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Photos by Dennis Evanosky

Alameda students awaited members of the community at last Friday's State of the City address. The students held two distinct demonstrations. In the first, pictured here, they lay prostrate as student leader Lily Conable read the names of deceased victims of school shootings. Below, Alameda Chamber of Commerce President Michael McDonough (far right) moderated a question-and-answer session at this year's State of the City luncheon. Seated from left to right: Interim City Manager Liz Warmerdam, Director of Base Reuse Jennifer Ott, Director of Community Development Debbie Potter and — answering a question — Director of Public Works Liam Garland.

Students Add Twist to City Luncheon

Dennis Evanosky

Business and community leaders gathered last Friday for lunch at the Rock Wall Wine Company at Alameda Point. They were meeting to hear Interim City Manager Liz Warmerdam deliver her State of the City address. At the same time students assembled along Central Avenue at Encinal High School and began marching to the winery. They were coming to deliver a message to those attending the State of the City address.

The march called to mind the Feb. 21 student walkout to protest the shooting death of 17 people at

Stoneman Douglas High School. This time the sun was shining, though. None of the students got wet when they arrived at Alameda Point and lay prostrate to recall another school shooting 19 years earlier.

None of the students lying on the pavement were born when Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold murdered 12 students and one teacher at Columbine High School in Colorado on April 20, 1999. But they aimed to remember and remind local officials of the tragedy.

As everyone waited for lunch inside, an announcement filled the room. The hushed crowd learned

that the students wanted 19 people — one for every year since Columbine — to come outside and listen to what they had to say. The room emptied as everyone went to listen. The students told the adults that they had had enough of gun violence and were there to deliver that message.

Warmerdam delivered her message as well. Three of the city's department managers spiced it up with a question-and-answer session. As for who had the more powerful message, the students won the day.

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The Sun Shines on Good Deeds

Theater, Elks Host Yountville Veterans Team effort commemorates Doolittle Tokyo Raiders' day

Photo & Story by L.D. Freeman

A company-sized group of a dozen Yountville Veterans Home members, flanked by a platoon of veterans from the Alameda Elks Club, were treated to a special screening of *Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo* on the April 18 anniversary of the Tokyo Raiders' 1942 bombing of Japan, the U.S. retaliation for the bombing of Pearl Harbor during World War II.

Kyle Connor, owner of Alameda Theatre & Cineplex embraced the idea last February after an Alamedan suggested it to him. The theater's Events Director, Allison Shannon, then took the lead. She booked the classic film, starring Spencer Tracy as Lt. Col. James Doolittle, the famed Alameda war hero, for the private showing at 9:30 a.m. on raid day.

Yountville veteran Carl Brooks, once based at Vandenberg Air Force base, spoke of the film's many intense battle moments, which included flying B-25 bombers as low as 30 feet above the sea, then skimming over tree tops and mountain peaks en route to their



Left to right, Alameda Theatre's General Manager Dan Hawkey, Events Planner Allison Shannon and Owner Kyle Connor give thumbs up for a mission accomplished along with Yountville Veterans Home Recreational Therapist Crystal Heatherington and Alameda Elks Veterans Committee Chair Nick Pereira.

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targets. "It was scary," said Brooks. "All of this is very impressive," he

added, referring to the logistics of an early morning trek to Alameda

City Solicits Proposals for Cannabis Ventures

Sun Staff Reports

The City of Alameda has issued a request for proposals (RFP) to potential business leaders seeking permits to start a cannabis-related business in the city. The RFPs for a Cannabis Business Operating Permit were issued Monday, April 23. The 30-page document includes the evaluation criteria for the proposal and the timeline for which the city will issue the permits.

A letter of intent to have the city review a proposal must be submitted by Monday, May 14. The city will notify the prospective business owner if their letter of intent was approved and can submit a proposal by Monday, May 21. The official proposal is due by Monday, June 11. Interviews with proposers will take place the week of June 25. The city will issue the permits to the winning proposers during the week of July 9.

The city will issue seven permits. One permit for nursery cultivation, four for manufacturing and two for retail dispensary. A nursery is the location for agricultural products used specifically for the planting, propagation and cultivation of cannabis. Manufacturers conduct the preparation for marijuana products to be sold including packaging and the extraction of cannabis for the use of edible marijuana products. Distribution permits may be granted along with nursery cultivation and manufacturing permits. Delivery permits may be granted with medicinal dispensary permits.

According to the RFP, proposers must submit a \$1,000 fee deposit with their letter of intent. They also must have a location in place that meets the city's buffer zone requirements. Cannabis businesses engaging in retail or cultivation must be located at least 1,000 feet away from schools and day care centers. All other cannabis businesses must be 600 feet from a school.

