at 747-4800 with any questions.

The Recreation and Park Commission was established to advise the Recreation and Park Director, City Council and Board of Education on matters pertaining to community recreation programs, activities and facilities. The commission meets the second Thursday of each month, in the Council Chambers, City Hall at 7 p.m.



Maurice Ramirez

Town Hall Meeting Discusses City's New Sanctuary Status

Sun Staff Reports

At a town hall meeting Monday night, Alameda residents took another step in attempting to create an even more compassionate and inclusive community and country. The event, held at Rhyth-

mic Cultural Works, organized by representatives from Alameda for Black Lives, First Congregational United Church of Christ, Alameda All Faith Coalition, Islamic Center of Alameda, Alameda Comes Together and other community

members, featured a presentation from the American Civil Liberties of Northern California and words from local officials.

For more about this effort see www.facebook.com/groups/AlamedaTogether.