According to the RFP, the proposal must include, among other things, a statement explaining the business' understanding and approach to running the proposed cannabis-related business and the proposed schedule to open the establishment, including design review, signage approval and issuance of building permits.

Each proposal will be evaluated on an 80-point scale. Proposers must score at least 60 points on the evaluation to make it to the interview phase. The criteria for the evaluation includes, among other things, the financial resources committed to the business, the operational knowledge of running a cannabis-related business, the safety protocols the business will put in place, the percentage of Alamedans the business proposes to hire, the business owner's community

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Keimach on Closed-Door Agenda Again

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When the City Council meets on Tuesday, May 1, its members will consider a familiar closed-session subject: Jill Keimach. Not only are pending lawsuits on the closed-session agenda, but Keimach's job performance will come before the Councilmembers as well.

If all goes as scheduled, residents should have the opportunity to address the City Council before its members retreat behind closed doors, and Mayor Trish Spencer should announce the outcome of the closed-door session once that session has adjourned. The closed session is scheduled to begin at 5 p.m.

News in Brief

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Seminar for Military Retirees Set

The Northern California Coast Guard Retiree Council is hosting its annual All Services Military Retiree Seminar on Coast Guard Island Alameda, Saturday May 5. The seminar will be held in Building 4 on Campbell Boulevard.

A complimentary continental breakfast will be served, with registration from 7:30 to 8 a.m. in the Point Welcome Room. Presentations begin at 8 in Gresham Hall and continue to noon.

Retirees from all branches of the U.S. military and spouses are encouraged to attend. Hear the latest on legislative news affecting military retirees. Representatives from TRICARE, Travis Air Force Base, Legal, Senior Fraud, the Alameda County District Attorney's Office and more will attend.

No reservations are required except if staying for lunch in the gallery. Email awcurtis@comcast.net or call (415) 350-0531 to RSVP. Cost is \$7.70 per person at the door.

Art Association Hosts FAAS Benefit

The Alameda Art Association is hosting a reception from noon to 5 p.m., Saturday, April 28, to benefit Friends of the Alameda Animal Shelter (FAAS). FAAS will bring adoptable animals and take applications for adoptions. The reception at the gallery, 2242 South Shore Center, is free to the public.

The association is collecting pet food donations at the gallery from Wednesday to Sunday the entire month of April. Its artists have created a special show of animal artwork. The association is donating a portion of art sales to FAAS. Learn more by calling 523-4475.

Fatal Collision on Doolittle

A woman was killed and three other people injured Wednesday morning, April 18, in a four-car collision on Doolittle Drive near Langley Street in Oakland. The four victims were driving solo in four different vehicles. The coroner identified the dead woman as Kristle Jimenez of Alameda. First responders pronounced her dead at the scene.

The crash happened about 10:30 a.m. and closed Doolittle Drive between Harbor Bay Parkway and Airport Rental Drive for sev-

eral hours. Oakland police and fire departments and the Alameda County Sheriff's Office responded. The cause of the collision is under investigation.

The Jimenez family has set up a GoFundMe page at www.gofundme.com/5fmleag.

'In the Mix' this Saturday

The City of Alameda and Alameda Unified School District will host a day-long event titled "In the Mix" to explore the many ways it personally means to be of mixed race. The event is set for Saturday, April 28, at Island High School, 500 Pacific Ave., from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In the Mix will give local the opportunity to listen and discuss lived experiences of mixed race youth, parents, partners and families in our community. This event is open to all and includes age-appropriate program offerings.

Mixed-race individuals and families, service providers who are working with mixed-race Alameda residents and members of the public interested in hearing from and about mixed race experiences are all invited. The day will include breakout sessions and panel discussions facilitated by professionals in a safe and private space.

"Coming together like this to explore the issues that mixed-race people and families experience is so crucial to our community and to our current social climate," said Lisa Bonta Sumii, LCSW, In the Mix Planning Committee Member and Program Coordinator.

In the Mix is sponsored by the Alameda Collaborative for Children, Youth and Their Families, the Social Services Human Relations Board, Alameda Unified School District, Alameda Recreation and Park Department, Alameda County Supervisor Wilma Chan, California State Assemblyman Rob Bonta and Alameda Magazine.

Lunch and snacks will be provided. Registration is requested and a fee of \$5 per person or \$10 for families of two or more is requested. Scholarships are available, and no one will be turned away for lack of funds.

Registration and information can be found online at <https://alamedaca.gov/registration> or at the Alameda Recreation and Park Department office, 2226 Santa Clara Ave.